



# 2007 MEMPHIS FOOTBALL

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## 2007 R+L CARRIERS NEW ORLEANS BOWL MEMPHIS TIGERS VERSUS FAU OWLS



**DECEMBER 21, 2007 • TIME - 7 P.M. CT**  
**NEW ORLEANS, LA. • LOUISIANA SUPERDOME (68,500)**  
**RADIO - 600 WREC/ESPN RADIO; TV-ESPN2**



### MEMPHIS FLORIDA ATLANTIC

7-5 Overall; 6-2 C-USA.....7-5 Overall; 6-1 SBC  
Head Coach Tommy West..... Head Coach Howard Schnellenberger  
41-43 at Memphis..... 40-42 at FAU  
76-78 career .....140-116-3 career  
4-1 bowl record..... 0-0 bowl record

### MEMPHIS-FAU SERIES

This is the first-ever meeting between Memphis and Florida Atlantic on the gridiron.

Memphis played one other first-time opponent this season, which also happened to have an Owl as its mascot. The Tigers defeated the Rice Owls, 38-35, in Houston on Oct. 20.

Out of the 12 games Memphis played this season, five of the opponents had a series history of three or fewer games with the Tigers. Memphis was 4-1 against opposition they had faced three or fewer times in school history, logging wins over Rice, SMU, Marshall and Jacksonville State. The only loss was to UCF.

### GOING BOWLING

Not only was the 25-9 victory over UAB special because it snapped a seven-game losing streak to the Blazers, but also because the contest gave Memphis its sixth win of the season. With the victory, Memphis became bowl eligible for the fourth time in the last five years. The Tigers went to three straight post-season contests (2003-05) before snapping the streak last season. Of the three contests, Memphis won both the 2003 New Orleans Bowl and the 2005 Motor City Bowl, and lost in the 2004 GMAC Bowl. Memphis has a 4-1 all-time bowl record, which also includes victories in the 1956 Burley Bowl and the 1971 Pasadena Bowl.

### HOME SWEET DOME

Two of Memphis' five bowl contests have been played in indoor facilities. Memphis won both of those contests - the 2003 New Orleans Bowl, which was played in the Louisiana Superdome and the 2005 Motor City Bowl, which was hosted at Ford Field. Those two facilities and Memphis also have something in common as the Tigers played at Ford Field just before the stadium hosted Super Bowl XL and this year, the Superdome will host the BCS National Championship game between LSU and Ohio State.

### C-USA HOLDS SLIGHT ADVANTAGE IN NEW ORLEANS BOWL

For the last five straight seasons, Conference USA has sent a team to the New Orleans Bowl. The league holds a slight 3-2 advantage over the Sun Belt and won three straight from 2003-05. The following details C-USA's participation in the New Orleans Bowl:

Year	Results
2002	North Texas 25, Cincinnati 19
2003	Memphis 27, North Texas 17
2004	Southern Miss 31, North Texas 10
2005	Southern Miss 31, Arkansas St. 19
2006	Troy 41, Rice 17

### 2007 TIGER SCOREBOARD

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score/Time	TV
Sept. 1	Ole Miss	L	23-21	CSS
Sept. 15	Jacksonville State	W	35-14	
Sept. 22	@ UCF*	L	56-20	CSS
Sept. 27	@ Arkansas State	L	35-31	
Oct. 2	Marshall*	W	24-21	ESPN2
Oct. 13	Middle Tennessee	L	21-7	
Oct. 20	@ Rice*	W	38-35	
Oct. 27	@ Tulane*	W	28-27	
Nov. 3	East Carolina* (HC)	L	56-40	WITN
Nov. 10	@ Southern Miss*	W	29-26	CSS
Nov. 17	UAB*	W	25-9	CSS
Nov. 24	SMU*	W	55-52/3OT	KTXA/ WLMT

\* - C-USA game; all times Central

### 2006 RESULTS

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score/Time	TV
Sept. 3	@ Ole Miss	L	28-25	ESPN
Sept. 9	Chattanooga	W	33-14	
Sept. 16	@ East Carolina*	L	35-20	
Sept. 30	#15/18 Tennessee	L	41-7	ESPN
Oct. 7	@ UAB*	L	35-29	
Oct. 14	Arkansas State	L	26-2	
Oct. 21	Tulsa* (Homecoming)	L	35-14	CSTV
Oct. 28	@ Marshall*	L	41-27	
Nov. 5	Southern Miss*	L	42-21	ESPN
Nov. 11	UCF*	L	26-24	CSTV
Nov. 18	Houston*	L	23-20 OT	
Nov. 25	@ UTEP*	W	38-19	

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## TOMMY WEST

Head Coach • 7th Year • 41-43, 76-78



Tommy West came to Memphis in 2000 as the defensive coordinator and a year later became the Tigers' 21st head football coach. In just seven seasons at the helm of the program, West has guided the U of M to four bowl game

appearances in the last five years and is one of just two coaches in Tiger football history to win seven or more games a season in three-plus years.

The Gainesville, Ga., native was hired as the Tigers' head coach on November 30, 2000, and continues to work towards the team goal of a C-USA championship.

Under West's guidance, the Tigers won five of their last six games in 2003 en route to an 8-4 record and snapped a 32-year bowl drought. The Tigers went on to defeat North Texas in the New Orleans Bowl and ended the year at 9-4. West was named the Coach of the Year by the Tennessee Sports Writers Association.

The 2004 Tigers opened the season at 5-1 and rolled off three straight wins at the end of the year to earn their second straight bowl invitation. Despite the loss to Bowling Green in the GMAC Bowl, the Tigers ended the year at 8-4, which was good for second in Conference USA. The eight wins also marked the first time since 1962 and 1963 that the Tigers had amassed eight wins in consecutive seasons. In 2004, West's Tigers also made history ranking 25th in the *Associated Press* poll following their victory over Ole Miss. It was the first time ever that Memphis had been ranked by the national entity.

In 2005, West and his staff did an amazing job in getting the Tigers to their third straight bowl game despite numerous injuries that threatened to derail the team's post-season streak. Memphis finished the year with a 7-5 record and a victory over Akron in the Motor City Bowl, and was one of just 29 schools in the nation to play in three straight bowl games.

Despite a rough beginning in 2006, the Tigers did show marked improvement by year's end. This was evident in the latter weeks of the season when Memphis narrowly lost to UCF, 26-24, and then a week later stunned eventual league champion Houston with a solid effort, forcing the Cougars into overtime and ultimately losing by a field goal. By the last game of the season, the Tigers were confident and handed UTEP a 38-19 loss at the Sun Bowl on its Senior Day.

West led his 2007 squad to a 7-5 overall record and a 6-2 record in Conference USA and the Tigers enter the New Orleans Bowl on a three-game winning streak. The six victories in Conference USA action are the most ever for a Tiger team since Memphis began playing in the league in 1996. In addition, the Tigers won all three of their games against C-USA West Division foes and finished the season tied for second in the East Division with East Carolina.

West enters the postseason with a 41-43 record at Memphis and is one of just four coaches in school history to secure four winning seasons while guiding a Tiger program for at least five seasons.

West and his wife, Lindsay, have one son, Turner, who is a freshman receiver for the Tigers this season.

### WEST VERSUS FIRST-TIME FOES

The New Orleans Bowl encounter with FAU is the eighth time in the Tommy West era that Memphis is facing a first-time opponent. The Tigers have a 5-2 record when facing first-time foes under West.

In fact, Memphis has won its last four games against first-time opponents, including a 38-35 win over Rice in Houston earlier this season.

Of the previous seven first-time foes the Tigers have played under West, three are current members of Conference USA. In the 2005 campaign, Memphis played league rivals UTEP and Marshall for the first time and won both encounters.

The following are the results of Memphis' meetings with first-time foes since 2001:

Year	First-Time Foe	Result
2006	Rice	38-35, W
2005	Akron	38-31, W
2005	Marshall	26-3, W
2005	UTEP	27-20, W
2004	Bowling Green	35-52, L
2002	TCU	20-27, L
2001	USF	17-9, W

### FIRST-TIME BOWL PARTICIPANTS

The Memphis Tigers will face Florida Atlantic in the New Orleans Bowl and this is the Owls' first-ever bowl appearance. That is similar to 2005 when Memphis faced Akron in the Motor City Bowl as the Zips were participating in their first-ever post-season contest. The Tigers won that game, 38-31.

### ONLY A FEW CAN SAY IT

The University of Memphis is one of just seven teams in the country who will have participated in a football bowl game, the NCAA basketball tournament and the NCAA baseball tournament in the 2007 calendar year. The Tigers are also the only non-BCS program who can make the above claims in 2007.

### TIGERS IN DECEMBER GAMES

The Memphis Tigers are 4-3 in games played in December, which include bowl games in 1971 and 2003-05 and regular season contests in 1918, 1950 and 1972. Memphis has never played on Dec. 21st and the latest they have played in school history was Dec. 26 in the Motor City Bowl.

### FLORIDA TIGERS

The Memphis roster has two players that call the Sunshine State home. Defensive lineman Joel McCleod (Miramar) and defensive back Bryan Wright (Miami) are from the state of Florida.

On the other side, FAU has no players from Tennessee on its roster.

### TIGERS IN THE LOUISIANA SUPERDOME

The Memphis Tigers have played in the Louisiana Superdome 16 times since their first game in the facility versus Tulane in 1976. The U of M is 7-9 in games played at the Superdome and all but the 2003 New Orleans Bowl were against the Green Wave. Memphis defeated Tulane earlier this year in the Superdome, 28-27.

### MEMPHIS VS FLORIDA TEAMS

The Memphis Tigers are 15-18-1 against schools from the Sunshine State. The longest series was against Florida State, with the Seminoles holding the 10-7-1 series advantage despite Memphis rolling off six consecutive wins during the 1970s.

## THE LAST TIME OUT

NOVEMBER 24, 2007 • MEMPHIS, TENN.

MEMPHIS 55, SMU 52 (3 OT)

### SCORING SUMMARY

SMU	7	21	7	7	3	7	0	—	52
Memphis	14	7	21	0	3	7	3	—	55

Attendance: 20,184; Weather: Cloudy, 39°

### SMU-UM

#### Drive Chart (Plays/Yds/TOP)

<b>First Quarter</b>									
12:33	SMU	Sledge 16 pass from Willis (Morstead kick)	7-0	8/72/2:27					
7:01	UM	Hudgens 1 run (Reagan kick)	7-7	14/72/5:26					
0:23	UM	E. Williams 6 pass from Hudgens (Reagan kick)	7-14	7/51/2:50					
<b>Second Quarter</b>									
13:20	SMU	Martin 6 run (Morstead kick)	14-14	6/73/1:58					
10:03	SMU	Sanders 4 pass from Willis (Morstead kick)	21-14	6/79/2:22					
7:30	UM	Singleton 20 pass from Hankins (Reagan kick)	21-21	7/68/2:27					
0:07	SMU	Sanders 26 pass from Willis (Morstead kick)	28-21	4/45/0:53					
<b>Third Quarter</b>									
10:27	UM	Singleton 11 pass from Hankins (Reagan kick)	28-28	15/69/4:26					
7:11	SMU	Willis 48 run (Morstead kick)	35-28	7/73/3:10					
4:40	UM	Pitts 25 run (Reagan kick)	35-35	7/72/2:16					
2:18	UM	Singleton 40 pass from Hankins (Reagan kick)	35-42	6/74/2:12					
<b>Fourth Quarter</b>									
4:43	SMU	Sanders 10 pass from Willis (Morstead kick)	42-42	13/93/4:26					
<b>OT - 1</b>									
	SMU	Morstead 20 FG	45-42	7/22/0:00					
	UM	Reagan 33 FG	45-45	6/9/0:00					
<b>OT - 2</b>									
	UM	Hinds 6 pass from Hankins (Reagan kick)	45-52	5/25/0:00					
	SMU	Butler 1 run (Morstead kick)	52-52	8/25/0:00					
<b>OT - 3</b>									
	UM	Reagan 32 FG	52-55	5/10/0:00					
				12/59/6:13					

## FINAL TEAM STATISTICS

	SMU	UM
First Downs	28	35
Rushing	9	14
Passing	16	18
Penalty	3	3
Rushes-Yds	41-189	47-196
Passing Yds	375	343
Comp.-Att.-Int.	35-48-2	32-61-1
Total Plays-Yds	89-564	108-539
Avg./Play	6.3	5.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yds	12-104	6-54
Punts-Avg.	6-45.7	6-40.2
Punt Returns	2-6	1-(-1)
KO Returns	7-147	7-145
Interceptions	1-0	2-4
Possession Time	27:14	32:46
Third Down Conversions	9-17	14-25
Fourth Down Conversions	0-1	1-1
Sacks By	1-11	3-15

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

**Rushing:** SMU-Willis 23-114-1, Martin 5-22-1, Butler 5-21-1. MEM-Pitts 19-110-1, Doss 16-75-0, Hudgens 5-9-1.  
**Passing:** SMU-Willis 35-48-375-4-2. MEM-Hankins 30-59-336-4-1, Hudgens 2-2-7-1-0.  
**Receiving:** SMU-Sanders 13-118-3, Givens 7-54-0, Sledge 4-86-1. MEM-Black 12-112-0, Singleton 8-127-3, Calhoun 6-65-0, Williams 2-2-1, Hinds 1-6-1.  
**Tackles:** SMU-Hudman/Bonilla 11, Yenga 1-0. MEM-Ford 10, Mathis/Patterson 8.  
**Sacks:** SMU-Yenga 1-11. MEM-Weaver/McDonald 1-6, Barnett/Turner 0-5-2.  
**Interceptions:** SMU-McCann 1-0. MEM-Ford 1-0, Bell 1-4.

## NOTES

- Duke Calhoun extended his receiving streak to 23 games with his seven-yard catch from Martin Hankins on Memphis' first offensive series. Calhoun has caught a pass in each of the 23 career games he has played in.
- Steven Black hauled in a 12 receptions for 112 yards. His 12 catches is second all-time in a single game as the record is 13 by Maurice Avery against UAB in 2003.



## 2007 STANDINGS

	Team	C-USA	PCT	ALL
EAST	UCF	7-1	.875	10-3
	ECU	6-2	.750	7-5
	Memphis	6-2	.750	7-5
	USM	5-3	.625	7-5
	Marshall	3-5	.375	3-9
	UAB	1-7	.125	2-10
WEST	Tulsa	6-2	.750	9-4
	Houston	6-2	.750	8-4
	Tulane	3-5	.375	4-8
	Rice	3-5	.375	3-9
	UTEP	2-6	.250	4-8
	SMU	0-8	.000	1-11

## C-USA BOWL LINEUP

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

**Memphis vs Florida Atlantic**  
R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl  
(7 p.m. on ESPN2)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

Southern Miss vs Cincinnati  
PapaJohns.com Bowl  
(12 p.m. on ESPN2)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

East Carolina vs Boise State  
Sheraton Hawaii Bowl  
(7 p.m. on ESPN)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

Houston vs TCU  
Texas Bowl  
(7 p.m. on NFL Network)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

UCF vs Mississippi State  
AutoZone Liberty Bowl  
(3:30 p.m. on ESPN)

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

Tulsa vs Bowling Green  
GMAC Bowl  
(7 p.m. on ESPN)

## MEMPHIS ALL-C-USA HONOREES

### All-C-USA Media Second Team

OL Andy Smith  
WR Duke Calhoun  
LB Jake Kasser

### Media C-USA All-Freshman Team

OL Dominik Riley  
DS Keenan Bratcher

### All-C-USA Coaches First Team

OL Andy Smith

### All-C-USA Coaches Second Team

WR Duke Calhoun  
LB Jake Kasser

### Coaches C-USA All-Freshman Team

OL Dominik Riley  
DS Keenan Bratcher

The Tigers snapped the nation's longest home winning streak by defeating the Emmitt Smith-led Florida Gators in the Swamp, 17-11, in 1988. The series with Florida is currently tied at 1-1. The Tigers are 2-2 against one of the hottest teams in the Big East Conference, USF.

### MEMPHIS VERSUS THE SUN BELT

The Tigers have an all-time record of 64-45-6 against current members of the Sun Belt Conference. Memphis has played Arkansas State (27-22-5), Louisiana-Lafayette (9-4), Louisiana-Monroe (1-1), Middle Tennessee (7-13-1), North Texas (16-4) and Troy (4-1).

Memphis lost to ASU, 35-31, in Jonesboro and lost to Middle Tennessee, 21-7 in Memphis this season. Memphis' last win over a Sun Belt foe was a 47-35 victory over ASU in Jonesboro on Sept. 18, 2004.

### TIGER ALL-AMERICANS FROM FLORIDA

The Tigers have had four All-Americans from the state of Florida, including 1992 Lou Groza Award winner Joe Allison (American HS in Miami) and current New Orleans Saints defensive back Mike McKenzie (Norland HS in Miami). Others include linebacker Danton Barto who coaches in the AFL and former Tiger strength coach Dean Lotz. Barto hailed from Niceville, while Lotz called Titusville home.

### WEST VS. NON-CONFERENCE FOES

Memphis is currently 14-14 against non-Conference USA foes under head coach Tommy West.

Memphis finished out its non-league schedule with a 1-3 record this season. The Tigers dropped decisions to Ole Miss, Arkansas State and Middle Tennessee, and defeated Jacksonville State.

From 1996 (when C-USA started football) through 2000 (the last season prior to West as head coach), the Tigers had a 7-16 record against non-conference opposition.

### ANY DAY OF THE WEEK

The Tigers have an all-time record of 71-84-15 since the program's inception in 1912 for games played on days other than Saturday. The most popular day for the squad has been Friday, which accounts for 113 of the 170 non-Saturday contests. The list below details Memphis' record by day:

Monday	6-4-1
Tuesday	3-6-0
Wednesday	0-3-0
Thursday	12-14-2
Friday	49-53-11
Sunday	0-4-1

### THE TIGERS ON ESPN

The Tuesday night meeting (Oct. 2) with Marshall was broadcast on ESPN2 and marked the 11th time the Tigers have appeared on the national

network in the last four years. Memphis had three games broadcast by ESPN in 2006 (Ole Miss, Tennessee & Southern Miss). In 2005, Memphis appeared on ESPN three times, including the opening meeting against Ole Miss on ESPN, the mid-season contest with UAB on ESPN2, and the Motor City Bowl on ESPN.

During the 2004 season, the Tigers played Louisville (Nov. 4), Southern Miss (Nov. 12) and USF (Nov. 27) on ESPN, and closed out the season in the GMAC Bowl.

