



KENT STATE FOOTBALL



2023 Season

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Kent State Golden Flashes
2023: 0-1 (5-7, 4-4 in 2022)
Head Coach: Kenni Burns (First Year)
Record at Kent State: 0-1
Overall Record: 0-0

WEEK 2

Week One: at Arkansas
TIME: 4:00 PM ET
LOCATION: Fayetteville, AR
STADIUM: Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium
TV: SEC Network
RADIO: Kent State Radio Network (Rob Polinsky and Tom Evans)
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Arkansas Razorbacks
2023: 1-0 (7-6, 3-5, in 2022)
Head Coach: Sam Pittman (Fourth Year)
Record at Arkansas: 20-17
Overall Record: 20-17

2023 Schedule

	at UCF Aug. 31, 2023 | FBC Mortgage Stadium Orlando, FL	L, 56-6
	at Arkansas Sept. 9, 2023 | Reynolds Stadium Fayetteville, AR	4P ET
	vs CCSU Sept. 16, 2023 | Dix Stadium Kent, Ohio	NOON ET
	at Fresno State Sept. 23, 2023 | Valley Childrens Stadium Fresno, CA	10:30 PM ET
	vs Miami* Oct. 1, 2023 | Dix Stadium Kent, Ohio	TBA
	at Ohio* Oct. 7, 2023 | Peden Stadium Athens, Ohio	TBA
	at E. Michigan* Oct. 14, 2023 | Ryneearson Stadium Ypsilanti, MI	TBA
	vs Buffalo* Oct. 21, 2023 | Dix Stadium Kent, Ohio	3:30 PM
	at Akron* Wed, Nov 1, 2023 | InfoCision Stadium Akron, Ohio	7 or 730P ET
	vs Bowling Green* Wed, Nov 8, 2023 | Dix Stadium Kent, Ohio	7 or 730P ET
	at Ball State* Sat, Nov. 18, 2023 | Scheumann Stadium Muncie, IN	TBA
	vs NIU Sat, Nov 25, 2023 | Dix Stadium Kent, Ohio	TBA

The Opening Kick

- The Golden Flashes embark on a new era of football as Kenni Burns was named the 23rd coach in program history in December of 2022
- Burns comes to Kent State from Minnesota, where he served as the assistant coach and running backs coach under PJ Fleck
- Coach Burns has instilled a new mantra for the team as the Kent GRIT era takes over
- GRIT is an acronym for Grow Respond with Integrity Together
- Coaches Colin Ferrell (AHC, D-Line), CJ Cox (Passing Game, CBs) and Matt Johnson (Co-OC/QBs) were on the staff last season
- Dave Duggan takes over as Defensive Coordinator and joins Kent State from Troy University
- The Flashes have 19 new transfers on the roster
- The Flashes have 11 new starters on offense this year, the top returners are RB-Gavin Garcia (211 rush yards) and WR- Trell Harris (136 yards)
- Kent State lost 92 percent of its rush yards from a season ago, the Flashes to get Xavier Williams back after missing the 2022 season, Williams has rushed for 1430 yards and 10 TDs in his career
- The Flashes also lost 92 percent of its receiving yards from last season.
- Purdue transfer Mike Alaimo was named QB 1 out of fall camp with Tommy Ulatowski set to back him up.
- Alaimo appeared in three games for the Boilermakers, tossing a touchdown in the bowl game against LSU...Threw for 2,800 yards and 23 touchdowns in high school career for St. Joseph's Regional in New Jersey
- Against UCF, Alaimo developed quick chemistry with wide receiver Chrishon McCray...McCray led the team in receiving against the Knights with 61 yards and also had a 75 yard catch brought back
- Alaimo also looked to sophomore Trell Harris, Harris grabbed four balls in week one and was targeted nine times...Harris is the leading receiver from last season
- Defensively, the Flashes turned to linebacker Devin Nicholson, the Mizzou transfer had a game-high 13 stops including 11 solo and two for loss against the Knights
- The Flashes forced John Rhys Plumlee into three turnovers in week one with DJ Miller and Nick Giacalone picking Plumlee off and CJ West recording a strip sack that was recovered by Stephen Daley



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KENT STATE NUMERICAL ROSTER

0	Luke Floriea	WR	Sr.	5-10	173	Mentor, Ohio / Mentor
1	Capone Blue	CB	Gr.	6-3	177	San Diego, Calif. / Murrieta Mesa
2	Xavier Williams	RB	Gr.	5-9	188	Forestville, Md. / Bishop McNamara
3	D.J. Miller Jr	DB	Gr.	5-11	187	O'Fallon, Mo. / John Burroughs (Iowa State)
5	CJ West	DL	Sr.	6-2	315	LaGrange Park, Ill. / Nazareth Academy
6	Stephen Daley	DL	So.	6-2	258	Winchester, Va. / John Handley
7	Matt Harmon	LB	Gr.	6-5	254	Rockwood, Mich. / Oscar Carlson
8	Khalib Johns	LB	Gr.	6-2	229	Lancaster, Calif. / College of the Canyons
10	Isaiah Batton	WR	R-Jr.	6-1	200	Temecula, Calif. / Chaparral (Fresno State)
10	Tyler Baylor	DL	Gr.	6-4	265	Silver Spring, Md. / Good Counsel (Maryland)
11	Trell Harris	WR	So.	6-1	187	La Grange, Ill. / Nazareth Academy
11	Marcus Winfield	DL	R-Jr.	6-3	250	Cheltenham, Pa. / Cheltenham (Delaware St)
12	Joel Boamah	DB	Fr.	6-0	175	Newark, N.J. / Hudson Catholic
13	Jaren Lewis	QB	R-So.	6-1	205	Columbia, Mo. / Battle (Kansas State)
13	Tevin Tucker	DB	Fr.	6-1	185	Kannapolis, N.C. / NW Cabarrus
14	Oliver Billotte	DL	So.	6-5	254	Clearfield, Pa. / Clearfield
14	Tommy Ulatowski	QB	So.	6-2	181	Chicago, Ill. / St. Rita
15	Dallas Craddieth	DB	Gr.	5-11	207	St. Louis, Mo. / Hazelwood Central/Iowa
15	Devin Kargman	QB	So.	6-3	217	Camden, N.J. / Woodrow Wilson
17	Griffin Brewster	QB	So.	6-2	202	Rome, Ga. / Darlington School
17	Mattheus Carroll	DL	Jr.	6-5	244	Baltimore, Md. / Gilman (Virginia Tech)
18	Michael Alaimo	QB	R-Jr.	6-4	225	Montvale, N.J. / St. Joseph Regional (Purdue)
18	Terrell Miller	DB	Sr.	6-0	167	Fairburn, Ga. / Creekside
19	Ali Fisher	WR	R-So.	6-1	185	Belleville, Mich. / Pioneer (Buffalo)
19	Freddie Lenix	DB	Fr.	5-10	155	Massillon, Ohio / Massillon Washington
20	Josh Baka	DB	So.	6-1	195	Ottawa, Ontario / Saint Thomas More (CT)
20	Marques Hicks	RB	Fr.	5-9	200	Cherry Hill, NJ/Camden Catholic
21	Xavier Cokley	DB	R-Jr.	5-11	187	Baltimore, Md. / Franklin (James Madison)
21	Gavin Garcia	RB	So.	5-8	187	Catawissa, Pa. / Southern Columbia
22	Chrison McCray	WR	So.	5-10	163	Avon, Ind. / Avon
23	Naim Muhammad	DB	Gr.	5-11	201	Washington, D.C. / DeMatha (West Virginia)
23	Jaylen Thomas	RB	R-Sr.	5-10	215	Colorado Spring, Co. / Vista Ridge (Colorado St)
24	Curtis Douglas	RB	Fr.	6-0	205	Lake Worth, Fla/Santaluces Community
24	Nicholas Giacolone	LB	Gr.	6-3	225	Venice, Fla. / Venice (New Mexico State)
25	Daeveon Buie	DB	Jr.	5-9	170	Fayetteville, Ga. /Whitewater
25	Treymon Echols	WR	Jr.	6-1	200	Shawnee Mission, Kan. / Shawnee Mission East (Hutchinson CC)
26	J.B. Awolowo	WR	Sr.	5-9	199	Charlotte, N.C. / Charlotte Christian School
26	CJ Young	DB	Fr.	5-11	200	Strongsville, Ohio / Strongsville
27	Bryce Sheppert	S	Gr.	5-11	186	Stow, Ohio / Stow-Munroe Falls (Notre Dame College)
28	Alex Branch	CB	Jr.	6-0	188	Twinsburg, Ohio / Twinsburg
30	Ky Thomas	RB	R-Jr.	5-11	200	Topeka, Kan. / Topeka (Kansas)
31	Jamir Gardner	DB	So.	5-9	184	Detroit, Mich. / Cass Technical
31	Dominique Hill	RB	Fr.	5-11	185	Waco, Texas / Midway
33	Devin Nicholson	LB	Gr.	6-2	220	Detroit, Mich. / Cass Tech (Missouri)
35	Jack Coulson	WR	Gr.	6-2	205	Boca Raton, FL/Olympic Hts (Holy Cross)
35	Damari Williams	DB	Fr.	6-0	170	Lyndhurst, Ohio / Brush
36	Nick Cuva	S	Fr.	6-1	185	Tallmadge, Ohio/Tallmadge
37	CJ Harris	LB	R-Sr.	6-0	225	Macon, Ga. / Warner Robins (Arkansas State)
38	Lavonte Gater	DB	Gr.	5-10	163	Palmer Park, Md. / Ballou (Maryland)
39	Tyler Bivens	DB	So.	6-0	167	Ann Arbor, Mich. / Huron
41	Luke Murphy	LB	R-Jr.	6-1	215	Massillon, Ohio / Massillon Washington
42	Shane Slattery	LB	Jr.	6-1	221	Richfield, Ohio / Revere
43	Chase Fortkamp	LB	Jr.	6-2	224	Wickliffe, Ohio / Wickliffe
44	Rocco Nicholl	LB	So.	6-4	221	Philadelphia, Pa. / St. Joseph Prep
45	Khalil Saunders	LB	Sr.	6-3	233	Elmhurst, Ill. / Immaculate Conception (Purdue)
47	Will Hryszko	K	So.	5-10	174	Strongsville, Ohio / Strongsville
48	Luke Romes	LS	So.	6-0	198	Springboro, Ohio / Springboro
49	Johan Silver	K/P	So.	6-0	187	Fremont, Ohio / Fremont-Ross
51	Sayed Abuhamedeh	LB	Fr.	6-2	215	North Royalton, Ohio / North Royalton
52	John Jackson	DL	So.	6-3	279	Barberton, Ohio / Barberton
53	Kaden Beatty	DL	Fr.	6-2	285	Chesapeake, Va. / Atlantic Shores Christian
54	Nolan Rumler	OL	R-Sr.	6-3	321	Kent, Ohio / Archbishop Hoban (Michigan)
55	Bryce Sisak	DL	Fr.	6-2	250	Tallmadge, Ohio / Archbishop Hoban (Marist)
56	Nick Bryan	OL	So.	6-3	281	Pleasant Hills, Pa. / Thomas Jefferson
56	Macyo Williams	DL	Jr.	6-3	275	Akron, Ohio / St. Vincent-St. Mary's
57	Dustyn Morell	OL	So.	6-5	263	Lapeer, Mich. / Lapeer
58	Ethan Mouyeos	LS	Fr.	5-11	230	Buffalo, N.Y. / Williamsville North
60	Andrew Glass	K	Jr.	5-10	172	Wheeling, W.Va. / Wheeling Park
61	Charlie Durkin	K/P	So.	5-11	202	Akron, Ohio / Archbishop Hoban
62	Mason Mennell	OL	So.	6-4	278	Stow, Ohio / Stow-Munroe Falls
65	Tristen Bittner	OL	R-So.	6-5	325	Wheeling, W.Va. / Wheeling (Marshall)
66	Elijah Lamptey	OL	R-Sr.	6-5	274	Chicago, Ill. / Leo Catholic
69	Braylon Smith	OL	Fr.	6-4	315	Cleveland, Ohio / Glenville
71	Kevin Toth	OL	Sr.	6-6	288	Hudson, Ohio / Hudson (Rutgers)
72	Cecil Wilson	OL	Fr.	6-4	285	Lakeville, Minn. / Lakeville North
73	Jimto Obidegwu	OL	R-So.	6-6	305	Brandywine, Md. / Archbishop Carroll (Temple)
74	Evan Cooke	OL	Fr.	6-6	280	Germantown, Md. / Seneca Valley
75	Andrew Page	OL	Fr.	6-4	315	Noblesville, Ind. / Noblesville
76	Garrett Masterson	OL	So.	6-7	312	Lapeer, Mich. / Lapeer
77	Cameron Golden	OL	R-Sr.	6-4	265	Fort Pierce, Fla. / Ft Pierce Central (Ga State)
78	Matthew Beyer	OL	Jr.	6-3	295	Mulvane, Kan. / Mulvane (Butler CC)
80	Tyler Dostin	TE	So.	6-3	235	Danville, Ind. / Danville
81	Dash Dorsey	WR	Fr.	5-11	175	Naperville, IL / St. Francis
82	Jameel Gardner, Jr	WR	So.	6-1	172	Detroit, Mich. / Cass Technical
83	Peyton Faulkner	TE	Fr.	6-4	220	Pittsburgh, Pa. / Avonworth
84	Jahzae Kimbrough	WR	Fr.	5-11	185	Roanoke, Va. / Patrick Henry
85	Justin Holmes	TE	So.	6-3	237	Kutztown, Pa. / NW Lehigh
87	Hayden Junker	TE	R-Sr.	6-3	245	Massillon, Ohio / Massillon Jackson
88	Mohammed Hazime	TE	So.	6-5	233	Dearborn, Mich. / Fordson
89	Preston Taylor	RB/ATH	So.	6-1	175	Copley, Ohio / Copley
90	Mason Maddox	DL	R-Fr.	6-3	290	Aurora, Colo. / Cherokee Trail (Colorado)
91	Gus Goodell	LS	Jr.	6-1	181	Stafford, Va. / Colonial Forge
92	Javier Duran	DL	Gr.	6-4	280	Jackson, NJ / Jackson Liberty (Tarleton State)
93	Andrew Nesler	DL	Fr.	6-2	280	Pottstown, PA/Franklin Regional
94	Joel Miasek	K	Fr.	6-4	200	Canfield, OH/Canfield
95	A.J. Campbell	DL	R-So.	6-4	257	Akron, Ohio / Copley (UCLA)
96	Josh Smith	P	Jr.	6-0	197	Narre Warren, Victoria, Australia / Hallam Senior College (Pro Kick Australia)
98	Bryce Faulk	DL	Fr.	6-2	235	Mason, Ohio / Mason
100	Kingston Woods	Ath	So.	-	-	Kent, Ohio

