



2008

COACHING STAFF

IN-GAME ON FIELD

Gary Pinkel _____ Head Coach
 Cornell Ford _____ Cornerbacks
 Andy Hill _____ Wide Receivers
 Dave Steckel _____ Linebackers
 Brian Jones _____ Tailbacks
 Bruce Walker _____ Tight Ends/Asst. Off. Line

IN THE COACHES' BOOTH

Dave Christensen ___ Asst. HC/Off. Coord./Off. Line
 Matt Eberflus ___ Assoc. HC/Def. Coord./Safeties
 Craig Kuligowski _____ Defensive Line
 David Yost ___ Quarterbacks/Recruiting Coord.

MIZZOU FOOTBALL

TIGER NEWS & NOTES

#19/17 Missouri Tigers (9-3, 5-3) vs. #4/2 Oklahoma Sooners (11-1, 7-1)

Dec. 6, 2008 – Arrowhead Stadium – Kansas City, Mo.

2008 DR. PEPPER BIG 12 CHAMPIONSHIP

KICKOFF: 7:10 p.m. (central time).

STADIUM: Arrowhead Stadium (77,038 – Natural Grass). Mizzou is 2-1 there alltime, winning games vs. Arkansas State (2005) and Kansas (2007), and losing last week against Kansas.

RADIO: Tiger Network. Mike Kelly (play-by-play), John Kadlec (color), Chris Gervino (sidelines), Mark Mills (engineer). Carried on over 50 stations across the Midwest, and on the Internet at mutigers.com. The MU broadcast will also be on Sirius Satellite Radio (channel 127) and on XM Satellite Radio (channel 103).

TV: ABC Sports. Brent Musberger (play-by-play), Kirk Herbstreit (color), Lisa Salters (sidelines), Bill Bonnell (producer), Derek Mobley (director).

RANKINGS (AP/USA/BCS): MU – #19/#17/#20; OU – #4/#2/#2.

SERIES: OU leads, 65-23-5, and has won 6 straight in the series, and 18 of the last 19 meetings dating back to 1984, and 30-of-33 dating back to 1970.

COACHES:

Mizzou: Gary Pinkel (Kent, '75), 58-40 at MU (8th year) and 131-77-3 overall (18th year). Pinkel is 0-5 versus OU and Bob Stoops.

Oklahoma: Bob Stoops (Iowa, '83), 108-23 at OU and overall (10th year). Stoops is 6-0 versus MU and 5-0 versus Gary Pinkel.

2008 TIGER SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Date	MU Rank	Opponent (Rank)	TV	Time/Result	Series	Quick Fact(s)
Aug. 30	6/7	vs. Illinois (20/19)	ESPN	W, 52-42	MU, 15-7	Maclin 99-yd. KOR TD sparked Tigers; Weatherspoon w/2 INTs
Sept. 6	6/7	SE Missouri State	PPV	W, 52-3	MU, 2-0	Daniel 16-of-17 for 245 yds., 3 TDs in just 1 1/2 quarters
Sept. 13	6/6	Nevada	FSN	W, 69-17	MU, 1-0	Off. onslaught included 651 yds., incl. MU-record 519 passing
Sept. 20	5/5	Buffalo	—	W, 42-21	MU, 1-0	Tigers outgained UB by 590-to-286 margin in total offense
Oct. 4	4/3	at Nebraska (RV/RV)	ESPN	W, 52-17	NU, 63-36-3	Washington gets 3 TDs & 139 rush yds. as Tigers roll
Oct. 11	3/2	Oklahoma St. (17/17)	ESPN-2	L, 28-23	MU, 28-21-0	Tigers' late rally falls short in tightly-contested ballgame
Oct. 18	11/12	at Texas (1/1)	ABC	L, 56-31	UT, 16-5	Tigers can't recover from 35-0 1st-half deficit in Austin
Oct. 25	16/16	Colorado (HC)	FSN	W, 58-0	MU, 40-31-3	Largest Conf. shutout win ever by Mizzou
Nov. 1	14/14	at Baylor	—	W, 31-28	MU, 10-2	4th-Q heroics by Wolfert (34 FG) & Christopher (INT) net win
Nov. 8	13/13	Kansas State	FSN	W, 41-24	MU, 58-31-5	Defense stifles KSU until reserves allow 2 late TDs
Nov. 15	12/11	at Iowa State	FSN	W, 52-20	MU, 58-34-9	Tigers clinch Big 12 North; Maclin w/240 all-purpose yards
Nov. 29	12/11	vs. Kansas	FSN	L, 40-37	Tied, 54-54-9	KU scores with :27 seconds left to win barnburner in KC
Dec. 6	19/17	Oklahoma (4/2)	ABC	7 p.m.	OU, 65-23-5	Tigers will play in 2nd-straight Big 12 title game vs. Oklahoma

TIGER PLAYER QUICK FACTS/NOTES

PROBABLE OFFENSIVE STARTERS

NOTE – No wagering, please – we're just guessing here

Pos.	No.	Tiger (Letters)	Ht.	Wt.	Year	Hometown	Note(s)
QB	10	Chase Daniel***	6-0	225	Sr.	Southlake, Texas	Has a 29-10 record as starting QB at Mizzou
TB	24	Derrick Washington*	5-11	225	So.	Raymore, Mo.	19 total TDs is tied for MU season record w/Brad Smith
H-WR	9	Jeremy Maclin*	6-1	200	So.	Kirkwood, Mo.	Biletnikoff finalist has MU season record 88 receptions
X-WR	4	Jared Perry**	6-1	180	Jr.	La Marque, Texas	37 catches, 526 yds. (14.2 avg.), 4 TDs in 2008
Z-WR	84	Tommy Saunders***	6-0	210	Sr.	Kearney, Mo.	Ranks No. 7 on MU career receptions list (136)
TE	45	Chase Coffman***	6-6	255	Sr.	Peculiar, Mo.	Most prolific pass-catching TE (236 rec.) in NCAA history
LT	72	Elvis Fisher	6-5	300	RSFr.	Saint Petersburg, Fla.	Redshirt FR has started all 12 games at left tackle
LG	76	Ryan Madison**	6-5	305	Sr.	Bethany, Mo.	34 career starts is most among Tiger offensive linemen
C	62	Tim Barnes	6-4	305	So.	Marshall, Mo.	1st-year starter has been a key to MU's line play
RG	78	Kurtis Gregory**	6-5	305	Jr.	Blackburn, Mo.	2007 HM All-Big 12 RG has started 26 straight games
RT	61	Colin Brown**	6-8	330	Sr.	Braymer, Mo.	2007 HM All-Big 12 RT has started 26 straight games

KEY OFFENSIVE RESERVES

TB	1	Jimmy Jackson***	5-9	200	Sr.	Caruthersville, Mo.	Had 2 rushing TDs in North clincher at Iowa State
WR	7	Earl Goldsmith***	5-9	200	Sr.	Denton, Texas	Former TB had 3 4th-Q catches vs. OSU for 26 yds.
TB	26	De'Vion Moore	5-9	200	RSFr.	St. Louis, Mo.	Had a 55-yd. TD run vs. Colo.
WR	29	Jerrell Jackson	6-1	190	Fr.	Houston, Texas	True freshman led MU w/6 catches, 70 yds. vs. SEMO
WR	81	Danario Alexander**	6-5	210	Jr.	Marlin, Texas	Has 20 catches, with 4 going for TDs in 10 games
TE	87	Andrew Jones	6-5	245	Fr.	Smithville, Mo.	Had career-best 7 catches, 61 yds. at Iowa State

PROBABLE DEFENSIVE STARTERS

Pos.	No.	Tiger (Letters)	Ht.	Wt.	Year	Hometown	Note(s)
DE	48	Tommy Chavis**	6-2	265	Sr.	Orange, Texas	Had 5 tackles & 1 TFL vs. Kansas State
NOSE	96	Jaron Baston**	6-1	305	Jr.	Blue Springs, Mo.	Grabbed 1st career INT on huge play vs. Kansas
DT	94	Ziggy Hood***	6-4	300	Sr.	Amarillo, Texas	51 tackles, 6.0 TFLs, 4.0 QB sacks, 2 rec. fumbles
DE	38	Stryker Sulak***	6-5	250	Sr.	Rockdale, Texas	20.5 career QB sacks ranks 3rd on MU chart
WLB	12	Sean Weatherspoon**	6-2	245	Jr.	Jasper, Texas	2nd in Big 12 in TFLs (1.33) and in tackles (10.50)
MLB	34	Brock Christopher***	6-2	240	Sr.	Kearney, Mo.	Had game-clinching 4th-Q INT at Baylor to seal win
SLB	33	Luke Lambert*	6-3	235	So.	Brookfield, Mo.	Had 8 tackles vs. Colo., incl. 1.5 TFLs, 1.0 QB sack
SS	8	Justin Garrett*	6-2	210	Sr.	Baton Rouge, La.	Team's 4th-leading tackler thru 12 games (75)
FS	1	William Moore***	6-1	230	Sr.	Hayti, Mo.	Had 10 tackles, 2.5 TFLs and 1 PBU vs. Kansas
CB	19	Carl Gettis*	5-11	200	So.	O'Fallon, Mo.	Nabbed 1st INT of season at ISU to thwart Cyclone TD
CB	11	Tru Vaughns*	5-9	180	Sr.	Patterson, La.	Leads MU in tackles on kickoff coverage (12)

KEY DEFENSIVE RESERVES

S	4	Hardy Ricks**	6-0	200	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo.	Led MU w/9 tackles, incl. 1 TFL, at #1 Texas
FS	13	Kenji Jackson	5-10	195	Fr.	Mansfield, Texas	Started vs. KU and had career-high 12 tackles & 1 INT
FS	15	Del Howard**	5-11	200	Jr.	Dallas, Texas	Has started 4 games in 2008; Had 4 tackles vs. Nev.
DE	53	Jacques Smith	6-4	240	Fr.	Dallas, Texas	Got 1st career start vs. Colo.; had 6 stops vs. Buffs

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	No.	Tiger (Letters)	Ht.	Wt.	Year	Hometown	Note(s)
KR/PR	9	Jeremy Maclin*	6-1	200	So.	Kirkwood, Mo.	Leads NCAA in all-purpose yards per game (205.50)
P	36	Jake Harry	6-1	195	Jr.	Cardiff-by-the-Sea, Calif.	Punted as many times at Iowa State as a dead man (0)
H	84	Tommy Saunders***	6-0	210	Sr.	Kearney, Mo.	Primary placeholder threw TD pass to Coffman vs. Nev.
TE	86	Beau Brinkley	6-4	230	Fr.	Kearney, Mo.	Walk-on won long snapping job in fall camp
PK	99	Jeff Wolfert**	6-2	195	Sr.	Overland Park, Kan.	On pace to set NCAA career accuracy mark



MISSOURI FOOTBALL DEPTH CHART

(As of Dec. 1st, 2008)



OFFENSE

- LT** 72 Elvis Fisher – 6-5, 300, RSFr.
68 Dain Wise – 6-5, 305, Jr., 1L
- LG** 76 Ryan Madison – 6-5, 305, Sr., 2L
71 Jayson Palmgren – 6-2, 305, RSFr.
- C** 62 Tim Barnes – 6-4, 305, So.
67 J.T. Beasley – 6-4, 295, RSFr.
- RG** 78 Kurtis Gregory – 6-5, 305, Jr., 2L
66 Austin Wuebbels – 6-4, 300, RSFr.
- RT** 61 Colin Brown – 6-8, 330, Sr., 2L
77 Dan Hoch – 6-7, 315, Fr.
- TE** 45 Chase Coffman – 6-6, 255, Sr., 3L
87 Andrew Jones – 6-5, 245, Fr.
82 Michael Egnew – 6-6, 215, Fr.
43 Jon Gissingner – 6-3, 250, Jr., 2L
- QB** 10 Chase Daniel – 6-0, 225, Sr., 3L
14 Chase Patton – 6-5, 225, Sr.
- TB** 24 Derrick Washington – 5-11, 225, So., 1L
1 Jimmy Jackson – 5-9, 200, Sr., 3L
26 De’Vion Moore – 5-9, 200, RSFr.
- X** 4 Jared Perry – 6-1, 180, Jr., 2L –OR–
81 Danario Alexander – 6-5, 210, Jr., 2L
8 Wes Kemp – 6-4, 225, Fr.
- H** 9 Jeremy Maclin – 6-1, 200, So., 1L
29 Jerrell Jackson – 6-1, 190, Fr.
- Z** 84 Tommy Saunders – 6-0, 210, Sr., 3L
7 Earl Goldsmith – 5-9, 200, Sr., 3L

DEFENSE

- DE** 48 Tommy Chavis – 6-2, 265, Sr., 2L
53 Jacquies Smith – 6-4, 240, Fr.
- T** 94 Ziggy Hood – 6-4, 300, Sr., 3L
93 Terrell Resonno – 6-6, 295, RSFr.
92 Andy Maples – 6-4, 305, Jr.
- NT** 96 Jaron Baston – 6-1, 305, Jr., 2L
90 Dominique Hamilton – 6-6, 290, RSFr.
98 Bart Coslet – 6-5, 260, So.
- DE** 38 Stryker Sulak – 6-5, 250, Sr., 3L
2 Brian Coulter – 6-4, 250, Jr.
95 Chris Earnhardt – 6-5, 255, RSFr.
- W** 12 Sean Weatherspoon – 6-2, 245, Jr., 2L
6 Andrew Gachkar – 6-3, 230, So., 1L
- M** 34 Brock Christopher – 6-2, 240, Sr., 3L
32 Will Ebner – 6-1, 230, Fr.
- S** 33 Luke Lambert – 6-3, 235, So., 1L
5 Van Alexander – 6-1, 240, Sr., 3L
35 Jeff Gettys – 6-3, 235, So., 1L
- CB** 11 Tru Vaughns – 5-9, 180, Sr., 1L
31 Trey Hobson – 5-11, 190, RSFr.
- CB** 19 Carl Gettis – 5-11, 200, So., 1L
20 Kevin Rutland – 6-0, 195, So., 1L
- 8 Justin Garrett – 6-2, 210, Sr., 1L
- SS** 13 Kenji Jackson – 5-10, 195, Fr.
15 Del Howard – 5-11, 200, Jr., 2L
- FS** 1 William Moore – 6-1, 230, Sr., 3L
4 Hardy Ricks – 6-0, 200, Jr., 2L

SPECIALISTS

- P** 36 Jake Harry – 6-1, 195, Jr.
99 Jeff Wolfert – 6-2, 195, Sr., 2L
- PK** 99 Jeff Wolfert – 6-2, 195, Sr., 2L
91 Tanner Mills – 6-2, 200, Jr.
- H** 84 Tommy Saunders – 6-0, 210, Sr., 3L
88 Forrest Shock – 6-1, 210, So.
- DS** 86 Beau Brinkley – 6-4, 230, Fr.
34 Brock Christopher – 6-2, 245, Sr., 3L
- KR** 9 Jeremy Maclin – 6-1, 200, So., 1L
11 Tru Vaughns – 5-9, 180, Sr., 1L
- PR** 9 Jeremy Maclin – 6-1, 200, So., 1L
4 Jared Perry – 6-1, 180, Jr., 2L

MIZZOU FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

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MEDIA SCHEDULE

AVAILABILITY OVERVIEW

Head Coach Gary Pinkel

- Monday, 10:40-10:50 a.m. (Big 12 call)
- Monday, 3:00-3:30 p.m. (MU media day)
- Tuesday, 10:00-11:00 a.m. (Phone calls)
- Tuesday, Post-Practice
- Wednesday, 9:30-10:30 a.m. (Phone calls)
- Postgame on Saturday

Tiger Assistant Coaches

- Monday, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- Postgame on Saturday

Tiger Players

- Monday, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- Postgame on Saturday

SUNDAYS

•Media player/coach interview requests for Monday media day must be submitted to Chad Moller (by phone/fax/e-mail) by NO LATER than 12 p.m.

MONDAYS

- Updated MU game notes and stats are generally available by 12 p.m. To be included on the e-mail list (PDF version), please e-mail Chad Moller at the above address.
- Coach Gary Pinkel is available on the weekly Big 12 Conference Call, from 10:40 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. Call 706/679-2026 to participate.
- A press briefing is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. with Coach Gary Pinkel in the Onofrio Meeting Room at the football complex located on the southwest corner of the Stadium Boulevard and Providence Road intersection. Requested players and assistant coaches will be available in the lobby area outside of the football offices following Coach Pinkel's briefing, from 3:30-5 p.m.

