



Mizzou FOOTBALL

Midweek Edition Notes

2003

COACHING STAFF

GARY PINKEL _____ Head Coach
Kent, '75 _____ 3rd Year at MU

DAVE CHRISTENSEN ★ _____ Asst. HC/Off. Coord./Off. Line
Western Washington, '85 _____ 3rd Year at MU

MATT EBERFLUS ★ _____ Def. Coord./Secondary
Toledo, '93 _____ 3rd Year at MU

CORNELL FORD _____ Outside Safeties
Toledo, '91 _____ 3rd Year at MU

ANDY HILL _____ Wide Receivers
Missouri, '85 _____ 8th Year at MU

BRIAN JONES _____ Running Backs
Connecticut, '81 _____ 3rd Year at MU

CRAIG KULIGOWSKI ★ _____ Def. Line
Toledo, '91 _____ 3rd Year at MU

DAVE STECKEL _____ Linebackers
Kutztown, '82 _____ 3rd Year at MU

BRUCE WALKER _____ Tight Ends/Asst. Off. Line
Central Washington, '83 _____ 3rd Year at MU

DAVID YOST ★ _____ Quarterbacks/Recruiting Coord.
Kent, '92 _____ 3rd Year at MU

★ — Gameday Location in Pressbox

TIGER NEWS & NOTES

#10/7 Nebraska Cornhuskers (5-0, 1-0) at Missouri Tigers (4-1, 0-1)

October 11, 2003 — Columbia, Mo.

KICKOFF: 6:00 p.m. (central time).

STADIUM: Faurot Field/Memorial Stadium (68,349 — FieldTurf surface). Opened in 1927. MU is 212-158-20 there alltime, including 2-0 this season.

RADIO: Tiger Network (Mike Kelly, play-by-play/John Kadlec, color). Carried on 55 stations statewide, and on the Internet at www.mutigers.com.

TV: Superstation TBS. Ron Thulin (play-by-play), Charles Davis (color analyst), Craig Sager (sidelines), Erin Andrews (sidelines), Jay Hoover (producer), Lonnie Dale (director).
POSTGAME HIGHLIGHT FEED: None.

RANKINGS (AP/ESPN-USA): NU – 10th/7th; MU – Receiving votes in both polls.
SERIES: NU leads, 61-32-3, and has won 24 straight dating back to MU's last win in 1978.
COACHES:

Mizzou: Gary Pinkel (Kent, '75), 13-15 at MU (3rd year) and 86-52-3 overall (13th year). Pinkel is 0-2 against Nebraska and Frank Solich.

Nebraska: Frank Solich (Nebraska, '66), 54-16 at NU (6th year) and overall. Solich is 5-0 against Missouri and Gary Pinkel.

TIGERS HOST 10TH-RANKED HUSKERS AT SOLD-OUT FAUROT FIELD

The University of Missouri (4-1 overall, 0-1 in Big 12 Conference play) returns to action this Saturday when they play host to the 10th-ranked Nebraska Cornhuskers (5-0, 1-0) in a game that will be shown to a national cable television audience on Superstation TBS at 6 p.m. The game was announced as a sell-out last week, with a capacity crowd of 68,349 expected to be on hand.

Mizzou is looking to rebound from its first defeat of the 2003 season, and had last weekend off after falling by a 35-14 count on Sept. 27th at Kansas. The Tigers held a 14-13 lead after three quarters, but fell victim to a 22-point KU blitz in the fourth period.

Nebraska, which has won 24 straight games over Mizzou since MU's last win in 1978, is steadily climbing up the national rankings, and is coming off a solid 30-0 shutout win at home last weekend over Troy State. The Huskers boast the nation's top overall defensive unit, ranking 1st nationally in total defense (218.60 ypg) and pass efficiency defense (79.60 rating), while they also rank 2nd nationally in scoring defense (7.60 ppg) and turnover margin (+1.80 pg).

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2003 TIGER SCHEDULE & RESULTS

▲ — Homecoming

Date	MU Rank	Opponent (AP/Coaches' Rank)	TV	Time/Result	Series Standing	Quick Facts
Aug. 30	RV/RV	vs. Illinois (—/RV)	ABC	W, 22-15	MU, 13-7	Brad Smith leads 13-play, 78-yard winning 4th quarter TD drive
Sept. 6	RV/RV	at Ball State	none	W, 35-7	MU, 2-0	Tigers outrush BSU 290-41 en route to 461-244 edge in total yds.
Sept. 13	RV/RV	Eastern Illinois	none	W, 37-0	MU, 1-0	MU gets 1st shutout since 1998; Gains 509 yds. of total offense
Sept. 20	23/RV	Middle Tennessee State	none	W, 41-40 (OT)	MU, 1-0	Tigers overcome late 8-pt. deficit to win NCAA record 6th-OT game
Sept. 27	23/23	at Kansas	Fox	L, 35-14	MU, 52-51-9	Tigers led 14-13 after 3 quarters, but KU erupts for 22 pts. in 4th
Oct. 11	RV/RV	Nebraska (10/7)	TBS	6 p.m.	NU, 61-32-3	Last MU win over NU in Columbia was 1973
Oct. 18	—/—	at Oklahoma (1/1)	tba	tba	OU, 61-23-5	MU's last win in Norman came in 1966
Oct. 25	—/—	▲ Texas Tech (RV/RV)	tba	tba	Tied, 2-2	Sheryl Crow returns to Columbia as Grand Marshall for Homecoming
Nov. 8	—/—	at Colorado	tba	tba	MU, 35-29-3	MU erased 27-7 3rd-quarter deficit before falling last year in OT
Nov. 15	—/—	Texas A&M	tba	tba	A&M, 6-1	MU got 1st-ever win over A&M last year in 2-OT thriller in C. Station
Nov. 22	—/—	at Kansas State (22/21)	tba	tba	MU, 56-27-5	KSU has won 10 straight since MU's last win in 1992
Nov. 29	—/—	Iowa State	ABC	12 p.m.	MU, 53-33-9	Game originally scheduled for Nov. 1 moved for TV guarantee

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MEDIA SCHEDULE

AVAILABILITY OVERVIEW

Head Coach Gary Pinkel

- Monday, 10:40-10:50 a.m.
- Monday, 3:30-4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday & Wednesday, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
- Postgame on Saturdays

Tiger Assistant Coaches

- Monday, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- Postgame on Saturdays

Tiger Players

- Monday, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- Postgame on Saturdays

SUNDAYS

- Updated MU game notes and stats are generally available by 7 p.m. To be included on the e-mail list (PDF version), please e-mail Chad Moller at the above address.
- Media player/coach interview requests for Monday media day must be submitted to Chad Moller (by phone/fax/e-mail) by NO LATER than 3 p.m.

MONDAYS

- Coach Gary Pinkel is available on the weekly Big 12 Conference Call, from 10:40 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. Call 913/981-5507 to participate.
- A weekly press briefing is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. with Coach Gary Pinkel in the Al Onofrio Team Meeting Room at the Taylor complex located on the southwest corner of the Stadium Boulevard and Providence Road intersection. Requested players and assistant coaches will be available in the lobby area outside of the football offices following Coach Pinkel's briefing, from 4-5 p.m.

TUESDAYS

- Coach Gary Pinkel is available for telephone interviews, by appointment, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Appointments must be made in advance through Chad Moller the day prior.
- Practice is open to the media, and runs approximately from 3:30-6 p.m. Cameras are allowed from 3:30-4:30 p.m., and all media must stay behind the painted red line, for the safety of everyone.

WEDNESDAYS

- Coach Gary Pinkel is available for telephone interviews, by appointment, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Appointments must be made in advance through Chad Moller the day prior.

SATURDAY IS BLACK OUT NIGHT AT FAUROT

Tiger fans are encouraged to wear as much black as they can stand Saturday for the Nebraska game, as the contest has been designated as the annual "Black Out" game.

The goal of the once-a-year promotion, which began several years ago, is to have as many people as possible wearing black, and the Athletic Department has printed special shirts commemorating the game. Shirts are available at the Tiger Team Store for a very reasonable price.

In a similar vein, the Homecoming game on Oct. 25th vs. Texas Tech has been designated as the annual "Gold Rush" game, where fans are encouraged to wear gold. Souvenir shirts in that color are also available at the Tiger Team Store, as well as on the official MU web site at www.mutigers.com.

MU-NU SERIES HISTORY

Missouri and Nebraska will meet for the 97th time when they tussle Saturday evening in Columbia. The Cornhuskers hold a commanding 61-32-3 lead in the alltime series, thanks in large part to a 24-game winning streak they hold over Mizzou heading into the ballgame.

Mizzou's last win in the series was 25 years ago in Lincoln – a 35-31 win over the #2-ranked Huskers just one week after Nebraska had knocked off previously unbeaten and top-ranked Oklahoma by a 17-14 score in Lincoln.

A fact of dubious distinction shows that the last time MU defeated Nebraska (on Nov. 18, 1978), no current Tiger player was yet alive. The oldest Tiger, senior center Scott Sells, was born just over a year later, on Nov. 26, 1979.

You have to go back even farther to find the last time Mizzou beat Nebraska in Columbia. That came 30 years ago, in 1973, when the 12th-ranked Tigers pulled a 13-12 upset over #2-ranked Nebraska, on Oct. 13, 1973.

Prior to Nebraska's recent dominance, the Mizzou-Nebraska series was a hotly-contested rivalry, as the Huskers led by a slim 37-32-3 count after MU's win in 1978.

A FEW CLOSE CALLS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS

While Nebraska has certainly dominated the series in recent years, there have been quite a few games that could have gone either way, as 8 of the games in Nebraska's current 24-game winning streak have been decided by 10 points or less.

Most notable would be the 1997 game that Nebraska ended up winning 45-38 in overtime – a game that will forever be known at MU as the "flea-kicker game."

Top-ranked Nebraska trailed by 7 points and faced a 3rd-and-10 from the MU 12 with just 7 seconds left in the game. Nebraska QB Scott Frost threw into the endzone, and the ball ricocheted

TALE OF THE TAPE

(*NCAA Ranking in Parenthesis*)

MIZZOU		NEBRASKA
375.40 (63)	Total Offense	351.80 (78)
212.40 (13)	Rushing Offense	241.00 (6)
10	TDs Rushing	11
163.00 (104)	Passing Offense	110.80 (114)
9	TDs Passing	3
29.80 (37)	Scoring Offense	26.80 (56)
335.40 (44)	Total Defense	218.60 (1)
127.80 (42)	Rushing Defense	72.80 (10)
8	TDs Allowed Rushing	2
207.60 (56)	Passing Defense	145.80 (7)
4	TDs Allowed Passing	3
19.40 (35)	Scoring Defense	7.60 (2)
+0.80 (29)	Turnover Margin	+1.80 (2)
5-2	Fumbles/Lost	15-6
0	Interceptions Thrown	4
19.37 (80)	Kickoff Return Average	25.80 (15)
13.07 (20)	Punt Return Average	10.77 (39)
32.12 (105)	Net Punting Average	38.65 (27)
13	Sacks By	13
5	Sacks Allowed	5
27:48	Avg. Time of Possession	34:26
39.7%	3rd Down Conversions	38.5%
72.7%	4th Down Conversions	62.5%

SERIES HISTORY

VS. NEBRASKA

(NU Leads, 61-32-3)

LAST 20 GAMES

1983	L, 34-13	at Columbia
1984	L, 33-23	at Lincoln
1985	L, 28-20	at Columbia
1986	L, 48-17	at Lincoln
1987	L, 42-7	at Columbia
1988	L, 26-18	at Lincoln
1989	L, 50-7	at Columbia
1990	L, 69-21	at Lincoln
1991	L, 63-6	at Lincoln
1992	L, 34-24	at Columbia
1993	L, 49-7	at Lincoln
1994	L, 42-7	at Columbia
1995	L, 57-0	at Lincoln

First Year of Big 12 Conference

1996	L, 51-7	at Lincoln
1997	L, 45-38 (OT)	at Columbia
1998	L, 20-13	at Lincoln
1999	L, 40-10	at Columbia
2000	L, 42-24	at Lincoln
2001	L, 36-3	at Columbia
2002	L, 24-13	at Lincoln

at Columbia: NU leads, 27-16-2

at MU's Memorial Stadium: NU leads, 21-15-1

As part of Big 12 Conf.: NU leads, 7-0

TIGER ROSTER & QUICK FACTS/NOTES

PROBABLE OFFENSIVE STARTERS

Pos.	No.	Tiger	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	Note(s)
QB	16	Brad Smith*	6-2	205	So.	Youngstown, Ohio	Ranks 5th on MU career total offense chart, w/4,453 yards
TB	38	Zack Abron***	5-9	225	Sr.	Lake St. Louis, Mo.	Avg. 125.0 yards in last 2 games (138 vs. MTSU/112 at Kansas)
XWR	3	Darius Outlaw***	6-3	185	Sr.	Powder Springs, Ga.	Leads team with 4 receiving TDs this year
H-WR	87	Thomson Omboga**	6-2	189	Jr.	Grand Prairie, Texas	Leading receiver for MU, w/21 catches for 216 yards
ZWR	12	Sean Coffey*	6-5	224	So.	East Cleveland, Ohio	6 of 7 catches on the season have come in MU's last 3 games
TE	84	Victor Sesay	6-6	255	Jr.	Silver Spring, Md.	JUCO transfer ranks 4th on team w/10 catches
WT	76	Rob Droege***	6-6	300	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo.	Pre-Season Lombardi and Outland Candidate
WG	52	Tony Palmer*	6-2	303	So.	Midwest City, Okla.	Started last 3 games; Started 9 games last year
C	70	A.J. Ricker***	6-4	295	Sr.	Klein, Texas	Rimington candidate has started 39 straight games at center
SG	57	Joe Gianino*	6-3	300	Jr.	Eureka, Mo.	Started 7 games in 2002; added 15 pounds in the offseason
ST	78	Scott Paffrath*	6-5	290	Jr.	Trabuco Canyon, Calif.	Will make 18th straight start at tackle dating back to 2002 season

KEY OFFENSIVE RESERVES

H-WR	1	Marcus James***	5-8	174	Sr.	Liberal, Kan.	All 3 receptions have come in last 3 games
TB	2	Damien Nash	5-11	210	So.	St. Louis, Mo.	Has averaged 6.4 rushing attempts per game
TB	43	Tyrone Roberson**	5-10	190	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo.	Carried 3 times for 40 yards vs. E. Illinois; Had 31-yarder in 4th quarter
WG	58	Cliff Young**	6-2	300	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo.	Has started 4 games in 2003 after starting 8 games in 2002
TE	89	J.D. McCoy***	6-1	258	Sr.	Moore, Okla.	Missed KU game w/injury
TE	98	Clint Matthews*	6-3	230	Jr.	Ozark, Mo.	Had career-best 2 catches for 11 yds. at Ball State

PROBABLE DEFENSIVE STARTERS

Pos.	No.	Tiger	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	Note(s)
DE	39	Brian Smith	6-3	220	RS-Fr.	Denton, Texas	1st in NCAA in sacks & 12th in NCAA in forced fumbles through Sept. 27
DT	97	Atiyyah Ellison*	6-4	290	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo.	Tied career high w/7 tackles vs. Kansas, incl. career-best 2.5 TFLs
DT	99	C.J. Mosley*	6-3	289	So.	Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.	Leads MU & ranks 22nd in NCAA in tackles for loss (1.70 pg)
DE	96	Zach Ville	6-2	272	Jr.	Miami, Fla.	Recovered a fumble, had 1 sack and added 5 tackles vs. E. Illinois
LB	21	Brandon Barnes**	6-3	230	Sr.	Sikeston, Mo.	Ranks 2nd on team w/56 tackles; Had career-best 12 vs. E. Illinois
LB	24	James Kinney**	6-1	233	Jr.	Kankakee, Ill.	Butkus Award nominee ranks 11th in NCAA in tackles (12.4 pg)
WH	6	Jason Simpson*	6-0	198	So.	The Woodlands, Texas	Averaging 11.5 tackles per game in last 2 outings
RV	33	Dedrick Harrington	6-3	223	RS-Fr.	Mexico, Mo.	Has 4 TFLs in last 3 games; Ranks 5th on team w/32 tackles for year
FS	22	Nino Williams II	6-1	200	Jr.	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Ranks 3rd in tackles (43); Had career-high 13 stops vs. MTSU
CB	17	Calvin Washington*	6-0	192	So.	Lancaster, Texas	Had 9 tackles vs. MTSU & set career high w/2 PBUs in the game
CB	26	Michael Harden***	5-11	195	Sr.	Kansas City, Mo.	Leads MU & ranks 30th in NCAA w/7 pass break ups

KEY DEFENSIVE RESERVES

FS	8	David Overstreet	6-0	195	RS-Fr.	Dallas, Texas	Converted QB had career-best 6 tackles vs. E. Illinois
ROV	15	Marcus Bacon	6-2	190	RS-Fr.	Houston, Texas	Started 1st career game in Week 3 vs. E. Illinois; Had 5 tackles vs. MTSU
CB	45	Shirdonya Mitchell**	6-0	181	Jr.	Arlington, Texas	Fastest Tiger (4.29 speed) moved to CB from WR in the spring
DL	73	Russ Bell*	6-2	300	Sr.	Jefferson City, Mo.	Had 2 sacks vs. MTSU; Started Week 2 vs. Ball St. & Week 5 at Kansas

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	No.	Tiger	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	Note(s)
PK	34	Michael Matheny*	6-2	195	Sr.	Columbia, Mo.	Won MTSU game w/36-yd. PAT in OT; Is 3-of-4 FGs, 16-of-18 PATs
PK	91	Alex Pettersen	6-4	205	RS-Fr.	Carrollton, Texas	Improved leg had him fighting for the starting spot to the last minute
P	13	Brock Harvey**	6-1	197	Jr.	Centertown, Mo.	Ranks 8th in Big 12 w/38.56 punting average
KR	45	Shirdonya Mitchell**	6-0	181	Jr.	Arlington, Texas	Had longest KOR (89 yds. at Texas Tech) for MU since 1982 last year
PR	1	Marcus James***	5-8	174	Sr.	Liberal, Kan.	Has averaged 19.5 yds per punt return in last 3 games

TIGER CAPTAINS

- #70 A.J. Ricker _____ Sr. Center
- #18 Terrence Curry _____ Sr. Defensive Back
- #24 James Kinney _____ Jr. Linebacker
- #16 Brad Smith _____ So. Quarterback

PRO-NUN-SEE-AAV-SHUN GUIDE

PLAYERS

- Zack ABRON _____ AY-brun
- FABIAN Bean _____ FAY-bee-on
- Howard BRISSETTE _____ brih-SET
- KENE CHUKWUJANU _____ kuh-NAY
- _____ CHEW-kwoo-awn-ooH
- Rob DROEGE _____ DRAY-g-ee (hard 'g')
- Brad EKWEREKWU _____ ECK-whir-eck-woo
- ATIYYAH Ellison _____ uh-TEE-uh
- Joe GIANINO _____ jee-uh-KNEE-no
- Todd GOHSLER _____ GO-slur
- Rusty GROTH _____ GROW-th
- Seth HARRELL _____ HAIR-uh-l
- DEDRICK Harrington _____ DEE-drick
- XZAVIE Jackson _____ ZAY-vee
- Tyler LUELLEN _____ loo-ELL-un
- Mike MATHENY _____ Muh-THEE-knee
- SHIRDONYA Mitchell _____ sure-DAWN-yuh
- Thomson OMBOGA _____ aahm-BOW-guh
- Scott PAFFRATH _____ PAFF-rath
- Alex PETERSEN _____ PET-ur-sun
- Marty RAAB _____ ROB
- Santino RICCIO _____ REECH-ee-o
- Tyrone ROBERSON _____ ROW-bur-sun
- Victor SESAY _____ SEE-say
- LARENO Seymour _____ luh-REE-know
- Adam SPIEKER _____ SPEAK-er
- Henry SWEAT _____ s-WET
- MAU UIAGALELEI _____ m-OW
- _____ EEW-EE-aah-guh-lay-lay
- Beau VIEHMANN _____ VEE-mun
- Zach VILLE _____ VILL
- MONTE Wyrick _____ mon-TAY

COACHES

- Matt EBERFLUS _____ EEE-bur-floos
- Craig KULIGOWSKI _____ KOOL-ih-gow-skee
- David YOST _____ YOE-st

off the chest of intended receiver Shevin Wiggins as MU's Julian Jones wrestled him to the ground. As the ball fluttered toward the ground and it appeared MU would finally break the Husker hex, Wiggins' left leg flew skyward in a bicycle kick motion that knocked the ball up and backwards over his head. Nebraska's WR Matt Davison came out of nowhere to make a diving catch just before the ball hit the ground for a touchdown that saved the game, and Nebraska's eventual national title. Nebraska tied the game with a PAT and eventually won in overtime to pull out a win in a game that was labeled an "Instant Classic" by ESPN Classic.

