



Northwest Missouri State University

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Football Release

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Quick Hits

Thursday's game is the first matchup of top 10 teams at any level of college football this season (last year's opener vs. ACU was as well)

Northwest is 9-6 in season openers under head coach Mel Tjeerdsma (lost last two)

Tjeerdsma has 27 wins against top 10 teams in the last 12 seasons (since 1997). Northwest has beat a ranked opponent in 12 consecutive seasons and a top 10 foe in 11 of the last 12.

Thursday marks the Bearcats ninth nationally-televised game in the last five seasons

The Bearcats are 8-1 against the Lone Star Conference dating back to 2004. The team's lone loss came in last year's opener vs. ACU.

Northwest returns three All-Americans in LaRon Council (RB), Sean Paddock (DL) and Myles Burnside (S), last year's national defensive player of the year

The Bearcats have enjoyed win streaks of 14, 12 and 13 in their last three seasons

Northwest's 15 seniors have posted a record of 39-5 the last three seasons.

Northwest returns its top 11 tacklers from 2008

GAME 1: NORTHWEST AT ABILENE CHRISTIAN

Records: Northwest (0-0) at ACU (0-0)

Date / Time: Thurs., Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. CST

Location: Abilene, Texas
(Shotwell Stadium / 15,000)

TV: CBS College Sports Network (Jason Knapp and Derrick Walker)

Radio: Bearcat Radio Network (John Coffey and Matt Gaarder), KXCV (90.5 FM, Maryville), KNIM (97.1 FM, Maryville), KRNW (88.9 FM, Chillicothe), KKWK (100.1 FM, Cameron), KCXL (1140 AM, Liberty), KCTO (1160 AM, Liberty), KMA (960 AM, Shenandoah);

Polls: Northwest is ranked second in both the AFCA and D2Football.com Polls / ACU is ranked fifth and sixth, respectively

Coaches: Northwest's Mel Tjeerdsma (26th year as a head coach: 216-79-4 / 16th year at Northwest: 157-40) and Abilene Christian's Chris Thomsen (5th year at ACU and as a head coach: 33-13)

Series: Series tied 1-1-1

Last Meeting: Northwest won 45-36 in a national quarterfinal game last season in Abilene, avenging a 44-27 loss to the Wildcats in its season opener ... Bearcat quarterbacks Joel Osborn and Blake Bolles combined to throw for 316 yards and score four touchdowns ... 36 points was a season-low for ACU



Northwest and Abilene Christian kick off the 2009 season Thursday at Shotwell Stadium before a nationwide audience on CBS College Sports.

2008 Northwest Missouri State Schedule/Results

Date	Opponent	Polls* Northwest / Opp.	Time/Score	Highlights
A 27	at Abilene Christian	2nd & 2nd / 5th & 6th	7 p.m.	
S 3	at Southwest Baptist		6 p.m.	
S 12	vs. Pittsburg State #		5 p.m.	
S 19	NEBRASKA-OMAHA		1 p.m.	
S 26	TRUMAN		1 p.m.	
O 3	at Missouri Western		1:30 p.m.	
O 10	MISSOURI SOUTHERN		1 p.m.	
O 17	at Emporia State		1 p.m.	
O 24	WASHBURN (HC)		1:30 p.m.	
O 31	at Fort Hays State		2 p.m.	
N 7	CENTRAL MISSOURI		1 p.m.	

All times Central

*AFCA & D2Football.com

#at Arrowhead Stadium

^ NCAA Playoffs

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Bearcat Notes

1 Thursday marks the third meeting between Northwest and Abilene Christian within a calendar year. It's also the rubber match as the two programs split a pair of games a year ago. The Wildcats won last year's opener in Maryville 44-27, ending the Bearcats' 17-game home win streak. Northwest ended Abilene's season with a 45-36 win in an NCAA quarterfinal match at Shotwell Stadium.

2 Northwest has named its team captains for the 2009 season. They are, by vote of the players: running back LaRon Council, wide receiver Abe Qaoud, defensive lineman Sean Paddock and safety Myles Burnsid. All are entering their senior season.

3 Northwest is ranked second in the 2009 preseason American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Division II Coaches' Poll. The Bearcats are ranked in the preseason poll for the 13th consecutive season. It's the 11th time the Bearcats will start in the top 10 and seventh time the team has started in the top five.

4 The Bearcats have won 31 of their last 33 regular season games dating back to 2005. The team's two losses in that span came in the season openers of the 2007 and 2008 seasons.

5 The Bearcats have won their last 10 true road games since opening the 2007 season with a 25-21 loss at Nebraska-Omaha.

6 Northwest is starting a season with three games away from Maryville for the first time since 1991.

RECORDS IN THE 2000s (Division II)

The Bearcats have won 99 games since 2000, the second-most in Division II. Northwest's .832 win percentage (99-20) since then ranks fourth in Division II. Here's a look at the top five in each category:

Victories

1. Grand Valley State	109
2. Northwest Missouri State	99
3. Valdosta State	98
4. Pittsburg State	90
5. Tuskegee	89

Win Percentage

1. Grand Valley State	.908 (109-11)
2. Valdosta State	.860 (98-16)
3. Tuskegee	.856 (89-15)
4. Northwest Missouri State	.832 (99-20)
5. Pittsburg State	.796 (90-23)

Northwest Starting Quarterbacks

Junior Blake Bolles moves into the starting quarterback role to replace last year's MIAA Offensive Player of the Year Joel Osborn. Bolles played in all 15 games last season, often times coming in on the third or fourth series of the game. Of the 33 drives he quarterbacked a year ago, 18 resulted in touchdowns (another led to a field goal). Bolles has yet to turn the ball over in 20 collegiate games, tossing seven touchdowns and rushing for seven more in that span.

Here's a look at how recent Northwest quarterbacks performed in their first collegiate starts:

Joel Osborn (won 44-28 at MWSU, 9/15/07):
19-of-26 for 287 yards, 2 TDs, 0 turnovers

Josh Mathews (won 45-42 at TSU, 10/23/04):
22-of-31 for 252 yards, 3 TD pass, 1 TD rush, 0 turnovers

Josh Lamberson (lost 52-24 vs. #7 UCM, 9/20/03):
17-of-35 for 280 yards, 2 TD pass, 1 TD rush, 3 turnovers

John McMenamin (lost 24-21 at UNO, 8/30/01):
15-of-33 for 307 yards, 2 TDs, 2 turnovers

7 Northwest head coach Mel Tjeerdsma is a three-time national coach of the year (1998, 1999, 2008). Tjeerdsma needs four wins in 2009 to move into a tie for seventh place on Division II's all-time wins list.

8 Northwest led the nation in 2008 with a 52.6 percent conversion rate on third down. The Bearcats were 9-of-15 on third down in their win against ACU last season compared to 7-of-17 for the Wildcats.

9 Northwest is the second Division II program to compete in four consecutive championship games (North Dakota State, 1983-86). Division III's Augustana College (Ill.) is the only college football program at any level that has competed in five consecutive championship games (1982-86).

10 Northwest returns three starters on offense and eight on defense. They are:
LaRon Council, RB Four All-America Honors in 2008
Abe Qaoud, WR Honorable Mention All-MIAA
Jason Wiseman, RT Started all 15 games last season

Tyler Roach, DT Honorable Mention All-MIAA
Shayne Shade, NG 32 tackles, 2 sacks
Sean Paddock, DE Three All-America Honors in 2008
Evan Wilmes, LB 46 tackles in 2008
Adam Vondrak, LB Honorable Mention All-MIAA
Willie Horn, LB Honorable Mention All-MIAA
Myles Burnsid, FS National Def. Player of the Year
Aldwin Foster-Rettig, SS Second-Team All-MIAA

BEARCATS TO KEEP AN EYE ON

Career Records

<i>Career Rushing Yards</i>	
7. Dan Montgomery	2,503
8. LaRon Council	2,262

<i>Career Rushing Attempts</i>	
8. Jeremy Wilson	444
9. LaRon Council	414

<i>Career Rushing Touchdowns</i>	
2. David Jansen	43
3. LaRon Council	37

<i>Career Total Touchdowns</i>	
4. Jamaica Rector	45
5. LaRon Council	40

<i>Career Sacks</i>	
3. Dave Tollefson, Matt Uhde	21.0
5. Sean Paddock	19.5

<i>Career Tackles For Loss</i>	
4. Kyle Kaiser	35.5
6. Dallas Flynn, Dante Combs	34.5
7. Sean Paddock	34.0

<i>Career Forced Fumbles</i>	
1. Alan Buckwalter	11
2. Sean Paddock	9

Most Consecutive Starts:

Myles Burnsides (S)	32
Sean Paddock (DL)	29

Note: LaRon Council (RB), Willie Horn (LB), Adam Vondrak (LB) and Jason Wiseman (OL) each started all 15 games last season

Most Total Starts:

Myles Burnsides (S)	38
Sean Paddock (DL)	29
Evan Wilmes (LB)	27
Abe Qaoud (WR)	21
LaRon Council (RB)	19

Current Bearcat Leaders

<i>Career Tackles (Active)</i>	
1. Myles Burnsides	212
2. Sean Paddock	140
3. Ike Urum-Eke	135
4. Evan Wilmes	106
5. Aldwin Foster-Rettig	94

<i>Career Interceptions (Active)</i>	
1. Myles Burnsides	11
2. Aldwin Foster-Rettig	5
3. Ryan Jones	3
4. Ike Urum-Eke	2
Justin Welch	2

<i>Career Sacks (Active)</i>	
1. Sean Paddock	19.5
2. Ike Urum-Eke	11.0
3. Tyler Roach	5.5
4. Josh Lorenson	4.0

11 Northwest returns its top 11 tacklers and 24 of 28 letterwinners on the defensive side of the football. The Bearcats have led the MIAA in rush defense in each of the last three seasons and have ranked inside the top 10 nationally twice in that span. Northwest has led the MIAA in total defense in two of the last three seasons.

12 Three backs have rushed for 100 yards against Northwest in the last 48 games. Two quarterbacks have broken 100 in that span. In half of the 48 games (24), starting running backs failed to rush for 50 yards.

13 In addition to returning Willie Horn, Evan Wilmes, Adam Vondrak and Ike Urum-Eke as starting linebackers, the Bearcats return Troy Matthews to the position, who played in 26 games during his freshman and sophomore seasons before missing last season due to injury.

14 Linebacker Chad Kilgore was the only true freshman to play for the Bearcats in 2008. Kilgore's 42 tackles tied for ninth on the team. He also forced two fumbles.

15 Abilene Christian is the only team that has scored more than 35 points against Northwest in the Bearcats' last 50 games.

16 Northwest is 115-11 when scoring first (.913), 124-11 when leading at halftime (.919) and 131-10 when leading after three quarters (.929) under Tjeerdsma.

17 Senior running back LaRon Council's 36 touchdowns last season were three shy of the NCAA's single-season record. Council had four games with four touchdowns, scored in every game but the finale and posted eight 100-yard efforts. His 1,739 yards rushing ranked third in the nation.

