

2023 Weekly Report

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Week 11: Games of Nov. 11

CURRENT STANDINGS

Team	PFL							OVERALL							PREVIOUS WEEK
	W-L	PCT	PF	PA	H	A	STR	W-L	PCT	PF	PA	H	A/N	STR	
Davidson	6-0	1.000	287	177	3-0	3-0	W7	7-2	.778	409	228	4-1	3-1	W7	W, 61-41 at Stetson
Drake	6-0	1.000	156	74	3-0	3-0	W9	6-3	.667	194	226	3-1	3-2	W6	W, 10-3 at Marist
St. Thomas	5-1	.833	180	124	3-0	2-1	W2	6-3	.667	229	219	4-0	2-3	W2	Off Week
Butler	5-2	.714	201	111	2-1	3-1	W3	7-3	.700	309	180	4-1	3-2	W3	W, 49-7 at Morehead State
Marist	4-3	.571	157	188	2-2	2-1	L2	4-5	.444	164	253	2-2	2-3	L2	L, 3-10 vs. Drake
San Diego	3-3	.500	149	159	2-1	1-2	W2	3-6	.333	192	237	2-3	1-3	W2	W, 23-13 at Presbyterian
Morehead State	2-4	.333	110	145	1-2	1-2	L2	3-6	.333	169	270	2-2	1-4	L3	L, 7-49 vs. Butler
Presbyterian	1-5	.167	112	159	0-3	1-2	L3	3-6	.333	193	237	1-3	2-3	L3	L, 13-23 vs. San Diego
Stetson	1-5	.167	124	218	0-3	1-2	L3	3-6	.333	216	336	2-3	1-3	L3	L, 41-61 vs. Davidson
Valparaiso	1-5	.167	114	146	1-2	0-3	W1	2-7	.222	162	237	2-2	0-5	W1	W, 21-7 vs. Dayton
Dayton	0-6	.000	80	169	0-3	0-3	L6	2-7	.222	194	254	2-3	0-4	L6	L, 7-21 at Valparaiso

Teams are sorted by PFL win percentage, league wins then, if tied, alphabetical order.

AHEAD IN WEEK 11

Marist at Dayton, 1 p.m.

Broadcast: Facebook Live

Location: Dayton, Ohio

Stadium: Welcome Stadium

Series: Dayton leads, 10-3

Streak: Dayton, one win

Last Meeting: Dayton def. Marist, 24-7 (2022)

Davidson at Morehead State, 1 p.m.

Broadcast: ESPN+

Location: Morehead, Kentucky

Stadium: Jayne Stadium

Series: Morehead State leads, 14-10

Streak: Davidson, four wins

Last Meeting: Davidson def. Morehead State, 28-26 (2022)

Stetson at Valparaiso, 1 p.m.

Broadcast: ESPN+

Location: Valparaiso, Indiana

Stadium: Brown Field

Series: Valparaiso leads, 3-2

Streak: Valparaiso, one win

Last Meeting: Valparaiso def. Stetson, 19-10 (2019)

Presbyterian at Drake, 2 p.m.

Broadcast: ESPN+

Location: Des Moines, Iowa

Stadium: Drake Stadium

Series: Presbyterian leads, 1-0

Streak: Presbyterian, one win

Last Meeting: Presbyterian def. Drake, 28-24 (Spring 2021)

St. Thomas at San Diego, 4 p.m.

Broadcast: ESPN+

Location: San Diego, California

Stadium: Torero Stadium

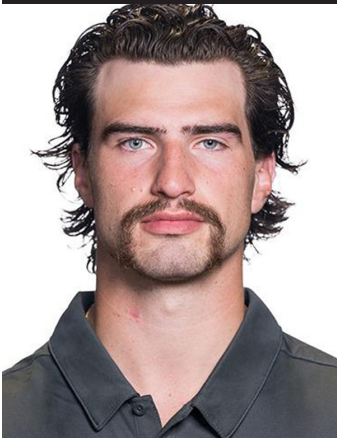
Series: Tied, 1-1

Streak: St. Thomas, one win

Last Meeting: St. Thomas def. San Diego, 49-42 (2022)

PFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Offensive Player of the Week

**Bret Bushka, Butler** | Senior, Quarterback, Lombard, Illinois

Bushka was responsible for six touchdowns as Butler downed Morehead State 49-7 in Saturday's PFL action. He completed 16-of-17 passes for 281 yards and five first-half touchdowns before adding a second-half rushing touchdown. Bushka pushed the Bulldogs to a 21-0 lead with three touchdown throws in the first quarter alone, connecting on pass plays of 25, 28, and 61 yards. He closed the half with two more touchdown tosses of 21 and two yards to build a 35-7 halftime advantage. Bushka added a 12-yard touchdown run in the third quarter. It was the third five-touchdown day by a PFL quarterback this season.

OTHER NOTABLES

COLIN HOWARD, DRAKE (5th Yr., Wide Receiver, St. Petersburg, Fla.) had four receptions for 72 yards at Marist.

RYAN MANN, VALPARAISO (RSO., Running Back, Vernon Hills, Ill.) ran for 68 yards on 11 carries and added 34 yards on two receptions against Dayton.

BRADY MEITZ, STETSON (RSO., Quarterback, Cumming, Ga.) completed 10-of-13 passes for 153 yards and three touchdowns against Davidson.

MASON SHERON, DAVIDSON (So., Running Back, Leo, Ind.) ran for two touchdowns and 147 yards on 11 carries against Stetson.

Co-Defensive Players of the Week

**Zamir Wallace, San Diego** | Graduate, Cornerback, Fairfield, California

With the game tied in the fourth quarter, Wallace recovered a fumble and scored a pick-six to help San Diego escape Presbyterian with a 23-13 PFL victory Saturday. After San Diego punter Ayden Corrales pinned Presbyterian on its one-yard line, Wallace forced and recovered a fumble on the drive's fourth play, setting up the Toreros' offense at the Blue Hose 26-yard line, which USD eventually converted into a field goal to take a 16-13 lead. Two drives later, Wallace picked off a Presbyterian pass and returned it 21 yards for a game-sealing touchdown. He also had three tackles (two solo) in the victory.

Aiden McKinley, Dayton | Sophomore (RS), Linebacker, Louisville, Kentucky

McKinley's 5.5 tackles for loss in Dayton's 21-7 loss to Valparaiso were the most by a PFL defender since October 2022. It was part of a 15-tackle (nine solo) day by the Flyers' linebacker. McKinley also forced a fumble on one of his tackles for loss to deny a Valparaiso drive that started on the Dayton 18-yard line. In addition to his 5.5 tackles for loss, which were the most in the PFL since April 2021, he was involved in two tackles for no gain. It is tied for the third most tackles for loss in a game by an FCS defender this season.

OTHER NOTABLES

GEORGE DRISTILIARIS, BUTLER (So., Defensive Lineman, Lowell, Mass.) credited with three tackles for loss, including two sacks, and forced a fumble as part of a six-tackle (four solo) outing at Morehead State.

FINN CLAYPOOL, DRAKE (RSO., Defensive Lineman, Des Moines, Iowa) finished with 3.0 tackles for loss, a strip-sack, and a pass breakup as part of a seven-tackle (four solo) day as Drake held Marist to 32 rushing yards.

SAM HAFNER, VALPARAISO (RJR., Defensive Lineman, Green Bay, Wis.) recorded eight tackles (three solo) and had 2.0 tackles for loss, including 1.5 sacks, as part of a defensive unit that held Dayton to 68 rushing yards.

BROOKS RUSS-MARTIN, PRESBYTERIAN (Jr., Defensive Back, Travelers Rest, S.C.) had eight tackles (five solo) with 2.0 tackles for loss and recovered a fumble against San Diego.

DANIEL CARTER, DAVIDSON (Jr., Safety, Denver, N.C.) picked off two passes and had 11 tackles against Stetson.