TUESDAYS/WEDNESDAYS

•Coach Gary Pinkel is available for telephone interviews, by appointment, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. (Tues.) & 10:00-11:00 a.m. (Weds.) Appointments must be made in advance through Chad Moller the day prior.

IT'S LIKE DEJA VU, ALL OVER AGAIN

It's a case of deja vu, double-style, this Saturday, as the 19th-ranked Missouri Tigers (9-3 overall, 5-3 in Big 12 play) take on the 4th-ranked Oklahoma Sooners (11-1, 7-1) in the Dr. Pepper Big 12 Championship Game, set for 7 p.m. in Kansas City's Arrowhead Stadium.

The Tigers will be playing in Arrowhead for the second-straight week, following their heart-breaking 40-37 loss there last Saturday to rival Kansas. Fortunately for Mizzou, that game was played only for pride, as the Tigers had already wrapped up the Big 12 North title, their second consecutive such title.

The other deja vu factor for this week concerns the opponent. Saturday will mark the second-straight year that the Tigers and Sooners will meet for the Big 12 Championship, and Mizzou is hoping to erase the memory of a 38-17 loss to the Sooners in last year's title game, played in San Antonio, Texas.

Oklahoma comes into the game playing arguably as well as any team in the country. The Sooners' high-powered offense has averaged 63.5 points per game in their last four games, numbers that a lot of basketball teams would be proud of.

Mizzou will be looking to dethrone the Sooners, who are the two-time defending Big 12 Champions, having won the last two Big 12 title games, with the other being a 21-7 win over Nebraska in Arrowhead Stadium in 2006. OU has won five of the previous 12 Big 12 title games, claiming wins in 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006 and 2007. They have also appeared in one other Big 12 title game, losing in Arrowhead to Kansas State in 2003, 35-7.

MIZZOU'S CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

While division championships might not be the biggest achievement known to mankind, the North Division title claimed by Mizzou in 2008 is no small feat, as it is only the 14th conference or division championship the team has won in its 118-year history.

Also, it represents the first time since 1941-42 that MU has won or shared a conference or division title in football. That's when the Tigers won the Big Six Conference in back-to-back years, very similar to the current six-team division championship.

Here's a quick look...

MIZZOU FOOTBALL CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

Year	Conference	Conference	Overall	Coach
1909	Missouri Valley	4-0-1	7-0-1	William Roper
1913	Missouri Valley	4-0-0	7-1-0	Chester Brewer
1919	Missouri Valley	4-0-1	5-1-2	John Miller
1924	Missouri Valley	5-1-0	7-2-0	Gwinn Henry
1925	Missouri Valley	5-1-0	6-1-1	Gwinn Henry
1927	Missouri Valley	5-1-0	7-2-0	Gwinn Henry
1939	Big Six	5-0-0	8-2-0	Don Faurot
1941	Big Six	5-0-0	8-2-0	Don Faurot
1942	Big Six	4-0-1	8-3-1	Don Faurot
1945	Big Six	5-0-0	6-4-0	Chauncey Simpson
1960	Big Eight	7-0-0	11-0-0	Dan Devine
1969	Big Eight &	6-1-0	9-2-0	Dan Devine
2007	Big 12 North	7-1-0	12-2-0	Gary Pinkel
2008	Big 12 North	5-3-0	9-3-0	Gary Pinkel

&—Shared title

TALE OF THE TAPE (NCAA Ranking in Brackets)

MIZZOU	OKLAHOMA
509.42 [6th] ___ Total Offense ___	556.67 [3rd]
165.17 [46th] ___ Rushing Offense ___	202.42 [21st]
28 ___ TDs Rushing ___	39
344.25 [4th] ___ Passing Offense ___	354.25 [3rd]
165.40 [7th] ___ Passing Efficiency ___	184.57 [2nd]
36 ___ TDs Passing ___	47
45.00 [4th] ___ Scoring Offense ___	53.33 [1st]
396.50 [91st] ___ Total Defense ___	359.50 [66th]
119.42 [24th] ___ Rushing Defense ___	109.83 [18th]
13 ___ TDs Allowed Rushing ___	18
277.08 [116th] ___ Passing Defense ___	249.67 [98th]
131.42 [80th] ___ Pass Effic. Defense ___	115.62 [38th]
24 ___ TDs Allowed Passing ___	17
24.67 [58th] ___ Scoring Defense ___	24.83 [60th]
+0.08 [55th] ___ Turnover Margin ___	+1.67 [2nd]
11/7 ___ Fumbles/Lost ___	13/2
13 ___ Interceptions Thrown ___	7
13 ___ Interceptions Gained ___	15
21.93 [44th] ___ Kickoff Return Avg. ___	25.09 [7th]
9.48 [50th] ___ Punt Return Avg. ___	8.63 [66th]
37.00 [25th] ___ Net Punting Avg. ___	34.00 [77th]
2.33 [42nd] ___ Sacks By ___	3.25 [3rd]
1.08 [T-12th] ___ Sacks Allowed ___	0.92 [T-5th]
26:15 [117th] ___ Avg. Time of Poss. ___	29:44 [72nd]
53.5% [5th] ___ 3rd Down Conv. ___	49.4% [11th]
36.4% [97th] ___ 4th Down Conv. ___	55.0% [39th]

MIZZOU FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

TIGERS 3RD IN MOST WINS IN NATION OVER LAST TWO SEASONS

With a school-record 12 wins in 2007, and 9 wins to this point in 2008, MU's two-year win total of 21 is tied for 3rd-most in the nation during that time period. Here's a look at the leaders...

MOST WINS, 2007-08

Wins	School	2007	2008
22	Boise State	10	12
22	Oklahoma	11	11
21	Mizzou	12	9
21	Brigham Young	11	10
21	Ohio State	11	10
21	Utah	9	12
21	USC	11	10
21	Texas	10	11
20	Georgia, Penn State, Boston College, Cincinnati, Florida, Texas Tech, Tulsa		

Additionally, MU's three-year win total of 29 wins (MU won 8 games in 2006) ranks as tied for 10th-best in the NCAA during the 2006-08 stretch. Boise State leads from 2006-08 with 35, with Florida, Oklahoma and Ohio State next at 33...

DID YOU KNOW?

This Tiger team has some pretty historically significant players on its team, and not just from a program standpoint, we're talking from an NCAA perspective...

- Senior TE Chase Coffman is the most prolific pass-catching TE in NCAA Division I-A (FBS) history, with his 236 career receptions. The 2 games he missed in November due to his turf toe injury will likely keep him from reaching the alltime TE receiving yardage record of 2,830 by Louisville's Ibn Green (1996-99). Coffman has 2,544 career yards entering the OU game...

- Senior PK Jeff Wolfert is only two games away from finishing as the most accurate kicker in NCAA history for combined FGs/PATs. He's made an astounding 235-of-246 (95.5%) combined kicks in 2006, 2007 and 2008. Those numbers break out to 56-of-67 (83.6%) on FGs and a perfect 179-of-179 on PATs. The NCAA record for combined kick accuracy is 93.3% by UCLA's John Lee (1982-85)...

- Senior QB Chase Daniel ranks 8th alltime on the NCAA Division I-A (FBS) career chart in total offense (12,988 yards), and is also 9th in career TD passes (96) and is 11th in career passing yards (12,060), despite being a starter for only three seasons...

- Oh, by the way, the Tigers also boast the NCAA's #1 all-purpose man in 2008 in sophomore WR/PR/KR Jeremy Maclin, who leads the country with a per-game average of 205.50 yards. Maclin had the most prolific freshman all-purpose yardage season in NCAA Division I-A history in 2007, with 2,776 yards...

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

While the campaign/election season is over (Praise God!), we do want to take a moment to stump again on behalf of a couple of Tigers who are finalists for major individual awards...

- Senior TE Chase Coffman is one of three finalists for the John Mackey Award. All three are Big 12 tight ends, and Coffman's numbers are superior in most every category. Plus, add into the equation that he has missed two games due to a turf toe injury (plus, he was not 100% last week against Kansas when he turned in an heroic 2-TD performance), or his numbers would be even more prolific this year. Lastly, Coffman is a great kid who chose to come back for his senior year to earn his degree, and he's on track to receive it this May in just four years (he played as a true freshman in 2005). Here's a look at the comparison of the Mackey finalists...

Player, School (Year)	GP	Rec.	RPG	Yards	YPG	Avg.	TDs
Chase Coffman, MIZZOU Sr.	10	79	7.90	872	87.2	11.0	9
Jermaine Gresham, OU Jr.	12	50	4.17	806	67.2	16.1	12
Brandon Pettigrew, OSU Sr.	9	36	4.00	421	46.8	11.7	0

- Sophomore WR Jeremy Maclin is one of three finalists for the Biletnikoff Award. Again, all three are Big 12 stud wideouts. While there is no denying that the other two have outstanding numbers, consider how valuable Maclin is to the Tigers, and how much he does for this football team, in terms of all-purpose ability. The Biletnikoff Award goes to the nations' best receiver, but we feel it is warranted to factor in everything that Maclin does, in addition to the fact that his receiving numbers compare very favorably to the other two. Here's a look...

PRO-NUN-SEE-AAY-SHUN GUIDE

PLAYERS

DANARIO Alexander	duh-NAIR-ee-oh
Jaron BASTON	BASS-tun
CASTINE Bridges	cass-TEEN
Tommy CHAVIS	CHAY-vuss
Michael EGNEW	EGG-nu
Andrew GACHKAR	GATCH-car
Brandon GERAU	juh-ROE
Jeff GETTYS	GET-iss
Jon GISSINGER	GISS-injure
Dan HOCH	HOE-k
JERRELL Jackson	juh-RELL
GAHN McGaffie	JOHN
DE'VION Moore	Devin
Gilbert MOYE	MOY
Terrell RESONNO	ruh-ZAWN-owe
Grant RESSEL	WRESTLE
JACQUIES Smith	jah-QWEESE
STRYKER Sulak	s-TRY-kerr
Stryker SULAK	SHOE-lock
TREMANE Vaughns	TRUE
Austin WUEBBELS	WEB-uls

COACHES

Matt EBERFLUS	EEE-bur-floos
Craig KULIGOWSKI	KOOL-ih-gow-skee
David YOST	YOE-st

2008 TEAM CAPTAINS

- #1 William Moore _____ Sr., Safety
- #10 Chase Daniel _____ Sr., Quarterback
- #84 Tommy Saunders _____ Sr., Wide Receiver
- #94 Ziggy Hood _____ Sr., Defensive Lineman



MIZZOU FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

TIGER FACT-OF-THE-GAME

•With MU's offensive prowess gaining most of the attention, it might surprise you to know that Mizzou's defense ranks 2nd in the Big 12 in scoring defense (24.67 ppg).

MU CAREER STARTS

OFFENSE

LINEMEN	'04	'05	'06	'07	'08	Tot.
Madison	RS	0	10	12	12	34
Brown	RS	0	0	14	12	26
Gregory	—	RS	0	14	12	26
Barnes	—	—	RS	0	12	12
Fisher	—	—	—	RS	12	12

RECEIVERS

Saunders	RS	3	13	14	12	42
Maclin	—	—	RS	12	12	24
Coffman	—	1	6	1	10	18
Perry	—	—	2	0	12	14
Alexander	—	—	0	2	1	3
Goldsmith	RS	0	1*	0	0	1
Jones	—	—	—	—	1	1

*-as a Tailback

QUARTERBACKS

Daniel	—	0	13	14	12	39
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TAILBACKS

Washington	—	—	—	0	12	12
Jackson	RS	0	0	2	0	2

DEFENSE

LINEMEN	'04	'05	'06	'07	'08	Tot.
Sulak	RS	7	4	14	12	37
Hood	—	0	7	14	12	33
Chavis	—	—	0	14	10	24
Baston	—	RS	0	0	12	12
Coulter	—	—	—	—	1	1
Smith	—	—	—	—	1	1

LINEBACKERS

Christopher	—	0	11	14	12	37
Weatherspoon	—	—	0	14	12	26
Lambert	—	—	—	1	8	9
Alexander	RS	0	0	8	0	8

SECONDARY

Moore	RS	2	4	14	10	30
Gettis	—	—	—	10	12	22
Garrett	—	—	—	9	12	21
Bridges	—	—	RS	3	12	15
Ricks	—	RS	8	4	0	12
Howard	—	—	0	2	4	6
Jackson	—	—	—	—	2	2
Rutland	—	—	RS	0	1	1

Player, School (Year)	GP	Rec.	RPG	Yards	YPG	Avg.	TDs	All-Purp. Avg.
Jeremy Maclin, MIZZOU So.	12	88	7.33	1,175	97.9	13.4	11	205.50
Michael Crabtree, Texas Tech, So.	12	93	7.75	1,135	94.6	12.2	18	98.83
Dez Bryant, OSU So.	12	74	6.17	1,313	109.4	17.7	18	143.08

We are Mizzou, and we approved this message.

LAST YEAR IN BIG 12 CHAMP.: #9 OKLAHOMA 38, #1 MIZZOU 17

Top-ranked Mizzou's dreams of playing in the BCS title game came to a halt, as the 9th-ranked Oklahoma Sooners continued their mastery of the series, pulling away from a tie game in the second half to post a 38-17 win in the Big 12 Championship game played at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas.

The title was OU's fifth in the last eight years, and the Sooners played like championship-game veterans in the second half as they denied Mizzou its first-ever Big 12 title, holding the Tigers under 30 points for the first time on the season.

Mizzou had plenty of opportunities on the night, but couldn't convert much-needed TDs in the redzone, as it only got 3 FGs and 1 TD out of 4 redzone pushes, while OU converted 6 redzone chances into 5 TDs and 1 FG, for the difference in the game.

The Tigers undoubtedly missed TE Chase Coffman, who missed the game with an ankle injury. Coffman, who was a force in the redzone all year for Mizzou, had 9 redzone TD receptions coming into the game, and had caught 10 passes for 102 yards at Oklahoma during their earlier regular-season matchup in Norman, Okla.

The key sequence in the game came early in the third quarter, with the game tied at 14-apiece. After forcing an Oklahoma punt on the first possession of the half, the Tigers drove from their 7-yardline to a 1st-and-10 at the Sooner 25-yardline, and appeared ready to seize control of the game. But the OU defense responded by sacking QB Chase Daniel twice in the next three plays, pushing MU out of scoring range, and the Tigers were forced to punt.

The Sooners responded by driving 80 yards for the lead touchdown, converting a pair of key third downs along the way, to take a 21-14 lead with 4:04 left in the third on a 4-yard run by Patrick Allen. Things got worse for Mizzou right away, however, as on MU's ensuing possession, a Daniel pass intended for TE Martin Rucker went off Rucker's hands high into the air, and into the waiting hands of OU LB Curtis Lofton, who returned the ball 26 yards to the Tiger 7-yardline. Two plays later, a short TD pass from QB Sam Bradford to TE Jermaine Gresham all of a sudden had the Sooners leading the #1 team by two touchdowns.

Mizzou responded with a drive to get back in the game, but once again got bogged down in the red zone and was held to a field goal to make it 28-17 with 14:51 left in the game. But the Sooners scored the last 10 points of the game, and denied the Tiger offense anything the rest of the way to pull away.

Red zone efficiency was the difference in the game, as OU got there six times and scored five TDs, while the Tigers were held to three FGs in their four trips. PK Jeff Wolfert was his normal accurate self, converting from 28, 18 and 32 yards, but his three-pointers couldn't keep up with the efficient OU offense.

Wolfert's 28-yard FG with 3:19 left in the 1st quarter opened scoring after the teams traded defensive stops early on. Sooner RB Chris Brown had a pair of short TD runs in the 2nd quarter — sandwiched around an 18-yard Wolfert FG after the Tigers got to the OU 1-yardline and failed to punch it in — and Oklahoma held a 14-6 lead late in the 2nd quarter.

Daniel engineered a brilliant 10-play, 84-yard TD drive that he ended on his own with a 4-yard burst through the middle with just 14 seconds left before halftime, and a two-point conversion on a reverse pass from WR Jeremy Maclin to Rucker tied it up.

Oklahoma outgained Mizzou 375-to-317 on the night, and the Sooner defense held the normally potent Tiger offense to just 6-of-15 on 3rd downs. Mizzou had entered the game ranked 2nd in the NCAA in 3rd down conversions (55%).

SENIOR CLASS LOOKS TO EXTEND RECORD WIN TOTAL

Mizzou's class of 23 seniors has a lot left to play for in the 2008 season, but they've already established themselves as arguably the most successful class in MU history.