Pronunciation Guide

0	Floriea | Floor-EE-UH
1	Capone | Ka-Pone (Like Al)
8	Khalib | Kay-Lib
12	Boamah | Bow-Uh-Muh
14	Billotte | Bill-Ott
14	Ulatowski-YOU-lah-towski
15	Craddieth | Cradd-Eeth
18	Alaimo | Uh-Lie-Mo
19	Ali | Ah-Lee
23	Naim Muhammad | Ny-Eem
24	Nick Giacolone | Jack-O-Lone
25	Daeveon Buie | Day-Vee-On Boo-E
26	JB Awolowo | Uh-Low-Low-Wah
35	Jack Coulson | Coal-Son
44	Rocco Nicholl | Rock-O Nick-L
45	Khalil Saunder | Collie
47	Will Hryszko | Rizz-Ko
51	Sayed Abuhamedeh | Sigh-Ed Ah-Boo-Hom-Deh
73	Jimto Obidegwu Jim-Toe O-Bid-Deg-Woo
84	Jahze Kimbrough Jah-Zay Kim-Bro
88	Mohammed Hazime Ha-Zeem



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Quick Facts

KENT STATE

School Information

Name	Kent State University
Location	Kent, Ohio 44242
Founded	1910
Enrollment	38,323 (all campuses)
Alumni Worldwide	241,000
Nickname	Golden Flashes
Mascot	"Flash" the Golden Eagle
Colors	Navy Blue and Gold
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
President	Dr. Todd Diacon
Alma Mater	Wisconsin
Director of Athletics	Randale Richmond
Alma Mater	Baldwin Wallace
Deputy AD	Greg Glaus
Conference	Mid-American (East Division)
Home venue	Dix Stadium (1969)
Surface/Capacity	FieldTurf/25,319

Coaching Staff

Head Coach	Kenni Burns
Alma Mater	Indiana
Record at Kent State (Years)	0-1, First Season
Overall record	Same

Assistant Coaches

Co-Offensive Coordinator / QBs	Matt Johnson
Co-Offensive Coordinator/O-Line	Matt Limegrover
Defensive Coordinator/LB	Dave Duggan
Co-Special Teams Coordinator/Safeties	Kody Morgan
AHC/Defensive Line	Colin Ferrell
Running Backs/Offensive Recruiting	Mark Watson
AHC/Slot Wide Receivers/Tight Ends	Mark Carney
Wide Receivers	Nick Faus
Cornerbacks/Pass Game	CJ Cox
Rush Ends/Defensive Recruiting	CJ Robbins
Assistant AD for Operations	Kai Brashears
Sports Performance	Jake Niedermann

Team Information

First year of football	1920
All-time record	363-587-28/101seasons
Bowl record	1-4
Last bowl	2021 Potato Bowl
Result	L, 52-38 vs. Wyoming
2022 overall record	5-7
2021 MAC record/finish	4-4, 3rd East
Basic Offense	Spread
Basic Defense	4-3 Variable

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Kent State in 2023

At home	0-0
On the road	0-1
Neutral site	0-0
On natural grass	0-1
On artificial surface	0-0
When scoring first	0-0
When opponent scores first	0-1
When leading at halftime	0-0
When trailing at halftime	0-1
When tied at halftime	0-0
When leading after three quarters	0-0
When trailing after three quarters	0-1
When tied after three quarters	0-0
When leading after four quarters	0-0
When trailing after four quarters	0-1
When tied after four quarters	0-0
In overtime	0-0
In games decided by 3 points or less	0-0
In games decided by 7 points or less	0-0
In games decided by 10 points or less	0-0
In games decided by more than 14 points	0-1
When running more plays than opponent	0-0
When opponent runs more plays	0-1
When plays are equal	0-0
When gaining more total yards	0-0
When gaining less total yards	0-1
When yards are equal	0-0
When rushing for more yards	0-0
When rushing for fewer yards	0-1
When passing for more yards	0-0
When passing for fewer yards	0-1
When committing fewer turnovers	0-1
When committing more turnovers	0-0
When turnovers are even	0-0
When winning time of possession	0-1
When opponent wins time of possession	0-1
When running 70 or more plays	0-0
When running less than 70 plays	0-1
When rushing for 100 yards or more	0-0
When rushing for less than 100 yards	0-1
When passing for 200 yards or more	0-0
When passing for less than 200 yards	0-1
When pass % is 60% or better	0-0
When pass % is under 60%	0-1
When third down conversion is 40% or better	0-1
When third down conversion is under 40%	0-0
When committing fewer penalties	0-1
When committing more penalties	0-0
When penalties are even	0-0
When gaining 20 first downs or more	0-0
When gaining less than 20 first downs	0-1

Uniform Combos

Using the mantra, "Look Good, Feel Good, Play Good" the Golden Flashes will never wear the same uniform combination in the same season. Here is a look at every combination the Flashes have used since switching to Under Armour in 2016 and their record in that uniform combination .

(bold is the projected uniform combo for the week):

Helmet	Jersey	Pants	Record	Last Worn
White	White	White	2-7	Sept. 4, 2021 at TAMU
White	White	Blue	0-7	Nov. 10, 2021 at CMU
White	Blue	White	1-2	Nov. 8, 2017, L at WMU
White	White	Gold	3-0	Oct. 23, 2021 at Ohio
White	Gold	White	1-1	Sept. 21, 2019, W vs BG
White	Grey	Grey	0-1	Nov. 15, 2018, L vs Toledo
White	Blue	Blue	2-1	Sept. 11, 2021 vs VMI
White	P Blue	White	1-0	Nov. 3, 2021 vs NIU
Gold	P Blue	Gold	0-1	Dec. 4, 2021 vs NIU
Blue	White	White	0-3	Sept. 14, 2019, L at Auburn
Blue	Blue	Blue	1-4	Sept. 7, 2019, W vs KennesawSt.
Blue	Gold	Gold	2-0	Oct. 9, 2021, W vs Buffalo
Blue	Blue	Gold	2-1	Nov. 4, 2020, W vs EMU
Blue	Gold	Blue	0-1	Nov. 25, 2016, L vs NIU
Blue	Blue	White	0-1	Nov. 14, 2017, L vs CMU
Blue	White	Blue	0-3	Oct. 16, 2021, L at WMU
Blue	Grey	Grey	1-1	Nov. 17, 2020 W vs TSDTR
Gold	Blue	Gold	3-0	Oct. 2, 2021, W vs BG
Gold	White	Gold	2-3	Nov. 28, 2020, L at Buffalo
Gold	Gold	Gold	1-2	Dec. 21, 2021, L vs Wyoming
Gold	White	White	0-3	Sept. 18, 2021 at Iowa
Gold	Gold	White	1-0	Nov. 20, 2021 vs TSDTR
Gold	White	Blue	0-1	Aug. 31, 2023 at UCF

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KENT STATE DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
QB-1	18	Mike Alaimo	R-Jr	6-4	225	Montvale, NJ
QB-2	14	Tommy Ulatowski	So	6-2	180	Chicago, IL
RB-1	21	Gavin Garcia	So	5-8	188	Catawissa, PA
RB-2	2	Xavier Williams	Gr	5-9	190	Forestville, MD
OWR-1	25	Treymon Echols	Jr	6-1	200	Shawnee, KS
OWR-2	82	Jameel Gardner	So	6-1	175	Detroit, MI
OWR-1	35	Jack Coulson	Gr	6-2	205	Boca Raton, FL
OWR-2	11	Trell Harris	So	6-1	188	LaGrange, IL
IWR-1	0	Luke Floriea	Sr	5-10	175	Mentor, OH
IWR-2	22	Chrishon McCray	So	5-10	165	Avon, IN
TE-1	85	Justin Holmes	So	6-3	235	Kutztown, PA
TE-2	87	Hayden Junker	R-Sr	6-3	245	Massillon, OH
LT-1	73	Jimto Obidegwu	R-So	6-6	305	Brandywine, MD
LT-2	76	Garrett Masterson	So	6-7	312	Lapeer, MI
LG-1	57	Dustyn Morrell	So	6-5	265	Lapeer, MI
LG-2	65	Tristan Bittner	R-So	6-5	325	Wheeling, WV
C-1	75	Andrew Page	Fr	6-4	315	Noblesville, IN
C-2	56	Nick Bryan	So	6-3	280	Pleasant Hills, PA
RG-1	54	Nolan Rumler	R-So	6-3	320	Kent, OH
RG-2	62	Mason Mennell	So	6-4	275	Stow, OH
RT-1	77	Cam Golden	R-Sr	6-4	265	Fort Pierce, FL
RT-2	66	Elijah Lamptey	R-Sr	6-5	275	Chicago, IL

DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
DE-1	6	Stephen Daley	So	6-2	258	Winchester, VA
DE-2	11	Marcus Winfield	R-Jr	6-3	250	Cheltenham, PA
DT-1	5	CJ West	Sr	6-2	315	Chicago, IL
DT-2	92	Javier Duran	Gr	6-4	280	Jackson, NJ
DT-1	14	Oliver Billotte	So	6-5	255	Clearfield, PA
DT-2	56	Macyo Williams	Jr	6-3	275	Akron, OH
DE-1	17	Mattheus Carroll	Jr	6-5	245	Baltimore, MD
DE-2	10	Tyler Baylor -	Gr	6-4	265	Silver Spring, MD
	7	or- Matt Harmon	Gr	6-5	255	Rockwood, MI
MLB-1	8	Khalib Johns	Gr	6-2	230	Lancaster, CA
MLB-2	45	Khali Saunders	Sr	6-3	233	Elmhurst, IL
OLB-1	33	Devin Nicholson	Gr	6-2	220	Detroit, MI
OLB-2	24	Nick Giacolone	Gr	6-3	225	Venice, FL
OLB-1	37	CJ Harris	R-Sr	6-0	225	Macon, GA
OLB-2	44	Rocco Nicholl	So	6-4	221	Philadelphia, PA
FS-1	27	Bryce Sheppert	Gr	5-11	188	Stow, OH
FS-2	20	Josh Baka	So	6-1	195	Ottawa, ON, CAN
SS-1	29	Jalani Williams	R-Sr	6-1	193	St Louis, MO
SS-2	28	Alex Branch	Jr	6-0	190	Twinsburh, OH
CB-1	3	DJ Miller	Gr	5-11	188	O'Fallon, MO
CB-2	23	Naim Muhammad	Gr	5-11	200	Washington, DC
CB-1	1	Capone Blue	Gr	6-3	180	San Diego, CA
CB-2	21	Xavier Cokley	R-Jr	5-11	190	Baltimore, MD

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach..... Kenni Burns
 Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers Dave Duggan
 Offensive Coordinator Matt Johnson
 Assistant HC/D-Line Colin Ferrell
 Co-Offensive Coordinator/O-Line Matt Limegrover
 Running Backs/Off. Recruiting Mark Watson
 Wide Receivers..... Nick Faus
 Associate HC/Tight Ends/Inside Receivers..... Mark Carney
 Safeties/Co-Special Teams Coordinator Kody Morgan
 Cornerbacks/Defensive Pass Game..... CJ Cox
 Rush Ends/Defensive Recruiting..... CJ Robbins
 Director of Football Operations..... Kai Brashears
 Sports Performance Coach..... Jake Niederman
 Video Coordinator Ethan Lachinski

Pos.	No.	Name	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
PK-1	60	Andrew Glass	Jr	5-10	175	Wheeling, WV
PK-2	47	Will Hryzsko	So	5-10	175	Strongsville, OH
LS-1	91	Gus Goodell	Jr	6-1	185	Stafford, VA
LS-2	58	Ethan Mouyeos	Fr	5-11	230	Buffalo, NY
P-1	96	Josh Smith	Jr	6-0	195	Victoria, Australia
P-2	61	Charlie Durkin	So	5-11	200	Akron, OH
KO-1	60	Andrew Glass	Jr	5-10	175	Wheeling, WV
KO-2	47	Will Hryzsko	So	5-10	175	Strongsville, OH
HOLD-1	96	Josh Smith	Jr	6-0	195	Victoria, Australia
HOLD-2	61	Charlie Durkin	So	5-11	200	Akron, OH
KR-1		Chrishon McCray	So	5-10	165	Avon, IN
KR-2		Xavier Williams	Gr	5-9	190	Forestville, MD
PR-1	0	Luke Floriea	Sr	5-10	175	Mentor, OH
PR-2	22	Chrishon McCray	So	5-10	165	Avon, IN



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Weekly Team /Media Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Off Day: Weekly Press Conference 11:30 AM ET Contact Dan Griffin to join	Practice: AM Media: Post-Practice	Practice: AM Media: Post-Practice	Practice: AM Media: Post-Practice	Practice: Morning Media: None, travel day post-practice	GAME DAY Kent State at Arkansas 4pm ET Media: Post-Game Press Conference	Lift and recovery day Media: None

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Kent State Media Services

Notes and Releases

Updated Kent State football game notes are available in PDF format at www.kentstatesports.com. To receive the notes via email, contact Director of Athletics Communications Dan Griffin at 330.672.8468 or dgriff34@kent.edu.