JAHLEEL HOLMES, MOREHEAD STATE (Sr., Linebacker, Moreno Valley, Calif.) notched 18 tackles (six solo) with 1.5 tackles for loss against Butler.

DAVION MAXWELL, STETSON (RSr., Defensive Back, Boca Raton, Fla.) forced and recovered a fumble as part of a 12 tackle (seven solo) outing against Davidson.



Special Teams Player of the Week

Evan Matthes, Valparaiso | 6th Year, Punter, Reston, Virginia

Matthes kept Dayton bottled up with five punts downed inside the 20-yard line to help Valparaiso claim a 21-7 PFL victory Saturday. He averaged 41.7 yards on his seven punts and saw two punts downed inside the five-yard line. Matthes' opening punt went 53 yards, and the return was fumbled at the 10-yard line to help set up Valparaiso's first touchdown. Dayton only had three yards on punt returns.

OTHER NOTABLES

SHANE DUNNING, DRAKE (Sr., Kicker/Punter, Muskego, Wis.) connected on a 53-yard field goal, his third 50-yard field goal of 2023, and a PAT and averaged 33 yards on his three punts at Marist.

MACK MIKKO, PRESBYTERIAN (Fr., Kicker, Newman, Ga.) hit a career-best 45-yard field goal as part of a seven-point day against San Diego, making two field goals and a PAT.

ADAM ZOUAGUI, DAVIDSON (Fr., Kicker, Reston, Va.) scored 13 points against Stetson, making a pair of field goals and seven PATs.

NOTE: All individuals recognized on this page were nominated by the athletics communications staff at their respective schools.

COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

All times Eastern. PFL Contests in bold.

Week 1: Aug. 31, 2023

Morehead State 37, West Virginia State 35
Youngstown State 52, Valparaiso 10

Week 1: Sept. 2, 2023

St. Thomas 36, Black Hills State 26
Stetson 34, St. Thomas (Fla.) 33
Georgetown 49, Marist 7
Illinois State 41, Dayton 0
VMI 12, Davidson 7
Montana 35, Butler 20
North Dakota 55, Drake 7
Cal Poly 27, San Diego 10
Murray State 41, Presbyterian 10

Week 2: Sept. 8, 2023

Barton College 33, Davidson 31

Week 2: Sept. 9, 2023

Dayton 62, Central State (Ohio) 24
Presbyterian 48, Virginia-Lynchburg 17
Butler 41, Taylor 13
Stetson 38, Webber International 28
South Dakota 24, St. Thomas 0
Colorado Mesa 28, San Diego 21 (OT)
Indiana Wesleyan 24, Valparaiso 22
Northwestern (Iowa) 27, Drake 24 (OT)
Mercer 48, Morehead State 22

Week 3: Sept. 16, 2023

Davidson 49, Marist 21
Dayton 52, Taylor 20
Harvard 45, St. Thomas 13
#3 Montana State 57, Stetson 20
#1 South Dakota State 70, Drake 7
Princeton 23, San Diego 12
Presbyterian 23, Wofford 20
Butler 47, Wabash 21

Week 4: Sept. 23, 2023

Butler 28, Stetson 18
Marist 36, Valparaiso 30 (OT)
St. Thomas 35, Morehead State 28
San Diego 40, Dayton 25
Davidson 84, St. Andrews 6

Week 5: Sept. 30, 2023

Davidson 55, San Diego 33
St. Thomas 20, Dayton 14
Marist 34, Stetson 24
Butler 27, Presbyterian 17
Drake 16, Morehead State 9
Valparaiso 16, Southwest Minnesota State 15

Week 6: Oct. 7, 2023

Morehead State 31, Dayton 7
Stetson 28, Presbyterian 24
St. Thomas 17, Butler 10
Drake 20, Valparaiso 14
Columbia 16, Marist 0

Week 7: Oct. 14, 2022

Marist 30, San Diego 16
Presbyterian 20, Dayton 17
Davidson 35, Butler 33
Drake 52, St. Thomas 21
Morehead State 24, Valparaiso 21

Week 8: Oct. 21, 2022

Davidson 42, Valparaiso 21
Butler 37, Dayton 10
Marist 19, Presbyterian 10
St. Thomas 38, Stetson 6
Drake, 25 San Diego 20
Tarleton State 42, Morehead State 0

Week 9: Oct. 28, 2022

Butler 17, Valparaiso 7
Drake 33, Stetson 7
St. Thomas 49, Marist 14
San Diego 17, Morehead State 11
Davidson 45, Presbyterian 28

Week 10: Nov. 4, 2023

Drake 10, Marist 3
San Diego 23, Presbyterian 13
Davidson 61, Stetson 41
Valparaiso 21, Dayton 7
Butler 49, Morehead State 7

Week 11: Nov. 11, 2023

Marist at Dayton, 1 p.m.
Davidson at Morehead State, 1 p.m.
Stetson at Valparaiso, 1 p.m.
Presbyterian at Drake, 2 p.m.
St. Thomas at San Diego, 4 p.m.

Week 12: Nov. 18, 2023

Drake at Butler, Noon
Bucknell at Marist, Noon
San Diego at Stetson, Noon
Morehead State at Presbyterian, 1 p.m.
Dayton at Davidson, 7 p.m.
Valparaiso at St. Thomas, 2 p.m.

NCAA Division I FCS Championship
POSTSEASON WEEK 1: Nov. 25, 2022

First Round

POSTSEASON WEEK 2: Dec. 2, 2022

Second Round

POSTSEASON WEEK 2: Dec. 9, 2022

Quarterfinals

POSTSEASON WEEK 4: Dec. 16, 2022

Semifinals

POSTSEASON WEEK 5: Jan. 6, 2023

National Championship
at Frisco, Texas

**PREFERRED NOMENCLATURE**

The league's full name is the **Pioneer Football League**. Please use the league's full name when possible or use PFL as an abbreviation. Please, **DO NOT** use Pioneer League in any case.

PIONEER-FOOTBALL.ORG

The PFL's website features the latest news and stories around the league. Standings along with team-by-team and composite results are updated following the conclusion of each day's action.

PFL ON TWITTER @PFLNews

The PFL also maintains an official twitter feed @PFLNews which will provide release and award notifications and score updates throughout the season.

WEEKLY RELEASE AND STATISTICS

Each week the PFL produces a weekly release in two versions, an initial Sunday Release and a final Weekly Release sent each Monday:

- The league's Sunday Release contains updated standings, the upcoming week's schedule as well as the players of the week.
- The PFL Weekly Release is released each week and contains all the information from the Sunday release along with news and notes from around the league and up-to-date statistics.

Both versions are provided by e-mail and on the league's website in PDF and may be reproduced as necessary. Weekly releases also will be sent via e-mail to media outlets around the league. Please contact Cody Bush at the PFL Media Relations Office to be added to the league's e-mail list.

WEEKLY AWARDS

The PFL names Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week each Sunday during the season. Winners are selected from nominations provided by each PFL team's Football Media Relations personnel. The information will be available from the PFL via the league's Sunday Release, the league's website, official Twitter feed and Facebook page.

ANNUAL AWARDS

The league will announce the following awards at the conclusion of the regular season:

- All-PFL First and Second teams;
- Honorable Mention All-PFL;
- Academic All-PFL First and Second teams;
- Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Year;
- Offensive and Defensive Freshmen of the Year
- Scholar-Athlete of the Year;
- Coach of the Year.

The awards will be announced by the PFL via release as well as on the league's website.