This class has been a very key group of players and leaders who have helped lead Mizzou to new heights. They have helped MU to 36 wins over the course of the 2005 season through now, and that represents a record for any four-year period of time (see chart below). This class is on pace to join the 1981 senior class as the only other in Tiger history to play in four bowl games in a four-year span (Mizzou played in bowls each year from 1978-81, and has done so each of the last three years, as well).

Here's a look at the most prolific senior classes at Mizzou, in terms of wins (through games of Nov. 29th)...

MIZZOU FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

SENIOR CLASS WINS, 4-YEAR PERIOD

Rank/Class	# Wins	# Bowls
1. 2008	36	3
2. 1963	33	2
3. 2007	32	3
1962	32	3
5. 1981	31	4

MIZZOU-SOONER SERIES HISTORY

The series history between Mizzou and Oklahoma has been decidedly in the favor of the Sooners over the years, but that really shouldn't come as a surprise, what with OU being one of college football's most successful programs of all time.

Oklahoma holds a 65-23-5 edge over the years against the Tigers in the previous 93 matchups. Last year's Big 12 title game was the first time the two schools had met in a neutral site game.

The Tigers will be looking to break a stronghold that OU has held over them of late, as the Sooners come into Saturday's game having won six straight games against Mizzou, with MU's only win since the inception of the Big 12 coming in their first meeting as members of the new league, in 1998 (20-6 in Columbia). Since then, OU has rolled to six straight victories, with only one of them coming by 7 points or less (31-24 win in Columbia in 2002).

Oklahoma has won 18 of the last 19 games in the series, dating back to 1984, and if you take it back to 1970, they've won 30 of the last 33 meetings between the two schools. Since 1946, the series stands in OU's favor by a whopping 49-7-1 margin — that's when the separation really began by the Sooners from the Tigers, as in 1945, a Mizzou 14-6 win over OU evened the series at 16-16-1 at the time.

Since Saturday's game will be closer to Columbia and hopefully more like a home game for the Tigers, MU's record against OU in Columbia over the years has been 32-15-0. The last four meetings in Columbia have been competitive, with OU claiming a 26-10 in 2006, the aforementioned 31-24 win there in 2002 (when OU used a fake field goal to secure their #3 national ranking), MU's last win in the series (a 20-6 Tiger win in 1998) and in 1995, which ended as a 13-9 win by the #23 Sooners.

QUICK HITTERS

- QB Chase Daniel has been named a National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete (and is a winner of an \$18,000 post-graduate scholarship). He is now one of 16 finalists for the Draddy Award, which is known as the "Academic Heisman." Daniel is also an O'Brien Award semi-finalist, a Maxwell Award semi-finalist and a Lowe's Senior CLASS Award finalist. Additionally, he was named one of five finalists for the Manning Award as well as the Unitas Golden Arm Award and the Wuerffel Trophy...

- QB Chase Daniel had 288 passing yards last game against Kansas (he's got 3,880 entering the OU game), giving him 3,000 yards each of the last 3 seasons for MU (no Tiger QB had ever reached 3,000 passing yards prior to Daniel). His 34 TD passes in 2008 (he had 4 vs. Kansas) broke his own MU season record of 33 achieved in 2007, and his season completion percentage of 75.1% and QB rating of 168.51 are far and away ahead of the MU season records of 68.2% (his own in 2007) and 154.3 (Phil Johnson in 1990), respectively...

- Daniel's passing total upped his MU career-record yardage to 12,060. He now stands 11th on the NCAA Div. I-A (FBS) career passing yardage list. Next up on the list is #10 Kliff Kingsbury of Texas Tech (12,429). Daniel is averaging 323.3 passing yards per game in 2008, and if he hits that mark in MU's last two games, he'd end with 12,706 yards, which would vault him to 8th place alltime...

- Daniel stands just 100 yards away from the MU career total offense record of 13,088 established by Brad Smith from 2002-05. Daniel, who has been a starter for only three seasons, has 12,988 career yards coming into the OU game, which ranks him 8th alltime on the NCAA career charts. Smith is next, at #7, and with a productive last two games, Daniel could reach as high as #6, which is Phillip Rivers of North Carolina State, at 13,582 (2000-03)...

SERIES HISTORY

OKLAHOMA (OU Leads, 65-23-5)

Last 20 Games

1983	W, 10-0	at Columbia
1984	L, 49-7	at Norman
1985	L, 51-6	at Columbia
1986	L, 77-0	at Norman
1987	L, 17-13	at Norman
1988	L, 16-7	at Columbia
1989	L, 52-14	at Norman
1990	L, 55-10	at Columbia
1991	L, 56-16	at Norman
1992	L, 51-17	at Norman
1993	L, 42-23	at Columbia
1994	L, 30-13	at Norman
1995	L, 13-9	at Columbia

First Year of Big 12 Conference

1998	W, 20-6	at Columbia
1999	L, 37-0	at Norman
2002	L, 31-24	at Columbia
2003	L, 34-13	at Norman
2006	L, 26-10	at Columbia
2007	L, 41-31	at Norman
2007	L, 38-17	at San Antonio

at Neutral Site: OU leads, 1-0
as part of Big 12 Conf.: OU leads, 6-1

MU IN THE BIG 12/ NCAA RANKINGS

Category	Big 12	NCAA	Stat
Scoring Offense	2nd	4th	45.00
Scoring Defense	2nd	58th	24.67
Rushing Offense	6th	46th	165.17
Rushing Defense	3rd	24th	119.42
Passing Offense	3rd	4th	344.25
Passing Defense	12th	116th	277.08
Pass Eff. Offense	4th	7th	165.40
Pass Eff. Defense	7th	80th	131.42
Total Offense	3rd	6th	509.42
Total Defense	8th	91st	396.50
Kickoff Returns	9th	44th	21.93
Punt Returns	6th	50th	9.48
Net Punting	4th	25th	37.00
Turnover Margin	8th	55th	+0.08

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/G
Derrick Washington	4th	53rd	80.25
All-Purpose	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/G
Jeremy Maclin	1st	1st	205.50
Derrick Washington	12th	94th	100.25
Pass Efficiency	Big 12	NCAA	Effic.
Chase Daniel	4th	7th	168.51
Total Offense	Big 12	NCAA	Yds/G
Chase Daniel	3rd	5th	343.25
Receptions	Big 12	NCAA	Rec/G
Chase Coffman	1st	5th	7.90
Jeremy Maclin	3rd	T-8th	7.33
Receiving Yards	Big 12	NCAA	Rec/G
Jeremy Maclin	3rd	11th	97.92
Chase Coffman	6th	20th	87.20
Interceptions	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.
Sean Weatherspoon	T-9th	n/a	0.25
Punt Returns	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.
Jeremy Maclin	8th	40th	9.89
Kickoff Returns	Big 12	NCAA	Avg.
Jeremy Maclin	7th	35th	25.15
Field Goals	Big 12	NCAA	FG/G
Jeff Wolfert	T-1st	T-22nd	1.42
Scoring	Big 12	NCAA	Pts/G
Jeff Wolfert	2nd	6th	9.83
Derrick Washington	3rd	T-8th	9.50
Sacks	Big 12	NCAA	P/G
Stryker Sulak	4th	T-29th	0.71
Tackles	Big 12	NCAA	P/G
Sean Weatherspoon	2nd	T-9th	10.50
William Moore	9th	T-82nd	7.90
Tackles For Loss	Big 12	NCAA	P/G
Sean Weatherspoon	2nd	T-22nd	1.33
Stryker Sulak	5th	T-56th	1.08

MIZZOU FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS – 2008

NORTH DIVISION

Team	Big 12	Overall
MISSOURI	5-3	9-3
Nebraska	5-3	8-4
Kansas	4-4	7-5
Colorado	2-6	5-7
Kansas State	2-6	5-7
Iowa State	0-8	2-10

SOUTH DIVISION

Team	Big 12	Overall
Texas	7-1	11-1
Oklahoma	7-1	11-1
Texas Tech	7-1	11-1
Oklahoma State	5-3	9-3
Baylor	2-6	4-8
Texas A&M	2-6	4-8

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 6th

Dr. Pepper Big 12 Championship Game
Kansas City, Mo.

●Missouri vs. Oklahoma, 7 p.m. (ABC)

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Thursday, Nov. 27th

●at Texas 49, Texas A&M 9

Friday, Nov. 28th

●at Nebraska 40, Colorado 31

Saturday, Nov. 29th

●at Texas Tech 35, Baylor 28

●Kansas 40, Missouri 37 (at Kansas City)

●Oklahoma 61, at Oklahoma State 41

- – All-American and Mackey Award front-runner TE Chase Coffman was not able to play against Kansas State and Iowa State, due to a sprained toe he suffered Nov. 1st against Baylor. He returned to play sparingly against Kansas last week, and his gutsy performance was a reason why the Tigers came back from a 26-10 3rd-quarter deficit to nearly win the game, as he caught 2 TD passes on the day, and ended with 6 catches for 53 yards in all. He extended his streak of having caught a pass to 41 consecutive games, which is an MU record, breaking the previous mark of 34 by WR Justin Gage (2000-02). Coffman, with 79 receptions so far in 2008, is approaching the MU single-season receptions mark of 84, set just last season by TE Martin Rucker. The NCAA FBS single-season receptions record for a TE prior to this season is within view, too (90 by James Whelan of Kentucky in 1999). James Casey of Rice has already broken that in 2008, with 104 catches, but the 90 by Whelan of Kentucky stands as most by a TE from a BCS school...

- – WR Jeremy Maclin, coming off a 9-catch, 123-yard, 1-TD receiving game against Kansas, pushed his season receiving TD total to 11. That TD gave Maclin the MU single-season record for receiving TDs, breaking the tie he held coming into the game of 10, set by WR Sean Coffey in 2004...

- – Maclin's 2008 12-game all-purpose yardage total of 2,466 entering the Oklahoma game is already the 2nd-most in MU single-season history, trailing only his own record of 2,776 set last year as a freshman...

- – LB Brock Christopher has 315 career tackles entering the Oklahoma game, and he stands 14th on the MU career tackles list. Next up on the chart is Lynn Evans, who had 316 tackles from 1972-74 and ranks 13th. Christopher needs just 8 tackles to crack the top-10...

- – Mizzou did not punt once recently against Iowa State, as it scored on 8 of its 10 possessions, and had the other two ended by turnovers committed deep in Cyclone territory. It was the second time this year MU did not punt (at Nebraska was the other time). Three other games this year (Nevada, Buffalo, at Baylor), MU has punted only once. Consequently, Mizzou ranks 3rd in the NCAA in fewest punts, with 27 (averaging 41.3 per kick). Texas Tech leads the nation in fewest punts (22), while Tulsa is #2, with only 25, followed by #3 MU...

RECORDS WATCH CONTINUES

Several Tigers are closing in on some prominent season and career records in 2008. Here's a quick look:

- – MOST PATS ATTEMPTED & MADE (SEASON) – Jeff Wolfert is 67-of-67 – OLD MARK is 67-of-67 by Wolfert in 2007...

- – MOST RECEIVING YARDS (SEASON) – Jeremy Maclin has 1,175 – OLD MARK is 1,210 by Victor Bailey (1992)...

- – HIGHEST AVERAGE YARDS PER RUSH, SEASON (MIN. 150 ATT.) – Derrick Washington is averaging 6.3 (963 yards, 152 carries) – OLD MARK is 6.6 by Brad Smith in 2003...

- – MOST RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS (SEASON) – Derrick Washington has 17 – OLD MARK is 18 by Brad Smith in 2003...

- – MOST TOTAL TOUCHDOWNS SCORED (SEASON) – Derrick Washington has 19 (17 rushing, 2 receiving) – OLD MARK is 19 by Brad Smith in 2003 (18 rushing, 1 receiving)...

- – MOST QB SACKS (SEASON) – Stryker Sulak has 8.5 – OLD MARK is 11 by Justin Smith in 2000...

- – MOST POINTS SCORED (SEASON) – Jeff Wolfert has 118 – OLD MARK is 130 by Jeff Wolfert in 2007...

- – MOST RECEIVING YARDS (CAREER) – Chase Coffman has 2,544 – OLD MARK is 2,704 by Justin Gage (1999-02)...

TIGERS NET BEST HOME ATTENDANCE SINCE 1980

Mizzou's great fans came out in record numbers in 2008 to Faurot Field/Memorial Stadium, where the Tigers played before sellout crowds of 68,349 for each of the last three games (against Oklahoma State, Colorado and Kansas State). That was the first time in recorded history that MU has had three consecutive sellouts.

The six-game home attendance average of 64,520 was the 5th-highest in MU history, and the most since 1980, when the Tigers averaged 67,602 in 6 games. Here's a quick rundown of the biggest average attendance for Mizzou home seasons...

Mizzou Home Attendance Bests

Rank	Season	Avg. Att. (# Games)
1.	1979	69,867 (6)
2.	1980	67,602 (6)
3.	1978	65,745 (6)
4.	1975	64,595 (5)
5.	2008	64,520 (6)

MIZZOU FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

QUICK-STRIKE OFFENSE

If you like following the Tiger offense, you're best advised not to blink when they're on the field, because Mizzou strikes quickly when it's out there. MU is quickly disproving that winning the time of possession battle is the key to winning football — while Missouri is 5th the nation in total offense (512.27 ypg), they're doing it despite ranking 117th nationally in time of possession (26:15 average through 12 games).

In fact, in a survey of Div. I (FBS) SIDs, Mizzou is 5th in the country in most TD drives of under two minutes in length, with 32 (see accompanying chart).

MU's recent win against Kansas State was an amazing sight, as all 5 of MU's TD drives were consummated in 1:07 or less!! Granted, 3 of the drives were short fields thanks to Tiger special teams and defense, but the other two drives went 84 yards in just 1:07 and 65 yards in 28 seconds. Here's a quick look at the TD drives against K-State...

TD Drives vs. Kansas State

Result	Plays	Yards	TOP	Scoring Play
Touchdown	4	84	1:07	Washington 6 run
Touchdown	1	42	0:09	Maclin 42 reception
Touchdown	2	31	0:25	Maclin 16 reception
Touchdown	2	65	0:28	Maclin 56 run
Touchdown	2	24	0:42	Perry 13 reception

Earlier in the 2008 season, Mizzou had 6 TD drives in this category against Nevada, while turning in 4 against Colorado, and adding 3 each against Iowa State, Nebraska, Buffalo and SEMO, 2 against Illinois and 1 each vs. Oklahoma State, Texas and Baylor. Here's a look at the NCAA leaders in this category:

Most Touchdown Drives Under Two Minutes

Rank	Team	# of TD Drives
1.	Tulsa	42
2.	Oklahoma	34
	Oregon	34
4.	Florida	33
5.	Missouri	32

JUST EIGHT THREE-AND-OUTS SO FAR FOR #1 OFFENSE

Mizzou's #1 offense, through its first 5 games in 2008, did not leave the field once having had to punt after a three-and-out possession, spanning 48 possessions through that stretch. After scoring a FG on their first series in game #6 against Oklahoma State, the streak ended at 49, as OSU forced the first 3-and-out of the season on MU's 2nd possession.

In 127 total possessions with QB Chase Daniel at the helm this season, the #1 offense has scored 75 times, including 60 TDs and 15 FGs. The non-scores have resulted in just 21 punts (only 8 after just three plays), 7 lost fumbles, 13 interceptions, 5 missed FGs, 1 safety and 4 lost on downs. Mizzou did not punt once against Iowa State and also did not punt once earlier in the year at Nebraska.

According to research done by Houston's SID office, MU's 8 3-and-outs is fewest in the nation. Here's a look at the data compiled by Houston...

FEWEST 3-AND-OUT POSSESSIONS, 2008

Rk.	Team	3-and-Out	Games	Avg./Game
1.	Mizzou	8	12	0.67
2.	Texas Tech	10	11	0.91
3.	Tulsa	11	11	1.00
4.	USC	14	10	1.40
5.	Houston	16	11	1.45
6.	Nevada	15	10	1.50

In an amazing two-game stretch spanning the Southeast Missouri State and Nevada games, Daniel led the offense to scores on all 13 possessions in which he took the field (12 TDs and 1 FG). In those two games combined, Daniel had more TD passes (7) than incomplete passes (6). After scoring a TD and a FG on the first two drives of the Buffalo game, that streak was upped to 15 straight scoring drives. It ended on possession #3 of that game, when the drive stalled after 5 plays and a punt.