18 Northwest scored a program record 600 points last season. The Bearcats' 40 point average was good for eighth in the nation. The team reached the 40-point plateau nine times and scored more than 50 points thrice.

19 Ten different Northwest receivers caught a touchdown pass last season and seven different players ran for one. Qaoud was second on team with 48 receptions and 560 yards in 2008. He tied for the team lead with five touchdown receptions.

20 Northwest passed for 649 yards and five touchdowns in five games against Abilene Christian last season. Bolles was 7-of-8 for 69 yards and a touchdown passing and carried six times for 51 yards and a score rushing in the Bearcats' playoff win against ACU.

21 Nick Rhodes led Northwest with 12 catches for 188 yards in four playoff games last season.

Notes (Cont.)

Broadcasting Bearcat Football

Providing the Bearcat community radio coverage is 24-year veteran John Coffey (play-by-play) and 11-year color commentator Matt Gaarder. The Bearcat Radio Network tandem provides coverage for all 11 Northwest football games including postseason play. The Network expanded its coverage in 2004 to six stations which include: KXCV (90.5 FM, Maryville), KRNW (88.9 FM, Chillicothe), KNIM (97.1 FM, Maryville), KAAAN (95.5 FM, Bethany), KCXL (1140 AM, Liberty) and most recently KSFT (1550 AM, St. Joseph). KMA 960 AM in Shenandoah was a 2007 addition. KKWK 100.1 FM in Cameron has been added in 2008.

Listen to the Game Live on the Internet

Northwest has teamed up with Stretch Internet to allow Bearcat fans the chance to listen to live coverage. Direct your browser to www.NorthwestBearcats.com and click on the football link. From there, click on webcasts and you can listen to the tandem of John Coffey and Matt Gaarder handle the duties for every single game during the 2009 season. Fans can also purchase archived broadcasts from the 2004-08 seasons.

Get the latest Northwest news and scores with eSCORES

The Northwest Missouri State athletic department has announced the development of Facebook and Twitter sites for news surrounding its athletic programs. The Twitter site, <http://www.twitter.com/bearcatsports>, allows Bearcat fans to sign up to receive text-message length updates ("tweets") either through their e-mail or cell phones. The Facebook page, which can be found by searching for "Northwest Bearcat Athletics" on Facebook, allows students and fans to receive updates and event notices through their Facebook accounts.

2009 Media Guides On Sale!

The 2009 Bearcat Football Media Guide is now on sale and can be purchased for \$10/each. Send check in c/o Northwest Athletics, Football Media Guide, Lamkin Activity Center, 800 University Drive, Maryville, MO 64468.

THE BEARCATS RECORD WHEN...

	2008	Tjeerdsma Era
Out-gain the opponent rushing	11-0	112-7
Out-gain the opponent passing	11-2	110-21
Out-gain the opponent	11-1	122-9
Run more offensive plays	8-1	76-13
Record more first downs	10-2	103-10
Cause more turnovers	9-0	83-4
Have fewer penalties	4-1	45-18
Have fewer punts	10-1	103-5
Control the ball longer	9-0	81-10
Convert 3rd downs 50%+	8-1	53-5
Convert 4th downs 33%+	9-1	74-15
Record at least 2 sacks	9-0	81-18
Record at least 4 tackles for loss	11-2	106-12
Have a 100-yd rusher	8-0	94-16
Have a 100-yd receiver	1-1	65-8
Have a 300-yd passer	0-1	24-8
Return a kickoff for a TD	0-0	5-0
Return a punt for a TD	0-0	9-0
Record a defensive score	1-1	38-5
Score first	12-1	115-11
Lead at halftime	11-1	124-11
Lead after three quarters	12-0	131-10
Score 28 points or more	11-0	118-6
Hold opponents to 24 points/less	9-1	114-12
Play during the day	10-1	127-28
Play at night	3-1	24-8
Play in temperatures below 60	6-1	55-16
Play in front of 5,000+ fans	11-2	102-24
Play for 3+ hours	2-0	75-20
Play against AFCA 1-25	6-2	42-18
Play against AFCA 1-10	5-2	27-14

THE LAST TIME NORTHWEST...

Scored 70 points	9/29/07 (86) vs. Southwest Baptist (W, 86-13)
Scored 60 points	9/6/08 (63) vs. Southwest Baptist (W, 63-28)
Scored 50 points	11/1/08 (56) vs. Emporia State (W, 56-7)
Scored 40 points & lost	11/10/90 at Neb.-Kearney (L, 42-45)
Recorded a shutout	9/27/08 at #5 Nebraska-Omaha (W, 42-0)
Was shutout	9/6/03 at South Dakota State (L, 20-0)
Lost at home	8/30/08 vs. #8 Abilene Christian (L, 27-44)
Lost when leading at half	8/30/08 vs. #8 Abilene Christian (L, 27-44)
Lost when ahead after 3 qtrs	12/15/07 vs. #8 Valdosta State (L, 20-25)
Lost a non-conf. game	12/13/08 vs. #6 Minnesota Duluth (L, 14-21)
Played an overtime game	10/6/07 vs. Pittsburg State (W, 37-34)
Won an overtime game	10/6/07 vs. Pittsburg State (W, 37-34)
Lost an overtime game	10/25/03 at Missouri Western (L, 30-27 OT)
Played multiple OT's	12/11/99 vs. Carson-Newman (W, 58-52 4 OT)
Had a 200-yd rusher	12/8/07 Xavier Omon (292) vs. #1 Grand Valley State (W, 34-16)
Had a 300-yd rusher	12/1/07 Xavier Omon (309) at #2 Chadron State (W, 26-13)
Had a 200-yd receiver	10/29/05 Andre Rector (200) vs. Pittsburg State (L, 56-35)
Had a 300-yd passer	8/30/08 Joel Osborn (325) vs. #8 Abilene Christian (L, 27-44)
Had a player w/ 15+tackles	12/15/07 (Matt Robertson, 15) vs. #8 Valdosta State (L, 20-25)
Had a player w/ 2+ ints	9/24/05 Quinten Womack (2) vs. Missouri Southern (W, 38-13)
Had a defensive score	(Foster-Rettig INT for TD) 12/13/08 vs. #6 Minnesota Duluth (L, 14-21)
Returned a punt for a TD	9/29/07 Sydney Brisbane (54 yards) vs. Southwest Baptist (W, 86-13)
Returned a kick for a TD	9/15/07 Caleb Obert (37 yards) at Missouri Western (W, 44-20)
Blocked a FG Attempt	9/27/08 (Tyler Roach) at #5 Nebraska-Omaha (W, 42-0)
Blocked a Punt	10/18/08 (Myles Burnsides) vs. Fort Hays State (W, 56-0)
50+ yard TD Reception	9/29/07 (60 - Mathews to Wright) vs. Southwest Baptist (W, 86-13)
Held an Opponent to Minus-Rushing Yards	9/29/07, -74 vs. Southwest Baptist (W, 86-13)
Held an Opponent to 150 Total Yards or Fewer	9/20/08, 143 vs. Truman (W, 49-0)
Over 600 Yards Total Offense	9/29/07, 617 vs. Southwest Baptist (W, 86-13)
Over 400 Passing Yards	10/26/02, 409 vs. Truman (W, 31-24)
Over 80 Total Plays	11/29/08 (82) vs. #2 Abilene Christian (W, 45-36)
3+ Fumbles Lost	11/25/06 vs. Midwestern State (3) (W, 27-0)
3+ Recovered Fumbles	9/30/06 at Missouri Southern (3) (W, 24-7)
Kicked 40+ Yard Field Goal	9/15/07, Tommy Frevert (42) at Missouri Western (W, 44-20)
Player Scored 90+ yards from scrimmage	10/11/08, LaRon Council (99 yards) at #17 UCM (W, 20-13)

NORTHWEST HOME WIN STREAKS

Rk	Streak	Dates
1.	22	Sept. 5, 1998-Nov. 4, 2000
2.	17	Oct. 22, 2005 - Aug. 30, 2008
3.	12	Oct. 4, 2003-Oct. 1, 2005
4.	11	Oct. 10, 1930-Nov. 24, 1932
5.	10	Nov. 12, 1937-Nov. 10, 1939
6.	9	Oct. 8, 1943-Oct. 25, 1946
7.	7*	Oct. 9, 1952-Sept. 18, 1954
7		Nov. 2, 1996-Oct. 21, 1995
9.	6	Sept. 6, 2008-present
6		Nov. 10, 2001-Nov. 23, 2002
6		Sept. 4, 1997-Nov. 22, 1997
6		Nov. 2, 1974-Oct. 18, 1975

* streak does not count one home tie

HOME ATTENDANCE

Top 10 Attendance Games (Seating capacity - 6,500)		
Attendance	Opponent	Date
1) 9,500	Truman State	Oct. 20, 2001
2) 9,346	Missouri Western	Sept. 13, 2008
3) 9,250	Pittsburg State	Sept. 16, 2000
9,250	Emporia State	Oct. 21, 2000
5) 8,939	#16 Missouri Western	Sept. 23, 2006
6) 8,854	Fort Hays State (HC)	Oct. 18, 2008
7) 8,325	Washburn (HC)	Oct. 27, 2007
8) 8,250	Missouri Southern	Oct. 16, 1999
9) 8,100	Missouri-Rolla	Oct. 10, 1998
8,100	Indiana Univ. of Penn.	Dec. 4, 1999
8,100	Missouri Southern	Oct. 18, 2003

Media Information

Athletic Media Relations

Northwest Missouri State University Athletic Media Relations will provide pre-game notes, cumulative statistics, media guides and game programs prior to each Bearcat home game. Complete game statistics will be available approximately 20 minutes after the conclusion of each game.

The Northwest Missouri Cellular Press Suite will house the media, as well as media relations and game operations personnel. Questions regarding the press suite or requests for credentials should be made through the Northwest Athletic Media Relations Office.

The Northwest Athletic Media Relations Office is located directly behind the Bearcat Arena press box. Contact the Northwest Athletic Media Relations Office at 660-562-1118 during the day or 660-562-8868 in the evening.

Northwest Web Site

Statistics, press releases, media guides and other Northwest material may also be found on the official Northwest Athletics Web site. Point your browser to www.northwestbearcats.com to find Northwest Athletics online.

Credentials

Requests for press, broadcast and photo credentials and press box space for all Northwest home football games should be made in advance by contacting the Northwest Athletic Media Relations Office.

Photographers must display credentials at all times and must remain within NCAA-designated photo areas.

The Northwest Athletic Media Relations staff has the discretion to refuse credentials, or revoke credentials, at any time.

Interviews

Head Coach Mel Tjeerdsma will conduct a post-game press conference in the V-5/V-12 Navy Room below the stadium approximately 15 minutes after the conclusion of all Northwest home games. He will be available to the media after completing his post-game radio show.

Selected Bearcat players will be available in the Navy Room below the stadium after a 10-minute cooling-off period and after Coach Tjeerdsma has had a chance to address the team. Other players may be interviewed on the field or in the locker room following the press conference.