The next year, in 1998 in Lincoln, Missouri lost 20-13, but was throwing into the endzone on the final series of a game that could have gone either way. Last season in Lincoln, three of the games' first four scores went in Mizzou's favor, but the Tigers could muster only a 13-7 lead before Nebraska stormed back with 17 unanswered points to eventually win, 24-13.

LAST YEAR: NEBRASKA 24, MIZZOU 13

A stifling second half performance by the Nebraska defense paved the way for the Huskers' 24th straight win over Missouri, as Nebraska prevailed in a hard-fought game, 24-13 in Lincoln.

Mizzou came out of the gates strong, notching 3 of the game's first 4 scores, on a short TD run by Zack Abron and a pair of field goals by Mike Matheny. But the Tigers could only manage a 13-7 lead midway through the 2nd quarter, and after MU misfired on a crucial 4th and 2 deep in Nebraska territory, the Huskers marched 66 yards on 6 plays to take a 14-13 lead at halftime, and regained momentum.

The teams traded punts in the 3rd quarter, but Nebraska's DeJuan Groce provided a huge blow when he returned one 89 yards for a TD with 7:24 left in the quarter to stake the Huskers to a 21-13 lead. Mizzou would cross midfield only once the rest of the way.

The Tiger offense was held to a season-low 220 yards, including just 97 on the ground. Mizzou came into the game averaging 221 yards rushing and well over 400 yards of total offense per game.

It was truly a tale of two halves, as the Tigers moved the ball well in the opening two quarters. Mizzou compiled 192 yards of total offense in the first half, but could manage only 28 more in the final 30 minutes, on a total of only 23 plays.

WARREN POWERS REUNION

As noted, the last time that Mizzou defeated Nebraska was in 1978, when a former Husker player by the name of Warren Powers was MU's head man. Powers, along with at least 70 of his former Tiger players, are scheduled to be in attendance for this Saturday's game, in conjunction with a reunion put together by the MU Athletic Department.

The Warren Powers era reunion begins Friday evening with a reception and continues Saturday with a group get-together prior to the game. The group will also attend the MU-Nebraska game Saturday, and will be honored on the field during the first half.

Powers was MU's head coach from 1978-84, and is MU's 3rd-winningest coach of alltime, with a career record of 46-33-3 (.580) in his 7 years at the helm. Powers led MU to bowl games in

Third Down Efficiency

Team	3rd Down and													Total	Pct.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11-14	15-19	20+		
Mizzou	6-10	46	3-7	1-2	5-13	2-7	2-7	1-5	2-3	0-3	3-7	1-3	—	29-73	39.7
Opp.	7-9	5-7	3-3	4-10	2-3	3-7	3-4	5-11	1-6	5-6	1-8	0-7	1-1	40-81	49.4

Fourth Down Efficiency

Team	4th Down and													Total	Pct.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11-14	15-19	20+		
Mizzou	7-7	1-3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	8-11	72.7
Opp.	1-2	—	—	0-2	1-1	—	0-1	0-1	—	—	—	0-1	—	2-8	25.0



5 of his 7 seasons at MU.

As of Monday, some of the more prominent Tigers who are expected to attend include:

- Marlon Adler •Pete Allard •Bobby Bell •Brad Burditt
- James Caver •Van Darkow •Brad Edelman •Chris Garlich
- Andy Gibler •Conrad Goode •Mike Hyde •Jerome Sally

BRING ON THE NIGHT LIGHTS

Saturday will mark the 18th night game played at Faurot Field/Memorial Stadium when the Tigers and Huskers tangle. In the previous 17 night games, MU stands at 9-8 overall, including 2-3 under Head Coach Gary Pinkel.

Mizzou played 2 night games at Faurot Field last season, winning the 2002 home opener over Ball State by a 41-6 count, and later falling to 3rd-ranked Oklahoma in a 31-24 thriller.

The biggest crowd at Faurot for a night game came against Nebraska in 1999, when 68,174 fans saw the Huskers post a 40-10 win. Here's a quick look at MU's night game history at Faurot:

Opponent – Year	Result	Attendance	Notes
Oklahoma – 2002	L, 31-24	60,578	–
Ball State – 2002	W, 41-6	49,262	Opener
Southwest Texas – 2001	W, 40-6	51,689	–
Bowling Green – 2001	L, 20-13	51,039	Opener
Michigan State – 2000	L, 13-10	55,289	–
Western Illinois – 2000	W, 50-20	53,224	Opener
Iowa State – 1999	L, 24-21	61,052	Homecoming
Nebraska – 1999	L, 40-10	68,174	Sellout
Western Michigan – 1999	W, 48-34	60,206	–
UAB – 1999	W, 31-28	50,356	Opener
Bowling Green – 1998	W, 37-0	48,971	Opener
Eastern Michigan – 1997	W, 44-24	52,514	Opener
Clemson – 1996	W, 38-24	39,128	–
Memphis – 1996	L, 19-16	41,543	Opener
North Texas – 1995	W, 28-7	47,214	Opener
Tulsa – 1994	L, 20-17	55,263	Opener
Colorado – 1992	L, 6-0	37,183	First Ever Night Game at Faurot

TIGERS LEAD NATION IN TWO STATISTICAL CATEGORIES

A search of the latest NCAA statistics shows that MU leads the nation in two categories that relate to turnovers.

In the turnovers lost category, MU leads the nation, with just 2 turnovers committed (both came in the form of lost fumbles in MU's 37-0 win over Eastern Illinois on Sept. 13th). Last season, MU set a school record by committing just 12 turnovers in 12 games.

Additionally, MU is tied for the nation's lead in the passes had intercepted category, with zero. Only MU, Syracuse and Texas have yet to throw an interception in 2003. Four other teams have thrown just one INT thus far (Boise State, Buffalo, Purdue and Houston).

Mizzou is also tied for 9th nationally with only 2 fumbles lost through 5 games. Oklahoma leads the country as the only team to not lose a fumble entering this weekend.

Saturday will prove to be quite a test for the Tigers, as Nebraska brings the nation's top-ranked defense into the game – a squad that ranks 1st nationally in total defense (218.60 ypg) and pass efficiency defense (79.60 rating) and 2nd nationally in points allowed (7.60 pg) and turnover margin (+1.80 pg). Nebraska also ranks 7th in passing yardage allowed (145.80 ypg) coming in.

NCAA FEWEST TURNOVERS

School	TO Lost
1. MIZZOU	2
2. Tulsa	3
3. Oklahoma	4
Pittsburgh	4
Syracuse	4

MU STARTING EXPERIENCE

OFFENSE

LINEMEN	'99	'00	'01	'02	'03	Tot.
Ricker	RS	11	11	12	5	39
Droege	RS	0	8	12	5	25
Paffrath	—	RS	0	12	5	17
Palmer	—	—	RS	9	3	12
Young	RS	0	0	8	4	12
Gianino	—	RS	0	7	3	10

RECEIVERS *Started at Quarterback

Outlaw	DNP	7*	2*	9	5	23
James	—	0	7	6	1	14
Omboga	—	—	4	5	3	12
McCoy	—	1	0	5	4	10
Coffey	—	—	RS	3	5	8
Matthews	—	RS	0	0	1	1
Sesay	—	—	—	—	1	1

QUARTERBACKS

Smith	—	—	RS	12	5	17
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BACKS

Abron	RS	4	9	11	4	28
Nash	—	—	—	—	1	1

DEFENSE

LINEMEN	'99	'00	'01	'02	'03	Tot.
Ellison	—	—	—	9	4	13
Mosley	—	—	RS	5	4	9
Bell	—	—	—	7	2	9
Smith	—	—	—	RS	5	5
Ville	—	—	—	RS	5	5

LINEBACKERS ^Started at Receiver/*at Safety

Kinney	—	RS	3	11	5	19
Barnes	RS	1^	0	5*	5	11
Sweat	—	RS	0	1	0	1

SECONDARY ^Started at Receiver

Harden	—	1	4	11	5	21
Simpson	—	—	RS	9	4	13
King	—	RS	0	7	0	7
Harrington	—	—	—	RS	5	5
Washington	—	—	0	RS	5	5
Williams II	—	—	—	—	5	5
Kincade	—	—	RS	2	0	2
Mitchell	—	—	0	2^	0	2
Bacon	—	—	—	RS	1	1

TIGER STRENGTH AND SPEED LEADERS

Bench Press	Tony Palmer	453 lbs.
Squat	Howard Brown*	700 lbs.
Hang Clean	Russ Bell*	467 lbs.
40-yd. Dash	Shirdonya Mitchell	4.29 sec.
Vertical Jump	David Overstreet*	42"
225-lb. Reps	Tony Palmer	31 times
Broad Jump	Michael Harden	11' 0.75"
Chin Ups	Marcus King*	41
I-Test	Michael Harden*	3.67 sec.
Strength Index	Marcus James*	6.79

*Indicates the mark represents a Mizzou all-sport record.

MU BY THE NUMBERS

	2003	Under Pinkel
Home Games	20	7-7
Road Games	1-1	4-8
Neutral Games	1-0	2-0
vs. Big 12	0-1	5-12
vs. Big 12 North	0-1	2-9
vs. Big 12 South	0-0	3-3
vs. Non-Conference	4-0	8-3
vs. I-A Ranked Teams	0-0	0-7
vs. I-A Non-Ranked Teams	3-1	12-8
August	1-0	2-0
September	3-1	6-4
October	0-0	3-5
November	0-0	2-6
December	0-0	0-1
MU Rushes for 230 Yds.	20	9-1
MU Rushes for 229 or less	2-1	4-14
MU Ind. Rushes for 100 Yds.	2-1	10-5
Opp. Rushes for 150 Yds.	1-1	2-13
Opp. Rushes for 149 or less	3-0	11-2
Opp. Ind. Rushes for 100 Yds.	1-0	3-11
MU Outrushes Opp.	3-0	12-3
Opp. Outrushes MU	1-1	1-12
MU Passes for 200 Yds.	1-0	6-4
MU Passes for 199 or less	3-1	7-11
MU Ind. Passes for 300 Yds.	0-0	1-1
Opp. Passes for 200 Yds.	3-0	10-9
Opp. Passes for 199 or less	1-1	3-6
Opp. Ind. Passes for 300 Yds.	0-0	0-5
MU Has More Passing Yds.	1-0	6-5
Opp. Has More Passing Yds.	3-1	7-10
MU Has More Total Yds.	3-0	12-2
Opp. Has More Total Yds.	1-1	1-13
When Scoring First	1-0	7-5
Ahead at Half	4-0	10-0
Behind at Half	0-1	2-15
MU Wins Turnover Margin	2-1	9-6
Opp. Wins Turnover Margin	0-0	1-5
Same # of TOs	2-0	3-4
Make 0-1 TOs	3-1	7-11
Make 3 or More TOs	0-0	0-3
Score 10 or Fewer pts.	0-0	0-4
Score 11-19 pts.	0-1	0-5
Score 20-29 pts.	1-0	1-3
Score 30 or More pts.	3-1	12-3
Allow 10 pts. or Less	2-0	5-0
Allow 11-19 pts.	1-0	2-0
Allow 20-29 pts.	0-0	3-4
Allow 30 or More pts.	1-0	3-11
Overtime	1-0	3-1
Day Games	4-1	10-11
Night Games	0-0	3-4
On ABC	1-0	2-1
On Fox Sports Net	0-1	0-5
On TBS	0-0	0-0
GAMES DECIDED BY...		
3 pts. or Less	1-0	2-0
4-10 pts.	1-0	3-5
11 pts. or More	2-1	8-10

TIGERS AMONG NATION'S BEST IN TWO OTHER CATEGORIES

More good news for Tiger fans: Mizzou ranks among the top-10 schools in the country thus far in fewest penalties and average yard per rush. Here's a quick look...

NCAA FEWEST PENALTIES COMMITTED

Rank	School	Penalties	Yards
1	UAB	20	192
2	Penn State	22	143
<u>2</u>	<u>MIZZOU</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>205</u>

NCAA YARDS PER RUSH (OFFENSE)

Rank	School	Avg.
1	Oklahoma State	6.3
2	Syracuse	5.7
3	Virginia Tech	5.4
4	Minnesota	5.3
4	Navy	5.3
<u>6</u>	<u>MIZZOU</u>	<u>5.2</u>
6	Tulsa	5.2

SMITTY AMONG NATION'S LEADERS IN QB SACKS

Last season, it was a redshirt freshman by the name of Smith who made a huge impact on the Mizzou offense. That Smith, Brad, went on to win Big 12 Freshman of the Year honors after becoming only the 2nd player in NCAA Div. I-A history to throw for 2,000 yards and rush for 1,000 yards in a season.

This year, the Tigers are benefitting from yet another redshirt freshman by the name of Smith – defensive end Brian Smith. ‘Smitty,’ as he’s known among his teammates, is wreaking havoc on the defensive side of the ball in his first year of play for MU. Through 5 games, Smith has 6.5 quarterback sacks, a total which leads all of the NCAA through games of Sept. 27th.

Smith also leads the Tigers with 8 quarterback hurries and 3 forced fumbles, the latter number which ranks him 12th in the nation through games of Sept. 27th.

MORE TIGER DEFENDERS AMONG NATION'S LEADERS

Several other Tiger defenders rank among the nation’s leaders in various categories...

- Junior LB James Kinney is averaging 13.0 tackles per game, which ranks him 7th in the NCAA through games of Sept. 27th...

- Sophomore DL C.J. Mosley leads MU with 8.5 tackles per loss (for 24 yards in losses) through 5 games, a per-game average of 1.70 which ranks him 22nd nationally...

- Senior CB Michael Harden leads MU with 8 passes broken up, a per-game average of 1.60 which ranks him 30th among individuals nationally.

TIGERS RED HOT IN THE RED ZONE

When it reaches the opponents’ 25 yardline, Mizzou has been one of the most efficient teams in the Big 12 Conference in taking care of business, as the Tigers rank 3rd in the league heading into the Nebraska game in red zone efficiency.

Mizzou has scored on 20-of-22 trips inside the red zone, good for a success rate of 90.9%. That trails only Oklahoma State (1st – 95.2%) and Oklahoma (2nd – 91.3%) in the league rankings.

Of MU’s 20 red zone conversions, 17 of them (85%) have resulted in TDs (8 rush/9 pass). The 2 unsuccessful opportunities came on a missed field goal and a fumble in game 3 vs. Eastern Illinois.

On defense, despite a couple of rough games recently, the Tigers still rank 4th in the Big 12 in red zone defense, allowing 78.9% (15-of-19) success rate for opponents. MU has recovered 2 fumbles and twice stopped opponents on 4th down.

Saturday’s game against Nebraska looks to be an interesting matchup from a red zone standpoint, as the Huskers have allowed only 5 opponent drives to reach the red zone, a figure which leads the Big 12 Conference. Opponents have scored 4 TDs in those 5 opportunities thus far.

On offense, Nebraska uncharacteristically ranks 12th in the Big 12 in red zone offense, converting on 70.4% of its opportunities (19-of-27). Five of those missed chances have come on unsuccessful field goal tries, including two Saturday in NU’s 30-0 win over Troy State.



LAST TIME OUT: KANSAS 35, #23 MIZZOU 14

Mizzou fell from the ranks of the unbeaten in its last game, as the Tigers suffered a 35-14 loss at Kansas on Sept. 27th. MU entered the game having won its first 4 games and was ranked #23 in both national polls, but the Jayhawks showed they weren't intimidated from the start as they took a quick 6-0 lead after a long punt return set up a short score.

The Tigers responded with a long TD drive to take a 7-6 lead after QB Brad Smith scampered in from 4 yards out on a 4th-and-1 play, but the offense couldn't muster any other momentum, and MU trailed 13-7 at halftime.

Behind the running of TB Zack Abron, the Tigers charged into the lead right away in the 2nd half, thanks to a 13-play, 72-yard drive that put MU up 14-13 with 9:49 left in the 3rd quarter. Smith hit WR Darius Outlaw on a 9-yard scoring pass to account for the score, but it was the legs of Abron that carried MU to paydirt, as he ran 7 times for 52 yards, including back-to-back gains of 19 and 22 yards at one point.

Unfortunately for Tiger faithful, that drive marked the high point of the game. MU held a 14-13 lead heading into the 4th quarter, but KU closed the game with a dominant final 15 minutes that saw them score 22 unanswered points to pull away for the win. The Jayhawks scored on a short Clark Green run as the 4th quarter started to regain the lead, then held MU to just 35 total yards in its final 3 possessions as KU took advantage of a short field to pull away.

Mizzou was held to a season-low 192 yards of total offense on the day, and converted just 3-of-15 3rd-down attempts. Abron was the workhorse for the Tigers, as he carried 17 times for a game-high 112 rushing yards. KU's defense held Smith to a career-low 95 yards of total offense, as Smith managed just 62 yards passing and 33 yards rushing, after entering the game averaging 249.0 yards in MU's first 4 contests.

The Tiger defense allowed only 318 yards of total offense to the high-powered KU offensive attack (well below KU's average of 499.75 yards coming in), but MU couldn't stop Jayhawk drives when it needed to late in the game, as KU had 105 yards in the 4th quarter to pull away.

FIELD POSITION WAS KEY FACTOR IN KU DEFEAT

When you listen to most coaches talk about game factors each week, field position largely comes up as a common point of discussion. That certainly played a key role in MU's defeat last time out at Kansas, as the Jayhawks enjoyed a short field virtually all day long.

Kansas' average starting point on the day was their own 45 yardline, and the Jayhawks took possession 6 times on at least their own 45 or better, including 3 times inside MU territory (on the MU 14, 43 and 49).

Conversely, MU's average starting point on the day was its own 22 yardline, and the best starting position MU had all day long was its own 34. Five of MU's 10 possessions began inside its own 20 yardline.

TIGERS' REMAINING SCHEDULE RATED 17TH-TOUGHEST BY NCAA

Saturday begins a tough stretch in the schedule for Mizzou, as the Tigers' next 6 opponents have either been ranked or received votes at one point this season.

The challenge is stiff early on, as MU will take on top-10 teams in consecutive weeks, in 10th-ranked Nebraska followed by a road trip next week to top-ranked Oklahoma.

It doesn't necessarily get any easier after that as the Tigers host Texas Tech on Oct. 25th for Homecoming, as the Red Raiders are arguably the hottest team around with a juggernaut offensive attack that is leading the nation in total yardage.