#1 OFFENSE UNDER CHASE DANIEL

# Drives	# Made		Lost							3 & out-Punts
	Scores	TDs	FGs	Punts	INTs	Fumbles	Downs	FGs		
127	75	60	15	21	13	7	4	5	8	
Pct.	59.1%	47.2%	11.8%	16.5%	10.2%	5.5%	3.1%	3.9%	6.3%	

MU INDIVIDUAL CAREER RECORDS

PASSING YARDAGE

1. Chase Daniel	'05-08	12060
2. Brad Smith	'02-05	8799
3. Jeff Handy	'91-94	6959
4. Phil Bradley	'77-80	5352
5. Marlon Adler	'82-85	5231
6. Kent Kiefer	'89-90	4497
7. Corby Jones	'95-98	3697
8. Phil Johnson	'90-92	3600
9. Steve Pisarkiewicz	'74-76	3413
10. Paul Christman	'38-40	2895

PASSING EFFICIENCY

1. Chase Daniel	'05-08	150.9
2. Kent Kiefer	'89-90	126.8
3. Marlon Adler	'82-85	125.2
4. Terry McMillan	'68-69	121.7
5. Jeff Handy	'91-94	120.2
6. Corby Jones	'95-98	119.6
7. Phil Bradley	'77-80	117.1
8. Phil Klein	'49-50	114.7
9. Brad Smith	'02-05	114.1
10. Pete Woods	'75-77	113.2

TOTAL OFFENSE

1. Brad Smith	'02-05	13088
2. Chase Daniel	'05-08	12988
3. Jeff Handy	'91-94	6640
4. Phil Bradley	'77-80	6459
5. Corby Jones	'95-98	6230
6. Marlon Adler	'82-85	5965
7. Kent Kiefer	'89-90	4169
8. Paul Christman	'38-40	3882
9. Phil Johnson	'90-92	3821
10. Kirk Farmer	'99-02	3346

ALL-PURPOSE YARDAGE

1. Jeremy Maclin	'07-08	5242
2. Brad Smith	'02-05	4419
3. Devin West	'95-98	3824
4. Brock Olivo	'94-97	3475
5. Zack Abron	'00-03	3426
6. Darrell Wallace	'84-87	3303
7. Joe Stewart	'74-77	3256
8. Tony Temple	'04-07	3138
8. James Wilder	'78-80	2769
9. Justin Gage	'99-02	2737

TRACKING

Chase Coffman (TE)	'05-08	2552
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MIZZOU FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

MU INDIVIDUAL CAREER RECORDS

RECEPTIONS

1. Chase Coffman (TE)	'05-08	236
2. Martin Rucker (TE)	'04-07	203
3. Justin Gage	'99-02	200
4. Jeremy Maclin	'07-08	168
5. Kenny Holly	'90-93	151
6. Will Franklin	'04-07	143
7. Tommy Saunders	'05-08	136
8. Victor Bailey	'90-92	128
9. Thomson Omboga	'01-04	127
10. Brian Sallee	'91-94	119

RECEIVING YARDAGE

1. Justin Gage	'99-02	2704
2. Chase Coffman (TE)	'05-08	2544
3. Jeremy Maclin	'07-08	2230
4. Martin Rucker (TE)	'04-07	2175
5. Victor Bailey	'90-92	2144
6. Will Franklin	'04-07	2125
7. Linzy Collins	'89-90	1760
8. Kenny Holly	'90-93	1708
9. Sean Coffey	'02-05	1596
10. Tommy Saunders	'05-08	1495

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Chase Coffman (TE)	'05-08	29
2. Jeremy Maclin	'07-08	20
3. Martin Rucker (TE)	'04-07	18
Justin Gage	'99-02	18
5. Mel Gray	'68-70	14
6. Will Franklin	'04-07	13
Sean Coffey	'02-05	13
8. Victor Bailey	'90-92	12
Dwayne Blakley	'98-01	12
10. Tommy Saunders	'05-08	10
Andy Gibler (TE)	'79-82	10
Henry Marshall	'72, '74-75	10
Kellen Winslow (TE)	'76-78	10

SCORING

1. Jeff Wolfert (PK)	'06-08	347
2. Brad Smith	'02-05	284
3. Zack Abron	'00-03	252
4. Corby Jones	'95-98	228
5. Jeff Jacke (PK)	'88-92	225
6. Bob Steuber	'40-42	222
7. Tom Whelihan (PK)	'84-87	191
8. Brock Olivo	'94-97	188
9. Jeremy Maclin	'07-08	180
10. Chase Coffman (TE)	'05-08	174

COFFMAN IS NCAA'S MOST PROLIFIC PASS-CATCHING TIGHT END IN HISTORY

Mizzou's John Mackey Award finalist TE Chase Coffman continued his All-American caliber play last week against Kansas, as he caught 6 passes for 53 yards and 2 key TDs that helped the Tigers crawl out of a big deficit to nearly win the game. He played less than 100%, as he's still bothered by the lingering effects of a sprained toe (turf toe) injury sustained on Nov. 1st against Baylor. Against the Jayhawks, Coffman caught a 5-yard TD pass in the 2nd quarter to get MU on the scoreboard after a scoreless 1st quarter, and his 6-yard TD with 6:52 in the game gave MU a 30-26 lead — the Tigers' first lead of the day after trailing at one time by a 26-10 count in the 3rd quarter.

In MU's win at Baylor, he caught a game-high 10 passes for 75 yards and 2 beautiful TD grabs that were definitely key plays in MU's 31-28 win in Waco, Texas.

Coffman's two TD grabs, from 3 yards and 13 yards out in the 1st quarter and 4th quarter, respectively, both were of the highlight reel variety, with both coming in the corner of the endzone against tight coverage where he made the catch in traffic, secured the ball and got his feet down. Both plays were reviewed after being ruled as TDs, but both stood after replay confirmed the calls. Coffman actually played much of the 2nd half with a sprained left big toe (turf toe) that was bothering him after the game enough to have X-rays performed (they came back negative). He was unable to play in the last two games, and his status for Saturday's game is unknown as of Monday morning.

Coffman had yet another performance for the record books against Colorado, as he caught 7 passes for 50 yards and 1 TD (a ridiculous one-handed grab in the back of the end zone in the 1st quarter to make it 14-0 Tigers). While his numbers might not be eye-popping from the game, they certainly were historic in nature, as they gave him 220 career receptions, which makes him the NCAA's career record holder for all Div. I-A (FBS) tight ends.

The previous FBS record for catches by a tight end was 217, held by Louisville's Ibn Green (1996-99). Coffman entered the CU game with 213 grabs (already an MU record for all players), and he quickly went to work, tying Green's record by the end of the 1st quarter. The NCAA record-breaker came on a non-descript 4-yard reception from QB Chase Daniel in the 2nd quarter, but it was typical Coffman, as he made the grab in traffic on 3rd-and-1, and pushed the pile ahead for the first down that kept alive a drive that culminated in a TD to make it 28-0 Tigers.

Coffman now has 2,544 career receiving yards, which puts him in range of Green's FBS TE record of 2,830. He also holds MU's record for most receiving TDs (any position), with 29 entering the Oklahoma contest.

Prior to the CU game, Coffman turned in an All-American performance in MU's loss at #1 Texas. The senior from Peculiar, Mo. caught 12 passes for 140 yards and 1 TD, and was seen breaking tackles, hurdling defenders and making difficult catches in traffic all night long. The receptions and yards marked a career high for Coffman, who also made history with his 3rd catch, which gave him the MU career record of 204, surpassing the previous mark of 203 formerly held by TE Martin Rucker (2004-07).

Coffman has 46 catches for 422 yards and 6 TDs in his last 5 outings, including catching 11 passes for 104 yards against Oklahoma State. One of those grabs included a spectacular catch on MU's opening drive where he leaped backwards near the left sideline to snare a ball out of the air with one hand and bring it in for the catch — all while the OSU covering him was being flagged for pass interference. The gain went for 21 yards and extended MU's drive that resulted in a short field goal for a 3-0 lead.

He now has 4 100-yard outings in 10 games in 2008.

Coffman is the NCAA Division I-A (FBS) active career leader for tight ends in both receptions (236) and yards (2,544), and he ranks #6 on the list among all players (see below chart). His career yardage total ranks 20th overall among all active players, and he is the only TE on the top 20 of both lists compiled by the NCAA.

NCAA ACTIVE CAREER RECEPTIONS LEADERS (Through Games of Nov. 29th)

Rank	Player, School (Pos.)	Rec.	Yds.	TDs
1.	Jarrett Dillard, Rice (WR)	284	4,052	59
2.	A.J. Harris, New Mexico State (WR)	269	2,561	16
3.	Jamarko Simmons, Western Michigan (WR)	254	2,927	17
4.	Chris Williams, New Mexico State (WR)	246	3,555	32
	Michael Thomas, Arizona (WR)	246	3,127	22
6.	Chase Coffman, Mizzou (TE)	236	2,544	29

For the 2008 season, Coffman ranks #3 among all tight ends in receptions (73), as well as 2nd in yards per game (91.00), and he is the clear leader among BCS school tight ends. His stats are enough to rank him 4th in the NCAA in receptions among all players, and he also ranks 16th nationally among all players in yardage.

2008 TIGHT END RECEIVING LEADERS (Through Games of Nov. 29th)

Rank	Player, School (Pos.) -- Games	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Yds./Game
2.	James Casey, Rice (TE) — 12	104	1217	11.70	12	101.42
5.	Chase Coffman, Mizzou (TE) — 10	79	872	11.04	9	87.20
14.	Mark Hafner, Houston (TE) — 12	85	892	10.49	11	74.33
20.	Dennis Pitta, BYU (TE) — 12	78	1025	13.14	6	85.42

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55. D.J. Williams, Arkansas (TE) — 12	61	723	11.85	3	60.25
64. Eddie Williams, Idaho (TE) — 11	54	687	12.72	6	62.45
87. Branden Ledbetter, Western Mich. (TE) — 10	44	458	10.41	6	45.80
93. Shawn Nelson, Southern Miss (TE) — 12	51	541	10.61	3	45.08
99. Jermaine Gresham, Oklahoma (TE) — 12	50	806	16.12	12	67.17

Coffman's game log for 2008:

- vs. Illinois — 9 catches, 120 yds., 1 TD
- vs. SEMO — 3-48 (in only 1 1/2 quarters)
- vs. Nevada — 6-127, 1 TD (2 1/2 quarters)
- vs. Buffalo — 10-84, 1 TD
- at Nebraska — 5-71 (3 quarters)
- vs. Oklahoma State — 11-104
- at Texas — 12-140, 1 TD
- vs. Colorado — 7-50, 1 TD (3 quarters)
- at Baylor — 10-75, 2 TDs
- vs. Kansas State — DNP (injured)
- at Iowa State — DNP (injured)
- vs. Kansas — 6-53, 2 TDs

WOLFERT BOOTS GAME-WINNER AT BAYLOR, REMAINS ON PACE FOR NCAA ACCURACY RECORD

Mizzou PK Jeff Wolfert has put up incredible numbers over three seasons of booting the ball, as he's made 235-of-246 (95.5%) combined kicks in 2006, 2007 and 2008. Those numbers break out to 56-of-67 (83.6%) on FGs and a perfect 179-of-179 on PATs (that's 100.0% for any non-math types out there).

In fact, Wolfert is on pace to break an NCAA career record for best accuracy for combined field goals and PATs. Wolfert's combined career mark of 95.5% is currently ahead of the record of 93.3% set by UCLA's John Lee from 1982-85 (116-of-117 PATs, 79-of-92 FGs). The minimum standard to qualify for this record is 50 career field goals.

Additionally, the NCAA record for best perfect PAT mark in a single season is 77-of-77, set in 2004 by Louisville's Art Carmody. Wolfert enters his final two games as a Tiger with a season mark of 67-of-67 in 2008, putting him in range for the NCAA mark.

His accuracy helped play a huge role at Baylor, as he was crucial to MU's 31-28 win in Waco, Texas. Wolfert was perfect on all 4 PAT tries, but was called on for a 34-yard FG try with the game tied at 28-apiece with just over two minutes left. He drilled it, of course, accounting for the final score, as the Tiger defense forced a turnover on the ensuing Baylor possession to end the game.

Wolfert's kick was the first 4th-quarter game-winning FG for a Tiger kicker since 2005, when Adam Crossett booted a 26-yarder in OT to beat Iowa State in Columbia, 27-24.

Wolfert is one of only 10 Division I-A (FBS) kickers to be perfect with a minimum of 100 attempted PATs in a career, and he's 2nd on the list...

NCAA HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF EXTRA POINTS MADE, CAREER (Min. 100 Attempts)

1. Alex Trlica, Texas Tech (2004-07)	233-233
2. Jeff Wolfert, Mizzou (2006-08)	179-179**
3. John Becksvoort, Tennessee (1991-94)	161-161
4. Luke Manget, Georgia Tech (1999-02)	160-160
5. Van Tiffin, Alabama (1983-86)	135-135
6. Damon Duval, Auburn (1999-02)	125-125
7. Kyle Brotzman, Boise State (2007-08)	115-115**
8. Conner Lee, Pittsburgh (2006-08)	109-109**
David Browndyke, LSU (1986-89)	109-109
10. Pete Stoyanovich, Indiana (1985-88)	101-101

**-Active streak

Much more on Wolfert's considerable exploits can be found elsewhere in this release package.

MACLIN BREAKS MIZZOU CAREER ALL-PURPOSE RECORD, LEADS NCAA

Mizzou's Mr. All-Everything WR/KR/PR Jeremy Maclin enters Saturday's game against Oklahoma as the NCAA leader in all-purpose yardage, with a nation-best 205.5 average per game. His last 3 games have been big efforts, as he's averaged 253.0 yards against Kansas State (278), at Iowa State (240) and last time out versus Kansas (241).

Against the Jayhawks, Maclin did most of his damage on offense, as he had 123 receiving yards with 1 TD, on 9 receptions, while adding 32 yards on 3 rushes, while adding 86 yards on kickoff returns (4 tries).

Three games ago against Kansas State, he amassed a season-best 278 all-purpose yards, including 118 yards receiving (8 catches, 2 TDs) and 84 rushing yards (1 TD). It was the 7th-best single-game total in MU history, and gave him 638 all-purpose yards in 2 games against K-State (he set the MU single-game record with 360 at KSU in 2007).

MU INDIVIDUAL CAREER RECORDS

QB SACKS

1. Brian Smith (DE)	'03-06	31.5
2. Justin Smith (DE)	'98-00	22.5
3. Stryker Sulak (DE)	'05-08	20.5
4. Lorenzo Williams (DT)	'04-07	19
5. Rick Lyle (DT)	'90-93	18
6. Bobby Bell (DE)	'81-83	17
Steve Martin (DT)	'92-95	17
Antwaun Bynum (DE)	'00-02	17
9. Xzavie Jackson (DE)	'03-06	16.5
10. C.J. Mosley (DT)	'02-04	15.5

TRACKING

Ziggy Hood (DT)	'05-08	14.5
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INTERCEPTIONS

1. Adrian Jones	'86-89	15
2. Ken Boston	'63-65	14
Bill Whitaker	'77-80	14
4. Erik McMillan	'84-87	13
5. William Moore	'05-08	11
Eric Wright	'78-80	11
7. Roger Wehrl	'66-68	10
Harold Piersey	'95-98	10
Kevin McIntosh	'91-94	10
10. 3 Tied With		9

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MU INDIVIDUAL SEASON RECORDS

TOTAL OFFENSE

1. Chase Daniel	2007	4559
2. Chase Daniel	2008	4119
3. Chase Daniel	2006	3906
4. Brad Smith	2005	3605
5. Brad Smith	2003	3383
6. Brad Smith	2002	3362
7. Brad Smith	2004	2738
8. Corby Jones	1997	2545
9. Jeff Handy	1992	2391
10. Phil Johnson	1991	2187

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS

1. Jeremy Maclin	2007	2776
2. Jeremy Maclin	2008	2466
3. Devin West	1998	1621
4. Darrell Wallace	1985	1590
5. Brad Smith	2003	1459
6. Jon Staggers	1969	1391
7. Joe Moore	1969	1389
8. Zack Abron	2003	1327
9. Brad Smith	2005	1304
10. Victor Bailey	1992	1236

TRACKING

Derrick Washington	2008	1203
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PASSING YARDS

1. Chase Daniel	2007	4306
2. Chase Daniel	2008	3880
3. Chase Daniel	2006	3527
4. Jeff Handy	1992	2463
5. Brad Smith	2002	2333
6. Kent Kiefer	1989	2314
7. Brad Smith	2005	2304
8. Brad Smith	2004	2185
9. Kent Kiefer	1990	2183
10. Jeff Handy	1994	2030

PASSING EFFICIENCY

1. Chase Daniel	2008	168.5
2. Phil Johnson	1990	154.3
3. Chase Daniel	2007	147.9
4. Chase Daniel	2006	145.1
5. Corby Jones	1997	140.8
6. Marlon Adler	1982	134.59
7. Phil Bradley	1978	134.56
8. Phil Klein	1950	131.3
9. Jeff Handy	1992	130.6
10. Terry McMillan	1969	130.2

Prior to that, Maclin had a 161-yard outing at Baylor where the Bear defense held him in check offensively, as he was held to 5 receptions for 31 yards (his lowest receiving total in 2008 since game #2 against SEMO, when he played just 1 quarter in a Tiger blowout win). But, Maclin contributed with 161 all-purpose yards overall, as he rushed 5 times for 26 yards and returned 5 kickoffs for 104 more yards.

