

# 2020-21 TENNESSEE STATE MEN'S BASKETBALL GAME NOTES



## 2020-2021 SCHEDULE ▶▶

Overall: 0-1 | OVC: 0-1 | Home: 0-0 | Away: 0-1 | Neutral: 0-0

NOV 26		vs Coppin State	Canceled
NOV 27		at Marshall	Canceled
DEC 2		BELMONT	Postponed
DEC 8		at Belmont	L, 79-64
DEC 12		at IUPUI	11 a.m.
DEC 18		BELMONT	6 p.m.
DEC 22		CHATTANOOGA	2 p.m.
DEC 30		AUSTIN PEAY	8 p.m.
JAN 2		at Southeast Missouri*	5 p.m.
JAN 7		UT MARTIN*	8 p.m.
JAN 9		SOUTHEAST MISSOURI*	4 p.m.
JAN 14		at Jacksonville State*	7:30 p.m.
JAN 16		at Tennessee Tech*	8 p.m.
JAN 21		SIU-EDWARDSVILLE*	8 p.m.
JAN 23		EASTERN ILLINOIS*	4 p.m.
JAN 28		at Murray State*	7:30 p.m.
JAN 30		at Austin Peay*	4 p.m.
FEB 4		at SIU-Edwardsville*	4 p.m.
FEB 6		at Eastern Illinois*	4 p.m.
FEB 11		MOREHEAD STATE*	8 p.m.
FEB 13		EASTERN KENTUCKY*	4 p.m.
FEB 18		TENNESSEE TECH*	8 p.m.
FEB 20		JACKSONVILLE STATE*	4 p.m.
FEB 25		at Morehead State*	6 p.m.
FEB 27		at Eastern Kentucky*	6 p.m.
MAR 4-7		Ohio Valley Conference Tournament ^	ESPN+ / ESPNU / ESPN2

ALL GAMES CENTRAL STANDARD TIME | HOME GAMES ALL CAPS  
\* OVC Regular Season Game | ^ Ford Center (Evansville, Ind.)

## THE MATCHUP ▶▶



TENNESSEE STATE TIGERS

0-1, 0-1 OVC

Brian "Penny" Collins (3rd Season, Belmont '06)



VERSUS IUPUI JAGUARS

RECORD

0-0

HEAD COACH

Byron Rimm II (Cal State, Los Angeles, '99), 2nd season

## GAME DETAILS ▶▶

THE BASICS: Dec. 12, 2020 ▶ Indianapolis, Ind. ▶ Indiana Farmers Coliseum ▶ 11 a.m. CT

VIDEO: ESPN3 ▶ Greg Rakestraw (play by play) and Bob Lovell (color) on the call

LIVE STATS: SideArm Sports

## AT A GLANCE ▶▶

▶ The Tennessee State University Tigers return for game two of the season Saturday, Dec. 12 as they take on the IUPUI Jaguars. Tip is set for 11 a.m. CT on ESPN3.

▶ The Tigers had an unprecedented start to the season, taking on an Ohio Valley Conference opponent in league champion Belmont. After a 79-64 loss to the Bruins, Big Blue is tied for fourth in the OVC.

▶ TSU is ranked third in the OVC in offensive rebounds while Mark Freeman leads the league in scoring.

▶ Big Blue's season, like many across the country, had been delayed from its original Nov. 26 start date due to COVID protocols.

▶ Head Coach Brian "Penny" Collins enters his third season at the helm of the Tigers after a season of record breaking crowds, tying the home-win record and topping the OVC in ESPN+ views. The Collins era continues with the addition of former TSU head coach Cy Alexander as a senior advisor.

▶ Alexander gave Collins his start in the coaching industry as a graduate assistant in 2007.

▶ Of the nine Tiger newcomers, four have Division I playing experience.

- ▶ #11 - Shakwon Barrett - Tulane
- ▶ #13 - Mason Green - Mercer
- ▶ #22 - Josh Linder - Georgia State
- ▶ #34 - Samone Nelson Jr. - Tennessee State (redshirt)

## TENNESSEE STATE PROBABLE STARTERS (2019-20 STATS) ▶▶

<b>MARK FREEMAN</b> #0	<b>MONTY JOHAL</b> #10	<b>SHAKWON BARRETT</b> #11	<b>SHAKEM JOHNSON</b> #4	<b>JOSH LINDER</b> #22
5-10   160   So.   G Memphis, Tenn.	6-3   185   R-So.   G Springfield, Mo.	6-10   200   Jr.   G Toronto, Ontario.	6-7   210   Sr.   C Youngstown, Ohio	6-8   210   Sr.   C Kathleen, Ga.
PPG 26.0	PPG 6.0	PPG 7.0	PPG 2.0	PPG 7.0
RPG 3.0	RPG 4.0	RPG 4.0	RPG 6.0	RPG 4.0
APG 2.0	APG 1.0	APG 4.0	APG 0	APG 0
MINS 29.0	MINS 23.0	MINS 24.0	MINS 19.0	MINS 25.0

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**2020-21 NUMERICAL ROSTER ▶▶**