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TEAM-BY-TEAM CAPSULES

BUTLER BULLDOGS

OVERALL: 7-3 PFL: 5-2 HOME: 3-1 AWAY: 4-2

HOME FACILITY: SELICK BOWL (5,500)

Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	Score	Attend
S02		at Montana [14/14]	L	20-35	25430
S09		Taylor	W	41-13	3113
S16		Wabash	W	47-21	6271
S23		at Stetson	W	28-18	1128
S30		Presbyterian	W	27-17	3302
O07		at St. Thomas	L	10-17	4855
O14		Davidson	L	33-35	1873
O21		at Dayton	W	37-10	2785
O28		Valparaiso	W	17-7	4224
N04		at Morehead St.	W	49-7	8868
Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	Kickoff	Broadcast	
N18		Drake	Noon	FloSports	

DAVIDSON WILDCATS

OVERALL: 7-2 PFL: 6-0 HOME: 4-1 AWAY: 3-1

HOME FACILITY: RICHARDSON STADIUM (6,000)

Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	Score	Attend
S02		at VMI	L	7-12	5622
S08		Barton College	L	31-33	3105
S16		at Marist	W	49-21	1806
S23		St. Andrews	W	84-6	4357
S30		San Diego	W	55-33	4021
O14		at Butler	W	35-33	1873
O21		Valparaiso	W	42-21	4991
O28		Presbyterian	W	45-28	4119
N04		at Stetson	W	61-41	1351
Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	Kickoff	Broadcast	
N11		at Morehead St.	1 p.m.	ESPN+	
N18		Dayton	7 p.m.	DavidsonWildcats.com	

DAYTON FLYERS

OVERALL: 2-7 PFL: 0-6 HOME: 2-3 AWAY: 0-4

HOME FACILITY: WELCOME STADIUM (11,000)

Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	Score	Attend
S02		at Illinois St. [—/RV]	L	0-41	6740
S09		Central St.	W	62-24	3104
S16		Taylor	W	52-20	4018
S23		at San Diego	L	25-40	934
S30		St. Thomas	L	14-20	6361
O07		at Morehead St.	L	7-31	6334
O14		Presbyterian	L [OT]	17-20	2365
O21		Butler	L	10-37	2785
N04		at Valparaiso	L	7-21	1829
Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	Kickoff	Broadcast	
N11		Marist	1 p.m.	Facebook Live	
N18		at Davidson	7 p.m.	DavidsonWildcats.com	

DRAKE BULLDOGS

OVERALL: 6-3 PFL: 6-0 HOME: 3-1 AWAY: 3-2

HOME FACILITY: DRAKE STADIUM (14,557)

Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	Score	Attend
S02		at North Dakota [17/18]	L	7-55	8503
S09		Northwestern (Iowa)	L [OT]	24-27	3526
S16		at South Dakota St. [1/1]	L	7-70	18174
S30		at Morehead St.	W	16-9	6876
O07		Valparaiso	W	20-14	3075
O14		St. Thomas	W	52-21	1902
O21		at San Diego	W	25-20	791
O28		Stetson	W	33-7	1625
N04		at Marist	W	10-3	1594
Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	Kickoff	Broadcast	
N11		Presbyterian	2 p.m.	ESPN+	
N18		at Butler	Noon	FloSports	

MARIST RED FOXES

OVERALL: 4-5 PFL: 4-3 HOME: 2-2 AWAY: 2-3

HOME FACILITY: TENNEY STADIUM (5,000)

Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	Score	Attend
S02		at Georgetown	L	7-49	1687
S16		Davidson	L	21-49	1806
S23		at Valparaiso	W [OT]	36-30	3331
S30		Stetson	W	34-24	4287
O07		at Columbia	L	0-16	2873
O14		San Diego	W	30-16	1243
O21		at Presbyterian	W	19-10	1921
O28		at St. Thomas	L	14-49	2917
N04		Drake	L	3-10	1594
Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	Kickoff	Broadcast	
N11		at Dayton	1 p.m.	Facebook Live	
N18		Bucknell	Noon	ESPN+	

MOREHEAD STATE EAGLES

OVERALL: 3-6 PFL: 2-4 HOME: 2-2 AWAY: 1-4

HOME FACILITY: JAYNE STADIUM (10,000)

Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	Score	Attend
A31		West Virginia St.	W	37-35	7147
S09		at Mercer [20/24]	L	22-48	10722
S23		at St. Thomas	L	28-35	4466
S30		Drake	L	9-16	6876
O07		Dayton	W	31-7	6334
O14		at Valparaiso	W	24-21	1101
O21		at Tarleton St.	L	0-42	23042
O28		at San Diego	L	11-17	1593
N04		Butler	L	7-49	8868
Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	Kickoff	Broadcast	
N11		Davidson [—/RV]	1 p.m.	ESPN+	
N18		at Presbyterian	1 p.m.	ESPN+	

PFL ACTIVE WIN STREAKS

Consecutive Overall Wins

7	Davidson (2nd in FCS)
6	Drake
3	Butler
2	St. Thomas

Consecutive PFL Wins

9	Drake (4th in FCS)
7	Davidson (5th in FCS)
3	Butler
2	St. Thomas
2	San Diego

Consecutive Home Wins

16	St. Thomas† (4th in FCS)
4	Davidson
3	Drake

Consecutive Road Wins

3	Davidson
3	Drake
2	Butler

† St. Thomas' home win streak is since it joined Division I. It has a 31-game home win streak dating back to the 2016 season.

TEAM-BY-TEAM CAPSULES

PRESBYTERIAN BLUE HOSE

OVERALL: 3-6 PFL: 1-5 HOME: 1-3 AWAY: 2-3

HOME FACILITY: BAILEY MEMORIAL STADIUM (6,500)

Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	Score	Attend
S02		at Murray St.	L	10-41	6953
S09		Virginia-Lynchburg	W	48-17	1208
S16		at Wofford	W	23-20	3907
S30		at Butler	L	17-27	3302
O07		Stetson	L	24-28	1202
O14		at Dayton	W [OT]	20-17	2365
O21		Marist	L	10-19	1876
O28		at Davidson	L	28-45	4119
N04		San Diego	L	13-23	675

Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	Kickoff	Broadcast
N11		at Drake	2 p.m.	ESPN+
N18		Morehead St.	1 p.m.	ESPN+

ST. THOMAS TOMMIES

OVERALL: 6-3 PFL: 5-1 HOME: 4-0 AWAY: 2-3

HOME FACILITY: O'SHAUGHNESSY STADIUM (5,000)

Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	Score	Attend
S02		Black Hills St.	W	36-26	3793
S09	[RV/RV]	at South Dakota	L	0-24	6126
S16	[--/RV]	at Harvard	L	13-45	6217
S23		Morehead St.	W	35-28	4466
S30		at Dayton	W	20-14	6361
O07		Butler	W	17-10	4855
O14		at Drake	L	21-52	1902
O21		at Stetson	W	38-6	1876
O28		Marist	W	49-14	2917

Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	Kickoff	Broadcast
N11		at San Diego	4 p.m.	ESPN+
N18		Valparaiso	2 p.m.	MidCoSports+

SAN DIEGO TOREROS

OVERALL: 3-6 PFL: 3-3 HOME: 2-3 AWAY: 1-3

HOME FACILITY: WELCOME STADIUM (6,000)

Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	Score	Attend
S02		at Cal Poly	L	10-27	6248
S09		Colorado Mesa	L [OT]	21-28	858
S16		Princeton	L	12-23	1791
S23		Dayton	W	40-25	934
S30		at Davidson	L	33-55	4021
O14		at Marist	L	16-30	1243
O21		Drake	L	20-25	791
O28		Morehead St.	W	17-11	1593
N04		at Presbyterian	W	23-13	675

Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	Kickoff	Broadcast
N11		St. Thomas	4 p.m.	ESPN+
N18		at Stetson	Noon	ESPN+

STETSON HATTERS

OVERALL: 3-6 PFL: 1-5 HOME: 2-3 AWAY: 1-3

HOME FACILITY: SPEC MARTIN MEMORIAL STADIUM (6,000)

Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	Score	Attend
S02		St. Thomas (Fla.)	W [OT]	34-33	1609
S09		Webber International	W	38-28	1430
S16		at Montana St. [3/3]	L	20-57	21487
S23		Butler	L	18-28	1128
S30		at Marist	L	24-34	4287
O07		at Presbyterian	W	28-24	1202
O21		St. Thomas	L	6-38	1876
O28		at Drake	L	7-33	1625
N04		Davidson [--/RV]	L	41-61	1351

Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	Kickoff	Broadcast
N11		at Valparaiso	1 p.m.	ESPN+
N18		San Diego	Noon	ESPN+

VALPARAISO BEACONS

OVERALL: 2-7 PFL: 1-5 HOME: 2-2 AWAY: 0-5

HOME FACILITY: BROWN FIELD (5,000)

Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	Score	Attend
A31		at Youngstown St. [RV/RV]	L	10-52	8593
S09		at Indiana Wesleyan	L	22-24	3000
S23		Marist	L [OT]	30-36	3331
S30		Southwest Minn. St.	W	16-15	1573
O07		at Drake	L	14-20	3075
O14		Morehead St.	L	21-24	1101
O21		at Davidson	L	21-42	4991
O28		at Butler	L	7-17	4224
N04		Dayton	W	21-7	1829

Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	Kickoff	Broadcast
N11		Stetson	1 p.m.	ESPN+
N18		at St. Thomas	2 p.m.	MidCoSports+



THE TITLE AND THE AQ

No outright clinching scenarios exist for the PFL regular-season title or the league's automatic qualifier spot in the FCS Playoffs during Week 11. Even with a loss by Davidson or Drake this week, neither the championship of the AQ would be determined outright until the conclusion of Week 12's play.

PREVIEWING WEEK 11

DAVIDSON AT MOREHEAD STATE: Davidson takes its unblemished conference mark across the Appalachian Mountains this week to face Morehead State. The Wildcats' offense leads all FCS teams in scoring with an impressive 45.4 points per game, thanks mainly to a ground game that ranks No. 1 in rushing yards (321.2 yards per game). The Eagles counter with the league's No. 3 passing offense (234.3 ypg) but are averaging just 18.8 points per game. Davidson running backs Mari Adams (90.8 ypg) and Mason Sheron (87.1 ypg) are among the FCS Top 25 in rushing yards per game entering the week. Morehead State quarterback Carter Cravens slipped to No. 2 in the PFL with 2,073 passing yards and is No. 2 in the league with 10.9 points responsible for per game.

PRESBYTERIAN AT DRAKE: Drake returns home for a matchup against Presbyterian in the first meeting between the teams since the Spring 2021 campaign. The Bulldogs put their nine-game win streak – the fourth longest in the FCS – on the line against the Blue Hose. Drake's has been particularly stingy in league action, allowing just 12.3 points per game and only 259.2 yards per game. Presbyterian nearly notched its second league victory last week, going into the fourth quarter with a 13-7 lead, but surrendered 16 fourth-quarter points in a loss to San Diego. While Drake's defense catches the limelight, quarterback Luke Bailey has quietly amassed a league-best 2,173 passing yards this season, and his 241.4 passing yards per game ranks 21st among FCS signal callers. Presbyterian quarterback Tyler Wesley enters the weekend as No. 3 in the PFL with 1,690 passing yards but leads the league with 14.4 yards per completion.

ST. THOMAS AT SAN DIEGO: A one-loss St. Thomas squad looks to keep the pressure on the league's front runners when it heads to the West Coast for a meeting with San Diego. The Tommies return to action after their off week, still boasting the league's No. 2 defense, allowing just 24.3 points per game, and the league's No. 3 offense, scoring 25.4 points per game. The Toreros return home with a two-game win streak after scoring 16 points in the fourth quarter to rally past Presbyterian last week. Shawn Shipman has been St. Thomas' consistent workhorse this season, rushing for 739 yards and ranking fifth among the league's running backs. San Diego's defense has come up big the past two weeks, with twin brothers Amir and Zamir Wallace helping secure the past two week's wins while Nick Murray joins them to form a trio with seven interceptions this season.

MARIST AT DAYTON: Two teams looking to bounce back from narrow Week 10 losses meet when Marist heads to the Ohio Valley to face Dayton. Marist has leaned on its defense this season, and that unit has responded by forcing a league-best 19 turnovers (seventh in the FCS) and scoring three defensive touchdowns, second only to San Diego in the PFL. It's been a tough go for Dayton's offense in PFL play, with just 1,630 offensive yards to its credit – 813 rushing and 817 passing yards. Red Foxes quarterback Brock Bagozzi is fifth among PFL passers with 1,511 passing yards this season, but 1,219 yards of that total have come in seven PFL games. Dayton running back Michael Neel has amassed 602 rushing yards in league play, ranking seventh among the league's backs.

STETSON AT VALPARAISO: Stetson returns to the Midwest for the second time in three weeks when it travels to Valparaiso. The Beacons picked up their first PFL win with a home victory against Dayton last week, and both their wins have come at Brown Field. The Hatters return to action after posting a season-best 41 points in a loss to league-leading Davidson last week. Valparaiso Rowan Keefe, who was making his third appearance at quarterback, threw for two touchdowns in the win against Dayton and has five touchdowns while completing 67.3 percent of his passes in his three games. Stetson has employed Matt O'Conner and Brady Meitz as quarterbacks in recent weeks. Meitz had the hot hand against Davidson with three touchdowns while completing 10-of-13 passes.

MITCHELL PASSES 1,000 YARD MARK

Butler running back Jyrn Mitchell became the first PFL running back to surpass 1,000 yards this season, finishing Week 9 with 1,088 rushing yards. With 1,213 rushing yards entering the Bulldogs' off week this week, he trails Monmouth's Jaden Shirden by 131 for the FCS lead. He leads the PFL rushing yard race by 396 yards, with Davidson's Mari Adams ranking second in the league with 817 rushing yards.

RUNNING BACK REVIVAL

Mitchell is one of four league running backs entering Week 11 ranked among the FCS Top 25 in rushing yards per game. Mitchell is ranked fifth in the FCS with 121.3 yards per game. San Diego's Isaiah Williams moved to 18th with 94.2 yards per game, while Davidson's Mari Adams (90.8 ypg) and Mason Sheron (87.1 ypg) are ranked 20th and 24th, respectively.

YOU'RE IN GOOD HANDS WITH THESE PFL TEAMS

Davidson is the FCS' toughest team to get the ball away from, with the Wildcats committing just five turnovers this season – two fumbles lost and three passes intercepted. Drake is second in the league and 26th nationally with just 10 turnovers this season – four fumbles lost and six passes intercepted.

TOP OF TAKEAWAYS

Marist and San Diego are the league's best at forcing turnovers, with both teams forcing 19 turnovers from their opponents. Marist has done the job with 12 fumbles recovered and seven interceptions, while San Diego has 11 interceptions and eight fumbles recovered. The two teams are tied for seventh in the FCS' Turnovers Gained list.

**PRESEASON TEAMS**

The Pioneer Football League named 30 student-athletes to its Preseason All-Pioneer Football League Team Tuesday, including 12 returning First Team All-PFL selections.

Returning players named to the league's 2022 All-PFL Teams were placed automatically on the 2023 Preseason All-PFL team, in order of head coaches voting.