Media Credentials

All members of the media wishing to cover games in a working capacity must submit a request to cover the game through KentStateSports.com or by emailing Dan Griffin at DGriff34@kent.edu.

Press Conferences

Head Coach **Kenni Burns** will hold a virtual press conference after every game as well as a weekly press conference. The day of the press conference will be two days after the previous week's game. All press conferences will be password protected, if you would like to attend a press conference, please email DGriff34@kent.edu with your name and affiliation, and a password will be provided. All press conferences will be recorded and uploaded to our YouTube channel, GoldenFlashesTV.

Weekday Interview Schedule

All interviews with Kent State players and coaches **must be** coordinated through the Athletic Communications office. Media availability will follow practices at approximately 11:30 am ET

College Press Box

Collegepressbox is the official media website for Division I football. Access and download game notes, quotes, statistics, media guides, headshots, logos and more for all FBS schools, conferences, postseason games, awards and the College Football Playoff. For access, please register for an account at collegepressbox.com/register.

Professional Scout Policy

Professional scouts may receive credentials by sending a request via email to Director of Athletic Communications Dan Griffin at (dgriff34@kent.edu). With social distancing policies in effect for the 2021 season, seats inside the press box will be limited. If no seating in the press box is available, scouts will be given seats in the west side stands.

Stats

All box scores and books will be posted to the Kent State media links page of the Kent State football website. Physical box scores and books can be requested at home games.

Website

Up-to-date Kent State football information is available via the official athletics department web site at www.kentstatesports.com. Updated results and statistics are available as well as releases, team roster, player bios, coaching staff bios and game recaps. The website also features real-time statistics for home games plus links to broadcasts of all games on the Kent State App.

GO FLASHES App

Your one-stop digital shop for all things Kent State is available with the GoFlashes app for IOS and Android. With the app, you can access the latest in Kent State Athletics news, stats and more. The "GameDay Hub" feature will have streaming information, game programs and social media updates. Simply search Kent State in the App Store or Google Play store and download for free.

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Team Statistics

	KENTST	OPP
Scoring	6	56
Points per game	6.0	56.0
Points Off Turnovers	0	7
First Downs	15	32
Rushing	5	17
Passing	8	13
Penalty	2	2
Rushing Yardage	95	389
Yards gained rushing	119	394
Yards lost rushing	24	5
Rushing attempts	36	46
Average per rush	2.6	8.5
Average per game	95.0	389.0
TDs Rushing	0	5
Passing Yardage	145	334
Comp-Att-Int	12-32-1	25-35-2
Average per pass	4.5	9.5
Average per catch	12.1	13.4
Average per game	145.0	334.0
TDs Passing	0	3
Total offense	240	723
Total plays	68	81
Average per play	3.5	8.9
Average per game	240.0	723.0
Kick returns: #-Yards	3-80	0-0
Punt returns: #-Yards	0-0	0-0
Int returns: #-Yards	2-0	1-0
Kick return average	26.7	0.0
Punt return average	0.0	0.0
Int return average	0.0	0.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-30	7-70
Average per game	30.0	70.0
Punts-Yards	6-213	1-42
Average per punt	35.5	42.0
Net punt average	35.5	42.0
Kickoffs-Yards	3-180	9-581
Average per kick	60.0	64.6
Net kick average	36.7	39.0
Time of possession / game	28:34	31:26
3rd-down conversion	7/17	9/12
3rd-down pct	41%	75%
4rd-down conversion	0/1	1/1





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Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
08/31/2023	at UCF	L	6-56	44088

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Gavin Garcia	1	18	54	9	45	2.5	0	13	45.0
Michael Alaimo	1	7	35	12	23	3.3	0	24	23.0
Curtis Douglas	1	2	14	0	14	7.0	0	12	14.0
Xavier Williams	1	7	13	0	13	1.9	0	6	13.0
Chrishon McCray	1	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	3.0
Tommy Ulatowski	1	1	0	3	-3	-3.0	0	0	-3.0
Total	1	36	119	24	95	2.6	0	24	95.0
Opponents	1	46	394	5	389	8.5	5	48	389.0

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Michael Alaimo	1	71.5	12-31-1	38.7	145	0	36	145.0
Tommy Ulatowski	1	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	1	69.3	12-32-1	37.5	145	0	36	145.0
Opponents	1	168.4	25-35-2	71.4	334	3	50	334.0

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Trell Harris	1	4	36	9.0	0	13	36.0
Chrishon McCray	1	3	61	20.3	0	36	61.0
Luke Floriea	1	2	17	8.5	0	11	17.0
Justin Holmes	1	2	20	10.0	0	14	20.0
Hayden Junker	1	1	11	11.0	0	11	11.0
Total	1	12	145	12.1	0	36	145.0
Opponents	1	25	334	13.4	3	50	334.0

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0

Team Statistics

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Average per game	145.0	334.0
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Total offense	240	723
Average per play	3.5	8.9
Average per game	240.0	723.0
Kick returns: #-Yards	3-80	0-0
Punt returns: #-Yards	0-0	0-0
Int returns: #-Yards	2-0	1-0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-30	7-70
Punts-Avg	6-35.5	1-42.0
Time of possession / game	28:34	31:26
3rd-down conversion	7/17	9/12
4rd-down conversion	0/1	1/1
PAT-attempts	(0-0) 0%	(8-8) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-0) 0%	(0-0) 0%

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
D.J. Miller	1	0	0.0	0	0
Nick Giacalone	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	2	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	1	0	0.0	0	0



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Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19					lg	blk
			01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99		
Andrew Glass	2-3	66.7	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3	0-0	45	0
Opponents	0-0	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0

Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Andrew Glass	-	2-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	0	2-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Opponents	8	0-0	8-8	0	0	0	0	0	56

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Kent St.	3	0	3	0	0	6
Opponents	14	14	14	14	0	56

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Josh Smith	5	170	34.0	42	0	2	1	0	0
Charlie Durkin	1	43	43.0	43	0	0	0	0	0
Total	6	213	35.5	43	0	2	1	0	0
Opponents	1	42	42.0	42	0	1	0	0	0

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Chrishon McCray	3	80	26.7	0	34
Total	3	80	26.7	0	34
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Chrishon McCray	1	3	61	0	80	0	144	144.0
Gavin Garcia	1	45	0	0	0	0	45	45.0
Trell Harris	1	0	36	0	0	0	36	36.0
Michael Alaimo	1	23	0	0	0	0	23	23.0
Justin Holmes	1	0	20	0	0	0	20	20.0
Luke Floriea	1	0	17	0	0	0	17	17.0
Curtis Douglas	1	14	0	0	0	0	14	14.0
Xavier Williams	1	13	0	0	0	0	13	13.0
Hayden Junker	1	0	11	0	0	0	11	11.0
Tommy Ulatowski	1	-3	0	0	0	0	-3	-3.0
Total	1	95	145	0	80	0	320	320.0
Opponents	1	389	334	0	0	0	723	723.0

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Michael Alaimo	1	38	23	145	168	168.0
Gavin Garcia	1	18	45	0	45	45.0
Curtis Douglas	1	2	14	0	14	14.0
Xavier Williams	1	7	13	0	13	13.0
Chrishon McCray	1	1	3	0	3	3.0
Tommy Ulatowski	1	2	-3	0	-3	-3.0
Total	1	68	95	145	240	240.0
Opponents	1	81	389	334	723	723.0

Team Defense

##	Player	gp	Tackles				tfl/yds	Sacks	Pass defense		Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	no-yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
33	Devin Nicholson	1	11	2	13	2-3	
8	Khalib Johns	1	6	1	7	





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Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Gavin Garcia	1	18	54	9	45	2.5	0	13	45.0
Michael Alaimo	1	7	35	12	23	3.3	0	24	23.0
Curtis Douglas	1	2	14	0	14	7.0	0	12	14.0
Xavier Williams	1	7	13	0	13	1.9	0	6	13.0
Chrishon McCray	1	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	3.0
Tommy Ulatowski	1	1	0	3	-3	-3.0	0	0	-3.0
Total	1	36	119	24	95	2.6	0	24	95.0
Opponents	1	46	394	5	389	8.5	5	48	389.0

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
DJ. Miller	1	0	0.0	0	0
Nick Giacalone	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	2	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	1	0	0.0	0	0

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Michael Alaimo	1	71.5	12-31-1	38.7	145	0	36	145.0
Tommy Ulatowski	1	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	1	69.3	12-32-1	37.5	145	0	36	145.0
Opponents	1	168.4	25-35-2	71.4	334	3	50	334.0

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Chrishon McCray	3	80	26.7	0	34
Total	3	80	26.7	0	34
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Trell Harris	1	4	36	9.0	0	13	36.0
Chrishon McCray	1	3	61	20.3	0	36	61.0
Luke Floriea	1	2	17	8.5	0	11	17.0
Justin Holmes	1	2	20	10.0	0	14	20.0
Hayden Junker	1	1	11	11.0	0	11	11.0
Total	1	12	145	12.1	0	36	145.0
Opponents	1	25	334	13.4	3	50	334.0

Fumble Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Stephen Daley	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	1	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT					pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp		saf
Andrew Glass	-	2-3	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	0	2-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	6
Opponents	8	0-0	8-8	0	0	0	0	56

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Andrew Glass	2-3	66.7	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3	0-0	45	0
Opponents	0-0	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0

FG Sequence

Team Name	Kent St.	Opponents
UCF	(45),44,(43)	

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Michael Alaimo	1	38	23	145	168	168.0
Gavin Garcia	1	18	45	0	45	45.0
Curtis Douglas	1	2	14	0	14	14.0
Xavier Williams	1	7	13	0	13	13.0
Chrishon McCray	1	1	3	0	3	3.0
Tommy Ulatowski	1	2	-3	0	-3	-3.0
Total	1	68	95	145	240	240.0
Opponents	1	81	389	334	723	723.0

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Josh Smith	5	170	34.0	42	0	2	1	0	0
Charlie Durkin	1	43	43.0	43	0	0	0	0	0
Total	6	213	35.5	43	0	2	1	0	0
Opponents	1	42	42.0	42	0	1	0	0	0

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Andrew Glass	3	180	60.0	2	1			
Total	3	180	60.0	2	1	0	36.7	28
Opponents	9	581	64.6	6	0	3	39	26



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Team Defense

##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
33	Devin Nicholson	1	11	2	13	2-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Khalib Johns	1	6	1	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29	Jalani Williams	1	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Capone Blue	1	5	.	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Khali Saunders	1	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	D.J. Miller	1	2	2	4	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.
27	Bryce Sheppert	1	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Nick Giacolone	1	3	1	4	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.
7	Matt Harmon	1	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Dallas Craddieth	1	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37	CJ Harris	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Oliver Billotte	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	Alex Branch	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Josh Baka	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	CJ West	1	1	.	1	1-2	1-2	.	.	.	.	1	.
92	Javier Duran	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Rocco Nicholl	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Marcus Winfield	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
10	Tyler Baylor	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Stephen Daley	1	1	.	1	1-0	.	.	
Totals		1	51	16	67	3-5	1-2	2-0	0	1	1-0	1	0	0
Opponents		1	35	28	63	6-24	3-15	1-0	5	1	0-0	0	0	0



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Kent St. Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total	Rush Pass FGs				Failed to score inside RZ					
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/31/2023	at UCF	L 6-56	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 1 of 1 (100.0%)			1	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

Opponents Inside Kent St. Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total	Rush Pass FGs				Failed to score inside RZ					
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/31/2023	UCF	L 6-56	7	6	42	6	4	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Totals 6 of 7 (85.7%)			7	6	42	6	4	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0



