

OVC 2026 Preseason All Conference Teams

OFFENSE

	1st TEAM	2nd TEAM	3rd TEAM
QB	Cason Carswell, Western Illinois, Soph.	Cole Pennington, Gardner-Webb, Sr.	Daylin Lee, Tennessee State, Sr.
RB	Carson Gresock, Gardner-Webb, Sr.	Hakeem Watters, Charleston Southern, Soph.	Ihson Jackson-Anderson, Western Illinois, Sr.
RB	Steve Hall, Lindenwood, Jr.	Charles Kellom, Eastern Illinois, Sr.	Tyson Greenwade, Charleston Southern, Jr.
WR	Jalen Smith, Lindenwood, Jr.	Phaizon Wilson, UT Martin, Sr.	Jalile Bost, Gardner-Webb, Jr.
WR	Christian Anaya, Western Illinois, Sr.	Quay Kindell, Charleston Southern, Jr.	Landers Green, Eastern Illinois, Sr.
WR	Mekhi Campbell, Charleston Southern, Sr.	Jobe Bryant, Southeast Missouri, Soph.	Cam Bullock, Tennessee State, Soph.
TE	Alex Ginnever, Eastern Illinois, Sr.	David Hargro, Western Illinois, Sr.	Collin Carroll, Gardner-Webb, Jr.
OL	Rahfeeq Katumbusi, Eastern Illinois, Soph.	Justin Joe, Charleston Southern, Soph.	Travis Gray, UT Martin, Sr.
OL	James Durand, Western Illinois, Jr.	Eli Freeman, Lindenwood, Jr.	Josiah Lancaster, Charleston Southern, Sr.
OL	Ethan Hunt, Charleston Southern, Sr.	Breon Brown, Tennessee State, Soph.	Jabari Edwards, Gardner-Webb, Sr.
OL	Will Fitzpatrick, Gardner-Webb, Jr.	Rashad Turner, Southeast Missouri, Sr.	Nate Compere, Lindenwood, Jr.
OL	Drew Swingle, Lindenwood, Soph.	Tony Failla, Lindenwood, Sr.	Sam Reynolds, Southeast Missouri, Jr.

DEFENSE

	1st TEAM	2nd TEAM	3rd TEAM
DL	McCoy Casey, Southeast Missouri, Sr.	Ashtin Rustemeyer, Lindenwood, Sr.	Andrew Zook, Lindenwood, Jr.
DL	Mylan Bowen, Charleston Southern, Jr.	Trey Weems, Gardner-Webb, Sr.	CJ Landrum, Charleston Southern, Jr.
DL	Trevon Piggee, Eastern Illinois, Jr.	Aidan Archibald, Eastern Illinois, Soph.	Jason Hertz, Charleston Southern, Jr.
DL	Bryce Gray, Tennessee State, Soph.	AJ Mebane, Gardner-Webb, Jr.	Keshawn Harrington-McKinney, Western Illinois, Jr.
LB	Steve Zayachkowsky, Charleston Southern, Sr.	Justin Buckner, Western Illinois, Soph.	Tre Yanez, Gardner-Webb, Jr.
LB	Ja'Wuan Nickson, Eastern Illinois, Sr.	Sammy Taylor, Tennessee State, Jr.	Jamarcus Smith, UT Martin, Jr.
LB	Jacob Waller, Lindenwood, Sr.	Cole Dutkovich, Gardner-Webb, Sr.	Nick Reinicke, Western Illinois, Jr.
LB	Cahari Haynes, Gardner-Webb, Jr.	L.J. Minner Jr., Southeast Missouri, Sr.	Taivon Snipe, Charleston Southern, Jr.
DB	Josiah Harris, Gardner-Webb, Sr.	Saipeti Maiava, Eastern Illinois, Jr.	Kendrick Clark, Charleston Southern, Sr.
DB	Champ Brantley, Charleston Southern, Sr.	Adrian Patterson, Southeast Missouri, Sr.	Jamarion Ravenell, Gardner-Webb, Jr.
DB	Anthony Paulk, Charleston Southern, Soph.	Syncere Safeeullah, Tennessee State, Jr.	Trey Cotton, UT Martin, Soph.
DB	Don Paul Keith, Western Illinois, Soph.	Carter Johnson, Lindenwood, Soph.	Chandler Perry, Charleston Southern, Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

	1st TEAM	2nd TEAM	3rd TEAM
K	Justin Keller, Southeast Missouri, Sr.	Drew Schiller, Eastern Illinois, Soph.	Will Graham, Lindenwood, Jr.
P	Luke Droegemueller, Western Illinois, Sr.	Max Zuluaga, UT Martin, Soph.	Davion Moore, Tennessee State, Sr.
KR	CJ Bennett, Lindenwood, Soph.	Quay Kindell, Charleston Southern, Jr.	Jaden Jones, Tennessee State, Fr.
PR	CJ Bennett, Lindenwood, Soph.	Jobe Bryant, Southeast Missouri, Soph.	Deuce Oliver, UT Martin, Soph.
AP	Anthony Taylor, Tennessee State, Soph.	Quay Kindell, Charleston Southern, Jr.	Chris Franklin, UT Martin, Jr.
LS	Hayden King, UT Martin, Jr.	Ben Bergfeld, Western Illinois, Sr.	Ross Rambo, Charleston Southern, Soph.

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