

# TENNESSEE®

## 2016 FOOTBALL QUICK FACTS

### THE BASICS

**Location (Founded):** Knoxville, Tenn. (1794)

**Conference:** Southeastern

**Enrollment:** 27,845

**Colors:** Orange and White

**Nickname:** Volunteers

**Mascot:** Smokey X

**Band:** Pride of the Southland

**President:** Dr. Joe DiPietro

**Chancellor:** Dr. Jimmy G. Cheek

**Faculty Representative:** Dr. Donald Bruce

**Vice Chancellor/Dir. of Athletics:** Dave Hart

**Athletic Dept. Phone:** 865-974-1220

### FACILITY INFORMATION

**Facility (Opened):** Neyland Stadium (1921)

**Capacity:** 102,455 (Fifth-largest stadium in college football)

**Surface:** Tifway 419 Bermuda Hybrid Grass

**Record at Neyland Stadium:** 454-123-17 (.799)

### HISTORY

**First Year of Football:** 1891

**All-Time Overall Record:** 820-371-53 (.680)

**All-Time SEC Record:** 330-195-19 (.624)

**SEC Championships:** 13 (1998, 1997, 1990, 1989, 1985, 1969, 1967, 1956, 1951, 1946, 1940, 1939, 1938)

**SEC Eastern Division Championships:** 5 (2007, 2004, 2001, 1998, 1997)

**SEC Championship Games:** 5 (2007, 2004, 2001, 1998, 1997)

**National Championships:** 6 (1998, 1967, 1951, 1950, 1940, 1938)

**BCS Titles:** 1 (1998)

### 2016 SCHEDULE

9/1 – Appalachian State at Knoxville, Tenn. (First Meeting)

9/10 – Virginia Tech at Bristol, Tenn. (5-3 UT)

9/17 – Ohio at Knoxville, Tenn. (1-0 UT)

9/24 – Florida\* at Knoxville, Tenn. (26-19 UF)

10/1 – Georgia\* at Athens, Ga. (22-21-2 UT)

10/8 – Texas A&M\* at College Station, Texas (2-0 UT)

10/15 – Alabama\* at Knoxville, Tenn. (53-38-7 Bama)

10/29 – South Carolina\* at Columbia, S.C. (25-7-2 UT)

11/5 – Tennessee Tech (HC) at Knoxville, Tenn. (5-0 UT)

11/12 – Kentucky\* at Knoxville, Tenn. (79-24-9 UT)

11/19 – Missouri\* at Knoxville, Tenn. (3-1 Mizzou)

11/26 – Vanderbilt\* at Nashville, Tenn. (75-29-5 UT)

*\*indicates SEC game*

## **TEAM INFORMATION**

**2015 Overall Record:** 9-4

**Home / Away / Neutral:** 6-2 / 2-2 / 1-0

**SEC Record:** 5-3

**SEC Finish:** t-2nd East

**Home / Away:** 3-1 / 2-2

## **LETTERMEN RETURNING/LOST**

**Offense:** 20/13

**Defense:** 30/7

**Special Teams:** 2/2

**Total:** 52/22

## **STARTERS RETURNING/LOST**

**Offense:** 9/2

**Defense:** 8/3

**Special Teams:** 2/2

**Total:** 19/7

## **RETURNING OFFENSIVE STARTERS**

Joshua Dobbs, QB

Ethan Wolf, TE

Jashon Robertson, LG

Coleman Thomas, C

Dylan Wiesman, RG

Chance Hall, RT

Josh Smith, WR

Josh Malone, WR

Jalen Hurd, RB

## **RETURNING DEFENSIVE STARTERS**

Derek Barnett, DE

Kendal Vickers, DT

Corey Vereen, LE

Jalen Reeves-Maybin, WLB

Darrin Kirkland Jr., MLB

Cameron Sutton, LCB

Malik Foreman, NK

Justin Martin, RCB

## **COACHING STAFF**

**Head Coach:** Butch Jones

**Record at Tennessee:** 21-17

**Career Record:** 71-44 (.617) - Nine Seasons

Steve Stripling (Colorado, '76) - Associate Head Coach/Defensive Line

Mike DeBord (Manchester College, '78) - Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks

Bob Shoop (Yale, '88) - Defensive Coordinator

Willie Martinez (Miami [Fla.], '85) - Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Backs

Robert Gillespie (Florida, '05) – Associate Head Coach/Running Backs/Recruiting Coordinator

Zach Azzanni (Central Michigan, '99) - Wide Receivers/Passing Game Coordinator

Tommy Thigpen (North Carolina, '93) – Linebackers/Defensive Run Game Coordinator

Larry Scott (USF, '00) – Tight Ends/Special Team Coordinator  
Don Mahoney (West Virginia State, '93) - Offensive Line  
Michael Szerszen (Charleston (W. VA.), '01) – Associate Director of Strength and Conditioning