OFFENSE

WR	Solomon Davis (1)	Valparaiso
WR	Dominic Kibby (2)	Presbyterian
WR	Andrew McElroy (1)	St. Thomas
QB	Bret Bushka (1, PotY)	Butler
RB	James Louis (2)	Morehead St.
RB	Shawn Shipman (2)	St. Thomas
FB	Eli Stewart (H)	Drake
A-P	Re-al Mitchell (1)	San Diego
TE	Evan Jerneagan (H)	Valparaiso
OL	Gilbert Deglau (2)	Davidson
OL	Beck Kipperman (2)	Davidson
OL	Alec Rasmussen (2)	St. Thomas
OL	Jimmy Poremba (2)	Drake
OL	David Tkatch (1)	Dayton

DEFENSE

DL	Will Buck (2)	San Diego
DL	Finn Claypool (1, FRotY)	Drake
DL	Jonathan Hammond (2)	Davidson
DL	Sam Schadek (1)	Dayton
LB	Mike Arrington (1)	Marist
LB	Nate Arthur (2)	Dayton
LB	Jonathan Bunce (1)	St. Thomas
LB	Chase Lyons (2)	San Diego
DB	Rassie Littlejohn (1)	Stetson
DB	Yusef Leak (2)	St. Thomas
DB	Cole Hildebrand (H)	Dayton
DB	Cooper Krezek (H)	Morehead St.

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK	Luka Zurak (1, PotY)	Butler
P	Luka Zurak (1, PotY)	Butler
RS	Andrew McElroy (2)	St. Thomas
LS	Justin Iaccio (1)	Marist

Previous season's honor(s) received in parentheses:

1 – First Team All-PFL selection;
 2 – Second Team All-PFL selection;
 H – Honorable Mention selection;
 PotY – Player of the Year (Offense, Defense, or Special Teams);
 FRotY – Freshman of the Year (Offense or Defense).



PFL PRESEASON COACHES POLL

Rk	Team	Pts
1.	St. Thomas (8)	98
2.	Davidson (2)	92
3.	Dayton	75
4.	San Diego (1)	73
5.	Butler	68
6.	Valparaiso	52
7.	Marist	45
8.	Drake	38
9.	Stetson	31
10.	Morehead State	22
11.	Presbyterian	11

- First-place votes in parentheses.
- 10 points awarded for a first-place vote, with one point less for each succeeding place. (Maximum score = 100)
- Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own team.



PFL ALUMNI IN THE NFL

Seven PFL alumni are on NFL active rosters before the start of the 2023 NFL season with two listed on reserve/injured or practice rosters.

- Jamal Agnew (San Diego) – Jacksonville
- Ross Dwelley (San Diego) – San Francisco
- Josh Johnson (San Diego) – Baltimore
- Zion Johnson (Davidson) – L.A. Chargers
- Jason Myers (Marist) – Seattle
- Donald Parham (Stetson) – L.A. Chargers
- Adam Trautman (Dayton) – Denver
- Eric Saubert (Drake) – Denver †

†-injured reserve | * - practice squad



PFL ALUMNI IN THE CFL

- Matthew Shiltz (Butler) – Hamilton



PFL ALUMNI IN THE XFL

- Donald Payne (Stetson) – Arlington
- Jake Sutherland (Morehead St.) – St. Louis

FIELD GOAL RACE TURNING INTO FOUR-WAY BATTLE

For most of the season, the PFL field goal race was a two-kicker battle, with Butler's Luka Zurak and Presbyterian's Mack Mikko battling for the league lead. While those two maintain their spots atop the league, Drake's Shane Dunning and San Diego's Aidan Lehman, who crossed into double-digit goals-made territory, have joined them. Entering Week 11, Mikko leads the group with 1.67 field goals made per game (15-of-20), followed by Zurak's 1.40 per game (14-of-17). Dunning is next with 1.33 per game (12-of-14), followed by Lehman's 1.11 per game (10-of-16).

WATCH THESE RETURN(ER)S

Marist's Tristan Shannon and Valparaiso's Jashon Butler are among the FCS kick-return corps leaders in 2023. Shannon is No. 5 in the nation with 585 combined kick return yards this season, while Butler is No. 6 nationally at 575 combined kick return yards. Butler's 575 return yards are all on kickoff returns, and he ranks third among all FCS returners in kickoff return yardage and is third in kickoff return average (31.9).

FREE FOOTBALL ABOUND

PFL members have been involved in five of the FCS' 28 overtime games in 2023. Presbyterian and Dayton became the latest to need extra time to determine a victor in Week 7. Drake, San Diego, Stetson, Marist, and Valparaiso also have played overtime outings in 2023. Road teams are 4-1 in the PFL's five overtime games this season, including Presbyterian's win at Dayton in the most recent outing. Stetson is the lone home team to win an overtime game in the PFL this season, defeating St. Thomas on Sept. 2.

UST'S TATEOKA, PC'S MIKKO NAMED TO JERRY RICE AWARD WATCH LIST

St. Thomas quarterback Tak Tateoka and Presbyterian kicker Mack Mikko were two of 22 FCS freshman student-athletes named to the Jerry Rice Award Watch List Wednesday. The Jerry Rice Award, presented by FedEx Ground, is presented to the national freshman of the year in the NCAA's Football Championship Subdivision. Tateoka is the first St. Thomas student-athlete named to one of the FCS STATS / FedEx Ground national watch lists since the Tommies joined Division I. Mikko was the lone special teams representative on the 22-freshman list.

THREE PFL STUDENT-ATHLETES AMONG RECORDING-BREAKING CAMPBELL TROPHY SEMIFINALISTS GROUP

The 2023 season marks the 31st year for the Pioneer Football League – the nation's only non-scholarship, football-only NCAA Football Championship Subdivision conference. The league will feature 11 teams – tied for most in league history – each playing an eight-game schedule to determine the league champion and recipient of the automatic bid to the 2023 NCAA FCS Championship. Three Pioneer Football League student-athletes were among a record 201 semifinalists for the 2023 William V. Campbell Trophy, announced Wednesday by the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame. Butler offensive lineman Bryan Bystol, Dayton wide receiver Derek Willits, and Marist linebacker/long snapper Justin Iaccio were among the group of 39 NCAA FCS student-athletes named to the semifinalist group. Celebrating its 34th year, the Campbell Trophy® recognizes an individual as the absolute best football scholar-athlete in the nation for his combined academic success, football performance, and exemplary leadership.

DEFENDING CHAMPION ST. THOMAS PICKED TO WIN PFL

St. Thomas, the defending Pioneer Football League champion, was the choice to win the league's 2023 title as selected in the league's Preseason Coaches' poll released Tuesday and voted upon by the league's head coaches.

St. Thomas received 98 of the maximum 100 points available, with coaches unable to vote for their teams. Davidson followed closely with 92 points – putting the Tommies and Wildcats as the league's clear frontrunners entering the 2023 season. Dayton and San Diego, perennial league favorites, were picked to finish third and fourth, respectively.

PFL SEES FOUR 2022 MAJOR AWARD WINNERS RETURN FOR 2023

Four of the PFL's five major award winners from 2022 return for the 2023 season, led by reigning PFL Offensive Player of the Year quarterback Bret Bushka of Butler. He is joined by Butler's punter and kicker Luka Zurak, who returns after claiming PFL Special Teams Player of the Year last season. Drake defensive lineman Finn Claypool also returns after earning Freshman Defensive Player of the Year recognition in 2022. Stetson quarterback Brady Meitz also returns after claiming Freshman Offensive Player of the Year honors.

WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE RETURNS ACROSS THE PFL

Eighty-six student-athletes recognized on the 2022 All-PFL Teams and honorable mention lists return for the 2023 season, including 12 returning First Team All-PFL selections and 15 returning Second Team All-PFL honorees.

GREG WALTER NAMED SECOND PFL COMMISSIONER

The Pioneer Football League's Presidents Council named Greg Walter the league's second commissioner, effective August 1. Walter, who served as the PFL's associate commissioner since 2013, brings two decades of collegiate athletics experience, including an extensive background in leadership roles within the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS), into his new role with the league. In addition, Patty Viverito will remain an advisor to the Pioneer Football League after serving as commissioner since the league's founding in 1993.

MARIST'S PARADY GETS 150TH FCS WIN

Marist head coach James Parady picked up his 150th FCS victory in the Red Foxes' Week 8 victory against Presbyterian. He becomes the 15th head coach since the NCAA created the FCS in 1978 to win 150 or more FCS games, including five active head coaches. FCS wins are only counted for head coaches when the NCAA lists their program as a Division I FCS program.