#	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)
0	Mark Freeman	G	5-10	160	So.	Memphis, Tenn. (The Skill Factory/Southwind HS)
1	Marcus Fitzgerald Jr.	G	6-2	175	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. (Pearl-Cohn HS)
2	Carlos Marshall Jr.	G	6-6	210	R-Jr.	Memphis, Tenn. (Southwest Tennessee CC)
3	Amorey Womack	G	6-1	185	R-Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Webster Groves HS)
4	Shakem Johnson	F	6-7	210	Sr.	Youngstown, Ohio (Navarro College)
5	Jon Brown	G	6-8	180	Sr.	Miami, Fla. (Georgia Tech)
10	Monty Johal	G	6-3	185	R-Fr.	Springfield, Mo. (Glendale HS)
11	Shakwon Barrett	G	6-5	180	Jr.	Toronto, Ontario (Northwest Florida State)
12	Evan Joyner	F	6-8	180	Fr.	Greensboro, NC (Piedmont Classical HS)
13	Mason Green	F	6-10	220	R-Jr.	Ellenwood, Ga. (Georgia Highlands)
15	Devonte Lanier	F	6-7	213	Jr.	Huntsville, Ala. (Lawson State CC)
20	Donnie Malone	G	6-2	185	Sr.	Memphis, Tenn. (Southwest Tennessee CC)
22	Josh Linder	F	6-8	210	Jr.	Kathleen, Ga. (Georgia State)
23	Ravel Moody	G	6-6	200	Sr.	Denver, Co. (Northeastern Oklahoma)
24	Yusuf Mohamed	F	6-10	200	Jr.	Seattle, Wash. (North Idaho)
34	Samone Nelson Jr.	G	6-5	200	Sr.	Memphis, Tenn. (Central HS)

**2020-21 ALPHABETICAL ROSTER ▶▶**

#	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)
11	Shakwon Barrett	G	6-5	180	Jr.	Toronto, Ontario (Northwest Florida State)
5	Jon Brown	G	6-8	180	Sr.	Miami, Fla. (Georgia Tech)
1	Marcus Fitzgerald Jr.	G	6-2	175	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. (Pearl-Cohn HS)
0	Mark Freeman	G	5-10	160	So.	Memphis, Tenn. (The Skill Factory/Southwind HS)
13	Mason Green	F	6-10	220	R-Jr.	Ellenwood, Ga. (Georgia Highlands)
10	Monty Johal	G	6-3	185	R-Fr.	Springfield, Mo. (Glendale HS)
4	Shakem Johnson	F	6-7	210	Sr.	Youngstown, Ohio (Navarro College)
12	Evan Joyner	F	6-8	180	Fr.	Greensboro, NC (Piedmont Classical HS)
15	Devonte Lanier	F	6-7	213	Jr.	Huntsville, Ala. (Lawson State CC)
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20	Donnie Malone	G	6-2	185	Sr.	Memphis, Tenn. (Southwest Tennessee CC)
2	Carlos Marshall Jr.	G	6-6	210	R-Jr.	Memphis, Tenn. (Southwest Tennessee CC)
24	Yusuf Mohamed	F	6-10	200	Jr.	Seattle, Wash. (North Idaho)
23	Ravel Moody	G	6-6	200	Sr.	Denver, Co. (Northeastern Oklahoma)
34	Samone Nelson Jr.	G	6-5	200	Sr.	Memphis, Tenn. (Central HS)
3	Amorey Womack	G	6-1	185	R-Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Webster Groves HS)

**2020-21 STAFF ▶▶****Head Coach:** Brian "Penny" Collins (Belmont, 2006), 3rd season**Assistant Coach:** Ben Walker (Creighton, 2001), 3rd season**Assistant Coach:** Jerry Nichols (Arkansas State, 2006), 3rd season**Assistant Coach:** Russ Willemsen (Lee [Tenn.], 2004) 3rd season**Director of Basketball Operations:** Josh Bone (Tennessee, 2011) 2nd season**Senior Advisor to the Head Coach:** Ricky Collins (UT Martin, 1978) 2nd Season

Senior Advisor to the Head Coach: Cy Alexander (Catawba College) 1st Season

**Video Coordinator:** Asa Duvall (Lipscomb, 2016) 2nd Season**2020-21 ROSTER BY CLASS ▶▶****SENIORS (5)**

#4	Shakem Johnson	Youngstown, Ohio
#5	Jon Brown	Miami, Fla.
#20	Donnie Malone	Memphis, Tenn.
#22	Josh Linder	Kathleen, Ga.
#23	Ravel Moody	Denver, Colo.
#34	Samone Nelson Jr.	Memphis, Tenn.

**JUNIORS (5)**

#2	Carlos Marshall, Jr.	Memphis, Tenn.	#
#11	Shakwon Barrett	Toronto, Ontario	
#13	Mason Green	Ellenwood, Ga.	#
#15	Devonte Lanier	Huntsville, Ala.	
#24	Yusuf Mohamed	Seattle, Wa.	