All other requests for player or coach interviews must be made through the Northwest Athletic Media Relations Office. Coach Tjeerdsma and selected players will be available at Northwest's weekly media luncheon, held Tuesdays at noon. Contact the Northwest Athletic Media Relations Office with other questions or requests in regard to interviews.

Covering the Bearcats

The following is a list of media that regularly covers Northwest football:

Maryville Daily Forum

Charlie Slenker, Sports Editor / Phone: 660.562.2424; Fax: 660.562.2823

St. Joseph News-Press

Rick Dunaway, Beat Writer / Phone: 816.271.8558; Fax: 816.271.8692

Northwest Missouri State

Darren Whitley, Campus Photographer / Phone: 660.562.1843

Northwest Missourian

Chris Woodland, University Sports Editor / Phone: 660.562.1224; Fax: 660.562.1521

KXCV Radio

John Coffey, Sports Director / Phone: 660.562.1830; Fax: 660.562.1832

KNIM Radio

Matt Gaarder, Sports Director / Phone: 660.582.2151; Fax: 660.582.3211

KZLX Radio

Matt Elliott, Sports Director / Phone: 660.562.1165

KQTV Television

Ryan Menley, Sports Director / Phone: 816.233.1606; Fax: 816.232.7505

QUICK FACTS

City/Zip	Maryville, MO 64468
Founded/Enrollment	1905/6,900
Nickname.....	Bearcats
School Colors	Forest Green and White
Stadium/Capacity	Bearcat Stadium/6,500
Surface	FieldTurf
Press Box Phone.....	660.562.1072
Affiliation.....	NCAA Division II
Conference	Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA)
President	Dr. John Jasinski
Athletic Director	Dr. Bob Boerigter
Office Manager.....	Michele Steinmeyer
Athletic Dept. Phone.....	660.562.1977
Athletic Dept. Fax	660.562.1493
Tickets Phone.....	660.562.1212

Team Information

2008 Record	13-2
MIAA Record/Finish.....	9-0 (1st)
Final AFCA ranking.....	2nd
Final D2Football.com ranking.....	2nd
Last NCAA Playoff Appearance.....	2008
Playoff Result	Lost, 21-14, in National Championship
Basic Offense	Multiple/Spread
Basic Defense	4-3
Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....	42/17
Starters Returning/Lost.....	11/11
Offense	3/8
Defense	8/3
Specialty	1/1

Coaching Staff

Head Coach.....	Mel Tjeerdsma
Alma Mater	(Southern State '67)
Career Record/Years	216-79-4 (.729)/25 years
School Record/Years	157-40 (.797)/15 years
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Tjeerdsma's E-mail.....	coach@nwmissouri.edu
Head Athletic Trainer	Kelly Quinlin
Assistant Athletic Trainer:	Jeff Smith
Athletic Trainer Phone	660.562.1313
Equipment Manager	Mike Creason
Equipment Phone	660.562.1658

Assistants

Def. Coordinator/Linebackers	Scott Bostwick
Off. Coordinator/Off. Line.....	Adam Dorrel
Passing Game/Recruiting	Charlie Flohr
Assistant Head Coach/Secondary	Will Wagner
Special Teams/Def. Line	Richard Wright

History

First year of football	1908
Seasons.....	93
Overall Record.....	471-385-33 (.548)
MIAA Championships	22 (last in 2008)
NCAA Playoff Record	25-11
NCAA Playoff Appearances.....	13 (last in 2008)
National Championships.....	1998-1999
National Champ. Appearances.....	1998-99, 2005-08

The Polls

NATIONAL POLLS

AFCA Coaches' Poll (Preseason)

Rk	School	2008 Record
1.	Grand Valley State (Mich.)	11-1
2.	Northwest Missouri State	13-2
3.	Minnesota-Duluth	15-0
4.	Delta State (Miss.)	10-2
5.	Abilene Christian (Texas)	11-1
6.	North Alabama	12-2
7.	Pittsburg State (Kan.)	11-2
8.	California (Pa.)	12-2
9.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	7-4
10.	Chadron State (Neb.)	11-2
11.	West Texas A&M	11-2
12.	Valdosta State (Ga.)	9-3
13.	Bloomsburg (Pa.)	11-2
14.	Central Washington	10-2
15.	Ashland (Ohio)	9-4
16.	Central Oklahoma	7-4
17.	Minnesota State	9-3
18.	Tuskegee (Ala.)	10-1
19.	Albany State (Ga.)	7-4
20.	West Chester (Pa.)	9-4
21.	Edinboro (Pa.)	9-2
22.	Glenville State (W. Va.)	8-3
23.	Tuskulum (Tenn.)	9-4
24.	Fayetteville State (N.C.)	8-2
25.	Central Missouri	7-4

D2Football.com Poll (Preseason)

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3.	Delta State (Miss.)	10-2
4.	Minnesota-Duluth	15-0
5.	North Alabama	12-2
6.	Abilene Christian (Texas)	11-1
7.	Pittsburg State (Kan.)	11-2
8.	Valdosta State (Ga.)	9-3
9.	California (Pa.)	12-2
10.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	7-4
11.	Bloomsburg (Pa.)	11-2
12.	West Texas A&M	11-2
13.	Ashland (Ohio)	9-4
14.	Central Washington	10-2
15.	Chadron State (Neb.)	11-2
16.	Tuskegee (Ala.)	10-1
17.	Minnesota State	9-3
18.	Tuskulum (Tenn.)	9-4
19.	Catawba (N.C.)	6-4
20.	West Chester (Pa.)	9-4
21.	Edinboro (Pa.)	9-2
22.	Indiana (Pa.)	8-2
23.	Nebraska-Omaha	7-4
24.	Texas A&M-Kingsville	7-4
25.	Wayne State (Neb.)	9-3

Bold indicates 2009 opponent

Coaches, Media Pick Northwest to Repeat

Northwest Missouri State, the national runner-up the last four seasons, has been picked to win its fourth consecutive MIAA championship by the league's head coaches and media as announced Monday during the league's media day at the Marriott Hotel.

The Bearcats have been predicted to win the conference crown for the fourth year in a row and for the fifth time in seven seasons. Northwest has proven the coaches right each time, tying for the title in 2003 and winning it outright with unblemished marks the past three seasons.

Northwest received eight of a possible nine first-place votes in the coaches poll (coaches can't vote for their own team) and 42 of 47 first-place votes by the league's media, which conducted a preseason football poll for the first time. The media group consisted of print and television media, radio crews and sports information directors of each institution.

Pittsburg State, the last MIAA team to beat Northwest, is ranked second in both polls and Central Missouri is third. Washburn, Missouri Western and Nebraska-Omaha are 4-5-6 in the coaches poll. Nebraska-Omaha and Washburn switch positions in the media poll.

MIAA COACHES POLL

Rk	School	Points
1.	Northwest (8)	80
2.	Pittsburg State (2)	71
3.	Central Missouri	59
4.	Washburn	55
5.	Missouri Western	50
6.	Nebraska-Omaha	49
7.	Missouri Southern	31
8.	Emporia State	25
9.	Truman	19
10.	Fort Hays State	11

() - first-place votes

MIAA MEDIA POLL

Rk	School	Points
1.	Northwest (42)	464
2.	Pittsburg State (4)	407
3.	Central Missouri (1)	321
4.	Nebraska-Omaha	315
5.	Missouri Western	307
6.	Washburn	289
7.	Missouri Southern	160
8.	Emporia State	139
9.	Truman	100
10.	Fort Hays State	83

() - first-place votes

Northwest Record When Ranked in Coaches' Poll (Since 1984)

Rk	W	L	Perc.
1	13	2	0.867
2	23	5	0.821
3	12	3	0.800
4	19	3	0.864
5	17	3	0.850
6	6	0	1.000
7	8	1	0.889
8	4	1	0.800
9	12	0	1.000
10	6	1	0.857
11	3	0	1.000
12	1	0	1.000
13	2	0	1.000
14	3	1	0.750
15	1	0	1.000
16	4	1	0.800
17	0	1	0.000
18	2	1	0.667
19	1	1	0.500
20	2	0	1.000
21	4	1	0.800
22	0	0	0.000
23	0	0	0.000
24	0	0	0.000
25	2	0	1.000

Total 145 25 0.853

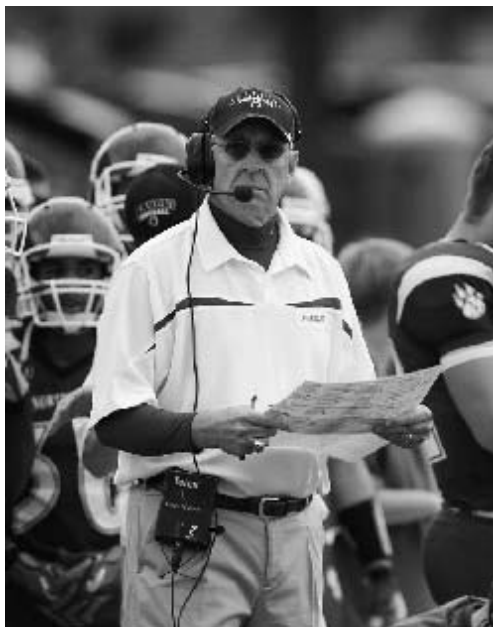
Northwest is ranked in the preseason coaches' poll for the 13th consecutive season.

It's the 11th time the Bearcats will start in the top 10 and seventh time the team is ranked in the top five.

Northwest has been ranked every week in the AFCA poll since the start of the 2004 season.

The Bearcats are 23-5 when playing as the No. 2 team in the nation (first game since 2007 season)

Head Coach Mel Tjeerdsma



Mel Tjeerdsma, the 2008 American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Division II Coach of the Year, will begin his 16th season at Northwest Missouri State and his 26th as a collegiate head coach. The winningest coach in program history, Tjeerdsma has guided the Bearcats to 10 MIAA championships, two NCAA national championships and six title game appearances in the last 11 seasons.

Northwest was 0-11 in Tjeerdsma's first season in 1994. The team is 157-29 since.

Four years after his inaugural season with the team, the Bearcats became the first NCAA Division II squad to finish a season 15-0. Northwest won back-to-back national championships in 1998 and 1999. It was the University's first national titles in any sport. Tjeerdsma was named AFCA Coach of the Year following both of his championship seasons.

Among his peers in Division II, Tjeerdsma ranks fifth on the active wins list (216) and with the seventh-best win percentage (.732). His 216 wins are the 10th-most in Division II history. Four more wins will place him in a tie for seventh place on that list.

Tjeerdsma has more postseason victories than any other coach in Division II history. He's led Northwest to the playoffs 11 times in the last 13 seasons and

sports a 25-9 postseason record. He's undefeated (6-0) in the semifinal round of the playoffs, 10-1 in opening games and 15-3 at home. Northwest made two first-round exits in its only appearances prior to Tjeerdsma's arrival.

The 2008 Bearcats became the 13th team in program history to go unbeaten in MIAA play. Eight teams under Tjeerdsma have finished 9-0 in league play since 1997.

