# Marshall Thundering Herd

## Thundering Herd Logs

| TM REC | FOE REC | TM CONF | FOE CONF | TM +/- | FOE +/- | AP TM | AP FOE | DATE | FOE | SCORE | W/L | TEAM OFF | TEAM DEF | --PS RANK-- ST | OFF | FOE DEF | FOE ST |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 130 | 122 | | | 8/31 | Miami, OH | 52-14 | W | 16 | 56 | 83 | 119 | 111 | 116 |
| 1-0 | | 0-0 | | 134 | | | | 9/7 | Gardner-Webb | 55-0 | W | 16 | 81 | 83 | | | |
| 2-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 134 | 126 | | | 9/14 | at Ohio | 31-34 | L | 22 | 43 | 50 | 73 | 98 | 98 |
| 2-1 | 2-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 132 | 140 | | | 9/21 | at Virginia Tech | 21-29 | L | 28 | 48 | 103 | 79 | 3 | 15 |
| 2-2 | | 0-0 | | 134 | | | | 9/28 | Bye | | | 26 | 53 | 103 | | | |
| 2-2 | 2-3 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 134 | 122 | | | 10/5 | UTSA | 34-10 | W | 26 | 53 | 94 | 123 | 87 | 92 |
| 3-2 | 2-4 | 1-0 | 1-3 | 135 | 129 | | | 10/12 | at FAU | 24-23 | W | 30 | 46 | 94 | 105 | 55 | 98 |
| 4-2 | | 2-0 | | 135 | | | | 10/19 | Bye | | | 31 | 50 | 81 | | | |
| 4-2 | 3-4 | 2-0 | 1-2 | 135 | 119 | | | 10/24 | at Middle Tenn | 49-51 | L | 32 | 48 | 85 | 99 | 107 | 96 |
| 4-3 | 0-7 | 2-1 | 0-3 | 132 | 103 | | | 11/2 | Southern Miss | 61-13 | W | 37 | 69 | 81 | 120 | 112 | 59 |
| 5-3 | 2-6 | 3-1 | 1-3 | 135 | 115 | | | 11/9 | UAB | 56-14 | W | 31 | 71 | 81 | 94 | 121 | 11 |
| 6-3 | 2-7 | 4-1 | 1-4 | 138 | 117 | | | 11/14 | at Tulsa | 45-34 | W | 23 | 70 | 114 | 92 | 95 | 67 |
| 7-3 | 1-9 | 5-1 | 1-5 | 137 | 100 | | | 11/23 | at FIU | 48-10 | W | 21 | 72 | 114 | 126 | 115 | 62 |
| 8-3 | 9-2 | 6-1 | 6-1 | 137 | 142 | | | 11/29 | E Carolina | 59-28 | W | 20 | 74 | 111 | 47 | 56 | 102 |
| 9-3 | 9-3 | 7-1 | 7-1 | 137 | 132 | | | 12/7 | at Rice | | | 16 | 70 | 112 | 84 | 60 | 27 |

| | OVERALL: | OVERALL: |
|---|---|---|
| | 9-3 | 9-3 |
| | CONF: | CONF: |
| | 7-1 | 7-1 |

**NCAA RANKINGS**

**2013 CURRENT RANKINGS**

| Marshall | | Rice |
|---|---|---|
| #21 | Rush Off | #17 |
| #22 | Pass Off | #105 |
| #10 | Total Off | #63 |
| #6 | Score Off | #59 |
| #55 | Sks Allowed | #104 |
| #46 | Rush Def | #59 |
| #21 | Pass Def | #12 |
| #31 | Total Def | #19 |
| #26 | Score Def | #35 |
| #10 | Sks By | #34 |
| #35 | Ypg Diff | #108 |
| +3 | Total TO's | +6 |