The Tigers have played on ESPN 17 times dating back to a 34-3 loss to Georgia in 1982. Memphis has won six ESPN games -- the 27-17 victory in the 2003 New Orleans Bowl; a 44-34 win over Ole Miss, also in 2003; a 30-26 win over USM and a 31-15 victory over USF in 2004; the 38-31 victory in the 2005 Motor City Bowl; and the 24-21 emotionally-charged win over Marshall earlier this season.

### TIGER CAPTAINS

As is customary for Tiger football, the team voted for permanent captains that will represent the squad for the New Orleans Bowl. Selected by their peers was QB Martin Hankins, RB Joseph Doss, LB Jake Kasser, OL Andy Smith and DL Clinton McDonald. McDonald is the first junior to be selected as a team captain. The group made their debut during the coin toss of the SMU game on Nov. 24.

### FIVE SELECTED ALL-C-USA IN '07

The University of Memphis placed five players on both the Coaches and Media All-Conference USA teams. The only difference between the two teams for Memphis is that offensive lineman Andy Smith was picked to the *first team* by the coaches and the *second team* by the media. Joining Smith in earning league honors are wide receiver Duke Calhoun and linebacker Jake Kasser who were named to the C-USA Second Team as well as offensive lineman Dominik Riley and deep snapper Keenan Bratcher who were selected to the All-Freshman Team. This is the second season that C-USA has picked two different league teams.

### 3-0 TO END THE REGULAR SEASON

With the wins over Southern Miss, UAB and SMU to close out the 2007 schedule, Memphis has finished the year with three straight regular-season wins for the first time since 2004. Memphis won three straight at the end of the 2005 campaign, but that included the Akron win in the Motor City Bowl. Prior to 2004, Memphis had not ended the year with three consecutive regular-season wins since 1988.

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## '07 OPPONENT UPDATE

Date	Opponent	UM Score	Opp Rec.	Notes...
9/1	Ole Miss	21-23	3-9	Ended season with a loss to in-state rival Mississippi State
9/15	Jacksonville St.	35-14	6-5	Gave up 15 fourth quarter points in a season ending 32-25 loss to SEMO
9/22	at UCF	20-56	10-3	Will play in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl after defeating Tulsa in C-USA championship
9/27	at Arkansas St.	31-35	5-7	Closed out the season with a 16-10 loss to Southern Miss
10/2	Marshall	24-21	3-9	Ended the season with a win over the UAB Blazers
10/13	MTSU	7-21	5-7	Ended the year with a 45-7 loss to Troy
10/20	at Rice	38-35	3-9	Closed out the year at 3-9 with a loss to Tulsa
10/27	at Tulane	28-27	4-8	Suffered a 35-12 loss to East Carolina in their season finale
11/3	East Carolina	40-56	7-5	Will play in the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl after defeating Tulane in season finale
11/10	at Southern Miss	29-26	7-5	Will face former C-USA foe Cincinnati in the PapaJohns.com Bowl
11/17	UAB	25-9	2-10	Struggled and finished the year at 2-10 with loss to Marshall
11/24	SMU	55-52/3OT	1-11	Ended the year at 0-8 in C-USA after triple overtime loss at Memphis



## 2007 DEPTH CHART

### OFFENSE

#### QUARTERBACK

13	Martin Hankins*	6-2	210	r-Sr.
7	Will Hudgens**	6-4	235	r-Jr.
10	Matt Malouf	6-3	212	r-Fr.

#### TAILBACK (A)

5	Joseph Doss ***	5-9	196	Sr.
3	T.J. Pitts*	5-10	203	r-So.

#### FULLBACK

4	Greg Hinds***	6-1	233	Sr.
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#### TIGHT END

85	Brett Russell**	6-3	245	r-Jr.
81	Deven Onarheim	6-7	255	r-Fr.

#### RECEIVER (X)

22	Duke Calhoun*	6-4	185	So.
89	Carlos Singleton*	6-8	215	r-So.

#### RECEIVER (H)

14	Earnest Williams**	6-0	192	r-Jr.
87	Carlton Robinzine**	6-3	218	r-Jr.

#### RECEIVER (Y)

12	Taz Knockum ***	6-2	220	r-Sr.
17	Turner West	6-3	185	r-Fr.

#### RECEIVER (Z)

2	Steven Black	6-3	213	Jr.-TR
80	Maurice Jones**	6-4	225	r-Jr.

#### RIGHT TACKLE

71	Brandon Pearce**	6-6	300	r-Jr.
66	Cody Stubblefield	6-4	305	Jr.-TR

#### RIGHT GUARD

69	Andy Smith***	6-4	312	r-Sr.
70	Michael Denning*	6-5	305	r-Jr.

#### CENTER

57	Philip Beliles**	6-5	290	r-Jr.
64	Dominik Riley	6-4	300	r-Fr.

#### LEFT GUARD

54	Terrence Echols	6-3	307	Jr.-TR
77	Malcom Rawls	6-5	315	r-So.-TR

#### LEFT TACKLE

65	Abraham Holloway ***	6-4	301	r-Sr.
55	Brent Todd	6-3	320	Jr.-TR

#### PLACEKICKER

43	Matt Reagan*	6-1	210	So.
42	Joey Mack	5-9	190	r-Sr.

#### KICKOFFS

43	Matt Reagan*	6-1	210	So.
42	Joey Mack	5-9	190	r-Sr.

#### DEEP SNAPPER

7	Will Hudgens**	6-4	235	r-Jr.
52	Keenan Bratcher	6-2	235	Fr.-HS

\* - Letters earned

### DEFENSE

#### LEFT END

90	Josh Weaver*	6-3	210	So.
41	Corey Mills*	6-4	260	r-Jr.
98	Tommy Walker	6-3	270	Fr.

#### LEFT TACKLE

53	Clinton McDonald**	6-3	265	Jr.
60	Brandon Douglas**	6-3	291	r-Jr.

#### RIGHT TACKLE

99	Freddie Barnett	6-2	300	Jr.-TR
97	Steven Turner*	6-3	240	So.
76	Charlie Bryant	6-6	310	Fr.

#### RIGHT END

94	Greg Terrell*	6-4	255	r-So.
96	Jada Brown*	6-2	265	r-So.

#### OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

25	Jeremy Rockette*	6-3	220	r-So.
48	Corderick Govan	6-2	220	r-Fr.

#### MIDDLE LINEBACKER

37	Heath Grant ***	6-1	230	Sr.
45	Tommy Phelps	6-3	245	r-Jr.-TR

#### OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

47	Jake Kasser ***	5-10	195	Sr.
39	Malcolm Jones	6-2	210	r-Fr.
28	Jeremy Longstreet	6-1	200	r-Fr.

#### STRONG SAFETY

8	Tony Bell	6-2	215	Jr.-TR
6	Dontae Reed	6-2	210	r-Sr.-TR

#### FREE SAFETY

2	Brandon Patterson***	6-1	195	Jr.
7	Alton Starr*	6-0	190	r-So.

#### CORNERBACK

21	LeRico Mathis	6-1	185	Jr.-TR
4	Darius Davis	6-0	180	Fr.

#### CORNERBACK

18	LaKeitharun Ford*	5-9	180	r-Sr.
16	Deante' Lamar*	5-10	180	r-So.
27	Michael Grandberry**	5-10	171	r-Jr.

#### PUNTER

49	Brent Sutherland	6-4	210	Jr.-TR
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#### HOLDER

15	Brett Toney	6-1	190	r-So.
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#### KICKOFF RETURN

27	Michael Grandberry**	5-10	171	r-Jr.
14	Earnest Williams**	6-0	192	r-Jr.

#### PUNT RETURN

14	Earnest Williams**	6-0	192	r-Jr.
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# 2007 MEMPHIS FOOTBALL

## 2007 MEMPHIS NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL-Ex.	B'DAY	MAJOR	HOMETOWN/HS/JC
1	Cam Baker	WR	6-0	170	Fr.-HS	10/28/98	Undecided	Osceola, AR/Osceola HS
2	Brandon Patterson	DB	6-1	195	r-Jr.-2L	4/14/86	Finance (master's)	Germantown, TN/Germantown HS
2	Steven Black	WR	6-3	213	Jr.-TR	12/11/86	Interdisciplinary Studies	Birmingham, AL/Vestavia Hills HS/East Miss. CC
3	T.J. Pitts	RB	5-10	203	r-So.-1L	4/7/86	Interdisciplinary Studies	Gainesville, GA/North Hall HS
4	Greg Hinds	FB	6-1	233	Sr.-3L	11/23/85	Sport Management	Southaven, MS/Southaven HS
4	Darius Davis	DB	6-0	180	Fr.-HS	7/3/89	Undecided	Memphis, TN/Whitehaven HS
5	Joseph Doss	RB	5-9	196	Sr.-3L	12/19/85	Real Estate	Memphis, TN/Melrose HS
6	Dontae Reed	DB	6-2	210	r-Sr.-TR	6/13/85	Interdisciplinary Studies	Memphis, TN/Oakhaven HS/Ole Miss
7	Will Hudgens	QB	6-4	235	r-Jr.-2L	1/24/85	Communications	Memphis, TN/Ridgeway HS
7	Alton Starr	DB	6-0	190	r-So.-1L	12/8/86	Management	Decatur, GA/McNair HS
8	Tony Bell	DB	6-2	215	Jr.-TR	12/26/84	Interdisciplinary Studies	Alabaster, AL/Thompson HS/Auburn
9	Jermaine Richardson	DB	6-1	190	Fr.-HS	6/11/89	Undecided	Columbus, GA/Kendrick HS
10	Matt Malouf	QB	6-3	212	Fr.-HS	8/16/87	Undecided	Greenwood, MS/Oxford HS
11	Brandon Hunt	DB	6-2	210	r-Sr.-1L	8/24/84	Sport Management	Southaven, MS/Southaven HS/NW Miss. CC
12	Taz Knockum	WR	6-2	220	r-Sr.-3L	6/22/84	Communications	Baton Rouge, LA/Catholic HS
13	Martin Hankins	QB	6-2	210	r-Sr.-1L	9/14/84	Interdisciplinary Studies	Hattiesburg, MS/Hattiesburg HS/Southeastern La.
14	Earnest Williams	WR	6-0	192	r-Jr.-2L	8/10/85	Sport Management	Alamo, TN/Crockett County HS
15	Brett Toney	QB	6-1	190	r-So.-SQ	11/20/86	Biology	Germantown, TN/Briarcrest Christian
16	Deante' Lamar	DB	5-9	180	r-So.-1L	7/6/87	Exercise/Sport Science	Atlanta, GA/Lithonia HS
17	Turner West	WR	6-3	185	r-Fr.	12/19/87	Undecided	Germantown, TN/Briarcrest Christian
18	LaKeitharun Ford	DB	5-9	180	r-Sr.-1L	11/15/84	Sport Management	Rosedale, MS/West Boliver HS/Miss. Delta CC
18	Dallas Walker	QB	6-6	228	Fr.-HS	2/22/88	Undecided	Ridgeland, MS/Madison Academy
20	Mike Davis	RB	5-11	230	Fr.-HS	7/3/89	Undecided	Newnan, GA/Northgate HS
21	LeRico Mathis	DB	6-1	185	Jr.-JC	11/18/86	Interdisciplinary Studies	Biloxi, MS/Biloxi HS/Miss. Gulf Coast CC
22	Duke Calhoun	WR	6-4	195	So.-1L	9/1/87	Undecided	Memphis, TN/Raleigh-Egypt HS
23	Lucian Godwin	WR	6-0	185	r-So.-SQ	9/26/86	Undecided	Cordova, TN/St. Benedict HS
23	Terrence Thomas	LB	5-11	230	Fr.-HS	3/18/89	Undecided	Eufala, AL/Eufala HS
24	Miguel Barnes	RB	5-11	200	r-So.-1L	8/25/87	Exercise/Sport Science	Millington, TN/Millington HS
25	Jeremy Rockette	LB	6-3	220	r-So.-1L	2/17/86	Interdisciplinary Studies	Olive Branch, MS/Olive Branch HS
26	Curtis Steele	RB	6-0	185	Jr.-JC	3/24/87	Interdisciplinary Studies	Franklin, TN/Centennial HS/NW Mississippi CC
27	Michael Grandberry	DB	5-10	171	Jr.-2L	11/27/85	Interdisciplinary Studies	Covington, TN/Covington HS
27	John McArthur	DB	5-11	180	r-Fr.	11/13/87	Undecided	Memphis, TN/Christian Brothers HS
28	Jeremy Longstreet	LB	6-1	200	r-Fr.	5/7/87	Undecided	Olive Branch, MS/Olive Branch HS
29	Brian Hall	WR	5-11	190	r-So.-SQ	10/6/86	Marketing Mgmt.	Collierville, TN/Collierville HS
31	Moncel Wooten	DB	6-3	195	r-So.	5/23/88	Undecided	Memphis, TN/White Station HS
32	Tyler Griffin	LB	5-11	205	Jr.-2L	6/4/86	Management	Nashville, TN/Brentwood Academy
33	Jamarcus Gaither	RB	5-10	205	r-Sr.-3L	11/9/84	Sport Management	Memphis, TN/Frayser HS
34	Henry Harris	RB	5-8	183	r-Fr.	4/5/88	Undecided	Memphis, TN/Christian Brothers HS
37	Heath Grant	LB	6-1	230	Sr.-3L	10/19/85	Interdisciplinary Studies	Starkville, MS/Starkville HS
38	Bernard Key	DB	5-11	186	r-So.-1L	5/17/87	Communications	Montgomery, AL/Sidney Lanier HS
39	Malcolm Jones	DB	6-2	210	r-Fr.	1/20/88	Undecided	Gantt, AL/Straughn HS
41	Corey Mills	DL	6-4	260	r-Jr.-1L	5/21/86	Marketing Management	Memphis, TN/Christian Brothers HS/Ole Miss
42	Joey Mack	K	5-9	190	r-Sr.-TR	8/29/84	Interdisciplinary Studies	Duluth, GA/Duluth HS/Snow JC/Southern Utah
43	Matt Reagan	K	6-1	210	So.-1L	8/28/87	Undecided	Knoxville, TN/Bearden HS
44	Jonathan Simpson	TE	6-3	210	Fr.-HS	11/8/88	Undecided	Trenton, TN/Peabody HS
45	Tommy Phelps	LB	6-3	245	r-Jr.-TR	4/28/86	Management	Roeland Park, KS/Bishop Miege HS/Kansas/Butler CC
46	Bryan Wright	DB	6-1	180	r-Fr.	12/10/87	Undecided	Miami, FL/Northwestern HS
47	Jake Kasser	LB	5-10	205	Sr.-3L	11/28/85	Accounting	Germantown, TN/Germantown HS
48	Corderick Govan	LB	6-2	220	r-Fr.	11/23/87	Undecided	Cascilla, MS/Charleston HS
49	Brent Sutherland	P	6-4	210	Jr.-TR	11/26/86	Biology	Brandon, MS/NW Rankin HS/Hinds CC
50	Winston Bowens	LB	6-0	250	r-Fr.	12/9/87	Undecided	College Park, GA/North Clayton HS
52	Keenan Bratcher	DS	6-2	235	Fr.-HS	4/6/89	Undecided	Milan, TN/Milan HS
52	John Hill	LB	5-9	200	r-Fr.	12/29/87	Undecided	Olive Branch, MS/DeSoto Central HS
53	Clinton McDonald	DL	6-3	265	Jr.-2L	1/6/87	Interdisciplinary Studies	Jacksonville, AR/Jacksonville HS
54	Terrence Echols	C	6-3	307	Jr.-TR	8/1/86	Interdisciplinary Studies	Byhalia, MS/Byhalia HS/Northwest Miss. CC
55	Brent Todd	OL	6-3	320	Jr.-JC	9/6/84	Interdisciplinary Studies	Pelham, AL/Pelham HS/Hinds CC
57	Philip Beliles	C	6-5	290	r-Jr.-2L	9/25/85	Sport Management	Memphis, TN/Christian Brothers HS
58	Lester Lawson	LB	6-2	244	Fr.-HS	3/24/88	Undecided	Germantown, TN/Germantown HS
59	Greg Jackson	LB	6-2	205	Jr.-2L	5/26/87	Sport Management	Marietta, GA/Marietta HS

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60	Brandon Douglas	DL	6-3	291	r-Jr.-2L	3/15/86	Communications	Brownsville, TN/Haywood County HS
61	Michael Antonescu	OL	6-4	290	Fr.-HS	11/27/88	Undecided	Ridgeland, MS/Ridgeland HS
62	Ryan Williams	DL	6-2	278	r-Jr.-2L	10/22/85	Sport Management	Memphis, TN/Christian Brothers HS
64	Dominik Riley	OL	6-4	305	r-Fr.	4/2/88	Undecided	Montgomery, AL/Carver Senior HS
65	Abraham Holloway	OG	6-4	301	r-Sr.-3L	12/17/84	Sport Management	Prentiss, MS/Prentiss HS
66	Cody Stubblefield	OL	6-4	305	Jr.-TR	1/8/87	History	New Albany, MS/N. Pontotoc HS/Itawamba CC
67	Joel McCleod	DL	6-3	310	Fr.-HS	4/20/89	Undecided	Miramar, FL/Everglades HS
68	Robbie Hardie	OL	6-4	290	Fr.-HS	12/9/88	Undecided	Hampton, GA/Luella HS
69	Andy Smith	OG	6-4	312	r-Sr.-3L	10/9/84	Geography (master's)	Fayetteville, GA/Starr's Mill HS
70	Michael Denning	OT	6-5	305	r-Jr.-1L	10/21/85	Management	Southaven, MS/Southaven HS/NW Miss. CC
71	Brandon Pearce	OT	6-6	300	Jr.-2L	8/28/85	English Literature	Memphis, TN/Christian Brothers HS
73	Lionel Henderson	DL	6-4	275	Fr.-HS	10/17/87	Undecided	Mobile, AL/W.P. Davidson HS
74	Ken Anderson	OL	6-3	280	r-Fr.	5/21/88	Undecided	Memphis, TN/Craigmont HS
75	Ronald Leary	OL	6-4	345	Fr.-HS	4/29/89	Undecided	Baton Rouge, LA/Southern Lab
76	Charlie Bryant	DL	6-6	310	r-Fr.	9/11/87	Undecided	Collierville, TN/First Assembly Christian
77	Malcom Rawls	OL	6-5	315	r-So.-TR	10/1/86	Undecided	Memphis, TN/East HS/Tennessee
79	Paul Edwards	OL	6-6	275	r-So.-SQ	10/29/86	Psychology	McKenzie, TN/McKenzie HS
80	Maurice Jones	WR	6-4	225	Jr.-2L	9/28/86	Sport Management	Memphis, TN/White Station HS
81	Deven Onarheim	TE	6-7	255	r-Fr.	10/7/87	Undecided	Maylene, AL/Thompson HS
84	Curtis Echols	WR	6-3	190	Fr.-HS	12/8/86	Undecided	Memphis, TN/White Station HS
85	Brett Russell	TE	6-3	245	r-Jr.-2L	3/21/86	Sport Management	Memphis, TN/Christian Brothers HS
87	Carlton Robinzine	WR	6-3	218	r-Jr.-2L	1/14/86	Marketing Management	Memphis, TN/Bolton HS
89	Carlos Singleton	WR	6-8	215	r-So.-1L	2/15/87	Sport Management	Brownsville, TN/Haywood County HS
90	Josh Weaver	DL	6-3	210	So.-1L	6/7/88	Undecided	Marietta, GA/Marietta HS
92	Nick Berra	K	6-3	205	r-Fr.	12/21/86	Management Info. Systems	Cordova, TN/Cordova HS
93	Taylor Bradford	DL	5-11	300	r-Jr.-TR	3/14/86	Marketing	Nashville, TN/Antioch HS/Samford
94	Greg Terrell	DL	6-4	255	r-So.-1L	3/20/87	Interdisciplinary Studies	Birmingham, AL/Wenonah HS
96	Jada Brown	DL	6-2	265	r-So.-1L	9/10/86	Communications	College Park, GA/Banneker HS
97	Steven Turner	DL	6-3	240	So.-1L	5/20/86	Interdisciplinary Studies	Brownsville, TN/Haywood HS
98	Tommy Walker	DL	6-3	270	Fr.-HS	8/12/88	Undecided	Munford, TN/Munford HS
99	Freddie Barnett	DL	6-2	300	Jr.-TR	3/23/85	Interdisciplinary Studies	Texarkana, AR/Arkansas HS/Trinity Valley CC

## ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

<b>NO</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POS</b>	29	Brian Hall	WR	3	T.J. Pitts	RB
74	Ken Anderson	OL	13	Martin Hankins	QB	77	Malcom Rawls	OL
61	Michael Antonescu	OL	68	Robbie Hardie	OL	43	Matt Reagan	K
1	Cam Baker	WR	34	Henry Harris	RB	6	Dontae Reed	DB
24	Miguel Barnes	RB	73	Lionel Henderson	DL	9	Jermaine Richardson	DB
99	Freddie Barnett	DL	52	John Hill	LB	64	Dominik Riley	OL
57	Philip Beliles	C	4	Greg Hinds	FB	87	Carlton Robinzine	WR
8	Tony Bell	DB	65	Abraham Holloway	OG	25	Jeremy Rockette	LB
92	Nick Berra	K	7	Will Hudgens	QB	85	Brett Russell	TE
2	Steven Black	WR	11	Brandon Hunt	DB	44	Jonathan Simpson	TE
50	Winston Bowens	LB	59	Greg Jackson	LB	89	Carlos Singleton	WR
93	Taylor Bradford	DL	39	Malcolm Jones	DB	69	Andy Smith	OG
52	Keenan Bratcher	DS	80	Maurice Jones	WR	7	Alton Starr	DB
96	Jada Brown	DL	47	Jake Kasser	LB	26	Curtis Steele	RB
76	Charlie Bryant	DL	38	Bernard Key	DB	66	Cody Stubblefield	OL
22	Duke Calhoun	WR	12	Taz Knockum	WR	49	Brent Sutherland	P
4	Darius Davis	DB	16	Deante' Lamar	DB	94	Greg Terrell	DL
20	Mike Davis	RB	58	Lester Lawson	LB	23	Terrence Thomas	LB
70	Michael Denning	OL	75	Ronald Leary	OL	55	Brent Todd	OL
5	Joseph Doss	RB	28	Jeremy Longstreet	LB	15	Brett Toney	QB
60	Brandon Douglas	DL	42	Joey Mack	K	97	Steven Turner	DL
84	Curtis Echols	WR	10	Matt Malouf	QB	18	Dallas Walker	QB
54	Terrence Echols	C	21	LeRico Mathis	DB	98	Tommy Walker	DL
79	Paul Edwards	OL	27	John McArthur	LB	90	Josh Weaver	DL
18	LaKeitharun Ford	DB	67	Joel McCleod	DL	17	Turner West	WR
33	Jamarcus Gaither	RB	53	Clinton McDonald	DL	14	Earnest Williams	WR
23	Lucian Godwin	WR	41	Corey Mills	DL	62	Ryan Williams	DL
48	Corderick Govan	LB	81	Deven Onarheim	TE	31	Moncel Wooten	DB
27	Michael Grandberry	DB	2	Brandon Patterson	DB	46	Bryan Wright	DB
37	Heath Grant	LB	71	Brandon Pearce	OT			
32	Tyler Griffin	LB	45	Tommy Phelps	LB			

## PRONUNCIATION KEY

### PLAYERS

Michael Antonescu ..... Anton-es-q  
 Philip Beliles ..... Bah-Lyles  
 LaKeitharun Ford... Luh-keith-run  
 Jamarcus Gaither ..... Juh-marcus  
 Corderick Govan..... Core-derick  
 Taz Knockum ..... Knock-em  
 Deante' Lamar ..... Dee-on-tay  
 Matt Malouf ..... Muh-loof  
 Joel McCloud ..... Jo-ell  
 Deven Onarheim ..... Or-ner-hime  
 Dominik Riley ..... Dom-in-eek  
 Carlton Robinzine .... Rob-in-zeen  
 Alton Starr ..... Al-ton  
 Greg Terrell ..... Tuh-rel

### COACHES

Garret Chachere ..... Sash-er-ay



## NCAA RANKINGS

(DECEMBER 2, 2007)

### INDIVIDUAL

Passing Efficiency .....	Martin Hankins, 33
Total Offense .....	Martin Hankins, 21
Passing .....	Martin Hankins, 23
Total Passing Yards .....	Martin Hankins, 33
Points Resp. For .....	Martin Hankins, 18
Passing Yards Per Game .....	Martin Hankins, 12
Rushing .....	Joseph Doss, 90
Receiving YDs/Game .....	Duke Calhoun, 41
Recpt Per Game .....	Duke Calhoun, 57
Total Receiving Yards .....	Duke Calhoun, 56
Field Goals .....	Matt Reagan, T55
Punting .....	Brent Sutherland, 73
Punt Returns .....	N/A
Kick-off Returns .....	Michael Grandberry, 86
Interceptions .....	Brandon Patterson, T98
Passes Defended .....	N/A
Total Tackles .....	N/A
Sacks .....	N/A
Forced Fumbles .....	N/A
Tackles For Loss .....	N/A

### TEAM

Rushing Offense (139.58) .....	76
Passing Offense (307.83) .....	12
Passing Efficiency (135.10) .....	33
Total Offense (447.42) .....	23
Scoring (29.42) .....	49
Net Punting (30.78) .....	117
Punt Returns (9.36) .....	49
Kickoff Returns (22.49) .....	37
Rushing Defense (209.75) .....	110
Passing Defense (229.75) .....	64
Passes Intercepted (12) .....	64
Pass Efficiency Defense (133.42) .....	83
Scoring Defense (31.25) .....	T91
Total Defense (439.50) .....	100
Turnover Margin (0.75) .....	T17
Fumbles Recovered (13) .....	24
<b>Fumbles Lost (4) .....</b>	<b>T3</b>
Passes Had Intercepted (12) .....	T50
Turnovers Lost (16) .....	T15
Turnovers Gained (25) .....	T38
Fewest Penalties (6.75) .....	T77
Fewest Yards Penalized (55.67) .....	T68
Punt return yardage defense (17.87) .....	118
Kickoff return yardage defense (20.37) .....	41
Sacks (1.17) .....	111
Sacks Allowed (1.08) .....	9
Tackles for loss (5.00) .....	T109
Third down conversion (42.9) .....	34
Fourth down conversion (66.7) .....	T11
Third down efficiency defense (51.2) .....	118
Fourth down efficiency defense (41.2) .....	37

\*\*Top 10 ranking in bold

## CAREER RUSHING LEADERS

Player	Yds.
1. DeAngelo Williams	6,026
2. Dave Casinelli	2,636
3. Gerard Arnold	2,378
<b>4. Joseph Doss</b>	<b>2,248</b>
5. Paul "Skeeter" Gowen	2,227
6. Larry Porter	2,194
7. Terdell Middleton	1,970
8. Wayne Pryor	1,924
9. Jeff Womack	1,764
10. Teofilo Riley	1,716

## WEST LEADS STRONG FINISH

The theme for the Tigers under Tommy West is "finish". And recent history has shown that the Tigers do finish strong. In both 2007 and 2003, West led the Tigers to wins in five of their last six regular season games. And with the 2003 New Orleans Bowl victory, that squad ended with wins in six of their last eight for a 9-4 overall record.

A win in this season's bowl contest would give West his third career eight-win season. In addition, since West took over in 2001, Memphis has ended its season (incl. bowl games) with a victory three times.

## DON'T PUT THE BALL ON THE GROUND

This season, Tiger backs have carried the ball 311 times and have only put the ball on the ground twice. Of the four fumbles the Tigers have given up this season, only two have been by Tiger running backs. Sophomore Miguel Barnes coughed the ball up against Ole Miss and sophomore T.J. Pitts fumbled against Middle Tennessee. Senior Joseph Doss has only fumbled twice in his career which includes 517 carries.

## MAKE IT SIX STRAIGHT

In the last six straight games, Memphis has produced a 100-yard receiver. Duke Calhoun had three straight century games versus East Carolina (107), Southern Miss (124) and UAB (159) and also logged 119 yards versus Rice. Most recently, Steven Black tallied a career-high 112 yards and Carlos Singleton hauled in eight passes for 127 yards in the regular season finale versus SMU.

Maurice Jones tallied his first 100-yard game with 117 versus Tulane, while the ECU game produced two 100-yard receivers as in addition to Calhoun's 107 yards, Carlos Singleton had 100 yards on six catches. The chart below details the last six games:

Opponent	100-yard receiver
Rice	Duke Calhoun (4-119)
Tulane	Maurice Jones (4-117)
East Carolina	Duke Calhoun (8-107)
	C. Singleton (6-100)
Southern Miss	Duke Calhoun (8-124)
UAB	Duke Calhoun (4-159)
SMU	Steven Black (12-112)
	C. Singleton (8-127)

## STREAKING TIGERS

Two Tigers upped their receiving streaks in the win over SMU. Sophomore receiver Duke Calhoun leads the way having caught a pass in each of his 23 career games played. **In four of the last six games, Calhoun has posted 100-plus yards receiving.** He totaled four receptions for 119 yards against Rice, 107 yards on eight receptions versus East Carolina, 124 yards on eight receptions against USM, and then set a career high for yardage with 159 yards on four catches in the win over UAB. He snapped his streak of 100-yard games in the season finale versus SMU in which he was held to six receptions for 65 yards.

Carlos Singleton advanced his streak to 20 games after setting a new career high with 127 yards on eight catches against SMU. It was Singleton's second career game of 100-plus yards.

## ALL-TIME SINGLE SEASON RUSHERS

(by yards)

Player	Yards
1. D. Williams ('05)	1,964
2. D. Williams ('04)	1,948
3. D. Williams ('03)	1,430
4. Gerard Arnold ('98)	1,059
5. Dave Casinelli ('63)	1,016
6. Terdell Middleton ('76)	919
<b>7. Joseph Doss ('06)</b>	<b>910</b>
8. Dante Brown ('01)	902
9. Paul Gowen ('70)	868
10. Marvin Cox ('89)	844
11. Punkin Williams ('84)	832
12. Dave Casinelli ('62)	826
13. Eddie Hill ('78)	739
14. Larry Porter ('92)	732
15. Paul Gowen ('69)	715
<b>Joseph Doss ('07)</b>	<b>715</b>
17. Gerard Arnold ('99)	706
18. Dornall Harris ('72)	698
19. D. Williams ('02)	684
20. Wayne Pryor ('87)	647

## WEST IS IN GOOD COMPANY

With the win over SMU, Tommy West guaranteed a winning season for the 2007 Tigers. He is just the fourth coach in Memphis football history to secure four winning seasons while guiding a Tiger program. Included in the group of coaches who led Memphis to at least four winning seasons and coached at least five seasons are Zach Curlin (1924-36), Ralph Hatley (1947-57) and Billy J. Murphy (1958-71).

In addition, West enters the New Orleans Bowl with 41 career wins at Memphis and is only the fourth head coach to secure 40 or more wins at the university. He ranks third among those who coached at least 60 games with a .488 winning percentage.

## TIGERS GET FIRST-EVER OT WIN

The Tigers and SMU Mustangs went three overtimes in the regular-season finale for the second 3OT game in Tiger history (the other was versus Houston in 2000). This 55-52 win over SMU was Memphis' first overtime victory in five games. All five of the Tigers' extended games have been against C-USA opponents and all have occurred at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium. The following shows Memphis' record in OT:

Year	Opponent	Result
2000	vs. Houston/3OT	L, 33-30
2000	vs. Cincinnati	L, 13-10
2005	vs. Tulsa	L, 37-31
2006	vs. Houston	L, 23-20
2007	vs. SMU/3OT	W, 55-52

## TIGERS SWEEP C-USA WEST DIVISION

Since Conference USA went to a two-division football format in 2005, the Tigers, an East Division member, have faced three West Division foes each season. In 2005, Memphis was 2-1 versus the C-USA West, and last year, the Tigers were 1-2.

With the triple overtime win over SMU in the final regular season game, the Tigers swept the West Division. Memphis had already posted wins over Rice (38-35) and Tulane (28-27). Memphis is now 6-3 over the West Division in the last three years.



## '07 TIGER RECEIVING BREAKDOWN

Receivers	Backs	Tight Ends	QB
241	36	18	2

### HOW ABOUT THESE NUMBERS?

In the last six games, which include wins over Rice, Tulane, Southern Miss, UAB and SMU, Martin Hankins has passed for 2,107 yards and 17 touchdowns. He is averaging 351.2 passing yards per game and has completed 60.5 percent (159-263) of his passes in that six-game span.

**Prior to the UAB game, Hankins passed for 300 or more yards in four straight games. Against the Blazers, Hankins just missed his fifth straight 300-yard game with 298 yards. He answered back the following week with 336 yards and four touchdowns in the triple-overtime win over SMU.**

The last six games have moved Hankins up in the national rankings as he currently is 23rd in passing and ranks 18th in points responsible for. In addition, he is 33rd in the country in passing efficiency and 21st in total offense. In Conference USA, Hankins ranks second in passing yards per game and is in the top 5 in efficiency and total offense.

### FANS GET THEIR MONEY'S WORTH

The Memphis-SMU sure gave the fans their money's worth as the highest scoring game in school history and the longest game ever. The two squads combined for 107 points for a new school record, surpassing the previous mark of 105 points from the 56-49 Tiger loss to Louisville in 2004. In addition, the triple-overtime contest lasted a grueling 4 hours and 33 minutes. The only other four hour game the squad has played since 1989 was a 4:05 contest with Arkansas State in 2004. Memphis also set a school and C-USA record for plays, having run 108 plays against the Mustangs.

### TIGERS IN TOP 5 NATIONALLY

Heading into the New Orleans Bowl, the Tigers are tied for third in the country in fumbles lost

## ALL-TIME LEADING RECEIVERS

(by receptions)		
Player	Catches	
1. Damien Dodson	147	
2. Darron White	137	
3. Russell Copeland	116	
4. Ryan Scott	114	
5. Isaac Bruce	113	
6. Richie Floyd	110	
7. James Thompson	105	
8. Duke Calhoun	100	
9. Maurice Avery	97	
Earnest Gray	97	
11. Tavares Gideon	96	
12. Bunkie Perkins	79	
Billy Kendall (TE)	79	
Stan Davis	79	
15. Ryan Roskelly	78	
Keith Wright	74	
17. Darrius Blevins	73	
Earnest Williams	73	
19. Jerry Harris	72	
20. Bobby Ward	71	
21. Chancy Carr	69	
Wayne Pryor (FB)	69	
Carlos Singleton	69	

this season with just four. In addition, Memphis ranks 24th nationally in fumbles recovered with 13.

In four games this season, Memphis recovered two or more fumbles. The Tigers opened the season having recovered a fumble in each of the first six games but have only recovered one in the last six contests. Memphis has; however, picked off a pass in seven of the last eight games and the only team this season to not give up a single turnover was East Carolina.

For the season, Memphis has gained 25 turnovers and has only turned the ball over 16 times, which ranks the Tigers tied for 17th in the country in turnover margin. Unfortunately, the Tigers have not been able to capitalize on the opponents' miscues, having only scored on six of the 25 takeaways (5 TD, 1 FG) and averaging just 3.3 points off of turnovers per game.

### TIGERS FINISH 2ND IN C-USA EAST

The win over SMU to close out the regular season gave Memphis its sixth C-USA victory of the season. The Tigers tied for second in the East Division with East Carolina which also turned in a 6-2 record. This is the most C-USA wins for Memphis since the league began playing football in 1996, and also marks the fourth time that the Tigers have logged five league victories. The other three times were all under coach Tommy West's direction in three consecutive years from 2003-05.

### "BIG GUYS" MAKING WAY FOR BIG OFFENSE

And now is the time for a plug for the unsung heroes of the Tiger offense - the "Big Guys". The Tiger offensive line is ranked 9th nationally in sacks allowed, having given up just 13 this season. Two key components receiving praise for the right side of the line are senior guard Andy Smith and junior tackle Brandon Pearce. Both have started 32 games in the Tiger o-line, which has led C-USA in sack denial the last four straight years.

### MEMPHIS SCORES 55 VERSUS SMU

The Tigers scored 55 points in the triple-OT win over SMU, marking the most points scored by Memphis this season. The U of M had previously scored 40 points in a loss to East Carolina. This is also the most points scored by the Tigers since 2005 when Memphis scored 59 points against UT-Chattanooga in Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium. The 55 points is the most scored against a Conference USA opponent since the inception of the league in 1996. The previous high was the 52 points scored in a win over Houston in 2001 on the road.

