Tennessee State Tigers
Ohio Valley

Last NCAA Tournament Miss: 2025

Current Status: Bubble
Projected JNG Seed: 16

Head Coach: Nolan Smith
School: 25-13 (2 seasons)
Career: 25-13

Record		H/R/N/B		NET/WAB/SOS		Resume		Predictive		KenPom	
Overall	2-3	Home	2-0	NET	1	KPI	1	BPI	211	AdjO	246
vs D1	0-3	Road	0-2	WAB	1	SOR	272	T-R	195	AdjD	173
Conference	0-0	Neutral	0-1	N/C WAB	1	JNG	317	KenPom	207	Tempo	13
vs Tier 1-2	0-2	vs Board	0-0	SOS	1	AVG	196.7	AVG	204.3	Luck	282
vs Tier 1-3	0-3			N/C SOS	1	OAR: 223 (126.9 avg)*				Streak	L2

Average JNG Win: 0.0

Wins Tier 1 1-30/1-50/1-75

JNG	Date	Opponent	Score

Wins Tier 2 31-75/51-100/76-135

JNG	Date	Opponent	Score

Wins Tier 3 76-160/101-200/136-240

JNG	Date	Opponent	Score
175	11/17	@ South Florida	98-71

Wins Tier 4 161+/201+/241+

JNG	Date	Opponent	Score
--	11/05	East West	127-61
--	11/09	Fisk	123-73

Average JNG Loss: 89.0

Loss Tier 1 1-30/1-50/1-75

JNG	Date	Opponent	Score
9	*11/13*	*@ Tennessee*	*83-78*

Loss Tier 2 31-75/51-100/76-135

JNG	Date	Opponent	Score
83	11/02	vs Murray State	94-64

Loss Tier 3 76-160/101-200/136-240

JNG	Date	Opponent	Score
175	11/17	@ South Florida	98-71

Loss Tier 4 161+/201+/241+

JNG	Date	Opponent	Score

REMAINING SCHEDULE

Date	JNG	Opponent
11/29	81	@ Oklahoma State*
12/04	266	vs Grambling*
12/05	365	vs Florida A&M*
12/09	--	Oakwood*
12/11	312	@ Western Illinois
12/19	179	Alabama A&M*
12/31	315	@ Southern Indiana
01/02	332	@ Eastern Illinois
01/07	312	Western Illinois
01/09	324	SIU Edwardsville
01/16	285	Morehead State
01/21	328	@ Lindenwood
01/23	245	@ Southeast Missouri State
01/28	315	Southern Indiana
01/30	167	Tennessee-Martin
02/04	328	Lindenwood
02/06	285	@ Morehead State
02/11	332	Eastern Illinois
02/17	324	@ SIU Edwardsville
02/20	173	vs Howard*
02/25	167	@ Tennessee-Martin
02/27	245	Southeast Missouri State

Glossary:

NET: NCAA NET Metric
WAB: Wins Above Bubble (NCAA Metric)
KPI: kpisports.net / Kevin Pauga
SOR: espn.com Strength of Record
JNG: hoopshd.com / Joby Fortson
BPI: espn.com BPI Ratings
T-R: barttorvik.com / Torvik Rankings
KenPom: kenpom.com / Ken Pomeroy
AdjO: Adjusted Offensive Efficiency per kenpom.com
AdjD: Adjusted Defensive Efficiency per kenpom.com
Tempo: Adjusted Tempo per kenpom.com
Luck: Luck Ranking per kenpom.com

OAR: Overall Average Ranking (average of NET, KPI, SOR, WAB, POM, BPI and T-R ranked 1-365)
Projected JNG Seed: NCAA Tournament Seed per the JNG Rating if this team qualifies for the NCAA Tournament
* Games marked with an * are non-conference games

Tennessee State DEFCON Game Ratings for Wednesday, November 25, 2026

DEFCON 3

Time (ET)	Matchup	Broadcast	Desired Winner
2:00 PM	Arkansas-Pine Bluff at South Dakota	summit	Arkansas-Pine Bluff

DEFCON 4

Time (ET)	Matchup	Broadcast	Desired Winner
1:00 PM	Long Beach State vs Southern Utah	espn+	Long Beach State
6:00 PM	Bethune-Cookman at Richmond	espn+	Richmond
6:00 PM	West Florida at Northwestern State	espn+	Northwestern State
7:00 PM	Northern Illinois at SIU Edwardsville	espn+	Northern Illinois

DEFCON 5

Time (ET)	Matchup	Broadcast	Desired Winner
12:30 PM	Northern Colorado vs Detroit Mercy	flohoops	Detroit Mercy
1:00 PM	Lindenwood at Stony Brook	flohoops	Stony Brook
2:00 PM	Manhattan at NJIT	espn+	Manhattan
3:00 PM	Jackson State at Oklahoma State	espn+	Oklahoma State
4:00 PM	Prairie View at Marshall	espn+	Marshall
5:00 PM	Southern at Nebraska	BTN	Nebraska