

**MIDDLE TENNESSEE BLUE RAIDERS DEPTH CHART****OFFENSE**

QB	18 NICK VATTIATO	6-1	185	Fr.
	12 Mike DiLiello	6-1	207	r-So.
RB	32 MARTELL PETTAWAY	5-9	196	Sr.
	36 Frank Peasant	5-10	215	Fr.
LT	64 JACQUI GRAHAM	6-5	290	r-So.
	77 Eric Magwood	6-4	300	r-Sr.
LG	74 STEVEN LOSOYA	6-4	290	r-Fr.
	65 Marcus Greer	6-1	298	r-So.
C	62 JORDAN PALMER	6-0	290	Jr.
	65 Marcus Greer	6-1	298	r-So.
RG	77 ERIC MAGWOOD	6-4	300	r-Sr.
	78 Dorian Hinton	6-4	317	r-Fr.
RT	53 LANCE ROBINSON	6-3	284	Fr.
	77 Eric Magwood	6-4	300	r-Sr.
TE	6 JIMMY MARSHALL	6-5	234	Sr.
	21 Will Gilchrist	6-2	239	r-Sr.
WR-X	81 CJ WINDHAM	6-2	212	r-Sr.
	2 Izaiah Gathings	6-4	225	Jr.
WR-Y	9 JARRIN PIERCE	5-11	190	r-Sr.
	89 Yusuf Ali	5-9	171	r-Jr.
WR-Z	83 JAYLIN LANE	5-8	174	Fr.
	7 DJ England-Chisolm	5-7	150	So.

DEFENSE

LE	40 RICHARD KINLEY	6-2	220	r-Fr.
	94 Ralph Mency	6-2	244	Fr.
LT	57 MARLEY COOK	6-1	284	r-Fr.
	99 Jordan Branch	6-0	283	r-So.
RT	96 ZAYLIN WOOD	6-1	268	r-Fr.
	88 Ja'Kerrius Wyatt	6-3	270	r-Jr.
RE	91 JORDAN FERGUSON	6-2	255	r-Jr.
	49 Jorden Starling	6-4	215	r-So.
WLB	20 DQ THOMAS	6-2	216	Sr.
	41 Raquon Hartley	6-1	188	r-Fr.
MLB	4 JONATHAN BUTLER	6-0	231	Jr.
	46 Andrew Leak	5-10	203	r-Fr.
SLB	42 CODY SMITH	6-2	220	r-Jr.
	35 Jalen Davis	6-1	195	r-Fr.
LC	19 TELDRICK ROSS	5-10	189	r-So.
	23 Jalen Jackson	6-2	171	r-Fr.
SS	1 GREG GRATE	5-11	186	Jr.
	29 Marcus LaFrance	6-2	188	r-Fr.
FS	12 REED BLANKENSHIP	6-1	200	Sr.
	17 Tra Fluellen	6-2	207	So.
RC	3 QUINCY RILEY	6-0	181	r-Fr.
	33 Decorian Patterson	6-0	191	r-So.

SPECIAL TEAMS

P	13 KYLE ULBRICH	6-0	185	r-Jr.
	38 Miles Tillman	5-11	185	Fr.
PK	7 ZEKE RANKIN	5-8	170	Fr.
	48 Alex Ustry	5-10	185	r-Jr.
KO	24 SCOTT PAYNE	5-11	196	r-Fr.
	7 Zeke Rankin	5-8	170	Fr.
LS	69 BRODY BUTLER	5-11	196	r-Fr.
	68 Carson Garrison	6-0	195	r-Fr.
H	13 KYLE ULBRICH	6-0	185	r-Jr.
	24 Scott Payne	5-11	196	r-Fr.
KR	83 JAYLIN LANE	5-8	174	Fr.
	7 DJ England-Chisolm	5-7	150	So.
PR	83 JAYLIN LANE	5-8	174	Fr.
	12 Reed Blankenship	6-1	200	Sr.

**2021 MIDDLE TENNESSEE (6-6, 4-4 C-USA)**

SEPTEMBER		
4	MONMOUTH	W, 50-15
11	at Virginia Tech	L, 14-35
18	at UTSA*	L, 13-27
24	at Charlotte*	L, 39-42
OCTOBER		
2	MARSHALL*	W, 34-28
9	at Liberty	L, 13-41
22	at UConn	W, 44-13
30	SOUTHERN MISS*	W, 35-10
NOVEMBER		
6	at WKU*	L, 21-48
13	FIU*	W, 50-10
20	OLD DOMINION*	L, 17-24
27	at Florida Atlantic*	W, 27-17
DECEMBER		
17	vs. Toledo (Bahamas Bowl)	
* - C-USA games; home games in CAPS		

2021 TOLEDO (7-5, 5-3 MAC)

SEPTEMBER		
4	NORFOLK STATE	W, 49-10
11	at Notre Dame	L, 29-32
18	COLORADO STATE	L, 6-22
25	at Ball State*	W, 22-12
OCTOBER		
2	at UMass	W, 45-7
9	NORTHERN ILLINOIS*	L, 20-22
16	at Central Michigan*	L, 23-26 (OT)
23	WESTERN MICHIGAN*	W, 34-15
NOVEMBER		
2	EASTERN MICHIGAN*	L, 49-52
10	at Bowling Green*	W, 49-17
16	at Ohio*	W, 35-23
27	AKRON*	W, 49-15
DECEMBER		
17	vs. Middle Tennessee (Bahamas Bowl)	
* - MAC games; home games in CAPS		

MIDDLE TENNESSEE (6-6, 4-4 C-USA) vs. TOLEDO (7-5, 5-3 MAC)