In fact, according to NCAA figures, MU's remaining schedule rates as the 17th-toughest in the nation, as the final 7 foes have a combined winning percentage of .667 (24-12 overall).

MU INDIVIDUAL CAREER RECORDS

SCORING

1. Corby Jones	_____ '95-98	_____ 228
2. Jeff Jacke	_____ '88-92	_____ 225
3. Bob Steuber	_____ '40-42	_____ 222
4. Zack Abron	_____ '00-03	_____ 204
5. Tom Whelihan	_____ '84-87	_____ 191

TOUCHDOWNS

1. Corby Jones	_____ '95-98	_____ 38
2. Zack Abron	_____ '00-03	_____ 34
3. Bob Steuber	_____ '40-42	_____ 32
4. Brock Olivo	_____ '94-97	_____ 31
5. Devin West	_____ '95-98	_____ 29

RUSHING YARDAGE

1. Brock Olivo	_____ '94-97	_____ 3,026
2. Devin West	_____ '95-98	_____ 2,954
3. Darrell Wallace	_____ '84-87	_____ 2,607
4. Corby Jones	_____ '95-98	_____ 2,533
5. Zack Abron	_____ '00-03	_____ 2,523
6. James Wilder	_____ '78-80	_____ 2,357
7. Joe Moore	_____ '68-70	_____ 2,244

TOTAL OFFENSE

1. Jeff Handy	_____ '91-94	_____ 6,640
2. Phil Bradley	_____ '77-80	_____ 6,459
3. Corby Jones	_____ '95-98	_____ 6,230
4. Marlon Adler	_____ '82-85	_____ 5,965
5. Brad Smith	_____ '02-03	_____ 4,453
6. Kent Kiefer	_____ '89-90	_____ 4,169
7. Paul Christman	_____ '38-40	_____ 3,882

PASSING YARDAGE

1. Jeff Handy	_____ '91-94	_____ 6,959
2. Phil Bradley	_____ '77-80	_____ 5,352
3. Marlon Adler	_____ '82-85	_____ 5,231
4. Kent Kiefer	_____ '89-90	_____ 4,497
5. Corby Jones	_____ '95-98	_____ 3,697
6. Phil Johnson	_____ '90-92	_____ 3,600
7. Steve Pisarkiewicz	_____ '74-76	_____ 3,413
8. Brad Smith	_____ '02-03	_____ 3,037
9. Paul Christman	_____ '38-40	_____ 2,895
10. Kirk Farmer	_____ '99-02	_____ 2,812

PUNTING AVERAGE

1. Kyle Pooler	_____ '91-94	_____ 41.774
2. Vince Sebo	_____ '96-99	_____ 41.768
3. Tom Whelihan	_____ '84-87	_____ 41.321
4. Brock Harvey	_____ '01-03	_____ 40.653
5. Marlon Adler	_____ '82-85	_____ 40.566

BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS

NORTH DIVISION

Team	Big 12	Overall
Nebraska	1-0	5-0
Kansas	1-0	4-1
MISSOURI	0-1	4-1
Kansas State	0-1	4-2
Colorado	0-1	2-3
Iowa State	0-1	2-3

SOUTH DIVISION

Team	Big 12	Overall
Oklahoma	1-0	5-0
Texas Tech	1-0	4-1
Texas	1-0	4-1
Baylor	1-0	3-2
Oklahoma State	0-1	4-1
Texas A&M	0-1	2-3

Last Week's Results – Sat., Oct. 4th

- at Nebraska 30, Troy State 0
- at Texas 24, Kansas State 20
- Oklahoma 53, at Iowa State 7
- at Oklahoma State 56, Louisiana-Lafayette 3
- at Texas Tech 59, Texas A&M 28
- at Baylor 42, Colorado 30

Upcoming Schedule

Saturday, Oct. 11th

- Kansas St. at Oklahoma St., 11:30 a.m. (Fox)
- Oklahoma vs. Texas, 2:30 p.m. (ABC)
- Nebraska at Missouri, 6 p.m. (TBS)
- Baylor at Texas A&M
- Kansas at Colorado
- Iowa St. at Texas Tech

Saturday, Oct. 18th

- Baylor at Kansas
- Colorado at Kansas State
- Texas at Iowa State
- Missouri at Oklahoma
- Texas A&M at Nebraska
- Texas Tech at Oklahoma State

TIGERS VERSUS RANKED TEAMS

•Mizzou is looking to break a 20-game losing streak against teams ranked in the Associated Press Top-25. MU's last win against a ranked opponent was a wild 51-50 double-overtime win over 12th-ranked Oklahoma State in Stillwater, Okla. on Oct. 25, 1997...

•Mizzou has lost 45 straight games against top-10 teams, and is 16-100 alltime (.138 winning percentage) against teams ranked in the AP Top-10. MU's last win over a top-10 team came back on Oct. 3, 1981 at Mississippi State, as the unranked Tigers beat the 9th-ranked Bulldogs, 14-3...

•Mizzou is 1-7 alltime playing against the AP's No. 10 team. The one win came in 1939 against Nebraska, when the 14th-ranked Tigers won a 27-13 game at home...

MORE RANKING NOTES

•Mizzou has played 41 games alltime against a ranked Nebraska opponent, and stands 7-34 in those games. Four of those wins came in a 6-game stretch spanning from 1973-78 when MU defeated the Huskers when they were #2 (13-12 in Columbia in 1973 and 35-31 in Lincoln in 1978), #12 (21-10 in Lincoln in 1974), and #3 (34-24 in Lincoln in 1976)...

•Mizzou has played 86 games at home against ranked teams, and stands 21-64-1 alltime in those affairs...

•Mizzou's last win at home against a top-10 team was a 9-0 shutout win over 9th-ranked Arizona State in 1974. MU has lost 30 straight home games against top-10 teams since that win...

MIZZOU IS NCAA'S ALLTIME OVERTIME KING

Overtime is becoming old hat around Mizzou. Since the rule was put into effect for the 1996 season, Mizzou leads the nation with 9 overtime games played. With MU's 41-40 OT recent win against Middle Tennessee State, the Tigers improved to 6-3 alltime in overtime games, a win total which also is most in the NCAA.

Mizzou went 1-1 last season in overtime affairs, dropping a tough 42-35 home overtime game to #18 Colorado and the very next week winning a 33-27 double overtime thriller at Texas A&M, the week after A&M beat #1-ranked Oklahoma on the same field.

Mizzou made some history with its consecutive overtime games – that marked the first time in NCAA history that a Div. I-A team played overtime games in consecutive weeks.

Here's a quick glance at MU's overtime history:

Year	Opponent (Rank)	Result	#OTs
1996	Oklahoma State	W, 35-28	OT
1996	at Baylor	W, 49-42	3-OT
1997	at Oklahoma State (12)	W, 51-50	2-OT
1997	Nebraska (1)	L, 45-38	OT
1999	at Colorado	L, 46-39	OT
2001	at Oklahoma State	W, 41-38	3-OT
2002	Colorado (18)	L, 42-35	OT
2002	at Texas A&M	W, 33-27	2-OT
2003	Middle Tennessee State	W, 41-40	OT

Interestingly, MU Head Coach Gary Pinkel won the very first overtime game played in Division I history when his Toledo Rockets beat Nevada, 40-37, in the 1995 Las Vegas Bowl. The overtime rule was put into effect for that bowl season, and has been in use ever since.

Pinkel is now 5-1 alltime in his career in overtime games, including 3-1 at Mizzou.

NCAA OVERTIME LEADERS		
Games	School	Record
9	MIZZOU	6-3
8	Mississippi	5-3
8	North Carolina St.	5-3
8	Oregon	5-3
8	USC	3-5
8	Washington St.	3-5
7	Cincinnati	4-3
7	Fresno St.	4-3

ZACK ATTACK KEEPS CLIMING MU CAREER RUSHING LIST

Senior TB Zack Abron entered the season having quietly amassed one of the best rushing careers in MU history. He's not the flashy, speed-burner type that wows people, and maybe that's why he's sort of flown under the radar, if you will.

The fact is, however, that with 2,523 career rushing yards entering Saturday's game vs. 10th-



ranked Nebraska, Abron has a shot at becoming MU's alltime career leading rusher if he produces just 504 more yards this season (he'd need to average 72.0 yards per game in MU's remaining 7 regular season games). He entered the 2003 season ranked 8th on MU's career rushing chart, with 2,043 yards, and his current total puts him 5th on the yardage chart.

Abron is coming off a 112-yard day last time out vs. Kansas – marking his 2nd straight game over the century mark and the 9th of his Tiger career. He notched the 1st 100 yard rushing day of his 2003 season two games ago when he tallied a game-best 138 yards on 18 attempts vs. Middle Tennessee State. He added a 2nd quarter TD scamper from 8 yards out that put MU up 23-14. Earlier in the 2nd quarter, he raced 64 yards around left end – a gain that represented a career long.

His career point total of 204 ranks him 4th currently in MU history, and he needs just 5 more TDs to surpass former QB Corby Jones for the MU career record for points (228) and TDs scored (38). Abron has 34 career TDs (32 rushing/2 receiving).

Abron rushed for 91 yards and 2 TDs against Eastern Illinois. His TDs came from 5 yards out and 25 yards out, the latter coming on a 4th-and-1 from the EIU 25 yardline in the 3rd quarter that put MU up, 21-0.

Abron had 79 yards rushing at Ball State, on 18 carries. He scored 2 TDs, on runs of 1 and 5 yards.

A virtual lock to pick up short yardage situations, Abron is 6-of-7 on 3rd-and-1 situations on the year, and is 4-of-4 on 4th-and-1 tries thus far. He has also developed into a pass-catching threat, as he has caught 15 passes for 108 yards thru 5 games thus far, already surpassing his career total of 8 catches for 56 yards in his previous 3 seasons.

Abron was held to 60 yards rushing in 21 attempts in the season opener vs. Illinois, but made many key plays that helped the Tigers earn the hardfought 22-15 victory. His first big play was a 1-yard TD scamper around right end on 4th-and-goal from the Illinois 1 that put MU ahead 7-3 in the 1st quarter.

Abron later made two huge plays in MU's game-winning 4th-quarter TD drive. The first was a 17-yard run around left end that put MU in Illinois territory. At the tail end of the play, the ball was popped loose as he was heading out of bounds. The ball went out of bounds along with Abron, but he was officially charged with a fumble, and that broke a streak of 182 consecutive carries without a fumble.

He shrugged off the fumble three plays later when he took a swing pass out of the backfield for a crucial 19-yard gain (MU's longest play of the game) on a 3rd-and-1 that took the ball down to the Illini 27-yardline. In all, Abron accounted for 38 of MU's 78 yards on the game-winning drive. His 3 catches and 34 receiving yards on the day marked career bests, as well.

BRAD SMITH: ORDINARY NAME, EXTRAORDINARY TALENT

After a redshirt freshman season that saw QB Brad Smith break numerous records and grab virtually every prominent conference and national freshman award, Smith is at it again in his second go-around.

Listed in the preseason as the No. 4 Heisman candidate by Sports Illustrated, No. 7 by the Sporting News and among the top-10 according to CBSSportsline.com, Smith has not disappointed, as he became the first quarterback to lead MU to a 4-0 start to the season since 1981. Smith heads into the Nebraska game ranked 45th in the NCAA in total offense, with an average of 218.20 yards per game. His QB efficiency rating of 135.92 ranks 40th in the NCAA, and is up significantly from his season mark of 117.34 set last year as a freshman. He's turned in 3 of his 5 most efficient passing days of his career this season (see following chart).

Smith enjoyed one of the most efficient passing days of his young career recently, as he completed 26-of-33 passes for a season-high 236 yards and 2 TDs with no interceptions in MU's 37-0 win over Eastern Illinois.

Smith's completion percentage of 66.94% (83-of-124) ranks 10th in the NCAA thus far, and he is one of only 5 QBs ranked among the top 100 nationally in passing efficiency who have not thrown an interception entering Saturday's game.

A few quick career updates regarding Smith:

•In just 17 career games, Smith already ranks 5th on the school total yardage chart, with 4,453 yards entering the Nebraska game...

•With the 4-1 start to the season, Smith's career record as a starting QB is now 9-8...

TIGER FACT-OF-THE-GAME

•The last time that Mizzou defeated Nebraska (35-31 in Lincoln on Nov. 18, 1978), none of the Tiger players had yet been born. The oldest Tiger, senior center Scott Sells, came into the world just over one year later, on Nov. 26, 1979.

MU IN THE BIG 12/ NCAA RANKINGS

TEAM STATISTICS

Category	Big 12	NCAA	Stat
Scoring Offense	7th	37th	29.80
Scoring Defense	6th	35th	19.40
Rushing Offense	4th	13th	212.40
Rushing Defense	5th	42nd	127.80
Passing Offense	11th	104th	163.00
Passing Defense	9th	56th	207.60
Pass Eff. Offense	6th	37th	136.32
Pass Eff. Defense	9th	56th	123.18
Total Offense	9th	63rd	375.40
Total Defense	6th	44th	335.40
Kickoff Returns	11th	80th	19.37
Punt Returns	6th	20th	13.07
Net Punting	12th	105th	32.12
Turnover Margin	4th	29th	+0.80

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/G
Zack Abron	4th	25th	96.00
Brad Smith	8th	53rd	77.40
All-Purpose	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/G
Zack Abron	9th	59th	117.60
Pass Efficiency	Big 12	NCAA	Effic.
Brad Smith	7th	40th	135.92
Total Offense	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/G
Brad Smith	5th	45th	218.20
Receptions	Big 12	NCAA	Rec/G
Thomson Omboga	13th	n/a	4.20
Darius Outlaw	13th	n/a	4.20
Interceptions	Big 12	NCAA	INT/G
Michael Harden	11th	n/a	0.20
Scoring	Big 12	NCAA	Pts/G
Zack Abron	10th	61st	7.20
Punting	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.
Brock Harvey	8th	88th	38.56
Punt Returns	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.
Marcus James	6th	28th	12.14
Kickoff Returns	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.
Shirdonya Mitchell	6th	68th	21.83
Tyrone Roberson	9th	90th	19.50
Marcus James	10th	n/a	18.17
Field Goals	Big 12	NCAA	FG/G
Mike Matheny	8th	86th	0.60

DRIVE ANALYSIS

DISTANCE OF SCORING DRIVES

DISTANCE Length (minus)	MIZZOU		OPPONENT	
	TD	FG	TD	FG
0-9	1	0	1	0
10-19	0	0	1	1
20-29	2	0	1	0
30-39	2	0	1	0
40-49	1	2	2	1
50-59	2	0	2	1
60-69	2	0	1	1
70-79	7	1	1	1
80-89	2	0	2	0
90-99	0	0	0	0

GAME OPENING DRIVES

Game	Mizzou			Opponent		
	Pts	FD	Yds	Pts	FD	Yds
Illinois	0	0	9	3	3	43
at Ball St.	0	1	21	0	0	7
E. Illinois	0	0	9	0	2	41
Middle Tenn. St.	0	1	18	7	4	82
at Kansas	0	0	7	0	2	28
Nebraska						

2ND HALF OPENING DRIVES

Game	Mizzou			Opponent		
	Pts	FD	Yds	Pts	FD	Yds
Illinois	0	2	30	3	4	51
at Ball St.	0	0	0	0	0	6
E. Illinois	0	2	52	0	2	13
Middle Tenn. St.	0	0	2	3	4	78
at Kansas	7	4	72	0	1	13
Nebraska						

1ST DOWNS EARNED

Tiger	Rush	Pass	Rec.	Total
Smith	16	38	0	54
Abron	28	0	7	35
Outlaw	0	0	10	10
Omboga	0	0	9	9
Riccio	1	7	0	8
McCoy	0	0	6	6
Nash	6	0	0	6
Coffey	0	0	4	4
Sesay	0	0	4	4
Roberson	2	0	1	3
James	0	0	2	2
Crosby	0	0	1	1
Howard	0	0	1	1

- With a career passing total of 3,037 yards entering Saturday's game against NU, Smith stands in 8th place on the MU career passing yardage list...

- Smith has thrown just 6 interceptions in 490 career passes, good for a microscopic interception percentage of 1.2% (a school record), or once in every 82 passes...

- Smith carries a string of 137 consecutive passes thrown without an interception into Saturday's game vs. Nebraska. His last pick came in game #12 last year against Kansas St. when he was picked off in the 2nd quarter by KSU All-American Terrence Newman. He threw 13 more passes in that game without being intercepted and has thrown 124 this season without an INT.

This comes after a season in which Smith amassed 3,362 yards of total offense (an MU record), and became only the 2nd player in Division IA history to throw for 2,000 yards (2,333 to be exact) and rush for 1,000 yards (1,029) in the same season.

While his numbers weren't eye-popping in the season opener vs. Illinois, he still did enough to get his team the all-important victory. He was an efficient 12-of-16 passing for 102 yards and 2 TDs on the day, and added a team-high 66 yards rushing. With MU trailing 15-14 midway through the 4th quarter, Smith took over the game and led the Tigers to a 13-play, 78-yard drive that culminated with his 6-yard scoring strike to WR Darius Outlaw with 4:12 left. Smith followed by successfully running in a 2-point conversion on the old "swinging gate" play to account for the final margin.

On the game-winning drive, Smith accounted for 59 of the 78 yards, as he carried 6 times for 20 yards and was a perfect 3-of-3 passing for 39 yards.

Here's a look at his top 5 games in terms of passing efficiency:

Opp.	Rating	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Long
Kansas – 2002	168.38	9-16-0	56.2%	135	2	62
at Texas Tech – 2002	165.62	20-32-0	62.5%	275	3	53
Eastern Illinois – 2003	158.86	26-33-0	78.8%	236	2	34
vs. Illinois – 2003	150.93	12-18-0	66.7%	102	2	19
Middle Tennessee St. – 2003	150.09	22-32-0	68.8%	192	3	22

We could go on and on about Smith's many exploits, but then there wouldn't be enough room for anything else. For more in-depth information about Brad Smith, please see his bio located later in this set of notes, as well as the 2003 Mizzou Football Media Guide (he's featured on pages 218-221).

MARCUS JAMES BREAKS MU CAREER RETURN RECORD

Senior WR/KR Marcus James only got one chance to return a kick last time out at Kansas, but his one return was an important one, as his 13-yard kickoff return late in the game gave him 112 career combined returns. That gave him the MU career record for total number of combined returns, breaking the old standard of 111 set by former standout Mike Fink (1970-72).

James is also just 137 return yards away from breaking Fink's career combined kick return record of 1,692. He enters Saturday's game with 1,556 combined yards in returns, and that breaks down to 66 career punt returns for 735 yards (an average of 11.1 which is just behind the MU career record of 11.5 set by Roger Wehrli) and 46 kickoff returns for 821 yards (an average of 17.9 per return).

James in averaging a healthy 19.5 yards per punt return in his last 3 games.

A wonderful young man who is a great representative of the University, James is currently the President of the MU Student-Athlete Advisory Council. He spoke on recently (Sept. 24th) to nearly 200 athletic department staff members who attended the department's monthly full staff meeting.

SMITH AND OUTLAW STEAL THE LATE-GAME HEROICS

QB Brad Smith is quickly becoming known for his late-game heroics, as he has led MU to 4th quarter comeback wins twice already this season, and WR Darius Outlaw is his willing accomplice, no pun intended.

The duo came up big recently, as MU faced dire straits late in their Sept. 20 game versus Middle Tennessee State. MU trailed by a 34-26 count with just 5:11 left in the game. As noted



previously, Smith took over, as he accounted for 74 total yards in an 11-play, 73-yard drive that ended in his 12-yard scoring strike to Outlaw with 1:17 left in the game. Smith ran in the 2-pt. conversion to tie the game and send it to overtime, where he scored the Tigers' TD on a 3-yard keeper.