| Score | | Net Yds | Net FD | Net TO's | Offense FD | Offense RA-RY | Offense YPC | Comp Att | Yds Pass | Yds Sks | Defense FD | Defense RA-RY | Defense YPC | Comp Att | Yds Pass | Yds Sks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Miami, OH | 52-14 | 352 | 25 | 0 | 34 | 57-304 | 5.3 | 24-37 | 287 | 1 | 9 | 34-74 | 2.2 | 10-23 | 165 | 1 |
| Gardner-Webb | 55-0 | 325 | 12 | 5 | 26 | 39-224 | 5.7 | 22-35 | 285 | 2 | 14 | 44-67 | 1.5 | 9-20 | 117 | 6 |
| at Ohio | 31-34 | 147 | 9 | -4 | 28 | 34-116 | 3.4 | 30-45 | 366 | 2 | 19 | 36-60 | 1.7 | 26-39 | 275 | 2 |
| at Virginia Tech | 21-29 | -21 | -1 | -1 | 22 | 46-133 | 2.9 | 19-41 | 228 | 4 | 23 | 53-201 | 3.8 | 18-34 | 181 | 2 |
| Bye | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| UTSA | 34-10 | 150 | 7 | 2 | 23 | 49-125 | 2.6 | 22-32 | 279 | 5 | 16 | 29-97 | 3.3 | 14-34 | 157 | 3 |
| at FAU | 24-23 | -40 | -6 | 0 | 18 | 34-139 | 4.1 | 18-35 | 216 | 1 | 24 | 47-208 | 4.4 | 16-29 | 187 | 1 |
| Bye | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| at Middle Tenn | 49-51 | -137 | -4 | 0 | 27 | 52-213 | 4.1 | 19-35 | 235 | 1 | 31 | 60-308 | 5.1 | 22-40 | 277 | 0 |
| Southern Miss | 61-13 | 239 | 10 | 0 | 29 | 27-304 | 11.3 | 28-37 | 332 | 0 | 19 | 33-74 | 2.2 | 24-48 | 323 | 4 |
| UAB | 56-14 | 193 | 3 | 2 | 25 | 32-381 | 11.9 | 14-20 | 276 | 0 | 22 | 56-288 | 5.1 | 10-17 | 176 | 1 |
| at Tulsa | 45-34 | 274 | 12 | -3 | 32 | 45-163 | 3.6 | 33-58 | 456 | 3 | 20 | 44-184 | 4.2 | 13-39 | 161 | 1 |
| at FIU | 48-10 | 296 | 10 | 1 | 25 | 31-270 | 8.7 | 17-34 | 288 | 1 | 15 | 45-95 | 2.1 | 15-29 | 167 | 7 |
| E Carolina | 59-28 | 99 | 6 | 1 | 28 | 53-267 | 5.0 | 17-28 | 272 | 2 | 22 | 29-149 | 5.1 | 29-52 | 291 | 1 |
| at Rice | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Average | 45-22 | 156.4 | 6.9 | 0.3 | 26 | 42-220 | 5.3 | 60.2% | 293 | 5.0% | 20 | 43-150 | 3.5 | 51.0% | 206 | 7.2% |
| Conference | 47-23 | 134.3 | 4.8 | 0.4 | 26 | 40-233 | 5.8 | 60.2% | 294 | 4.7% | 21 | 43-175 | 4.1 | 49.7% | 217 | 6.3% |
| Away | 36-30 | 86.5 | 3.3 | -1.2 | 25 | 40-172 | 4.3 | 54.8% | 298 | 4.8% | 22 | 48-176 | 3.7 | 52.4% | 208 | 6.2% |

| By Game Yardage Leaders | Passing | Rushing | Receiving |
|---|---|---|---|
| Miami, OH | Rakeem Cato 22-34-253-5-0 | Steward Butler 17-107-6.3-0 | Devon Smith 3-75-25.0-1 |
| Gardner-Webb | Rakeem Cato 16-28-230-1-1 | Steward Butler 9-151-16.8-2 | Tommy Shuler 5-85-17.0-1 |
| at Ohio | Rakeem Cato 30-45-366-1-2 | Kevin Grooms 15-35-2.3-1 | Tommy Shuler 9-95-10.6-0 |
| at Virginia Tech | Rakeem Cato 19-41-228-2-2 | Essray Taliaferro 26-105-4.0-0 | Tommy Shuler 10-120-12.0-0 |
| Bye | | | |
| UTSA | Rakeem Cato 22-32-279-2-0 | Essray Taliaferro 14-58-4.1-1 | Devon Smith 4-69-17.3-0 |
| at FAU | Rakeem Cato 18-34-216-1-1 | Rakeem Cato 7-45-6.4-0 | Gator Hoskins 2-50-25.0-1 |
| Bye | | | |
| at Middle Tenn | Rakeem Cato 19-35-235-3-1 | Essray Taliaferro 24-134-5.6-2 | Gator Hoskins 7-88-12.6-1 |
| Southern Miss | Rakeem Cato 21-28-262-5-0 | Kevin Grooms 8-109-13.6-1 | Davonte Allen 3-83-27.7-2 |
| UAB | Rakeem Cato 14-20-276-3-0 | Steward Butler 7-139-19.9-1 | Tommy Shuler 6-100-16.7-1 |
| at Tulsa | Rakeem Cato 33-58-456-5-1 | Steward Butler 10-75-7.5-0 | Devon Smith 7-114-16.3-1 |
| at FIU | Rakeem Cato 15-31-241-4-0 | Blake Frohnapfel 4-78-19.5-1 | Gator Hoskins 6-137-22.8-3 |
| E Carolina | Rakeem Cato 17-28-272-2-1 | Essray Taliaferro 26-161-6.2-0 | Tommy Shuler 9-147-16.3-0 |
| at Rice | | | |
| **Marshall Season Leaders** | Rakeem Cato 246-414-3314-34-9 | Essray Taliaferro 185-1006-5.4-9 | Tommy Shuler 89-1019-11.4-9 |
| | Blake Frohnapfel 17-22-206-3-1 | Steward Butler 83-751-9.0-7 | Gator Hoskins 38-618-16.3-13 |
| | | Kevin Grooms 91-503-5.5-6 | Devon Smith 31-575-18.5-3 |