Following the 2007 season, running back Xavier Omon became the fourth player under Tjeerdsma to be drafted into the NFL. Omon was a sixth-round selection by the Buffalo Bills. Omon joins Chris Greisen (1999), Seth Wand (2003) and Dave Tollefson (2006) as Northwest players drafted after playing for Tjeerdsma. Fifteen Bearcats have either been drafted or have signed NFL contracts during Tjeerdsma's tenure.

Tjeerdsma has been named MIAA Coach of the Year 10 times (1995-2000, 2002, 2006-08). He's been named AFCA Regional Coach of the Year seven times (1996-2000, 2006, 2008).

In addition to his coaching duties, Tjeerdsma served as president of the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) in 2006. It was the first time a Northwest coach has led the AFCA and the first time a Division II general has presided since 1999.

In his 15 years at Northwest, Tjeerdsma's squads have produced 39 All-Americans. Included in the tally are 27 first-team All-Americans and 11 players who earned All-America honors in two or more seasons.

Under Tjeerdsma, Northwest has produced 104 All-MIAA student-athletes, including 68 players who earned first-team honors. Sixty-four players have earned all-region honors with 43 being listed on the first team.

Prior to coaching at Northwest, Tjeerdsma guided Austin College to three Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association Championships (TIAA) and became the program's all-time winningest coach. The Kangaroos were 59-38-4 in 10 seasons under Tjeerdsma and made two trips to the NAIA Division II playoffs. Tjeerdsma earned three TIAA Coach of the Year awards.

Before his time at Austin, Tjeerdsma was the offensive coordinator at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, for eight years. He also served as the head track and field coach at Northwestern. The Red Raiders earned four trips to the NAIA Division II playoffs and won a national championship in 1983 with Tjeerdsma on staff. His offense twice led the nation in total offense and scoring. His track and field teams won three Tri-State Conference titles and five consecutive NAIA District 15 Indoor Championships.

Prior to his collegiate coaching career, Tjeerdsma served as head football coach at Denison (Iowa) High School, where he guided his team to a 9-0 record and a 1975 state playoff berth.

He earned Northwest Iowa Coach of the Year honors in 1972 after winning a state championship at Sioux Center High School. He was the Northwest Iowa Track and Field Coach of the Year in 1973, 1974 and 1975.

Tjeerdsma earned his bachelor's degree in physical education from Southern (S.D.) State in 1967. He earned his master's degree from Northwest in 1977.

Mel and his wife, Carol, live just outside of Maryville and have three married daughters and seven grandchildren.

TJEEARDSMA UP CLOSE

Grew up knowing he wanted to be a coach

First job was working on the family farm

Followed the Baltimore Colts growing up and idolized Johnny Unitas

First NFL game he saw was a Colts-Chiefs exhibition game in Kansas City

Enjoys fishing and likes to play golf

Listens to a little country music

Married to his wife, Carol, for more than 40 years

Has seven grandchildren

Went on a cruise with his wife, Carol, to Holland and Belgium during the summer of 2007

Is of Dutch heritage and had never been to either place prior to the trip

Has three daughters, Brenda, Becky and Cindy

Brenda went to Austin College and is an executive for Verizon Wireless

Becky attended Baylor and is a registered nurse

Cindy graduated from Northwest and works at a law firm in Kansas City

Has an NCAA record 25 postseason wins

Is a three-time AFCA National Coach of the Year (1998, 1999, 2008)

Coaching Record:

Institution	Years	Record	Perc.
Austin (Texas)	10 (1984-1993)	59-38-4	.604
Northwest	15 (1994-pres.)	157-40	.797
Total:	25	216-78-4	.732

2009 Northwest Missouri State Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
1	Jake Soy	WR	6-3	210	So.	Durant, Iowa/Durant HS	66	Billy Queisert	OL	6-5	280	Fr.	Kansas City, Mo./Lutheran North HS
2	Nick Rhodes	WR	6-4	210	Sr.	Stockton, Calif./San Joaquin Delta C.C.	68	Collin DeBuysere	LB	6-3	215	Fr.	Geneseo, Ill./Geneseo HS
3	Ryan Jones	CB	5-11	195	Jr.	Liberty, Mo./Liberty HS	69	Kyle Kleeman	DL	6-0	240	Fr.	Lemont, Ill./Joliet Catholic HS
4	Tyler Shaw	WR	6-0	185	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo./Liberty HS	70	Brett Grozinger	OL	6-4	280	Jr.	Chillicothe, Mo./Chillicothe HS
5	Jordan Simmons	RB	5-9	185	Fr.	Kansas City, Mo./Lee's Summit North HS	71	John Petroff	OL	6-3	280	Fr.	Chesterfield, Mo./Parkway Central HS
6	Trent Covington	S	6-1	200	Sr.	Clarksville, Md./Towson Univ.	72	Ryan Lessman	OL	6-2	290	Jr.	Sioux City, Iowa/East HS
7	Justin Welch	DB	5-11	190	Jr.	Belton, Mo./Belton HS	73	Jason Wiseman	OL	6-4	275	Jr.	Garden City, Mo./Harrisonville HS
8	Aldwin Foster-Rettig	S	6-1	210	Jr.	Balch Springs, Texas/West Mesquite HS	74	Rod Williams	OL	6-4	300	Fr.	Grandview, Mo./Grandview HS
9	Brian Shannon	WR	5-10	190	Jr.	Council Bluffs, Iowa/Lincoln HS	75	Justin Callaway	OL	6-1	295	Jr.	Liberty, Mo./Lindenwood Univ.
10	Abe Qaoud	WR	6-0	200	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo./Hazelwood Central HS	76	Cody Johnson	OL	6-1	290	So.	Jasper, Mo./Webb City HS
11	Blake Bolles	QB	6-4	210	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln Southwest HS	77	Dane Wardenburg	OL	6-7	290	Jr.	Creston, Iowa/Creston HS
12	John Hinchey	WR	6-2	215	Fr.	Kearney, Mo./Kearney HS	78	Ben Ehret	OL	6-3	295	So.	Stilwell, Mo./Blue Valley HS
13	Nate DeJong	S	6-2	210	Fr.	Rock Rapids, Iowa/Central Lyon HS	79	Ryan Arrington	DL	6-2	260	Fr.	Jacksonville, Texas/Jacksonville HS
14	Blake Christopher	QB	6-2	215	So.	Kearney, Mo./Kearney HS	80	Chris Owens	TE	6-3	250	So.	St. Louis, Mo./Hazelwood Central HS
15	Myles Burnisides	SS	5-11	195	Sr.	Maryville, Mo./Maryville	81	Brock Houston	TE	6-4	235	Jr.	Helena, Mo./Savannah HS
16	Jesse Pierce	QB	6-0	205	Jr.	Wentzville, Mo./Wentzville Holt HS	82	Mike Kuhn	DB	5-11	195	Fr.	Des Moines, Iowa/Hoover HS
17	Jesse Ver Velde	QB	6-0	195	Fr.	Omaha, Neb./Millard West HS	83	James Harris	WR	5-9	180	Fr.	Grandview, Mo./Grandview HS
18	Michael Stadler	P	6-2	240	Jr.	Harrisonville, Mo./Harrisonville HS	84	Ethan Stark	TE	6-2	230	Fr.	Princeton, Mo./Princeton HS
19	Cam Wierson	FS	6-0	190	Sr.	Tucson, Ariz./Pima C.C.	85	Kyle Kilgore	TE	6-5	235	So.	Orrick, Mo./Excelsior Springs HS
20	Derrick Hightower	DB	6-0	190	So.	Belton, Mo./Belton HS	87	Roberto Davis	DE	6-3	260	Jr.	Copperas Cove, Texas/Reedley C.C.
21	Kevin Okonta	S	5-10	185	So.	Liberty, Mo./Liberty HS	88	Taylor Pierce	WR	6-2	210	So.	Wentzville, Mo./Wentzville Holt HS
22	Ike Urum-Eke	SS	5-11	205	Sr.	Lee's Summit, Mo./Lee's Summit HS	89	Tommy Warren	WR	5-11	180	So.	Omaha, Neb./North HS
23	E.J. Hawkins	CB	5-9	180	Sr.	Austin, Texas/Lexington HS	90	Micah Wilson	DE	6-2	250	Jr.	Salinas, Calif./Hartnell C.C.
24	Caleb Decius	DB	6-2	185	So.	West Palm Beach, Fla./Upper Iowa Univ.	91	Tyler Roach	DT	6-2	315	Sr.	Elkhorn, Neb./Elkhorn HS
25	Previn Perry	RB	5-10	210	So.	St. Louis, Mo./Lutheran North HS	92	Elliot Easley	DE	6-3	255	Sr.	Dixon, Calif./Solano C.C.
26	Marciele Surrell	SS	5-10	185	Jr.	Terrell, Texas/SW Oklahoma State Univ.	93	Danny Pestock	TE	6-5	240	So.	Lenexa, Kan./Fort Scott C.C.
27	LaRon Council	RB	5-10	210	Sr.	Kansas City, Mo./Center HS	94	Kyle Sunderman	DE	6-4	265	Jr.	Papillion, Neb./Papillion LaVista HS
28	Kelvin Austin	RB	5-6	180	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo./Mesabi Range CTC	95	Matthew Meinert	LB	6-2	230	Fr.	Easton, Kan./Pleasant Ridge HS
29	Christian Barksdale	DB	6-0	175	Fr.	Omaha, Neb./Westside HS	96	Gary Ewart	DE	6-2	245	Fr.	Bedford, Iowa/Bedford HS
30	Marcus Martin	FS	6-1	210	Jr.	Holden, Mo./Holden HS	97	Sean Paddock	DE	6-2	255	Sr.	Bettendorf, Iowa/Pleasant Valley HS
31	Billy Creason	RB	5-10	190	Fr.	Grain Valley, Mo./Grain Valley HS	98	Shayne Shade	DT	6-2	300	Jr.	Des Moines, Iowa/Roosevelt HS
32	Evan Wilmes	LB	5-11	215	Sr.	Maryville, Mo./Maryville HS	99	Josh Lorenson	DL	6-3	280	So.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Xavier HS
33	Ben Langston	SS	6-0	205	So.	Overland Park, Kan./Blue Valley NW HS							
34	Clint Moore	CB	5-10	200	Jr.	Princeton, Mo./Princeton HS		Trevor Adams	QB	6-1	190	Fr.	Odessa, Texas/Permian HS
35	Cory Cronk	LB	6-2	215	Fr.	Maryville, Mo./Maryville HS		Kohlman					
36	Charlie Lowe	DB	5-8	180	Fr.	Maryville, Mo./Maryville HS		Adema-Schulte	RB	5-9	170	Fr.	Omaha, Neb./Millard West HS
37	Bill Baudler	LB	6-2	230	Jr.	Fontanelle, Iowa/Nodaway Valley HS		Todd Adolf	P/K	6-0	165	Fr.	Omaha, Neb./Millard North HS
38	Joe Schroeder	PK	6-0	200	Sr.	Washington, Mo./St. Francis Borgias HS		Ricky Bailey	DE	6-2	210	Fr.	Wentzville, Mo./Holt HS
39	Clark Snodgrass	DB	5-11	190	Fr.	Chesterfield, Mo./Parkway Central HS		Jake Baumgartner	DE	6-3	235	Fr.	Granger, Iowa/Johnston HS
40	Joe Bedard	LB	6-1	230	So.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Xavier HS		Cody Carlson	OL	6-2	265	Fr.	Eudora, Kan./Eudora HS
41	Landan Zaputil	LB	5-11	220	Fr.	Denver, Iowa/Cedar Falls HS		Danny Carlson	DL	6-3	265	Fr.	Troy, Ill./Triad HS
42	Tyler Oglesby	LB	5-9	190	Fr.	Maryville, Mo./Maryville HS		Justin Eiken	WR	6-0	180	Fr.	Jefferson City, Mo./Blair Oaks HS
43	Vincent Defeo	TE	6-2	230	Fr.	Greenwood, Mo./Drake Univ.		Joel Gantz	TE	6-5	240	Fr.	Perry, Kan./Perry-Lecompton HS
44	Jayson Bates	DE	6-1	250	Sr.	Alva, Okla./Northeastern Oklahoma A&M		Brian Geraghty	K	6-1	195	Fr.	Lee's Summit, Mo./Blue Springs South HS
45	Benjamin Pritchett	RB	5-9	245	Fr.	Belton, Mo./Belton HS		D.J. Gnader	LB	6-2	220	Fr.	Council Bluffs, Iowa/Lewis Central HS
46	Nathan Roach	TE	6-2	230	So.	Pleasant Hill, Mo./Pleasant Hill HS		Darius Hicks	DB	5-9	170	Fr.	Kansas City, Mo./Central HS
47	Ricky Hicks	RB	5-10	205	Fr.	Kansas City, Mo./Central HS		Jeff Howeth	S	6-0	200	Fr.	Dallas, Texas/Highland Park HS
48	Dylan Rosier	LB	6-0	225	So.	Mound City, Mo./Mound City HS		Bryant Hummel	LB	6-1	235	Fr.	Clarinda, Iowa/Clarinda HS
50	Chad Kilgore	LB	6-1	225	So.	Orrick, Mo./Excelsior Springs HS		Kasey Juhl	OL	6-6	280	Fr.	Lewis, Iowa/Atlantic HS
51	Matt Massey	LB	6-0	220	Fr.	Kearney, Mo./Kearney HS		Travis Manning	QB	6-0	180	Fr.	Belleville, Ill./West HS
52	Willie Horn	LB	6-0	230	Jr.	Lee's Summit, Mo./Blue Springs South HS		Cody Matthewson	LB	6-2	205	Fr.	Madrid, Iowa/Madrid HS
53	Robert Stough	OL	5-10	280	Fr.	Liberty, Mo./Liberty HS		Adam Mattson	RB	5-11	190	Fr.	Maryville, Mo./Maryville HS
55	Harry McCoy	DL	6-1	285	So.	Kincheloe, Mich./Sault Area HS		Cole Rosier	WR	5-10	175	Fr.	Mound City, Mo./Mound City HS
56	Adam Vondrak	LB	6-1	245	Jr.	Sioux City, Iowa/Bishop Heelan HS		Jake Scarbo	OL	6-2	270	Fr.	Blue Springs, Mo./South HS
57	Troy Matthews	LB	5-11	230	Jr.	Omaha, Neb./Millard South HS		John Schreck	LB	6-3	190	Fr.	Maryville, Mo./Maryville HS
58	Darian Skrenes	DL	6-2	285	Fr.	Hartland, Wis./Arrowhead HS		Payton Scott	DE	6-3	225	Fr.	Flower Mound, Texas/Flower Mound HS
59	Ryan Meyer	DL	6-2	265	Fr.	Omaha, Neb./Millard West HS		Tyler Seals	QB	6-2	195	Fr.	Bellevue, Neb./West HS
60	Cole Albright	OL	6-3	280	Fr.	Bronson, Iowa/Lawton Bronson HS		Travis Shipman	OL	6-1	250	Fr.	Blue Springs, Mo./South HS
61	Adam McElderry	OL	6-3	295	So.	West Des Moines, Iowa/Valley HS		Matt Sterup	OL	6-6	285	Fr.	Hastings, Neb./St. Cecilia HS
62	Ross Hastert	OL	6-2	275	Sr.	Harlan, Iowa/Harlan HS		Clint Utter	WR	6-3	190	Fr.	Bloomfield, Iowa/Ottumwa HS
64	Alex Olive	OL	6-4	280	Fr.	Springfield, Mo./Glendale HS		Quincy Williams	RB	5-10	185	Fr.	Lee's Summit, Mo./North HS
65	Colby Kamm	OL	6-5	245	Fr.	Junction City, Kan./Junction City HS		Zach Williams	DE	6-2	245	Fr.	Kansas City, Mo./Center HS