In the Tigers' season opener vs. Illinois, Smith notched his first 4th-quarter comeback win, as he rallied MU from a 15-14 deficit to a 22-14 win. MU trailed 15-14 when it took over on its own 22 yardline with 10:36 remaining in the game. Smith calmly led the Tigers on a 13-play, 78-yard march that ended with his 6-yard TD pass to Outlaw with 4:12 left in the game. Similar to this past Saturday, Smith ran in the 2-pt. conversion to stake the Tigers to a 22-15 lead that they held onto as the defense stopped Illinois deep in Tiger territory.

OUTLAW MAKING OUT LIKE A BANDIT DOWN THE STRETCH

As noted previously in these notes, senior WR Darius Outlaw is becoming MU's clutch receiver, as he has caught game-winning or game-tying 4th-quarter TD passes now in 2 of Mizzou's first 5 games this season.

His first clutch grab was a 6-yard TD reception against Illinois with 4:12 left in the game that gave MU the lead back at 21-15 (MU tacked on a 2-pt. conversion and eventually won 22-15). His last catch was a spectacular diving tightrope act in the left corner of the endzone in week 4 against Middle Tennessee, when he hooked up with QB Brad Smith from 12 yards out with just 1:17 left to give MU a chance to send the game into overtime as the Tigers trailed 34-26 before his catch.

Outlaw, who came to MU as a quarterback, and played under center during the 2000 and 2001 seasons, moved to receiver just prior to last season. Despite never having played receiver before, Outlaw ranked 2nd on the team in 2002 with 46 receptions for 552 yards and 3 TDs. He's got 21 catches for 128 yards and 4 TDs already in 2003.

With 320 more receiving yards this season, Outlaw will reach 1,000 for his career. That would give him the distinction of being the only Tiger to have amassed 1,000 passing yards (1,729 entering the 2003 season) and 1,000 receiving yards in his career.

He's also one of the better feel-good stories on the team, as he's overcome some academic obstacles to be where he is today. Outlaw came to MU as a partial qualifier initially, and later served an academic suspension prior to 2002 that put his career in limbo. But he persevered through and not only regained status in the program, but he did the work to earn his 5th year of eligibility from the NCAA, and he's taking advantage.

RICKER TO MAKE IT 40 STRAIGHT STARTS AT CENTER

Junior center A.J. Ricker has been as dependable as they come. The Houston, Texas native, who is a pre-season candidate for the Rimington Award, has started all 39 games in his collegiate career for Mizzou. The last time someone other than Ricker started at center for Mizzou was 1999. He'll make it 40 straight starts when he takes the field Saturday against Nebraska.

The MU record for consecutive starts is 42, co-held by Rob Riti (1996-99) and Mike Bedosky (1990-93). Since Ricker directly followed Riti, and Riti played center exclusively from 1997-99, that means that only two people have started at center for MU since 1997.

Ricker is the leader of an offensive line which currently ranks 13th in the nation in rushing, averaging a healthy 212.40 yards per game on the ground.

Ricker was a key component of 2001's offensive line that helped pave the way for MU to rank 5th in the Big 12 in rushing. The Tiger O-Line also allowed just 6 sacks in 2001, which was the 3rd-lowest total in the nation.

Last season, he led a unit that had Missouri rolling along, as the Tigers ranked 5th in the Big 12 (37th in the NCAA) in rushing (183.67 ypg), 5th in the Big 12 & 45th in the NCAA in total offense (386.83 ypg) and 43rd in the NCAA in scoring (30.00 ppg).

Ricker was voted a team captain during fall camp by his teammates.

TIGER COMEBACKS

Missouri has rallied to win 4 times under Gary Pinkel when trailing either in the 4th quarter or in overtime. Here's a look at those games:

Year	Opp.	Deficit (Time)	Final Score
2001	at Okla. St.	7 (1st OT)	MU, 41-38
2001	at Kansas	3 (7:21, 4th)	MU, 38-34
2003	vs. Illinois	1 (10:36, 4th)	MU, 22-15
2003	vs. MTSU	8 (5:16, 4th)	MU, 41-40 OT*

*.MU also trailed in OT in the game

SCRIMMAGE PLAYS OF 20 YARDS OR MORE

By Tiger Individuals

Tiger	Rush	Pass	Rec.	Total
Smith	3	4	0	7
Abron	3	0	0	3
Coffey	0	0	1	1
James	0	0	1	1
Nash	1	0	0	1
McCoy	0	0	1	1
Omboga	0	0	1	1
Roberson	1	0	0	1

Team Game-by-Game

MIZZOU	Rush	Pass	Total*
vs. Illinois	0	0	0
at Ball State	2	1	3
vs. E. Illinois	2	2	4
vs. Middle Tennessee St.	2	1	3
at Kansas	2	0	2
Totals	8	4	12

OPPONENTS	Rush	Pass	Total*
Illinois	1	2	3
Ball State	1	1	2
E. Illinois	0	0	0
vs. Middle Tennessee St.	0	5	5
at Kansas	1	1	2
Totals	3	9	12



✓All-America Candidate

16 • BRAD SMITH • QB

✓Big 12 Player of the Year Candidate

One of the most exciting and versatile players in all of college football who should contend for All-American honors ... After starting 4-1 on the season, his career record as a starter is now over .500 at 9-8 ... After just 17 career games, already ranks 5th on the MU career total offense chart (4,453 yards) ... With 3,037 career passing yards, has moved into 8th place on MU career passing yardage list ... Has thrown just 6 INTs in 490 career passes, good for a microscopic INT% of just 1.2% (an MU career record), or once in every 82 passes ... Carries a streak of 137 consecutive passes without an INT into the Nebraska game ... Has been listed among Heisman candidates for 2003 by ESPN The Magazine, Sports Illustrated and the Sporting News ... **AT KANSAS** ... Was held to career-low 95 yards of total offense in 35-14 loss (62 pass/33 rush), but accounted for both MU TDs, w/a 4-yd. run & 9-yd. pass that had MU ahead 14-13 entering 4th quarter ... **VS. MIDDLE TENNESSEE** ... Almost single-handedly willed MU to 41-40 OT win, as he engineered critical game-tying TD drive to force OT then scored TD in OT to give MU the win ... Had 328 yds. of total offense (192 pass/136 rush) and accounted for 4 TDs (3 pass/1 rush) and also scored game-tying 2-pt. conversion on keeper with 1:17 left to force OT ... Game-tying drive was an 11-play, 73-yard masterpiece that started w/MU trailing 34-26 with just 5:11 left ... Accounted for 74 yds. on 73-yard drive (5-of-5 passing for 43 yds. & 4 rushes for 31 yds.) ... **VS. E. ILLINOIS** ... Had 3rd-most efficient passing day of his career, with a QB rating of 158.86 after going 26-of-33 for 236 yds. and 2 TDs ... Carried a career-low 5 times on the day for 35 yards as his running assignments were scaled back due to his mild concussion the week before at Ball State ... **AT BALL STATE** ... After a slow start, led MU to TDs on 3 of final 4 1st-half possessions, staking MU to a 21-7 halftime lead ... Was dynamite with his arm and legs, amassing 229 yards of total offense alone in the 1st half (117 rushing/112 passing) ... Was on pace for an amazing statistical day, but was held of action in the 2nd half after suffering a mild concussion late in MU's final 1st-half TD drive ... **VS. ILLINOIS** ... Opened the 2003 season by leading the Tigers to important win over rival Illinois in the State Farm Showdown game played in St. Louis, Mo. ... Was held well below his per-game total offense output from a year ago, as Illinois controlled the ball for a good portion of the game ... Still turned in an efficient performance with a 12-of-18 passing day for 102 yards and 2 TDs, while rushing for a team-best 66 yards ... QB rating of 150.93 was his 3rd-best single-game rating in his 13-game career ... Saved his best for crunch time, as he took over the game and led MU on a game-winning 4th quarter drive that spanned 13 plays and 78 yards ... Drive began on MU 22 with Tigers trailing 15-14 with 10:36 left, and ended when he found WR Darius Outlaw in the endzone from 6 yards out with 4:12 left in the game ... Smith accounted for 59 of the 78 yards, carrying 6 times for 20 yards and was a perfect 3-of-3 passing for 39 yards ... He followed the TD by successfully running in a 2-pt. conversion on the old swinging gate play that originated at the 8 yardline after a procedure penalty ... **2002 SEASON** ... Amassed 3,362 yards of total offense as a freshman (2,333 passing and 1,029 rushing), which smashed the school record of 2,545 set by Corby Jones in 1997 ... Made history by becoming just the 2nd player in Div. 1-A history to throw for 2,000 yards and rush for 1,000 yards in a season ... Ranked 10th in the nation in 2002 (and 2nd in the Big 12) in total offense (280.2 ypg) ... His rushing total set an NCAA freshman QB record, breaking the old mark of 1,019 yards set by Joshua Cribbs of Kent State in 2001 ... Under his direction, the Tiger offense led the nation in fewest turnovers, with only 11 committed ... His interception percentage of a miniscule 1.6% (or once every 61 passes) broke a school mark ... Another testament to his calm demeanor is that he did not commit a turnover in 8 of 12 games and that he did not take a single delay of game penalty in over 800 snaps in 2002 ... Led MU to 360 points on the season

– the 3rd-most in single-season school history ... Showed his big-play ability early and often and totalled 48 plays of 20 yards or more (33 passing, 14 rushing and 1 receiving) ... Led MU to big win at Texas A&M, and scored game-winning TD on QB sneak in 2nd OT ... Finished w/265 total yards at A&M (171 pass/94 rush) and threw for 2 TDs ... Had solid game vs. Colorado, going 16-of-30 w/2 TDs, and added 49 yards rushing ... Rallied MU from 27-7 3rd-quarter deficit to a 28-27 lead w/13 minutes left in the game, and drove Tigers 67 yards in 11 plays to force overtime with less than 2 minutes left in regulation ... Had 318 yards of total off. at ISU, with 241 passing and 77 rushing ... Led Tigers to win over arch rival Kansas w/252 yards of total offense, including a game-high 117 yards rushing and 135 passing ... Continued to grow his legend w/brilliant performance in leading MU to a near-upset of #3 Oklahoma ... Had career-high 391 yds. in total offense (213 rush/178 pass) vs. Sooner defense that was ranked 10th in NCAA coming into the game ... Ran for two 25-yd. TDs vs. OU and threw for 1 TD in leading MU to 17 straight points to take a 24-23 lead w/10 minutes left ... Did not throw an INT until his 95th collegiate pass, when a ball went in-and-out of the hands of a Tiger receiver, and was picked off at Bowling Green ... Was breathtaking in his collegiate debut vs. Illinois, becoming the 1st freshman to start the season opener at QB in Mizzou history ... Named national player of the week by CNN.com, offensive newcomer of the week by ESPN.com, and was named Big 12 co-Offensive Player of the Week ... Was cool as a cucumber off the bat, as he calmly led MU to an 8-play, 77-yard TD drive in the initial possession of the 2002 season ... Accounted for 290 yards of total offense on his own, with 152 yards passing (15-of-26) and 138 yards rushing ... Scored his first collegiate TD on a nifty 24-yard gallop which sealed the game for MU early in the 4th quarter.

SMITH CAREER PASSING STATISTICS

	G-GS	Comp.-Att.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	INTs	Rating
2002	12-12	196-366	53.6%	2,333	15	6	117.34
2003	5-5	83-124	66.9%	704	8	0	135.92
Totals	17-17	279-490	56.9%	3,037	23	6	122.04

SMITH CAREER RUSHING STATISTICS

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
2002	193	1,029	5.3	7
2003	67	387	5.8	3
Totals	260	1,416	5.4	10

SMITH CAREER TOTAL OFFENSE STATISTICS

	Plays	Yds.	Avg./G
2002	559	3,362	280.2
2003	191	1,091	218.2
Totals	750	4,453	261.9

SMITH GAME-BY-GAME TOTAL OFFENSE STATISTICS

2002 Season	Pass	Rush	Total	2003 Season	Pass	Rush	Total
vs. Illinois	152	138	290	vs. Illinois	102	66	168
Ball State	176	105	281	at Ball State	112	117	229
at Bowling Green	334	14	348	E. Illinois	236	35	271
Troy State	213	137	350	Middle Tenn. St.	192	136	328
Oklahoma	178	213	391	at Kansas	62	33	95
at Nebraska	123	34	157	TOTALS	704	387	1,091
at Texas Tech	275	21	296				
Kansas	135	117	252				
at Iowa State	241	77	318				
Colorado	209	49	258				
at Texas A&M	171	94	265				
Kansas State	126	30	156				
TOTALS	2,333	1,029	3,362				

Tiger Player Bio Updates



✓Doak Walker Candidate

38 • ZACK ABRON • TB

✓All-Big 12 Candidate

St. Louis native and sure-handed and punishing runner who is quietly putting up some of the best rushing numbers in school history ... With 2,523 career rushing yards, needs just 504 more to become Mizzou's alltime leading rusher, and ranks 5th on the list entering the Nebraska game ... Also ranks 4th on the career scoring list (204 pts.), and needs 25 more to eclipse the record of 228 set by Corby Jones (1995-98) ... Has 34 career TDs (32 rush/2 rec.) which is the 2nd-most in MU history, behind only Jones' 38 ... Has 9 career 100-yard outings, with 2 coming in 2002 and 5 in 2001 ... Virtually automatic in short yardage situations, is 6-of-7 in 3rd-and-1 situations, and 4-of-4 in 4th-and-1 carries on the season ... Is developing into a receiving threat out of the backfield, as he's caught 15 passes for 108 yds. in 5 games, already surpassing his career totals of 8 catches for 56 yds. in his first 3 years ... **AT KANSAS** ... MU's bright spot on offense as he carried for game-high 112 yards on 17 carries (6.6 ypr), giving him 2 straight 100-yard rushing games ... **VS. MIDDLE TENNESSEE** ... Rushed for season-high 138 yds. on 18 carries, and added 1 TD in MU's win ... Had career-long 64-yard carry in 2nd quarter ... **VS. E. ILLINOIS** ... Led all rushers with 91 yds. and 2 TDs, and also caught a career-high 6 passes for 32 yds. ... Scored MU's 1st TD of the day on a 5-yd. plunge in the 2nd quarter, and zipped 25 yds. to paydirt in the 3rd on a 4th-and-1 to make it 21-0 ... **AT BALL STATE** ... Had workmanlike 79 yards rushing on 18 carries and scored 2 TDs, bullying his way in from 1 and 5 yards out ... **VS. ILLINOIS** ... Was held in check for most of the day Sat. vs. Illinois, but played a key role in MU's 22-15 win ... Ended with 60 yds. rushing (40 coming in the 2nd half) and also caught 3 passes for 34 yards (both career high totals) ... Scored the 27th TD of his career (tying him for 6th on MU career scoring charts) on a 4th-and-goal from the 1 in the 1st quarter to put MU up 7-3 ... Also converted two other 3rd-and-1 situations on the day ... Had two huge plays during winning 4th-quarter TD drive, as he rumbled around end for a 17-yard gain, and later took a swing pass out of the backfield and weaved his way to a 19-yard gain on a 3rd-and-11 situation ... Had a streak of 182 consecutive carries without a fumble broke when he was charged with a fumble on his 17-yard run late in the game as he was heading out of bounds ... **2002 SEASON** ... Was on pace in 2002 to challenge the 1,000-yard mark, but an injury early in the Texas Tech game forced him to miss one-and-a-half games ... Still ranked 2nd in the Big 12 and 14th in the NCAA in scoring, averaging 9.27 points per game ... Rushing average of 68.91 yards per game was good for 10th in the Big 12 ... Scored 17 total TDs in 2002 (15 rushing/2 receiving), just one shy of the school record ... Had 2002 season-best 126-yard outing at Texas A&M ... Scored multiple TDs in 7 of 11 games last season.

ABRON CAREER STATISTICS

	G-GS	Rush-Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Long	Rec.-Yds	TDs
2000	9-4	140-502	3.6	5	29	0-0	0
2001	11-9	157-783	5.0	6	63	2-10	0
2002	11-11	176-758	4.3	15	48	6-46	2
2003	5-4	90-480	5.3	6	64	15-108	0
Totals	36-28	563-2,523	4.5	32	64	23-164	2

ABRON'S TOP RUSHING GAMES

Opponent	Carries	Yards	TDs	Opponent	Carries	Yards	TDs
Iowa St. (2001)	21	147	0	Texas (2001)	13	109	1
Mid. Tenn. St. (2003)	18	138	1	at Kansas St. (2001)	15	106	0
at Texas A&M (2002)	27	126	1	SW Texas (2001)	22	106	2
vs. Illinois (2002)	26	116	2	at Kansas (2001)	19	100	2
at Kansas (2003)	17	112	0				



✓Butkus Candidate

24 • JAMES KINNEY • LB

✓All-American/All-Big 12 Candidate

Hard-hitting junior is the focal point of the Tiger defense, and is the top returning tackler in the Big 12 Conference ... Leads MU & ranks 11th in the NCAA in tackles per game (12.40) entering the Nebraska contest ... Coming off career-high tying 19-tackle outing at Kansas ... Had 8 tackles and 1 QBH at Ball State as Tiger defense enjoyed a dominating performance ... Led the way w/11 tackles in opener vs. Illinois ... **2002 SEASON** ... Ranked 2nd in the Big 12 and 9th in the NCAA in 2002 with an average of 12.33 tackles per game, and his season total of 148 tackles ranked 3rd-most in MU single-season history ... Had double-digit tackle totals in all but one game ... Proved to be a big playmaker, who led all MU defenders with 2 TDs (1 Int. Ret. & 1 fum. ret.) ... Led the team, and tied for the Big 12 lead, by recovering 3 fumbles ... Zipped 46 yards with a fumble return for a key 3rd-quarter TD against Illinois that broke a 14-all tie and sent MU on to its season-opening win in 2002 ... Also notched 11 TFLs in 2002 and added 6 sacks, 5 QB hurries and 3 passes broken up ... Had monster game at Tech, w/career-high 19 tackles, incl. 1 sack.

KINNEY CAREER STATISTICS

	G-GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	Sacks
2001	10-2	17	10	27	2-12	1-10
2002	12-11	88	60	148	11-42	6-31
2003	5-5	37	28	65	2-3	0-0
Totals	27-18	142	98	240	15-57	7-41



✓Lombardi & Outland Award Candidate

76 • ROB DROEGE • OT

✓All-American/All-Big 12 Candidate

Pre-season Lombardi and Outland Award candidate who is possibly MU's top NFL prospect with his 6-foot-6, 300-pound frame combined with good athleticism for his size ... Named a 2nd-Team Pre-Season All-American by Street & Smith's and a 3rd-Team Pre-Season All-American by Athlon Magazine prior to the season ... Started all 12 games in 2002 at weakside tackle, providing valuable protection on the blindside for QB Brad Smith ... Has 25 career starts under his belt heading into the Nebraska game ... Is also a standout in the classroom who should also challenge for Academic All-American honors ... Graduated over the summer with a cumulative GPA of 3.83.



✓Rimington Award Candidate

70 • A.J. RICKER • C

✓All-American/All-Big 12 Candidate

Rimington Award nominee anchors an offensive line that paved the way for an attack that scored the 3rd-most pts. in school history in 2002 (360) ... Has started every game of his Tiger career, and will up the consecutive start mark to 40 when he takes the field Saturday vs. Nebraska, and is on pace to eclipse the school record of 42 co-held by Rob Riti (1996-99) and Mike Bedosky (1990-93) ... MU offense improved from 91st in 2001 to 45th in 2002 in NCAA total offense rankings ... Voted 1 of 4 team captains this fall by his teammates ... Named a pre-season 1st-Team All-American by Nationalchamps.net in the spring and was named as the No. 1 center prospect for the 2004 NFL Draft in May by the Sporting News.