ST. THOMAS' CARUSO NOTCHES 150TH WIN IN SEASON OPENER

St. Thomas head coach Glenn Caruso secured his 150th career victory in the Tommies' season-opening victory against Black Hills State. Now he turns his attention to his 150th victory as St. Thomas head coach, entering this week with 144 wins in St. Paul.

LAST TURN FOR DAVIDSON'S RICHARDSON STADIUM

When Davidson hosted Barton College to open its 2023 home schedule, it was Richardson Stadium's final football home opener. The facility opened in 1923 and is scheduled to be replaced by a new on-campus home for the football team. Construction on the new football facility began in April and it is scheduled to be completed in time for Davidson's 2024 home opener.

SAN DIEGO'S SCORING STREAK PASSES 250 GAMES

Last season, San Diego saw its scoring streak take over as the longest in the PFL after Dayton's streak ended at 501 games. Entering the 2023 season, Toreros have scored in 256 consecutive games, with their last shutout loss coming at the hands of Dayton during the 1999 season.

STETSON RECORDS 200TH VICTORY

Stetson made quick work reaching its 200th program victory. Needing only two wins entering 2023 to reach the milestone, the Hatters won their first two games of the season, both at home, to reach the milestone. In-state foe Webber International goes into the Hatters record book as the opponent for their 200th victory.

MARIST & VALPARAISO ALSO NEAR PROGRAM MILESTONES

Two PFL teams continue their march toward respective winning milestones. Valparaiso enters Week 6 with 399 wins, one shy of the 400-win milestone. Marist enters Week 5 action three wins away from its 200th program victory.

DAYTON & SAN DIEGO HELMED BY NEW HEAD COACHES

San Diego and Dayton each made changes at head coach during the offseason, marking the second consecutive year two league members have made changes at the top of their programs. Dayton turns to Trevor Andrews, a former Flyer safety who has coached at the collegiate level for 25 years. Andrews returns to Dayton from Western Michigan, where he coached the Bronco linebackers for four seasons. Before that, he was at William & Mary for 18 years in various capacities. San Diego hired Brandon Moore from the Colorado School of Mines, where he took the Orediggers to their first-ever appearance in the NCAA Division II Championship Game. Moore was a linebacker at Oklahoma and a Sooners' 2001 National Championship team member. Moore then spent seven years in the NFL, including six with the San Francisco 49ers.

VALPARAISO'S MATTHES, BUTLER'S ZURAK ON PUNTER OF THE YEAR WATCH LIST

PFL punters Evan Matthes of Valparaiso and Luka Zurak of Butler were among 17 candidates named by The Augusta Sports Council to its 2023 FCS Punter of the Year Award Watch List. Zurak is the reigning PFL Special Teams Player of the Year after earning First Team All-PFL recognition as a punter and placekicker. He averaged 41.8 yards on 37 punts to lead the league while also booting a league-best 67-yard punt – one of his seven punts of 50-plus yards. Matthes, the Second Team All-PFL punter, averaged 41.4 yards on his 57 punts and had 10 punts of 50-plus yards, including a 67-yarder to match Zurak for longest punt of the 2022 season.

BUTLER'S BUSHKA LANDS ON PAYTON AWARD WATCH LIST

Butler quarterback Bret Bushka was one of 35 players named to the 2023 Walter Payton Award Preseason Watch List, presented by FedEx Ground. The 2022 Pioneer Football League Offensive Player of the Year threw for 2,377 yards and 20 touchdowns while leading Butler with 627 rushing yards and five rushing touchdowns. Bushka led the PFL in completion percentage (64%), passing efficiency, passing touchdowns, total offense, and yards per pass attempt. Butler also led all FCS teams in red zone offense with Bushka under center.

DRAKE'S CLAYPOOL NAMED TO BUCK BUCHANAN AWARD WATCH LIST

Drake sophomore linebacker Finn Claypool, the reigning Pioneer Football League Freshman Defensive Player of the Year, was one of 35 athletes named to the preseason watch list for the 2023 Buck Buchanan Award, presented by FedEx Ground and given annually to the National Defensive Player of the Year in Division I FCS college football. Claypool was a Preseason All-PFL selection this season after earning First Team All-PFL honors in 2022 as a freshman. Claypool finished third among PFL tacklers in both tackles for loss (14.5) and sacks (8.0) while also ranking among the FCS' top 25 in each category last season.

UST'S MCELROY NAMED TO PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA SQUAD

St. Thomas wide receiver Andrew McElroy was named to the 2023 Stats Perform FCS Preseason All-America Team, presented by FedEx Ground. McElroy garnered Third Team Preseason All-America honors as an all-purpose back after a breakout sophomore season in 2022, where he earned First Team All-PFL honors. In 11 games, he accumulated 1,162 all-purpose yards between receptions and kick returns, including 717 receiving yards with seven touchdowns.

PFL TRIO NOMINATED TO AFCA ALLSTATE GOOD WORKS TEAM

Davidson's Malik McDaniel, Marist's Kolbe Benham, and St. Thomas' Will Burke were among the 136 student-athletes named to the 2023 Allstate American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Good Works Team.® Established in 1992, the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team is one of college football's most coveted community service awards. From the 135 nominees, the final roster of 23 award recipients will bring together 11 FBS players, 11 FCS players, Divisions II, III, and the NAIA, and one honorary head coach. To be considered for a spot on the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team, each player must be actively involved with a charitable organization or service group while maintaining strong academic standing.

42 PFL STUDENT-ATHLETES NAMED TO 2023 NFF HAMPSHIRE HONOR SOCIETY

In April, the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame (NFF) announced the 2023 NFF Hampshire Honor Society members, with 42 Pioneer Football League student-athletes among the 1,762 qualified for membership. Dayton and St. Thomas each had 14 student-athletes recognized, with Valparaiso (8), Marist (2), Morehead State (2), Davidson (1), and Stetson (1) also seeing student-athletes recognized in the list. Members of the NFF Hampshire Society must be a senior or graduate college football player from all divisions of the NCAA, NAIA, and Spring Football who maintained a cumulative 3.2 GPA or better during their college careers.

PFL ALL-TIME SERIES RECORDS

Regular-season PFL contests, current league members.

Team	BUT	DAV	DAY	DRA	MAR	MOR	PRE	STT	SAN	STE	VAL
Butler	—	6-8	8-22	8-22	4-4	9-10	1-0	0-3	6-21	4-1	16-16
Davidson	8-6	—	2-11	3-8	2-10	9-13	3-0	1-1	4-12	6-5	7-4
Dayton	22-8	11-2	—	20-9	10-3	11-6	2-1	0-1	16-12	5-1	25-5
Drake	22-8	8-3	9-20	—	9-2	10-2	0-0	1-2	12-19	4-2	27-5
Marist	4-3	10-2	3-10	2-9	—	5-3	3-0	0-3	1-11	8-2	10-2
Morehead State	10-9	13-9	6-11	2-9	3-5	—	2-0	0-1	0-15	4-3	15-3
Presbyterian	0-1	0-3	1-2	0-0	0-3	0-0	—	0-2	0-3	0-3	0-2
St. Thomas	3-0	1-1	1-0	2-1	3-0	1-0	2-0	—	1-1	3-0	2-0
San Diego†	20-6	12-4	12-16	18-12	10-1	14-0	3-0	1-1	—	8-0	20-7
Stetson	1-5	5-6	1-5	2-5	2-8	3-4	3-0	0-3	0-9	—	2-3
Valparaiso	16-16	4-7	5-25	5-27	2-10	3-15	2-0	0-2	7-21	3-2	—

ALL-TIME PFL STANDINGS

Regular-season PFL contests only, by win percentage

Team	Yrs	Gms	W-L	Pct.
St. Thomas	3	22	19-3	.864
Dayton	30	189	136-53	.720
San Diego†	31	193	132-54	.710
Drake	31	193	125-68	.648
Marist	14	111	58-53	.523
Morehead State	23	152	70-82	.461
Davidson	23	150	59-91	.393
Butler	31	196	77-119	.393
Stetson	11	80	23-57	.288
Valparaiso	31	195	56-139	.287
Presbyterian	3	22	1-21	.045

Dayton and Marist did not play during the Spring 2021 PFL season.