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NCAA Statistics

Kent St. - 2023-24 Football Ranking Summary thru games 09/04/2023

Statistic	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value	National Leader	Value	Conference Leader	Value
3rd Down Conversion Pct (130 ranked)	63	7	0.412	Oklahoma	0.846	NIU	0.588
3rd Down Conversion Pct Defense (130 ranked)	128	12	0.750	Memphis	0.067	Ohio	0.240
4th Down Conversion Pct (85 ranked)	85	9	0.000	38 teams tied	1.000	4 teams tied	1.000
4th Down Conversion Pct Defense (104 ranked)	104	11	1.000	51 teams tied	0.000	6 teams tied	0.000
Blocked Kicks (4 ranked)				Duke Oklahoma St. Vanderbilt	2 2 2	Bowling Green Eastern Mich.	1 1
Blocked Kicks Allowed (130 ranked)	1	1	0	118 teams tied	0	11 teams tied	0
Blocked Punts (2 ranked)				Vanderbilt	2		
Blocked Punts Allowed (128 ranked)	1	1	0	127 teams tied	0	12 teams tied	0
Completion Percentage (130 ranked)	129	11	0.375	Tulane	0.933	Ball St.	0.733
Defensive TDs (1 ranked)				17 teams tied	1		
Fewest Penalties (130 ranked)	27	2	4	4 teams tied	1	Western Mich.	3
Fewest Penalties Per Game (130 ranked)	28	2	4.00	4 teams tied	1.00	Western Mich.	3.00
Fewest Penalty Yards (130 ranked)	22	2	30	Clemson NC State Penn St.	5 5 5	Ball St.	26
Fewest Penalty Yards Per Game (130 ranked)	23	2	30.00	Clemson NC State Penn St.	5.00 5.00 5.00	Ball St.	26.00
First Downs Defense (130 ranked)	119	12	32	Memphis	4	Western Mich.	12
First Downs Offense (130 ranked)	111	9	15	Notre Dame Southern California	53 53	Ohio	44
Fumbles Lost (126 ranked)	1	1	0	80 teams tied	0	9 teams tied	0
Fumbles Recovered (15 ranked)	15	1	1	4 teams tied	3	Bowling Green Kent St. Ohio	1 1 1
Kickoff Return Defense (130 ranked)	1	1	0.00	18 teams tied	0.00	Buffalo Kent St.	0.00 0.00
Kickoff Returns (111 ranked)	27	3	26.67	Colorado St.	98.00	Eastern Mich.	44.80
Net Punting (128 ranked)	99	9	35.50	Oregon	58.00	Miami (OH)	44.50
Passes Had Intercepted (130 ranked)	60	5	1	59 teams tied	0	4 teams tied	0
Passes Intercepted (34 ranked)	11	1	2	San Diego St.	6	Buffalo Kent St. Ohio	2 2 2
Passing Offense (130 ranked)	109	10	145.0	Ole Miss	524.0	Toledo	230.0
Passing Yards Allowed (130 ranked)	116	12	334.0	Ga. Southern	14.0	Bowling Green	143.0
Passing Yards per Completion (130 ranked)	59	4	12.08	Air Force	47.50	Miami (OH)	12.62
Punt Return Defense (130 ranked)	9	2	0.00	Florida St. Washington St.	-3.00 -3.00	Akron	-0.50
Punt Returns (129 ranked)	75	6	0.00	Houston	48.00	Eastern Mich.	21.00
Red Zone Defense (130 ranked)	71	5	0.857	11 teams tied	0.000	Ball St.	0.500
Red Zone Offense (127 ranked)	1	1	1.000	59 teams tied	1.000	4 teams tied	1.000
Rushing Defense (130 ranked)	130	12	389.0	Stanford	-5.0	Western Mich.	51.0
Rushing Offense (129 ranked)	105	9	94.0	UCF	389.0	Western Mich.	339.0
Sacks Allowed (130 ranked)	116	12	4.00	33 teams tied	0.00	Buffalo Eastern Mich.	0.00 0.00
Scoring Defense (130 ranked)	125	12	56.0	5 teams tied	0.0	Ohio	15.0
Scoring Offense (125 ranked)	124	11	6.0	Oregon	81.0	Western Mich.	35.0
Tackles for Loss Allowed (128 ranked)	100	9	7.00	Miami (FL) North Carolina Tennessee	1.00 1.00 1.00	Buffalo Western Mich.	3.00 3.00
Team Passing Efficiency (130 ranked)	129	11	69.31	Air Force	442.67	Ball St.	146.77
Team Passing Efficiency Defense (130 ranked)	115	12	168.45	Southern Miss.	33.54	NIU	93.98
Team Sacks (75 ranked)	75	7	1.00	North Carolina	9.00	Eastern Mich.	4.00
Team Tackles for Loss (126 ranked)	107	9	3.0	North Carolina	16.0	Central Mich.	7.0
Time of Possession (130 ranked)	84	9	28:34	Pittsburgh	41:33	Western Mich.	38:05
Total Defense (130 ranked)	130	12	723.0	Memphis	75.0	Ohio	268.0
Total Offense (130 ranked)	118	10	239.0	Oregon	729.0	Western Mich.	509.0
Turnover Margin (130 ranked)	12	1	2.00	Arkansas	5.00	Buffalo Kent St.	2.00 2.00
Turnovers Gained (51 ranked)	8	1	3	Jacksonville St.	7	Kent St. Ohio	3 3
Turnovers Lost (127 ranked)	40	3	1	39 teams tied	0	Buffalo Miami (OH)	0 0
Winning Percentage (89 ranked)	89	5	0.000	82 teams tied	1.000	Eastern Mich. NIU Western Mich.	1.000 1.000 1.000



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Statistic	Player	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value	National Leader	Value	Conference Leader	Value
All Purpose (200 ranked)	Chrishon McCray	34	4	144.00	Kimani Vidal, Troy	302.00	Jalen Buckley, Western Mich.	198.00
Blocked Kicks (1 ranked)					Wesley Williams, Duke	2		
Combined Kick Returns (196 ranked)	Chrishon McCray	22	3	80	Zachariah Branch, Southern California	203	Hamze El-Zayat, Eastern Mich.	138
Completion Percentage (124 ranked)	Michael Alaimo	123	11	0.387	Michael Pratt, Tulane	0.933	Kadin Semonza, Ball St.	0.714
Completions Per Game (99 ranked)					Shedeur Sanders, Colorado Jacob Zeno, UAB	38.00 38.00	Cole Snyder, Buffalo	26.00
Field Goal Percentage (90 ranked)	Andrew Glass	64	6	0.667	59 players tied	1.000	4 players tied	1.000
Field Goals Per Game (92 ranked)	Andrew Glass	13	2	2.00	Andrew Stein, Southern Miss. Brock Travelstead, Louisville	4.00 4.00	Luke Pawlak, Toledo	3.00
Forced Fumbles (79 ranked)	CJ West	2	1	1.00	Jett Johnson, Mississippi St.	2.00	Dontrez Brown, Bowling Green CJ West, Kent St.	1.00 1.00
Fumbles Recovered (2 ranked)	Stephen Daley	2	1	1	Jeff Marks, Jacksonville St.	2	Austin Brawley, Ohio Stephen Daley, Kent St. Jalen Huskey, Bowling Green	1 1 1
Interceptions Per Game (94 ranked)	Nick Giacolone D.J. Miller	8 8	1 1	1.0 1.0	Clayton Isbell, Coastal Carolina	3.0	8 players tied	1.0
Kickoff Return TDs (1 ranked)					7 players tied	1	Hamze El-Zayat, Eastern Mich. Jaylon Jackson, Eastern Mich.	1 1
Kickoff Returns (61 ranked)	Chrishon McCray	15	2	26.7	Barion Brown, Kentucky	58.5	Jaylon Jackson, Eastern Mich.	53.5
Passes Defended (80 ranked)					Davon Banks, Washington Jay Stanley, Southern Miss.	4.0 4.0	Ronald Delancy III, Toledo Judson Tallandier II, Akron	2.0 2.0
Passing Efficiency (124 ranked)	Michael Alaimo	122	11	71.5	Michael Pratt, Tulane	346.0	Kadin Semonza, Ball St.	153.1
Passing TDs (10 ranked)					Caleb Williams, Southern California	9		
Passing Yards (130 ranked)	Michael Alaimo	107	9	145	Brayden Schager, Hawaii	706	CJ Harris, Ohio	247
Passing Yards Per Game (129 ranked)	Michael Alaimo	102	8	145.0	Shedeur Sanders, Colorado	510.0	Dequan Finn, Toledo	230.0
Passing Yards per Completion (124 ranked)	Michael Alaimo	53	2	12.08	Michael Pratt, Tulane	21.00	Rocky Lombardi, NIU	12.69
Points Responsible For (93 ranked)					Caleb Williams, Southern California	54	Dequan Finn, Toledo	18
Points Responsible For Per Game (192 ranked)					Emory Jones, Cincinnati	42.0	Dequan Finn, Toledo	18.0
Punt Return TDs (1 ranked)					Avery Sledge, Mississippi St. Gavin Freeman, Oklahoma Jordan Watkins, Ole Miss	1 1 1		
Punt Returns (51 ranked)					Gavin Freeman, Oklahoma	45.0	Hamze El-Zayat, Eastern Mich.	21.0
Punting (68 ranked)	Josh Smith	67	8	34.0	James Evans, Indiana	54.2	Lucas Borrow, Ball St.	48.5
Receiving TDs (11 ranked)					Tre Harris, Ole Miss Will Sheppard, Vanderbilt	4 4	Cole Harrity, Buffalo	2
Receiving Yards (195 ranked)	Chrishon McCray	166	9	61	Pofele Ashlock, Hawaii	241	Sam Wiglusz, Ohio	103
Receiving Yards Per Game (198 ranked)	Chrishon McCray	143	7	61.0	Xavier Legette, South Carolina	178.0	Ty Robinson, Ball St.	90.0
Receptions Per Game (149 ranked)	Trell Harris	149	11	4.0	Terrell Vaughn, Utah St.	12.0	Tanner Knue, Eastern Mich. Tanner Koziol, Ball St. Gage Larvadain, Miami (OH)	8.0 8.0 8.0
Rush Yards Per Carry (148 ranked)	Gavin Garcia	138	11	2.50	Chez Mellusi, Wisconsin	12.08	Jacquez Stuart, Toledo	6.83
Rushing TDs (1 ranked)					7 players tied	3		
Rushing Yards (196 ranked)	Gavin Garcia	185	15	45	Kimani Vidal, Troy	248	Jalen Buckley, Western Mich.	194
Rushing Yards Per Game (200 ranked)	Gavin Garcia	169	13	45.0	Kimani Vidal, Troy	248.0	Jalen Buckley, Western Mich.	194.0
Sacks (31 ranked)	CJ West	31	4	1.00	David Bailey, Stanford Laiatu Latu, UCLA	3.00 3.00	Boone Bonnema, Western Mich. Tim Grant-Randall, Eastern Mich. Terrance Taylor, Toledo	1.50 1.50 1.50
Scoring (143 ranked)	Andrew Glass	143	6	6.0	Dylan Edwards, Colorado Tre Harris, Ole Miss Dylan Sampson, Tennessee	24.0 24.0 24.0	Antario Brown, NIU Cole Harrity, Buffalo	12.0 12.0
Solo Tackles (87 ranked)	Devin Nicholson Khalib Johns Capone Blue	1 55 87	1 6 9	11.0 6.0 5.0	4 players tied	11.0	Devin Nicholson, Kent St.	11.0
Tackles For Loss (76 ranked)	Devin Nicholson	20	2	2.0	Kaimon Rucker, North Carolina	5.5	Terrance Taylor, Toledo	3.0
Total Interceptions (10 ranked)	Nick Giacolone D.J. Miller	10 10	1 1	1 1	Clayton Isbell, Coastal Carolina	3	10 players tied	1
Total Offense (198 ranked)	Michael Alaimo	108	8	167.0	Cameron Ward, Washington St.	491.0	Dequan Finn, Toledo	305.0
Total Points Scored (140 ranked)					4 players tied	24	Gianni Spetic, Ohio	16
Total Tackles (338 ranked)	Devin Nicholson Khalib Johns Capone Blue Jalani Williams Khali Saunders	13 146 338 338 338	2 15 33 33 33	13.0 7.0 5.0 5.0 5.0	Jay Higgins, Iowa Jack Howell, Colorado St.	16.0 16.0	Kyle Moretti, Central Mich.	14.0
Total Touchdowns (97 ranked)					4 players tied	4	Antario Brown, NIU Cole Harrity, Buffalo	2 2
Yards per Pass Attempt (124 ranked)	Michael Alaimo	110	11	4.68	Michael Pratt, Tulane	19.60	Kadin Semonza, Ball St.	7.86
Yards per Reception (197 ranked)	Chrishon McCray	76	2	20.33	Jared Roznos, Air Force	47.50	Chris Carter, NIU	23.00



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WEEK ONE: @UCF 56 Kent State 6 Thursday, Aug 31, 2023 | BOUNCE HOUSE | ORLANDO, FL



Scoring Summary report
Kent St. vs UCF (Aug 31, 2023)
Kent St. (0-1) vs UCF (1-0)

Date: Aug 31, 2023
Site: Orlando, Florida
Stadium: FBC Mortgage Stadium
Attendance: 44088

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Kent St.	3	0	3	0	6
UCF	14	14	14	14	56

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	10:56	UCF - #3 X.Townsend 9 yd pass from #10 J.Plumlee (#35 C.Boomer kick), 11-75, 04:04	0-7
1st	06:07	UCF - #10 J.Plumlee 17 yd rush (#35 C.Boomer kick), 6-59, 02:50	0-14
1st	03:20	KSU - #60 A.Glass 45 yd FG, 9-49, 02:47	3-14
2nd	08:46	UCF - #5 J.McDonald 2 yd rush (#35 C.Boomer kick), 10-74, 03:45	3-21
2nd	00:42	UCF - #82 A.Holler 18 yd pass from #10 J.Plumlee (#35 C.Boomer kick), 8-94, 01:06	3-28
3rd	10:37	UCF - #7 R.Harvey 50 yd pass from #10 J.Plumlee (#35 C.Boomer kick), 5-78, 01:57	3-35
3rd	04:07	UCF - #7 R.Harvey 48 yd rush (#35 C.Boomer kick), 2-56, 00:26	3-42
3rd	00:49	KSU - #60 A.Glass 43 yd FG, 8-50, 03:18	6-42
4th	07:26	UCF - #6 M.Richards 7 yd rush (#35 C.Boomer kick), 7-62, 02:47	6-49
4th	00:54	UCF - #23 D.Bowman 5 yd rush (#35 C.Boomer kick), 10-68, 05:06	6-56

TIME DETAILS

Kickoff time: 07:05 PM
End of Game: 10:24 PM
Total elapsed: 03:19

OFFICIALS

Referee: Derek Anderson
Umpire: Michael Henderson
Linesman: Doug Moore
Line judge: Quentin Givens
Back judge: Daniel Young
Field judge: Gabriel DeLeon
Side judge: Mark Graves
Center judge: Brian Alos
Replay Official: Marcus Marsden

WEATHER

Weather: Cloudy 81 F
Wind: South East 3 mph



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KENT STATE

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A NEW ERA

Kent State named Kenni Burns the 23rd coach in program history in December of 2022. Burns comes to the Flashes from Minnesota where he served as associate head coach and running backs coach. He also has stops in Wyoming, North Dakota State and Western Michigan.