GARY PINKEL

RECORD BREAKDOWN

Overall	86-52-3
Bowl Games	1-2
At Missouri	13-15
AT MISSOURI ONLY STATISTICS	
vs. Big 12	5-12
vs. Big 12 North	2-9
vs. Big 12 South	3-3
Non-Conference	8-3
Home	7-7
Away	4-8
Neutral	2-0
vs. AP Top 25	0-7
Overtime	3-1

PINKEL VS. ALL OPPONENTS

Opponent	at MU	Overall
Akron	—	5-1
Arkansas State	—	1-0
Ball State	2-0	7-1
Baylor	1-0	1-0
Bowling Green	0-2	5-7
Central Florida	—	0-2
Central Michigan	—	6-3-1
Cincinnati	—	2-0
Colorado	0-2	0-2
East Tennessee St.	—	1-0
Eastern Illinois	1-0	2-0
Eastern Michigan	—	7-3
Illinois	2-0	2-0
Indiana	—	0-2
Indiana State	—	1-0
Iowa State	0-2	0-2
Kansas	2-1	2-2
Kansas State	0-2	0-2
Kent	—	4-1
Liberty	—	1-0
Marshall	—	1-3
Massachusetts	—	1-0
Middle Tennessee State	1-0	1-0
Miami, Ohio	—	3-3-1
Michigan State	0-1	0-1
Navy	—	1-0
Nebraska	0-2	0-2
Nevada	—	3-0
Northern Illinois	—	6-0
Ohio	—	5-0
Ohio State	—	0-1
Oklahoma	0-1	0-1
Oklahoma State	1-0	1-0
Penn State	—	1-0
Purdue	—	2-1
Southern Illinois	—	1-0
Southwest Texas	1-0	1-0
Syracuse	—	0-1
Temple	—	1-0
Texas	0-1	0-1
Texas A&M	1-0	1-0
Texas Tech	0-1	0-1
Troy State	1-0	1-0
Washington	—	0-1
Weber State	—	2-0
Western Michigan	—	8-2

HEAD COACH GARY PINKEL

In his third year directing the Missouri Tigers is Head Coach Gary Pinkel. The 31st head coach in the program's history, Pinkel was hired on Nov. 30, 2000, and in his short time on board, he has proven to his colleagues, alumni, fans and student-athletes that Tiger Football is on the upswing.

After a rebuilding year in 2001, Pinkel had the Tigers much improved in his 2nd campaign — and playing for bowl eligibility entering the Tigers' final game of the season. He opened the 2002 campaign by leading MU to one of the program's most impressive season-opening wins when Mizzou dismantled Illinois — the defending Big Ten Conference champions and a 2001 BCS Bowl team — 33-20 in St. Louis, Mo.

He's got the Tigers off to a solid start in 2003, as MU's 4-0 start marked the first time since 1981 that any Tiger team had won its first four games to begin a season, and MU's resurgence into the national rankings signified growing respect for the his building program.

Recognized as one of the top disciplinarians in the game of college football, Pinkel is 13-14 in his short tenure at Missouri. His 13-year head coaching record of 86-52-3 (62.1%) ranks 19th among active Division I-A coaches (see chart below).

Pinkel came to Missouri after spending 10 very successful years as head coach at Toledo, where he amassed an impressive 73-37-3 record (65.9%). The school's alltime winningest coach, Pinkel's last six teams there went a combined 50-18-1 overall. Three of those teams advanced to play in the post-season, capturing one Mid-American Conference championship and three MAC West Division titles. Three of his last five teams at Toledo were ranked in the nation's top 25. His 1995 squad went 11-0-1, and was one of just two schools (national champ Nebraska was the other) to finish the season without a loss.

Prior to becoming a head coach, Pinkel learned the trade from one of the alltime greats, the legendary Don James. For 12 years as an assistant for James at Washington (1979-90), Pinkel helped guide the Huskies to a combined record of 104-37-2 (73.4%) and three Pac-10 Conference titles. He served as UW's offensive coordinator for seven seasons (1984-90), and helped mold one of the nation's most potent offensive attacks.

Pinkel, 51, played under James at Kent State University, where he was an all-conference and honorable mention All-American tight end. He graduated in 1973.

Just prior to the 2002 season, Pinkel was given a two-year extension of his original contract at Missouri, meaning he'll now be a fixture on the Tiger sideline through the 2007 season.



I-A Active Football Coaches By Winning Percentage (Min. 5 years)

Coach	School	Yrs.	Wins	Losses	Ties	Pct.
Bob Pruett	Marshall	8	82	16	0	83.7%
Phillip Fulmer	Tennessee	12	107	26	0	80.5%
Bobby Bowden	Florida State	38	337	96	4	77.6%
Frank Solich	Nebraska	6	54	16	0	77.1%
Joe Paterno	Penn State	38	338	104	3	76.3%
Lloyd Carr	Michigan	9	80	25	0	76.2%
Bill Snyder	Kansas State	15	120	53	1	69.3%
Dennis Franchione	Texas A&M	21	157	76	2	67.2%
Paul Pasqualoni	Syracuse	18	132	65	1	66.9%
John Robinson	UNLV	17	128	63	4	66.7%
Lou Holtz	South Carolina	32	241	122	7	66.1%
Nick Saban	LSU	10	74	38	1	65.9%
Tommy Bowden	Clemson	7	50	26	0	65.8%
John L. Smith	Michigan State	15	114	61	0	65.1%
Fisher DeBerry	Air Force	20	154	84	1	64.6%
Sonny Lubick	Colorado State	15	108	60	0	64.3%
Frank Beamer	Virginia Tech	23	163	92	4	63.7%
Houston Nutt	Arkansas	11	78	46	0	62.9%
Gary Pinkel	Missouri	13	86	52	3	62.1%
Mike Bellotti	Oregon	14	92	56	2	62.0%
David Cutcliffe	Mississippi	6	33	21	0	61.1%
Jackie Sherrill	Mississippi State	26	179	114	4	60.9%
Mack Brown	Texas	20	139	90	1	60.7%
Dirk Koetter	Arizona State	6	40	26	0	60.6%
Pat Hill	Fresno State	7	49	33	0	59.8%



MISSOURI FOOTBALL DEPTH CHART

(As of Oct. 6, 2003)



OFFENSE

DEFENSE

X-WR 3 Darius Outlaw, 6-3, 185, Sr., 3L
86 Brad Ekwerekwu, 6-3, 190, Fr.

WT 76 Rob Droege, 6-6, 300, Sr., 3L
68 Tony Clinker, 6-4, 297, Jr., 1L

WG 52 Tony Palmer, 6-2, 303, So., 1L
57 Joe Gianino, 6-3, 300, Jr., 1L

C 70 A.J. Ricker, 6-4, 295, Sr., 3L
69 Scott Sells, 6-5, 295, Sr., 2L

SG 58 Cliff Young, 6-2, 300, Sr., 2L
55 Mike Cook, 6-2, 315, RSFr.

ST 78 Scott Paffrath, 6-5, 290, Jr., 1L –OR–
63 Steven Sanchez, 6-4, 305, Sr.

TE 84 Victor Sesay, 6-6, 255, Jr.
89 J.D. McCoy, 6-1, 258, Sr., 3L

QB 16 Brad Smith, 6-2, 205, So., 1L
19 Santino Riccio, 6-2, 200, So.

TB 38 Zack Abron, 5-9, 225, Sr., 3L
2 Damien Nash, 5-11, 210, So.

H-WR 87 Thomson Omboga, 6-2, 189, Jr., 2L
1 Marcus James, 5-8, 174, Sr., 3L

Z-WR 12 Sean Coffey, 6-5, 224, So., 1L
88 Arnold Britt, 6-2, 182, So.

DE 39 Brian Smith, 6-3, 220, RSFr.
92 Fabian Bean, 6-4, 280, RSFr.

DT 97 Atiyah Ellison, 6-4, 290, Jr., 1L
73 Russ Bell, 6-2, 300, Sr., 1L

N 99 C.J. Mosley, 6-3, 289, So., 1L
94 Phil Pitts, 6-1, 276, Jr., 2L

DE 96 Zach Ville, 6-2, 272, Jr.
64 Rusty Groth, 6-4, 270, Sr.

LB 21 Brandon Barnes, 6-3, 230, Sr., 2L
40 Derrick Ming, 5-11, 243, So., 1L

LB 24 James Kinney, 6-1, 233, Jr., 2L
46 Henry Sweat, 6-0, 225, Jr., 1L

WHIP 6 Jason Simpson, 6-0, 198, So., 1L
18 Terrence Curry, 5-10, 177, Sr., 2L

ROVER 33 Dedrick Harrington, 6-3, 223, RSFr.
31 Quincy Wade, 5-9, 182, So., 1L –OR–
15 Marcus Bacon, 6-2, 190, RSFr.

FS 22 Nino Williams II, 6-1, 200, Jr.
8 David Overstreet, 6-0, 195, RSFr.

CB 17 Calvin Washington, 6-0, 192, So., 1L
45 Shirdonya Mitchell, 6-0, 181, Jr., 2L

CB 26 Michael Harden, 5-11, 195, Sr., 3L
36 Marcus King, 5-10, 186, Jr., 2L

SPECIALISTS

P 13 Brock Harvey, 6-1, 197, Jr., 2L

PK 34 Michael Matheny, 6-2, 195, Sr., 1L
91 Alex Petterson, 6-4, 205, RSFr.

H 19 Santino Riccio, 6-2, 200, So.

DS 67 Zach Strom, 6-1, 231, Jr., 1L

KOR 45 Shirdonya Mitchell, 6-0, 181, Jr., 2L
1 Marcus James, 5-8, 174, Sr., 3L

PR 1 Marcus James, 5-8, 174, Sr., 3L –OR–
87 Thomson Omboga, 6-2, 189, Jr., 2L

2003 Missouri Football
Missouri Combined Team Statistics (as of Oct 06, 2003)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(4-1-0)	(2-0-0)	(1-1-0)	(1-0-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(0-1-0)	(0-0-0)	(0-1-0)	(0-0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(4-0-0)	(2-0-0)	(1-0-0)	(1-0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
Aug 30, 2003	vs Illinois	W	22-15	63576
Sep. 6, 2003	at Ball State Cardinals	W	35-7	17371
Sep 13, 2003	EASTERN ILLINOIS UNI	W	37-0	49440
Sep 20, 2003	MIDDLE TENNESSEE	W OT	41-40	55075
*Sep 27, 2003	at Kansas	L	14-35	50071

* denotes conference game

RUSHING	GP-GS	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Abron, Zack	5-4	90	493	13	480	5.3	6	64	96.0
Smith, Brad	5-5	67	422	35	387	5.8	3	64	77.4
Nash, Damien	5-1	32	157	4	153	4.8	1	42	30.6
Roberson, Tyrone	4-0	8	58	1	57	7.1	0	31	14.2
Riccio, Santino	5-0	2	12	0	12	6.0	0	8	2.4
Viehmann, Beau	5-0	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0.2
James, Marcus	5-1	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.4
Missouri Team	4-0	3	0	26	-26	-8.7	0	0	-6.5
Total.....	5	204	1143	81	1062	5.2	10	64	212.4
Opponents.....	5	198	815	176	639	3.2	8	30	127.8

PASSING	GP-GS	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Smith, Brad	5-5	135.92	124-83-0	66.9	704	8	34	140.8
Riccio, Santino	5-0	138.96	17-11-0	64.7	111	1	18	22.2
Total.....	5	136.28	141-94-0	66.7	815	9	34	163.0
Opponents.....	5	123.17	170-111-1	65.3	1038	4	38	207.6

RECEIVING	GP-GS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Omboga, Thomson	5-3	21	216	10.3	1	22	43.2
Outlaw, Darius	5-5	21	128	6.1	4	18	25.6
Abron, Zack	5-4	15	108	7.2	0	19	21.6
Sesay, Victor	5-1	10	87	8.7	1	18	17.4
Mccoy, J. D.	4-4	8	89	11.1	2	21	22.2
Coffey, Sean	5-5	7	73	10.4	1	22	14.6
James, Marcus	5-1	3	44	14.7	0	34	8.8
Nash, Damien	5-1	3	20	6.7	0	8	4.0
Matthews, Clint	5-1	2	11	5.5	0	7	2.2
Howard, Dequincy	3-0	1	12	12.0	0	12	4.0
Crosby, Chris	2-0	1	11	11.0	0	11	5.5
Roberson, Tyrone	4-0	1	11	11.0	0	11	2.8
Smith, Brad	5-5	1	5	5.0	0	5	1.0
Total.....	5	94	815	8.7	9	34	163.0
Opponents.....	5	111	1038	9.4	4	38	207.6

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Matheny, Mike	3-4	75.0	0-0	3-3	0-1	0-0	0-0	25	0

SCORING	TD	FGs	PATs				DXP	Saf	Points
			Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass			
Abron, Zack	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	36
Matheny, Mike	0	3-4	16-18	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	25
Outlaw, Darius	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Smith, Brad	3	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	0-0	0	0	22
Mccoy, J. D.	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Omboga, Thomson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Nash, Damien	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Sesay, Victor	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Hibbets, Josh	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Coffey, Sean	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Total.....	20	3-4	16-18	2-2	0	0-0	0	0	149
Opponents.....	12	5-6	8-10	0-0	1	1-2	0	0	97

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Missouri.....	28	51	27	36	7	149
Opponents.....	23	24	13	31	6	97

TOTAL OFFENSE G Plays Rush Pass Total Avg/G

TEAM STATISTICS	MU	OPP
FIRST DOWNS.....	98	95
Rushing.....	53	39
Passing.....	39	52
Penalty.....	6	4
RUSHING YARDAGE.....	1062	639
Yards gained rushing...	1143	815
Yards lost rushing....	81	176
Rushing Attempts.....	204	198
Average Per Rush.....	5.2	3.2
Average Per Game.....	212.4	127.8
TDs Rushing.....	10	8
PASSING YARDAGE.....	815	1038
Att-Comp-Int.....	141-94-0	170-111-1
Average Per Pass.....	5.8	6.1
Average Per Catch.....	8.7	9.4
Average Per Game.....	163.0	207.6
TDs Passing.....	9	4
TOTAL OFFENSE.....	1877	1677
Total Plays.....	345	368
Average Per Play.....	5.4	4.6
Average Per Game.....	375.4	335.4
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS....	19-368	15-300
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS....	15-196	11-129
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS....	1-0	0-0
FUMBLES-LOST.....	5-2	8-5
PENALTIES-YARDS.....	22-205	29-182
PUNTS-AVG.....	26-37.1	27-37.9
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME..	27:48	31:54
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS....	29/73	40/81
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS....	8/11	2/8

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Harden, Michael	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	1	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents.....	0	0	0.0	0	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Harvey, Brock	25	964	38.6	63	2	5	7	0
Missouri Team	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1
Total.....	26	964	37.1	63	2	5	7	1
Opponents.....	27	1023	37.9	54	1	4	6	2

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
James, Marcus	14	170	12.1	0	37
Hibbets, Josh	1	26	26.0	1	14
Total.....	15	196	13.1	1	37
Opponents.....	11	129	11.7	0	61

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Mitchell, Shird	6	131	21.8	0	46
Roberson, Tyrone	6	117	19.5	0	29
James, Marcus	6	109	18.2	0	27
Gooden, Orlando	1	11	11.0	0	11
Total.....	19	368	19.4	0	46
Opponents.....	15	300	20.0	0	29

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Abron, Zack	5	480	108	0	0	0	588	117.6
Smith, Brad	5	387	5	0	0	0	392	78.4
James, Marcus	5	-2	44	170	109	0	321	64.2
Omboga, Thomson	5	0	216	0	0	0	216	43.2
Roberson, Tyrone	4	57	11	0	117	0	185	46.2
Total.....	5	1062	815	196	368	0	2441	488.2
Opponents.....	5	639	1038	129	300	0	2106	421.2

2003 Missouri Football
 Missouri Overall Team Statistics (as of Oct 06, 2003)
 All games

TEAM STATISTICS	MU	OPP

SCORING.....	149	97
Points Per Game.....	29.8	19.4
FIRST DOWNS.....	98	95
Rushing.....	53	39
Passing.....	39	52
Penalty.....	6	4
RUSHING YARDAGE.....	1062	639
Yards gained rushing.....	1143	815
Yards lost rushing.....	81	176
Rushing Attempts.....	204	198
Average Per Rush.....	5.2	3.2
Average Per Game.....	212.4	127.8
TDs Rushing.....	10	8
PASSING YARDAGE.....	815	1038
Att-Comp-Int.....	141-94-0	170-111-1
Average Per Pass.....	5.8	6.1
Average Per Catch.....	8.7	9.4
Average Per Game.....	163.0	207.6
TDs Passing.....	9	4
TOTAL OFFENSE.....	1877	1677
Total Plays.....	345	368
Average Per Play.....	5.4	4.6
Average Per Game.....	375.4	335.4
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	19-368	15-300
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	15-196	11-129
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	1-0	0-0
KICK RETURN AVERAGE.....	19.4	20.0
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE.....	13.1	11.7
INT RETURN AVERAGE.....	0.0	0.0
FUMBLES-LOST.....	5-2	8-5
PENALTIES-YARDS.....	22-205	29-182
Average Per Game.....	41.0	36.4
PUNTS-YARDS.....	26-964	27-1023
Average Per Punt.....	37.1	37.9
Net punt average.....	32.1	30.6
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME.....	27:48	31:54
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	29/73	40/81
3rd-Down Pct.....	40%	49%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	8/11	2/8
4th-Down Pct.....	73%	25%
SACKS BY-YARDS.....	13-93	5-24
MISC YARDS.....	1	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED.....	20	12
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS.....	3-4	5-6
PAT-ATTEMPTS.....	16-18	8-10
ATTENDANCE.....	104515	67442
Games/Avg Per Game.....	2/52258	2/33721

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
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Missouri.....	28	51	27	36	7	- 149
Opponents.....	23	24	13	31	6	- 97

2003 Missouri Football
Missouri Overall Individual Statistics (as of Oct 06, 2003)
All games

RUSHING	GP-GS	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Abrons, Zack	5-4	90	493	13	480	5.3	6	64	96.0
Smith, Brad	5-5	67	422	35	387	5.8	3	64	77.4
Nash, Damien	5-1	32	157	4	153	4.8	1	42	30.6
Roberson, Tyrone	4-0	8	58	1	57	7.1	0	31	14.2
Riccio, Santino	5-0	2	12	0	12	6.0	0	8	2.4
Viehmann, Beau	5-0	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0.2
James, Marcus	5-1	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.4
Missouri Team	4-0	3	0	26	-26	-8.7	0	0	-6.5
Total.....	5	204	1143	81	1062	5.2	10	64	212.4
Opponents.....	5	198	815	176	639	3.2	8	30	127.8

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
James, Marcus	14	170	12.1	0	37
Hibbets, Josh	1	26	26.0	1	14
Total.....	15	196	13.1	1	37
Opponents.....	11	129	11.7	0	61

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Harden, Michael	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	1	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents.....	0	0	0.0	0	0

PASSING	GP-GS	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Smith, Brad	5-5	135.92	124-83-0	66.9	704	8	34	140.8
Riccio, Santino	5-0	138.96	17-11-0	64.7	111	1	18	22.2
Total.....	5	136.28	141-94-0	66.7	815	9	34	163.0
Opponents.....	5	123.17	170-111-1	65.3	1038	4	38	207.6