Head Coach: Mel Tjeerdsma (16th season)

Asst. Coaches:

- Scott Bostwick (Defensive Coordinator, Linebackers)
- Adam Dorrel (Offensive Coordinator, Offensive Line)
- Charlie Flohr (Passing Game Coordinator, Wide Receivers)
- Will Wagner (Defensive Secondary, Assistant Head Coach)
- Richard Wright (Defensive Line, Special Teams)

Graduate Assistants: Tyler Martin, Jeff Kietzman, Brandon Clayton, Jared Erspamer, Joel Osborn, Jon Goss, Joe Holtzclaw

Student Assistants: Jordan Brown, Ramsey Atieh, Kyle Dunn

Northwest Depth

Offense

Quarterback

- 11 Blake Bolles, 6-4, 210, Jr.
- 14 Blake Christopher, 6-2, 215, So.

Tailback

- 27 LaRon Council, 5-10, 210, Sr.
- 28 Kelvin Austin, 5-6, 180, Jr.

Fullback

- 25 Previn Perry, 5-10, 210, So.
- 45 Benjamin Pritchett, 5-9, 245, RS-Fr.

Wide Receiver

- 10 Abe Qaoud, 6-0, 200, Sr.
- 9 Brian Shannon, 5-10, 190, Jr.

Wide Receiver

- 2 Nick Rhodes, 6-4, 210, Sr.
- 4 Tyler Shaw, 6-0, 185, RS-Fr.

Wide Receiver

- 1 Jake Soy, 6-3, 210, So.
- 12 John Hinchey, 6-2, 215, RS-Fr.

Tight End

- 85 Kyle Kilgore, 6-5, 235, So.
- 80 Chris Owens, 6-3, 250, So.

Left Tackle

- 77 Dane Wardenburg, 6-7, 290, Jr.
- 61 Adam McElderry, 6-3, 295, So.

Left Guard

- 70 Brett Grozinger, 6-4, 280, Jr.
- 74 Rod Williams, 6-4, 300, RS-Fr.

Center

- 72 Ryan Lessman, 6-2, 290, Jr.
- 62 Ross Hastert, 6-2, 275, Sr.

Right Guard

- 76 Cody Johnson, 6-1, 290, So.
- 75 Justin Callaway, 6-1, 295, Jr.

Right Tackle

- 73 Jason Wiseman, 6-4, 275, Jr.
- 71 John Petroff, 6-3, 280, RS-Fr.

Defense

Strong End

- 94 Kyle Sunderman, 6-4, 265, Jr.
- 87 Roberto Davis, 6-3, 260, Jr.

Strong Tackle

- 91 Tyler Roach, 6-2, 315, Sr.
- 99 Josh Lorenson, 6-3, 280, So.

Nose Guard

- 98 Shayne Shade, 6-2, 300, Jr.
- 59 Ryan Meyer, 6-2, 265, RS-Fr.

Defensive End

- 97 Sean Paddock, 6-2, 255, Sr.
- 44 Jayson Bates, 6-1, 250, Sr.
- 90 Micah Wilson, 6-2, 250, Jr.

Sam Linebacker

- 32 Evan Wilmes, 5-11, 215, Sr.
- 37 Bill Baudler, 6-2, 230, Jr.

Mike Linebacker

- 56 Adam Vondrak, 6-1, 245, Jr.
- 57 Troy Matthews, 5-11, 230, Jr.

Will Linebacker

- 52 Willie Horn, 6-0, 230, Jr.
- 50 Chad Kilgore, 6-1, 225, So.

Extra Backer

- 22 Ike Urum-Eke, 5-11, 205, Sr.
- 33 Ben Langston, 6-0, 205, So.

Left Cornerback

- 3 Ryan Jones, 5-11, 195, Jr.
- 21 Kevin Okonta, 5-10, 185, So.
- 34 Clint Moore, 5-10, 200, Jr.

Free Safety

- 15 Myles Burnside, 5-11, 195, Sr.
- 19 Cam Wierson, 6-0, 190, Sr.

Strong Safety

- 8 Aldwin Foster-Rettig, 6-1, 210, Jr.
- 30 Marcus Martin, 6-1, 210, Jr.

Right Cornerback

- 7 Justin Welch, 5-11, 190, Jr.
- 23 E.J. Hawkins, 5-9, 180, Sr.

Special Teams

Punter

- 18 Michael Stadler, 6-2, 240, Jr.

Place kicker

- 38 Joe Schroeder, 6-0, 200, Sr.

Long Snapper

- 70 Brett Grozinger, 6-4, 280, Jr. (FG)
- 32 Evan Wilmes, 5-11, 215, Sr. (Punt)

Holder

- 2 Nick Rhodes, 6-4, 210, Sr.
- 1 Jake Soy, 6-3, 210, So.

Punt Returners

- 5 Jordan Simmons, 5-9, 185, RS-Fr.
- 9 Brian Shannon, 5-10, 190, Jr.

Kick Returners

- 5 Jordan Simmons, 5-9, 185, RS-Fr.
- 9 Brian Shannon, 5-10, 190, Jr.
- 4 Tyler Shaw, 6-0, 185, RS-Fr.
- 12 John Hinchey, 6-2, 215, Fr.