### BLACK IS GO-TO GUY VS MUSTANGS

There is no shortage of receivers on the UM roster and that group of talented Tigers has proven this season that any one of them can put up big numbers on any given day. This was true again versus SMU when junior receiver Steven Black hauled in 12 receptions for 112 yards, both of which were career highs. Black has logged a reception in all but the Jacksonville State game this season and has multiple receptions in 10 games. His 12 catches is second all-time in a single game as the record is 13 by Maurice Avery against UAB in 2003.

## RED ZONE SCORING IN '07

Inside 20	Scores	TDs	Total Pct.
57	47	33	.825

## ALL-TIME LEADING RECEIVERS

(by yards)		
Player		Yards
1. Earnest Gray		2,123
2. Damien Dodson		2,096
3. Russell Copeland		1,753
4. Richie Floyd		1,654
5. Darron White		1,649
6. Isaac Bruce		1,586
7. Duke Calhoun, Soph.		1,531
8. Ryan Scott		1,527
9. Maurice Avery		1,373
10. Keith Wright		1,248
11. Antoine Harden		1,197
12. Jerry Harris		1,186
13. James Thompson		1,183
14. Tavares Gideon		1,131
15. Derrick Crawford		1,117
16. Stan Davis		1,105
17. Bobby Ward		1,056
18. Bob Sherlag		1,041
19. John Bush		1,023
20. Darrius "Boo" Blevins		1,017
21. Carlos Singleton, Soph.		1,004
22. Jerry Knowlton		973
23. Charles Wilson		971
24. Ryan Roskelly		963
25. Chancy Carr		944
26. Bunkie Perkins		893
27. Billy Kendall		879
Mac Cody		879
29. Frank Blackwell		869
30. Maurice Jones, Junior		861
31. Ray Craft		845
32. Travis Anglin		838
33. Enis Jackson		814
34. Earnest Williams, Junior		775
35. Ricky Rivas		753

## '07 RECEIVING TOTALS

Name	Catches	Yards	TDs
Duke Calhoun	58	850	5
Carlos Singleton	47	704	10
Steven Black	41	472	1
Maurice Jones	36	634	2
Earnest Williams	30	331	4
Joseph Doss	19	103	0
Brett Russell	18	112	1
Carlton Robinzine	17	199	1
Greg Hinds	9	63	4
T.J. Pitts	5	-9	0
Taz Knockum	4	72	1
Will Hudgens	2	29	0
Miguel Barnes	2	25	0
Matt Mallouf	1	19	0

### TIGER DUO TEAMS UP FOR 2ND TIME

Earlier this season against Rice, receiver Duke Calhoun and tailback Joseph Doss turned in 100-yard games. Calhoun tallied 119 receiving yards and Doss totaled a career-high 175 rushing yards. Fast forward four games, and the duo did it again in the victory over UAB. In that win, Doss rushed for 168 yards and Calhoun set a new career best with 159 receiving yards.

The Tigers also had two 100-yard receivers in the same contest against East Carolina as Calhoun caught eight passes for 107 yards and Carlos Singleton hit the century mark for the first time in his career with exactly 100 yards on six receptions.

**For the year, Memphis had two or more**



## MEDIA INFO

### TIGERS ON RADIO

All Tiger football games can be heard on News Radio 600 WREC in Memphis. This is the second season that WREC has aired Tiger football games. Dave Woloshin is in his 11th season as the Tigers' play-by-play announcer, while former Tiger center Bob Rush is handling the color commentary for the 20th year. Matt Dillon is the sideline reporter for all home and select road games.

### TOMMY WEST RADIO SHOW

Coach Tommy West's weekly call-in show airs each Monday night on WREC from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Hosted by Forrest Goodman, the show takes place at the Variety Club.

### WEST TELEVISION SHOW

Coach West's television show is aired each week on WPTY-TV 24 in Memphis. The show can be seen each Sunday night at 10:35 PM with Coach West and host Greg Gaston.

### WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE

Coach Tommy West holds a weekly press luncheon on Mondays at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon is held in the **Assembly Room of the Athletic Office Building**. Members of the media are invited to lunch at 11:30 a.m. The press conference will officially begin at noon.

### C-USA TELECONFERENCE CALL

Head Coach Tommy West participates in the weekly C-USA teleconference on select Mondays during the season. The call begins at 1 PM CDT with West going on at 2:22 p.m. The number for the media to call and listen to C-USA's 12 coaches is 913-981-5538. A playback is available beginning at 5 p.m. each Monday by dialing 402-220-1009 and using passcode 6828406.

### TIGERS ON THE INTERNET

Media seeking information on U of M athletics can log on to [www.GoTigersGo.com](http://www.GoTigersGo.com). Current information, statistics, bios, weekly releases and broadcasts of Tiger games are available.

Conference USA has entered into a partnership with [CollegePressBox.com](http://CollegePressBox.com). This site is for **MEDIA** and each school in the league will post current game notes, depth charts, rosters, audio files, etc., as well as downloadable head shots and action shots of players and coaches. Media can apply for a password by sending an e-mail to: [password@collegepressbox.com](mailto:password@collegepressbox.com).

### INTERVIEWS

All interview requests for Tiger coaching staff and players must go through Jennifer Rodrigues (901-678-2397). Players are not available after practice unless an arrangement has been made in advance.

*players register 100 or more yards (receiving or rushing) in four games. And, for just the third time ever, Memphis had three 100-yard performers in the same game as T.J. Pitts rushed for 110 yards and Steven Black and Carlos Singleton totaled 112 and 127 yards, respectively.*

### TIGER DEFENSE KEY IN USM & UAB WINS

The Tiger defense, which has been decimated by injuries this season, particularly at linebacker, came together and had its best game this season in the 29-26 win over Southern Miss on the road. For the first time in six games, the defense held the opponent below 400 yards of total offense. USM managed just 306 yards (123 passing/147 rushing) and two offensive touchdowns.

A week later, in the crucial win over UAB, the defense held UAB to 338 yards (233 passing/105 rushing). UAB's longest run from scrimmage was 11 yards as the Blazers averaged just 3.5 yards on 30 carries.

Prior to the last two contests, the Tigers gave up 841 total rushing yards to Tulane and East Carolina. This season, Memphis has held its opponent below 150 yards rushing in five contests, including a season-low of 74 by Ole Miss in the season opener.

### REAGAN SETS CAREER HIGH VS UAB

Sophomore kicker Matt Reagan has taken some heat this season following an early struggle that saw him miss four straight field goals in the first three games of the season. Reagan also has missed three PATs this season, two of which were in the East Carolina loss. He redeemed himself in the UAB victory in which he scored 13 of the Tigers' 25 points.

Against the Blazers, Reagan booted a career-high four field goals and totaled 13 points. He hit FGs of 32 and 21 yards in the second quarter to send Memphis to the locker room with a 13-3 advantage at the half. He had the game's lone score in the third quarter off a 24 yarder and then put the game out of reach with a season-long kick of 38 yards with just four minutes remaining in the game.

Reagan, who has twice been named C-USA Special Teams Player of the Week this season, has hit multiple field goals in five games this season and the UAB game marked the first time in 2007 that he has registered two makes of 30 or more yards. He did it again a week later against SMU.

*A native of Knoxville, Tenn., Reagan received his most recent league recognition after equaling his career high of 13 points in the 55-52 win over SMU. He was 7-of-7 on PATs and hit the game-winning 32-yard field goal in the third overtime period.*

### CALHOUN IS KEY RECEIVER

Sophomore Duke Calhoun tied the school record with six career 100-yard receiving games when he tallied 124 yards on eight catches in the come-from-behind win over Southern Miss. One week later, Calhoun garnered the record with his seventh 100-yard game, surpassing Earnest Gray who totaled six from 1977-78.

A sophomore from Memphis, Tenn., Calhoun set a career high with 159 yards on four catches against UAB. Two of his receptions were for 70-yard gains, which are new highs for the Tigers' leading receiver.

In the last six games, Calhoun has been a favorite target of Martin Hankins, registering 613 yards and three touchdowns on 35 catches. He

## UM'S SINGLE SEASON RECEIVING LEADERS

	Player	Yds	Yr
1.	Isaac Bruce	1,054	'93
2.	<b>Duke Calhoun</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>'07</b>
3.	Earnest Gray	826	'77
4.	Damien Dodson	753	'98
5.	Bobby Ward	744	'73
6.	Maurice Avery	742	'03
7.	Travis Anglin	740	'02
8.	Russell Copeland	736	'92
9.	<b>Carlos Singleton</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>'07</b>
10.	Earnest Gray	690	'78
11.	Russell Copeland	684	'90
12.	<b>Duke Calhoun</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>'06</b>
13.	Tavares Gideon	665	'04

is averaging 102.2 yards and 5.8 receptions during that six-game span.

### CALHOUN LOOKING FOR 1,000

Duke Calhoun would need to turn in 150 yards receiving against FAU in the New Orleans bowl to become just the second Tiger in school history to amass 1,000 receiving yards in a single season. Calhoun heads into the bowl contest with 850 yards on the year, which ranks second in single-season yardage behind Isaac Bruce who tallied 1,054 yards in 1993. A 14-year NFL veteran, Bruce is the only player in Tiger history to log 1,000 receiving yards in a single season. He totaled 1,054 yards on 74 receptions in 11 games in 1993. His longest catch of the season was 44 yards and he also tallied 10 touchdowns that season.

### HANKINS HITS 2,000 YARDS

Through 12 games this season, Martin Hankins has passed for 2,939 yards and marked the seventh season in school history that a Memphis signal caller had passed for 2,000-plus yards. Danny Wimprine accomplished this in three straight seasons (2002-04) and Hankins totaled 2,550 yards in 2006. Bernard Oden tallied 2,249 yards in 1997 and Steve Matthews passed for 2,084 yards in 1992.

Hankins hit 2,000 yards in just eight games (vs. USM) after missing two earlier contests with a hip injury. He was named C-USA co-Offensive Player of the Week following the USM game in which he passed for 396 yards and four touchdowns.

*Hankins is poised to hit the 3,000-yard mark in the New Orleans Bowl and would become only the second Tiger ever to hit the 3,000-yard milestone. Danny Wimprine, who was the hometown hero and MVP of the 2003 New Orleans Bowl, threw for 3,174 yards that season.*

### TIGER QBS PASSING FOR BIG YARDS

This season, Tiger quarterbacks have totaled 300-plus yards passing in eight games, including the record-setting 416 yards versus ECU. Memphis has not had a sub-150 yard performance this season and has only been held below 200 yards by UCF (173) and Middle Tennessee (157).

### TIGER RUNNING GAME GETS BOOST

Coach Tommy West has been honest about the fact that the Tigers need to run the ball to be successful and to take some pressure off the passing game. This season, Memphis



has been held below 100 yards five times this season, including a season-low 26 yards by USM.

The Tigers answered West's challenge against UAB, rolling off 265 yards against the Blazers. Senior Joseph Doss registered his fifth career 100-yard game with 168 yards and a touchdown on 19 carries. His 8.8 yards per carry mark is a career high in games that he has logged at least 15 runs. Sophomore T.J. Pitts tallied 71 yards on 13 carries and backup quarterback Will Hudgens totaled 21 yards and a touchdown on six carries.

A week later in the triple-OT win over SMU, Memphis rushed for 196 yards on 47 carries behind the efforts of Pitts who rushed for a career-high 110 yards on 19 attempts. He was not dropped for a loss in the game and scored on a 25-yard run in the third quarter.

This season, Memphis has rushed for 150-plus yards in five games, including the impressive 265 yards against UAB and the 247 yards in the win over Rice. The U of M has also rushed for multiple touchdowns in five games (Ole Miss, JSU, ASU, UAB & SMU). Through 12 games, Memphis has only rushed for 13 touchdowns and just three of those were for more than 10 yards. The other 10 TD runs were for five or fewer yards.

### WEST WINNING IN NOVEMBER

The nation's top teams always seem to peak at the end of the regular season -- the month of November -- and this season, the Tigers did just that, posting a 3-1 record in November. Since West took over in 2001, Memphis is 15-13 in games in the month of November. Prior to West's tenure, the Tigers only had six November victories from 1994-2000 (6-16 record).

### TIGER OFFENSE MAKING STRIDES

The Memphis Tigers have logged 400 or more yards of total offense in nine games this season, including the season-high 571 yards in the win over Rice. The Tiger defense, though, has allowed its opponents 400-plus yards in seven games, with two of those contests being for 600 or more yards. In two straight games (USM & UAB), the Tiger defense held the opponent to below 350 yards of total offense.

### START CHART

The list below details members of the 2007 Tiger football team who have had double digit starts in their careers.

No.	Name	Position
32	Andy Smith	OL
32	Brandon Pearce	OL
28	Joseph Doss	RB
27	Abraham Holloway	OL
23	Earnest Williams	WR
23	Brett Russell	TE
22	Clinton McDonald	DL
22	Matt Reagan	K
21	Martin Hankins	QB
21	Brandon Patterson	FS
19	Greg Terrell	DL
18	Heath Grant	LB
18	Jake Kasser	LB
17	LaKeitharun Ford	CB
14	Philip Beliles	C
12	Duke Calhoun	WR
12	Josh Weaver	DL
11	Corey Mills	DL
11	Steven Black	WR
11	Greg Jackson	LB

### 2007 SQUAD SETS PASSING RECORDS

The Tigers tallied five passing touchdowns in the win over SMU and set a new single season record for touchdowns with 30, surpassing the 2004 Tigers which totaled 25 passing TDs. The 2007 Tigers also hold the single-season record in attempts (505), completions (297) and yardage (3,694). This season, the Tigers tossed three or more touchdowns in seven games; did not have an interception in five contests; and threw for over 300 yards in eight games. In fact, Memphis did not have a single interception in 140 passing attempts as the U of M was not picked off in four straight games (UCF, ASU, Marshall, MT).

**Both of Memphis' TDs in the UAB win came by way of the ground, which marked the first game this season that the Tigers have not had a passing touchdown. The last time that Memphis did not have a passing TD was in the 2006 season finale against UTEP. In that game, Memphis scored five TDs from the run.**

### TIGERS GET THIRD STRAIGHT ROAD WIN

For only the third time since the Tigers began playing as a member of Conference USA in 1996, Memphis has strung together three straight league victories on the road with the wins over Rice, Tulane and Southern Miss.

The Tigers defeated Houston, Tulane and Louisville in road contests in 2003 and won their last three road C-USA games in 1999 over UAB, Tulane and Cincinnati.

In addition, the Nov. 10 victory over Southern Miss on the road also marked just the fourth time since 1980 that Memphis had secured three straight road victories (2007, 2003, 1999 & 1983).

### HANKINS SETS CAREER HIGH WITH 4 TDS

Quarterback Martin Hankins tossed four touchdowns in the loss to East Carolina, setting a career high for the senior signal caller. He returned one game later to match that total with four in the win over Southern Miss and closed out the year with a four-TD effort versus SMU.

Hankins had previously registered games of three TD passes twice this season (vs. Rice & JSU) and five times in his career. His four TD passes ties for second all-time at Memphis in a single game, and marked the first time a Tiger QB has thrown four TDs in a single game since Danny Wimprine did so in the 2004 GMAC Bowl loss to Bowling Green State. No other Tiger QB has registered consecutive games of four TD passes, and Wimprine is the only other Memphis signal caller to log four TD passes in multiple games in the same season (2004).

Prior to Hankins' showing against Southern Miss, the last QB to register four TDs in a Tiger win was Wimprine in a 41-24 victory over ECU in 2003.

### KEEPING IT CLEAN

After going three straight games (UCF, ASU, Marshall) without a turnover, the Tigers committed a turnover in five straight games. That streak was snapped when Memphis did not yield a fumble or interception to the UAB Blazers.

Earlier this season, Memphis snapped a 10-game streak of forcing at least one turnover

### 2007 TIGER COACHING STAFF

<b>Tommy West</b> .....	<b>Head Coach</b>
Clay Helton (B) .....	Offensive Coord./QB
Darin Hinshaw (B) .....	Receivers
Rick Mallory .....	Offensive Line
James Joseph .....	Running Backs
Garret Chachere .....	Special Teams
Rick Kravitz .....	Defensive Coordinator/Saf
Brent Pry (B) .....	Defensive Line
Kenny Ingram .....	Linebackers
Derek Jones (B) .....	Cornerbacks
John Flowers .....	Dir. of Football Ops.
(B) - in coaches' booth during games	

### 2007 TIGER TRENDS

Home .....	4-3
Road .....	3-2
Grass .....	0-1
Turf .....	7-4
Won Coin Toss .....	3-3
Lost Coin Toss .....	4-2
Leading After 1st Quarter .....	3-1
Trailing After 1st Quarter .....	2-3
Tied After 1st Quarter .....	2-1
Leading at Halftime .....	5-1
Trailing at Halftime .....	1-3
Tied at the Half .....	1-1
Leading After 3rd Quarter .....	5-1
Trailing After 3rd Quarter .....	1-4
Tied After 3rd Quarter .....	1-0
Leading with less than 2:00 remaining .....	5-0
Trailing with less than 2:00 remaining .....	1-5
Tied with less than 2:00 remaining .....	1-0
Overtime Games .....	1-0
Memphis Scores First .....	5-2
Opponent Scores First .....	2-3
Largest Halftime Lead .....	25
Largest Halftime Deficit .....	42
Memphis Scores 20+ .....	7-4
Opponent Scores 20+ .....	5-5
Hold Opponent to 20 or less .....	2-0
Games Decided By 3 pts. or Less .....	5-1
Games Decided By 10 pts. or Less .....	5-2
Rush for 150+ yards .....	4-1
Rush for under 150 yards .....	3-4
Pass for 300+ yards .....	5-2
Pass for 200+ yards .....	7-3
Total 300+ yards total offense .....	7-4
Total 400+ yards total offense .....	7-2
Opp. Rush for 150+ yards .....	4-3
Opp. Rush for under 150 yards .....	3-2
Opp. Pass for 300+ yards .....	1-0
Opp. Pass for 200+ yards .....	5-4
Opp. Total 300+ yards total offense .....	7-4
Memphis Commits Fewer Turnovers .....	4-3
Memphis Commits More Turnovers .....	1-2
Turnovers Equal .....	2-0
Memphis Has Fewer Penalty Yards .....	2-2
Memphis Has More Penalty Yards .....	5-3
Memphis Leads in TOP .....	5-3
Memphis Trails in TOP .....	2-2
Memphis Has More 1st Downs .....	4-1
Opponent Has More 1st Downs .....	3-3
First Downs Equal .....	0-1
Day Games .....	5-3
Night Games .....	2-2
Weekday Games .....	1-1
Saturday Games .....	6-4
Temperature in the 60s .....	1-1
Temperature in the 70s .....	2-1
Temperature in the 80s .....	2-2
Temperature in the 90s .....	0-1
Games in a Dome .....	1-0
Warmest Gametime Temperature .....	91°
Coldest Gametime Temperature .....	39°
Memphis in All White Uniform .....	3-2
Memphis in Blue Jersey/Gray Pants .....	3-3
Memphis in Blue Jersey/Blue Pants .....	1-0