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Roberson, Tyrone	6	117	19.5	0	29
Mitchell, Shird	6	131	21.8	0	46
James, Marcus	6	109	18.2	0	27
Gooden, Orlando	1	11	11.0	0	11
Total.....	19	368	19.4	0	46
Opponents.....	15	300	20.0	0	29

RECEIVING	GP-GS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Omboga, Thomson	5-3	21	216	10.3	1	22	43.2
Outlaw, Darius	5-5	21	128	6.1	4	18	25.6
Abrons, Zack	5-4	15	108	7.2	0	19	21.6
Sesay, Victor	5-1	10	87	8.7	1	18	17.4
Mccoy, J. D.	4-4	8	89	11.1	2	21	22.2
Coffey, Sean	5-5	7	73	10.4	1	22	14.6
James, Marcus	5-1	3	44	14.7	0	34	8.8
Nash, Damien	5-1	3	20	6.7	0	8	4.0
Matthews, Clint	5-1	2	11	5.5	0	7	2.2
Howard, Dequincy	3-0	1	12	12.0	0	12	4.0
Crosby, Chris	2-0	1	11	11.0	0	11	5.5
Roberson, Tyrone	4-0	1	11	11.0	0	11	2.8
Smith, Brad	5-5	1	5	5.0	0	5	1.0
Total.....	5	94	815	8.7	9	34	163.0
Opponents.....	5	111	1038	9.4	4	38	207.6

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Washington, Cal	1	1	1.0	0	1
Total.....	1	1	1.0	0	1
Opponents.....	0	0	0.0	0	0

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All games

SCORING	----- PATs -----									
	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points	
Abron, Zack	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	36	
Matheny, Mike	0	3-4	16-18	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	25	
Outlaw, Darius	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24	
Smith, Brad	3	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	0-0	0	0	22	
Mccoy, J. D.	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12	
Sesay, Victor	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Omboga, Thomson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Hibbets, Josh	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Nash, Damien	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Coffey, Sean	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Total.....	20	3-4	16-18	2-2	0	0-0	0	0	149	
Opponents.....	12	5-6	8-10	0-0	1	1-2	0	0	97	

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Smith, Brad	5	191	387	704	1091	218.2
Abron, Zack	5	90	480	0	480	96.0
Nash, Damien	5	32	153	0	153	30.6
Riccio, Santino	5	19	12	111	123	24.6
Roberson, Tyrone	4	8	57	0	57	14.2
Viehmam, Beau	5	1	1	0	1	0.2
James, Marcus	5	1	-2	0	-2	-0.4
Missouri Team	4	3	-26	0	-26	-6.5
Total.....	5	345	1062	815	1877	375.4
Opponents.....	5	368	639	1038	1677	335.4

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Matheny, Mike	3-4	75.0	0-0	3-3	0-1	0-0	0-0	25	0

FG SEQUENCE	Missouri	OPPONENTS
Illinois	-	(44),(48),(31)
Ball State Cardinals	-	43
Eastern Illinois Uni	33,(24)	-
Middle Tennessee	(21),(25)	(19),(21)
Kansas	-	-

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Harvey, Brock	25	964	38.6	63	2	5	7	0
Missouri Team	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1
Total.....	26	964	37.1	63	2	5	7	1
Opponents.....	27	1023	37.9	54	1	4	6	2

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

2003 Missouri Football
 Missouri Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Oct 06, 2003)
 All games

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	|-----Tackles-----|			TFL/Yds	|-Sacks-|	|---Pass Def---|			|-Fumbles-|	Blkd		
		Solo	Ast	Total			No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp		QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf
24 Kinney, James	5	37	28	65	2-3	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
21 Barnes, Brandon	5	37	19	56	7-13	1-5	.	.	2	1-0	.	.	.
22 Williams, Nino	5	34	9	43	2-6	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
6 Simpson, Jason	5	25	12	37	2-11	.	.	1	1	1-0	.	.	.
33 Harrington, Ded	5	19	13	32	5-22	1-6	.	2	3	.	1	.	.
17 Washington, Cal	5	24	3	27	1-3	.	.	3	.	2-1	.	.	.
99 Mosley, C.J.	5	17	9	26	9-24	4-17	.	1	2	.	.	.	.
26 Harden, Michael	5	17	9	26	.	.	1-0	7	.	.	1	.	.
96 Ville, Zach	5	12	12	24	3-15	2-11	.	.	2	1-0	1	.	.
97 Ellison,Atiyyah	5	8	15	23	6-15	1-7	.	2	1	.	.	.	.
39 Smith, Brian	5	14	7	21	6-35	6-35	.	.	8	.	3	.	.
73 Bell, Russ	5	9	9	18	3-11	2-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8 Overstreet,Davi	5	10	5	15	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
46 Sweat, Henry	4	8	6	14	.	1-1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
15 Bacon, Marcus	4	6	4	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31 Wade, Quincy	4	4	6	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
40 Ming, Derrick	5	4	4	8	2-23	1-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
64 Groth, Rusty	5	3	4	7	1-2	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
45 Mitchell, Shird	5	7	.	7	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
92 Bean, Fabian	5	5	1	6	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7 Kincade, A.J.	5	5	1	6	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
18 Curry, Terrence	3	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1 James, Marcus	5	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94 Pitts, Phil	5	1	2	3	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9 Scott, Justin	4	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4 Gooden, Orlando	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98 Matthews, Clint	5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48 Jackson, Xzavie	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
89 Mccoy, J. D.	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM Missouri Team	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10 Hibbets, Josh	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.
Total.....	5	315	183	498	51-186	13-93	1-0	23	24	5-1	7	2	.
Opponents.....	5	203	204	407	22-56	5-24	.	8	4	2-0	2	2	.

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#16 Smith, Brad	Att	Comp	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sack	Yds
Illinois.....	18	12	0	66.7	102	2	19	2	6
Ball State Cardinals..	17	11	0	64.7	112	0	21	1	5
Eastern Illinois Uni..	33	26	0	78.8	236	2	34	0	0
Middle Tennessee.....	32	22	0	68.8	192	3	22	0	0
Kansas.....	24	12	0	50.0	62	1	14	2	13
TOTALS.....	124	83	0	66.9	704	8	34	5	24

#19 Riccio, Santino	Att	Comp	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sack	Yds
Ball State Cardinals..	12	7	0	58.3	59	1	15	0	0
Eastern Illinois Uni..	5	4	0	80.0	52	0	18	0	0
TOTALS.....	17	11	0	64.7	111	1	18	0	0

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RUSHING	No-Yds/TD	ILL	BSU	EIU	MT	KU
Abron, Zack.....	90-480/6	21-60/1	18-79/2	16-91/2	18-138/1	17-112/0
Smith, Brad.....	67-387/3	17-66/0	13-117/1	5-35/0	15-136/1	17-33/1
Nash, Damien.....	32-153/1	1--1/0	9-68/1	11-51/0	9-24/0	2-11/0
Roberson, Tyrone.....	8-57/0	DNP	5-17/0	3-40/0	-	-
Riccio, Santino.....	2-12/0	-	1-8/0	1-4/0	-	-
Viehmnn, Beau.....	1-1/0	-	1-1/0	-	-	-
James, Marcus.....	1--2/0	-	-	-	1--2/0	-
Missouri Team.....	3--26/0	2--4/0	-	DNP	-	1--22/0

RECEIVING	No-Yds/TD	ILL	BSU	EIU	MT	KU
Omboga, Thomson.....	21-216/1	1-12/0	6-70/0	7-71/1	5-56/0	2-7/0
Outlaw, Darius.....	21-128/4	4-33/1	2-13/0	5-35/0	6-39/2	4-8/1
Abron, Zack.....	15-108/0	3-34/0	3-24/0	6-32/0	1-1/0	2-17/0
Mccoy, J. D.....	8-89/2	1-14/1	4-39/0	1-15/0	2-21/1	DNP
Sesay, Victor.....	10-87/1	2-3/0	1-14/1	3-27/0	1-18/0	3-25/0
Coffey, Sean.....	7-73/1	1-6/0	-	3-33/1	3-34/0	-
James, Marcus.....	3-44/0	-	-	1-34/0	2-10/0	-
Nash, Damien.....	3-20/0	-	-	1-7/0	2-13/0	-
Howard, Dequincy.....	1-12/0	DNP	-	1-12/0	DNP	-
Crosby, Chris.....	1-11/0	DNP	-	1-11/0	DNP	DNP
Matthews, Clint.....	2-11/0	-	2-11/0	-	-	-
Roberson, Tyrone.....	1-11/0	DNP	-	1-11/0	-	-
Smith, Brad.....	1-5/0	-	-	-	-	1-5/0

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RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Abron, Zack	5	90	493	13	480	5.3	6	64	96.0	36	563	2639	116	2523	4.5	32	64	70.1
Smith, Brad	5	67	422	35	387	5.8	3	64	77.4	17	260	1601	185	1416	5.4	10	75	83.3
Nash, Damien	5	32	157	4	153	4.8	1	42	30.6	5	32	157	4	153	4.8	1	42	30.6
Roberson, Tyrone	4	8	58	1	57	7.1	0	31	14.2	22	79	361	28	333	4.2	1	32	15.1
Riccio, Santino	5	2	12	0	12	6.0	0	8	2.4	8	2	12	0	12	6.0	0	8	1.5
Viehmman, Beau	5	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0.2	5	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0.2
James, Marcus	5	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.4	37	4	23	9	14	3.5	0	15	0.4
Missouri Team	4	3	0	26	-26	-8.7	0	0	-6.5	22	17	0	75	-75	-4.4	0	0	-3.4
Total.....	5	204	1143	81	1062	5.2	10	64	212.4									
Opponents.....	5	198	815	176	639	3.2	8	30	127.8									

PASSING	GP	Effic	Att-Cmp	Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G	GP	Effic	Att-Cmp	Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Smith, Brad	5	135.92	124-83	0	66.9	704	8	34	140.8	17	122.04	490-279	6	56.9	3037	23	62	178.6
Riccio, Santino	5	138.96	17-11	0	64.7	111	1	18	22.2	8	138.96	17-11	0	64.7	111	1	18	13.9
Total.....	5	136.28	141-94	0	66.7	815	9	34	163.0									
Opponents.....	5	123.17	170-111	1	65.3	1038	4	38	207.6									

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Omboga, Thomson	5	21	216	10.3	1	22	43.2	23	57	627	11.0	3	33	27.3
Outlaw, Darius	5	21	128	6.1	4	18	25.6	37	67	680	10.1	7	55	18.4
Abron, Zack	5	15	108	7.2	0	19	21.6	36	23	164	7.1	2	19	4.6
Sesay, Victor	5	10	87	8.7	1	18	17.4	5	10	87	8.7	1	18	17.4
Mccoey, J. D.	4	8	89	11.1	2	21	22.2	34	19	177	9.3	3	21	5.2
Coffey, Sean	5	7	73	10.4	1	22	14.6	17	19	232	12.2	1	35	13.6
James, Marcus	5	3	44	14.7	0	34	8.8	37	19	215	11.3	1	34	5.8
Nash, Damien	5	3	20	6.7	0	8	4.0	5	3	20	6.7	0	8	4.0
Matthews, Clint	5	2	11	5.5	0	7	2.2	23	3	16	5.3	0	7	0.7
Howard, Dequincy	3	1	12	12.0	0	12	4.0	3	1	12	12.0	0	12	4.0
Crosby, Chris	2	1	11	11.0	0	11	5.5	6	2	18	9.0	0	11	3.0
Roberson, Tyrone	4	1	11	11.0	0	11	2.8	22	3	20	6.7	0	11	0.9
Smith, Brad	5	1	5	5.0	0	5	1.0	17	3	41	13.7	0	31	2.4
Total.....	5	94	815	8.7	9	34	163.0							
Opponents.....	5	111	1038	9.4	4	38	207.6							

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Smith, Brad	5	191	387	704	1091	218.2	17	750	1416	3037	4453	261.9
Abron, Zack	5	90	480	0	480	96.0	36	563	2523	0	2523	70.1
Nash, Damien	5	32	153	0	153	30.6	5	32	153	0	153	30.6
Riccio, Santino	5	19	12	111	123	24.6	8	19	12	111	123	15.4
Roberson, Tyrone	4	8	57	0	57	14.2	22	79	333	0	333	15.1
Viehmman, Beau	5	1	1	0	1	0.2	5	1	1	0	1	0.2
James, Marcus	5	1	-2	0	-2	-0.4	37	4	14	0	14	0.4
Missouri Team	4	3	-26	0	-26	-6.5	22	18	-75	0	-75	-3.4
Total.....	5	345	1062	815	1877	375.4						
Opponents.....	5	368	639	1038	1677	335.4						

SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
Abron, Zack	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	36	34	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	204
Matheny, Mike	0	3-4	16-18	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	25	0	12-17	56-60	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	92
Outlaw, Darius	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24	12	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0-2	0	0	72
Smith, Brad	3	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	0-0	0	0	22	10	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	0-0	0	0	64
Mccoey, J. D.	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Sesay, Victor	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Coffey, Sean	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Omboga, Thomson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Hibbets, Josh	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Nash, Damien	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Total.....	20	3-4	16-18	2-2	0	0-0	0	0	149									
Opponents.....	12	5-6	8-10	0-0	1	1-2	0	0	97									

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
James, Marcus	14	170	12.1	0	37	66	735	11.1	1	80
Hibbets, Josh	1	26	26.0	1	14	1	26	26.0	1	14
Total.....	15	196	13.1	1	37					
Opponents.....	11	129	11.7	0	61					

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KICK RETURNS	SEASON STATISTICS					CAREER STATISTICS				
	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Roberson, Tyrone	6	117	19.5	0	29	24	504	21.0	0	36
James, Marcus	6	109	18.2	0	27	46	821	17.8	0	47
Mitchell, Shird	6	131	21.8	0	46	23	534	23.2	0	89
Gooden, Orlando	1	11	11.0	0	11	2	26	13.0	0	15
Total.....	19	368	19.4	0	46					
Opponents.....	15	300	20.0	0	29					

INTERCEPTIONS	SEASON STATISTICS					CAREER STATISTICS				
	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Harden, Michael	1	0	0.0	0	0	3	7	2.3	0	7
Total.....	1	0	0.0	0	0					
Opponents.....	0	0	0.0	0	0					

FUMBLE RETURNS	SEASON STATISTICS					CAREER STATISTICS				
	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Washington, Cal	1	1	1.0	0	1	1	1	1.0	0	1
Total.....	1	1	1.0	0	1					
Opponents.....	0	0	0.0	0	0					

ALL PURPOSE	SEASON STATISTICS							CAREER STATISTICS						
	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot Avg/G	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot Avg/G
Abron, Zack	5	480	108	0	0	0	588 117.6	36	2523	164	0	0	0	2687 74.6
Smith, Brad	5	387	5	0	0	0	392 78.4	17	1416	41	0	0	0	1457 85.7
James, Marcus	5	-2	44	170	109	0	321 64.2	37	14	215	735	821	0	1785 48.2
Omboga, Thomson	5	0	216	0	0	0	216 43.2	23	1	627	30	41	0	699 30.4
Roberson, Tyrone	4	57	11	0	117	0	185 46.2	22	333	20	0	504	0	857 39.0
Nash, Damien	5	153	20	0	0	0	173 34.6	5	153	20	0	0	0	173 34.6
Mitchell, Shird	5	0	0	0	131	0	131 26.2	27	6	53	0	534	0	593 22.0
Outlaw, Darius	5	0	128	0	0	0	128 25.6	37	367	680	0	0	0	1047 28.3
Mccoy, J. D.	4	0	89	0	0	0	89 22.2	34	0	177	0	0	0	177 5.2
Sesay, Victor	5	0	87	0	0	0	87 17.4	5	0	87	0	0	0	87 17.4
Coffey, Sean	5	0	73	0	0	0	73 14.6	17	0	232	0	0	0	232 13.6
Hibbets, Josh	5	0	0	26	0	0	26 5.2	5	0	0	26	0	0	26 5.2
Riccio, Santino	5	12	0	0	0	0	12 2.4	8	12	0	0	0	0	12 1.5
Howard, Dequincy	3	0	12	0	0	0	12 4.0	3	0	12	0	0	0	12 4.0
Gooden, Orlando	4	0	0	0	11	0	11 2.8	16	0	0	3	26	0	29 1.8
Crosby, Chris	2	0	11	0	0	0	11 5.5	6	0	18	0	0	0	18 3.0
Matthews, Clint	5	0	11	0	0	0	11 2.2	23	0	16	0	14	0	30 1.3
Viehmann, Beau	5	1	0	0	0	0	1 0.2	5	1	0	0	0	0	1 0.2
Missouri Team	4	-26	0	0	0	0	-26 -6.5	22	-75	0	0	0	0	-75 -3.4
Total.....	5	1062	815	196	368	0	2441 488.2							
Opponents.....	5	639	1038	129	300	0	2106 421.2							

FIELD GOALS	SEASON STATISTICS					CAREER STATISTICS				
	Att	Good	Long	Blkd	Pct.	Att	Good	Long	Blkd	Pct.
Matheny, Mike	4	3	25	0		17	12	44	1	70.6
Total.....	4	3	25	0						
Opponents.....	6	5	48	0						

PUNTING	SEASON STATISTICS					CAREER STATISTICS				
	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	Blkd	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	Blkd
Harvey, Brock	25	964	38.6	63	0	121	4919	40.7	69	0
Missouri Team	1	0	0.0	0	1	3	0	0.0	0	3
Total.....	26	964	37.1	63	1					
Opponents.....	27	1023	37.9	54	2					

Team Game-by-Game Statistics

Game	Score	First Downs—		Rushing—	Passing—			Total Off.	Punting	Fumbles	Penalties	3rd	Time of
		Tot	Ru-Pa-Pen	No-Yds-TD	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Pl-Yds	No-Avg	No-Lost	No-Yds	Dns	Poss
Missouri	22	12	8-4-0	41-121-1	12-18-0	102	2	59-223	7-42.4	1-0	2-10	5-13	27:06
vs. Illinois	15	23	8-15-0	34-127-0	31-45-0	284	1	79-411	3-33.7	2-1	7-33	8-16	32:54
Missouri	35	25	15-9-1	47-290-4	18-29-0	171	1	76-461	5-33.4	0-0	5-40	9-17	29:53
at Ball State	7	13	4-8-1	28-41-0	23-34-0	203	1	62-244	8-41.4	1-0	5-26	7-16	30:07
Missouri	37	22	8-13-1	36-221-2	30-38-0	288	2	74-509	4-38.2	2-2	5-46	4-13	28:22
Eastern Illinois	0	11	3-8-0	32-67-0	23-36-1	154	0	68-221	9-33.7	3-3	4-20	8-19	31:38
Missouri	41	26	14-10-2	43-296-2	22-32-0	192	3	75-488	4-32.8	1-0	5-55	8-15	27:22
Middle Tenn. St.	40	27	11-14-2	56-197-3	20-32-0	286	2	88-483	4-46.0	0-0	6-43	8-15	32:38
Missouri	14	13	8-3-2	37-134-1	12-24-0	62	1	61-196	6-36.0	1-0	5-54	3-15	26:16
at Kansas	35	21	13-7-1	48-207-5	14-23-0	111	0	71-318	3-34.7	2-1	7-60	9-15	32:11
Missouri Nebraska													
Missouri at Oklahoma													
Missouri Texas Tech													
Missouri at Colorado													
Missouri Texas A&M													
Missouri at Kansas State													
Missouri Iowa State													