One of those kickoff returns, his 2nd one in the 3rd quarter against Baylor, was historic in nature, as it pushed him past former Tiger great Brad Smith for the MU career record for most all-purpose yardage.

Maclin entered the game at Baylor with 4,322 career all-purpose yards, needing only 98 to pass Smith's mark of 4,419 from 2002-05. He now stands atop the chart with 5,242 entering the Oklahoma game.

Much more information on Maclin can be found elsewhere in this release package.

DANIEL LEADS TIGERS TO 2ND STRAIGHT DIVISION TITLE

Mizzou senior QB Chase Daniel began the 2008 season on the short list of Heisman Trophy favorites, according to most prognosticators. Even though those preseason expectations won't be realized, Daniel has still put together an impressive season, and his leadership is a key reason why Mizzou has moved to the top of the heap in the Big 12 North, and just one win shy of reaching a first-ever BCS bowl game.

Through 12 games, Daniel has directed the Tigers to the nation's 5th-ranked outfit in total offense (509.42 ypg) and 4th-ranked scoring offense (45.00 ppg), while the Tigers rank 4th in the NCAA in passing (344.25 ypg) and 7th in pass efficiency (165.40 rating). Individually, he ranks 5th in the NCAA in total offense (343.25 ypg) and is 7th in pass efficiency (168.51 rating).

Daniel rebounded from a tough 1st quarter last Saturday against Kansas (going 0-for-6 passing with 1 interception and 1 fumble) to post a solid game against the Jayhawks, as he ended the game 25-of-41 passing for 288 yards and 4 TDs. He twice led MU on long TD drives in the 4th quarter to take the lead, throwing a TD pass to TE Chase Coffman with 6:52 left to give MU a 30-26 lead. That capped a 12-play, 79-yard drive, and after KU regained the lead with 4:26 left, Daniel again calmly engineered a 7-play, 73-yard drive that ended in a Derrick Washington 6-yard TD run with 1:50 left to give MU a 37-33 lead at the time.

Prior to that, Daniel had an outstanding performance at Iowa State, as he led the Tigers to a 52-20 win that clinched the school's 2nd-straight Big 12 North Division Championship. In 20-degree temperatures, Daniel was brilliant, completing 32-of-40 passes for 328 yards and 2 TDs. He completed his first 16 passes on the night before an incompletion broke his streak, and his 2 TDs pushed his career total for touchdowns responsible for to 102 (92 passing, 10 rushing), which tied him for the MU record, with former standout Brad Smith (56 passing, 46 rushing). For the second time this season, Daniel led a punt-free game for Mizzou, as the Tigers scored on 8-of-10 possessions, with the only non-scores coming on an interception (on a ball that was tipped by an MU receiver) and a fumble.

Daniel had a big night recently against Colorado, as he led MU to a 58-0 win, throwing for 302 yards and an MU-record 5 TDs on 31-of-37 passing. He led the Tigers to scores on 9-of-11 drives in which he took the field.

He followed with a solid day at Baylor, as he completed 30-of-38 passes for 318 yards and 3 TDs (with 2 interceptions). With the game on the line, tied at 28-28 late in the game, Daniel calmly led the Tigers from their own 10-yardline down the field to set up what proved to be the game-winning field goal, on a 34-yarder by PK Jeff Wolfert with 2:36 left.

Daniel was 31-of-41 passing at Texas, throwing for 318 yards and 2 TDs, with 1 interception that came while he was trying to throw the ball away while being dragged down in the Tiger endzone. He had one TD taken away on a reversal by instant replay in the first half, as well. While the UT defense had Mizzou's number early on — forcing four straight punts to begin the game — Daniel and company scored on 5 of their last 7 possessions, with the only non-scores coming on the reversed TD pass that came on 4th down, and the aforementioned interception.

Previously, Daniel completed 39-of-52 passes against OSU, and was forced to try and win the game through the air as the Cowboys shut down the previously potent Tiger rushing attack (64 yards as a team on 18 attempts). He had 3 passes intercepted on the night, which marked his first turnovers since the 2nd quarter of the season opener against Illinois. One of the INTs was bad fortune, as his 3rd-quarter pass to WR Danario Alexander deep in OSU territory in the 3rd quarter went through Alexander's hands, bounced off his facemask high into the air, and into the waiting arms of a Cowboy defensive back.

He had a 253-yard, 3-TD passing night in just 3 quarters of work at Nebraska, as the Tigers broke a 30-year losing streak in Lincoln, rolling to a 52-17 win. He completed an efficient 18-of-23 passes at Nebraska last time out, including TD passes of 58, 7 and 26 yards as he directed the Tiger offense to its 2nd-largest point total ever against the Huskers. Mizzou's #1 offense — which was pulled at the end of the 3rd quarter after the score stood 52-10 — scored on 6-of-7 possessions, with the only non-score coming on a missed 59-yard FG attempt at the halftime gun.

Against Buffalo, Daniel completed 20 consecutive passes at one point in the game, which broke the Big 12 Conference single-game record of 18, and was just 3 shy of the NCAA record for a game. He ended the day 36-of-43 passing for a career-high 439 yards with 2 TDs, and had potential yards and TDs taken away as the Tiger receivers uncharacteristically fumbled the ball away after catches three times deep in Buffalo territory — at the 12-yardline, at

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the 22-yardline and at the 38-yardline.

For his efforts, Daniel was named Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week, and he also took home the Davey O'Brien National Quarterback of the Week Award for the 2nd straight week — marking the first time in the award's existence that a player had won on consecutive weeks.

Against Nevada, Daniel was in another stratosphere, going 23-of-28 for 405 yards and 4 TDs. His 1st TD of the day, an 80-yarder to WR Jeremy Maclin, gave him enough career passing yards to break the MU record of 8,799 previously held by former great Brad Smith (2002-05). Daniel now has 9,845 passing yards for his career.

Daniel had a string of 15 straight possessions earlier this year where he led MU to a score (13 TDs, 2 FGs) spanning 3 games, playing just 1 1/2 quarters versus SEMO and 2 1/2 quarters vs. Nevada before being pulled, plus the first two drives last time out against Buffalo.

In the 2008 season opener, Daniel threw for 323 yards and 3 TDs in helping lead Mizzou to a 52-42 win over 20th-ranked Illinois. The points were a record for Mizzou against a ranked opponent. Daniel had 369 yards of total offense on the night, as he burned the Illini for 46 rushing yards on just 9 attempts (5.1 avg.).

Daniel was his best in the middle of the game, when he led MU to 4 offensive TDs in a 5-possession span, bridging the 2nd and 3rd quarters. In that stretch, he had TD passes of 17 yards to TE Chase Coffman just before halftime, and followed with TD strikes of 4 yards and 21 yards to WR Tommy Saunders on consecutive 3rd-quarter possessions as MU took a commanding 45-20 lead with 2:50 left in the 3rd.

Already at the top of numerous MU records lists, Daniel has a shot at reaching Smith's seemingly unreachable total offense career record of 13,088 yards, as Daniel has 12,988 entering the OU game (needs 101 to break).

DANIEL'S 2008 GAME-BY-GAME PASSING NUMBERS

Opponent	C-A-I	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Sack	Effic.
vs. Illinois	26-45-1	57.8	323	3	1-6	135.63
vs. SEMO	16-17-0	94.1	245	3	0-0	273.41
vs. Nevada	23-28-0	82.1	405	4	0-0	250.79
vs. Buffalo	36-43-0	83.7	439	2	0-0	184.83
at Nebraska	18-23-0	78.3	253	3	0-0	213.70
vs. Oklahoma St.	39-52-3	75.0	390	1	2-17	132.81
at Texas	31-41-1	75.6	318	2	2-10	151.98
vs. Colorado	31-37-1	83.8	302	5	2-5	191.54
at Baylor	30-38-2	80.0	318	3	1-10	164.77
vs. Kansas St.	24-36-2	66.7	271	2	1-22	137.12
at Iowa St.	32-40-1	80.0	328	2	1-1	160.38
vs. Kansas	25-41-2	61.0	288	4	2-8	142.42
2008 TOTALS	331-441-13	75.1	3,880	34	12-79	168.51

CAREER TOTALS 1040-1522-36 68.3 12,060 96 52-409 150.98

WILLY MO NABS RECORD-BREAKING INTERCEPTION AT IOWA STATE

The 2008 season has been a challenging one for senior FS William Moore, who came into the year with All-American aspirations after a huge 2007 season that saw him earn 2nd-Team All-American honors after notching 117 tackles and tying for the NCAA lead with 8 interceptions.

Moore got off to a good start, as he had 12 tackles in the season opener against Illinois, but he also suffered a sprained foot in the game, and that injury hampered him for a long time, as he missed two games and was not 100% until midway through the season.

Willy Mo made up for lost time in MU's recent outing against Iowa State, as he made one of the biggest plays of the game, grabbing his first interception of the season and returning it 17 yards for a TD to make it 21-0 Mizzou in the 2nd quarter. The play came just three plays after ISU had snuffed out a Tiger drive deep in Cyclone territory, and it helped keep momentum on MU's side of the ledger.

Just as significant was the fact that his pick-six was the 4th of his career, and that gave him the MU career record for interceptions returned for touchdown. He entered the season with 3 career pick-sixes, which had him tied with former great Erik McMillan (1984-87).

Moore has now returned an interception for a TD in each of his four seasons. He did the deed as a freshman against Iowa State (62 yards), then as a sophomore at Texas Tech (22 yards) and last year as a junior in the Cotton Bowl against Arkansas (26 yards). For his career, Moore has 11 interceptions, which ranks him 5th on the MU career chart.

For the season, Moore stands 4th on the Tiger team with 79 tackles, and he's added 5 pass break-ups, 5.5 tackles for loss and 2 forced fumbles to go with his one interception.

MU INDIVIDUAL SEASON RECORDS

RECEPTIONS

1. Jeremy Maclin	2008	88
2. Martin Rucker (TE)	2007	84
3. Justin Gage	2002	82
4. Jeremy Maclin	2007	80
5. Chase Coffman (TE)	2008	79
6. Victor Bailey	1992	75
7. Justin Gage	2001	74
8. Kenny Holly	1992	60
9. Tommy Saunders	2008	58
3 others tied with		58

RECEIVING YARDAGE

1. Victor Bailey	1992	1210
2. Jeremy Maclin	2008	1175
3. Justin Gage	2002	1075
4. Jeremy Maclin	2007	1055
5. Linzy Collins	1990	975
6. Henry Marshall	1975	945
7. Justin Gage	2001	920
8. Chase Coffman (TE)	2008	872
9. Martin Rucker (TE)	2007	834
Joe Stewart	1976	834

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Jeremy Maclin	2008	11
2. Sean Coffey	2004	10
3. Chase Coffman (TE)	2008	9
Jeremy Maclin	2007	9
Chase Coffman (TE)	2006	9
Justin Gage	2002	9
Henry Marshall	1975	9
Mel Gray	1969	9
9. Martin Rucker (TE)	2007	8
10. Chase Coffman (TE)	2007	7

SCORING

1. Jeff Wolfert (PK)	2007	130
2. Bob Steuber	1942	121
3. Jeff Wolfert (PK)	2008	118
Brad Smith	2003	118
5. Derrick Washington	2008	114
6. Devin West	1998	108
7. Zack Abron	2002	102
8. Brad Smith	2005	100
9. Jeff Wolfert (PK)	2006	99
10. Jeremy Maclin	2007	96

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MU INDIVIDUAL SEASON RECORDS

RUSHING

1. Devin West	1998	1578
2. Brad Smith (QB)	2003	1406
3. Joe Moore	1969	1312
4. Brad Smith (QB)	2005	1301
5. Zack Abron	2003	1155
6. Darrell Wallace	1985	1120
7. Bob Steuber	1942	1098
8. Tony Temple	2006	1063
9. Tony Temple	2007	1039
10. Brad Smith (QB)	2002	1029

TRACKING

Derrick Washington	2008	963
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RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Brad Smith (QB)	2003	18
2. Derrick Washington	2008	17
Devin West	1998	17
4. Brad Smith (QB)	2005	16
Bob Steuber	1942	16
6. Zack Abron	2002	15
7. Zack Abron	2003	14
Corby Jones	1997	14
9. Tony Temple	2007	12
Marlon Adler (QB)	1983	12
Johnny Roland	1962	12

TOTAL TOUCHDOWNS

1. Derrick Washington	2008	19
Brad Smith (QB)	2003	19
3. Devin West	1998	18
Bob Steuber	1942	18
5. Zack Abron	2002	17
6. Jeremy Maclin	2007	16
Brad Smith (QB)	2005	16
8. Jeremy Maclin	2008	14
Zack Abron	2003	14
Corby Jones	1997	14

PINKEL STANDS 3RD ON ALLTIME MU COACHING WINS LIST

Mizzou Head Coach Gary Pinkel is in his 8th season at MU and touts a career record of 131-77-3 (62.8%). The Illinois game to open the 2008 season was the 200th in Pinkel's head coaching career.

Pinkel, who has led MU to a combined record of 49-26 (65.3%) over the past 5+ seasons, and to bowl games in 2003, 2005, 2006 and 2007, has an 8-year record in Columbia of 58-40 (59.2%). Dating back to the 2005 Independence Bowl win over Steve Spurrier and South Carolina, Pinkel has won 30 of his last 40 games overall.

MU's win in the 2008 opener against Illinois gave Pinkel his 50th MU win, and he now ranks 3rd on the coaching wins list at MU, with 58.

Pinkel is in a select group of Mizzou coaches that includes College Football Hall of Famers Don Faurot and Dan Devine, as well as Warren Powers, to be the only coaches to have an MU record of above .500 (with at least one full season coached) dating all the way back to 1935.

Here's a quick look at the top winning coaches in MU history...

MIZZOU COACHING WINS LEADERS

Coach	Wins	# Seasons (Years)	Record	Pct.	# Bowls
Don Faurot	101	19 (1935-42, 46-56)	101-79-10	.558	4
Dan Devine	93	13 (1958-70)	93-37-7	.704	6
Gary Pinkel	58	8 (2001-Present)	58-39	.598	4
Warren Powers	46	7 (1978-84)	46-33-3	.580	5

For the efforts in 2007, Pinkel was a finalist for several national coach of the year awards, including the Robinson, Bryant and Munger awards. He was also named the National Coach of the Year by FieldTurf in 2007.

Pinkel has led MU to 4 bowl games, and when his Tigers reach a 5th in 2008, he will join Devine (6 bowls), and Powers (5 bowls) as the only coaches to guide MU to 5 bowl games.

Pinkel has guided Mizzou to 4 winning seasons (8-5 in 2003, 7-5 in 2005, 8-5 in 2006, 12-2 in 2007), with those representing 4 of MU's 6 winning campaigns dating back to the 1983 season.

In November, Pinkel agreed to a new seven-year contract worth \$2.3 million guaranteed per year, meaning he'll patrol the Tiger sidelines through the 2015 season.

MACLIN LEADS NCAA IN ALL-PURPOSE YARDAGE OUTPUT

The NCAA leader in all-purpose yardage so far is Mizzou sophomore WR/KR/PR Jeremy Maclin with a per-game mark of 205.50 yards a game. In addition to his game-changing abilities on the Tiger return units, Maclin has emerged as a consistent playmaker on offense, as he's caught a combined 82 balls for 1,124 yards and 10 TDs in the last 10 games (averages of 8.2 catches, 112.4 yards and 1.0 TD). Here's his last 10 games in terms of receiving production:

- vs. Nevada – 6 catches, 172 yards, 3 TDs (tied MU single-game record for receiving TDs)
- vs. Buffalo – 14 catches, 168 yards
- at Nebraska – 5 catches, 89 yards, 1 TD
- vs. Oklahoma State – 8 catches, 120 yards
- at Texas – 8 catches, 66 yards
- vs. Colorado – 11 catches, 134 yards, 2 TDs
- at Baylor – 5 catches, 31 yards
- vs. Kansas State – 8 catches, 118 yards, 2 TDs
- at Iowa State – 8 catches, 103 yards, 1 TD
- vs. Kansas – 9 catches, 123 yards, 1 TD

J-Mac had a big day last Saturday at Arrowhead Stadium, as he produced 241 all-purpose yards. Included in that was a 123-yard receiving day (9 receptions), including a 26-yard TD reception in the 3rd quarter that spurred a 20-0 MU run that dug the Tigers out of a 26-10 deficit.

