

# UT MARTIN SKYHAWKS

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## OFFENSE - LAST 5 YEARS STATS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	TTL	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	TOTAL	RECORD	RET	DEF	TTL	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS
STS	PTS	OFF	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	TURN		STS	PTS	DEF	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%
8*	37.3	406	170	4.8	236	56.9	+1	2008 8-4	8	26.3	343	153	3.8	190	56.5
9*	33.4	431	203	4.9	228	59.8	-2	2007 4-7	4	30.3	386	169	4.2	216	57.2
8	24.8	325	218	5.2	107	50.9	+1	2006 9-3	11	15.7	256	113	3.3	143	47.7
-	27.0	359	193	4.1	166	61.3	+4	2005 6-5	-	29.0	324	158	4.2	166	52.3
7	15.7	287	126	3.3	161	50.4	-9	2004 2-9	9	35.8	399	219	5.0	180	51.5

**OFFENSE** - This is the 3rd straight season that the Skyhawks return their starting QB. The team has improved its ppg each of the previous 2. South Carolina transfer PS#64 1st Tm OVC QB Cade Thompson threw for 1,034 (65.3%) in '07 and 2,680 (57.8%) with a, 24-14 ratio LY which incl games vs USF and Auburn. Look for the best passing numbers yet this season. The rushing numbers were down just a bit in '07 (97, 2.3 comb vs the 2 BCS schools). In '08 they had to replace a 1,000 yd rusher but Brandyn Young (702, 4.9) earned 2nd Tm OVC honors and is back. RFR Jason McNair will make a run at the starters role. Also back is Daryl Bourne (330, 5.2) who led in rushing 3 games LY. In '08 they ret'd both starting WR's and their main 3 rec's. This season they only have 1 of their top 4 rec's back but it is their #1 rec, 1st Tm OVC Mike Hicks (894, 13.5, 12TD's). UTM also worked QB Dexter Anoka at WR in spg. The big loss will be Roren Thomas (790, 18.8) who stretched the field. A newcomer will have to step up and keep Hicks from getting double teamed. The OL ret'd 3 starters in '08 and they did a solid job pass blocking allowing only 14 sacks (4.0%). This year 2 starters are back in LT Rodney Irvin and 2nd Tm OVC RT Joe Gibbs. JUCO Jake Paylor should fill 1 spot and 4 of LY's 2nd stringers return to battle for the remaining 2 holes.

**DEFENSE** - The defense has been a roller coaster allowing 15.7 ppg with 11 starters back in '06 then 30.3 ppg with 4 back in '07. LY 8 ret'd and they allowed 26.3 ppg with 56 coming vs USF. This year the defense must replace 7 starters as only 3 starting LB's and a CB return. LY all 4 DL starters ret'd and this year 6 of their 17 signees were on the DL incl 2 JUCO's. The most

productive backups were Ray Teamer (24 tkl, 3 tfl) and Chris Murray (23 tkl, 2.5 sk). The LB's return the #1, #2 and #6 tacklers incl 2nd Tm OVC Josh Bey (16.5 tfl). MLB Brent Acker (9 tfl) returns as well as Jamar Lawrence. The secondary returns only 2 yr starting CB Markei Guy (46 tkl, 5 pbu). They have a pair of S's in Gerald Guffin and Erick Daniel that comb for 38 tkls LY and also bring in Duke transfer Eddie Morgan who played in 22 games and made 25 tackles in 2Y's there.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - The only returnee here is K Tom Hansen (7-12, long 40). The new punter will try to match LY's 41.3 avg (30.1 tm net) and the returnmen have a challenge trying to match the tm's PR (12.2) and KR (21.6) numbers.

**COACHES** - HC Jason Simpson begins his 4th season. He handled the OC duties himself his 1st 3 years but TY promoted Geep Wade. Asst HC and DC Chris Boone is also in his 4th season here.

**FORECAST** - LY I had projected UTM to win the OVC and they entered the finale tied for 1st with EKV. They got the Colonels at home but had a 45 yd FG blk'd on the final play in a 2 pt loss and finished tied for #2. UTM had a mind boggling 28-9 FD and 501-172 yd edges but was done in by 5 TO's. UTM outgained OVC foes by 77.4 ypg (3rd best). UTM's defense has performed as expected the last 3 years as with exp D's they do well and in exp D's they do not. This year just 4 starters return the same amount as in '07 when they yielded 386 ypg. The offense will be potent with SC transfer Cade Thompson at QB, all of the top RB's back and their top WR returning. UTM is 20-11 in OVC play over 4 years and, despite the inexperience, have a team capable of contending again. They last made the playoffs in 2006.