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Rushes.....	21	Abron, Zack at Illinois (Aug 30, 2003)
Yards Rushing.....	138	Abron, Zack vs Middle Tennessee (Sep 20, 2003)
TD Rushes.....	2	Abron, Zack at Ball State Cardinals (Sep. 6, 2003)
		Abron, Zack vs Eastern Illinois Uni (Sep 13, 2003)
Long Rush.....	64	Smith, Brad vs Middle Tennessee (Sep 20, 2003)
		Abron, Zack vs Middle Tennessee (Sep 20, 2003)
Pass attempts.....	33	Smith, Brad vs Eastern Illinois Uni (Sep 13, 2003)
Pass completions....	26	Smith, Brad vs Eastern Illinois Uni (Sep 13, 2003)
Yards Passing.....	236	Smith, Brad vs Eastern Illinois Uni (Sep 13, 2003)
TD Passes.....	3	Smith, Brad vs Middle Tennessee (Sep 20, 2003)
Long Pass.....	34	Smith, Brad vs Eastern Illinois Uni (Sep 13, 2003)
Receptions.....	7	Omboga, Thomson vs Eastern Illinois Uni (Sep 13, 2003)
Yards Receiving.....	71	Omboga, Thomson vs Eastern Illinois Uni (Sep 13, 2003)
TD Receptions.....	2	Outlaw, Darius vs Middle Tennessee (Sep 20, 2003)
Long Reception.....	34	James, Marcus vs Eastern Illinois Uni (Sep 13, 2003)
Field Goals.....	2	Matheny, Mike vs Middle Tennessee (Sep 20, 2003)
Long Field Goal.....	25	Matheny, Mike vs Middle Tennessee (Sep 20, 2003)
Punts.....	7	Harvey, Brock at Illinois (Aug 30, 2003)
Punting Avg.....	42.4	Harvey, Brock at Illinois (Aug 30, 2003)
Long Punt.....	63	Harvey, Brock at Illinois (Aug 30, 2003)
Long Punt Return....	37	James, Marcus vs Eastern Illinois Uni (Sep 13, 2003)
Long Kickoff Return.	46	Mitchell, Shird at Ball State Cardinals (Sep. 6, 2003)
Tackles.....	19	Kinney, James at Kansas (Sep 27, 2003)
Sacks.....	2.0	Mosley, C.J. at Illinois (Aug 30, 2003)
		Smith, Brian at Ball State Cardinals (Sep. 6, 2003)
		Smith, Brian vs Eastern Illinois Uni (Sep 13, 2003)
		Bell, Russ vs Middle Tennessee (Sep 20, 2003)
Tackles For Loss....	4.0	Mosley, C.J. at Illinois (Aug 30, 2003)
Interceptions.....	1	Harden, Michael vs Eastern Illinois Uni (Sep 13, 2003)

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Rushes.....	47	at Ball State Cardinals (Sep. 6, 2003)
Yards Rushing.....	296	vs Middle Tennessee (Sep 20, 2003)
Yards Per Rush.....	6.9	vs Middle Tennessee (Sep 20, 2003)
TD Rushes.....	4	at Ball State Cardinals (Sep. 6, 2003)
Pass attempts.....	38	vs Eastern Illinois Uni (Sep 13, 2003)
Pass completions....	30	vs Eastern Illinois Uni (Sep 13, 2003)
Yards Passing.....	288	vs Eastern Illinois Uni (Sep 13, 2003)
Yards Per Pass.....	7.6	vs Eastern Illinois Uni (Sep 13, 2003)
TD Passes.....	3	vs Middle Tennessee (Sep 20, 2003)
Total Plays.....	76	at Ball State Cardinals (Sep. 6, 2003)
Total Offense.....	509	vs Eastern Illinois Uni (Sep 13, 2003)
Yards Per Play.....	6.9	vs Eastern Illinois Uni (Sep 13, 2003)
Points.....	41	vs Middle Tennessee (Sep 20, 2003)
Sacks By.....	4	at Ball State Cardinals (Sep. 6, 2003) vs Eastern Illinois Uni (Sep 13, 2003)
First Downs.....	26	vs Middle Tennessee (Sep 20, 2003)
Penalties.....	5	at Ball State Cardinals (Sep. 6, 2003) vs Eastern Illinois Uni (Sep 13, 2003) vs Middle Tennessee (Sep 20, 2003) at Kansas (Sep 27, 2003)
Penalty Yards.....	55	vs Middle Tennessee (Sep 20, 2003)
Turnovers.....	2	vs Eastern Illinois Uni (Sep 13, 2003)
Interceptions By....	1	vs Eastern Illinois Uni (Sep 13, 2003)

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OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes.....	20	Halsey, EB, at Illinois (Aug 30, 2003)
Yards Rushing.....	139	Halsey, EB, at Illinois (Aug 30, 2003)
TD Rushes.....	2	Whittemore, Bil, at Kansas (Sep 27, 2003) Green, Clark, at Kansas (Sep 27, 2003)
Long Rush.....	30	Halsey, EB, at Illinois (Aug 30, 2003)
Pass attempts.....	44	Beutjer, Jon, at Illinois (Aug 30, 2003)
Pass completions....	31	Beutjer, Jon, at Illinois (Aug 30, 2003)
Yards Passing.....	284	Beutjer, Jon, at Illinois (Aug 30, 2003)
TD Passes.....	2	Hines, Andrico, vs Middle Tennessee (Sep 20, 2003)
Long Pass.....	38	Gross, Eugene, vs Middle Tennessee (Sep 20, 2003)
Receptions.....	10	Davis, Carey, at Illinois (Aug 30, 2003)
Yards Receiving.....	144	Wright, Kerry, vs Middle Tennessee (Sep 20, 2003)
TD Receptions.....	1	Hayden, Kelvin, at Illinois (Aug 30, 2003) FRANKLIN, Mark, at Ball State Cardinals (Sep. 6, 2003) Wright, Kerry, vs Middle Tennessee (Sep 20, 2003) Alsup, Wardell, vs Middle Tennessee (Sep 20, 2003)
Long Reception.....	38	Wright, Kerry, vs Middle Tennessee (Sep 20, 2003)
Field Goals.....	3	Gockman, John, at Illinois (Aug 30, 2003)
Long Field Goal.....	48	Gockman, John, at Illinois (Aug 30, 2003)
Punts.....	8	EMS, Philip, at Ball State Cardinals (Sep. 6, 2003)
Punting Avg.....	46.0	Billings, R., vs Middle Tennessee (Sep 20, 2003)
Long Punt.....	54	Billings, R., vs Middle Tennessee (Sep 20, 2003)
Long Punt Return....	61	Gordon, Charles, at Kansas (Sep 27, 2003)
Long Kickoff Return.	29	Virgil, Morris, at Illinois (Aug 30, 2003)
Tackles.....	16	BERIAULT, J., at Ball State Cardinals (Sep. 6, 2003)
Sacks.....	1.0	Sinclair, Matt, at Illinois (Aug 30, 2003) O'Brien, Mike, at Illinois (Aug 30, 2003) SCOTT, Lorenzo, at Ball State Cardinals (Sep. 6, 2003) Perkins, Brando, at Kansas (Sep 27, 2003) McMillan, David, at Kansas (Sep 27, 2003)
Tackles For Loss....	3.0	O'Brien, Mike, at Illinois (Aug 30, 2003)
Interceptions.....	0	

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OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes.....	56	vs Middle Tennessee (Sep 20, 2003)
Yards Rushing.....	207	at Kansas (Sep 27, 2003)
Yards Per Rush.....	4.3	at Kansas (Sep 27, 2003)
TD Rushes.....	5	at Kansas (Sep 27, 2003)
Pass attempts.....	45	at Illinois (Aug 30, 2003)
Pass completions....	31	at Illinois (Aug 30, 2003)
Yards Passing.....	286	vs Middle Tennessee (Sep 20, 2003)
Yards Per Pass.....	8.9	vs Middle Tennessee (Sep 20, 2003)
TD Passes.....	2	vs Middle Tennessee (Sep 20, 2003)
Total Plays.....	88	vs Middle Tennessee (Sep 20, 2003)
Total Offense.....	483	vs Middle Tennessee (Sep 20, 2003)
Yards Per Play.....	5.5	vs Middle Tennessee (Sep 20, 2003)
Points.....	40	vs Middle Tennessee (Sep 20, 2003)
Sacks By.....	2	at Illinois (Aug 30, 2003) at Kansas (Sep 27, 2003)
First Downs.....	27	vs Middle Tennessee (Sep 20, 2003)
Penalties.....	7	at Illinois (Aug 30, 2003) at Kansas (Sep 27, 2003)
Penalty Yards.....	60	at Kansas (Sep 27, 2003)
Turnovers.....	4	vs Eastern Illinois Uni (Sep 13, 2003)
Interceptions By....	0	

TEAM SINGLE-GAME HIGHS UNDER GARY PINKEL

Category	MISSOURI Single-Game Highs		OPPONENT Single-Game Highs	
SCORING				
1st Quarter Pts.	14	11-10-01 vs. Baylor	17	2 Times
2nd Quarter Pts.	21	10-20-01 at Kansas	17	4 Times
1st Half Pts.	34	11-10-01 vs. Baylor	34	9-14-02 at Bowling Green
3rd Quarter Pts.	27	9-7-02 vs. Ball State	17	12-1-01 at Michigan St.
4th Quarter Pts.	14	10-19-02 at Texas Tech	22	9-27-03 at Kansas
2nd Half Pts.	34	9-7-02 vs. Ball State	24	12-1-01 at Michigan St.
Total Pts.	44	9-28-02 vs. Troy State	55	12-1-01 at Michigan St.
Margin of Victory	37	9-28-02 vs. Troy State	48	12-1-01 at Michigan St.
FIRST DOWNS				
Total	29	11-10-01 vs. Baylor	38	10-19-02 at Texas Tech
By Rushing	15	3 Times	19	9-29-01 vs. Nebraska
By Passing	19	11-10-01 vs. Baylor	29	10-19-02 at Texas Tech
By Penalty	5	9-14-02 at Bowling Green	6	11-16-02 at Texas A&M
RUSHING				
Attempts	63	11-16-02 at Texas A&M	72	9-29-01 vs. Nebraska
Net Yards	296	9-20-03 vs. Middle Tennessee St.	412	9-29-01 vs. Nebraska
Touchdowns	4	3 Times	5	2 Times
Yds. Per Attempt	6.9	9-20-03 vs. Middle Tennessee St.	5.7	9-29-01 vs. Nebraska
PASSING				
Completions	30	9-13-03 vs. Eastern Illinois	50	10-19-02 at Texas Tech
Attempts	50	9-14-02 at Bowling Green	71	10-19-02 at Texas Tech
Yards	380	11-10-01 vs. Baylor	518	10-19-02 at Texas Tech
Touchdowns	4	11-10-01 vs. Baylor	5	10-19-02 at Texas Tech
Interceptions	3	10-5-02 vs. Oklahoma	3	9-28-02 vs. Troy State
Yds. Per Completion	18.0	11-23-02 vs. Kansas State	24.2	11-23-02 vs. Kansas State
Yds. Per Attempt	10.6	11-10-01 vs. Baylor	14.5	11-23-02 vs. Kansas State
TOTAL OFFENSE				
Plays	88	2 Times	100	10-19-02 at Texas Tech
Yards	531	11-10-01 vs. Baylor	639	12-1-01 at Michigan St.
Avg. Per Play	7.1	11-10-01 vs. Baylor	8.1	12-1-01 at Michigan St.
PUNTING				
Number	10	9-29-01 vs. Nebraska	9	9-13-03 vs. Eastern Illinois
Avg. Per Punt	47.8	10-12-02 at Nebraska	49.7	9-29-01 vs. Nebraska
FUMBLES BY				
Number	3	3 Times	4	2 Times
Lost	2	4 Times	4	9-7-02 vs. Ball State
TOTAL TURNOVERS BY				
Number	3	3 Times	5	9-28-02 vs. Troy State
PENALTIES				
Number	14	11-16-02 at Texas A&M	12	11-23-02 vs. Kansas State
Yards	123	9-14-02 at Bowling Green	98	9-14-02 at Bowling Green
3RD DOWN CONVERSIONS				
Number	9	5 Times	13	10-6-01 at Oklahoma St.
Attempts	19	2 Times	23	10-6-01 at Oklahoma St.
Percentage	58.3%	11-10-01 vs. Baylor	70.6%	10-27-01 vs. Texas
TIME OF POSSESSION				
Total	35:21	8-31-02 vs. Illinois	39:53	11-23-02 vs. Kansas State

INDIVIDUAL SINGLE-GAME HIGHS UNDER GARY PINKEL

Category	MISSOURI Individual Single-Game Highs		OPPONENT Individual Single-Game Highs	
SCORING				
Points	18	Zack Abron, 2 Times	18	4 Times
Touchdowns	3	Zack Abron, 2 Times	3	4 Times
Field Goals	4	Brad Hammerich, 10-6-01 at Okla. St.	3	3 Times
Extra Points	5	9 Times	7	3 Times
RUSHING				
Attempts	26	2 Times	35	Chris Brown, 11-9-02 vs. Colorado
Net Yards	213	Brad Smith, 10-5-02 vs. Oklahoma	211	Chris Brown, 11-9-02 vs. Colorado
Touchdowns	3	Zack Abron, 9-7-02 vs. Ball State	3	2 Times
PASSING				
Completions	28	Brad Smith, 9-14-02 at Bowling Green	49	Kliff Kingsbury, 10-19-02 at Texas Tech
Attempts	50	Brad Smith, 9-14-02 at Bowling Green	70	Kliff Kingsbury, 10-19-02 at Texas Tech
Yards	360	Kirk Farmer, 11-10-01 vs. Baylor	510	Kliff Kingsbury, 10-19-02 at Texas Tech
Touchdowns	3	5 Times	5	Kliff Kingsbury, 10-19-02 at Texas Tech
Interceptions	3	Brad Smith, 10-5-02 vs. Oklahoma	2	3 Times
TOTAL OFFENSE				
Yards	391	2 Times	501	Kliff Kingsbury, 10-19-02 at Texas Tech
RECEIVING				
Receptions	16	Justin Gage, 9-14-02 at Bowling Green	10	4 Times
Yards	236	Justin Gage, 2 Times	209	Robert Redd, 9-14-02 at Bowling Green
Touchdowns	2	4 Times	3	2 Times
DEFENSE				
Tackles	19	James Kinney, 2 Times	16	3 Times
Sacks	4	Antwaun Bynum, 10-6-01 at Okla. St.	2	3 Times
Interceptions	3	R.J. Jones, 9-28-02 vs. Troy State	2	Janssen Patton, 9-1-01 vs. Bowling Green

LONG PLAYS UNDER GARY PINKEL

Category	MISSOURI Long Plays		OPPONENT Long Plays	
RUSH	75(TD)	Brad Smith, 10-26-02 vs. Kansas	95(TD)	Eric Crouch, 9-29-01 vs. Nebraska
PASS	62(TD)	Brad Smith, 10-26-02 vs. Kansas	65(TD)	Nate Hybl, 10-5-02 vs. Oklahoma
RECEPTION	62(TD)	Justin Gage, 10-26-02 vs. Kansas	65(TD)	Curtis Fagan, 10-5-02 vs. Oklahoma
KICKOFF RETURN	89	Shirdonya Mitchell, 10-19-02 at T. Tech	45	Roger Ross, 10-20-01 at Kansas
PUNT RETURN	80(TD)	Marcus James, 11-2-02 at Iowa St.	89(TD)	DeJuan Groce, 10-12-02 at Nebraska
INTERCEPTION RETURN	59(TD)	Kevin Johnson, 11-3-01 at Colorado	32(TD)	Quincy Roe, 10-20-01 at Kansas
PUNT	69	Brock Harvey, 10-12-02 at Nebraska	69	Curtis Ansel, 10-26-02 vs. Kansas
FIELD GOAL	51	Brad Hammerich, 9-1-01 vs. B. Green	48	John Gockman, 8-30-03 vs. Illinois

Missouri Player Career Single-Game Best Chart

Offensive Players (Alphabetically)

PASSING

	COMP.	ATT.	YDS.	LONG	TDs	INTs
SANTINO RICCIO	7 at Ball St., 2003	12 at Ball St., 2003	59 at Ball St., 2003	15 at Ball St., 2003	1 at Ball St., 2003	0 at Ball St., 2003
BRAD SMITH	28 at B. Green, 2002	50 at B. Green, 2002	334 at B. Green, 2002	62 Kansas, 2002	3 2 Times	3 Oklahoma, 2002

RUSHING

	ATT.	YDS.	LONG	TDs
ZACK ABRON	27 at Texas A&M, 2002	147 Iowa St., 2001	64 vs. Mid. Tenn. St., 2003	3 vs. Ball State, 2002
DAMIEN NASH	11 vs. E. Illinois, 2003	68 at Ball St., 2003	42 at Ball St., 2003	1 at Ball St., 2003
SANTINO RICCIO	1 2 Times	8 at Ball St., 2003	8 at Ball St., 2003	0
TYRONE ROBERSON	13 SW Texas, 2001	74 SW Texas, 2001	32 vs. SW Texas, 2001	1 at Texas Tech, 2002
BRAD SMITH	26 2 Times	213 Oklahoma, 2002	75 Kansas, 2002	2 Oklahoma, 2002

RECEIVING

	REC.	YDS.	LONG	TDs
ZACK ABRON	6 vs. E. Illinois, 2003	34 vs. Illinois, 2003	19 vs. Illinois, 2003	1 2 Times
SEAN COFFEY	6 Troy State, 2002	88 Troy State, 2002	35 Troy State, 2002	1 vs. E. Illinois, 2003
CHRIS CROSBY	1 2 Times	11 vs. E. Illinois, 2003	11 vs. E. Illinois, 2003	0
DEQUINCY HOWARD	1 vs. E. Illinois, 2003	12 vs. E. Illinois, 2003	12 vs. E. Illinois, 2003	0
MARCUS JAMES	2 5 Times	34 3 Times	34 vs. E. Illinois, 2003	1 at Kansas, 2001
CLINT MATTHEWS	1 2 Times	7 at Ball St., 2003	7 Ball St., 2003	0
J.D. McCOY	4 at Ball St., 2003	39 at Ball St., 2003	21 at Ball St., 2003	1 3 Times
THOMSON OMBOGA	7 vs. E. Illinois, 2003	81 at Bowling Green, 2002	33 at Bowling Green, 2002	1 2 Times
DARIUS OUTLAW	10 at Texas Tech, 2002	103 at Iowa State, 2002	55 at Iowa State, 2002	2 vs. Mid. Tenn. St., 2003
VICTOR SESAY	3 2 Times	27 vs. E. Illinois, 2003	18 vs. Mid. Tenn. St., 2003	1 at Ball St., 2003

The Last Time It Happened

MISSOURI TEAM

600 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE 641 vs. Marshall, 1992
500 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE 509 vs. Eastern Illinois, 2003
400 YARDS RUSHING 412 vs. Kansas, 1996
400 YARDS PASSING 424 vs. Nebraska, 1992
300 YARDS PASSING 306 at Texas Tech, 2002
60 POINTS SCORED 61 vs. Kansas State, 1984
50 POINTS SCORED 50 vs. Western Illinois, 2000
30 FIRST DOWNS 30 vs. Colorado, 1999
100 YARDS IN PENALTIES 123 at Bowling Green, 2002

MISSOURI INDIVIDUAL

300 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE 338, Brad Smith vs. Mid. Tenn. St., 2003
200 YARDS RUSHING 213, Brad Smith vs. Oklahoma, 2002
150 YARDS RUSHING 213, Brad Smith vs. Oklahoma, 2002
300 YARDS PASSING 334, Brad Smith at Bowling Green, 2002
70-YARD RUN FROM SCRIMMAGE 75 (TD), Brad Smith vs. Kansas, 2002
70-YARD PASS 70, Justin Gage to John Dausman vs. Michigan State, 2000
60-YARD FIELD GOAL 62, Tom Whelihan vs. Colorado, 1986
50-YARD FIELD GOAL 51, Brad Hammerich vs. Southwest Texas, 2001
INTERCEPTION RETURN FOR A TOUCHDOWN 43, Taurus Ferguson vs. Colorado, 2002
PUNT RETURN FOR A TOUCHDOWN 80, Marcus James at Iowa State, 2002
KICKOFF RETURN FOR A TOUCHDOWN 85, Ricky Doby vs. Oklahoma State, 1982
SAFETY Keight Wright sacked QB in endzone, vs. Kansas, 2002

OPPONENT TEAM

600 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE 602 at Iowa State, 2002
500 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE 553 by Kansas State, 2002
400 YARDS RUSHING 425 by Nebraska, 2001
400 YARDS PASSING 425 at Iowa State, 2002
300 YARDS PASSING 350 at Texas A&M, 2002
60 POINTS SCORED 62 by Clemson, 2000
50 POINTS SCORED 52 at Texas Tech, 2002
30 FIRST DOWNS 38 at Texas Tech, 2002
100 YARDS IN PENALTIES 121 by Clemson, 2000

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL

300 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE 315, Eli Roberson, Kansas State, 2002
200 YARDS RUSHING 211, Chris Brown, Colorado, 2002
150 YARDS RUSHING 211, Chris Brown, Colorado, 2002
300 YARDS PASSING 425, Seneca Wallace, Iowa State, 2002
70-YARD RUN FROM SCRIMMAGE 95 (TD), Eric Crouch, Nebraska, 2001
70-YARD PASS 72 (TD), Eric Moore to Jerald Moore, Oklahoma, 1995
60-YARD FIELD GOAL Never been done
50-YARD FIELD GOAL 58, Ty Stewart, Iowa State, 1993
INTERCEPTION RETURN FOR A TOUCHDOWN 27, Mitch Hewitt, Bowling Green, 2002
PUNT RETURN FOR A TOUCHDOWN 71, Terrence Newman, Kansas State, 2002
KICKOFF RETURN FOR A TOUCHDOWN 100, Ben Kelly, Colorado, 1999
SAFETY Team, Kansas State, 2001

2003 GAME RECAPS

GAME #1 • MISSOURI 22, ILLINOIS 15

AUGUST 30, 2003 • EDWARD JONES DOME • ST. LOUIS, MO. (63,576)

Darius Outlaw caught a 6-yard touchdown pass from Brad Smith with 4:12 remaining to give Missouri a 22-15 victory over Illinois in the season opener.