**SOPHOMORES (3)**

#0	Mark Freeman	Memphis, Tenn.
#3	Amorey Womack	St. Louis, Mo.
#12	Monty Johal	Springfield, Mo.

**FRESHMEN (2)**

#1	Marcus Fitzgerald Jr.	Nashville, Tenn.
#12	Evan Joyner	Greensboro, NC

# Has Already Utilized a redshirt

**PRONUNCIATION GUIDE ▶▶**

##	NAME	PRONUNCIATION
#3	Amorey Womack	uh-MOR-ee
#4	Shakem Johnson	shuh-kim
#10	Monty Johal	JOE-hall
#11	Shakwon Barrett	shuh-kwon bare-it
#15	Devonte Lanier	luh-neer
#22	Josh Linder	LYNN-der
#23	Ravel Moody	RUH-vel

**INSIDE THE MATCHUP ▶▶****AT A GLANCE ▶▶**

▶ This marks the first time the teams have met

**BY THE NUMBERS ▶▶**

\*2019-20 Stats



0-1	<b>RECORD</b>	*7-25
64.0	<b>PPG</b>	70.5
79.0	<b>OPP. PPG</b>	80.1
.381	<b>FG %</b>	.413
.423	<b>OPP. FG %</b>	.463
.190	<b>3-PT %</b>	.337
.435	<b>OPP. 3-PT %</b>	.367
.500	<b>FT %</b>	.645
39.0	<b>REBS/GAME</b>	35.8
-4.0	<b>REBS +/-</b>	-3.5
9.0	<b>AST/GAME</b>	13.5
14.0	<b>TO/GAME</b>	13.9
5.0	<b>STL/GAME</b>	6.5
2.0	<b>BLK/GAME</b>	2.5

**ALL-TIME SERIES ▶▶**

VS

**TSU'S RECORD**

<b>ALL-TIME SERIES</b> .....	0-0
<b>SINCE COLLINS BEGAN IN '18-19</b> .....	0-0
<b>SERIES STREAK</b> .....	NONE

**RECENT MEETINGS**

DATE	LOCATION	W/L	SCORE
First meeting			

**TENNESSEE STATE NEWS AND NOTES ▶▶****LAST TIME OUT**

▶ Mark Freeman finished on top with 26 points, leading both teams in scoring at the Curb.

▶ The OVC's fist newcomer of the week Luke Smith helped BU offensively with 23 points, followed closely by Nick Muszynski with 21, who shot 16-21 from the charity stripe.

▶ Thirteen Tigers saw action, including seven of Big Blue's newcomers. Josh Linder and Shakwon Barrett contributed seven points apiece, while Yusuf Mohamed and returning starter Shakem Johnson led the team with 6 rebounds.

**FROM THE SIX(TH)**

▶ Tennessee State was picked to finish sixth by the Preseason Media Poll and conference poll of the head coaches and SIDs.  
 ▶ Shakwon Barrett, junior guard, hails from Toronto, Ontario, serving as our first international player on the squad since Kamar McKnight in 2018, who was also from Toronto.

**HBCU FAMILY**

▶ Freshman Evan Joyner's father is Jay Joyner the 2018 MEAC Coach of the Year. Joyner coached the Aggies of NC A&T where he helped the team to its first 20-win season in 31 years.  
 ▶ Senior Advisor to the Head Coach Cy Alexander served as the head coach at South Carolina State where he coaches the Bulldogs to a 276-200 record over a decade and a half. He then took the helm of the TSU Tigers from 2003-2009 before heading to NCA&T from 2012-2016.

**MAY I ASSIST?**

▶ Mark Freeman averaged 4.2 assists as a freshman for the Tigers. Returning as the full-time starting point guard, the Memphis native looks to lead the floor for Big Blue in year two.  
 ▶ In game one, junior college transfer Shakwon Barrett led the night in assists with four.

**"DESERVE TO WIN"**

▶ TSU Head Coach Brian "Penny" Collins has dubbed "Deserve to Win" his phrase for the team.  
 ▶ It is a philosophy that encompasses every aspect of the program from work in the weightroom to how the coaches and student-athletes interact with the community.  
 ▶ The roster contains "well-rounded, high-character individuals, with high basketball IQs who lead by example on and off the court."

**WHY PENNY?**

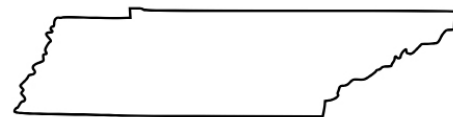
▶ Head Coach Brian "Penny" Collins got his name as a kid. Collins, born in Memphis, moved to Nashville as a young pre-teen. In honor of his favorite college and NBA player, Penny Hardaway who played in his hometown, Collins would sport the Magic jersey while on the court. The name stuck.  
 ▶ Collins claims both Memphis and Nashville as his hometown, as he was born in one, and raised in the other.

**SWOOSH**

▶ Tennessee State announced the switch to Nike summer of 2019 after sporting Adidas for many seasons.  
 ▶ With the switch, TSU unveiled four new jerseys last season - a traditional white, blue as well as a black and throwback jersey featuring "The Big Blue" and striped shorts.  
 ▶ Big Blue plans to unveil two additional uniforms throughout the 2020-21 season.  
 ▶ Chandra Cheeseborough, current director of track and field at Tennessee State and olympic gold medalist was the first african american woman sponsored by Nike.