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Sep. 3	Iowa Wesleyan
Sep. 12	at Missouri St
Sep. 19	at Memphis
Sep. 26	SE Missouri St
Oct. 3	at Jacksonville St
Oct. 10	Tenn Tech (HC)
Oct. 17	at E Kentucky
Oct. 24	Murray St
Oct. 31	
Nov. 7	at Tennessee St
Nov. 14	at E Illinois
Nov. 21	Austin Peay

Last 10 FCS Playoff Games			
YEAR	GAME	OPPONENT	SCORE
1988	FR	Butler	23-6
1988	SF	Texas A&I	0-34
2006	FR	Southern Illinois	30-36



RETURNING STARTERS:	
OFFENSE:	5*
DEFENSE:	4

### 2006 RESULTS (9-3)

OPPONENT	SCORE
at Ohio	3-29
Urbana	28-0
Gardner-Webb	35-9
Jacksonville St	24-14
at Austin Peay	20-10
at Tenn Tech	35-16
at Samford	10-6
Eastern Illinois	15-9
at SE Missouri St	28-14
E Kentucky	28-31
Murray State	42-14
at Southern Illinois	30-36

### 2007 RESULTS (4-7)

OPPONENT	SCORE
at Southern Miss	13-35
Missouri St	44-51
at Central Arkansas	34-48
at Austin Peay	14-17
Tennessee Tech	10-13
at Jacksonville St	24-27
Samford	31-21
at Eastern Illinois	23-29
SE Missouri St	55-20
Murray St	76-34
at Tennessee St	43-38

### 2008 RESULTS (8-4)

OPPONENT	SCORE
at USF	7-56
Baker	56-0
Concordia	87-21
at Austin Peay	31-17
at Murray St	63-38
Tennessee St (OT)	27-30
Eastern Illinois	29-26
at Tennessee Tech	35-7
Jacksonville St	31-30
at Auburn	20-37
at SE Missouri St	31-21
Eastern Kentucky	31-33

## 2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Brandyn Young	143	744	42	702	12	4.9	Josh Bey	88	3	13.5	1	1
Miguel Barnes	102	504	26	478	4	4.7	Brent Acker	83	1.5	7.5	2	0
Roren Thomas	21	383	20	363	3	17.3	Dontrell Miller	78	1	6.5	6	4
Daryl Bourne	63	362	32	330	2	5.2	Dorsett Pendleton	58	1.5	3.5	6	0
Trace McDermott	51	229	3	226	3	4.4	Ray Williams	56	5	3	0	0
Dexter Anoka	12	45	16	29	1	2.4	Jamar Lawrence	51	2	0.5	0	0
Cade Thompson	21	7	119	-112	0	-5.3	Markei Guy	46	1	1.5	5	0
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	Dante Harrold	40	0	3.5	4	1
Cade Thompson	329	190	57.8	2680	24	14	Roscoe Bratton	39	3	2.5	1	0
Dexter Anoka	24	11	45.8	151	1	0	Jerrold Grace	36	4	4.5	1	0
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	Anthony Ivy	33	0	1	6	0	
Mike Hicks	66	894	13.5	12	40	Nate Wilson	33	1	4.5	1	0	
Roren Thomas	42	790	18.8	7	82	Sione Fale'ofa	25	0.5	0.5	0	0	
Jamaal Akbar	18	201	11.2	1	33	Ray Teamer	24	1	2	0	0	
Linzy Patterson	14	189	13.5	1	33	Chris Murray	23	2.5	3	0	0	
Kenny Jones	6	148	24.7	2	62	Gerald Guffin	21	0	0	0	0	
Brandyn Young	10	147	14.7	0	75	Jonathan Utley	17	1	0.5	0	0	
EJ Daniel	13	136	10.5	2	34	Craig Worthen	17	1.5	0	1	0	
Miguel Barnes	9	69	7.7	0	16	Erick Daniel	17	0	0.5	2	0	
Stephen Shiver	4	64	16.0	0	31	Kyron Malone	17	0	0.5	0	0	
Jeremy Buchanan	5	62	12.4	0	17	PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	In20	Jamaal Akbar	20	278	13.9	1		
Adam Ivey	41	1693	41.3	30.1(t)	11	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		
KICKING	XP	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG	Roren Thomas	26	621	23.9	1		
Tom Hansen	53-57	1-3	0-0	7-12	40	Daryl Bourne	15	352	23.5	0		