ALL-TIME OVERALL RECORDS

School	Seasons	W-L-T
Butler	134	608-498-35
Davidson	126	463-642-45
Dayton	115	703-391-25
Drake	130	639-542-29
Marist	45	199-247-3
Morehead State	94	368-507-22
Presbyterian	111	517-550-35
St. Thomas	117	645-357-32
San Diego	57	336-234-6
Stetson	59	202-193-27
Valparaiso	103	400-533-27

PFL COACHING RECORDS

Coach, School	CAREER RECORD			CURRENT SCHOOL			PFL ONLY	
	Seasons	W-L-T	Pct.	Seasons	W-L-T	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Mike Uremovich (BUT)	2nd	14-7-0	.667	2nd	14-7-0	.667	10-5	.667
Scott Abell (DAV)	12th	80-45-0	.640	6th	41-21-0	.661	30-12	.714
Trevor Andrews (DAY)	1st	2-7-0	.222	1st	2-7-0	.222	0-6	.000
Jeff Stepsis (DRA)	5th	19-27-0	.413	5th	19-27-0	.413	18-15	.545
James Parady (MAR)	31st	155-169-1	.478	31st	155-169-1	.478	59-52	.532
Rob Tenyer (MOR)	11th	46-72-0	.390	11th	46-72-0	.390	37-47	.440
Steve Englehard (PRE)	13th	74-65-0	.532	2nd	4-16-0	.200	1-12	.077
Glenn Caruso (STT)	18th	155-40-0	.795	14th	149-28-0	.842	19-3	.864
Brandon Moore (SAN)	2nd	16-9-0	.640	1st	3-6-0	.333	3-3	.500
Brian Young (STE)	3rd	10-19-0	.345	3rd	10-19-0	.345	4-16	.200
Landon Fox (VAL)	5th	16-33-0	.327	5th	16-33-0	.327	14-22	.389

PFL CHAMPIONSHIPS

12	Dayton	1993, 1994c, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2000c, 2001, 2002, 2007c, 2009c, 2010, 2015c
12	San Diego	2005, 2006, 2007c, 2011c, 2012c, 2014, 2015c, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021c
6	Drake	1995, 1998, 2000c, 2004, 2011c, 2012c
4	Butler	1994c, 2009c, 2012c, 2013c
2	Valparaiso	2000c, 2003
2	Davidson	2020s, 2021c
1	Jacksonville#	2008
1	Marist	2013c
1	St. Thomas	2022

Notes on PFL Championship: From 1993-2000 – and returning to the format in 2005 – the PFL was composed of one division and the championship was awarded to the team with the best conference record. From 2001-2005, the league expanded and split into two divisions with the divisional winners, who were the teams with the best record against divisional opponents, facing off in a championship game, the winner of that game was awarded the league's championship.

c – co-champions

s – The 2020 PFL regular-season was delayed until spring 2021 due to COVID-19

– Jacksonville vacated its 2010 co-championship as part of penalties for PFL rules violations.

NOTES: The PFL records on this page reflect PFL penalties imposed against San Diego (% - vacated 7 wins during the 2013 season). In accordance with NCAA policy, the wins and ties, but not the losses, of the penalized team are dropped from its PFL record only. The won-lost records for each of the opposing teams are not changed when games are vacated. In addition, the overall records for both teams were not changed.

SHUTOUT HISTORY

Team	Last SHO Win	Gms Ago	Last SHO Loss	Gms Ago
BUT	48-0 at Valparaiso (2010)	139	0-36 at St. Thomas (2021)	28
DAV	31-0 vs. Butler (2022)	15	0-41 at Richmond (2022)	9
DAY	13-0 vs. Robert Morris (2016)	111	0-31 at Butler (2022)	8
DRA	24-0 vs. Valparaiso (2022)	9	0-7 at Marist (2021)	22
MAR	7-0 at Drake (2021)	22	0-16 at Columbia (2023)	4
MOR	34-0 vs. Davidson (2015)	90	0-42 at Tarleton State (2023)	2
PRE	10-0 vs. Lindsey Wilson (2018)	58	0-63 at Austin Peay (2022)	19
STT	36-0 vs. Butler (2022)	10	0-20 at South Dakota (2023)	7
SAN	58-0 vs. La Verne (2022)	19	0-41 at Dayton (1999)	261
STE	—	110	0-63 at Princeton (2021)	10
VAL	54-0 at Wisconsin Lutheran (2006)	190	0-64 vs. Drake (2022)	9

OVERTIME HISTORY

Team	Record	Last OT Game
BUT	4-4	(W) 30-27 vs. Indiana Wesleyan (2019)
CAM	2-5	(L) 48-54 [3OT] vs. Jacksonville (2017)
DAV	5-7	(W) 56-48 [2OT] vs. Stetson (2022)
DAY	4-3	(L) 17-20 [OT] vs. Presbyterian (2023)
DRA	4-4	(L) 24-27 [OT] vs. Northwestern (Iowa) (2023)
MAR	6-5	(W) 36-30 [OT] at Valparaiso (2023)
MOR	4-3	(W) 45-38 [OT] vs. Dayton (2021)
PRE	1-2	(W) 20-17 [OT] at Dayton (2023)
STT	0-0	
SAN	1-3	(L) 21-28 [OT] Colorado Mesa (2023)
STE	2-1	(W) 34-33 [OT] vs. St. Thomas (Fla.) (2023)
VAL	4-3	(L) 30-36 vs. Marist (2023)

LAST PFL WIN VS. FCS CONFERENCE MEMBER

Big Sky	San Diego def. Northern Arizona, 41-10 (11/25/17)
Big South	Dayton def. Robert Morris, 22-20 (9/3/22)
Colonial	Jacksonville def. Delaware, 20-14 (9/4/15)
Ivy	Stetson def. Brown, 17-13 (10/7/17)
MEAC	—
MVFC	Dayton def. Indiana State, 42-35 (9/7/19)
Northeast	Dayton def. Robert Morris, 49-28 (9/1/18)
Ohio Valley	Dayton def. Eastern Illinois, 17-10 (9/11/21)
Patriot	Davidson def. Georgetown, 27-20 (8/31/19)
Southern	Presbyterian def. Wofford, 23-20 (9/16/22)
Southland	—
SWAC	—
United	—

PFL POSTSEASON HISTORY**FCS PLAYOFFS**

The NCAA Football Championship began in 1978 with a four-team field. It has expanded over the years to its current 24-team format. The Pioneer Football League first received an automatic bid during the 2013 expansion.

2013: Tennessee State 31, at **Butler 0**

2014: at Montana 52, **San Diego 14**

2015: Western Illinois 24, at **Dayton 7**

2016: **San Diego 35**, at Cal Poly 21
at North Dakota State 45, **San Diego 7**

2017: **San Diego 41**, at Northern Arizona 10
at North Dakota State 38, **San Diego 3**

2018: at Nicholls 49, **San Diego 30**

2019: at Northern Iowa 17, **San Diego 3**

2020-21: at Jacksonville State 49, **Davidson 14**

2021: at Kennesaw State 48, **Davidson 21**

2022: at Richmond 41, **Davidson 0**

GRIDIRON CLASSIC

The Gridiron Classic matched the champions of the Pioneer Football League and Northeast Conference in an exempted postseason football contest. The inaugural Gridiron Classic took place Dec. 2, 2006 with PFL Champion San Diego traveling to NEC Champion Monmouth.