## Last Five Years Meetings (Last 16 years at PhilSteele.com)

| 2012 | Rank | Line | Score | FD | Rush | Att-Comp-Yds | TO's |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| vs Marshall | 0 | -3 | 54 | 31 | 50-334 | 39-28-259 | |
| Rice | 0 | 70.5 | 51 | 35 | 50-301 | 43-23-346 | 0 |
| **2011** | **Rank** | **Line** | **Score** | **FD** | **Rush** | **Att-Comp-Yds** | **TO's** |
| AT Marshall | 0 | -5 | 24 | 19 | 43-217 | 27-14-111 | |
| Rice | 0 | 51.5 | 20 | 20 | 41-194 | 21-12-167 | -1 |
| **2010** | **Rank** | **Line** | **Score** | **FD** | **Rush** | **Att-Comp-Yds** | **TO's** |
| **2009** | **Rank** | **Line** | **Score** | **FD** | **Rush** | **Att-Comp-Yds** | **TO's** |
| **2008** | **Rank** | **Line** | **Score** | **FD** | **Rush** | **Att-Comp-Yds** | **TO's** |
| vs Marshall | 0 | 65 | 10 | 19 | 46-185 | 24-13-83 | |
| Rice | 0 | -9 | 35 | 27 | 35-141 | 41-25-315 | 0 |

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## Projected Box Score

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Projected Rushing** | | |
| 180 | Marshall | Rice 243 |
| **Projected Passing** | | |
| 263 | Marshall | Rice 174 |
| **Projected Yardage Total** | | |
| 443 | Marshall | Rice 417 |
| **Projected Final Score** | | |
| 35 | Marshall | Rice 28 |
| **Experience Rankings** | | |
| 22 | Marshall | Rice 2 |
| **Team Schedule Strength** | | |
| 125 | Marshall | Rice 102 |

## Weekly Leaders & Team Averages

**Marshall Thundering Herd** | **Rice Owls**

**Position by Position Edges**

| Marshall | | Rice |
|---|---|---|
| 0.87 | QB/WR vs DB | |
| 1.32 | RB vs LB | |
| 1.44 | OL vs DL | |
| 0.39 | DL vs OL | |
| 0.07 | LB vs RB | |
| 1.78 | DB vs QB/WR | |
| | ST vs ST | 1.29 |
| | K vs K | 1.27 |
| | Coaching Staff | |
| 5.88 | Total | 2.55 |

