


# Breaking Down the Tigers

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Missouri enters tonight's game with a 4-0 record and a No. 3 national ranking in the coaches poll. The Tigers are coming off a bye week after defeating Buffalo - coached by former NU quarterback Turner Gill - 42-21 on Sept. 20 at Faurot Field. The Bulls were the first team to hold Mizzou under 50 points in a game this season, as the Tigers' high-powered offense has scored an average of 53.8 points per game in 2008.

## Missouri Facts

**Location:** Columbia, Mo.  
**Nickname:** Tigers  
**Enrollment:** 27,070  
**Colors:** Old Gold & Black  
**Conference:** Big 12  
**Stadium:** Memorial Stadium/Faurot Field  
**Series Record:** Nebraska leads, 63-35-3  
**Head Coach:** Gary Pinkel  
**Record at Missouri:** 53-37 (eight years)  
**Career Record:** 126-74-3 (18 years)

emerged as a force for MU in his first year as the starting running back. In addition to averaging more than 90 rushing yards per game, Washington has scored at least two touchdowns in every game this year.

## Series History

Nebraska and Missouri are meeting for the 102nd time tonight, with the Huskers leading the all-time series 63-35-3. NU owns a 33-14-1 edge at home and the Huskers have won 15 consecutive games at Memorial Stadium against the Tigers dating back to 1978. Overall, the home team has won the last six meetings.

The last three times Missouri has visited Lincoln has coincided with Homecoming at Nebraska. NU won 34-20 in 2006 and 24-3 in 2004.

Highlights of the series include:

- ▶ 1962 (MU 16-7): The first of Nebraska's NCAA-record 294 consecutive sellouts, was also Bob Devaney's first loss at NU.
- ▶ 1973 (MU 13-12): Tom Osborne suffers his first career loss, while the No. 2 Huskers are still the highest-ranked opponent Missouri has ever defeated.
- ▶ 1997 (NU 45-38 OT): Matt Davison makes a spectacular catch of a deflected pass in the last play of regulation to send the game to overtime.
- ▶ 2001 (NU 36-3): Eric Crouch sets school record for longest run with his 95-yard touchdown scamper.
- ▶ 2006 (NU 34-20): Huskers defeat No. 25 Missouri in front of the second-largest crowd in Memorial Stadium history on their way to the Big 12 Championship Game.

## Missouri Head Coach Gary Pinkel

In his eighth year as Missouri's head coach, Gary Pinkel is the reigning Big 12 Co-Coach of the Year after guiding the Tigers to their first No. 1 ranking since 1960 in 2007. Pinkel has led Missouri to three straight bowl games and four postseason appearances in the last five years.

Pinkel came to Missouri in 2001 from Toledo, where he took over as head coach in 1991. In 1995, Toledo went 11-0-1, joining Nebraska as the only two teams in Division IA college football to go undefeated that year. In 10 years coaching the Rockets, Pinkel was 73-37-3.

## NU/MU Bell Trophy on the Line

Not only are Nebraska and Missouri playing for early control of the Big 12 North race tonight, but they are also playing for the right to hold the MU/NU Bell. The trophy, which was a church bell stolen by a Nebraska fraternity from Seward, Neb., originated in 1927. After being laid aside during World War II, the tradition was resurrected in 1947, and the bell has been presented to the winning school ever since. When it is in Nebraska's possession, it is cared for by the Innocents Society, while the QEBH Society cares for the bell when Missouri holds it.



**Nebraska Cornhuskers**  
(3-1 Overall, 0-0 Big 12)



**Missouri Tigers**  
(4-0 Overall, 0-0 Big 12)

## Statistical Comparison

Category (per game)	NU	Missouri	Big 12	Big 12	Natl.	Natl.
Rushing Offense	155.5	191.3	6th	4th	57th	31st
Passing Offense	265.5	404.3	7th	2nd	24th	2nd
Total Offense	421.0	595.5	9th	1st	33rd	2nd
Scoring Offense	37.5	53.8	7th	1st	17th	2nd
Rushing Defense	109.8	99.0	6th	4th	35th	24th
Pass Defense	245.0	279.5	9th	12th	96th	11th
Pass Efficiency Defense	159.83	117.34	6th	11th	12th	58th
Total Defense	354.8	378.5	8th	12th	64th	79th
Scoring Defense	19.5	20.8	5th	6th	40th	47th
Net Punting	27.5	35.2	12th	7th	116th	58th
Punt Returns	17.0	9.9	3rd	8th	16th	57th
Kickoff Returns	22.8	22.4	7th	8th	45th	50th
Turnover Margin	-0.3	0.5	10th	6th	t-75th	40th
Sacks	2.78	2.8	t-3rd	t-3rd	t-14th	t-14th
Tackles For Loss	6.5	9.0	4th	2nd	29th	2nd
Sacks Allowed	1.3	0.5	7th	3rd	t-35th	t-8th

## Missouri Statistical Leaders

Rushing	G	Att.	Yards	YPC	TD	Avg./G
Derrick Washington, TB	4	53	361	6.8	8	90.2
Jimmy Jackson, TB	4	20	129	6.4	1	32.2
De'Vion Moore, TB	3	21	107	5.1	0	35.7
Chase Daniel, QB	4	14	74	5.3	0	18.5
Jeremy Maclin, WR	4	8	43	5.4	1	10.8

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Int.	Yards	TD
Chase Daniel, QB	133	101	75.9	1	1,412	12
Chase Patton, QB	12	9	75.0	0	136	0
Blaine Gabbert, QB	11	4	36.4	0	37	0

Receiving	G	No.	Yards	Avg.	Avg./G	TD
Chase Coffman, TE	4	28	379	13.5	94.8	3
Jeremy Maclin, WR	4	26	391	15.0	97.8	4
Tommy Saunders, WR	4	19	308	16.2	77.0	2
Jared Perry, WR	4	16	270	16.9	67.5	2
Derrick Washington, TB	4	7	79	11.3	19.8	1

Tackles	G	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks
Sean Weatherspoon, LB	4	20	28	48	8.0	2.5
Justin Garrett, SS	4	13	14	27	0.5	0.0
Brock Christopher, LB	4	13	12	25	4.0	1.0
Carl Gettis, DB	4	17	6	23	1.0	0.0
Tru Vaughns, DB	4	8	8	16	0.0	0.0

Field Goals	Att.	Made	Pct.	Blkd.	Long
Jeff Wolfert, PK	7	6	85.7	0	51

Punts	No.	Yards	Avg.	Blkd.	Long
Jake Harry, P	9	383	42.6	0	55