At Iowa State, Maclin caught 8 passes for 103 yards and 1 TD that tied him for the MU single-season receiving TD record of 10 (with Sean Coffey, 2004). He also reached the 1,000-yard receiving mark for the season (now has 1,052 entering the KU game), making him the first player in MU history to have two 1,000-yard receiving seasons (had 1,055 yards in 14 games in 2007). Maclin had 240 all-purpose yards at ISU.

Maclin enters the OU game ranked 8th in the NCAA in receptions per game (7.33) and is also 11th nationally in receiving yards per game, averaging a 97.92 yards a game to this point.

Maclin had his biggest game of the year as he amassed 278 all-purpose yards in MU's 41-24 win over Kansas State (the #7 single-game mark in MU history for all-purpose yards). He had a pair of receiving TDs, from 16 and 42 yards, in the 2nd quarter, and broke the game open on the first play of the 4th quarter, as he took a direct snap and raced 56 yards for a TD. He ended the night with 84 yards rushing.

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Previously, Maclin turned in a 197-yard night at #1 Texas, where he caught 8 passes for 66 yards and had 132 yards on 5 kickoff returns (26.4 avg.), including big returns of 50 and 39 yards.

After being shut out in catches during the first half of the OSU game, Maclin did all of his receiving damage in the 2nd half, as he caught 8 balls for 120 yards. Included in that was a 41-yard catch-and-run that set MU up deep in OSU territory in the 3rd quarter that he nearly took all the way. He ended the game with 223 all-purpose yards.

Prior to that, J-Mac had a game at Nebraska where he made people take notice before some people had even gotten to their seats. With MU facing a 3rd-and-5 from their 42-yardline, Maclin got free over the middle on a crossing route on the third play of the game, caught a ball in stride from QB Chase Daniel, and he eluded one would-be tackler, got to the left sideline and went untouched from there 58 yards for a score just :54 seconds into the game. That was a statement that the Tigers were there to stay, and they went on to an historic 52-17 victory.

Previously, Maclin had a 236-yard day in MU's Sept. 20th win over Buffalo. In the game, he grabbed a career-high 14 passes for 168 yards, and he also rushed twice for 25 yards — including a 16-yard TD that was a highlight-reel play, where he swept around right end, got the corner, and dove from the 4-yard line over traffic into the front corner of the endzone, while stretching the ball out over the pylon while flying out of bounds.

Prior to that, Maclin burned Nevada for a career-high 172 receiving yards, to go with an MU single-game record-tying 3 TDs. His 1st came on MU's 2nd possession, as he took a medium-depth crossing route from QB Chase Daniel, turned on the jets, made one move to get free down the left sideline, and he raced home untouched for an 80-yard score to make it 14-0 Tigers with 12:02 left in the 1st quarter. His 2nd TD might have been even more impressive, as he leapt high over a defender for a 14-yard TD grab with 1:31 left in the 1st half to make it 38-10 Tigers. On the play, he made the catch in coverage, and managed to tap one foot in bounds before falling out of bounds.

His record-tying TD was a display of pure speed, as he simply ran by the Nevada cornerback on a go route, and Daniel lofted a perfect ball that Maclin went and got for a 49-yard TD. For the day, Maclin had 239 all-purpose yards, his most since he set an MU single-game all-purpose record with 360 yards at Kansas State in 2007.

Another case in point for Maclin's game changing ability came in the 2008 season opener against 20th-ranked Illinois. In the 2nd quarter, Illinois had just taken a 13-10 lead on a sudden interception return for a TD, and all of a sudden the Illini are fired up and looking to pull the upset. What happens next on the ensuing kickoff? Maclin catches it at the Tiger 1-yardline, speeds up the right seam, using great blocking from upback Earl Goldsmith. He gets to the last line thanks to a clearing block from Goldsmith, fakes right near the MU 40-yardline to get the punter out of the way, cuts back left and he's off to the races untouched for a 99-yard TD to give the lead right back to Mizzou, 17-13. The Tigers never looked back, really, as that began a stretch where MU outscored Illinois 35-7 through late in the 3rd quarter on the way to the 52-42 win.

Additionally, his return score was the 4th of his career (2 kickoffs, 2 punts), and that makes him the MU career record holder for most combined kick return TDs. He entered the 2008 season co-holding the record with John Moseley (2 punt returns, 1 kickoff return), and Mike Fink (3 kickoffs).

Maclin ended the Illinois game with 234 all-purpose yards, in spite of the fact that Illinois was undoubtedly game-planning to keep him under wraps. The Illini did limit his damage on offense, as Maclin was held to 4 catches for 31 yards and 2 yards rushing on 3 attempts, but he made his mark clearly in the return game. In addition to the 99-yarder (his 2nd-career TD which makes him only one of 2 Tigers alltime to have more than 1 kickoff return for a TD — Mike Fink is the other, with 3, all in the 1973 season), Maclin had a punt return of 46 that he was one defender away from breaking the distance as he took it to the Illinois 21-yardline. That return was cashed in on the very next play as Tiger QB Chase Daniel hit WR Tommy Saunders for a 21-yard TD with 2:50 left in the 3rd for a 45-20 Tiger lead.

Even despite having to leave the Illinois game early, Maclin's efforts were enough to earn him the Big 12 Conference Special Teams Player of the Week — marking the 3rd time in his young career that he's won the award.

In 2007, Maclin would go on to become arguably the nation's most dangerous all-purpose threat, as he was the only player in the FBS classification to score a TD via receiving (9), rushing (4), punt return (2) and kickoff return (1). His 2,776 all-purpose yards broke the NCAA single-season record for freshmen, and ranked as the 5th-highest single-season total in NCAA annals. His season total of 2,776 all-purpose yards smashed the previous MU season record of 1,621 by Devin West (1998), and it ranked Maclin 7th on the school CAREER all-purpose yardage chart.

For his efforts, Maclin was named a consensus 1st-Team All-American as an all-purpose player, becoming the first-ever freshman at Mizzou to earn 1st-Team All-American honors. He became the 9th Tiger to earn consensus 1st-Team All-American accolades, and he shared Big 12 Freshman-of-the-Year honors with Texas Tech WR Michael Crabtree.

Maclin's kickoff return for a TD in 2007 — a 99-yarder at Kansas State — was extremely historic, as it was MU's first kickoff return for a TD since 1982. That broke a string of futility for Mizzou that stretched 287 games and 976 kickoff returns without a score! Maclin ended that game with an MU single game record of 360 yards in the 49-32 win in Manhattan, Kan., and he broke the NCAA freshman season all-purpose record on the historic kickoff return.

His 2 punt returns for TDs in 2007 made him only the 4th Tiger in history to record 2 career punt returns for scores. And that's the school record, meaning that if he breaks one in 2008, he'll hold the record to himself.

MIZZOU'S LONGEST SCRIMMAGE PLAYS

Length	Description
80 (TD)	Daniel-to-Maclin vs. Nevada
69	Daniel-to-Saunders vs. Buffalo
59 (TD)	Washington rush vs. Nevada
58 (TD)	Daniel-to-Maclin at Nebraska
56 (TD)	Maclin rush vs. Kansas State
55 (TD)	Moore run vs. Colorado
52 (TD)	Washington rush at Iowa State
49 (TD)	Daniel-to-Maclin vs. Nevada
48	Daniel rush vs. Kansas
48	Patton-to-Coffman vs. Nevada
43 (TD)	Daniel-to-Maclin at Iowa State
43 (TD)	Washington rush at Nebraska
42 (TD)	Daniel-to-Maclin vs. Kansas State
41	Daniel-to-Maclin vs. Oklahoma State
40 (TD)	Washington rush vs. Illinois
38	Daniel-to-Perry vs. Illinois
37	Jackson rush vs. Kansas State
36	Daniel-to-Maclin vs. Buffalo
35 (TD)	Daniel-to-Saunders vs. Kansas
35	Daniel-to-Alexander at Baylor
35	Daniel-to-Maclin vs. Colorado
33	Daniel-to-Perry vs. Nevada
32 (TD)	Saunders-to-Coffman vs. Nevada
31	Washington rush at Baylor
31	Daniel-to-Coffman at Texas
30	Daniel-to-Maclin vs. Kansas
30 (TD)	Daniel-to-Maclin vs. Colorado
30	Gabbert rush vs. SEMO

MU'S LONGEST RETURNS

Length	Description
99 (TD)	Maclin KOR vs. Illinois
65 (TD)	Weatherspoon INT vs. SEMO
50	Maclin KOR at Texas
46	Maclin PR vs. Illinois
39	Maclin KOR at Texas
37	Maclin KOR at Iowa State
36	Maclin KOR vs. Kansas
36	Maclin KOR at Iowa State
35 (TD)	Weatherspoon INT vs. Illinois
34	Maclin KOR at Nebraska
31	Maclin KOR vs. Kansas State
30	Maclin PR vs. Colorado
29	Maclin PR vs. SEMO
27	Gettis INT at Iowa State
27 (TD)	Gettis INT vs. Nevada
26	Maclin KOR vs. Illinois
25	Maclin KOR vs. Oklahoma State
25	K. Jackson INT vs. Buffalo
26	Maclin KOR vs. Kansas State
26	Maclin KOR at Baylor
24	Maclin KOR at Baylor
24	Vaughns KOR vs. SEMO
24	Vaughns KOR vs. SEMO
23	Maclin KOR vs. Oklahoma State

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POINTS OFF TURNOVER ANALYSIS

POINTS OFF TURNOVERS

Opponent	Opp. TO	MU Pts.	MU TO	Opp. Pts.
vs. Illinois	2	7	2	7
SE Missouri St.	2	10	0	0
Nevada	1	7	0	0
Buffalo	2	0	3	7
at Nebraska	2	14	0	0
Oklahoma St.	3	0	3	7
at Texas	0	0	1	7
Colorado	1	3	1	0
at Baylor	2	0	3	7
Kansas St.	2	7	2	0
at Iowa St.	2	14	2	3
vs. Kansas	2	7	3	10
SEASON TOTAL	21	69	20	48

4TH QUARTER POINTS OFF TURNOVERS

Opponent	Opp. TO	MU Pts.	MU TO	Opp. Pts.
vs. Illinois	2	7	0	0
SE Missouri St.	0	0	0	0
Nevada	1	7	0	0
Buffalo	1	0	0	0
at Nebraska	0	0	0	0
Oklahoma St.	1	0	2	7
at Texas	0	0	1	7
Colorado	0	0	0	0
at Baylor	1	0	1	0
Kansas St.	2	7	1	0
at Iowa St.	1	7	0	0
vs. Kansas	1	0	0	0
SEASON TOTAL	10	28	5	14

Here's a look back at Maclin's game-by-game exploits...

MACLIN'S ALL-PURPOSE 2007 GAME-BY-GAME YARDAGE (TDs in parentheses)

Opponent	All-Purpose	Rush	Rec.	PR	KOR
vs. Illinois	227 (2)	29	43 (1)	74 (1)	81
at Ole Miss	181	19	52	14	96
vs. Western Mich.	275 (2)	52 (1)	96 (1)	31	96
vs. Illinois State	238 (2)	22	53 (1)	81 (1)	82
vs. Nebraska	149	53	62	8	26
at Oklahoma	189 (2)	32 (2)	53	0	104
vs. Texas Tech	66 (1)	2	64 (1)	0	0
vs. Iowa State	170 (1)	26 (1)	65	3	76
at Colorado	187 (1)	12	108 (1)	23	44
vs. Texas A&M	267 (2)	32	146 (2)	7	82
at Kansas State	360 (3)	8	143 (2)	15	194 (1)
vs. Kansas	200	22	69	43	66
vs. Oklahoma	204	40	69	3	92
vs. Arkansas	63	26	32	5	0
TOTALS	2776 (16)	375 (4)	1055 (9)	307 (2)	1039 (1)

MACLIN'S ALL-PURPOSE 2008 GAME-BY-GAME YARDAGE (TDs in parentheses)

Opponent	All-Purpose	Rush	Rec.	PR	KOR
vs. Illinois	234 (1)	2	32	56	145 (1)
vs. SE Missouri St.	65 (1)	11	20 (1)	34	0
vs. Nevada	239 (3)	5	172 (3)	23	39
vs. Buffalo	236 (1)	25 (1)	168	10	33
at Nebraska	160 (1)	15	89 (1)	0	56
vs. Oklahoma St.	223	6	120	5	92
at Texas	197	(-1)	66	0	132
vs. Colorado	192 (2)	17	134 (2)	41	0
at Baylor	161	26	31	0	104
vs. Kansas State	278 (3)	84 (1)	118 (2)	19	57
at Iowa State	240 (1)	26	103 (1)	0	111
vs. Kansas	241 (1)	32	123 (1)	0	86
2008 TOTALS	2466 (14)	248 (2)	1175 (11)	188	855 (1)

CAREER TOTALS 5242 (30) 623 (6) 2230 (20) 495 (2) 1894 (2)

WOLFERT BREAKS MU CAREER SCORING RECORD, ON PACE FOR NCAA KICKING ACCURACY MARK

One of the great "feel-good" stories in college football over the last 2+ years has to be that of senior PK Jeff Wolfert, who came from virtually nowhere to become one of the most reliable kickers in the nation. What's so amazing about his story is that he won the MU starting kicking job in fall camp of 2006 after kicking in just 1 game in his entire life (in high school, at that). If you haven't heard the story, please find it below.

Wolfert has put up incredible numbers over the last two+ years, as he's made 235-of-246 (95.5%) combined kicks in 2006, 2007 and 2008. Those numbers break out to 56-of-67 (83.6%) on FGs and a perfect 179-of-179 on PATs (that's 100.0% for any non-math types out there).

In fact, Wolfert is on pace to break an NCAA career record for best accuracy for combined field goals and PATs. Wolfert's combined career mark of 95.5% is currently ahead of the record of 93.3% set by UCLA's John Lee from 1982-85 (116-of-117 PATs, 79-of-92 FGs). The minimum standard to qualify for this record is 50 career field goals.

Here's a look at the active kickers with a shot at breaking Lee's mark (only those with 50 or more career made FGs are considered for this list)...

NCAA ACTIVE KICKING ACCURACY LEADERS Through Nov. 29th (Combined FG/PAT Kicks)

Rank	Player, School	Combined (Pct.)	PATs (Pct.)	FGs (Pct.)
1.	Jeff Wolfert, Mizzou	235-246 (95.5%)	179-179 (100.0%)	56-67 (83.6%)
2.	Louie Sakoda, Utah	189-201 (94.0%)	133-136 (97.8%)	56-65 (86.2%)
3.	Colt David, LSU	249-270 (92.2%)	196-199 (98.5%)	53-71 (74.7%)
	Pat McAfee, West Virginia	260-282 (92.2%)	205-207 (99.0%)	55-75 (73.3%)

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5. Brett Jaekle, Nevada	256-280 (91.4%)	206-216 (95.4%)	50-64 (78.1%)
6. Brett Swenson, Michigan St.	170-187 (90.9%)	120-121 (99.2%)	50-66 (75.8%)
7. Sam Swank, Wake Forest	192-214 (89.7%)	121-122 (99.2%)	71-92 (77.2%)
8. Kevin Kelly, Penn St.	257-288 (89.2%)	180-182 (98.9%)	77-106 (72.6%)

Wolfert broke the MU career scoring record with his 1st-quarter 18-yard FG Oct. 11th against Oklahoma State, as the kick broke a tie he held coming into the game with former great Brad Smith for the school scoring record of 284 points (2002-05).

Prior to that, Wolfert played hero at Baylor, going a perfect 5-for-5 in MU's 31-28 win, including the game-winning 34-yard field goal with just 2:36 left to account for the win in Waco. It was MU's first game-winning field goal since 2005 against Iowa State.

That followed a perfect outing against Colorado where he went 10-for-10 against the Buffs (3-of-3 on FGs from 23, 44 and 46 yards and 7-of-7 on PATs).