**A WIN WOULD**

▶ Mark TSU's 80th win over the last six years and Coach Collins' 28th win as a head coach.

**STAY LOCAL ▶▶**

▶ Of the six individuals who make up the TSU coaching staff, five of them are either from the state of Tennessee or went to college in Tennessee.

▶ The roster contains four players from Tennessee - Mark Freeman (Memphis), Marcus Fitzgerald Jr. (Nashville) Carlos Marshall, Jr. (Memphis), Donnie Malone (Memphis) and Samone Nelson Jr. (Memphis).

▶ Evan Joyner, freshman from Greensboro, NC was born in Nashville.

▶ Three attended junior college in Tennessee at Southwest Tennessee Community College - Donnie Malone, Carlos Marshall, Jr.

▶ Carlos Marshall Jr. and Mark Freeman played together at Southwind High School in Memphis.

**SIGNEES ▶▶**

▶ Coach Collins signed Samuel Keita and Tajik Bartholomew to the 2021 class during the early signing period.

▶ Keita, a forward from London, averaged 5.5 points and 4.6 rebounds in just 17 games as a freshman at Casper College.

▶ Bartholomew out of Austin, Texas, is a 6-3 combo guard transferring in from Tohono O'odham where he averaged 14.4 points, 3.9 rebounds and 3.6 assists in 30 games.

**OVC PRESEASON POLL ▶▶****COACHES/SIDS POLL ▶▶**

#	SCHOOL	POINTS
1.	Austin Peay(9)	226.
	Murray St. (10)	226
3.	Belmont	214
4.	Eastern Kentucky	173
5.	Eastern Illinois	153
<b>6.</b>	<b>Tennessee State</b>	<b>139</b>
7.	Jacksonville State	124
8.	Morehead St.	87
9.	Tennessee Tech	84
10.	UT Martin	80
11.	SIUE	48
12.	Southeast Missouri	30
(First Place Votes)		

**MEDIA POLL ▶▶**

#	SCHOOL	POINTS
1.	Austin Peay(6)	145
	Murray St. (6)	145
3.	Belmont (1)	127
4.	Eastern Kentucky	115
5.	Eastern Illinois	98
<b>6.</b>	<b>Tennessee State</b>	<b>92</b>
7.	Jacksonville State	80
8.	Tennessee Tech	56
9.	Morehead State	54
10.	UT Martin	46
11.	SIUE	29
12.	SEMO	17
(FIRST PLACE VOTES)		

**WINS AMONG OVC SINCE '15-16 ▶▶**

SCHOOL	'15-16	'16-17	'17-18	'18-19	'19-20	'20-21	6-YEAR
1. Belmont	20	23	23	21	24	4	114
2. Murray St.	17	16	24	21	22	4	104
3. Austin Peay	18	11	17	19	20	3	88
4. Jacksonville St.	8	20	20	19	13	3	83
<b>5. TSU</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79</b>
T6. UT Martin	20	22	10	10	9	1	72
T6. Eastern Illinois	13	14	11	14	17	2	72
8. Morehead St.	23	14	8	10	13	3	71
9. Eastern Kentucky	15	12	11	11	15	4	67
10. Tennessee Tech	19	12	18	7	9	0	66
11. SEMO	5	15	14	8	7	2	51
12. SIUE	6	6	9	8	8	2	39

**ABOUT TSU ▶▶**

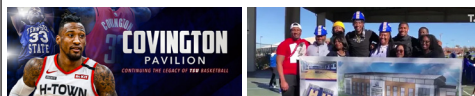
- ▶ TSU is one of two NCAA Division I HBCU that competes outside of the MEAC or SWAC (Hampton competes in the Big South)
- ▶ Of the four D-1 schools in Nashville (TSU, Belmont, Lipscomb and Vanderbilt), TSU is the only public university
- ▶ Notable alumni include
  - Oprah Winfrey
  - Anthony Mason (NBA)
  - Dick Barnett (NBA)
  - Dominique Rodgers-Comartie (NFL) - Oakland Raiders
  - Ed "Too Tall" Jones (NFL)
  - Anthony Levine (NFL) - Baltimore Ravens
  - Richard Dent (NFL)
  - Wilma Rudolph (Track)

**OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE STANDINGS ▶▶**

SCHOOL	OVC	PCT.	CONF-STREAK	OVERALL	PCT.	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL	STREAK
Belmont	1-0	1.000	W1	4-1	0.800	1-1	0-0	3-0	W1
Eastern Kentucky	1-0	1.000	W1	4-1	0.800	1-0	1-1	2-0	W2
Murray State	1-0	1.000	W1	3-2	0.600	3-0	0-2	0-0	L1
UT Martin	0-0	0.000	---	1-0	1.000	1-0	0-0	0-0	W1
Jacksonville State	0-0	0.000	---	3-2	0.600	0-0	0-2	3-0	L1
Southeast Missouri	0-0	0.000	---	2-2	0.500	1-1	0-1	1-0	L1
Eastern Illinois	0-0	0.000	---	2-4	0.333	1-0	1-4	0-0	L1
SIUE	0-0	0.000	---	2-4	0.333	0-1	1-2	1-1	L2
Tennessee Tech	0-0	0.000	---	0-5	0.000	0-1	0-4	0-0	L5
Austin Peay	0-1	0.000	L1	3-2	0.600	1-0	0-1	2-1	L1
Morehead State	0-1	0.000	L1	3-4	0.429	3-0	0-3	0-1	W2
Tennessee State	0-1	0.000	L1	0-1	0.000	0-0	0-1	0-0	L1

**TSU IN THE NBA ▶▶**

- ▶ TSU has had 14 former players compete in an NBA game
- ▶ Robert Covington was recently traded to Portland after a NBA playoff run with the Houston Rockets. Covington played two seasons with the Timberwolves after five-years in Philly and one with the Houston Rockets
- ▶ Covington earned '10 OVC All-Newcomer Team, '11&'12 All-OVC First Team and '13 All-OVC Second Team
- ▶ Tahjere McCall signed to the Hawks training camp roster after a successful summer season with the team.
- ▶ Notable former Tigers are Anthony Mason, Carlos Rogers, Dick "Skull" Barnett, Ted "Hound" McClain, Lloyd Neal & Leonard "Truck" Robinson

**COVINGTON PAVILION ▶▶**

- ▶ On Nov. 12, TSU basketball alumn and current Portland Trail Blazers forward Rob Covington announced the donation of a new practice facility to be used by men's and women's Basketball.
- ▶ The facility, located just steps away from the Gentry Center will feature two courts, locker rooms and offices for both programs.
- ▶ "I love my alma mater, I'm not donating a new practice facility for the recognition or because I NEED to – I am doing it because I truly WANT to. I know what the school didn't have when I was here as a student and I want future generations of kids to have the best resources available to them, to build their futures both on and off the court. I want them to step on this campus and feel like their dreams can come true here, because mine really did."

**CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A 3 ▶▶**

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- ▶ TSU has made a three-pointer in ^^ consecutive games
- ▶ Last time TSU didn't make a 3 was Dec. 29, 1990 at Colorado, going 0-for-16 in a 124-86 loss.
- ▶ The streak dates back 26 years and is the longest active streak in the OVC.
- ▶ On the streak, TSU has shot 5,893-for-17,255 (34.1 percent) on three-pointers

**TSU'S RECORD WHEN... ▶▶**

VENUE	'20-21	Collins' Career
Overall	0-1	27-37
Home	0-0	17-10
Away	0-1	7-26
Neutral	0-0	3-1
HALFTIME	'20-21	Collins' Career
When TSU leads at halftime	0-0	21-4
When TSU trails at halftime	0-1	6-32
When TSU is tied at halftime	0-0	0-1
SCORING OFFENSE	'20-21	Collins' Career
When TSU scores 100+ points	0-0	2-0
When TSU scores 90-99 points	0-0	2-0
When TSU scores 80-89 points	0-0	7-3
When TSU scores 70-79 points	0-0	11-11
When TSU scores 60-69 points	0-1	5-17
When TSU scores 50-59 points	0-0	0-3
When TSU scores 40-49 points	0-0	0-3
When TSU scores 30-39 points	0-0	0-0
SCORING DEFENSE	'20-21	Collins' Career
When TSU allows 100+ points	0-0	0-1
When TSU allows 90-99 points	0-0	0-6
When TSU allows 80-89 points	0-0	2-12
When TSU allows 70-79 points	0-1	10-11
When TSU allows 60-69 points	0-0	10-4
When TSU allows 50-59 points	0-0	6-2
When TSU allows 40-49 points	0-0	1-0
When TSU allows 30-39 points	0-0	0-0
OVERTIME	'20-21	Collins' Career
One Overtime	0-0	2-0
Double Overtime	0-0	1-0
Triple Overtime	0-0	0-0
MONTH	'20-21	Collins' Career
November	0-0	7-7
December	0-1	4-8
January	0-0	8-10
February	0-0	7-10
March	0-0	1-1
REBOUNDS	'20-21	Collins' Career
When TSU leads in rebounds	0-0	21-14
When opponent leads in rebounds	0-1	5-21
When game ends tied in rebounds	0-0	1-2
ASSISTS	'19-20	Collins' Career
When TSU leads in assists	0-0	19-13
When opponent leads in assists	0-1	4-20
When game ends tied in assists	0-0	3-3