Missouri got another big game from Smith. He went 12-for-18 for 101 yards and two touchdowns and added 66 yards rushing on 17 carries.

Illinois outgained Missouri 422-224, but missed a chance to tie it late, running out of downs at the Missouri 23 when Jon Beutjer's pass went in and out of Melvin Bryant's arms at the 5.

Missouri was contained on offense most of the day, but the Tigers saved their best for late in the game with a 13-play, 79-yard game-winning drive. Smith added a 2-point conversion run from a swinging gate alignment, winning a foot race to the right corner of the end zone.

Smith was 3-for-4 for 40 yards on the winning drive. Outlaw caught two of the passes for 21 yards and Zack Abron caught a critical 19-yard swing pass on a 3rd-and-11 play, and also had a 17-yard run.

Missouri responded after Illinois took its first lead since the 1st quarter on a 6-yard pass from Beutjer to Kelvin Hayden with 10:36 to go. Missouri led 14-6 at the half despite getting outgained 167-103 in total yards.

The big play of the half came when Michael Harden nearly blocked a punt deep in Illinois territory, forcing Steve Weatherford to run. Derrick Ming tackled Weatherford at the 3 to set up Abron's 1-yard run for a 7-3 lead.

Smith hit J.D. McCoy for a 14-yard touchdown to make it 14-3, capping Missouri's only sustained drive of the half.

<u>Scoring Summary</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>Total</u>
Missouri	7	7	0	8	—	22
Illinois	3	3	3	6	—	15

Scoring Plays

ILL - John Gockman 44 field goal, 8:47 (1st)

MU - Zack Abron 1 run (Mike Matheny PAT) :40 (1st)

MU - J.D. McCoy 14 pass from Brad Smith (Matheny PAT), 5:31 (2nd)

ILL - Gockman 48 field goal, :07 (2nd)

ILL - Gockman 31 field goal, 9:03 (3rd)

ILL - Kelvin Hayden 6 pass from Jon Beutjer (Beutjer pass failed), 10:36 (4th)

MU - Darius Outlaw 6 pass from Smith (Smith run), 4:12 (4th)

<u>MU</u>	<u>STATISTICS</u>	<u>ILL</u>
12	First Downs	23
41-121	Rushes-Net Yards	34-127
12-18-0	Pass Comp.-Att.-Int.	31-45-0
102	Net Passing Yards	284
223	Total Net Yards	411
1-0	Fumbles-Lost	2-1
2-10	Penalties-Yards	7-33
7-42.4	Punts-Avg.	3-33.7
5-13	3rd Down Conv.	8-16
1-1	4th Down Conv.	0-3
27:06	Time of Possession	32:54

Individual Leaders

Rushing — (MU) Smith 17-66

(ILL) Halsey 20-139

Passing — (MU) Smith 12-18-0, 102 YDS, 2 TDs

(ILL) Beutjer 31-44-0, 284 YDS, 1 TD

Receiving — (MU) Outlaw 4-33, 1 TD

(ILL) Davis 10-66

GAME #2 • MISSOURI 35, BALL STATE 7

SEPTEMBER 6, 2003 • BALL STATE STADIUM • MUNCIE, IND. (17,371)

Brad Smith had 229 yards of total offense in the first half as Missouri beat Ball State 35-7. Missouri answered an early Ball State score with 21 straight points before halftime. Smith, who scored on a 35-yard touchdown run to give Missouri the lead, rushed for 117 yards on 13 carries and completed 11 of 17 passes for 112 yards.

The Tigers finished with 461 yards of total offense, while Ball State was held to 244 yards, including 41 on the ground.

After Smith left the game in the first half with a concussion, backup Santino Riccio took over the Missouri offense in the second half and extended the Tigers' 21-7 halftime lead.

Riccio, who went 7-of-12 for 59 yards, led the Tigers on a pair of second-half scoring drives, including a 15-play, 80-yard drive that lasted 6:35 and ended with a 14-yard touchdown pass to Victor Sesay.

Zack Abron, who rushed for 79 yards on 18 carries, finished Missouri's scoring with a 5-yard run in the fourth.

The Cardinals took the first lead of the game in the first quarter on a score set up by special teams. Brad Gater blocked a punt by Brock Harvey, recovered and returned it to the Missouri 4.

Two plays later, Andy Roesch threw a 5-yard TD pass to Mark Franklin.

The Tigers wasted little time tying the score, when Damien Nash capped a 12-play, 80-yard drive with a 4-yard TD run. After Smith scored to give Missouri the lead, Abron ran for a 1-yard touchdown just before halftime.

<u>Scoring Summary</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>Total</u>
Missouri	7	14	7	7	—	35
Ball State	7	0	0	0	—	7

Scoring Plays

BSU - Mark Franklin 5 pass from Andy Roesch (Mike Langford PAT), 4:51 (1st)

MU - Damien Nash 4 run (Mike Matheny PAT), 1:22 (1st)

MU - Brad Smith 35 run (Matheny PAT), 4:16 (2nd)

MU - Zack Abron 1 run (Matheny PAT), 0:54 (2nd)

MU - Victor Sesay 14 pass from Santino Riccio (Matheny PAT), 3:23 (3rd)

MU - Abron 5 run (Matheny PAT), 13:33 (4th)

<u>MU</u>	<u>STATISTICS</u>	<u>BSU</u>
25	First Downs	13
47-290	Rushes-Net Yards	4-8-1
18-29-0	Pass Comp.-Att.-Int.	23-34-0
171	Net Passing Yards	203
461	Total Net Yards	244
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	1-0
5-40	Penalties-Yards	5-26
5-33.4	Punts-Avg.	8-41.4
9-17	3rd Down Conv.	7-16
1-2	4th Down Conv.	0-1
29:53	Time of Possession	30:07

Individual Leaders

Rushing — (MU) Smith 13-117, 1TD

(BSU) Blair 14-41

Passing — (MU) Smith 11-17-0, 112 YDS

(BSU) Roesch 15-22-0, 114 YDS, 1TD

Receiving — (MU) Omboga 6-70

(BSU) Ridgeway 9-96

2003 GAME RECAPS

GAME #3 • MISSOURI 37, EASTERN ILLINOIS 0

SEPTEMBER 13, 2003 • MEMORIAL STADIUM • COLUMBIA, MO. (49,440)

Missouri recorded its first shutout in over five years as cornerback Michael Harden forced a fumble and intercepted a pass en route to a 37-0 victory over Division I-AA Eastern Illinois.

Defensive end Brian Smith also caused a fumble and had one of the four sacks for the Tigers, who had not blanked an opponent since posting a season-opening 37-0 win over Bowling Green on September 5, 1998.

En route to its first 3-0 start since 1981, Missouri had 509 yards of total offense to only 221 for Eastern Illinois (1-1), which fumbled away three of its seven first-half possessions.

Harden set the tone on the Panthers' first possession, popping loose the ball from quarterback Andy Vincent on a 4th-and-4 from Missouri's 19-yard line. Linebacker Brandon Barnes recovered.

Zack Abron scored the first of his two touchdowns with 1:41 left in the half, making it 7-0 on a five-yard run.

Just 84 seconds later, the Tigers took advantage of a 13-yard punt, going 27 yards on six plays and grabbing a 14-0 lead on Brad Smith's four-yard TD pass to Sean Coffey.

The second half was more of the same. The Panthers gained only 43 yards on their first five possessions, each of which ended with a punt. Harden picked off Vincent with 5:08 left to punctuate the shutout.

Abron added a 25-yard TD run, Smith threw an 11-yard scoring pass to Thomson Omboga and Josh Hibbets returned a blocked punt 14 yards for a score in the second half. Michael Matheny capped the scoring with a 24-yard field goal.

Smith completed 26-of-33 passes for 236 yards and Abron rushed 16 times for 91 yards as Missouri completely dominated the first-ever meeting between the schools.

<u>Scoring Summary</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>Total</u>
Eastern Illinois	0	0	0	0	—	0
Missouri	0	14	13	10	—	37

Scoring Plays

MU - Zack Abron 5 run (Mike Matheny PAT), 1:41 (2nd)
 MU - Sean Coffey 4 pass from Brad Smith (Matheny PAT), 0:17 (2nd)
 MU - Zack Abron 25 run (Matheny PAT), 3:21 (3rd)
 MU - Josh Hibbets 14 blocked punt return (Kick failed), 1:26 (3rd)
 MU - Thomson Omboga 11 pass from Smith (Matheny PAT), 13:38 (4th)
 MU - Matheny 24 field goal, 8:36 (4th)

<u>EIU</u>	<u>STATISTICS</u>	<u>MU</u>
11	First Downs	22
32-67	Rushes-Net Yards	36-221
23-36-1	Pass Comp.-Att.-Int.	30-38-0
154	Net Passing Yards	288
221	Total Net Yards	509
3-3	Fumbles-Lost	2-2
4-20	Penalties-Yards	5-46
9-33.7	Punts-Avg.	4-38.2
8-19	3rd Down Conv.	4-13
0-1	4th Down Conv.	1-2
31:38	Time of Possession	28:22

Individual Leaders

Rushing — (EIU) Webb 8-35 (MU) Abron 16-91, 2 TDs
 Passing — (EIU) Vincent 23-36-1, 154 YDS (MU) Smith 26-33-0, 236 YDS, 2 TDs
 Receiving — (EIU) Osborne 5-30 (MU) Omboga 7-71, 1 TD

GAME #4 • #23 MISSOURI 41, MID. TENN. ST . 40 (OT)

SEPTEMBER 20, 2003 • FAUROT FIELD • COLUMBIA, MO. (55,075)

Brad Smith ran for a touchdown in overtime and Michael Matheny's extra point gave No. 23 Missouri a dramatic come-from-behind, 41-40, victory over Middle Tennessee State at Memorial Stadium.

The Blue Raiders got the ball first in overtime and scored, but their extra-point attempt went awry when it donked off the left upright. Missouri then brought the ball down to the three before Smith plunged in. Matheny then split the uprights for the winning margin, but the PAT came from 36 yards out, as the Tigers were penalized 15 yards after the TD for excessive celebration.

Smith also threw three touchdown passes and converted on 22-of-32 passing for the Tigers (4-0) in the victory. The sophomore quarterback added 136 rushing yards and tailback Zack Abron contributed a season-high 138 yards on the ground on just 18 carries.

The Tigers trailed by eight, 34-26, late in the fourth quarter. With just over five minutes left to play, however, Missouri got the ball at its own 27. After gaining just eight yards on the first three plays of the drive, Smith hit tight end J.D. McCoy for a four-yard gain on 4th-and-two.

Smith also used his feet on the game-tying drive, as he had runs of 12 and eight yards to help the Tigers move downfield. Smith finally hit Darius Outlaw for a score with 1:17 left in regulation to tie the game at 34-34. Smith ran in the ensuing two-point conversion on a QB keeper to send the game into overtime.

Middle Tennessee State opened scoring after a 16-play, 82-yard scoring drive. The march ended when Wardell Alsop got into the end zone with a four-yard touchdown catch, giving the Blue Raiders a 7-0 lead.

The Tigers got on the board late in the first quarter when Smith hit McCoy for a 17-yard score. Just 1:20 into the second quarter Missouri grabbed the lead. This time Smith hit Outlaw from five yards. A blocked extra point kept the game at 13-7 in favor of Missouri.

A 21-yard field goal by Matheny with 8:40 left in the first half gave the Tigers a nine-point cushion.

Middle Tennessee responded less than two minutes later when Eugene Gross rumbled in for a one-yard touchdown to make it 16-14. On its ensuing possession, Smith raced 64 yards on a 3rd-down scramble, setting up an eight-yard touchdown run by Abron. The Blue Raiders, though, scored 17 unanswered points to take a 31-23 lead after three quarters of play.

<u>Scoring Summary</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Middle Tenn. State	7	14	10	3	6	40
Missouri	7	16	0	11	7	41

Scoring Plays

MTSU - Wardell Alsop 4 pass from Andrico Hines (Brian Kelly PAT), 6:10 (1st)
 MU - J.D. McCoy 17 pass from Brad Smith (Mike Matheny PAT), 1:22 (1st)
 MU - Darius Outlaw 5 pass from Smith (PAT blocked), 13:40 (2nd)
 MU - Matheny 21 field goal, 8:40 (2nd)
 MTSU - Eugene Gross 1 run (Kelly PAT), 7:08 (2nd)
 MU - Zack Abron 8 run (Matheny PAT), 4:28 (2nd)
 MTSU - Kerry Wright 21 pass from Hines (Kelly PAT), 0:07 (2nd)
 MTSU - Kelly 19 field goal, 10:29 (3rd)
 MTSU - Kevin Davis 6 run, 7:26 (3rd)
 MU - Matheny 25 field goal, 10:53 (4th)
 MTSU - Kelly 21 field goal, 5:16 (4th)
 MU - Outlaw 12 pass from Smith, 1:17 (4th)
 MTSU - Hines 4 run (PAT missed), OT
 MU - Smith 3 run (Matheny PAT), OT

<u>MTSU</u>	<u>STATISTICS</u>	<u>MU</u>
27	First Downs	26
56-197	Rushes-Net Yards	43-296
20-32-0	Pass Comp.-Att.-Int.	22-32-0
286	Net Passing Yards	192
483	Total Net Yards	488
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	1-0
6-43	Penalties-Yards	5-55
4-46.0	Punts-Avg.	4-32.8
8-15	3rd Down Conv.	8-15
1-1	4th Down Conv.	1-1
32:38	Time of Possession	27:22

Individual Leaders

Rushing — (MTSU) Gross 14-77, 1 TD (MU) Abron 18-138, 1 TD
 Passing — (MTSU) Hines 19-31-0, 248 YDS, 2 TD (MU) Smith 22-32-0, 192 YDS, 3 TDs
 Receiving — (MTSU) Wright 7-144, 1 TD (MU) Outlaw 6-39, 2 TDs

2003 GAME RECAPS

GAME #5 • KANSAS 35, #23 MISSOURI 14

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Missouri was knocked from the ranks of the unbeaten as homestanding Kansas played off the emotion of a rare sellout crowd in Lawrence and used a dominating fourth quarter to pull away for a 35-14 win.

Despite being held in check offensively for most of the day, Mizzou held a 14-13 lead entering the final period, but Kansas quickly scored on the first play of the fourth quarter on a short run by QB Bill Whittemore to regain the lead at 21-14 after a successful two-point conversion pass.

After the Tigers' ensuing drive stalled, a short punt set KU up at midfield, and the Jayhawks marched 50 yards in 8 plays for another TD that put Kansas up 28-14 with 7:35 left. Mizzou went three-and-out in its' next series, and the Jayhawks put the game away with another TD drive that covered just 49 yards.

Field position played a huge role in the flow of the game, as Kansas' average starting point was their own 43 yardline, while Mizzou took over on average on its own 22. The Jayhawks started three different possessions in MU territory, including one at the Tiger 14 yardline after a long punt return, and had three others start between their own 45 yardline and midfield. Meanwhile, Mizzou was faced with a long field all day long, as the best starting point was their own 34 yardline. In all, half of MU's 10 possessions on the day started inside the Tiger 20 yardline.

Kansas' defense held the Tiger offense in check, as MU gained a season-low 196 yards of total offense. A total of 141 of those yards came on MU's two scoring drives, but the Tigers could manage only 55 yards in their eight other drives.

<u>Scoring Summary</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>Total</u>
Missouri	7	0	7	0	—	14
Kansas	6	7	0	22	—	35

Scoring Plays

KU - Bill Whittemore 1 run (Johnny Beck PAT failed), 8:51 (1st)

MU - Brad Smith 4 run (Mike Matheny PAT), 4:47 (1st)

KU - Clark Green 4 run (Beck PAT), 3:37 (2nd)

MU - Darius Outlaw 9 pass from Smith (Matheny PAT), 9:49 (3rd)

KU - Green 6 run (Denver Latimore pass from Whittemore), 14:56 (4th)

KU - Whittemore 4 run (Beck PAT), 7:35 (4th)

KU - John Randle 3 run (Beck PAT), 3:21 (4th)

<u>MU</u>	<u>STATISTICS</u>	<u>KU</u>
13	First Downs	21
37-134	Rushes-Net Yards	48-207
12-24-0	Pass Comp.-Att.-Int.	14-23-0
62	Net Passing Yards	111
196	Total Net Yards	318
1-0	Fumbles-Lost	2-1
5-54	Penalties-Yards	7-60
6-36.0	Punts-Avg.	3-34.7
3-15	3rd Down Conv.	9-15
4-5	4th Down Conv.	1-2
26:16	Time of Possession	32:11

Individual Leaders

Rushing — (MU) Abron 17-112 (KU) Green 17-78, 2 TD

Passing — (MU) Smith 12-24-0, 62 YDS, 1 TD (KU) Whittemore 14-22-0, 111 YDS

Receiving — (MU) Outlaw 4-8 (KU) Simmons 4-47