KENT GRIT

Coach Kenni Burns has instilled a new mantra in the program as the Kent GRIT era is officially underway. Burns GRIT mentality goes beyond the toughness that will be indicative of the Golden Flashes but carries over into day-to-day life. GRIT is an acronym for Grow Respond with Integrity Together.

RUNNING TO THE TOP

Coach Kenni Burns was a running back at Indiana and is the leading rusher at Sacred Heart Griffin High School in Springfield, Illinois. He is one of five reported coaches to have been a collegiate running back. He joins Thomas Hammock (NIU RB and HC), Dino Babers (Syracuse HC, Hawaii RB), Stan Drayton (Allegheny RB, Temple HC) and Kalani Sitake (BYU RB and HC). Georgia HC Kirby Smart and South Carolina HC Shane Beamer were running back coaches before getting head coaching positions.

NFL EUROPE

Defensive coordinator Dave Duggan spent 2004-2007 with the Cologne Centurions of NFL Europe including a 10-9 record as head coach in 2006 and 2007. He is the only reported college coach that was a head coach in NFL Europe. Kentucky AHC Vince Marrow coached for two NFL Europe teams, Clemson CB Coach Mike Reed won the 1999 world cup with Frankfurt while Indiana's WR coach Anthony Tucker played for Amsterdam.

POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE

The Flashes have excelled in the classroom as a team, posting the highest term and cumulative GPA in program history this past spring. Twenty-one Golden Flashes have earned their undergraduate degree with five earning the honor from Kent State. All 21 Golden Flashes will wear a MAC graduate patch on their uniform to denote the accomplishment.

X GONNA GIVE IT TO YA

Xavier Williams returns to the Golden Flashes backfield after missing the 2022 season with an injury suffered in the 2021 MAC Championship game. The graduate student has improved each of his previous four seasons in the backfield, averaging nearly six yards per carry in his career. His best season came back in 2021 where he averaged 6.5 yards per carry and rushed for 812 yards in 13 games.

STEPPING UP

The Golden Flashes are one of six teams who will be replacing the top passer, rusher and receiver from last year. In addition to the return of Williams, Gavin Garcia will take on a bigger role. Garcia flashed during his time on the field as a freshman in both the run and the return game. Garcia averaged six yards a touch in 35 carries last year and had a long of 52 in kick returns.

On the receiving end, Trell Harris is the leading returning wide receiver. Harris earned more playing time as his freshman campaign carried on and caught at least one pass in each of the final four games of the season, highlighted by a five-catch performance in the OT win over Buffalo to end the season.

NEW LOOK ERA

The Flashes return zero starters on offense, and three regular starters on defense. That mark ties Colorado for fewest returning starters entering this season

Additionally, the defense combines for a total of 45 starts with 22 of them coming from defensive lineman CJ West. The 45 total starts at Kent State are the second fewest in Division-I, behind Colorado.

Fewest Returning Starters

- Colorado-3
- Kent State-3**
- Stanford-5
- New Mexico-6
- Liberty-8
- Indiana-8
- Old Dominion-8
- Texas State-8
- South Carolina-8

Fewest Combined Starts Returning

- Colorado-36
- Kent State-45**
- Florida-115
- Texas State-123
- Indiana-136
- Arizona State-139
- Old Dominion-150

RAISE YOUR GLASS

Kicker Andrew Glass went from walk-on to all-conference place kicker for the Flashes. Glass earned a scholarship prior to the 2022 season and hit 17 field goals with a long of 50. Through two seasons, Glass has hit 38 field goals in his career and is already fourth on the all-time list at Kent State.



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TEAM IMPACT

In 2022, the Golden Flashes' signed Kingston Woods, the toughest, most resilient kid in northeast Ohio through the university's partnership with Team IMPACT. Team IMPACT is a non-profit organization that pairs kids with chronic and serious illnesses and pairs them with college teams. Kingston signed his letter of intent at the annual spring showcase, then closed out the afternoon with the ringing of the victory bell. Look for Kingston with the team on the sidelines, locker room and pre-game this season.

HONORING #54 Jason Bitsko

On Aug. 20, 2014 during a preseason practice, Kent State's football team received tragic news of the unexpected overnight death of **Jason Bitsko**. The fourth-year junior had become a team leader, mentor and friend to many both on and off the field. In Bitsko's honor, the number 54 is now worn by a select offensive lineman every season. This season, guard Nolan Rumler has earned the honor, wearing number 54 also serves as the single digit and captaincy of the offensive line.

SAME PLACE, NEW FACE

Kent State welcomes in 18 transfers for the 2023 season, here are the veterans who joined the Golden Flashes for 2023

The Flashes will have six starters on offense and seven on defense that started their college career somewhere other than Kent State. Of that group, four offensive starters and three defensive starters are brand new to the Flashes this season.

OFFENSE

Michael Alaimo|Montvale, NJ | St. Joseph Regional (Purdue) | Quarterback

PRIOR TO KENT STATE: Appeared in four games over three seasons at Purdue, tossed a touchdown in his Boilermaker career

HIGH SCHOOL: Second-team All-North Jersey by northjersey.com as a senior...Max Preps high school stats: completed 205 of 362 passing attempts for 2,777 yards and 23 touchdowns in ...Rated as the number three pocket passer out of high school by ESPN, number 12 by 247sports and number 16 by Rivals... Consensus 4-star prospect out of high school

Matthew Beyer|Mulvane, Kan | Mulvane (Butler CC) | Offensive Line

PRIOR TO KENT STATE: Named to the All-Conference team for the Butler Grizzlies. Saw time at four of the five positions on the offensive line....Helped Grizzlies to an 8-4 record in 2022 and helped the Grizzlies' offense average nearly 35 points per game.

Tristen Bittner|Wheeling, W. VA | Wheeling (Marshall) | Offensive Line

PRIOR TO KENT STATE: Spent two years with the Marshall Thun-

dering Herd...Redshirted his first year at Marshall, did not see game action in second season

HIGH SCHOOL: Played both offensive and defensive line in high school for Wheeling...Rated a three-star prospect out of high school by Rivals and 247 Sports...Can play tackle or guard

Treymon Echols |Shawnee Mission, Kan | Shawnee Mission East (Hutchinson CC) | Wide Receiver

PRIOR TO KENT STATE: Played at Hutchinson Community College in 2022...Helped the Blue Dragons reach the NJCAA national title game...Averaged over 14 yards per reception in 11 games...Suited up for Butler Community College prior to Hutchinson...Grabbed 24 passes for 239 yards and a score in 11 games...Also averaged over 21 yards per return.

Ali Fisher |Belleville, MI |Pioneer (Buffalo) | Wide Receiver

PRIOR TO KENT STATE: Spent two years with the Buffalo Bulls but did not see any game action

HIGH SCHOOL: Played wide receiver at Pioneer High School... Earned All-State and First-Team All-Conference honors... Named the Ann Arbor Area Offensive Player of the Year as a senior... Had 57 receptions for 874 yards and nine touchdowns his junior season... Also had 33 tackles, two forced fumbles and an interception as a defensive back

Jaren Lewis | Columbia, MO | Battle (Kansas State) | Quarterback

PRIOR TO KENT STATE: Played in four games for the Wildcats in his college career...Completed 12 of 23 passes for 154 yards and a touchdown against a pair of interceptions...Named Academic All-Big 12 in 2021

HIGH SCHOOL: Played at safety and quarterback for Battle High School...Named second-team All-State as a senior after throwing for 2,895 yards and 25 touchdowns and rushing for 700 yards and 11 scores...Helped Battle reach state semi-finals...Three-time all-district honors at quarterback

Jimto Obidegwu | Brandywine, MD | Archbishop Carroll (Temple) | Quarterback

PRIOR TO KENT STATE: Saw action in four games over two seasons for the Owls...Made first college start at guard against Navy...Also started at tackle against UCF

HIGH SCHOOL: Three-year letterman at Archbishop Carroll.. Started at left tackle and right tackle throughout his career ... Earned All-WCAC second team honors after his junior year... Participated in the Maryland Crab Bowl game after his sophomore season ... Named to the National Honor Society.

Jaylen Thomas |Colorado Springs, Colo. | Vista Ridge (Colorado State) | Running Back



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PRIOR TO KENT STATE: Appeared in 33 games over three seasons for the Rams...Rushed for five touchdowns in CSU career...Added 30 receptions out of the backfield over three seasons in the Rams' offense..Also played role on special teams

HIGH SCHOOL: First-team all-state as a senior and three-time All-Pikes Peak Athletic Conference selection ... Amassed 1,932 all-purpose yards with 24 touchdowns; defensively tallied 19 tackles, one interception, six passes defended and one forced fumble as a senior ... Earned team MVP and chosen as a captain in both his junior and senior seasons...Offensive player of the year as a senior ... Totaled 1,211 all-purpose yards and 12 touchdowns, to go with 39 tackles, two interceptions, five passes defended and one forced fumble as a junior ... Was a state champion in track and field in 2017 ... Earned academic all-state honorable mention and was a member of the prestigious 13-member National Football Foundation Colorado Chapter Scholar-Athlete team for 2017 ... Member of Vista Ridge's leadership council and was active in the community, ranging from packing food for donations and assisting in youth camps to cleaning up neighborhoods and several events with the Emmanuel Ministry Baptist Church

Ky Thomas |Topeka, Kan | Topeka (Kansas via Minnesota) | Running Back

PRIOR TO KENT STATE: Played one season at Kansas and started his career at Minnesota...Played in 18 games in collegiate career to date...Averaged 4.5 yards per carry on 219 career carries and eight touchdowns...Rushed for 824 yards and six touchdowns in one season at Minnesota...Added 11 catches for 83 yards and another score as a receiving back.

HIGH SCHOOL: First football player from Topeka to be named Gatorade Player of the Year in the state of Kansas, earning the honor in 2019...No. 2 rusher all-time in the state of Kansas with 7,703 career yards, while also adding 95 rushing touchdowns...Became the sixth running back in Kansas to rush for more than 3,000 yards in a season, rushed for 3,009 yards and 35 touchdowns as a senior for Topeka High...Rushed for at least 1,250 yards in each of his four seasons at Topeka High... Rated as a 3-star prospect by Rivals.com and 247 Sports... Ranked as the No. 2 player in the state of Kansas by Rivals and the fourth-best by 247...Ranked as the 27th-best running back in the nation by 247 and the 28th by Rivals.

DEFENSE

Tyler Baylor | Silver Springs, MD | Good Counsel (Maryland) | Defensive Back

PRIOR TO KENT STATE: Played in 37 games for Maryland over five years...recorded 26 tackles including 3.5 for loss and a sack...Also saw time at tight end at Maryland...

HIGH SCHOOL: A consensus 3-star recruit across all major recruiting outlets ... rated the ninth overall player in the state of Maryland by Rivals ... an Honorable Mention All-Metro selection and Second Team All-WCAC selection as a senior ... did

not play football in high school until his junior season ... chose Maryland over Georgia, Louisville, and Tennessee... coached by Andy Stefanelli.

Mattheus Carroll | Baltimore, MD | Gilman (Virginia Tech) | Defensive Line

PRIOR TO KENT STATE: Appeared in three games for the Hokies, making a pair of tackles.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played defensive end and was team captain at Gilman High School in Baltimore. Went 2-0 in shortened 2020 season and was named All-MIAA and the "Super 33" Team by the Baltimore Touchdown Club...Recorded 11 sacks as a junior...Earned All-America honors as a wrestler

Xavier Cokley | Baltimore, MD | Franklin (James Madison) | Defensive Back

PRIOR TO KENT STATE: Played three seasons at James Madison...Saw action in 17 total games for the Dukes...Recorded six tackles including one for loss and a pass defended

HIGH SCHOOL: Named Baltimore Sun First Team All-Metro defense as a senior, Baltimore Touchdown Club All-Star as a senior and Super 22 and Baltimore County All-Division First Team as a junior...Selected to Maryland Crab Bowl...Helped Franklin win state title as a senior.