Pronunciation Guide

Mel Tjeerdsma (CHURCH-muh)

Blake Bolles (BOWLS)

Brett Grozinger (GROW-zin-ger)

Ross Hastert (HASS-tert)

Abe Qaoud (QUAD)

Joe Schroeder (SHRAY-der)

Adam Vondrak (VON-drack)

Ike Urum-Eke (YOUR-um E-kee)

Cam Wierson (WEER-son)

Evan Wilmes (WILL-miss)

Single Game Career Highs - Offense

Passing	Attempts	Comps.	Yards	TD
11 - Blake Bolles	15 at Truman, 9/20/08	9 at Truman, 9/20/08	108 at Missouri Southern, 11/8/08	2 vs. Southwest Baptist, 9/6/08
14 - Blake Christopher	2 vs. Emporia State, 11/1/08	2 vs. Emporia State, 11/1/08	28 vs. vs. Southwest Baptist, 9/6/08	--

Rushing	Attempts	Yards	TD	Long
11 - Blake Bolles	8 at Missouri Southern, 11/8/08	51 at #2 Abilene Christian, 11/29/08	2 at Missouri Southern, 11/8/08	29 vs. #10 Pittsburg State, 11/22/08
14 - Blake Christopher	2 vs. Emporia State, 11/1/08	14 vs. Emporia State, 11/1/08	1 vs. Emporia State, 11/1/08	16 vs. Emporia State, 11/1/08
15 - Myles Burnsides	1 at Washburn, 10/25/08	36 at Washburn, 10/25/08	--	36 at Washburn, 10/25/08
16 - Jesse Pierce	1 vs. Southwest Baptist, 9/29/07	3 vs. Southwest Baptist, 9/29/07	--	3 vs. Southwest Baptist, 9/29/07
25 - Previn Perry	2 vs. Southwest Baptist, 9/6/08	23 vs. Southwest Baptist, 9/6/08	1 at Truman, 9/20/08	15 vs. Southwest Baptist, 9/6/08
27 - LaRon Council	34 at Washburn, 10/25/08	188 at #17 Central Missouri, 10/11/08	4 4x, last vs. #5 North Alabama, 12/6/08	99 at #17 Central Missouri, 10/11/08
28 - Kelvin Austin	6 vs. Emporia State, 11/1/08	40 vs. Emporia State, 11/1/08	--	17 vs. Southwest Baptist, 9/6/08
34 - Clint Moore	13 at Truman, 9/20/08	79 2x, last vs. Emporia State, 11/1/08	2 vs. Southwest Baptist, 9/29/07	31 vs. Southwest Baptist, 9/29/07
89 - Tommy Warren	1 at Truman, 9/20/08	1 at Truman, 9/20/08	--	1 at Truman, 9/20/08

Receiving	Number	Yards	Touchdowns	Long
1 - Jake Soy	2 2x, last at #2 Abilene Christian, 11/29/08	42 at #2 Abilene Christian, 11/29/08	1 vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08	23 vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08
2 - Nick Rhodes	6, at #2 Abilene Christian, 11/29/08	64 vs. #10 Pittsburg State, 11/22/08	1 5x, last at #2 Abilene Christian, 11/29/08	39 at Washburn, 10/25/08
9 - Brian Shannon	4 at Truman, 9/20/08	46 at Truman, 9/20/08	1 4x, last vs. #5 North Alabama, 12/6/08	43 vs. Emporia State, 11/1/08
10 - Abe Qaoud	6 2x, last at Truman, 9/20/08	81 at Truman, 9/20/08	2 vs. Missouri Western, 9/13/08	57 vs. Fort Hays State, 10/21/06
27 - LaRon Council	4 3x, last at #2 Abilene Christian, 11/29/08	62 at #2 Abilene Christian, 11/29/08	1 3x, last at #5 Nebraska-Omaha, 9/27/08	32 at #11 Neb.-Omaha, 9/8/07
85 - Kyle Kilgore	3 at Truman, 9/20/08	45 at Truman, 9/20/08	--	22 at Truman, 9/20/08
88 - Taylor Pierce	1 vs. Southwest Baptist, 9/6/08	28 vs. Southwest Baptist, 9/6/08	--	28 vs. Southwest Baptist, 9/6/08
89 - Tommy Warren	2 vs. Emporia State, 11/1/08	18 vs. Emporia State, 11/1/08	--	12 vs. Emporia State, 11/1/08

Punt Returns	Number	Yards	TD	Long
2 - Nick Rhodes	1 vs. Southwest Baptist, 9/6/08	4 vs. Southwest Baptist, 9/6/08	--	4 vs. Southwest Baptist, 9/6/08
7 - Justin Welch	1 vs. Truman, 9/22/07	4 vs. Truman, 9/22/07	--	4 vs. Truman, 9/22/07
9 - Brian Shannon	2 vs. Emporia State, 11/1/08	28 vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08	--	28 vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08
15 - Myles Burnsides	1 vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08	22 vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08	--	--
22 - Ike Urum-Eke	2 vs. Fort Hays State, 10/21/06	--	--	--
89 - Tommy Warren	1 at Truman, 9/20/08	5 at Truman, 9/20/08	--	5 at Truman, 9/20/08

Kickoff Returns	Number	Yards	TD	Long
2 - Nick Rhodes	2 vs. Southwest Baptist, 9/6/08	24 vs. Southwest Baptist, 9/6/08	--	14 vs. Southwest Baptist, 9/6/08
3 - Ryan Jones	1 vs. #8 Abilene Christian, 8/30/08	Minus-11 vs. #8 Abilene Christian, 8/30/08	--	--
9 - Brian Shannon	1 vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08	36 vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08	--	36 vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08
50 - Chad Kilgore	1 vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08	6 vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08	--	6 vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08

Kicking	FGA	FGM	Long Att.	Long Made
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PAT's	Attempted	Made
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Punting	Number	Avg.	Long	Inside 20
11 - Blake Bolles	1 3x last vs. #5 North Alabama, 12/6/08	32 at Missouri Southern, 11/8/08	32 at Missouri Southern, 11/8/08	1 3x last vs. #5 North Alabama, 12/6/08
18 - Michael Stadler	7 vs. #8 Valdosta State, 12/15/07	54.0 vs. Emporia State, 11/1/08	70 vs. #8 Valdosta State, 12/15/07	4, 2x last vs. #8 Abilene Christian, 8/30/08

Single Game Career Highs - Defense

Tackles	Total Tackles	Solo Tackles	Assisted Tackles
3 - Ryan Jones	8 2x, last vs. #10 Pittsburg State, 11/22/08	7 vs. #10 Pittsburg State, 11/22/08	5 vs. #16 Pittsburg State, 10/6/07
7 - Justin Welch	4 2x, last vs. #5 North Alabama, 12/6/08	4 vs. Emporia State, 11/1/08	2 2x, last vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08
8 - Aldwin Foster-Rettig	8 2x, last at #17 Central Missouri, 10/11/08	6 2x, last vs. Missouri Western, 9/13/08	5 at #17 Central Missouri, 10/11/08
15 - Myles Burnsides	12 vs. #10 Pittsburg State, 11/22/08	10 vs. #10 Pittsburg State, 11/22/08	6 2x, last vs. #6 Minnesota Duluth, 12/13/08
16 - Jesse Pierce	2 vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08	2 vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08	--
18 - Michael Stadler	1 vs. #8 Abilene Christian, 8/30/08	1 vs. #8 Abilene Christian, 8/30/08	--
19 - Cam Wierson	3 vs. Southwest Baptist, 9/6/08	2 vs. Southwest Baptist, 9/6/08	2 vs. Emporia State, 11/1/08
20 - Derrick Hightower	1 vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08	--	1 vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08
21 - Kevin Okonta	4 3x, last vs. #5 North Alabama, 12/6/08	2 6x, last vs. #5 North Alabama, 12/6/08	2 4x, last vs. #5 North Alabama, 12/6/08
22 - Ike Urum-Eke	6 6x, last vs. #5 North Alabama, 12/6/08	5 2x, last vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08	5 vs. #10 Pittsburg State, 11/22/08
23 - E.J. Hawkins	5 vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08	4 vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08	2 vs. Emporia State, 11/1/08
24 - Caleb Decius	1 3x, last vs. Emporia State, 11/1/08	1 2x, last at Truman, 9/20/08	1 vs. Emporia State, 11/1/08
26 - Marciele Surrell	2 vs. Emporia State, 11/1/08	1 2x, last vs. Emporia State, 11/1/08	1 vs. Emporia State, 11/1/08
30 - Marcus Martin	7 at Washburn, 10/25/08	6 at Washburn, 10/25/08	3 2x, last vs. #6 Pittsburg State, 10/4/08
32 - Evan Wilmes	7 vs. #6 Minnesota Duluth, 12/13/08	5 vs. #4 West Texas A&M, 11/24/07	4 2x, last vs. #6 Minnesota Duluth, 12/13/08
33 - Ben Langston	5 vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08	4 vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08	1 2x, last vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08
34 - Clint Moore	3 vs. Truman, 9/22/07	1 3x, last vs. #16 Pittsburg State, 10/6/07	2 vs. Truman, 9/22/07
37 - Bill Baudler	5 vs. Southwest Baptist, 9/6/08	3 vs. #8 Abilene Christian, 8/30/08	4 vs. Southwest Baptist, 9/6/08
40 - Joe Bedard	2 2x, last vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08	1 vs. Southwest Baptist, 9/6/08	2 vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08
44 - Jayson Bates	5 at #2 Abilene Christian, 11/29/08	3 at #2 Abilene Christian, 11/29/08	3 3x, last vs. #10 Pittsburg State, 11/22/08
48 - Dylan Rosier	7 vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08	3 vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08	4 vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08
50 - Chad Kilgore	7 vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08	4 2x, last vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08	3 4x, last vs. #10 Pittsburg State, 11/22/08
52 - Willie Horn	12 vs. #6 Minnesota Duluth, 12/13/08	5 vs. #6 Minnesota Duluth, 12/13/08	7 vs. #6 Minnesota Duluth, 12/13/08
56 - Adam Vondrak	9 vs. #10 Pittsburg State, 11/22/08	5 vs. #10 Pittsburg State, 11/22/08	5 2x, last vs. #6 Minnesota Duluth, 12/13/08
57 - Troy Matthews	5 vs. Fort Hays State, 10/21/06	3 vs. Fort Hays State, 10/21/06	3 2x, last at Emporia State, 11/3/07
91 - Tyler Roach	9 vs. #6 Minnesota Duluth, 12/13/08	3 2x, last vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08	8 vs. #6 Minnesota Duluth, 12/13/08
92 - Elliot Easley	2 vs. Southwest Baptist, 9/6/08	1 3x, last vs. Emporia State, 11/1/08	1 vs. Southwest Baptist, 9/6/08
94 - Kyle Sunderman	5 vs. Southwest Baptist, 9/29/07	2 2x, last at Truman, 9/20/08	5 vs. Southwest Baptist, 9/29/07
97 - Sean Paddock	8 vs. #6 Minnesota Duluth, 12/13/08	5 at #11 Neb.-Omaha, 9/8/07	7 vs. #6 Minnesota Duluth, 12/13/08
98 - Shayne Shade	5 2x, last vs. #6 Minnesota Duluth, 12/13/08	2 2x, last vs. #6 Minnesota Duluth, 12/13/08	3 5x, last vs. #6 Minnesota Duluth, 12/13/08
99 - Josh Lorenson	7 at #17 Central Missouri, 10/11/08	3 at #17 Central Missouri, 10/11/08	4 at #17 Central Missouri, 10/11/08