## BIG PLAYS

(Number of plays over 20 yards in 2007)

### OFFENSE

1. 80-Thomas pass to Black vs ASU (TD)
2. 70-Hankins pass to Calhoun vs UAB (1st dwn)  
70-Hankins pass to Calhoun vs UAB (1st dwn)
4. 65-Hankins pass to Calhoun vs USM (TD)
5. 58-Hankins pass to Jones vs JSU (TD)
6. 56-Hankins pass to Jones vs ASU (1st dwn)
7. 52-Hankins pass to Singleton vs USM (TD)
8. 49-Hankins pass to Calhoun vs Rice (1st dwn)
9. 48-Hankins pass to Robinzine vs JSU (TD)  
48-Hankins pass to Knockum vs UCF (1st dwn)
11. 47-Hankins pass to Williams vs Tulane (TD)
12. 45-Hankins pass to Jones vs Rice (TD)  
45-Hankins pass to Singleton vs UAB (1st dwn)
14. 42-Hankins pass to Jones vs Tulane (1st dwn)  
42-Hankins pass to Jones vs Tulane (1st dwn)
16. 41-Hudgens pass to Jones vs UCF (1st dwn)  
41-Hudgens pass to Singleton vs MT (1st dwn)  
41-Hankins pass to Williams vs Tulane (1st dwn)
19. 40-Hankins pass to Calhoun vs Rice (1st dwn)  
40-Hankins pass to Singleton vs SMU (TD)
21. 39-Hankins pass to Calhoun vs ECU (1st dwn)  
39-Hankins pass to Robinzine vs ECU (1st dwn)
23. 38-Malouf run vs JSU (TD)
24. 37-Hudgens pass to Robinzine vs Marshall (1st dwn)  
37-Hudgens pass to Jones vs Marshall (1st dwn)
26. 35-Hudgens pass to Singleton vs Marshall (1st dwn)  
35-Hankins pass to Jones vs ECU (1st dwn)  
35-Hankins pass to Singleton vs SMU (1st dwn)
29. 32-Hankins pass to Singleton vs ECU (1st dwn)
30. 31-Doss run vs UAB (1st dwn)
31. 30-Hudgens pass to Calhoun vs Marshall (1st dwn)
32. 29-Doss run vs Rice (1st dwn)
33. 27-Barnes run vs ECU (1st dwn)  
27-Hankins pass to Black vs Rice (1st dwn)
35. 26-Hankins pass to Singleton vs Ole Miss (1st dwn)  
26-Hankins pass to Williams vs JSU (1st dwn)  
26-Hankins pass to Black vs Tulane (1st dwn)
38. 25-Doss run vs Rice (1st dwn)  
25 Hankins pass to Black vs UAB (1st dwn)  
25-Pitts run vs SMU (TD)
41. 24-Williams run vs ASU (1st dwn)  
24-Hankins pass to Jones vs Rice (1st dwn)
43. 23-Hudgens pass to Calhoun vs Marshall (1st dwn)  
23-Jones pass to Hudgens vs MT (1st dwn)  
23-Hankins pass to Calhoun vs Rice (1st dwn)  
23-Hankins pass to Thomas vs ECU (1st dwn)  
23-Doss run vs UAB (1st dwn)  
23-Hankins pass to Calhoun vs SMU (1st dwn)
49. 22-Hankins pass to Singleton vs Ole Miss (1st dwn)
50. 21-Hankins pass to Williams vs Ole Miss (1st dwn)  
21-Hankins pass to Singleton vs JSU (1st dwn)  
21-Hankins pass to Barnes vs Tulane (1st dwn)  
21-Hankins pass to Jones vs USM (1st dwn)  
21-Hankins pass to Jones vs UAB (1st dwn)
55. 20-Hankins pass to Calhoun vs Ole Miss (1st dwn)  
20-Hankins pass to Calhoun vs JSU (1st dwn)  
20-Hankins pass to Hinds vs JSU (TD)  
20-Hankins pass to Robinzine vs ECU (1st dwn)  
20-Doss run vs UAB (TD)  
20-Hankins pass to Singleton vs SMU (TD)

### DEFENSE

1. 88-Barnett fumble return vs ASU (TD)
2. 33-Patterson INT return vs JSU

when East Carolina did not yield a miscue in their 56-40 win over the Tigers.

### HANKINS MAKES WAY UP UM CHARTS

In five of the last six games, Martin Hankins has passed for 300 or more yards, including his record-setting 416 yards against East Carolina. He has also tossed multiple TDs and completed 20 or more passes in five of the last six games.

**With just 22 games under his belt, Hankins now ranks second all-time in completions (462), yardage (5,489), pass attempts (766) and touchdowns (40). In each category, Hankins is behind Danny Wimprine who was under center for 46 games from 2001-04.**

### HANKINS HAS BIG DAY VS PIRATES

Martin Hankins registered a career high with 416 yards and four touchdowns against East Carolina. Hankins completed 34 of 60 passes and threw two picks in the 56-40 loss. The 60 attempts equaled his career high, which he posted in the first game against Ole Miss. Hankins is the first Tiger in school history to pass for 400 yards in a single game. He surpassed Danny Wimprine who held the record with 398 yards in 2003 against Mississippi State. The four touchdowns is the most for a Tiger signal caller since Wimprine threw for four TDs versus Bowling Green State in the 2004 GMAC Bowl.

Hankins also takes over as the record holder in most offensive plays with 68 and in total offense with 405 yards.

### CALHOUN BY THE QUARTER

Receiver Duke Calhoun is poised to be a premier receiver for the Tigers and has already shown that he can be a go-to guy. The quarter-by-quarter breakdown includes games in 2006 and 2007.

Receptions	1	2	3	4
	21	28	23	28
Yards	1	2	3	4
	280	461	427	363

### GRANDBERRY SNAGS KO RETURN RECORD

Junior Michael Grandberry started returning kicks full time in 2006 and with his 124-yard effort against Tulane, broke the school record for career kickoff returns and return yards, which was previously held by William Arnold (1987-90) who totaled 1,202 yards on 55 returns.

**Through 33 career games (only 21 of which include at least one KO return), Grandberry holds the school record with 1,673 yards on 73 returns. He also holds the Tiger record for 100-yard KO return games with seven after rolling off 145 yards against SMU. He set a school record earlier in the year with his 168 yards against Southern Miss.**

Grandberry is only the fourth Tiger in school history to hit the 1,000-yard milestone for kickoff returns.

### KASSER IS DEFENSIVE SPARK

Linebacker Jake Kasser was a defensive force in the last two games of the 2006 season and has continued that role through 2007. Against Ole Miss, Kasser logged seven tackles and two

## TIGER ALL-TIME PASSING MARKS

### PASS COMPLETIONS - GAME

1. Martin Hankins vs Ole Miss, '07 41
2. Martin Hankins vs USM, '07 35
3. Martin Hankins vs ECU, '07 34
4. Danny Wimprine vs Miss. State, '03 32  
Danny Wimprine vs USF, '02 32  
Danny Wimprine vs UAB, '03 32
7. Will Hudgens vs Marshall, '07 30  
Martin Hankins vs SMU, '07 30
9. Steve Matthews vs Miss. State, '93 29
10. Martin Hankins vs UCF, '06 27
11. Martin Hankins vs Marshall, '06 26  
Danny Wimprine vs UAB, '04 26  
Danny Wimprine vs BGSU, '04 26
14. Martin Hankins vs Tulane, '07 25  
Danny Wimprine vs USF, '03 25  
Danny Wimprine vs Miss. State, '02 25  
Bernard Oden vs Minnesota, '97 25  
Steve Matthews vs Louisville, '93 25
19. Martin Hankins vs East Carolina, '06 24  
Martin Hankins vs Tulsa, '06 24  
Danny Wimprine vs Houston, '02 24  
Steve Matthews vs Tulsa, '93 24  
Kenton Evans vs Ole Miss, '98 24  
Danny Wimprine vs Louisville, '04 24

### PASS ATTEMPTS - GAME

1. Martin Hankins vs Ole Miss, '07 60  
Martin Hankins vs ECU, '07 60  
Danny Wimprine vs Miss. State, '03 60
4. Martin Hankins vs SMU, '07 59
5. Danny Wimprine vs USF, '02 53
6. Danny Wimprine vs USF, '03 51
7. Martin Hankins vs USM, '07 48  
Danny Wimprine vs Miss State, '02 48
9. Danny Wimprine vs Louisville, '04 46
10. Martin Hankins vs East Carolina, '06 45  
Steve Matthews vs Miss State, '93 45
12. Will Hudgens vs Marshall, '07 45
13. Danny Wimprine vs Houston, '02 44  
Danny Wimprine vs Louisville, '02 44  
Bernard Oden vs Minnesota, '97 44  
Steve Matthews vs Louisville, '93 44
17. Danny Wimprine vs Ole Miss, '04 43  
Danny Wimprine vs UAB, '04 43
19. Martin Hankins vs Marshall, '06 42  
Danny Wimprine vs UAB, '03 42
21. Martin Hankins vs UCF, '06 41  
Danny Wimprine vs Arkansas St., '04 41  
Rusty Trail vs Southern Miss, '88 41
24. Billy Fletcher vs Wake Forest, '65 40
25. Danny Wimprine vs UAB, '02 39  
Tom Branner vs UL-Lafayette, '85 39  
Kenton Evans vs Ole Miss, '98 39  
Danny Wimprine vs BGSU, '04 39

fumble recoveries and he tied his career high with 11 tackles against both Jacksonville State and Marshall. Kasser upped his career high with a 12-tackle effort in the win over Tulane, and once again set a new personal best with his 13-tackle performance in the win over UAB. In his last 14 career games, Kasser has totaled 114 tackles, three sacks and four fumble recoveries.

### SINGLETON LEADS TIGERS IN SCORING

Receiver Carlos Singleton leads the Tigers in scoring by a non-kicker with 66 points. Singleton, who has been on the receiving end of three two-point conversions this year, took the lead with his touchdown against Tulane and then extended his lead with two TDs against both ECU and USM. **He set a career high with three touchdown receptions in the win over SMU, and became the first**



**Tiger since Russell Copeland in 1992 (vs. Tennessee) to haul in three TD receptions in a single game.**

The overall scoring lead this season belongs to kicker Matt Reagan who has amassed 79 points off 15 FGs and 34 PATs.

**INJURY UPDATE**

The Tigers have suffered several devastating injuries this season, particularly on defense. Starting outside linebacker Greg Jackson injured his knee early in the second game against Jacksonville State and is out for the year. Starting middle linebacker Winston Bowens has missed four games with a knee injury and is doubtful for a return to the field. Also, reserve linebackers Corderick Govan and Jeremy Longstreet have been rehabbing minor injuries and safety Tony Bell missed two earlier games with a thigh bruise.

Offensively, senior reserve running back Jamarcus Gaither suffered a career-ending injury against Marshall. Gaither injured his knee covering a punt and had patella tendon reconstructive surgery on Friday, Oct. 5. He is expected to have another surgery in the spring to repair his anterior cruciate ligament. Joseph Doss and Duke Calhoun each missed one game with knee sprains and running back Miguel Barnes was lost for the year with a PCL injury he suffered in the Southern Miss game. In addition, running back T.J. Pitts was out against Tulane and East Carolina with an ankle sprain. Wide receiver Maurice Jones suffered a shoulder separation early in the SMU game and is questionable for the bowl game.

**TIGERS NEED LEAD AT HALFTIME AND IN 4TH**

Under Coach West, the Tigers are 30-10 when leading at the half, and 36-4 when leading at the start of the fourth quarter. Most interesting, though, is the fact that in the last five years (2003-07 included), Memphis is 25-5 when leading at the half, and an impressive 28-3 when leading through the third quarter. The only three losses in that span were the 35-32 loss to Arkansas State in 2007, the 35-20 loss to East Carolina in 2006 and the 20-16 loss to Tennessee in 2005.

Against UT, Memphis entered the fourth quarter with a slight 16-14 lead but UT dropped two field goals on the Tigers for the win. Early in the 2006 season against ECU, Memphis was leading 20-14 at the start of the fourth quarter and allowed ECU 21 points for the 35-20 loss.

*For the first time since that ECU game last season (Memphis had 20-7 halftime lead), the Tigers lost a game they were leading at halftime when they let go of a 31-6 lead against Arkansas State on Sept. 27, 2007. The Indians scored 15 points in the third quarter and 14 in the final stanza to gain the 35-31 advantage. Memphis is 5-1 in 2007 when leading at the start of the fourth quarter.*

**TIGERS LOOKING FOR 30 POINTS**

The number 30 seems to be key for the Tigers under Tommy West. Since 2001, Memphis has an impressive 27-7 record (.794 winning percentage) when it scores 30 or more points in a game. This year, Memphis is 3-2 when scoring over 30 points which includes wins over JSU, Rice and SMU.

On the other hand, the Tigers have a 7-28 mark (.200 winning percentage) when they allow the opponents 30 or more points. Memphis is 2-3 this year when the opponent scores 30 or more with the wins being over Rice and SMU.

**HANKINS LEADS TO BIG PLAYS**

Of the 60 offensive plays that Memphis has registered for 20 or more yards this season, Martin Hankins has had a hand in 42 of them, including 17 passes for 40 or more yards and six over 50 yards. Hankins had two 70-yard passes to Duke Calhoun against UAB. He has hit Maurice Jones for eight passes of more than 20 yards, including a pair of 42 yarders against Tulane and a 58-yard TD pass against Jacksonville State.

**DOSS HITS 2,000-YD RUSHING MARK**

With his 50 yards rushing against Arkansas State, senior tailback Joseph Doss entered the Tigers' Top 10 in career rushing yardage, surpassing Dornell Harris who previously held the No. 10 spot with 1,641 yards. Doss jumped to No. 8 with his career-high 175-yard effort in the win over Rice and then inched up to No. 7 with his 50 yards in the win over Tulane. Doss' 40 yards against East Carolina was enough to move him to No. 6.

**Through 46 career games, Doss is ranked 4th all-time, totaling 2,248 yards. Against Southern Miss, he became only the sixth Tiger in school history to amass 2,000 career yards rushing.**

**Against SMU, Doss rushed for 75 yards and took over the No. 4 spot that was previously held by Paul Gowen who rushed for 2,227 yards from 1969-71.**

**CAREER FUMBLE RECOVERIES**

1.	7	Quinton McCrary (OLB)	2003-07
	7	Steve McCarty (ILB)	1971-73
	7	Keith Clark (DE)	1977-80
	7	Stanley Adams (DE)	1978-81
	7	Dennis Borcky (DT)	1983-86
6.	6	John Allen (LB)	1968-70
	6	Van Anderson (DE)	1973-74
	6	Sam Hurst (NG)	1974-77
	6	Keith Simpson (DB)	1974-77
	6	David Brandon (DE)	1983-86

**TIGERS SNAP TURNOVER STREAK**

Up until the 2007 East Carolina game, Memphis had forced at least one turnover in 10 straight contests. During that streak, the last opponent to not give up a fumble or an interception was UCF during the 2006 season. UCF won the meeting 26-24 and it was a clean game for both sides as neither squad produced a turnover.

East Carolina did not toss an interception or lose a fumble in the Nov. 3 win over the Tigers, thus snapping Memphis' 10-game streak of forced turnovers.

**THE SPREAD**

Through 12 games, 10 different Tigers have caught touchdown passes. Eight of the 10 were wideouts and the other two are fullback Greg Hinds and tight end Brett Russell. Five Tigers have caught multiple TD passes so far this season, including receivers Carlos Singleton (7), Duke Calhoun (5), Earnest Williams (3) and Maurice Jones (2) and fullback Greg Hinds (3).

In addition, four different Tigers have tossed TD passes including QBs Martin Hankins (22), Will Hudgens (5) and Matt Malouf (2) and receiver Dave Thomas.

**LONG DRIVES**

Memphis has logged 16 drives of 80 or more yards, 14 of which resulted in a touchdown. The Tigers logged two drives of more than 90 yards in the win over UAB, including a season-long 99-yard drive of five plays that resulted in a touchdown. Memphis' previous long for the year was a 94-yard, 12-play effort in the fourth quarter against UCF.

On the flip side, Memphis' opponents have totaled just seven drives of more than 80 yards this season.

**CALHOUN ENTERS TIGER TOP 10**

Sophomore Duke Calhoun has etched his name in the Tiger Top 10 in receiving yards as he totals 1,531 career yards off 100 receptions. His career mark got a huge boost against Rice when the Memphis native totaled 119 receiving yards, thus becoming just the 20th Tiger in school history to amass 1,000 yards receiving.

In three of the last four games, Calhoun has registered 100-plus yards and has jumped from 16th all-time to eighth. In addition, Calhoun's 100 receptions is good for 8th all-time.