Wolfert did have an uncharacteristic night against OSU as he missed two field goal tries — albeit one was from 52 yards at the halftime gun. The other was a shocker, as he had a 34-yard 2nd-quarter try blocked, marking the first time he's had a kick blocked in his career.

He made up for that by providing big contributions in a brand new way against the Cowboys, as he tried his hand at punting for the first time ever. Wolfert was called on to punt three times against OSU on rollout kicks, falling back on his days as a soccer player. The results were impressive, as he averaged 49.0 yards on those kicks, with only one of them returned, for just 6 yards. He had a 51-yarder at Texas that he boomed inside the UT 10-yardline last time out, and ended with 2 punts in the game for an average of 34.0 yards.

The Nebraska game did have one downside for the Overland Park, Kan., native, as he missed his first career kick of any kind in Big 12 games — albeit one that should hardly count too much against him, as his miss was from 59 yards away at the halftime gun, on a kick that was just short and barely wide left. Up to that miss, Wolfert had connected on a perfect 95-of-95 combined career Big 12 kicks (27-of-27 FGs and 68-of-68 PATs).

Wolfert made 4 PATs and field goals of 26 and 48 yards against Buffalo. He was called on to kick a 53-yarder late in the game against the Bulls, and with a tough cross-wind to navigate, his kick had plenty of leg, but veered just wide left at the end.

The rare miss by Wolfert broke a string of 97 consecutive combined made kicks, as he had made all 33 of his kicks to that point in 2008 (27 PATs, 6 FGs) to go with his last 64 kicks of 2007 (48 PATs, 16 FGs) since his previous miss — a 3rd-quarter missed FG in game #4 in 2007 against Illinois State.

Earlier this season, Wolfert set an MU record with 9 PATs against Nevada. He also connected on both of his FG tries (27, 24) to go a perfect 11-of-11 on the day, in addition to handling kickoff duties (2 touchbacks, opponent return average of just 19.5 yds. on 11 kickoffs). For his efforts, Wolfert was named Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week. It's the 2nd time he's won the award, as he claimed the award in 2007 after a big performance against Kansas.

Wolfert began his senior season with a bang, as he connected on all 7 of his extra points and on his only FG try — a 51-yarder against Illinois that would have been good from several yards farther away. His FG gave the Tigers a 10-6 2nd-quarter lead, and it made him only the 3rd kicker in Mizzou history to make more than one 50-yarder in his career (Tom Whelihan had 5 in 1985-86 and Jeff Jacke had 4 from 1988-92).

For his efforts a year ago, Wolfert was named an honorable mention All-American by Sports Illustrated, and he took home 1st-Team All-Big 12 honors in virtual unanimous fashion. Wolfert led MU with a single-season record 130 points, while making 21-of-25 FGs and 67-of-67 PATs.

As for his backstory: Wolfert originally came to Mizzou as a diver on the men's swimming and diving team, but the former high school kicker gave up diving into water for jumping into the fire of placekicking. Wolfert was a soccer player in high school, and wanted to give kicking a try as a senior. He kicked two extra points in his first game that year, (making only one of them) but then missed the rest of the year after breaking his hip on a kickoff in that same game.

After the injury, Wolfert decided to focus on diving collegiately, and he was a standout freshman diver on the Mizzou men's swimming and diving team during the 2004-05 school year. He produced a top-five performance on the platform and top-10 finishes on the 1 and 3-meter boards at the 2005 NCAA Zone Diving Championships. He also finished 4th in the 1-meter board, 5th on the 3-meter board and 6th on the platform at the Big 12 Championships.

But his dreams to kick a football never died, and he gave up his Mizzou swimming scholarship money and joined the football team as a walk-on for the 2005 season. He did not play in 2005, and figured that he would give kicking one more try in 2006, and if it didn't pan out, he'd return to the sport of diving, where a scholarship was waiting for him.

All of a sudden, that fall, Wolfert was very consistent kicking in scrimmages, and was named the starting placekicker for the season opener — despite his lack of experience, and the fact that the man who set the MU single-season kick scoring record of 81 points returned as a junior in 2006 (Adam Crossett).

The rest was history, and yes, he was awarded a football scholarship after the end of the 2006 season.

MIZZOU #1 PUBLIC BCS ACADEMIC RANKING

•The University of Missouri had the top Academic Progress Rate in the nation, among public BCS-conference schools. The only schools in BCS-affiliated conferences or BCS independents with a higher recognition rate were private schools — Duke, Notre Dame, Boston College, Stanford and Northwestern.

THE GRADUATE(S)

•Mizzou's senior class is doing outstandingly well in regards to its graduation timetable. Consider the following facts:

Four current Tigers have already earned their degrees:

- Kurtis Gregory (only a junior)
- Van Alexander
- Mack Breed
- Colin Brown

Seventeen Tigers are scheduled to graduate in December:

- Castine Bridges
- Adam Casey
- Chase Coffman
- Justin Garrett
- Earl Goldsmith
- Ziggy Hood
- Jimmy Jackson
- Ryan Madison
- William Moore
- Chase Patton
- Steve Redmond
- Tommy Saunders
- Stryker Sulak
- Jeff Wolfert

The final four seniors will graduate in May:

- Tommy Chavis
- Brock Christopher
- Chase Daniel
- Tru Vaughns

ALL-BIG 12 TEAM 2008

•Mizzou led the way with 7 players named to the 2008 Preseason All-Big 12 team, selected by league media. They included:

- OL Colin Brown
- TE Chase Coffman
- QB Chase Daniel
- WR Jeremy Maclin
- PR Jeremy Maclin
- FS William Moore
- LB Sean Weatherspoon
- PK Jeff Wolfert

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DRIVE ANALYSIS

LONGEST SCORING DRIVES (BY YARDAGE)

YARDS	PLAYS	T.O.P.	SCORE	OPPONENT
95	11	4:23	Jackson 1 run	OSU
93	13	4:01	Jackson 1 run	@ BAY
90	14	4:35	Wolfert 26 FG	BUF
87	10	2:26	Coffman 17 reception	ILL
87	4	1:16	Washington 3 run	BUF

LONGEST SCORING DRIVES (BY PLAYS)

PLAYS	YARDS	T.O.P.	SCORE	OPPONENT
17	80	6:29	Washington 2 run	@ ISU
15	80	4:57	Saunders 10 reception	COLO
14	90	4:35	Wolfert 26 FG	BUF
13	4 Times			

LONGEST SCORING DRIVES (BY TIME OF POSSESSION)

T.O.P.	PLAYS	YARDS	SCORE	OPPONENT
6:29	17	80	Washington 2 run	@ ISU
5:46	13	52	Wolfert 32 FG	KSU
5:40	11	83	Wolfert 18 FG	OSU
5:36	12	67	Saunders 4 reception	ILL
5:15	12	61	Wolfert 48 FG	@ NEB

GAME OPENING DRIVES

Game	Mizzou			Opponent		
	Pts	FD	Yds	Pts	FD	Yds
vs. Illinois	7	3	67	0	1	8
SE Missouri St.	7	4	70	0	1	4
Nevada	7	2	72	0	0	6
Buffalo	7	3	50	0	0	(-6)
at Nebraska	7	1	63	7	3	60
Oklahoma St.	3	4	83	7	5	71
at Texas	0	0	1	7	6	94
Colorado	7	2	56	0	0	(-32)
at Baylor	7	4	65	0	2	12
Kansas St.	0	0	3	0	0	(-14)
at Iowa St.	7	4	59	0	3	58
vs. Kansas	0	0	0	3	0	3

2nd-HALF OPENING DRIVES

Game	Mizzou			Opponent		
	Pts	FD	Yds	Pts	FD	Yds
vs. Illinois	0	1	19	0	1	20
SE Missouri St.	0	1	23	0	3	55
Nevada	7	2	69	0	0	2
Buffalo	7	4	70	0	1	6
at Nebraska	7	3	52	0	2	26
Oklahoma St.	0	0	7	7	1	72
at Texas	7	6	81	0	0	3
Colorado	0	0	(-2)	0	3	64
at Baylor	0	0	(-1)	7	3	69
Kansas St.	3	3	60	0	0	(-2)
at Iowa St.	0	1	58	3	4	43
vs. Kansas	6	3	56	7	4	75

COFFMAN CONTINUES ALL-AMERICAN PLAY AT TIGHT END

For the last 3 years, senior TE Chase Coffman has been one of the nation's top tight ends, yet he was often overshadowed by his own teammate, Martin Rucker, who ended his Tiger career in 2007 earning consensus 1st-Team All-American honors.

Now, with Rucker gone to the NFL (Cleveland Browns 4th-round draft pick), Coffman has his chance to shine as Mizzou's featured tight end. He's done just that all throughout 2008, as he's surpassed the 100-yard receiving mark 4 times already, with a career-high 140-yard outing (on a career-high 12 catches) and 1 TD at #1 Texas, to go with a 127-yard outing (with 1 TD) against Nevada, as well as a 120-yard, 1-TD game in the opener against 20th-ranked Illinois, and a 104-yard outing against #17 Oklahoma State.

One of the leading candidates for All-American honors, as well as the John Mackey Award, given annually to the nation's top tight end, Coffman enters the OU game with 79 catches and has 872 yards (an MU season record for tight ends), to go with 9 TDs. His numbers would be the best in the nation among tight ends, were it not for missing two games in November with a sprained toe sustained Nov. 1st at Baylor.

He made it back on the field in limited fashion last week against Kansas, and despite playing in obvious pain, he contributed 6 catches for 53 yards and 2 key TD grabs, including the last one with 6:52 left in the game that gave MU its first lead of the game at 30-26.

Coffman had 10 catches for 75 yards and 2 highlight-reel TD catches which were key plays in MU's 31-28 win at Baylor. Both of his catches came in the corner of the end zone in traffic, and saw him acrobatically catch the ball while getting his feet down in time — the first was from 3 yards out to cap the game's opening drive, while the last one was a clutch 13-yard grab on 3rd down in the 4th quarter to break a 21-all tie at the time. Coffman played quite a bit of the 2nd half with a sprained left big toe (turf toe).

Coffman had a 7-catch, 50-yard, 1-TD outing last time out against Colorado, and while the numbers don't pop off the page, they were historic in nature as he became the most prolific pass-catching TE in NCAA Div. I-A (FBS) history, breaking the career receptions record of 217 held by Louisville's Ibn Green (1996-99). Coffman entered the CU game with 213 career receptions (an MU career record for all players), and moved past Green for the NCAA mark with a 2nd-quarter grab.

Coffman grabbed 10 passes for 84 yards and 1 TD against Buffalo, and for his efforts, was named the John Mackey National Tight End of the Week — marking the 3rd time in his career he's taken home that weekly honor (once each previously in 2006 and 2007).

In MU's season-opening win over 20th-ranked Illinois, Coffman caught 9 passes for 120 yards and 1 TD — a key 17-yarder he grabbed with just :20 seconds remaining before halftime to give MU a 31-13 lead at half. In very limited action vs. SEMO, Coffman caught 3 passes for 48 yards.

In previous seasons, the numbers that Coffman, the son of former NFL tight end Paul Coffman, weren't exactly chopped liver, despite sharing time with Rucker. In 2007, Coffman caught 52 passes for 531 yards and 7 TDs, which by most standards are outstanding for a college tight end. However, those numbers were down slightly from his sophomore season where he grabbed 58 balls for 638 yards and 9 TDs.

Coffman was hampered for the last half of the 2007 season with bone spurs in his ankle that limited his mobility. He had to miss the Big 12 Championship game against Oklahoma, and that undoubtedly played a role in MU's 38-17 loss, as the Tigers uncharacteristically bogged down in the red zone, as they had to kick 3 field goals after reaching inside the Sooner 10-yardline. In MU's regular-season game at Oklahoma (a 41-31 loss in which MU led in the 4th quarter), Coffman proved effective against the Sooners, as he had a career-best 10 catches for 102 yards.

Coffman was a 1st-Team Preseason Playboy All-American pick this past summer. The Peculiar, Mo. native enters the OU game ranked 1st now on the MU career receptions chart, with 236 (his 12-catch outing at Texas moved him past Rucker, who previously held the mark with 203 catches), and is 2nd on the career receiving yardage chart, with 2,544 yards (he's only the 5th Tiger in history to reach the 2,000-yard receiving mark, and it's the most ever at MU among tight ends). He already holds the school career record for most career TD receptions, with 29, which he broke with a 3-TD performance at Colorado last season, when he caught 5 passes for 60 yards.

SPOON HAVING AN ALL-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN; 6TH IN NCAA IN TACKLES

Junior LB Sean Weatherspoon has established himself as one of the top linebackers in the Big 12 Conference, as well as the nation. He enters the OU game Saturday ranked 9th in the NCAA (2nd in the Big 12) in tackles per game (10.50), and he also is 2nd in the Big 12 (22nd in NCAA) in tackles for loss (1.33 per game). He had 7 tackles last Saturday against Kansas, including a half-tackle for loss.

Weatherspoon had a 9-tackle game at Iowa State, and prior to that had a 13-tackle outing against Kansas State in which the Tigers' #1 defense held the Wildcats to only 10 points and 213 yards of total offense, until K-State scored a pair of meaningless TDs and gained 150 yards on MU's reserve defenders in the final minutes of the game. Spoon had 2 tackles for loss against the Wildcats, including 1 QB sack of 17 yards, and he also broke up 2 passes on the night.

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Earlier in the season, the Jasper, Texas, native had a monster game against Buffalo that saw him record a career-high 20 tackles, including 3 tackles for loss and half-QB sack. He also broke up a pass on the day, and for his efforts, was named the Big 12 Conference Defensive Player of the Week for the first time in his career.

Spoon was the ringleader in Mizzou's spirited defensive effort that saw the Tigers hold Nebraska to a season-low 17 points, with 7 of those coming on the last play of the game against the Tiger reserves. He finished the game with a game-high 9 tackles in Lincoln.

Spoon was a game-changer in the 4th quarter of MU's 52-42 win over Illinois. In that game, he had 9 tackles on the night, including 1 tackle for loss, but his biggest plays came in the 4th quarter, when he intercepted a pair of Juice Williams passes while the Illini were trying to stage a late rally. His first pick came at the Tiger 26-yardline to snuff out an Illini threat with 10:20 left in the game and MU holding onto a 45-35 lead at the time.

On Illinois' next possession, Spoon made a pair of tackles, including a stop on 3rd down to force a punt, and on the Illini's next drive, he took things into his own hands, literally, when he caught a pass over the middle simultaneously with an Illini player. He ripped the ball out of the opposing player's hands, and went the other way, going 35 yards untouched into the endzone with 3:18 left in the game for a back-breaking TD that made it 52-35.

Weatherspoon's 4th quarter vs. Illinois was amazing, as 7 of his tackles came in the final 15 minutes, in addition to grabbing his 2 interceptions. He was named the Walter Camp National Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts against Illinois.

The next time out, Spoon was up to his old tricks again in game #2 against Southeast Missouri State.

Against SEMO, Weatherspoon intercepted a pass in the 2nd quarter and returned it untouched, 65 yards for a TD. That left him with the distinction of becoming the first Tiger in history to record INT returns for a touchdown in consecutive games. The MU career record for most INT returns for TDs is co-held by current senior FS William Moore (3 — 1 each in 2005, 2006, 2007) and former great Erik McMillan (3 in 1987).

He had a 12-tackle outing against Nevada in which the Tiger defense held the Wolf Pack to almost 200 yards below their pre-game average for total offense. Mizzou permitted 362 yards to Nevada, well below their average coming in of 558.50, which ranked them 6th in the NCAA prior to the game.

After earning playing time as a true freshman mostly in a reserve role and on special teams, Weatherspoon emerged on the scene in 2007 as a sophomore. He took over the starting spot at the weakside linebacker position a year ago, and from the get-go was a leader on the defense. He ended the year with a team-best 130 tackles, and was named a 1st-Team All-Big 12 performer by the Associated Press.

Spoon proved adept at getting his hands on the ball, as he broke up 8 passes on the year (2nd-most on the team), and had two more balls which he deflected on pass rushes that were intercepted by FS William Moore — including one which Moore returned 26 yards for a back-breaking TD in the Cotton Bowl against Arkansas.

WASHINGTON 3RD IN BIG 12 IN SCORING AND 4TH IN RUSHING

Sophomore TB Derrick Washington didn't take long this year to allay the fears of people who wondered how Mizzou would replace departed 2-time 1,000-yard rusher Tony Temple. In his first year as a starter, Washington has scored 19 TDs (17 rushing, 2 receiving), and his per-game scoring average of 9.50 currently ranks 3rd in the Big 12 Conference (8th in the NCAA), while he also ranks 4th in the Big 12 in rushing as well (53rd in the NCAA, at 80.25 ypg), heading into the OU game Saturday.