Name	Tackles for Loss	Sacks
3 - Ryan Jones	0.5 3x, last vs. Central Missouri, 10/13/07	
7 - Justin Welch	1.0 vs. #5 North Alabama, 12/6/08	
8 - Aldwin Foster-Rettig	1.0 4x, last vs. #6 Minnesota Duluth, 12/13/08	
9 - Brandon Clayton	1.0 2x last at Fort Hays State, 10/20/07	1.0 at Fort Hays State, 10/20/07
15 - Myles Burnsides	2.0 vs. Fort Hays State, 10/21/06	
21 - Kevin Okonta	1.0 vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08	
22 - Ike Urum-Eke	2.0 3x, last vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08	1.0 10x, last at #2 Abilene Christian, 11/29/08
23 - E.J. Hawkins	0.5 vs. Southwest Baptist, 9/29/07	
26 - Marciele Surrell	1.5 vs. Emporia State, 11/1/08	0.5 vs. Emporia State, 11/1/08
30 - Marcus Martin	1.0 at Washburn, 10/25/08	0.5 vs. #6 Pittsburg State, 10/4/08
32 - Evan Wilmes	1.0 7x, last vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08	0.5 2x, last vs. #6 Pittsburg State 10/4/08
44 - Jayson Bates	1.0 2x, last vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08	1.0 vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08
48 - Dylan Rosier	1.0 vs. Fort Hays State, 10/18/08	
50 - Chad Kilgore	0.5 2x, last vs. #6 Minnesota Duluth, 12/13/08	
52 - Willie Horn	1.5 2x, last vs. Southwest Baptist 9/6/08	1.0 2x, last vs. Southwest Baptist 9/6/08
56 - Adam Vondrak	2.0 vs. #6 Minnesota Duluth, 12/13/08	1.0 at #5 Nebraska-Omaha, 9/27/08
91 - Tyler Roach	3.0 vs. Southwest Baptist 9/6/08	2.0 vs. Southwest Baptist 9/6/08
94 - Kyle Sunderman	1.5 2x, last vs. Southwest Baptist, 9/29/07	1.0 vs. Southwest Baptist, 9/29/07
97 - Sean Paddock	3.5 at #17 Central Missouri, 10/11/08	2.0 2x, last vs. #17 Central Missouri, 10/11/08
98 - Shayne Shade	1.0 4x, last at #2 Abilene Christian, 11/29/08	1.0 at #2 Abilene Christian, 11/29/08
99 - Josh Lorenson	3.0 vs. #17 Central Missouri, 10/11/08	3.0 vs. #17 Central Missouri, 10/11/08

2008 NORTHWEST 15-GAME FOOTBALL STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	MIAA	Time	Attend
Aug 30, 2008	#8 ABILENE CHRISTIAN	27-44 L	0-1	0-0	2:55	6841
Sep 06, 2008	SOUTHWEST BAPTIST	W 63-28	1-1	0-0	2:51	5951
*Sep 13, 2008	MISSOURI WESTERN	W 42-35	2-1	1-0	2:45	9346
*Sep 20, 2008	at Truman	W 49-0	3-1	2-0	2:36	5107
*Sep 27, 2008	at #5 Nebraska-Omaha	W 42-0	4-1	3-0	2:30	9756
*Oct 04, 2008	vs #6 Pittsburg State	W 35-10	5-1	4-0	2:26	21316
*Oct 11, 2008	at #17 Central Missouri	W 20-13	6-1	5-0	2:49	8750
*Oct 18, 2008	FORT HAYS STATE	W 56-7	7-1	6-0	2:53	8854
*Oct 25, 2008	at Washburn	W 24-21	8-1	7-0	2:52	4021
*Nov 01, 2008	EMPORIA STATE	W 56-7	9-1	8-0	2:44	5703
*Nov 08, 2008	at Missouri Southern	W 48-24	10-1	9-0	2:54	2156
^Nov 22, 2008	#10 PITTSBURG STATE	W 38-35	11-1		2:49	6632
^Nov 29, 2008	at #2 Abilene Christian	W 45-36	12-1		3:17	8817
^Dec 06, 2008	#5 NORTH ALABAMA	W 41-7	13-1		3:29	6042
^Dec 13, 2008	vs. #6 Minnesota Duluth	14-21 L	13-2		2:54	6219

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^ NCAA Playoffs

NORTHWEST INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	34	Council vs. Washburn (10/25)
Yards Rushing	197	Council vs. MSSU (11/8)
TD Rushes.....	4	Council, four times
Long Rush	99	Council vs. Central Missouri (10/11)
Pass Attempts.....	46	Osborn vs. Abilene Christian (8/30)
Pass Completions.....	28	Osborn vs. Abilene Christian (8/30)
Yards Passing.....	325	Osborn vs. vs. ACU (8/30)
TD Passes	3	Osborn, twice (TSU, FHSU)
Long Pass.....	52	Osborn vs. Fort Hays State (10/18)
Receptions.....	11	Wright vs. Pittsburg State (10/4)
Yards Receiving.....	157	Wright vs. Pittsburg State (10/4)
TD Receptions.....	2	Qaoud vs. Missouri Western (9/13)
Long Reception	52	Gannan vs. Fort Hays State (10/18)
Field Goals	2	Frevert, 3x (UCM, MSSU, UNA)
Long Field Goal	36	Frevert vs. Pittsburg State (11/22)
Punts	6	Stadler vs. Central Missouri (10/11)
Punting Avg.	54.0	Stadler vs. Emporia State (11/1)
Long Punt	65	Stadler vs. Pittsburg State (11/22)
Long Punt Return	48	Wright vs. UNO (9/27)
Long Kickoff Return ...	56	Wright vs. Southwest Baptist (9/6)
Tackles.....	12	Twice; MR: Horn vs. UMD (12/13)
Sacks.....	3.0	Lorenson vs. UCM (10/11)
Tackles For Loss.....	3.5	Paddock vs. UCM (10/11)
Interceptions.....	1	17 times

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Yards Rushing	177	Bernard, Abilene Christian (8/30)
TD Rushing.....	4	Clark, PSU (11/22)
Long Rush	55	Scott, ACU (11/29)
Yards Passing.....	293	Malone, Abilene Christian (8/30)
TD Passes.....	4	Malone, Abilene Christian (8/30)
Long Pass.....	82	Newhart to Houston (MWSU)
Receptions.....	11	Johnson, MSSU
Yards Receiving.....	126	Houston, Missouri Western

NORTHWEST TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	53	Southwest Baptist (9/6)
Yards Rushing	316	Southwest Baptist (9/6)
Yards Per Rush	7.4	Fort Hays State (10/18)
TD Rushes.....	6	two times, (SBU, MSSU)
Pass Attempts.....	48	Abilene Christian (8/30)
Pass Completions.....	29	two times, (ACU, MSSU)
Yards Passing.....	356	Truman (9/20)
Yards Per Pass.....	13.6	Fort Hays State (10/18)
TD Passes	4	Fort Hays State (10/18)
Total Plays	88	Missouri Southern (11/8)
Total Offense	592	Missouri Southern (11/8)
Yards Per Play.....	10.7	Fort Hays State (10/18)
Sacks.....	5	two times (SBU, UCM)
First Downs.....	34	Southwest Baptist (9/6)
Penalties.....	10	Washburn (10/25)
Penalty Yards	95	Washburn (10/25)
Turnovers	4	Twice; MR: vs. UMD (12/13)
Interceptions By.....	3	Pittsburg State (10/4)

GAME LOWS

Yards Rushing	73	Abilene Christian (8/30)
Yards Passing.....	69	North Alabama (12/6)
Total Yards.....	255	North Alabama (12/6)

OPPONENT GAME HIGHS

Yards Rushing	223	ACU (8/30), PSU (11/22)
Yards Passing.....	293	Abilene Christian (8/30)
Total Yards.....	516	Abilene Christian (8/30)

OPPONENT GAME LOWS

Yards Rushing	50	Truman (9/20)
Yards Passing.....	93	Truman (9/20)
Total Yards.....	143	Truman (9/20)

TEAM STATISTICS	NWMSU	OPP
SCORING.....	600	288
Points Per Game.....	40.0	19.2
FIRST DOWNS.....	364	258
Rushing.....	160	91
Passing.....	182	142
Penalty.....	22	25
RUSHING YARDAGE.....	2812	1669
Yards gained rushing.....	3131	2064
Yards lost rushing.....	319	395
Rushing Attempts.....	605	507
Average Per Rush.....	4.6	3.3
Average Per Game.....	187.5	111.3
TDs Rushing.....	49	16
PASSING YARDAGE.....	3842	2848
Att-Comp-Int.....	466-313-8	508-268-17
Average Per Pass.....	8.2	5.6
Average Per Catch.....	12.3	10.6
Average Per Game.....	256.1	189.9
TDs Passing.....	30	21
TOTAL OFFENSE.....	6654	4517
Total Plays.....	1071	1015
Average Per Play.....	6.2	4.5
Average Per Game.....	443.6	301.1
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	51-983	85-1677
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	39-438	18-162
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	17-311	8-192
KICK RETURN AVERAGE.....	19.3	19.7
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE.....	11.2	9.0
INT RETURN AVERAGE.....	18.3	24.0
FUMBLES-LOST.....	27-13	23-12
PENALTIES-YARDS.....	100-830	104-846
Average Per Game.....	55.3	56.4
PUNTS-YARDS.....	47-1873	84-3092
Average Per Punt.....	39.9	36.8
Net punt average.....	35.6	30.4
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME.....	29:41	30:19
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	103/196	81/222
3rd-Down Pct.....	53%	36%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	20/31	20/37
4th-Down Pct.....	65%	54%
SACKS BY-YARDS.....	32-223	27-182
MISC YARDS.....	0	-20
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED.....	82	38
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS.....	9-13	7-9
PAT-ATTEMPTS.....	79-80	35-36
ATTENDANCE.....	49369	38607
Games/Avg Per Game.....	7/7053	6/6434
Neutral Site Games.....	-	2/13768

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
NW Missouri State....	160	172	111	157	- -	600
Opponents.....	59	64	97	68	- -	288

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Council, LaRon	15	325	1768	29	1739	5.4	35	99	115.9
Bolles, Blake	15	63	388	32	356	5.7	6	29	23.7
Cook, Sheldon	15	64	331	16	315	4.9	3	58	21.0
Moore, Clint	12	41	262	4	258	6.3	0	31	21.5
Austin, Kelvin	2	9	59	3	56	6.2	0	17	28.0
Gregg, Brant	11	13	48	0	48	3.7	1	12	4.4
Perry, Previn	14	5	38	0	38	7.6	1	15	2.7
Burnsides, Myles	15	1	36	0	36	36.0	0	36	2.4
Wright, Kendall	15	10	37	11	26	2.6	1	13	1.7
Christopher, B.	15	2	16	2	14	7.0	1	16	0.9
Warren, Tommy	8	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0.1
Lessman, Ryan	10	0	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0.0
Osborn, Joel	15	50	147	177	-30	-0.6	0	15	-2.0
TEAM	13	21	0	45	-45	-2.1	0	0	-3.5
Total	15	605	3131	319	2812	4.6	49	99	187.5
Opponents	15	507	2064	395	1669	3.3	16	55	111.3