**With 119 receiving yards in the New Orleans Bowl, Calhoun would advance to the No. 5 spot which is currently held by Darron White who logged 1,649 yards from 2001-04.**

**ALL-TIME LEADING QBs**

	Player	Pass Att.
1.	Danny Wimprine (01-04)	1,469
2.	<b>Martin Hankins (06-*)</b>	<b>766</b>
3.	Danny Sparkman (83-85)	662
4.	Lloyd Patterson (75-78)	560
5.	Steve Matthews (92-93)	559
6.	Neil Suber (98-01)	463
7.	Billy Fletcher (63-65)	438

	Player	Pass Comp.
1.	Danny Wimprine (01-04)	808
2.	<b>Martin Hankins (06-*)</b>	<b>462</b>
3.	Steve Matthews (92-93)	341
4.	Danny Sparkman (83-85)	328
5.	Lloyd Patterson (75-78)	246
6.	Neil Suber (98-01)	238
7.	Tim Jones (86-89)	210

	Player	Yards
1.	Danny Wimprine (01-04)	10,215
2.	<b>Martin Hankins (06-*)</b>	<b>5,489</b>
3.	Danny Sparkman (83-85)	4,311
4.	Lloyd Patterson (75-78)	4,201
5.	Steve Matthews (92-93)	3,980
6.	Bernard Oden (95-97)	2,686
7.	Tim Jones (86-89)	2,668
8.	Neil Suber (98-01)	2,646

	Player	TDs
1.	Danny Wimprine (01-04)	81
2.	<b>Martin Hankins (06-*)</b>	<b>40</b>
3.	Steve Matthews (92-93)	31
4.	Lloyd Patterson (75-78)	30
5.	Danny Sparkman (83-85)	27
6.	James Earl Wright (59-61)	24
7.	Billy Fletcher (63-65)	21
8.	Tim Jones (86-89)	19



## TIGER SEASON FIELD GOAL LEADERS

Player	FG Made
1. Joe Allison (1992)	23
2. Stephen Gostkowski (2005)	22
3. Stephen Gostkowski (2004)	20
4. Stephen Gostkowski (2003)	19
5. Ryan White (1998)	16
John Butler (1989)	16
7. <b>Matt Reagan (2007)</b>	<b>15</b>
Don Glosson (1984)	15
9. John Butler (1988)	14
Don Glosson (1983)	14
11. Ryan White (1999)	13
Luis Tejada (1994)	13

## UM'S MOST POINTS KICKING - GAME

Player	PTs
1. Ryan White (1999) vs UAB	18
2. S. Gostkowski (2004) vs ASU	17
3. Ryan White (1998) vs Cincinnati	15
S. Gostkowski (2003) vs Ole Miss	14
S. Gostkowski (2005) vs Marshall	14
Joe Allison (1992) vs Tulane	14
7. <b>Matt Reagan (2007) vs SMU</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Matt Reagan (2007) vs UAB</b>	<b>13</b>
Ryan White (1999) vs Tennessee	13
Ryan White (1998) vs Louisville	13
Ryan White (2000) vs Ark. State	13
S. Gostkowski (2004) vs. UL	13
Don Glosson (1983) vs Ole Miss	13
Rusty Bennett (1977) vs North Texas	13

## FIVE TIGERS WITH 60 CAREER CATCHES

Five current Tigers have registered 60 or more receptions in their careers. Sophomore Duke Calhoun has tallied 1,531 yards on 100 receptions and junior Earnest Williams totals 73 catches for 775 yards. Tailback Joseph Doss was held without a catch for the first time in five games by SMU and has 66 receptions for 445 yards.

Maurice Jones and Carlos Singleton most recently joined the group as both totaled two catches against UAB. Jones has 61 career receptions for 861 yards, while Singleton boasts 69 catches for 1,004 yards.

**While Calhoun ranks seventh all-time in receiving yards, Carlos Singleton, Maurice Jones and Earnest Williams are now all ranked in the Tiger Top 35. Singleton is 21st (1,004 yards) while Jones is 30th (861 yards) and Williams is 34th (775 yards).**

## KASSER SEMIFINALIST FOR DRADDY TROPHY

Senior linebacker Jake Kasser was one of four C-USA football players who was a semifinalist for the Draddy Trophy as announced by the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame. Kasser is the third Memphis Tiger in as many years to be selected as a semifinalist for the prestigious scholarship award. Kicker Stephen Gostkowski was a semifinalist in 2005 and deep snapper Rusty Clayton made the cut in 2006. Kasser holds a 3.47 grade point average in accounting and expects to graduate in May 2008. One of college football's most sought after and competitive awards, the Draddy Trophy recognizes an individual as the absolute best in the country for his combined academic success, football performance and exemplary community leadership.

## HUGDENS REPLACED INJURED HANKINS VS MARSHALL AND MIDDLE TENNESSEE

Junior Will Hudgens started the Marshall and Middle Tennessee games at quarterback. He replaced Martin Hankins who suffered a hip injury against Arkansas State and had been limited at practice. Hudgens passed for 346 yards in the win over Marshall but connected on just 13 of his 35 attempts for 134 yards in the loss to MT. Hankins returned as the Tigers' starting signal caller and led Memphis to wins in five of the last six games, turning in 300-yard passing performances in five contests.

## A TOUGH STRETCH

The Tigers went through a tough stretch of games that ultimately had them playing three contests in just 11 days. The situation came about from a weather postponement of the ASU-Memphis game in Jonesboro that was originally scheduled for Sept. 8. After a three-hour delay university officials from both sides agreed to move the game to Sept. 27, which was right in between Memphis' road meeting with UCF on Sept. 22 and its home ESPN2-televvised game with Marshall on Tuesday, October 2.

The U of M dropped the conference opener with UCF, 56-20, and then five days later suffered a heartbreaking loss at Arkansas State -- a game in which Memphis was up 31-6 at the half, 35-31.

Three days after the Tigers lost to ASU, they were grieving the loss of a teammate when reserve defensive lineman Taylor Bradford was shot and killed on campus Sunday night. The decision was made to go on with the Marshall game that was scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 2, on ESPN. The Tigers pulled together and snapped the two-game losing skid with an emotional 24-21 win over the Thundering Herd.

## TIGERS MOURN THE LOSS OF TEAMMATE

On Sunday, Sept. 30, reserve defensive lineman Taylor Bradford was killed in an act of violence on the U of M campus. The Tigers rallied together and mourned their fallen teammate in a campus vigil held Monday evening and several players and members of the coaching staff traveled to Nashville for the funeral on Oct. 6. A memorial service was held on campus Wednesday, Oct. 10. Donations in Bradford's name can be made to Lee Chapel AME Church Youth Ministry (1732 Scovel Rd., Nashville, TN 37208).

## HUGDENS HAS STRONG SHOWING IN WIN

Junior Will Hudgens got his first start at quarterback since 2005 when he opened the Marshall game under center in place of Martin Hankins who was injured in the Arkansas State contest. Hudgens started two games in 2005 when Patrick Byrne was injured in the season opener and then suffered a season-ending injury in his second game as the starter (vs. Tulsa).

In the 24-21 win over Marshall, Hudgens completed 30 of 45 pass attempts for 346 yards and two touchdowns -- all of which were career highs for the junior who missed a majority of the last two seasons after suffering a broken leg in both 2005 and 2006. He completed four passes in the game for more

than 30 yards, and completed TD passes of 19 and four yards. Hudgens' 346 yards ranks 10th all-time at Memphis, while his 30 completions ranks seventh all-time. He did not toss an interception in the victory and finished the game having completed 67 percent of his passes.

## BARNETT GRABS FUMBLE RECORD

Defensive lineman Freddie Barnett registered his first career fumble recovery and returned the ball 88 yards for a touchdown with just over a minute remaining in the first half against Arkansas State. The return was the longest fumble recovery in school history, surpassing the previous record of 84 yards by Corey Irby in 1999 against Louisville. The last time that Memphis returned a fumble for a touchdown was against Arkansas State in 2004 on a 10-yard return by Tim Goodwell.

## TRIPLE THREAT

For the first time since at least 1965, three Tiger quarterbacks threw touchdown passes in a single game when Memphis accomplished this feat in the loss at UCF. All three scores were in the second half. Starter Martin Hankins connected with Carlos Singleton for a 17-yard TD in the third quarter and redshirt freshman Matt Malouf logged a four-yard strike to Earnest Williams at the start of the fourth quarter. Back-up QB Will Hudgens rounded out the trio with a 10-yard pass to Dave Thomas with just under six minutes remaining in the game.

## 50-50

Against Arkansas State and Jacksonville State Maurice Jones caught passes of 50-plus yards. He scored on a 58-yard pass from Martin Hankins against JSU for a new career high and logged a 56-yard reception versus ASU on Memphis' first play of the game, ultimately setting up a Tiger TD. Jones currently is third in receiving yards with 634 and is fourth in receptions with 36. Jones had multiple receptions in each of the first five games of the season, but was held without a catch by Middle Tennessee. He did, though, log his second pass completion of the season in that game when he tossed a 23-yard pass back to QB Will Hudgens.

Jones answered the MT game with three receptions for 74 yards and a TD against Rice and **registered his first career 100-yard game with 117 yards on four catches in the win over Tulane.**

## THREE TIGERS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

The University of Memphis placed three Tiger football players on the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District team as announced by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Senior linebacker Jake Kasser and junior safety Brandon Patterson were both selected to the district first-team and were included on the national Academic All-America ballot. Junior offensive lineman Brandon Pearce was selected to the second-team.

**Patterson became the first football Academic All-American since 1992 when he was named to the second team in late November.**

**Patterson and Kasser were also selected to the C-USA All-Academic Football Team in November.**



## DOSS FROM THE RUN

Senior tailback Joseph Doss scored his 10th career rushing touchdown in the season opener against Ole Miss and his 11th in the loss at ASU. He was held scoreless by Marshall and Middle Tennessee before he logged his 12th career rushing TD versus Rice. His 13th career TD run came on a two-yard scamper against East Carolina and he had a long TD run of 20 yards in the fourth quarter against UAB for his 14th career score from the run. He has scored from the run in 10 of his last 17 career games. Doss missed the Jacksonville State game with a knee injury and was held scoreless by UCF. It was the first time he was held scoreless from the run since the Arkansas State game in 2006 -- though he did score on a 37-yard pass from receiver Ryan Scott. For his career, Doss totals 16 career TDs (14 rushing, 2 receiving).

## SINGLETON SCORES THREE TDS

Carlos Singleton has scored in four of the last five games and has registered multiple receptions in all 12 games this season. He has scored multiple touchdowns in three games this season (vs ECU, USM and SMU) and leads Memphis in scoring by a non-kicker. He tied a school record when he caught his third touchdown pass in the third quarter against SMU. He tied five other Tigers who have scored three receiving touchdowns in a single game, and the last one to do so was Russell Copeland against Tennessee in 1992.

Against the Mustangs, Singleton hauled in three receptions on Memphis' second drive of the second quarter, including a 20-yard touchdown catch with 7:30 remaining in the first half. He also scored on an 11-yard reception with 10:27 left in the third quarter and on a 40-yard reception with 2:15 left in the third. He finished the day with eight catches for a career-high 127 yards and three touchdowns.

## MIXIN' IT UP

Memphis used a 14 play, 72-yard drive with three different quarterbacks under center on its first drive of the SMU game to tie the score at 7-all. Will Hudgens scored his second rushing touchdown of the season on a one-yard scamper with 7:01 left in the first quarter. Hudgens came in again and tossed a seven-yard TD strike to Earnest Williams to give the Tigers a 14-7 advantage with 0:23 remaining in the first quarter.

## DOWN BUT NOT OUT

The Tigers were down 28-21 to SMU at the half and managed to score 21 points in the third quarter to remain in the tight contest. The SMU game was the first contest this season that Memphis had been down at the half and came back to win. Earlier in the year, Memphis had dropped decisions to Ole Miss, UCF and East Carolina -- all games which Memphis trailed heading into the third period.

## PITTS SETS CAREER HIGH VS SMU

T.J. Pitts rushed for his first TD of the season; the second of his career, when he broke loose up the middle on a 25-yard score with 4:50 left in the third quarter against SMU. Pitts' first career TD was in the season finale last year against UTEP. The 25-yard run tied his career high for long runs, which was also against the Miners in 2006. Pitts ended the day with a career-high 110 yards on 19 carries. This is

the second straight game that Memphis has had a 100-yard rusher.

## WEAVER & McDONALD SACK SMU

Sophomore defensive lineman Josh Weaver was credited with his second sack of the season when he dropped SMU's Justin Willis for a loss of six yards on 2nd-and-3 from the SMU 34. Junior Clinton McDonald registered his third sack of the season when he stopped Willis for a loss of six yards on 3rd-and-6 from the SMU 29 near the end of the third quarter.

## HANKINS TOSSES 4 TDS FOR THIRD TIME

The SMU game marked the third time this season that Martin Hankins has tossed four touchdown passes. His four TDs gives him 22 on the year and 40 in his two-year career. Hankins completed 30 of his 59 pass attempts for 336 yards against the Mustangs. It was his sixth 300-yard passing game this season. The 22 TD passes this season ranks second all-time in a single season and he would need just one in the bowl game to tie the record of 23 that was set by Danny Wimprine in 2002.

## SINGLETON HITS 1,000 YARDS

With his 127 yards receiving against SMU, Carlos Singleton became the second Tiger on the 2007 squad to hit the 1,000-yard receiving mark. He ranks 21st all-time in the Tiger record book with 1,004 yards on 69 receptions. With just 52 yards receiving in the bowl game, he could advance to No. 17. Singleton would need 113 yards to leap into the top 15.

Earlier this year, Duke Calhoun became the 20th Tiger in school history to amass 1,000 yards receiving. He enters the New Orleans Bowl ranked seventh all-time with 1,531 yards on 100 receptions.

## TIGERS SNAP STREAK WITH WIN OVER UAB

The 25-9 win over UAB marked the first time in eight meetings that the Tigers have defeated the Blazers. The only other win that Memphis has over UAB at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium was during the 1997 season. The win was a first for head coach Tommy West over the Blazers.

## TIGERS CELEBRATE 425TH WIN

The win over UAB on Nov. 17 marked the 900th game for the Tigers, but more importantly, it was the program's 425th victory since the Tigers fielded a squad in 1912.

## HUDGENS PLAYS ROLE WELL VS UAB

The Tigers used a dual-QB attack in the UAB game, using Will Hudgens several times for ground yardage. The first time he came in the game was in the first quarter on 2nd-and-8 from the Memphis 3. Hudgens rushed nine yards for the first down and ran for three yards on the next play. He came in again in the second quarter and registered his first career rushing touchdown when he pushed the pile for a one-yard score with 12:54 left in the half. Hudgens finished the day with six carries for 21 yards and one score.

## MILLS AND PATTERSON HAVE PICKS

Early in the third quarter defensive end Corey Mills picked off UAB signal caller Sam Hunt at the Memphis 34-yard line and made a nine-

yard return for his first career interception.

Later in the fourth quarter, Brandon Patterson intercepted Hunt's pass with 2:18 remaining in the game to end a UAB drive that stalled at 2nd-and-4 from the Memphis 5. It was Patterson's eighth career interception and his third on the season.

## UAB STOPS TIGER PASSING TDS

The UAB meeting was the first game this season that the Tigers have not had a passing touchdown. The last time that Memphis did not have a passing TD was in the 2006 season finale against UTEP. In that game, Memphis scored five TDs from the run. This was also the fourth game this season that Memphis has scored multiple touchdowns from the run.

## HANKINS HITS 5,000-YD MILESTONE

With his 298 yards passing in the UAB game, Martin Hankins reached a key milestone and became the second Tiger signal caller in school history to pass for 5,000 or more yards. The other was Danny Wimprine who totaled 10,215 yards in 46 games under center from 2001-04. Heading into the New Orleans Bowl, Hankins has passed for 5,489 yards and has completed 462 of his 766 pass attempts.

## WILLIAMS CREDITED WITH BLOCK

Junior defensive end Ryan Williams, who missed the Southern Miss game with a knee sprain, was credited with a blocked PAT in the fourth quarter against UAB. The block was originally credited as a team block, but video showed Williams going air and getting his hand on the ball.

## PITTS RUSHES FOR CAREER HIGHS IN FINAL TWO GAMES

T.J. Pitts helped the Tigers run for 265 yards against the UAB Blazers when he tallied a then career-high 71 yards on 13 carries. A week later, he came in off the bench against SMU and rushed for 110 yards and one touchdown on 19 carries. He was not dropped for a loss of yardage in the SMU contest. Pitts, who finished his freshman campaign in 2006 with just 22 carries for 98 yards, has registered double-digit carries in eight games this season.

For the year, Pitts totals 481 yards on 105 carries.

## MALOUF KEY IN TOUGH FIELD POSITION

Freshman quarterback Matt Malouf is clearly an all-purpose threat for the Tigers having rushed for three touchdowns and passed for two. Against UAB, Malouf was key in setting UAB up with tough field position as he punted twice and dropped the ball inside the 10 both times.

In the first quarter with Memphis' drive stalled at the 50, Malouf set his punt on the UAB 1 and the Blazers ran 13 plays before being forced to punt. Malouf was called to the field again in the third quarter and put UAB on their own 7. The Blazers went three and out on that drive.

## HOME SWEET HOME

Martin Hankins returned home to Hattiesburg, Miss., and had a strong showing in leading Memphis to a come-from-behind win over Southern Miss on the road. The Tigers were down 26-14 and Hankins led Memphis to



scores in their final two drives of the game. He passed for four touchdowns for the second straight game and his 396 yards passing is the third-highest single-game total in school history.

Hankins put Memphis up 7-0 to start the game with a 65-yard TD pass to Duke Calhoun for his longest pass play of the season. He then secured the victory with a 52-yard pass to Carlos Singleton under heavy pressure with just over a minute remaining in the game. In the game, he completed 35 of his 48 pass attempts, with the 35 completions ranking second in school history. Hankins also connected on seven passes over 15 yards and 19 over 10 yards in leading Memphis to its second straight win over USM in Hattiesburg for the first time in school history.

### HINDS AND ROCKETTE HAVE FIRST STARTS

Fullback Greg Hinds and linebacker Jeremy Rockette got their first starts of the season in the Southern Miss game. Rockette ended the day with seven tackles, five of which were solo stops, and Hinds had two carries and one reception.

### AT 6-8, SINGLETON IS GO-TO GUY

Carlos Singleton scored his second touchdown of the game with a little more than a minute left in the fourth quarter against USM on a 52-yard reception. Singleton totaled five catches for 96 yards versus the Golden Eagles. In the last three straight games, Singleton has hauled in multiple touchdown passes, including his three-TD effort versus SMU. He has scored eight touchdowns in the last five games.

### TIGERS GO FOR TWO

Maurice Jones caught a two-point conversion in the fourth quarter against USM to give Memphis a three-point lead with 1:04 left in the game. It is his first two-point conversion in 2007, while three of the conversions have been passes to Singleton. Memphis failed on its seventh conversion attempt of the year against UAB and is 5 of 7 this season.

### A BIG WIN IN HATTIESBURG

Not only was the win over Southern Miss big because Martin Hankins was playing in front of his hometown crowd, but it was also the second straight win for the Tigers in Hattiesburg. The Tigers won 24-22 in 2005. Before those two wins, Southern Miss was 18-1 against Memphis in Hattiesburg.

### FORD HAS FIRST PICK VERSUS USM

Senior cornerback LaKeitharun Ford came up with a crucial interception in the final minute of the Southern Miss game that gave Memphis the ball back with 47 seconds remaining on the clock. Ford picked off Jeremy Young on USM's first play of their final drive for his first interception of the year and the second of his career.