#### **GRADUATE ASSISTANTS / QUALITY CONTROL**

Derek Day (Butler '09) - Defensive Quality Control  
Nick Sheridan (Michigan '10) – Offensive Quality Control  
Stephen Smith (SAGU '06) - Defensive Quality Control  
Ryan West (Tennessee '06) – Special Teams Quality Control  
Walt Wells (Belmont '93) - Offensive Quality Control  
Cameron Clemmons (Western Kentucky '13) – Graduate Assistant – Offense  
Caleb Cox (Kentucky Christian '13) – Graduate Assistant – Offense  
Nathan Ollie (Ball State '14) - Graduate Assistant - Defense  
Jon Shalala (Grand View '15) - Graduate Assistant – Defense

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE / SUPPORT STAFF**

Mike Vollmar (Siena Heights University, '88) - Sr. Associate AD, Football Administration  
Chris Spognardi (Central Michigan, '08) - Director of Football Operations  
Bob Welton (Adrian College [Mich.], '91) - Director of Player Personnel  
Eric Josephs (Wisconsin, '11) – Director of Recruiting  
Ike Brown (Central Michigan '08) – Director of Player Welfare & Development  
Antone Davis (Tennessee, '90) - Vol For Life Coordinator  
Joe Harrington (Tennessee, '90) - Sports Technology Coordinator  
Condredge Holloway (Tennessee, '91) - Assistant AD - Player Relations  
Roger Frazier (Tennessee, '82) - Equipment Manager  
Jason McVeigh (Tennessee, '96) - Director of Sports Medicine  
Dr. Chris Klenck (Purdue '95) - Team Physician  
Patrick Abernathy - Coordinator of High School Relations  
Robb Duncanson – Assistant Director of Sports Medicine  
Merci Falaise – Recruiting Assistant  
Kenzie Franklin – Director of On-Campus Recruiting  
Kendal Hennigan – Administrative Assistant  
Marquis Johnson – Assistant Strength Coach  
Jenna Kennedy – Assistant Athletic Trainer  
Jonathan King – Director of Graphic Design and Branding  
Jacob Kirkendall – Associate Director of Football Operations  
Mitch Meadows – Assistant Strength Coach  
Kim Milligan - Administrative Assistant  
Brandon Myles (West Virginia '06) - Assistant Strength Coach  
Max Parrott (Tennessee '84) - Assistant Equipment Manager  
Brad Roll – Assistant Strength Coach  
Angela Schwinge – Administrative Assistant  
Allen Sitzler (Tennessee '00) - Assistant Equipment Manager  
Ashley Smith – Executive Assistant to Head Coach/FB Administration  
Marshall Steward – Associate Director Thornton Center  
Vinny Tufaro – Assistant Athletic Trainer  
Marc Votteler – Sports Technology Assistant  
Stephanie Horvath – Sports Nutritionist

## **HEAD COACH BUTCH JONES**

**Born:** Jan. 17, 1968

**Wife:** Barb

**Children:** Alex (19), Adam (15), Andrew (9)

**Hometown:** Saugatuck, Mich.

**Alma Mater:** Ferris State, 1990

**Playing Career:** Ferris State, two-year letterman

### *Coaching Career:*

- » 2013-present: Tennessee, head coach
- » 2010-12: Cincinnati, head coach
- » 2007-09: Central Michigan, head coach
- » 2005-06: West Virginia, wide receivers
- » 2004: Central Michigan, running backs
- » 2001-03: Central Michigan, offensive coordinator
- » 2000: Central Michigan, running backs
- » 1999: Central Michigan, wide receivers
- » 1998: Central Michigan, tight ends
- » 1996-97: Ferris State, offensive coordinator
- » 1995: Ferris State, running backs
- » 1993-94: Wilkes University, offensive coordinator
- » 1990-92: Rutgers, graduate assistant
- » 1987-89: Tampa Bay (NFL), intern

### *Coaching Honors:*

Won at least eight games in six of his nine years as a head coach, including three seasons of nine-plus wins in the last four years (2009, 2011, 2012,).

Has won 10 or more games twice, finishing 11-2 at Central Michigan in 2009 and posting a 10-3 record and top-25 final national ranking with Cincinnati in 2011.

Won four conference championships in nine seasons as a head coach, including the Big East title in 2011 and 2012 with Cincinnati and the 2007 and 2009 Mid-American Conference titles at Central Michigan.

Earned Big East Conference Coach of the Year acclaim after his 10-win season with Cincinnati in 2011 and earned the same honor from CBSSports.com in 2012.

Coached the Vols to back-to-back bowl games in 2014 and 2015, winning both. Tennessee hadn't won back-to-back bowl games since 1995 and 1996.

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