PASSING	G	Effic	Cmp-Att-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Osborn, Joel	15	153.38	259-388-8	66.8	3249	24	52	216.6
Bolles, Blake	15	164.32	51-71-0	71.8	546	6	46	36.4
TEAM	13	0.00	0-4-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Christopher, B.	15	231.60	3-3-0	100.0	47	0	28	3.1
Total	15	154.23	313-466-8	67.2	3842	30	52	256.1
Opponents	15	106.80	268-508-17	52.8	2848	21	82	189.9

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Wright, Kendall	15	64	800	12.5	5	41	53.3
Qaoud, Abe	15	48	560	11.7	5	43	37.3
Robinson, R.	13	36	460	12.8	3	40	35.4
Applegate, Greg	15	32	384	12.0	4	30	25.6
Rhodes, Nick	15	27	475	17.6	5	46	31.7
Gannan, Josh	13	27	319	11.8	0	52	24.5
Council, LaRon	15	26	214	8.2	1	29	14.3
Shannon, Brian	15	23	280	12.2	4	43	18.7
Soy, Jake	11	10	140	14.0	1	23	12.7
Kilgore, Kyle	15	7	84	12.0	0	22	5.6
Warren, Tommy	8	5	34	6.8	0	12	4.2
Elam, Paris	7	4	56	14.0	1	27	8.0
Gregg, Brant	11	2	3	1.5	1	2	0.3
Pierce, Taylor	3	1	28	28.0	0	28	9.3
Brisbane, Sydney	5	1	5	5.0	0	5	1.0
Total	15	313	3842	12.3	30	52	256.1
Opponents	15	268	2848	10.6	21	82	189.9

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Wright, Kendall	31	349	11.3	0	48
Shannon, Brian	3	55	18.3	0	28
Rhodes, Nick	1	4	4.0	0	4
LeFlore, Chris	1	3	3.0	0	0
Burnsides, Myles	1	22	22.0	0	0
Christopher, B.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Warren, Tommy	1	5	5.0	0	5
Total	39	438	11.2	0	48
Opponents	18	162	9.0	0	26

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Burnsides, Myles	6	171	28.5	0	36
LeFlore, Chris	3	1	0.3	0	1
Foster-Rettig, A	3	68	22.7	1	44
Wierson, Cam	1	2	2.0	0	2
Jones, Ryan	1	0	0.0	0	0
Langston, Ben	1	14	14.0	0	14
Hawkins, E. J.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Welch, Justin	1	55	55.0	1	55
Total	17	311	18.3	2	55
Opponents	8	192	24.0	1	44

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Wright, Kendall	23	543	23.6	0	56
Cook, Sheldon	20	368	18.4	0	46
Rhodes, Nick	2	24	12.0	0	14
Kilgore, Chad	2	6	3.0	0	6
Gregg, Brant	2	17	8.5	0	10
Jones, Ryan	1	-11	-11.0	0	0
Shannon, Brian	1	36	36.0	0	36
Total	51	983	19.3	0	56
Opponents	85	1677	19.7	0	49

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Paddock, Sean	1	52	52.0	0	52
Roach, Tyler	1	9	9.0	1	9
Total	2	61	30.5	1	52
Opponents	4	41	10.2	0	30

SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
Council, LaRon	36	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	216
Frevert, Tommy	0	9-13	79-80	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	106
Wright, Kendall	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	36
Bolles, Blake	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	36
Rhodes, Nick	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
Qaoud, Abe	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
Shannon, Brian	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Applegate, Greg	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Robinson, R.	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Cook, Sheldon	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Gregg, Brant	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Lessman, Ryan	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Soy, Jake	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Perry, Previn	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Elam, Paris	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Christopher, B.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Welch, Justin	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Foster-Rettig, A	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Roach, Tyler	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Osborn, Joel	0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0-1	0	0	2
Total	82	9-13	79-80	1-1	0	0-1	0	0	600
Opponents	38	7-9	35-36	0-0	1	1-2	0	1	288

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Osborn, Joel	15	438	-30	3249	3219	214.6
Council, LaRon	15	325	1739	0	1739	115.9
Bolles, Blake	15	134	356	546	902	60.1
Cook, Sheldon	15	64	315	0	315	21.0
Moore, Clint	12	41	258	0	258	21.5
Christopher, B.	15	5	14	47	61	4.1
Austin, Kelvin	2	9	56	0	56	28.0
Gregg, Brant	11	13	48	0	48	4.4
Perry, Previn	14	5	38	0	38	2.7
Burnsides, Myles	15	1	36	0	36	2.4
Wright, Kendall	15	10	26	0	26	1.7
Warren, Tommy	8	1	1	0	1	0.1
TEAM	13	25	-45	0	-45	-3.5
Total	15	1071	2812	3842	6654	443.6
Opponents	15	1015	1669	2848	4517	301.1

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Frevert, Tommy	9-13	69.2	0-0	4-4	5-8	0-1	0-0	36	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Stadler, Michael	44	1818	41.3	65	2	8	20	1
Bolles, Blake	2	55	27.5	32	0	0	2	0
TEAM	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	47	1873	39.9	65	2	8	22	1
Opponents	84	3092	36.8	58	5	7	18	2

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net	YdLn
Frevert, Tommy	99	6196	62.6	15	1			
Schroeder, Joe	4	278	69.5	2	0			
Total	103	6474	62.9	17	1	1677	43.3	26
Opponents	59	3298	55.9	3	1	983	38.2	31

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Council, LaRon	15	1739	214	0	0	0	1953	130.2
Wright, Kendall	15	26	800	349	543	0	1718	114.5
Cook, Sheldon	15	315	0	0	368	0	683	45.5
Qaoud, Abe	15	0	560	0	0	0	560	37.3
Rhodes, Nick	15	0	475	4	24	0	503	33.5
Robinson, R.	13	0	460	0	0	0	460	35.4
Applegate, Greg	15	0	384	0	0	0	384	25.6
Shannon, Brian	15	0	280	55	36	0	371	24.7
Bolles, Blake	15	356	0	0	0	0	356	23.7
Gannan, Josh	13	0	319	0	0	0	319	24.5
Moore, Clint	12	258	0	0	0	0	258	21.5
Burnsides, Myles	15	36	0	22	0	171	229	15.3
Soy, Jake	11	0	140	0	0	0	140	12.7
Kilgore, Kyle	15	0	84	0	0	0	84	5.6
Foster-Rettig, A	14	0	0	0	0	68	68	4.9
Gregg, Brant	11	48	3	0	17	0	68	6.2
Austin, Kelvin	2	56	0	0	0	0	56	28.0
Elam, Paris	7	0	56	0	0	0	56	8.0
Welch, Justin	15	0	0	0	0	55	55	3.7
Warren, Tommy	8	1	34	5	0	0	40	5.0
Perry, Previn	14	38	0	0	0	0	38	2.7
Pierce, Taylor	3	0	28	0	0	0	28	9.3
Christopher, B.	15	14	0	0	0	0	14	0.9
Langston, Ben	14	0	0	0	0	14	14	1.0
Kilgore, Chad	14							

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP-GS	|-----Tackles-----|				|-Sacks-|		|---Pass Def---|			|-Fumbles-|		Blkd	
		Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	No-Yards	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf	
56 Vondrak, Adam	15-15	41	36	77	6.0-25	2.0-16	.	6	6	.	.	.	.
8 Foster-Rettig, A	14-13	41	33	74	3.5-8	.	3-68	6	.	1-0	1	.	.	
15 Burnsides, Myles	15-15	43	28	71	2.5-8	.	6-171	5	1	.	1	1	.	
52 Horn, Willie	15-15	31	38	69	7.0-21	1.0-8	.	2	3	.	3	.	.	
22 Urum-Eke, Ike	15-0	36	24	60	5.5-36	3.0-32	.	2	1	1-0	1	.	.	
97 Paddock, Sean	15-15	26	29	55	13.5-55	6.0-35	.	.	12	4-52	3	1	.	
32 Wilmes, Evan	15-14	20	26	46	2.5-8	0.5-3	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
91 Roach, Tyler	15-13	17	26	43	9.5-50	5.0-34	.	1	1	1-9	1	3	.	
50 Kilgore, Chad	14-0	25	17	42	1.0-2	.	.	2	2	.	2	.	.	
99 Lorenson, Josh	15-2	18	24	42	8.0-44	4.0-30	.	1	3	.	.	.	.
30 Martin, Marcus	15-2	25	16	41	2.0-22	0.5-3	.	.	.	2-0	.	.	.	
80 Northway, Tyler	15-15	11	29	40	6.5-29	3.0-20	.	6	.	.	.	.	.
9 Clayton, Brandon	14-14	30	9	39	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
3 Jones, Ryan	15-2	26	9	35	.	.	1-0	8	.	1-0	.	.	.	
44 Bates, Jayson	15-0	13	22	35	2.5-7	1.0-4	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
98 Shade, Shayne	14-14	9	23	32	4.5-12	2.0-10	.	1	3	.	1	.	.	
90 Mosley, Mike	14-0	13	18	31	5.0-22	1.5-16	.	1	5	1-0	.	.	.	
1 LeFlore, Chris	15-15	20	9	29	2.0-3	.	3-1	8	.	.	.	.	.
21 Okonta, Kevin	14-0	15	12	27	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
7 Welch, Justin	15-0	15	7	22	1.0-2	.	1-55	3	.	.	.	.	.
74 Dampeer, Moe	15-1	9	13	22	1.5-9	1.5-9	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
94 Sunderman, Kyle	13-0	7	12	19	1.0-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48 Rosier, Dylan	11-0	7	9	16	1.0-5	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
33 Langston, Ben	14-0	8	4	12	.	.	1-14	.	1	.	.	.	.
23 Hawkins, E. J.	12-0	8	4	12	.	.	1-0	3	.	.	.	.	.
37 Baudler, Bill	3-0	5	5	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
19 Wierson, Cam	12-0	3	5	8	.	.	1-2	1	.	.	.	.	.
54 Terry, Aaron	7-0	1	7	8	0.5-1	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40 Bedard, Joe	8-0	1	4	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92 Easley, Elliot	4-0	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41 Nixdorf, Kyle	5-0	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35 Surrell, M.	3-0	2	1	3	1.5-3	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
43 Frevert, Tommy	15-0	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13 Decius, Caleb	7-0	2	1	3	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
42 Lanus, Cody	15-0	1	2	3	1.0-1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
5 Robinson, R.	13-4	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16 Pierce, Jesse	3-0	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
60 Davis, Jeremy	15-15	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
75 Pestock, Tom	15-15	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
77 Wardenburg, Dane	15-3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
71 Kirby, Reid	12-12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31 Anderson, Alex	4-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
20 Hightower, D.	6-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
18 Stadler, Michael	14-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14 Christopher, B.	15-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28 Austin, Kelvin	2-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4 Wright, Kendall	15-14	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2 Rhodes, Nick	15-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
73 Wiseman, Jason	15-15	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total.....	15-0	549	510	1059	90-379	32-223	17-311	67	41	12-61	14	5	.	
Opponents.....	15-0	589	572	1161	58.0-260	27-182	8-192	49	18	13-41	18	2	1	