### HUDGENS AT FULLBACK VS ECU

Senior fullback Greg Hinds was suspended and did not see action in the Homecoming contest versus ECU. He was replaced at fullback by quarterback/deep snapper Will Hudgens who caught his second pass of the season in the game. He snagged a six-yard pass from Martin Hankins in Memphis' first drive of the game. Hinds was back in uniform versus USM

and started at fullback in that contest.

### REAGAN HITS 37 YD FG AGAINST ECU

Sophomore kicker Matt Reagan put the first points on the board for Memphis with his 37-yard field goal with 10:36 remaining in the first quarter. The 37-yard make was a season-long for Reagan, though one week later against UAB he connected on a 38-yard attempt.

Reagan, however, missed two PATs in the USM game, marking the first time since the Louisville game in 2002 that Memphis had missed two PATs. The kicker in that game was current New England Patriots kicker Stephen Gostkowski who was a freshman for the Tigers in 2002. In that game, he had one kick blocked and missed an attempt in the fourth quarter.

### JONES HAS FIRST KICK RETURNS

Maurice Jones registered his first career kick return when he replaced Earnest Williams in the second quarter against ECU. Williams left the game following an injury he suffered on a punt return at the end of the first quarter. Jones had 11 yards on his only punt return, and ended the day with three kickoff returns for 36 yards.

### HARRIS SEES ACTION VERSUS ECU

Redshirt freshman Henry Harris (Memphis, TN) recorded his first kickoff return in the third quarter against ECU. Harris, who saw action against both Ole Miss and Jacksonville State, returned the ball 21 yards. It was his only return of the game.

### SINGLETON HAS CAREER DAY IN LOSS TO ECU

Carlos Singleton caught touchdown passes of five and 14 yards against East Carolina, marking the first game that the sophomore from Brownsville, Tenn., has caught two TD passes in a single game. Singleton ended the day with 100 yards on six receptions for his first 100-yard receiving game.

With Duke Calhoun turning in 107 receiving yards, this is the first game since 2003 that Memphis has had two receivers with 100 yards in a single game. That year, Darron White and Darren Garcia totaled 102 and 104 yards, respectively against Mississippi State. *The Tigers accomplished that feat again in the season finale versus SMU when Steven Black had 112 yards on 12 catches and Singleton tallied 127 yards on eight receptions.*

### TIGER DEFENSE ALLOWS 600 YARDS

For the second time this season, the Memphis defense has allowed over 600 yards of total offense when ECU racked up 641 yards in the 56-40 win. Earlier in the year, Memphis allowed UCF to roll off 601 yards. ECU registered 494 yards on the ground for the first time a Memphis opponent has rushed for over 400 yards since 1982 when Georgia tallied 408 yards. In that game, Georgia's Hershel Walker totaled 219 yards on 33 carries.

### KNOCKUM SCORES FIRST CAREER TD

Senior Taz Knockum scored his first career touchdown on a 1-yard catch with 2:38 left in the game against ECU. He finished the game with a career-high three receptions. The Tigers opted to go for the conversion following the touchdown, with Martin Hankins completing a pass to Carlos Singleton. It was Singleton's third conversion catch of the season.

### MEMPHIS SCORES 40 IN LOSS TO ECU

Memphis scored 40 points in the ECU game, marking the first time since 2005 that the Tigers have scored 40 or more points. Memphis defeated Chattanooga, 59-14, in the second game of the 2005 season. The last time Memphis scored 40 or more points in a conference game was in a 56-49 loss to then 14th-ranked Louisville in 2004.

Three games later, the Tigers scored 55 points in the triple overtime win over SMU. This marked the first time since 2004 that Memphis had scored 40-plus points in more than one C-USA contest. That season, Memphis defeated Houston (41-14) and Tulane (49-24) and lost to Louisville (56-49).

### BELL IN FIRST START VS TULANE

Junior Tony Bell registered his first start of the season when he was in at safety for Alton Starr. Bell finished the game with four tackles, one for a loss of a yard, and one pass breakup.

### HANKINS IS KEY TO WIN OVER TULANE

Martin Hankins led Memphis to a 28-27 win over Tulane on the road with his then career-high 355-yard passing effort. Hankins recorded his third 300-yard passing game of the season, and his second consecutive 300-yard performance. He connected on four passes over 40 yards and 10 of his completions were for 10 or more yards. Hankins was responsible for 11 of Memphis' 17 total first downs. *Hankins returned a week later to up his career high with 416 yards passing in the loss to East Carolina.*

Hankins passed for 231 yards in the first half of the game against the Green Wave, marking the first time since the Marshall game last season that he had passed for 200 or more yards in a single half. His two passing scores were with the clock winding down for the half and at the end of the game. He logged a 47-yard completion to Earnest Williams with 39 seconds remaining in the second quarter to give Memphis the 14-13 advantage at halftime, and then secured the win with a five-yard pass to Duke Calhoun with 36 seconds remaining in the game. Hankins completed 66 percent of his passes (25-of-38) and averaged 14.2 yards per completion.

### TIGERS GET BACK-TO-BACK ROAD WINS

With consecutive road wins over Rice and Tulane, the Tigers won two straight road games for the first time since late in the 2004 season. In the final two regular season contests, Memphis defeated East Carolina (38-35) and USF (31-15).

*Memphis improved on that streak with a 29-26 win over Southern Miss in Hattiesburg, marking the first time since 2003 that the Tigers have strung together three straight road wins.*

### MAKE THAT TWO FOR E-WILL

Receiver Earnest Williams logged his first rushing touchdown of the season on a 3-yard reverse with 11:47 remaining in the second quarter against Tulane. It was his fourth career rushing TD and his eighth overall career score. Williams scored later in the quarter off a 47-yard pass from Martin Hankins.



**Williams is the first Tiger to score two touchdowns in a single game this season. One game later versus ECU, Carlos Singleton caught two TD passes and became the first Tiger this season to register two receiving touchdowns. He did it again one game later in the win over Southern Miss and caught three TD passes vs SMU.**

### **STARR PICKS OFF GREEN WAVE**

Alton Starr was credited with his first career interception when he picked off Anthony Scelfo on 1st-and-10 from the Tulane 33 with just over a minute remaining in the second quarter. Memphis scored on a 47-yard pass from Martin Hankins to Earnest Williams as a result of the turnover and went into the locker room up, 14-13.

**The Tiger defense has forced its opponents to turn the ball over at least two times in 10 of the 12 games this season. Memphis has also forced at least one turnover in 13 of the last 14 games. The only team this season to not give up a turnover to the Tigers was East Carolina.**

### **JONES IS 2ND TIGER WITH 100 YDS RECEIVING**

Receiver Maurice Jones had a career day for the Tigers against Tulane. He totaled a career high 117 yards on four catches, marking the first time Jones has gone over the century mark. This was the second game in a row the Tigers have had a 100-yard receiver as Duke Calhoun posted a 119-yard effort in the win over Rice.

**Memphis made it three in a row for a receiver with 100 yards when both Calhoun (107) and Carlos Singleton (100) turned in impressive numbers against East Carolina. It was the first time since the 2003 game against Mississippi State that Memphis had two receivers go over 100 yards in a single game. The Tigers upped the streak to five games when Duke Calhoun logged a career-high 124 yards on eight catches in the win over Southern Miss and then tallied a career-high 159 yards on four receptions against UAB.**

**The streak is at six games heading into the New Orleans Bowl as Steven Black (12-112) and Carlos Singleton (8-127) had 100-yard efforts in the win over SMU.**

### **DAVIS GETS WORK VS GREEN WAVE**

True freshman defensive back Darius Davis logged his first extensive action on defense in the fourth quarter against Tulane. He came in at corner for LeRico Mathis who left the game with a quad strain. Davis broke up a would-be touchdown pass in the quarter on third down. Tulane then missed the ensuing field goal attempt that could have put the game out of reach for Memphis. Davis has played in seven games this season, working with the defense and as a member of the special teams unit.

### **BARNETT HAS FIRST START VS RICE**

Junior Freddie Barnett logged his first start of the season when he lined up at defensive tackle against Rice. He had backed up sophomore Steven Turner at that spot in the previous six games. Barnett was credited with two tackles, including a sack for a loss of three yards, in the win over the Owls. Barnett enters the postseason having started the last six straight games on the defensive front.

### **DOSS HAS CAREER DAY VERSUS OWLS**

Senior running back Joseph Doss led the Tigers to a 38-35 victory over Rice in Houston on Oct. 20 as he rushed for a career-high 175 yards on 25 carries. It was the fourth 100-yard rushing effort of his career.

In the victory, Doss rushed for over 20 yards twice and for over 10 yards on eight carries. He scored his third rushing touchdown of the season; the 12th of his career, off a 15-yard run with seven minutes remaining in the third quarter to give Memphis the 28-21 advantage. He averaged 7.3 yards per carry, which was a career high in games that he tallied 20 or more carries. He also was responsible for 10 of Memphis' 30 first downs. In addition, Doss was instrumental in Memphis scoring on 3rd-and-4 from the Rice 45-yard line when he picked up the blitz and came through with a key block to allow quarterback Martin Hankins to reach Maurice Jones for a 45-yard TD that put Memphis ahead 38-28 with just over five minutes remaining in the game.

**Doss registered his fifth career 100-yard game in the win over UAB as he totaled 168 yards and a touchdown on 19 carries. Doss was not dropped for a loss the entire game and he had a season-long run of 31 yards in the win.**

### **CALHOUN RECORDS 100-YARD DAY**

Sophomore Duke Calhoun recorded his fourth career 100-yard receiving game when he totaled four receptions for 119 yards in the win over Rice on Oct. 20. He went over the century mark for the fifth time in his career when he totaled 107 yards on eight receptions against East Carolina and then tied the school record for career 100-yard games with six after totaling a career-high 124 yards on eight receptions in the win over Southern Miss. Calhoun shattered the record one week later with a career-high 159 yards on four receptions versus UAB.

Through 12 games this season, Calhoun has caught multiple passes in 20 of 23 career games, and has led the Tigers in receiving yards in six of the last eight games.

Calhoun and Joseph Doss (175 rushing) combined for 294 offensive yards against Rice, marking the first time since 2005 that Memphis has had a 100-yard rusher and a 100-yard receiver in the same contest. The last time the Tigers did that was against Akron in the Motor City Bowl when DeAngelo Williams had 238 yard rushing and Ryan Scott had 103 yard receiving. **The Tigers did it for the second time this season in the win over UAB and the twosome was once again Calhoun (159 receiving) and Doss (168 rushing). And, Memphis closed out the regular season with two 100-yard receivers (Singleton/Black) and a 100-yard rusher (Pitts) in the win over SMU.**

### **RUSSELL REGISTERS FIRST TD OF '07**

Junior tight end Brett Russell caught his first touchdown pass of the season to give Memphis the 7-0 advantage over Rice with six minutes remaining in the first quarter. He caught the 10-yard pass from Martin Hankins, which also marked Hankins' 24th touchdown pass of his career. Russell ended the day with a career-high five catches for 28 yards. He has logged multiple receptions in five games this year.

### **MATHIS HAS SECOND INTERCEPTION**

Junior LeRico Mathis picked off Rice QB Chase Clement in the second quarter for his second interception of the season. Mathis' first pick of the season was in the win over Marshall on Oct. 2. Mathis has started the last eight straight games at cornerback. He left the Tulane game in the fourth quarter with a quad strain.

### **REAGAN BOOTS THREE FGS AGAINST OWLS**

Matt Reagan converted three of his four field goal attempts and was 3-for-3 on PATs to add 12 points in the 38-35 win over Rice on the road. Reagan's missed FG was from 47 yards out, but he converted two kicks of 22 yards and one of 24 yards. His three FGs marked the second time in three games that Reagan has booted three or more field goals. His 12 points was a career high at the time, as he continues to lead the Tigers in scoring with 79 points. Reagan was named the C-USA Special Teams Player of the Week following the Rice game. It was the first such honor for the sophomore from Knoxville, Tenn. **He upped his career high with four field goals and 13 points in the win over UAB, and received league accolades for the second time this season following his 13-point effort against SMU. He kicked the game-winning field goal in the third overtime.**

### **THREE TOUCHES...THREE SCORES**

Senior fullback Greg Hinds caught his third touchdown pass of the season off a six-yard toss from Martin Hankins with 6:29 left in the second quarter against Rice. Hinds' first three receptions this season were for touchdowns as he also scored against Jacksonville State and Marshall. He ended the Rice game with three receptions for 22 yards. For the year, Hinds has caught nine passes and totals four receiving TDs. **He came up with a big score in the second overtime period against SMU when he hauled in a six-yard TD strike from Martin Hankins.**

### **TURNER HAS KEY PICK LATE VERSUS RICE**

Sophomore defensive lineman Steven Turner registered his first career interception in the fourth quarter on a ball he tipped off a pass by Rice's Chase Clement on 2nd-and-4 from the Memphis 48. The Tigers scored three plays later for the 38-28 advantage with just over five minutes left in the game.

### **MEMPHIS HAS IMPRESSIVE NUMBERS VS OWLS**

The 571 yards of offense that Memphis tallied against Rice is the most for a Tiger squad since 2005 against Akron in the Motor City Bowl when the Tigers put up 516 yards. The total yardage ranks sixth all-time in the Tiger record book. In addition, the Tigers registered eight offensive plays over 20 yards in the key Conference USA victory.

**Memphis also hit the 500-yard mark in the final two games of the season. The Tigers ran 71 plays and turned in 563 yards of total offense versus UAB and set a school and C-USA record with 108 plays for 539 yards against SMU.**



## **RAWLS ENTERS STARTING LINEUP VS MIDDLE**

Junior Malcom Rawls got his first start as a Tiger in the non-conference meeting with Middle Tennessee. He started at left guard for Dominik Riley who was injured in the Marshall game. Riley did see action in the offensive line later in the game. Rawls is a Memphis native who transferred in 2006 from the University of Tennessee.

## **JONES TOSSES COMPLETION TO HUDGENS**

Junior Maurice Jones registered his second pass completion of the season when he connected with quarterback Will Hudgens for 23 yards on Memphis' first series of the game against Middle Tennessee. Jones is the second receiver this season to complete a pass as Dave Thomas connected with Steven Black for an 80-yard TD against Arkansas State. For the year, Jones has completed two of his five pass attempts.

## **BELL LOGS FIRST PICK VS BLUE RAIDERS**

Junior defensive back Tony Bell logged his first interception of the season when he picked off MT's Patrick Honeycutt on the Memphis 19 at the start of the second quarter. Bell was back in the lineup after missing two games with a thigh bruise. Bell recorded his second interception in the SMU victory. Memphis as a team has forced its opponent to turn the ball over in 12 of the last 13 games.

## **GRANDBERRY SCOOPS UP FUMBLE**

For the eighth straight game (incl. 2006), the Tigers have recovered a fumble as Michael Grandberry picked up a Middle Tennessee fumble on its punt return and made a two-yard return in the second quarter. The streak was snapped one game later as Rice did not yield a fumble to the Tigers. *Entering the New Orleans Bowl contest, Memphis is ranked tied for 24th nationally with 13 fumble recoveries.*

## **PATTERSON PICKS OFF BLUE RAIDER**

Senior safety Brandon Patterson recorded his second interception of the season when he picked off MT's Dwight Dasher at the Memphis goal line. Memphis turned the ball over on the very next play (fumble by T.J. Pitts) and Middle Tennessee scored for the 14-7 advantage. This was the first time in four games that Memphis had yielded a turnover. Patterson also hauled in a key interception in the fourth quarter in the win over UAB.

## **KASSER IS SECOND IN RECOVERIES**

Senior linebacker Jake Kasser was credited with his third fumble recovery of the season when he picked up the ball knocked loose by Clinton McDonald in the fourth quarter against Middle Tennessee.

## **DAVIS MAKES FIRST APPEARANCE**

True freshman Darius Davis saw his first game action against Middle Tennessee. He was on the kick cover teams for the Tigers and is the fourth true freshman to play so far this season. He also worked some on defense late in the game. Also seeing action this year are defensive lineman Tommy Walker, deep snapper Keenan Bratcher and receiver Curtis Echols.

## **PITTS TIES CAREER HIGH**

Running back T.J. Pitts tied his career high with 14 carries against Middle Tennessee. A week earlier against Marshall, he rushed 14 times for 57 yards. Pitts missed the Tulane and ECU games with an ankle sprain he suffered in the Rice game. He had a breakout game against SMU when he carried the ball 19 times and rushed for 110 yards, including a 25-yard touchdown.

## **REAGAN BOOTS THREE FGS VS MARSHALL**

Sophomore kicker Matt Reagan put the first points on the board for the Tigers when he booted a 25-yard field goal with 12:48 left in the first quarter against the Thundering Herd. Reagan hit a 26 yarder with 7:19 left in the first quarter and added a 30-yard FG with four seconds remaining in the first half. Reagan ended the day 3-for-3 on FGs and 1-for-1 on PATs. This was the fifth time in his short career that Reagan has converted multiple field goals in a single game, and was the first time since the 2006 Houston game in which he was 2-of-4 on FGs. *Reagan also converted three field goals in the win over Rice, booted two in the loss to East Carolina and set a new career best with four field goals in the win over UAB. His two field goals late against SMU were key in the Tiger win.*

## **MATHIS PICKS OFF MARSHALL'S MORRIS**

Junior college transfer LeRico Mathis registered his first career interception when he picked off Marshall signal caller Bernard Morris at the Memphis 46-yard line in the first quarter. The Marshall game also marked Mathis' first career start in a Tiger uniform. Mathis has now started eight straight games at corner and picked up his second interception of the season against Rice.

## **SINGLETON MAKES BIG PLAYS VS HERD**

Sophomore receiver Carlos Singleton hauled in a 19-yard touchdown pass from Will Hudgens with 6:52 remaining in the third quarter against Marshall. It was Singleton's second TD catch of the year and the fourth of his career. Singleton was also the recipient of the pass from Hudgens for the two-point conversion. Later in the season against Rice and ECU, Singleton was again on the receiving end of a two-point conversion as the Tigers are 5-of-7 on 2-point attempts.

*Singleton enters the New Orleans Bowl with a 20-game receiving streak and leads the Tigers in scoring by a non-kicker with 66 points. He hit the century mark for the first time in his career with 100 yards receiving against ECU and also is the first Tiger to total two TD receptions in a single game this year with his 5-yard and 14-yard scores versus the Pirates. He recorded two TD catches one game later against USM and had a 124-yard, three TD effort in the overtime contest with SMU.*

## **TIGERS LET 25-POINT LEAD SLIP BY**

The Tigers were ahead by 25 points, 31-6, at halftime and allowed ASU 29 points in the second half. It was the largest halftime lead Memphis has given up in at least 48 years. The last time Memphis gave up a substantial lead was in 2006 against East Carolina when

the Tigers were up by 13, 20-7 at the half, and ECU came back to win the game 35-20.