With 17 rushing TDs to date, he stands only 1 shy of the MU single-season record of 18 set in 2003 by Brad Smith. With 19 total TDs in 2008, Washington's next will break Smith's single-season total TD record of 19 (2003).

D-Wash was limited to 11 carries against Kansas last time out, as the Tigers fell into a 26-10 hole on the scoreboard early in the 3rd quarter, and had to move the ball through the air to mount a comeback. He still contributed by gaining 54 yards on the day, including a big 6-yard TD run with 1:50 left that gave MU its last lead of the game.

At Iowa State, he scampered for 128 yards on just 11 carries (11.6 avg.), including scoring runs of 2 and 52 yards. He also added 2 receptions for 23 yards on the night. His season average of 6.3 yards per rush is barely trailing Smith's MU single-season record of 6.6, set in 2003 (150 attempt minimum).

Washington ran for 73 yards and 1 TD against Kansas State (17 carries), while he just missed the 100-yard mark at Baylor, as he ended with 97 yards on just 14 carries (a healthy 6.9 average per rush). He was held out of the endzone for the first time in 2008, as he'd had at least 1 TD in each game prior to that 31-28 win in Waco.

Against Colorado Mizzou gained 189 yards on the ground, with D-Wash accounting for 83 yards and 1 TD on 17 carries. The production was good to see, as he'd been held in check the previous two weeks, as he carried a total of 15 times for 28 yards combined against Oklahoma State (8 rushes, 11 yards) and Texas (7 rushes, 17 yards).

Even though his yardage totals were down against OSU and Texas, Washington still contributed by adding a rushing TD in each game. His 2-yard TD run in the 3rd quarter at Texas on Oct. 18th marked the first rushing TD scored against Texas' stout run defense in 2008.

Washington was the offensive star of MU's 52-17 romp over Nebraska, as he rushed for a career-best 139 yards

IN THE RANKINGS

Associated Press Top-25

Nov. 30, 2008

1. Alabama (62)
2. Florida (3)
3. Texas
4. Oklahoma
5. USC
6. Penn State
7. Utah
8. Texas Tech
9. Boise State
10. Ohio State
11. TCU
12. Ball State
13. Cincinnati
14. Oklahoma State
15. Georgia Tech
16. Oregon
17. Georgia
18. Boston College

19. MISSOURI

20. BYU
21. Michigan State
22. Mississippi
23. Pittsburgh
24. Northwestern
25. Oregon State

USA Today Coaches' Top-25

Nov. 30, 2008

1. Alabama (58)
2. Oklahoma (2)
3. Texas
4. Florida (1)
5. USC
6. Penn State
7. Utah
8. Texas Tech
9. Boise State
10. Ohio State
11. TCU
12. Cincinnati
13. Ball State
14. Oregon
15. Oklahoma State
16. Georgia Tech

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21. Michigan State
22. Northwestern
23. Pittsburgh
24. Oregon State
25. Mississippi

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TIGER AWARDS

OL Colin Brown

- 1st-Team Academic All-Big 12

TE Chase Coffman

- John Mackey Award Finalist
- John Mackey National TE of the Week (Sept. 24)
- Mid-Season 1st-Team All-American — CBS Sportsline, The Sporting News

QB Chase Daniel

- Wuerffel Trophy Finalist
- Unitas Golden Arm Award Finalist
- Manning Award Finalist
- Maxwell Award Semi-Finalist
- Davey O'Brien Semi-Finalist
- National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete
- Draddy Trophy Finalist
- Lowe's Senior CLASS Award Finalist
- 1st-Team Academic All-Big 12
- Davey O'Brien National QB of the Week (Sept. 15)
- Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week (Sept. 22)
- Davey O'Brien National QB of the Week (Sept. 22)

OL Kurtis Gregory

- 2nd-Team Academic All-Big 12
- Big 12/Chick-Fil-A Community Champion

DL Ziggy Hood

- 2nd-Team Academic All-Big 12

WR/PR/KR Jeremy Maclin

- Biletnikoff Award Finalist
- Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week (Sept. 2)

FS William Moore

- Thorpe Award Semi-Finalist

QB Chase Patton

- 1st-Team Academic All-Big 12

on just 14 carries, scoring twice on the ground, and adding a third score on a 7-yard TD pass from Chase Daniel. His two rushing scores were from 3 yards out in the 1st quarter and from 43 yards out in the 3rd quarter as he broke through the line untouched to put the Tigers up, 45-10 with 2:24 left in the period.

The Raymore, Mo. native was been a model of consistency early on, as he rushed for exactly 2 TDs in each of the first 5 games, adding single receiving TDs against SEMO and Nebraska.

Washington's collegiate starting debut couldn't have gone much better, as he ran for a 7-yard TD on MU's season-opening possession against Illinois to put the Tigers on top, 7-0. He added a 40-yard TD burst in the 2nd quarter that helped the Tigers start to pull away, and he ended the night with 130 yards on 19 carries — good for a salty average of 6.8 yards per try.

His 130 yards stood as the high-water mark in the Big 12 Conference on opening weekend, and he followed with a 67-yard, 2-TD outing against SEMO (on just 8 carries thanks to being pulled early due to MU's huge lead), followed by 80 yards on 8 carries against Nevada (again being pulled early) and an 89-yard, 2-TD day against Buffalo.

Against Nevada, Washington opened scoring with a 59-yard burst on the first possession of the game to put MU up, 7-0 with 13:49 left in the 1st quarter. He later scored on a 2-yard run late in the 2nd quarter to mark his 3rd-straight multiple-TD game.

Against SEMO, D-Wash scored on a pair of 5-yard runs, and he also showed his versatility that has Tiger coaches so excited about his future, as he caught a 28-yard pass from QB Chase Daniel in the 1st quarter that made it 21-0.

Washington played in 12 games for Mizzou in 2007 and ran for 184 yards on 36 attempts while scoring 1 TD rushing. He also caught 10 passes for 70 yards in 2007 with 1 TD.

SULAK TIED FOR NCAA LEAD IN FORCED FUMBLES

While the Tiger offense has proven trustworthy in holding onto the ball, Mizzou's disruptive DE Stryker Sulak has proven quite adept at getting the ball out from the grasp of opponents. The Rockdale, Texas native has forced 6 fumbles in 2008, and that's tied for the most in the nation (his per-game average of 0.50 is tied for 2nd-best nationally).

Sulak had only 2 tackles last Saturday against Kansas, but they were his typical big plays, as both were QB sacks against KU's Todd Reesing, for a total of 17 yards in losses. One was on KU's next-to-last possession, where he got around the tackle, and knocked the ball out of Reesing's hands, only to have a KU lineman recover the ball. The Jayhawks went on to score a go-ahead touchdown just two plays later. Sulak also broke up a pass vs. Kansas.

His 2 QB sacks raised his career total to 20.5, and that ranks him 3rd alltime on the MU career chart.

Sulak had a strong game against Baylor, as he notched 7 tackles (the most since opening the season with 8 tackles against Illinois) and was credited with a half QB sack.

For his career, Sulak has forced 14 fumbles in 51 games as a Tiger. The next-most by any active Tiger is 5 forced fumbles by Ziggy Hood in 47 career games and 5 by William Moore in 46 games.

Here's a quick look at the national leaders in the category:

MOST FUMBLES FORCED IN 2008

Rk.	Player, School, Pos. (Class)	Fumbles
1.	Stryker Sulak, MU, DE (Sr.)	6
	Zach Arnett, New Mexico, LB (Sr.)	6
	Keenan Clayton, Oklahoma, DB (Jr.)	6
	James Holt, Kansas, LB (Sr.)	6
	Jerry Hughes, TCU, DL (Jr.)	6
6.	Stephen Anderson, Army, LB (So.)	5
	James Lockett, Tulsa, DB (Jr.)	5
	Vic Hall, Virginia, DB (Jr.)	5
9.	8 Tied With	4

TIGERS HAVE BEEN CREAM OF THE BIG 12 NORTH CROP

Thanks to the research skills of resident MU football historian Tom Orf, we proudly pass along the following tidbits about Mizzou and the Big 12 Conference North Division...

• Mizzou has won the most games, both in Big 12 North play, as well as overall, in the last 6 years (through games of Nov. 15th). The charts look like this:

BIG 12 NORTH TEAM WINS LAST 6 YRS., ALL GAMES		BIG 12 NORTH TEAM WINS LAST 6 YRS., BIG 12 GAMES ONLY	
School	Wins	School	Wins
Mizzou	49	Mizzou	27
Nebraska	45	Nebraska	25

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Kansas	42
Kansas St.	36
Colorado	33
Iowa St.	25

Kansas	22
Colorado	20
Kansas St.	18
Iowa St.	11

• Additionally, Mizzou has the most 7-win seasons in the last 5 years among Big 12 North schools (4), as well as the most 4-win conference seasons among Big 12 North brethren (4) in the last 5 seasons.

NEAR-PERFECT GAME FUELS MISSOURI TO BIG WIN AT NEBRASKA

Mizzou exorcized 30 years of frustration in Lincoln, Neb. on Oct. 4th, as the Tigers rolled to a 52-17 win over Nebraska — marking the Huskers' largest margin of defeat in Lincoln since 1955. While no coach in his right mind would ever purport to having played a perfect game, us PR hacks can make claims along those lines, and while MU's performance wasn't 100% pristine, it was darn close. Consider the following facts from the game...

• — Mizzou punted exactly zero times on the night. Punter Jake Harry wasn't called on, and he punted just 2 times total in MU's 3-games stretch against Nevada, Buffalo and Nebraska...

• — The Tigers were flagged for just one penalty on the night, a personal foul that cost 15 yards, while Nebraska was called for 14 penalties totaling 101 yards in all...

• — Mizzou did not turn the ball over, nor did it allow a sack on offense...

• — The #1 offense scored on 7-of-8 possessions with Chase Daniel at the helm, as he guided the way to 6 TDs and 1 FG in all. The sole non-score came at the first-half gun, as PK Jeff Wolfert tried a 59-yard attempt, only to see the kick fall just short and barely wide left...

• — The Tiger defense forced 2 turnovers (scoring on one of them, a 17-yard INT return by LB Brock Christopher) and held Nebraska to just 79 yards rushing on 35 attempts (2.3 avg.)...

• — The #1 defensive unit only allowed 10 points, as Nebraska got its last score with :00 on the clock that came against the reserve team...

TIGER AWARDS

DE Stryker Sulak

•Big 12 Def. Player of the Week (Sept. 2)

LB Sean Weatherspoon

•Lott Trophy IMPACT National Player of the Week (Nov. 11)

•Bednarik Award Semi-Finalist

•Lott Trophy Quarter-Finalist

•Walter Camp National Defensive Player of the Week (Sept. 1)

•Big 12 Def. Player of the Week (Sept. 22)

OL Dain Wise

•1st-Team Academic All-Big 12

PK Jeff Wolfert

•1st-Team Academic All-Big 12

•Groza Award Semi-Finalist

•Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week (Sept. 15)

OL Austin Wuebbels

•1st-Team Academic All-Big 12

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GARY PINKEL RECORD BREAKDOWN

PINKEL QUICK FACTS

Age: _____ 56
 Birthdate: _____ April 27, 1952
 Hometown: _____ Akron, Ohio
 Alma Mater: _____ Kent State (1973)
 Playing Honors: _____ Hon. Men. All-American
 _____ Tight End (1973 - Associated Press)
 Coaching Progression:
Kent State:
 Grad. Asst. Coach _____ 1974-75
Washington:
 Grad. Asst. Coach _____ 1976
Bowling Green:
 Asst. Coach _____ 1977-78
Washington:
 Asst. Coach _____ 1979-1990
Toledo:
 Head Coach _____ 1991-2000
Mizzou:
 Head Coach _____ 2001-Present

PINKEL CAREER RECORD

at Mizzou (2001-Present) _____ 58-40
 at Toledo (1991-2000) _____ 73-37-3
 TOTALS _____ 131-77-3

PINKEL YEAR-BY-YEAR

At Toledo

1991 _____ 5-5-1
 1992 _____ 8-3
 1993 _____ 4-7
 1994 _____ 6-4-1
 1995 MAC Champs / Las Vegas Bowl Champs _ 11-0-1
 1996 _____ 7-4
 1997 MAC West Champs _____ 9-3
 1998 MAC West Champs _____ 7-5
 1999 _____ 6-5
 2000 _____ 10-1
 10 Years _____ 73-37-3

At Mizzou

2001 _____ 4-7
 2002 _____ 5-7
 2003 Independence Bowl _____ 8-5
 2004 _____ 5-6
 2005 Independence Bowl Champs _____ 7-5
 2006 Sun Bowl _____ 8-5
 2007 Big 12 North Champs / Cotton Bowl Champs _ 12-2
 2008 Big 12 North Champs _____ 9-3
 8 Years _____ 58-40

HEAD COACH GARY PINKEL

In his eighth year directing the Missouri Tiger football program, Head Coach Gary Pinkel has built a solid foundation that has transformed Mizzou from a once downtrodden program to one that finds itself among college football's elite.

Pinkel is in his 8th season at MU and touts a career record of 131-77-3 (62.8%). The Illinois game earlier this season was the 200th in Pinkel's head coaching career.

Pinkel, who has led MU to a combined record of 49-26 (65.3%) over the past 5 seasons, and to bowl games in 2003, 2005, 2006 and 2007, has an 8-year record in Columbia of 58-40 (59.2%). Dating back to the 2005 Independence Bowl win over Steve Spurrier and South Carolina, Pinkel has won 30 of his last 40 games overall.

MU's win in the 2008 opener against Illinois gave Pinkel his 50th MU win, and he now ranks 3rd on the coaching wins list at MU, with 58.

Pinkel is in a select group of Mizzou coaches that includes College Football Hall of Famers Don Faurot and Dan Devine, as well as Warren Powers, to be the only coaches to have an MU record of above .500 (with at least one full season coached) dating all the way back to 1935.

The 2007 season was one of historic proportions, as the Tigers won 11 regular-season games for the first-time ever, claimed the Big 12 North Division title (MU's first conference title in football since 1969), and ascended to the number-one ranking in both the Associated Press poll (for only the second time in MU history) and the BCS rankings (for the first time in history). The Tigers finished things off in style, by defeating #25 Arkansas by a 38-7 count in the 2008 AT&T Cotton Bowl, giving MU its first New Year's Day Bowl victory since 1966.

The Cotton Bowl win also gave the Tigers a school-record 12th win, and helped give Mizzou a final #4 ranking in the Associated Press season-ending poll, which is the highest a Tiger team has ever finished a season in the rankings.

For his outstanding achievements both on and off the field, Pinkel was a finalist for several national coach of the year awards, including the Robinson, Bryant and Munger awards. He was named the National Coach of the Year by FieldTurf.

Mizzou clearly caught the attention of the national football community in 2007, as the Tigers began the season unranked but quickly darted up the charts with wins over 2007 bowl teams such as Illinois, Texas Tech and Colorado. And after the Tigers defeated arch rival Kansas on Nov. 24th, Mizzou stood atop the college football world, ranked number one for the first and only time since 1960. Mizzou was featured on the covers of virtually every prominent national sporting publication, including *Sports Illustrated*, *The Sporting News* and *USA Today*.

His success has led to an increased commitment to his program from the University, as Pinkel was awarded with a new seven-year contract in November of 2008 that will keep him on the Tiger sidelines through the 2015 season. With winning seasons in 2003 (8-5), 2005 (7-5), 2006 (8-5), 2007 (11-2) and 2008 (9-3), Pinkel is the first MU coach to achieve five winning seasons since Warren Powers.

Pinkel and his program successfully built on the momentum created from a thrilling 38-31 win over South Carolina in the 2005 Independence Bowl that saw his Tigers overcome a 21-point deficit. The landmark win marked the largest come-from-behind win in school history, and it gave Mizzou only its second bowl win in the last 24 years.

Pinkel has led Mizzou to four bowl games, and that puts him in select company, as he joins Don Faurot, Dan Devine, and Warren Powers as the only coaches to guide MU to four bowl games. After beating Nebraska in 2007 for the 3rd time in 5 years, Pinkel became the first MU coach since Al Onofrio to defeat the Huskers three times. His Tigers also made history in 2008 with their landmark 52-17 win at Nebraska, as it was MU's first win in Lincoln since 1978.