**2020-21 TSU SINGLE-GAME SUPERLATIVES ▶▶****POINTS SCORED****Team:** 64 - at Belmont (12/8/20)**Individual:** 26- Mark Freeman- at Belmont (12/8/20)**FIELD GOALS MADE****Team:** 24 - at Belmont (12/8/20)**Individual:** 10 - Mark Freman- at Belmont (12/8/20)**3-POINTERS MADE****Team:** 4 - at Belmont (12/8/20)**Individual:** 2 - Mark Freeman - at Belmont (12/8/20)**FREE THROWS MADE****Team:** 7 - at Belmont (12/8/20)**Individual:** 3 - Emmanuel Egbuta - at Belmont (12/8/20)**FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE****Team:** 38.1% (24-of-63) - at Belmont (12/8/20)**3-Point:** 19.0% (4-of-21) - at Belmont (12/8/20)**Free Throw:** 50.0% (12-of-21) - at Belmont (12/8/20)**REBOUNDS****Team:** 39 - at Belmont (12/8/20)**Individual:** 6 - Yusuf Mohamed/Shakem Johnson - at Belmont (12/8/20)**ASSISTS****Team:** 9 - at Belmont (12/8/20)**Individual:** 4 - Shakwon Barrett - at Belmont (12/8/20)**STEALS****Team:** 5 - at Belmont (12/8/20)**Individual:** 2 - Shakwon Barrett - at Belmont (12/8/20)**BLOCKS****Team:** 7 - at Belmont (12/8/20)**Individual:** 2 - Jy'lan Washington and Emmanuel Egbuta - at Belmont (12/8/20)**CLOSE CALLS VS. HIGH MAJORS ▶▶**

▶ Tennessee State has given a number of high major programs a scare in the last few seasons

**12/29/15 - AT TENNESSEE - L, 74-69**

▶ TSU held a 43-36 halftime lead

▶ The Tigers led for 28:19 of the 40 minutes

**12/10/16 - AT NC STATE - L, 67-55 (OT)**

▶ TSU led by eight with 15:13 left in the second half

▶ The Tigers led for 26:50 of the 45 minutes

**12/19/16 - AT #5/4 DUKE - L, 65-55**

▶ TSU led by five with 6:47 left in the first half

▶ TSU had a two-point lead with 14:15 left in the game

▶ Tigers held Duke to 28% shooting in the first half

**12/18/17 - AT RV/RV - TEXAS - L, 47-46**

▶ Texas scored a jumper with 9.2 seconds left for the win

▶ TSU held Texas to 35.3 percent shooting

**12/18/19 - AT INDIANA STATE - L, 78-72**

▶ TSU outscored ISU 23-13 in the final 8 minutes.

▶ TSU held Indiana State to 25 percent three-point shooting, when the team averaged 42.4 percent from the distance.

**PRESEASON AWARDS ▶▶**

▶ Carlos Marshall, Jr. the team's returning leading scorer was named to the Ohio Valley Conference's preseason All-Conference team.

▶ Due to a hip injury, Marshall will be out indefinitely.

**2020-21 TSU GAME-BY-GAME HIGHS ▶▶**

Date	Opponent	Points	Rebounds	Assists	Outcome
12/8	at Belmont	Freeman (26)	Mohamed/Johnson (6)	Barrett (4)	L, 79-64
12/12	at IUPUI				

**HOME GAMES CAPS AND BOLD**

\* Ohio Valley Conference Regular Season Game - &amp; OVC Tournament at the Ford Center - Evansville, Ind.

**STARTERS ▶▶**

Date	Opponent	Guard	Guard	Guard	Guard/Forward	Forward	Outcome
12/8	at Belmont	Freeman	Johal	Barrett	Johnson	Linder	L, 79-64
12/12	at IUPUI						

&amp; OVC Tournament at the Ford Center - Evansville, Ind.

**LINEUP RECORDS ▶▶**

#	STARTERS	RECORD
1.	Freeman, Johal, Barrett, Johnson, Linder	0-1

**LAST TIME IT HAPPENED FOR TENNESSEE STATE ▶▶**

TSU played a multi-overtime game.....vs. Morehead State, (2/7/19), W, 81-80

TSU won an overtime game.....at Tennessee Tech, (2/1/20), W, 72-67 (OT)

TSU lost an overtime game.....vs. Tennessee Tech (1/6/18), L, 87-81 (OT)

TSU scored 100+ points in a game.....vs. Alabama A&M (11/5/19), W, 106-66

TSU allowed 100+ points in a game.....at Murray State (1/26/19), L, 100-62

TSU scored 90-99 points in a game.....vs. Fisk (11/18/19), W, 99-65

TSU allowed 90-99 points in a game.....vs. Austin Peay (1/23/20), L, 99-74

TSU won a game on a neutral site.....vs. Morehead State (3/4/20), W, 74-67

TSU won by 20-29 points .....vs SEMO, (2/2/19), W, 79-50

TSU won by 30 or more points.....vs. Fisk, (11/18/19), W, 99-65

TSU lost by 20 or more points.....at ECU, (2/20/20), L, 83-62

a TSU player had a double-double.....at ECU, (2/20/20), Shakem Johnson, 10 pts, 10r

two TSU players had double-doubles.....at Jacksonville State (1/30/20), Shakem Johnson 18p, 10r; Wesley Harris 14p, 11 r

three TSU players had double-doubles.....at Lipscomb (12/3/16), W. Martin -- 16 p, 12 r; J. Reed - 11 p, 14 r; T. McCall - 10 p, 11 r

two TSU players with 20-29 points.....vs. Tennessee Tech (1/6/18), Delano Spencer 20; Christian Mekowulu 20

two TSU players with 30+ points.....at Western Kentucky (12/01/18), Kamar McKnight 30; Donte Fitzpatrick-Dorsey 25

four TSU players scored 10 or more points.....vs Tennessee Tech, 2/15/20

.....M. Littlejohn (17), J. Washington (15), W. Harris (13), S. Johnson (11)

five TSU players scored 10 or more points.....at Tennessee Tech (2/1/20)