Dallas Craddieth | St. Louis, MO| Hazelwood Central (Iowa) |Defensive Back

PRIOR TO KENT STATE: Appeared in 12 games for the Hawkeyes...Recorded three tackles during his career, including a solo stop against Minnesota in 2022

HIGH SCHOOL: Named conference Defensive Player of the Year as a senior and earned first-team all-state honors...Named second-team all-state as a sophomore and junior...Played on both sides of the ball in high school...Recorded 66 tackles as senior with a sack and served as team captain.

Javier Duran |Jackson, NJ | Jackson Liberty (Tarleton State) | Defensive Line

PRIOR TO KENT STATE: Named all WAC in 2021 and pre-season all-WAC in 2022...Played two seasons for Texans, appearing in 19 games...Recorded 43 tackles including 20 solo stops, 7.5 tackles for loss, 3.5 sacks and a pass deflection

Played in six games for Independence Community College... Recorded a sack amongst his eight tackles...Named Defensive MVP for Jackson Liberty High School



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Nicholas Giacolone | Venice, FL | Venice (New Mexico St) | Linebacker

PRIOR TO KENT STATE: Appeared in 23 games across three seasons for the Aggies... Recorded 80 tackles including 36 solo and 3.5 for loss...Credited with an interception, two pass deflections, forced fumble and fumble recovery during his three-year career

HIGH SCHOOL: Helped Venice reach the state semifinals as a senior, posting a 12-2 record...Led the team with 168 tackles and nine tackles for loss as a senior...Added two forced fumbles, two interceptions, a fumble recovery and a sack during the stat-stuffing senior season.

Mason Maddox | Aurora, Colo | Cherokee Trail (Colorado) | Defensive Line

PRIOR TO KENT STATE: Redshirted at Colorado during freshman season...Dressed for one game but did not see action

HIGH SCHOOL: Played defensive and offensive line for Cherokee Trail ... Recorded 45 tackles and five sacks on defense including 39 tackles, including 17 for a loss and a team-leading five sacks in seven games as a senior ...Blocked for Cherokee Trail's balanced offense, averaging 349.9 yards per game, 179.0 passing and 170.9 rushing ... Top game a senior was against Rocky Mountain when five of his six tackles were behind the line of scrimmage as he had three sacks and two other tackles for loss

Naim Muhammad | Washington, DC | DeMatha (W. Virginia) | Defensive back

PRIOR TO KENT STATE : Saw action in nine games across four seasons...Made seven tackles including five solo and one tackles for loss...Named to Big-12 Honor Roll

HIGH SCHOOL: Played cornerback and wide receiver at DeMatha High School...Helped DeMatha post a 29-6 record over his three year varsity career...Was also a two-way player at Fork Union Military Academy before joining Mountaineers.

Devin Nicholson |Detroit, MI | Case Tech (Missouri) | Linebacker

PRIOR TO KENT STATE: Appeared in 39 games for the Tigers over four seasons...Recorded 152 tackles including nine for loss and three sacks...credited with two pass deflections, an interception, a forced fumble and fumble recovery during his time with Missouri

HIGH SCHOOL: A three-star prospect by both Rivals.com and 247Sports.com and rated as the No. 29 prospect at any position in the state of Michigan ... Named PSL All-City as a senior ... Earned Cass Tech's Most Valuable Player Award following his senior season ... Helped Cass Tech to a 2018 Detroit Public School League Championship with a perfect 9-0 record ... Led by Nicholson, Cass Tech's defense allowed just 8.2 points per game

in 2018, posting five shutouts.

Jalani Williams | St Louis, MO| Parkway North | Missouri Safety

PRIOR TO KENT STATE: Played in 33 games over four years with the Tigers, including four starts in the secondary... tallied 43 tackles (25 solo), an interception, and 6 pass breaks ups...majored in sports management at Missouri.

HIGH SCHOOL: ESPN Top 300 prospect, listed at No. 288 nationally and as the nation's No. 21 prospect at safety... four-star recruit according to ESPN, Rivals and 247Sports... Rivals rated him as the nation's No. 19 prospect at safety and the No. 4 prospect from the state of Missouri...first-team all-state pick at safety and MCC Defensive Player of the Year as a senior...first-team all-conference and Elite Team DB as a senior...posted 102 total tackles, two tackles for loss and recovered a fumble as a senior...posted 61 tackles, three tackles for loss and two interceptions as a junior.

Marcus Winfield | Cheltenham, PA | Cheltenham (Delaware State)| Defensive Line

PRIOR TO KENT STATE: Named All-MEAC in 2021 and pre-season All-MEAC in 2022. Appeared in 23 games across four seasons for the Hornets..totald 36 tackles including 6.5 for loss, four sacks and a blocked kick.

HIGH SCHOOL: Two-year varsity letter winner at Cheltenham HS ... First Team All-Suburban One Conference defensive and offensive lineman as a senior ... All-Southeastern Pa., First Team (DE) All-State Second Team (DE) and First Team Class 5A (DE) selection during senior season ... Credited with 86 tackles, four sacks, 17 tackles-for-loss and three pass deflections during senior season



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THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

KENT STATE

Rushing

400 or more yards: at Zips, 2021 (410 yards)
 300 or more yards: vs. Ohio, 2022 (338 yards)
 70 or more rushing attempts: at Western Michigan, 1988 (86)
 60 or more rushing attempts: vs VMI (9/11/21: 62 rushes)
 50 or more rushing attempts: vs. Ball St 2022 (50)
 6 or more rush TDs: vs VMI (9/11/21: 7 touchdowns)
 5 or more rush TDs: vs. LIU, 2022 (5)
 4 or more rush TDs: vs. Miami, 2021 (4)
 2 players with 100 rush yards in a game: vs. Miami, 2021,
 (Xavier Williams 168 yards ; Marquez Cooper - 126 yards)

Passing

500 or more yards: vs. UCF, 1997 (551)
 400 or more yards: vs Buffalo, 2021 (407)
 300 or more yards: at Miami, 2022 (306)
 40 or more pass attempts: at Miami, 2022 (40)
 30 or more pass attempts: vs. Ohio, 2022 (37)
 25 or more pass completions: vs. Miami, 2021 (25)
 20 or more pass completions: at Miami, 2022 (23)
 5 passing TDs: at Bowling Green, 2020 (5)
 4 passing TDs: vs. Akron, 2020 (4)
 3 passing TDs: at BG, 2022 (3)
 5 passes intercepted: at Ohio, 2005 (6)
 4 passes intercepted: at Bowling Green, 2014 (4)
 3 passes intercepted: at Washington, 2022 (3)

Receiving

2 players with 100 receiving yards in a game: vs EMU, 2022
 (JaShaun Poke-106| Devontez Walker 121)
 Player with 150+ receiving yards in a game:
 Devontez Walker at Miami, 2022 (159)

Combination Offense

200-yard passer and a 100-yard rusher in a game: vs. Ohio, 2022
 (Schlee- 398 passing | Cooper 240 rushing)
 100-yard receiver & 100-yard rusher in game: vs. Ohio, 2022
 (Dante Cephas-246 receiving Marquez Cooper 240 rushing)

Total Offense

700 or more yards total offense: vs. Ohio, 2022 (736)
 600 or more yards total offense: vs. Miami, 2021 (642)
 500 or more yards total offense: vs. LIU, 2022 (556)
 400 or more yards total offense: vs BG, 2022 (415)
 90 or more plays total offense: vs. Ball St 2022, 2022 (91)
 80 or more plays total offense : vs. Miami, 2021 (85)

Scoring

Scored 60 or more points: vs. LIU, 2022 (63)
 Scored 50 or more points: vs. NIU, 2021 (52)
 Scored 40 or more points: at BG, 2022 (40)
 Scored 30 or more points: vs Wheel, 2022 (2) (33)
 Scored 28 points in a quarter: vs. LIU, 2022 (28 in 2nd)
 Allowed 60 or more points: at Western Michigan, 2021 (64)
 Allowed 50 or more points: at Toledo, 2022 (52)
 Allowed 40 or more points: at Washington, 2022 (45)
 Allowed 30 or more points: vs EMU, 2022 (31)
 Was held scoreless at home: vs. Bowling Green, 2015 (0-48)
 Was held scoreless on the road: at Wisconsin, 2019 (0-48)
 Was held scoreless at a neutral site: vs. BC, 2008, (0-21)
 Held opponent scoreless: at Zips, 2021 (38-0)
 Held opponent scoreless on the road: at Zips, 2021 (38-0)
 Held opponent scoreless at neutral site: N/A
 Held 2 opponents scoreless in a season: 1963
 at Toledo (20-0); vs. Dayton (23-0)
 Held 3 opponents scoreless in a season: 1958
 at Xavier (6-0); vs. Marshall (24-0); vs. Toledo (32-0)
 Held 4 opponents scoreless in a season: 1948
 at Mount Union (18-0); vs. Wooster (39-0); at CMU (28-0);
 at Akron (31-0)
 Held 5 opponents scoreless in a season: 1940
 vs. Bluffton (37-0); vs. Assumption (26-0); vs. Mount Union
 (26-0); vs. Hiram (26-0); at Findlay (13-0)
 Held 6 opponents scoreless in a season: 1940
 vs. Bluffton (37-0); vs. Assumption (26-0); vs. Mount Union
 (26-0); vs. Hiram (26-0); at Findlay (13-0); at BGSU (13-0)
 Had multiple players with multiple TDs in a game:
 vs. NIU, 2021 (Cooper 2 TDs, Nykeim Johnson 2 TDs)

Turnovers

Did not commit a turnover: vs. Ball St 2022
 Committed 5 or more turnovers: at Bowling Green, 2014 (5)
 Committed 4 or more fumbles lost: at Boston College, 2010 (5)
 Committed 3 or more fumbles lost: at CMU, 2021 (3)
 Recorded 6 or more takeaways: at Rutgers, 2012 (7)
 Recorded 5 or more takeaways: at Texas A & M, 2021 (5)
 Returned 2 or more interceptions for TDs: N/A

Returned an interception for a TD: at BG, 2022
 (Marvin Pierre - 33yards)
 Returned a fumble for a TD: vs. Eastern Michigan, 2018
 (Jamal Parker - 16 yards)

Defense

Held opponent to 50 or fewer rushing yards: vs. Delaware St, 2015 (-38)
 Held opponent to 100 or fewer passing yards: vs. Akron, 2017
 (69)
 Held opponent to 300 or fewer yards total offense: vs VMI(9/11/21:294)
 Held opponent to 200 or fewer yards total offense: at Zips 2021(188)
 Intercepted 5 or more passes: at Rutgers, 2012 (6)
 Intercepted 4 or more passes: vs VMI (9/11/21)
 Intercepted 3 or more passes: at Central Michigan, 2016 (3)
 Scored a safety: vs Howard, 2018
 Scored two safeties in a game: vs. Coastal Carolina, 2009 (2)
 Scored two defensive touchdowns in a game: vs. Akron 2010
 Recorded 9 or more sacks: vs. Ohio, 1994 (9)
 Recorded 8 or more sacks: vs. Ohio, 2012 (8)
 Recorded 7 or more sacks: vs Wheel, 2022 (7)
 Recorded 6 or more sacks: at Zips, 2021 (6)
 Recorded 5 or more sacks: vs. BG (10/2/21: 5)
 Held opponent to 10 or fewer first downs: vs. Delaware St, 2015 (1)
 Had three players with 10 or more tackles vs EMU, 2022
 (Saunders 12, Jones-11, Evans/Miller-10)

Special Teams

Returned a punt for a TD: vs. Akron, 2004
 (Darrell Dowery Jr., - 66 yards)
 Returned two punts for a TD: vs. Toledo, 1989
 (Shawn Barnes, 62 yards & Andre Palmer, 62 yards)
 Returned a blocked punt for a TD: vs. LIU, 2022
 (JB Awolowo - 34 yards)
 Returned a blocked field goal for a TD: vs. Bowling Green, 2009
 (Quinton Rainey - 82 yards)
 Returned a kickoff for a TD: at Eastern Michigan, 2019
 (Jamal Parker - 96 yards)
 Blocked a punt: vs. LIU, 2022 (Gavin Garcia)
 Blocked two punts: vs. Temple, 2010 (Sam Kirkland, Howard Bowers)
 Punted 10 or more times: at Buffalo, 2018 (10)
 Did not punt: at BG, 2022
 Blocked a field goal: at Ole Miss, 2018 (Kaill Morris)
 Had a field goal blocked: at Toledo, 2022
 Blocked both a punt and field goal: at Ohio, 2011
 Blocked a PAT kick: at Buffalo, 2018 (Kaill Morris)
 Scored on a blocked PAT attempt: N/A
 Scored a defensive two-point conversion: vs. SE Missouri State,
 2005
 Missed a kicking PAT: vs. Eastern Michigan, 2020
 Had a kicking PAT blocked: vs. Army, 2014
 Had a punt blocked: at Georgia, 2022
 Converted a fake punt: at Arizona State, 2019