Friday, Dec. 17, 2021 • 12:00 p.m. (ET) • ESPN • Nassau, Bahamas • Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium

Site.....	Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium
Capacity.....	15,000
Surface.....	Celebration Bermudagrass
TV.....	ESPN/ESPN Deportes
Radio.....	Bowl Season Radio
Facebook.....	BahamasBowl
Twitter.....	@TheBahamasBowl
Hashtag.....	#BahamasBowl
Series Record.....	First Meeting



Nickname..... Blue Raiders
 2021 Record..... 6-6 (4-4 C-USA)
 Head Coach..... Rick Stockstill
 Record at MTSU (Yrs.)..... 100-98 (16)



Nickname..... Rockets
 2018 Record..... 7-5 (5-3 MAC)
 Head Coach..... Jason Candle
 Record at Toledo (Yrs.)..... 45-26 (6)

THE SERIES

» The 2021 Bahamas Bowl will be the first meeting between the Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders and the Toledo Rockets. The all-time Bahamas Bowl series between Conference USA and the MAC is tied 3-3.

THE COACHES

» **RICK STOCKSTILL** is in his 16th season as a collegiate head coach, all at Middle Tennessee (100-98 overall record). The 2021 Bahamas Bowl is the Blue Raiders' 13th bowl appearance overall, and this is Middle Tennessee's second appearance in the Bahamas Bowl (2015). Stockstill spent 23 years as a college assistant at Bethune-Cookman, UCF, Clemson, East Carolina and South Carolina. He was a three-year letterman (1979-81) at Florida State as a quarterback, where he was team captain and earned Honorable Mention All-America honors in 1981.

» **JASON CANDLE** is in his sixth full season as a college head coach, all at Toledo (45-26 overall record). The 2021 Bahamas Bowl is the Rockets' 19th bowl appearance overall, and this is the second Bahamas Bowl appearance for Toledo (2018). Candle was an assistant coach at Mount Union (2002-08) and Toledo (2009-15). He played wide receiver at Geneva College (1998-99) and Mount Union (2000-01). Candle was an All-Ohio Athletic Conference first-team selection at wide receiver in 2001 for Mount Union, and he was a key member of the Purple Raiders' 2000 and 2001 national championship teams.

TEAM STATISTICAL COMPARISON

Middle Tennessee (6-6, 4-4 C-USA)					Toledo (7-5, 5-3 MAC)					2021 NCAA TEAM RANKS (thru Dec. 4)							
TEAM STATISTICS	MTSU	OPP	TOL	OPP	Category	MTSU	TOL	Category	MTSU	TOL							
Points/Game	29.8	25.8	34.2	21.0	Total <i>Offense</i>	99	38	Rushing Offense	106	33							
First Downs	232	241	250	230	Passing Offense	65	57	Passing Efficiency	72	46							
Rushing/Game	120.8	128.2	192.9	150.8	Scoring Offense	54	25	Total <i>Defense</i>	54	t-33							
Passing/Game	235.3	238.6	241.3	191.8	Rushing Defense	t-32	66	Rushing Defense	t-32	66							
Total Offense/Game	356.2	366.8	434.3	342.6	Passing Yards Allowed	84	17	Passing Efficiency Def.	27	20							
Fumbles-Lost	19-8	20-15	10-4	12-6	Scoring Defense	64	t-27	Turnover Margin	6	t-24							
Pen./Yds per Game	79/58.3	70/47.0	118/88.0	75/57.3	3rd Down Conversion %	126	90	3rd Down Conversion %	126	90							
Time of Possession	29:56	30:04	28:06	31:46	4th Down Conversion %	t-88	112	4th Down Conversion %	t-88	112							
INDIVIDUAL LEADERS					INDIVIDUAL LEADERS												
RUSHING	Att	Net	Avg	TD	YPG	RUSHING	Att	Net	Avg	TD	YPG						
Pettaway	74	359	5.8	3	35.9	Koback	190	1274	6.7	15	106.2						
Peasant	64	240	3.8	2	21.8	Finn	99	422	4.3	8	35.2						
PASSING					C-A-I	Yds	TD	YPG	PASSING			C-A-I	Yds	TD	YPG		
Vattiato	92-136-6	777	5	155.4	Finn	126-211-1	1855	16	154.6	Red Zone Offense		78	t-37				
RECEIVING					Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG	Red Zone Defense		t-99	t-46				
Marshall	45	510	11.3	6	42.5	Marshall	45	510	11.3	6	42.5	Net Punting		62	59		
Pierce	39	409	10.5	5	34.1	Pierce	39	409	10.5	5	34.1	Punt Returns		4	21		
DEFENSE					U-A-TT	TFL	Int.	PBU	DEFENSE					U-A-TT	TFL	Int.	PBU
Blankenship	71-35-106	10.0	1	9	Jones	27-64-91	9.0	0	3	Kickoff Returns		65	114				
Grate	55-29-84	1.0	3	4	Hook	33-55-88	2.5	0	8	First Downs Offense		t-95	t-73				
										First Downs Defense		t-55	t-40				
										Fewest Penalties Per Game		85	130				
										Time of Possession		64	108				

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GAME OFFICIALS (American Athletic Conference)

Referee.....	Nate Black	Line Judge.....	Alex Amaya	Alternate.....	DJ Hynes
Umpire.....	Joe Pennucci	Field Judge.....	Matt Hill	Replay Official.....	Thomas Considine
Center Judge.....	Steve Anderson	Side Judge.....	Eric Hartman	Replay Communicator.....	Jack Winter
Head Linesman.....	Jeff Pruitt	Back Judge.....	Frederick Dimpfel	Instant Replay Technician.....	Sarah Ryckman (DVSport)