**Positional Edge To:**

**Marshall By 3.32**

# Rice Owls

## Owls Logs

| TM REC | FOE REC | TM CONF | FOE CONF | TM +/- | FOE +/- | AP TM | AP FOE | DATE | FOE | SCORE | W/L | TEAM OFF | TEAM DEF | --PS RANK-- ST | OFF | FOE DEF | FOE ST |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 137 | 158 | | 7 | 8/31 | at Texas A&M | 31-52 | L | 73 | 82 | 75 | 3 | 38 | 41 |
| 0-1 | | 0-0 | | 137 | | | | 9/7 | Bye | | | 66 | 73 | 75 | | | |
| 0-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 137 | 123 | | | 9/14 | Kansas | 23-14 | W | 49 | 92 | 77 | 77 | 81 | 88 |
| 1-1 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 136 | 129 | | | 9/21 | † Houston | 26-31 | L | 73 | 44 | 5 | 36 | 77 | 44 |
| 1-2 | 1-3 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 133 | 126 | | | 9/28 | FAU | 18-14 | W | 70 | 60 | 5 | 113 | 82 | 78 |
| 2-2 | 1-3 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 132 | 125 | | | 10/5 | at Tulsa | 30-27 | W | 92 | 58 | 38 | 80 | 91 | 90 |
| 3-2 | 2-4 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 132 | 121 | | | 10/12 | at UTSA | 27-21 | W | 89 | 60 | 38 | 123 | 82 | 92 |
| 4-2 | 0-6 | 3-0 | 0-0 | 132 | 101 | | | 10/19 | at New Mexico St | 38-19 | W | 91 | 61 | 18 | 112 | 124 | 126 |
| 5-2 | 1-5 | 3-0 | 0-3 | 132 | 112 | | | 10/26 | UTEP | 45-7 | W | 86 | 62 | 7 | 97 | 119 | 104 |
| 6-2 | 5-3 | 4-0 | 3-1 | 135 | 134 | | | 11/2 | at North Texas | 16-28 | L | 84 | 64 | 5 | 75 | 58 | 102 |
| 6-3 | | 4-1 | | 134 | | | | 11/9 | Bye | | | 82 | 57 | 5 | | | |
| 6-3 | 4-5 | 4-1 | 3-2 | 134 | 118 | | | 11/16 | LA Tech | 52-14 | W | 86 | 60 | 29 | 103 | 98 | 83 |
| 7-3 | 2-8 | 5-1 | 1-5 | 137 | 109 | | | 11/21 | at UAB | 37-34 | W | 67 | 61 | 29 | 96 | 124 | 42 |
| 8-3 | 7-4 | 6-1 | 5-2 | 133 | 129 | | | 11/30 | Tulane | 17-13 | W | 73 | 64 | 30 | 107 | 53 | 27 |
| 9-3 | 9-3 | 7-1 | 7-1 | 133 | 135 | | | 12/7 | Marshall | | | 84 | 60 | 27 | 16 | 70 | 112 |

| Score | | Net Yds | Net FD | Net TO's | Offense FD | Offense RA-RY | Offense YPC | Comp Att | Yds Pass | Yds Sks | Defense FD | Defense RA-RY | Defense YPC | Comp Att | Yds Pass | Yds Sks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| at Texas A&M | 31-52 | 23 | 3 | -1 | 28 | 51-306 | 6.0 | 21-37 | 203 | 2 | 25 | 39-202 | 5.2 | 20-27 | 284 | 2 |
| Bye | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kansas | 23-14 | 100 | 8 | 0 | 19 | 42-192 | 4.6 | 15-36 | 178 | 3 | 11 | 35-100 | 2.9 | 14-29 | 170 | 3 |
| † Houston | 26-31 | -31 | 4 | -1 | 25 | 45-174 | 3.9 | 22-37 | 289 | 2 | 21 | 37-165 | 4.5 | 18-36 | 329 | 1 |
| FAU | 18-14 | -93 | 2 | 3 | 17 | 51-204 | 4.0 | 7-25 | 69 | 5 | 15 | 28-94 | 3.4 | 22-46 | 272 | 2 |
| at Tulsa | 30-27 | -71 | -5 | 1 | 19 | 48-167 | 3.5 | 13-22 | 177 | 4 | 24 | 53-222 | 4.2 | 16-32 | 193 | 0 |
| at UTSA | 27-21 | -94 | -9 | 1 | 15 | 41-157 | 3.8 | 9-22 | 183 | 1 | 24 | 49-264 | 5.4 | 17-31 | 170 | 0 |
| at New Mexico St | 45-19 | 187 | 16 | 2 | 26 | 67-409 | 6.1 | 9-15 | 106 | 0 | 10 | 36-160 | 4.4 | 8-21 | 168 | 2 |
| UTEP | 45-7 | 160 | 4 | 3 | 21 | 47-265 | 5.6 | 8-20 | 259 | 1 | 17 | 55-248 | 4.5 | 7-12 | 116 | 2 |
| at North Texas | 16-28 | 102 | 7 | -2 | 20 | 42-133 | 3.2 | 18-28 | 222 | 4 | 13 | 43-149 | 3.5 | 7-13 | 104 | 0 |
| Bye | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LA Tech | 52-14 | 255 | 21 | 3 | 35 | 69-415 | 6.0 | 13-23 | 167 | 1 | 14 | 29-146 | 5.0 | 15-30 | 181 | 0 |
| at UAB | 37-34 | 134 | 10 | -2 | 26 | 61-328 | 5.4 | 10-20 | 139 | 3 | 16 | 37-138 | 3.7 | 13-33 | 195 | 4 |
| Tulane | 17-13 | 181 | 15 | -1 | 21 | 55-124 | 2.3 | 14-28 | 180 | 7 | 6 | 21-26 | 1.2 | 14-31 | 97 | 0 |
| Marshall | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Average | 31-23 | 71.1 | 6.3 | 0.5 | 23 | 52-240 | 4.6 | 50.8% | 181 | 10.5% | 16 | 39-160 | 4.1 | 50.1% | 190 | 4.7% |
| Conference | 30-20 | 71.8 | 5.6 | 0.8 | 22 | 52-224 | 4.3 | 48.9% | 175 | 13.8% | 16 | 39-161 | 4.1 | 48.7% | 166 | 3.5% |
| Home | 30-16 | 95.3 | 9.0 | 1.2 | 23 | 52-229 | 4.4 | 46.7% | 190 | 11.2% | 14 | 34-130 | 3.8 | 48.9% | 194 | 4.3% |