## **TRICKY TIGERS**

Tiger receivers came through with some big passing plays against Arkansas State that led to Memphis leading 31-6 at the half. On Memphis' first drive of the second quarter on first and 10 from the 20, Dave Thomas received a lateral from Martin Hankins and tossed his second career touchdown pass when he reached Steven Black for an 80-yard score to give Memphis the 17-3 advantage with 13:52 remaining in the second quarter. Thomas had previously tossed an eight-yard pass to Carlos Singleton in the Ole Miss game last season. The 80-yard pass is the longest play from scrimmage for the Tigers this season. The last time Memphis logged an 80-yard pass play was on a Hankins to Ryan Scott 82-yard pass against UAB last season.

On Memphis' next series, Maurice Jones took the handoff from Matt Malouf and then logged his first career completion when he connected back with Malouf on a 19-yard pass.

## **BIG GUY GETS BIG RETURN VS ASU**

Defensive lineman Freddie Barnett (6-2, 300) registered his first career fumble recovery and returned the ball 88 yards for a touchdown with just over a minute remaining in the first half against Arkansas State. The return was the longest fumble recovery in school history, surpassing the previous record of 84 yards by Corey Irby in 1999 against Louisville. The last time that Memphis returned a fumble for a touchdown was against Arkansas State in 2004 on a 10-yard return by Tim Goodwell.

## **SPECIAL TEAMS WOES**

Memphis gave up a punt return for an 89-yard touchdown in the third quarter against ASU, marking the first time since 2004 (East Carolina) that a Tiger opponent had returned a punt for a score. Earlier in the season opener against Ole Miss, the Rebels blocked a Tiger punt and landed on the ball in the endzone for a touchdown.

## **TERRELL AND MILLS TEAM UP ON ASU**

Defensive lineman Greg Terrell forced ASU quarterback Corey Leonard into a fumble and in doing so recorded his third career forced fumble. The ball was recovered by Corey Mills in his first-ever fumble recovery.

*Memphis recovered a fumble in each of the first six games this season, and has registered multiple fumble recoveries in four games. Rice, ECU, USM, UAB and SMU are the only teams this season to not give up a fumble to the Tigers.*

## **GRANDBERRY POSTS 100-PLUS YARDS**

Michael Grandberry had his third career 100-yard kickoff return game with his career-high 160 yards on eight returns versus UCF. His eight returns tied a Memphis record set by Antoine Harden against Tennessee in 2001.

*Grandberry set a new standard with his school-record 168 yards on six returns against Southern Miss. The previous Tiger record was 167 yards set by Jerry Harris against Southern Miss in 1983.*

*Grandberry also holds the school record with seven career games of 100-plus yards.*



## TIGERS SHATTER RETURN RECORD

The Tigers set a school record with 214 kickoff return yards in the UCF meeting on Sept. 22. The previous record was 196 yards set in 2002 against Cincinnati. Memphis tied the record for kickoff returns in a game with nine, which has been done three other times in the program's history.

## KNOCKUM HAS LONG CATCH VS UCF

Senior receiver Taz Knockum registered a career high with a 48-yard reception from Martin Hankins in the third quarter against UCF. His previous long catch was 17 yards against UAB in 2005. The catch was the first of the year for the reserve wideout. **Knockum logged his first TD catch of his career when he scored on a 1-yard pass from Martin Hankins late in the ECU game.**

## MALOUF MAKING PLAYS

Redshirt freshman quarterback Matt Malouf registered his first pass completion of his career in the fourth quarter against UCF and it was for a touchdown to Earnest Williams. The four-yard strike to Williams marked his first touchdown of the season also.

**Malouf tossed his second touchdown pass of the year in the win over Tulane when he reached Carlos Singleton for a five-yard score in the third quarter to put Memphis up, 21-20.**

## THREE QBS TOSS TDS VERSUS UCF

Three different quarterbacks registered passing touchdowns in the loss at UCF. Martin Hankins connected with Carlos Singleton in the third quarter for Memphis' first score of the game. Matt Malouf recorded his first career TD on a four-yard pass to Earnest Williams in the fourth quarter, and Will Hudgens hit Dave Thomas from 10 yards out late in the fourth quarter for his first TD pass since 2005.

## TIGERS TAKE HEAVY DEFICIT AT HALF

For the second time in three games, the Tigers were down by 20 or more points in the first half vs UCF. In the season opener against Ole Miss, the Tigers went into the locker room at the half down 20-0. Against UCF, the Tigers were down 42-0 at the half, marking the biggest deficit since 1997. That year Memphis was down 42-0 when Michigan State scored 28 in the first quarter and 14 in the second quarter at Spartan Stadium in East Lansing, Michigan. MSU won the game 51-21.

## UCF USES HEFTY GROUND GAME IN WIN

UCF running back Kevin Smith, who entered the contest as the national leader in rushing with an average of 183 yards per game, managed 124 yards on 22 carries. He only carried the ball once in the second half. UCF did, however, roll off 313 total rushing yards and seven touchdowns, marking the first time since 1978 (Texas A&M) that a Tiger opponent rushed for seven scores. The 313 yards on the ground by UCF also was the first time an opponent rushed for 300-plus yards since TCU rolled off 350 yards against Memphis in 2002. In addition, UCF's 601 yards of total offense was the first time a Tiger foe had 600-plus yards of total offense since Texas A&M's 615-yard effort in 1978.

Memphis faced another running back that was leading the nation in the Tulane game on

Oct. 27. Matt Forte' rushed for 278 of Tulane's 350 yards on the ground, but it wasn't enough to secure the win for the Green Wave. Through 12 games this season, three opponents (UCF, MT, Tulane & ECU) have run for 250-plus yards and Memphis has held five to under 150 yards (Ole Miss, ASU, Rice, USM & UAB).

ECU used its ground game in the 56-40 win over Memphis as the Pirates totaled 491 yards on the ground, led by Chris Johnson's 301 yards.

## TWO VERY DIFFERENT HALVES

The momentum never seemed to swing in the Tigers' direction in the first half against UCF, which saw the Knights go up 42-0 at the half. In the first half, Memphis had just four first downs, 57 yards of offense, was forced to punt the ball four times and held the ball seven minutes less than the Knights (Memphis had the ball for a mere 2:22 in the first quarter). UCF on the other hand went into the break with 16 first downs, 330 yards of offense and did not have to punt the ball.

Fast-forward to the second half, and the Tigers showed they were trying to claw their way back from a 42-point deficit. In the final two quarters, Memphis scored three receiving touchdowns and held UCF to just two scores. In addition, Memphis tallied 15 first downs and 246 yards of offense in the second half and only had to punt the ball two times, while converting 4-of-8 third down attempts in the second half. The Memphis defense also forced UCF to turn the ball over three times in the third quarter, but the 42 points proved difficult to recover from.

## THREE TRUE FRESHMEN SEE ACTION

Defensive lineman Tommy Walker was the first true freshman for the Tigers to see action this season. He came in early against Jacksonville State at left end and totaled two tackles in the game. Later in the second half, Memphis native Curtis Echols went in at wide receiver and Keenan Bratcher of Milan, Tenn., took over deep snapping duties.

## PITTS HAS SECOND CAREER START VS JSU

Sophomore T.J. Pitts got his second career start at tailback against Jacksonville State. He replaced senior Joseph Doss who was out with a knee injury. Pitts finished the night with a then career-high 11 rushes for a career-best 52 yards. **He later upped his mark with 14 carries for 57 yards against Marshall and turned in his first 100-yard performance with 110 yards on 19 carries against SMU.**

## MEMPHIS HAS FIRST BLOCKED PUNT SINCE '03

Junior defensive back Tony Bell blocked Zach Walden's punt which was ultimately recovered by Walden at the JSU 21. The last time that Memphis blocked a punt was in 2003 against Southern Miss.

## TIGERS GET BIG RETURN FROM E-WILL

Junior Earnest Williams busted off a 52-yard punt return in the third quarter against Jacksonville State, and helped set up the 20-yard touchdown run by Greg Hinds two plays later. The return was the longest for the Tigers since Darron White made a 60 yard return against Tulane in 2004.

## ONE PLAY IN, AND A SCORE

Senior fullback Greg Hinds made his first appearance of the season in the third quarter against JSU, and on his first play on offense, he caught a 20-yard touchdown pass from Martin Hankins. It was Hinds' first career touchdown and just his 10th career reception. Hinds was on defense for the Tigers up until fall camp last season when he transitioned from linebacker to fullback.

## MALOUF IS VERSATILE THREAT

Redshirt freshman quarterback Matt Malouf is going to have a hard time "sneaking around" on offense as long as he continues to make plays. Against Jacksonville State, Malouf came in on third-and-three at the start of the fourth quarter and gave the Tigers the boost they needed with a 12-yard run for a first down. Three plays later, Malouf logged his second TD of the season when he dashed 38 yards on a third-and-four situation. In addition, Malouf had lined up at QB for a punt in the third quarter and logged a 41-yard kick for a touchback.

**Malouf tossed his second TD pass - a five-yard strike - in the third quarter in the win over Tulane.**

## STATS DON'T ALWAYS LEAD TO WIN

If you look at the team statistics from the Tigers' season opener with Ole Miss, you would think that there may have been a typo in the score. Memphis was left with a 23-21 loss despite leading in first downs (30-19), rushing yards (124-74), passing yards (343-201), total offense (467-275), total plays (96-59) and time of possession (33:11-26:49). Key miscues including four interceptions, one of which was for a 99-yard touchdown return, a blocked punt for a TD and a missed 25-yard field goal all led to the final outcome. Despite being down 23-0 at one point in the third quarter, the Tigers continued to claw their way back and held Ole Miss to just three points in the second half.

## DEFENSIVE EFFORT KEEPS TIGERS IN THE GAME

The Tiger defense, which is under new direction this season, did about as good a job as they could do to keep the Tigers in the season opener with Ole Miss. Memphis limited Ole Miss' key running back BenJarvus Green-Ellis to just 79 yards and forced the Rebels into three fumbles. In addition, the Tiger defense sacked QB Seth Adams twice and limited the Rebels to just one offensive touchdown (a 16-yd pass early in the 1st quarter) on the day. The Rebels also only totaled two plays over 20 yards (a 21-yard run and a 23-yard reception) in the game.

## FOUR TIGERS HAVE FIRST CAREER STARTS VS REBELS

Four Tigers, two on offense and two on defense made their first career starts in the season opener versus Ole Miss. On the offensive side of the ball, redshirt freshman Dominik Riley started at left guard and junior college transfer Steven Black started at receiver. On defense, redshirt freshman Winston Bowens had his first start at middle linebacker and Ole Miss transfer Dontae Reed started at safety.

## CALHOUN TIES RECORD VS OLE MISS

Sophomore receiver Duke Calhoun registered 10 receptions for 87 yards against Ole Miss, tying the No. 2 single-game receiving record



at Memphis. Calhoun is tied with seven other former Tigers and is the first receiver to log 10 catches since Darron White caught 10 passes versus Mississippi State in 2003. Maurice Avery holds the record with 13 receptions against UAB in 2003.

### TIGERS RECOVER THREE FUMBLES

Senior linebackers Quinton McCrary and Jake Kasser accounted for three fumble recoveries in the loss to Ole Miss. Kasser had two recoveries to his credit, both of which were in the third quarter. Kasser picked up the fumble that was forced by Tyler Griffin on the opening kickoff and then just minutes later recovered another fumble on Ole Miss' first drive of the third quarter when Mike Wallace was jolted by Greg Jackson. Kasser's two recoveries ranks in a tie for second all-time in the Tiger record book.

### BLOCKED PUNT LEADS TO TD

Punter Brent Sutherland was blocked on his first attempt in the second quarter and Ole Miss returned the ball for a TD. It was the first time that Memphis had been blocked on a punt since the Louisville game in 2003. The last time that a Tiger opponent returned a blocked punt for a touchdown was in 2002 -- also against Louisville.

### REBELS TURN PICK INTO 99-YARD TD

Martin Hankins was picked off for the second interception of the Ole Miss game at the 1-yard line in the second quarter by Dustin Mouzon who returned the ball 99 yards for a touchdown. It ties the longest return (INT or fumble) for a TD against Memphis at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium, which was set by Izell McGill (Mississippi St.) off a 99-yard fumble return in 1996. The most recent longest interception return for an opponent was by Tennessee (Art Reynolds) in 1972, which was a 96-yard return.

### MALOUF SNEAKS IN FOR SIX

Freshman Matt Malouf lined up at quarterback and rushed four yards for his first career touchdown with just over 10 minutes left in the fourth quarter against Ole Miss. Malouf is a redshirt freshman from Oxford, Miss. He also booted a punt to the 8-yard line in his collegiate debut.

### TIGERS SET RECORD FOR PLAYS

The Tigers ran a record-setting 96 plays against Ole Miss in the season opener. It surpasses the previous record which was 92 plays set against Murray State in 1985, and marks only the fourth time in school history Memphis has run 90 or more plays.

**Memphis closed out the regular season with a U of M and Conference USA record 108 plays in the triple OT win over SMU.**

### MAKE IT THREE IN A ROW FOR BLOCKED FGS

In the final two games of the 2006 season, the Tigers blocked field goal attempts against Houston (returned for a TD) and UTEP. Memphis upped the streak to three games when Greg Terrell was credited with the block of Joshua Shene's 28-yard attempt in the fourth quarter against Ole Miss.

### HANKINS ON DAVEY O'BRIEN LIST

Senior Martin Hankins was one of four quarterbacks in Conference USA to earn recognition on the preseason watch list for the 2007

Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award, presented annually to the nation's best college signal caller. In his first season as the Tigers' starting quarterback after transferring from Southeastern Louisiana, Hankins completed 59.9 percent of his passes for 2,550 yards and 18 touchdowns. He threw for over 200 yards in seven games and finished fifth in C-USA in passing average. Hankins tossed multiple touchdowns on five occasions and completed 33 passes that produced a gain of 20 yards or more.

In the 2007 season opener against Ole Miss, Hankins set or tied Tiger records in attempts (60) and completions (41), while also turning in a then career-best performance in yardage with 343 yards.

### PEARCE PICKS UP PRESEASON HONOR

Junior offensive lineman Brandon Pearce was selected by league coaches to the 2007 preseason All-Conference USA first team. Earlier this summer, the 6-foot-6, 300-pound offensive lineman was selected to the preseason All-Conference USA Team as noted in Street & Smith's College Football 2007 Yearbook. Pearce is the only returning Tiger to have earned All-C-USA honors last season, not including all-freshman picks.

Pearce has started 32-consecutive career games at right tackle. He has played a key role in Memphis leading C-USA for four straight seasons in sack denial, as the Tigers only gave up 14 in 2006. In addition, Pearce recovered a Tiger fumble against Marshall, and ultimately was named to the All-C-USA third team by league coaches. It was his second career league honor as he earned Conference USA All-Freshman Team recognition in 2005.

### THE OC

The Tiger offense is under new direction as long-time assistant coach Clay Helton assumed the role for the 2007 season. Helton has been a part of the Tiger staff since 2000 and replaced Randy Fichtner who took a job with the Pittsburgh Steelers. A former college signal caller, Helton moved his emphasis from receivers to QBs this season. He was promoted to assistant head coach in February 2004 and has served as the Tigers' recruiting coordinator. Helton comes from a football family as his father, Kim, and his brother, Tyson, are both on staff at UAB.

### THE DC

Coach Tommy West took his time in filling the vacated position of defensive coordinator and joked at the press conference that it took him longer for him to hire a DC than it did to hire the last Pope. Rick Kravitz was hired on February 22, 2007 to take over the Tiger defense. He also guides the safeties as West split the defensive backs between Kravitz and new assistant Derek Jones, who works with the corners. A 22-year coaching veteran, Kravitz worked the last season at N.C. State and had previously spent 10 years as the defensive coordinator at USF.

### MORE NEW FACES FOR UM STAFF

In addition to Rick Kravitz and Derek Jones, West added four other new coaches to his staff. Darin Hinshaw (receivers), James Jo-

seph (running backs), Brent Pry (defensive line) and Garret Chachere (special teams) are all in their first year with the squad. The only three remaining coaches from the 2006 season are Clay Helton (OC) and Rick Mallory (offensive line), who are in their eighth seasons, and Kenny Ingram (linebackers), who is entering his second year with the Tigers.

### MISSISSIPPI PIPELINE

There are 19 Tiger players on the current roster who are from the state of Mississippi. This is remarkable considering that in 2001 when West took over as head coach, there were only three players on the roster that called Mississippi home. The number gradually increased and by 2003 Mississippi was represented by 11 Tigers.

### FOOTBALL TIGERS EARN ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

One hundred and forty-nine University of Memphis student-athletes were named to the Tiger 3.0 Club in July 2007, and football led the way with 27 entries for the spring semester. By the start of the 2007 season, two football Tigers have already earned their bachelor's degrees. Brandon Patterson earned his degree in August, while Andy Smith graduated in December 2006 and is working on a master's degree in geography.

### THREE TIGERS CONTINUE TO LEAD FROM SIDELINES THIS SEASON

There were three Tigers on the sidelines this season who may have been as vocal as any in cheering on their teammates. Rod Smith, who would have been a senior this season, fractured two vertebrae in his neck last season and suffered a football career-ending injury. Smith has remained a visible part of Tiger football and has "not missed a thing" according to coach Tommy West. He has been at every practice and continues to work on regaining strength and mobility.

Two Tigers who are anticipating a return to the field at some point are Antonio McCoy and Stacy Jones. McCoy suffered a devastating knee dislocation against Southern Miss and has had three surgeries to repair the damage. He remains hopeful for a return to the field as he continues rehabilitation this season. Jones is an inspiring example of overcoming adversity. He found out in February 2007 that he had a cancerous tumor in his neck and would have to begin treatment. The cancer diagnosis also carried with it a 20-percent survival rate. He was expected to have to undergo treatment until about January 2008. In May, he had 98 percent of the shrinking tumor removed and continued chemotherapy. In August, he received news that he is cancer-free. A candidate for the FWAA Courage Award this season, Jones is regaining his strength and stamina working out with the strength and conditioning staff. His personal goal is to be back in pads this coming spring.