Miscellaneous

Had 30 or more 1st downs: vs. Ohio, 2022 (36)
 Had 20 or more 1st downs: at BG, 2022 (25)
 Was not penalized: at Alabama, 2016
 Had 10 or more penalties vs Buffalo, 2021 (10)
 Had 120 or more yards in penalties: at Ball State, 2018 (142)
 Had 35 minutes or more of possession: at Oklahoma, 2022 (36:19)
 Was involved in a tie game: at Ohio, 1995 (28-28)
 Was involved in an overtime game: vs. Ohio, 2022 (W, 31-24)

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Rushing

300 or more yards: Astron Whatley at Eastern Michigan, 1997 (373)
 250 or more yards: Charles Chatman vs. Central Michigan, 1997 (257)
 200 or more yards: Marquez Cooper, vs. Ohio, 2022 (240)
 175 or more yards: Nick Holley at Buffalo, 2016 (224)
 100 or more yards: Marquez Cooper, vs. Ball St 2022, (168)
 QB rushed for 100 or more yards: Dustin Crum at Zips, 2021 (114)
 Rushed 30 or more times: Cooper vs. Ball St 2022 (32)
 Rushed 25 or more times: Cooper vs Wheel, 2022 (28)
 Rushed for 4 or more TDs: Nick Holley at Buffalo, 2016 (4)
 Rushed for 3 or more TDs: Marquez Cooper, 2020 (3)
 Rushed for 2 or more TDs: Cooper and Schlee, at Toledo, 2022
 Had a run of 80 yards or more: George Bollas vs. NIU, 2016 (85)
 Had a run of 70 yards or more: X. Williams vs. Miami, 2021 (79)
 Had a run of 60 yards or more: Dustin Crum at Zips, 2021 (62)
 Had a run of 50 yards or more: B. Bradford, vs Wheel, 2022
 (58)

Passing

Passed for 500 or more yards: Jose Davis vs. UCF, 1997 (551)
 Passed for 400 or more yards Dustin Crum vs Buffalo, 2021 (407)
 Passed for 300 or more yards: Collin Schlee at Miami, 2022 (306)
 Attempted 50 or more passes: Spencer Keith at Akron, 2009 (59)
 Attempted 40 or more passes: Collin Schlee vs. Ball St 2022 (41)
 Attempted 30 or more passes: **Mike Alaimo at UCF 2023 (31)**
 Completed 20 or more passes: Collin Schlee vs. Ball St 2022 (25)
 Threw 5 or more TDs: Joshua Cribbs at UCF, 2004 (5)
 Threw 4 or more TDs: Dustin Crum at Bowling Green, 2020 (4)
 Threw 5 or more interceptions: Michael Machen at Ohio, 2005 (5)
 Threw 4 or more interceptions: Colin Reardon at Bowling Green, 2014 (4)
 Threw 3 or more interceptions: Colin Reardon at Illinois, 2015 (3)
 Comp. a pass of 80 yards or more: George Bollas vs. Miami 2017 (84)
 Comp. a pass of 70 yards or more: Dustin Crum vs. Miami, 2021 (74)
 Comp. a pass of 60 yards or more: Dustin Crum vs. Toledo, 2018 (60)
 Comp. a pass of 50 yards or more: Collin Schlee at Georgia, 2022 (56)

Receiving

Caught 15 or more passes: Eugene Baker vs. UCF, 1997 (15)
 Caught 10 or more passes: JaShaun Poke vs. Ball St 2022 (13)
 Caught 7 or more passes: Dante Cephas, at Miami, 2022 (9)
 Had 200 or more yards receiving: Dante Cephas vs. Ohio, 2022 (246)
 Had 175 or more yards receiving: Dante Cephas vs. Buffalo, 2021 (186)
 Had 150 or more yards receiving: D. Walker at Miami, 2022 (15)
 Had 100 or more yards receiving: Tez Walker, vs EMU, 2022 (121)
 Caught 3 or more TDs: Dante Cephas vs Buffalo, 2021 (3)
 Caught 2 or more TDs: Devontez Walker at BG, 2022

Total Offense

500 or more yards total offense: Jose Davis vs. UCF, 1997 (534)
 400 or more yards total offense: Collin Schlee vs. Ohio, 2022 (475)
 100 yards both passing and rushing: Dustin Crum vs. Akron, 2020
 (348 passing, 104 rushing)

Scoring

5 or more touchdowns: Dustin Crum vs Buffalo, 2021 (5-3pass 2
 rush)
 4 or more touchdowns: C. Schlee at BG, 2022 (3 pass, 1 rush)
 3 or more touchdowns: D. Walker vs Wheel, 2022 (2 rec, 1 rush)

Defense

Intercepted 3 or more passes: Montre Millervs VMI (9/11/21)
 Intercepted 2 or more passes: Elvis Hines(2) at Texas A&M, Sept 2021
 Recovered 3 or more fumbles: N/A
 Recovered 2 or more fumbles: Luke Batton vs. Western Michigan, 2012 (2)
 Recorded 15 or more tackles: AJ Musolino vs NIU 2021 (15)
 Recorded 2 or more sacks: Saivon Taylor-Davis at BG, 2022 (3)

Special Teams

15 or more points kicking: Matthew Trickett vs Utah St, 2019 (19)
 10 or more points kicking: Andrew Glass vs. Miami, 2021 (12)
 Kicked 5 or more field goals: N/A
 Kicked 4 or more field goals: Matthew Trickett at TSDTR, 2019 (4)
 Kicked 2 field goals of 50 or more yards: N/A
 Kicked a field goal of 50 or more yards: Andrew Glass vs. Ohio, 2022(50)
 Kicked a punt 70 or more yards: Derek Adams vs. Ball St, 2019 (76)
 Kicked a punt 60 or more yards: Derek Adams vs. Miami, 2019 (62)
 Punted 10 or more times: Matthew Trickett at Penn State, 2018 (11)
 Totaled 175 or more kick return yards: Ja'Shaun Poke at WMU , 2021 (175)
 Totaled 100 or more kick return yards: Ja'Shaun Poke at CMU , 2021 (130)
 Returned a failed PAT attempt for defensive two-point conversion:
 Andre Kirkland vs. SE Missouri State, 2005 (interception)



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OPPONENT

Rushing

- 400 or more yards: Buffalo, 2020 (515)
- 300 or more yards: at UCF, 2023 (394)
- 50 or more rushing attempts: NIU, 2021 (61)
- 5 or more rush TDs at UCF, 2023 (5)
- 4 or more rush TDs: at Georgia, 2022 (4)
- 2 or more players with 100 rush yards in a game: Texas A&M, 2021 (Devon Achane-123, Isaiah Spiller, 113)

Passing

- 400 or more yards: vs. Miami, 2021 (405)
- 300 or more yards: at UCF, 2023 (334)
- 60 or more pass attempts: Bowling Green, 2009 (63)
- 50 or more pass attempts: vs. Miami, 2021 (51)
- 40 or more pass attempts: vs. Ball St 2022 (41)
- 30 or more pass completions: NIU, 2021 (33)
- 5 or more passing TDs: at Toledo, 2022 (6)
- 4 or more passing TDs: at Washington, 2022 (4)
- 3 or more passing TDs: at UCF, 2023 (3)

Receiving

- 2 players with 100 receiving yards in a game: Eastern Michigan, 2019 (Arthur Jackson - 129 yards, Line Latu - 108 yards)

Total Offense

- 600 or more yards total offense: at UCF, 2023 (723)
- 500 or more yards total offense: at Washington, 2022 (525)
- 400 or more yards total offense: vs EMU, 2022 (459)
- 80 or more plays: vs EMU, 2022 (84)
- 75 or more plays: vs. Ball St 2022 (79)

Scoring

- Scored 60 or more points: at WMU, 2021 (64)
- Scored 50 or more points: at UCF, 2023 (56)
- Scored 40 or more points: at Washington, 2022 (45)
- Scored 30 or more points: vs EMU, 2022 (31)
- Scored a 2-point conversion: Eastern Michigan, 2020

Turnovers

- Did not commit a turnover: vs EMU, 2022
- Had 3 or more fumbles lost: Ohio, 2018 (3)
- Intercepted 5 or more passes: Ohio, 2005 (6)
- Intercepted 4 or more passes: Temple, 2007 (4)
- Intercepted 3 or more passes: Bowling Green, 2017 (3)
- Returned an INT for a TD: Texas A&M, 2021 (85 yards)
- Returned a fumble for a TD: TSDTR, 2017

Defense

- Held Kent State to 10 or fewer 1st downs: Wisconsin, 2019 (10)
- Scored a safety: at Georgia, 2022
- Held Kent State to 50 or fewer rushing yards: Penn State, 2018 (41)
- Held Kent State to 200 or fewer passing yards: at UCF, 2023 (145)
- Held Kent State to 100 or fewer passing yards: at Zips, 2021 (66)
- Held Kent State to 300 or fewer yards total offense: at UCF, 2023 (240)
- Held Kent State to 200 or fewer yards total offense: Wisconsin, 2019 (124)

Special Teams

- Returned a punt for a TD: Toledo, 2018 (Diontae Johnson - 83 yards)
- Returned a kicked punt for a TD: Miami, 2010 (Evan Harris - 18 yards)
- Returned a kickoff for a TD: CMU, 2015 (Jarrod Davis - 98 yards)
- Punted 10 or more times: Marshall, 2015 (12)
- Did not punt: Texas A&M, 2021
- Missed a kicking PAT: Eastern Michigan, 2020

Miscellaneous

- Had 30 or more 1st downs: at UCF, 2023 (32)
- Had 20 or more 1st downs: vs EMU, 2022 (26)
- Had 10 or more penalties: Bowling Green, 2020 (12)
- Had 100 or more yards in penalties: at Maryland (120)
- Had 35 min. or more of possession time: vs EMU, 2022 (39)
- Had one 100-yard receiver and one 100-yard rusher: vs. Ball St 2022 (Carson Steele (192 rushing), Jayshon Jackson (102 receiving))

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL

Rushing

- Rushed for 300 or more yards: Jaret Patterson, 2020 (409)
- Rushed for 200 or more yards: Lew Nichols at CMU, 2021 (215)
- Rushed for 150 or more yards: Carson Steele vs. Ball St 2022 (192)
- Rushed for 100 or more yards: Johnny Richardson at UCF 2023 (100)
- Rushed 40 or more times: Lew Nichols at CMU, 2021 (43)
- Rushed 30 or more times: Samson Evans vs EMU, 2022 (33)
- Rushed 25 or more times: Carson Steele vs. Ball St 2022 (29)
- Rushed for 5 or more TDs: Jaret Patterson, Buffalo, 2020 (8)
- Rushed for 4 or more TDs: Lew Nichols at CMU, 2021 (4)
- Rushed for 3 or more TDs: Rocky Lombardi , NIU, 2021 (3)
- Rushed for 2 or more TDs: Tyre Shelton at Miami, 2022 (2)
- Had a run of 80 yards or more: Josh Cleveland, Bowling Green, 2016 (85)
- Had a run of 70 yards or more: Brock Bowers, at Georgia, 2022 (75)
- Had a run of 60 yards or more: Devon Achane-Texas A&M, 2021 (63)
- Had a run of 50 yards or more: Sieh Bangura, vs. Ohio, 2022 (50)

Passing

- 500 or more yards: Rocky Lombardi NIU, 2021 (532)
- 400 or more yards: Brett Gabbert vs. Miami, 2021 (405)
- 300 or more yards: Taylor Powell, vs EMU, 2022 (315)
- Attempted 60 or more passes: Tyler Sheehan, Bowling Green, 2009 (63)
- Attempted 50 or more passes: Brett Gabbert vs. Miami, 2021 (51)
- Attempted 40 or more passes: Matt McDonald, at BG, 2022 (40)
- Completed 30 or more passes: Taylor Powell, vs EMU, 2022 (31)
- Completed 20 or more passes: John Rhys Plumlee, at UCF 2023 (22)
- Threw 5 or more TDs: Daequan Finn, at Toledo, 2022 (6)
- Threw 4 or more TDs: Michael Penix Jr. at Washington, 2022 (4)
- Threw 3 or more TDs: John Rhys Plumlee, at UCF 2023 (3)
- Completed a pass of 90 yards or more: Sean Clifford, Penn State, 2018 (95)
- Completed a pass of 80 yards or more: DJ Irons, vs Wheel, 2022 (80)
- Completed a pass of 70 yards or more: Aevon Smith, Miami, 2022 (71)
- Completed a pass of 60 yards or more: Kaleb Eleby at WMU, 2021 (68)
- Completed a pass of 50 yards or more: John Rhys Plumlee, at UCF 2023 (50)

Receiving

- Caught 10 or more passes: Jayshon Jackson Ball St 2022 (10)
- Caught 7 or more passes: Two Players, vs EMU, 2022 (7)
- Had 200 or more yards receiving: Trayvon Rudolph NIU, 2021 (309)
- Had 150 or more yards receiving: Alex Adams, vs Wheel, 2022 (199)
- Had 100 or more yards receiving: Jayshon Jackson Ball St 2022 (102)
- Caught 3 or more TD passes: Trayvon Rudolph NIU, 2021 (3)
- Caught 2 or more TD passes: Jerjuan Newton, at Toledo, 2022 (2)

Scoring

- Accounted for 5 or more TDs: Daequan Finn, at Toledo, 2022 (7, 6 pass, 1 rush)
- Accounted for 3 or more TDs: Lew Nichols at CMU, 2021 (4)