.....C. Marshall (15), E. Egbuta (15), J. Brown (11), J. Washington (11), W. Harris (10)

six TSU players scored 10 points or more.....vs. Fisk (11/18/19)

.....W. Harris (15), E. Egbuta (15), C. Marshall Jr (13), M. Littlejohn (13), J. Brown (11)

.....J. Washington (10)

multiple TSU players had 10 or more rebounds.....at Jacksonville State (1/30/20), C. Marshall 13, W. Harris 11, S. Johnson 10

a TSU player had 20-29 points..... Mark Freeman (12/8/20) at Belmont, 26

a TSU player had 30 or more points.....at Western Kentucky (12/01/18), Kamar McKnight 30

a TSU player had back-to-back 30+ point games.....Keron DeShields, at Belmont (1/24/16), 33; at Tennessee Tech (1/28/16), 37

a TSU player had back-to-back 40+ point games.....Anthony Mason, at Eastern Kentucky (1/23/88), 44; at Morehead State (1/25/88), 43

a TSU player at 20 or more rebounds.....at Loyola (MD) (11/13/15), Wayne Martin, 21

a TSU player had 20+ points and 20 + rebounds.....at Loyola (MD) (11/13/15), Wayne Martin, 27 p, 21 r

a TSU player had 10 or more assists.....Tahjere McCall, at SIUE (1/25/17), 12

TSU won an OVC Playoff Game.....Morehead St. (3/4/20), W, 74-67

TSU lost an OVC Playoff Game.....Eastern Kentucky (3/5/20), L, 58-48

a TSU player won OVC Player of the Week.....Christian Mekowulu (12/4/17)

a TSU player won OVC Newcomer of the Week.....Shakem Johnson (12/23/19)

a TSU player won OVC Freshman of the Week.....Armani Chaney (2/15/16) - Co-Freshman of the Week

Beat a Team Ranked in the AP Top 25.....2/9/12 - at #9 Murray State, W, 72-68

Lost to a Team Ranked in the AP Top 25.....11/21/19 - at #12 Texas Tech, 75-57

Received Votes in the AP Top 25.....11/28/16 - 2 votes

**POSTSEASON HISTORY ▶▶**

NCAA Division I Tournament Appearances: 2

▶ '93, '94

NCAA Division I Tournament Record

▶ 0-2

NCAA Division II Tournament Appearances: 8

▶ '63, '67, '70, '71, '72, '73, '74, '75

NCAA Division II Tournament Record

▶ 19-9

NAIA National Championships: 3

▶ '57, '58, '59

NAIA Tournament Appearances: 7

▶ '53, '54, '56, '57, '58, '59, '60

OVC Regular Season Championships: 2

▶ '93, '95

OVC Tournament Championships: 2

▶ '93, '94

OVC Tournament Appearances: 29

▶ '88, '89, '90, '91, '92, '93, '94, '95, '96, '97, '98, '99, '00, '01, '02, '04, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '16, '17, '18, '20

OVC Tournament Record

▶ 13-27

CollegeInsider.com Postseason Tournament Appearances: 4

▶ '12, '13, '16, '20\*

\*Was canceled due to COVID-10



► 3rd SEASON AS TSU'S HEAD COACH ► ALMA MATER: BELMONT '06

“It means the world to me to be the Head Coach at TSU. Once I decided to get into the business, my eyes were always set on this job. To have the opportunity to not only unite an institution, but also a city where I grew up in, is priceless. This is truly a dream come true that I will not take for granted. ► **BRIAN ‘PENNY’ COLLINS**

 <b>Tennessee State</b> Graduate Assistant 2007 - 08	 <b>Tennessee State</b> Director of Ops. 2008 - 09	 <b>Cumberland</b> Assistant Coach 2009 - 12	 <b>Columbia State</b> Head Coach 2012 - 2015	 <b>ETSU</b> Assistant Coach 2015 - 17	 <b>Illinois State</b> Assistant Coach 2017 - 18	 <b>Tennessee State</b> Head Coach 2018-present	<b>PATH TO TSU</b>
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## ► AT A GLANCE

- HOMETOWN** ► Nashville, Tenn.
- FAMILY** ► Wife: Lakeya Collins; Son: History Collins
- EDUCATION** ► Tennessee State University, 2009 (Master's Degree)  
 ► Belmont University, 2006 (Bachelor's Degree)  
 ► Whites Creek High School, 2002