| By Game Yardage Leaders | Passing | Rushing | Receiving |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Texas A&M | Taylor McHargue 18-29-180-2-2 | Charles Ross 19-107-5.6-2 | Jordan Taylor 7-68-9.7-1 |
| Bye | | | |
| Kansas | Taylor McHargue 14-31-168-0-2 | Charles Ross 27-157-5.8-1 | Jordan Taylor 5-72-14.4-0 |
| † Houston | Taylor McHargue 21-36-232-0-1 | Darik Dillard 9-61-6.8-0 | Turner Petersen 5-102-20.4-1 |
| FAU | Taylor McHargue 7-25-69-0-1 | Taylor McHargue 15-71-4.7-0 | Jordan Taylor 3-39-13.0-0 |
| at Tulsa | Taylor McHargue 13-21-177-2-1 | Jowan Davis 10-58-5.8-0 | Turner Petersen 5-78-15.6-1 |
| at UTSA | Taylor McHargue 9-21-183-1-0 | Charles Ross 11-59-5.4-0 | Jordan Taylor 4-61-15.3-0 |
| at New Mexico St | Taylor McHargue 8-14-89-1-0 | Charles Ross 26-167-6.4-1 | Dennis Parks 3-51-17.0-0 |
| UTEP | Taylor McHargue 8-19-259-4-0 | Charles Ross 21-152-7.2-1 | Jordan Taylor 4-185-46.3-3 |
| at North Texas | Taylor McHargue 18-28-222-2-2 | Charles Ross 18-101-5.6-0 | Jordan Taylor 5-71-14.2-1 |
| Bye | | | |
| LA Tech | Taylor McHargue 13-23-167-1-0 | Charles Ross 27-215-8.0-5 | Dennis Parks 3-67-22.3-1 |
| at UAB | Taylor McHargue 10-19-139-2-0 | Jowan Davis 19-130-6.8-1 | Donte Moore 1-41-41.0-0 |
| Tulane | Taylor McHargue 14-28-180-1-0 | Charles Ross 15-80-5.3-0 | Dennis Parks 5-75-15.0-0 |
| Marshall | | | |
| **Rice Season Leaders** | Taylor McHargue 153-294-2065-16-9 | Charles Ross 183-1143-6.2-12 | Jordan Taylor 48-715-14.9-7 |
| | Luke Turner 1-2-57-1-0 | Jowan Davis 88-455-5.2-3 | Dennis Parks 25-433-17.3-3 |
| | Driphus Jackson 5-14-50-0-0 | Taylor McHargue 144-432-3.0-5 | Turner Petersen 26-348-13.4-4 |

| Category | Team | Margin |
|---|---|---|
| Las Vegas Line | Marshall by 4.5 | |
| Las Vegas Total | 58 Points | |
| +/- Ratings | Marshall by 5.5 | |
| Game Grade | Marshall by 2.88 | |
| Computer Yards | Marshall 443-417 | |
| Computer Points | Marshall 36-28 | |
| Phil Steele | Marshall by 10 | |

**Phil's Forecast:**

Both tms were picked to finish 2nd in their divisions by the media (I had Marshall 1st) but make their very 1st CUSA Champ gm appearances here. Marshall goes on the road here as despite having actual Top 25 votes in both the Coach's and Harris polls, the computers favored the Owls and they finished higher in the BCS. LW Marshall dominated what I thought was the 2nd best team in CUSA this year in E Carolina 59-28. LW, Rice dominated statistically w/21-6 FD and 304-123 yd edges but I won a Best Bet on Tulane. Rice is +10 ppg and +72 ypg in CUSA play but Marshall counters w/more impressive +24 ppg and +134 ypg marks. Herd "Thunder" to their 1st ever CUSA Championship and are a best bet!

**BEST BET**

**MARSHALL 37 RICE 27**