Defense

- Intercepted 3 or more passes: Janssen Patton, Bowling Green, 2000 (3)
- Intercepted 2 or more passes: Asa Turner, at UW, 2022 (2)
- Recorded 3 or more sacks: Zack Baun, Wisconsin, 2019 (3.0)
- Recorded 2 or more sacks: Jamon Johnson, at Georgia, 2022

Special Teams

- Kicked 4 or more field goals: Nate Freese, Boston College, 2010 (4)
- Kicked a field goal 50 or more yards: Nate Needham, BG, 2021 (52)
- Kicked a punt 70 or more yards: Michael Turk, Arizona State, 2019 (77)
- Kicked a punt 65 or more yards: Michael Turk, Arizona State, 2019 (77)
- Kicked a punt 60 or more yards: Torey Taylor, Iowa, 2021 (60)
- Punted 10 or more times: Tyler Williams, Marshall, 2015 (12)
- Totalled 175 or more kick return yards: Jarrod Davis, Central Michigan, 2017 (206)
- Totalled 100 or more kick return yards: Jarrod Davis, Central Michigan, 2017 (206)

LONGEST PLAYS

Longest Run From Scrimmage

- 99*# Lou Mariano vs. Western Reserve 10/1/54
- 96* Larry Blackman vs. Toledo 11/17/73
- 93* Tim Starks vs. Northern Illinois 9/24/83

Longest Pass Play

- 98*# Jose Davis to Eugene Baker vs. UCF 10/4/97
- 97* Joshua Cribbs to Najah Pruden vs. Marshall 10/11/03
- 85* Spencer Keith to Matt Hurdle vs. Central Michigan 11/4/11

Longest Kickoff Return

- 100*# Dri Archer vs. Northern Illinois 10/5/13
- 100*# Norman Warren vs. Eastern Kentucky 9/18/79
- 99* Dri Archer vs. Ball State 9/29/12
- 98* Dri Archer vs. Eastern Michigan 10/6/12
- 98* Dri Archer vs. Towson 8/30/12
- 98* Derrick Samuels vs. Northern Illinois 9/18/82
- 98* Orin Richburg vs. Buffalo 9/16/67

Longest Punt Return

- 87* Gerald Tinker vs. Toledo 11/17/73
- 86* Fred Gissendaner vs. Bowling Green 10/23/65
- 80* Dan Watkins vs. Akron 10/26/74

Longest Interception Return

- 99* Jack Williams at Iowa 9/4/04
- 97* Jay Littlepage vs. Marietta 1933
- 80* Alonzo Curry vs. Miami 11/11/72
- 75* Shawn Armstead vs. Buffalo 10/26/02

Longest Punt

- 99 Charles Kilbourne vs. John Carroll 1929
- 80 Matt Rinehart vs. W Michigan 10/31/09
- 77 Derek Adams vs. Akron 10/20/18
- 77 Jim Pospinka vs. Ball State 9/24/77
- 76 Derek Adams vs. Ball State.....11/23/19
- 76 Jack Mancos vs. Morris Harvey 10/20/51

Longest Field Goal

- 52 Nate Reed vs. Central Michigan 10/27/07
- 51 Paul Marchese vs. Bowling Green 10/15/77
- 50 Andrew Glass vs. Ohio 10/1/22
- 50 Joe Romano vs. Navy 11/22/97
- 49 Matthew Trickett vs. Ohio 10/6/18
- 49 Freddy Cortez vs. Eastern Michigan 11/19/11
- 49 Dave Pavich vs. Northern Illinois 10/13/01
- 49 Dave Pavich vs. Central Michigan 10/7/00
- 49 Joe Romano vs. Bowling Green 11/1/97
- 49 John Manson vs. Eastern Michigan 9/28/74

* Touchdown play / # MAC record / \$ NCAA Record

LARGEST HOME CROWDS

No.	Attend	Opponent	Date
1.	27,363	Miami	Nov. 10, 1973
2.	25,186	Akron	Sept. 23, 2004
3.	25,137	Bowling Green	Oct. 13, 1973
4.	24,221	Akron	Oct. 9, 2010
5.	23,158	Youngstown State	Sept. 14, 1996
6.	23,102	Miami	Oct. 2, 1982
7.	23,064	Akron	Sept. 10, 1988
8.	22,758	Bowling Green	Sept. 7, 2013
9.	22,645	Ball State	Oct. 8, 1988
10.	22,013	Akron	Sept. 30, 2006

KENT STATE OVERTIME GAMES

10/7/00	at Central Michigan	W, 24-21 (2ot)
11/4/00	at Buffalo	L, 17-20
10/18/03	Connecticut	L, 31-34
9/9/06	at Army	L, 14-17
11/24/07	Buffalo	L, 23-30
10/4/08	Akron	L, 27-30 (2ot)
11/30/12	vs. Northern Illinois	L, 37-44 (2ot)
9/26/15	Marshall	L, 29-36 (2ot)
9/10/16	North Carolina A&T	L, 36-33 (4ot)
10/20/18	Akron	L, 23-24
9/7/19	Kennesaw State	W, 26-23
11/27/21	Miami	W, 48-47
10/1/22	Ohio	W, 31-24
11/26/22	at Buffalo	W, 30-27



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Career Highs at Kent State

#18 Mike Alaimo

Attempts: 31, at UCF 2023
Completions: 12, at UCF 2023
Yards: 140 at UCF 2023
TDs:
Long: 36, at UCF 2023
Rushes: 7 at UCF 2023
Yards: 35 at UCF 2023
Long: 23 at UCF 2023

#20 Josh Baka

Total Tackles:3 at Oklahoma, 2022
Solo Tackles: 1 at Oklahoma, 2022

#10 Tyler Baylor

Total Tackles:1 at UCF, 2023
Solo Tackles: 1 at UCF, 2023

#14 Oliver Billotte

Total Tackles:2, at BG 2022
Tackles for loss: 1, at BG 2022

#1 Capone Blue

Total Tackles:5 at UCF 2023
Solo Tackles: 4 at Washington, 2022

#28 Alex Branch

Total Tackles:7 vs Ball St 2022
Pass break ups: 1 vs. LIU, 2022

#15 Dallas Craddieth

Solo Tackles: 2, at UCF, 2023
Total Tackles: 2, at Georgia, 2022

#6 Stephen Daley

Solo Tackles: 2, at Georgia, 2022
Total Tackles: 2, at Georgia, 2022
Fumble Recoveries: 1, at UCF, 2023

#24 Curtis Douglas

Carries: 2 at UCF, 2023
Yards: 14, at UCF, 2023
Long: 12, at UCF, 2023

#61 Charlie Durkin

Punts: 1, at UCF, 2023

Long: 43, at UCF, 2023

#43 Chase Fortkamp

Total Tackles: 2, vs LIU, 2022

#21 Gavin Garcia

Carries: 18 at UCF, 2023
Yards: 82, vs. LIU, 2022
Long: 32, vs. LIU, 2022
Touchdowns: 1 vs. LIU, 2022
Returns: 2 at Washington, 2022
Long Return: 52, at Washington, 2022

#24 Nick Giacalone

Solo Tackles: 3, at UCF, 2023
Total Tackles: 4, at UCF, 2023
Interceptions: 1 at UCF, 2023

#60 Andrew Glass

Field Goals Made: 3 twice, recent: at Georgia, 2022
Long: 50 vs Ohio, 2022
Extra Points Made 8 vs VMI (9/11/21)

#7 Matt Harmon

Solo Tackles: 4, vs VMI (9/11/21)
Total Tackles: 4 at Iowa, Sept 18, 2021
Fumble Recovery: 1 at Iowa, Sept 18, 2021
Sacks: 1 vs Buffalo, 2021
Interceptions: 1 vs Buffalo, 2021

#37 CJ Harris

Solo Tackles: 4, at Georgia, 2022
Total Tackles: 6, at Miami, 2022
Interceptions: 1 at BG 2022

#11 Trell Harris

Catches: 4, vs Ball St 2022
Yards 53 vs Ball St 2022
Touchdowns: 1, vs LIU, 2022

#8 Khalib Johns

Solo Tackles: 6 at UCF
Total Tackles: 10 vs. Akron (Nov. 17, 2020)
Tackles for Loss: 3 vs. LIU, 2022
Interceptions: 1, @ Texas A&M, Sept 4, 2021
Sacks: 2, at Oklahoma, 2022

#15 Devin Kargman

Attempts: 25 vs Wheel, 2022
Completions: 14, vs Wheel, 2022
Yards: 213 vs Wheel, 2022
Touchdowns: 2 vs Wheel, 2022

#22 Chrishon McCray

Catches: 3, at UCF, 2023
Yards 61 at UCF, 2023
Long: 37 at UCF, 2023

#3 DJ Miller

Solo Tackles: 8 vs Wheel, 2022
Total Tackles: 10 vs EMU, 2022
Pass break-ups: 2 at Oklahoma, 2022
Interceptions: 1 at UCF, 2023

#44 Rocco Nicholl

Solo Tackles: 2 at Toledo, 2022
Total Tackles: 3 at Toledo, 2022

#33 Devin Nicholson

Solo Tackles: 11 at UCF, 2023
Total Tackles: 13 at UCF, 2023

#45 Khali Saunders

Solo Tackles: 4 at Miami, 2022
Total Tackles: 12 vs EMU, 2022
Tackles for Loss: 1.5 at BG, 2022

#27 Bryce Sheppard

Solo Tackles: 6 vs Ohio, 2022
Total Tackles: 8 vs Ohio, 2022

#96 Josh Smith

Punts: 8 vs EMU, 2022
Long: 57 @ Texas A&M, Sept 4, 2021
Inside 20: 4 @ Texas A&M, Sept 4, 2021

#14 Tommy Ulatowski

Attempts: 11, at Buffalo, 2022
Completions: 6, at Buffalo, 2022
Yards: 102 at Buffalo, 2022
TDs: 1 at Buffalo, 2022

#5 CJ West

Pass break-up 1: vs VMI, (9/11/21)
Solo: 3 at Ohio 10/23/21
Total Tackles: 6 at Ohio 10/23/21
Sacks: 3.0 at Zips, 2021
Tackles for Loss: 3.0 at Zips, 2021

#29 Jalani Williams

Solo: 4 at UCF, 2023
Total Tackles: 5 at UCF, 2023

#11 Marcus Winfield

Solo: 1 at UCF, 2023
QB Hurries: 1 at UCF, 2023



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MAC Information

2022 Standings

East	MAC	Overall
Ohio	7-1	10-4
Bowling Green	5-3	6-7
Buffalo	5-3	7-6
Miami	4-4	6-7
Kent State	4-4	5-7
Akron	1-7	2-10

West	MAC	Overall
Toledo	5-3	9-5
Eastern Michigan	5-3	9-4
Western Michigan	4-4	5-7
Ball State	3-5	5-7
Central Michigan	3-5	4-8
Northern Illinois	2-6	3-9

MACTION THIS WEEK

Saturday, September 9

Ball State at #1 Georgia	Noon
New Hampshire at Central Michigan	1:30 PM
Eastern Illinois at Bowling Green	2 PM
Western Michigan at Syracuse	3:30 PM
Miami at UMASS	3:30 PM
Southern Illinois at Northern Illinois	3:30 PM
Texas Southern at Toledo	3:30 PM
Kent State at Arkansas	4 PM
Ohio at Florida Atlantic	6 PM
Morgan State at Akron	6 PM
Fordham at Buffalo	6PM
Eastern Michigan at Minnesota	7:30 PM

Kent State Players of the Week

Kent State Player Starts

Player	2023 Starts	Consecutive Starts	Career Starts
Mike Alaimo	1	1	1
Oliver Billotte	1	1	1
Capone Blue	1	1	5
Alex Branch	0	0	2
Mattheus Carroll	1	1	1
Jack Coulson	1	1	1
Stephen Daley	1	1	1
Treymon Echols	1	1	1
Luke Floriea	1	1	1
Gavin Garcia	1	1	1
Cam Golden	1	1	1
Matt Harmon	0	0	11
CJ Harris	1	5	8
Trell Harris	0	0	2
Justin Holmes	1	2	2
Khalib Johns	1	0	8
Devin Kargman	0	0	1
Elijah Lamptey	0	0	1
DJ Miller	1	10	10
Dustyn Morrell	1	1	1
Rocco Nicholl	0	0	1
Devin Nicholson	1	1	1
Jimto Obigdewu	1	1	1
Andrew Page	1	1	1
Nolan Rumler	1	1	1
Khali Saunders	0	0	6
Shane Slattery	0	0	1
Bryce Sheppert	1	1	2
CJ West	1	4	23
Jalani Williams	1	1	1
Xavier Williams	0	0	1



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DOWNSTAIRS



HC **KENNI BURNS**
Head Coach



DC **DAVE DUGGAN**
Def. Coordinator | LB



AC **COLIN FERRELL**
Assistant Head Coach | D-Line



ST **KODY MORGAN**
Special Teams | Safties



WR **NICK FAUS**
Wide Receivers



OL **MATT LIMEGROVER**
Co-OC | O-Line

UPSTAIRS



OC **MATT JOHNSON**
Off. Coordinator | QBs



CB **CJ COX**
Cornerbacks | Passing Game



RB **MARK WATSON**
Running Backs | Recruiting



TE **MARK CARNEY**
Tight Ends | Slot WRs



RE **CJ ROBBINS**
Rush Ends/Recruiting