## ► BRIAN ‘PENNY’ COLLINS BY THE NUMBERS

**2**

### NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES

- 1 - As a Player at Belmont (2006)  
 1 - As an Assistant Coach at East Tennessee State (2017)

### PREVIOUS TENURE AT TSU

- 2007-08 - Graduate Assistant  
 2008-09 - Director of Operations

### YEAR IN COLLEGE BASKETBALL

- 4 - As a Player at Belmont  
 14th - In various roles at various universities

### COMBINED RECORD AT THE HELM OF THE TIGERS

- 9-21 in first season at the helm of TSU  
 51-20 in two seasons as an assistant at ETSU  
 18-15 in one season as an assistant at Illinois State

### ALL-CONFERENCE PLAYERS IN LAST 3 SEASONS

- 2 - At Tennessee State  
 2 - At Illinois State  
 4 - At East Tennessee State

### STRAIGHT CONFERENCE TITLE GAME APPEARANCES

- 1 Appearance at Illinois State // 2 Appearances at ETSU  
 2 Appearances at Columbia State

### CAREER POINTS AS A GUARD AT BELMONT

- Ranks in top 15 in school history for the team's NCAA era  
 Also had 435 assists (5th most in Belmont's NCAA era)

## ► AS A COACH

- Officially introduced at a press conference on March 26, 2018
- Tied the win record at Gentry in 2019-20 with 11
  - Won first OVC Tournament game since 2016 in year two, finished season 18-15
- 18th head coach in program history
- Second stint at TSU - worked under Cy Alexander (2007-09)
- Graduate Assistant - 2007-08 season
  - Director of Basketball Operations - 2008-09
- One season (2017-18) as an Assistant Coach for Dan Muller at Illinois State
- Team went 18-15 and made Missouri Valley Conference Championship Game
- Two seasons (2015-17) as an Assistant Coach at East Tennessee State under Steve Forbes
- Buccaneers went 51-20 during his two seasons (2015-17)
  - ETSU won the 2017 Southern Conference Tournament
  - 13 seed in the 2017 NCAA Tournament
- Three seasons (2012-15) as Head Coach at Columbia State (JUCO) in Columbia, Tenn.
- Back-to-back NJCAA National Tournament appearances
  - 2014 Elite Eight
  - 2015 Sweet 16
  - 2014 Tennessee Community College Athletic Association Coach of the Year
  - 2015 NJCAA District 7 Coach of the Year after winning the Region 7 Championship
- Three seasons (2009-12) as an Assistant Coach at Cumberland (NAIA) in Lebanon, Tenn.
- Worked for Lonnie Thompson

## ► AS A PLAYER

- Played high school basketball at nearby Whites Creek
- Starred at Belmont for Rick Byrd
- Served as a co-captain for the Bruins in their first-ever NCAA Division I Tournament appearance during his senior year in 2006 (Atlantic Sun Champions).
  - Four-year starter, scored 1,199 career points and graduated as Belmont's all-time leader for assists and steals in the Division I era.
  - Played professionally for the Kouvolat Bears in Finland and the Bakersfield Jam of the NBA Development League.





**MARK FREEMAN**  
5-10 | 160 | So. | G  
Memphis, Tenn.



**MARCUS FITZGERALD, JR.**  
6-2 | 175 | Fr. | G  
Nashville, Tenn.



**CARLOS MARSHALL, JR.**  
6-6 | 210 | R-Jr. | G  
Memphis, Tenn.



**AMOREY WOMACK**  
6-1 | 185 | R-Fr. | G  
St. Louis, Mo.



**SHAKEM JOHNSON**  
6-7 | 210 | Sr. | F  
Youngstown, Ohio



**JON BROWN**  
6-8 | 180 | Sr. | G  
Miami, Fla.



**MONTY JOHAL**  
6-3 | 185 | R-So. | G  
Springfield, Mo.



**SHAKWON BARRETT**  
6-5 | 180 | Jr. | G  
Toronto, Ontario



**EVAN JOYNER**  
6-8 | 180 | Fr. | G  
Greensboro, NC



**MASON GREEN**  
6-10 | 220 | R-Jr. | F  
Ellenwood, Ga.



**DEVONTE LANIER**  
6-7 | 213 | Jr. | F  
Huntsville, Ala.



**DONNIE MALONE**  
6-2 | 185 | Sr. | G  
Memphis, Tenn.



**JOSH LINDER**  
6-8 | 210 | Sr. | F  
Kathleen, Ga.



**RAVEL MOODY**  
6-6 | 200 | Sr. | G  
Denver, Co.



**YUSUF MOHAMED**  
6-10 | 200 | Jr. | F  
Seattle, Wa.



**SAMONE NELSON, JR.**  
6-9 | 235 | R-Jr. | F  
Memphis, Tenn.



**BRIAN 'PENNY' COLLINS**  
Head Coach  
3rd Season  
Belmont '06



**BEN WALKER**  
Assistant Coach  
3rd Season  
Creighton '01



**JERRY NICHOLS**  
Assistant Coach  
3rd Season  
Arkansas State '06



**RUSS WILLEMSEN**  
Assistant Coach  
3rd Season  
Lee '04