2006: **San Diego 27**, at Monmouth 7

2007: at **Dayton 42**, Albany 21

2008: at Albany 28, **Jacksonville 0**

2009: at **Butler 28**, Central Connecticut 23

PFL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

The Pioneer Football League hosted a championship game between the winners of the north and south divisions from 2001-04.

2001: at Dayton 46, Jacksonville 14

2002: Dayton 28, at Morehead State 0

2003: at Valparaiso 54, Morehead State 42

2004: Drake 20, at Morehead State 17

PFL INDIVIDUAL OFFENSIVE SUPERLATIVES: LAST 25

OCCURRENCES SINCE 2002 LISTED IN REVERSE CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER (MOST RECENT FIRST). PFL RECORD ALWAYS INCLUDED IN BOLD.

400+ PASSING YARDS

YDS	Player	Team	Opponent	Date
411	Luke Bailey	Drake	vs. St. Thomas	9/14/23
408	Grant Sergent	San Diego	at Davidson	9/30/23
444	Brady Meitz	Stetson	Louisiana Christian	9/10/22
544	Ren Hefley	Presbyterian	at Valparaiso	11/6/21
418	Bret Bushka	Butler	at Dayton	10/30/21
551	Ren Hefley	Presbyterian	vs. Morehead St.	10/9/21
428	Jack Cook	Dayton	at Morehead St.	10/2/21
481	Mark Pappas	Morehead St.	vs. Dayton	10/2/21
443	Ren Hefley	Presbyterian	at Dayton	9/25/21
576	Ren Hefley	Presbyterian	vs. St. Andrews	9/4/21
416	Reid Stinnett	San Diego	at Cal Poly	8/31/19
498	Colin McGovern	Stetson	vs. Valparaiso	11/17/18
556	Anthony Lawrence	San Diego	vs. Davidson	11/10/18
425	Will Marty	Butler	at Jacksonville	11/3/18
440	Austin Day	Marist	vs. Davidson	10/20/18
434	Anthony Lawrence	San Diego	vs. Dayton	10/13/18
432	Jack Cook	Dayton	at San Diego	10/13/18
425	Anthony Lawrence	San Diego	vs. Stetson	9/29/18
427	Lawson Page	Morehead St.	at Marist	11/11/17
403	Anthony Lawrence	San Diego	at Davidson	11/11/17
400	Mike White	Marist	at Dayton	11/4/17
445	Grant Karemer	Drake	vs. Valparaiso	9/23/17
424	Jimmy Seewald	Valparaiso	vs. Duquesne	9/9/17
465	Austin Gahafer	Morehead St.	at Butler	11/5/16
418	Austin Gahafer	Morehead St.	at Dayton	10/8/16
453	Anthony Lawrence	San Diego	at Stetson	10/31/15
447	Austin Gahafer	Morehead St.	at VMI	9/12/15
417	Kade Bell	Jacksonville	at Davidson	11/8/14
441	Kade Bell	Jacksonville	at Morehead St.	10/11/14

200+ RECEIVING YARDS

YDS	Player	Team	Opponent	Date
212	Dominic Kibby	Dayton	vs. Dayton	11/5/22
200	Andrew McElroy	St. Thomas	vs. San Diego	10/29/22
223	BJ Byrd	Morehead St.	vs. Stetson	11/13/21
239	Jalen Jones	Presbyterian	at Valparaiso	11/6/21
257	Donald Parham	Stetson	vs. Valparaiso	11/17/18
224	Anthony Olivencia	Marist	vs. San Diego	11/17/18
324	Michael Bandy	San Diego	vs. Davidson	11/10/18
246	Juston Christian	Marist	vs. Davidson	10/20/18
201	Michael Bandy	San Diego	vs. Dayton	10/13/18
274	Juston Christian	Marist	at Columbia	10/6/18
202	Michael Bandy	San Diego	at Harvard	9/14/18
217	Juston Christian	Marist	at Morehead St.	10/15/16
208	William Morris	Davidson	at VMI	9/13/14
200	Tanner Kuramata	Valparaiso	vs. Dayton	11/16/13
211	Reggie Bell	San Diego	at Morehead St.	11/9/13
246	Sam Hoekstra	San Diego	vs. Dayton	10/27/12
246	Lanny Funsten	Davidson	vs. Jacksonville	10/13/12
244	Mike Rios	Marist	vs. Davidson	9/22/12
231	John Matthews	San Diego	vs. Azusa Pacific	9/6/08
217	John Matthews	San Diego	at UC Davis	11/17/07
213	Nathan Conner	Jacksonville	vs. Wagner	11/17/07
226	Steve Ogden	Valparaiso	vs. Morehead St.	10/27/07
229	Geavon Tribble	Jacksonville	vs. Morehead St.	10/13/07
202	Steve Ogden	Valparaiso	at Wisconsin Lutheran	9/2/06
218	Michael Gasperson	San Diego	vs. Dayton	11/6/04
203	Ryan Wroblewski	Dayton	vs. Morehead St.	9/11/04
209	Adam Hannula	San Diego	vs. Marist	10/25/03

200+ RUSHING YARDS

YDS	Player	Team	Opponent	Date
232	Amin Woods	Marist	vs. Stetson	9/30/23
204	Shawn Shipman	St. Thomas	vs. Morehead St.	9/23/23
209	Jyran Mitchell	Butler	at Stetson	9/23/23
205	Jake Chisholm	Dayton	vs. Morehead St.	11/12/22
241	Aaron Dawson	Valparaiso	at Morehead St.	10/22/22
226	Jake Chisholm	Dayton	vs. Davidson	11/13/21
234	Robert Washington	Valparaiso	vs. Presbyterian	11/6/21
227	JoJo Binda Jr.	San Diego	at Stetson	11/9/19
268	Jake Chisholm	Dayton	at Morehead St.	11/2/19
242	Drew Lauer	Drake	vs. Morehead St.	10/26/19
220	Jalen Leary	Stetson	vs. Dayton	10/19/19
203	Tucker Yinger	Dayton	at Jacksonville	11/17/18
264	Tucker Yinger	Dayton	vs. Morehead St.	11/10/18
231	Wesley Dugger	Davidson	at San Diego	11/10/18
222	Tucker Yinger	Dayton	at Butler	10/27/18
213	Jareem Westcott	Stetson	at Davidson	10/27/18
202	Calvin Turner Jr.	Jacksonville	at San Diego	10/27/18
202	Calvin Turner Jr.	Jacksonville	at Davidson	10/6/18
201	Calvin Turner Jr.	Jacksonville	vs. St. Augustine's	9/1/18
289	Daniel Smith	Campbell	at Davidson	11/4/17
284	Trevor Jones	Morehead St.	vs. Jacksonville	10/22/16
205	Conley Wilkins	Drake	at Valparaiso	10/8/16
237	Tucker Yinger	Dayton	vs. Marist	11/14/15
201	De'Shawn Jones	Campbell	at Davidson	10/31/15
205	Conley Wilkins	Drake	at Morehead State	10/31/15
229	Connor Kacsor	Dayton	vs. Kennesaw State	9/26/15
244	Connor Kacsor	Dayton	vs. Duquesne	9//15
215	Jeffrey Keil	Davidson	vs. Stetson	10/25/14
313	Sean Bennett	Evansville	vs San Diego	10/19/96

30+ POINTS

PTS	Player	Team	Opponent	Date
30	Jake Chisholm	Dayton	vs. Davidson	11/13/21
30	Jalen Jones	Presbyterian	at Valparaiso	11/6/21
30	Wesley Dugger	Davidson	at Jacksonville	10/19/19
30	Jareem Westcott	Stetson	at Davidson	10/27/18
30	Trae Heeter	Butler	at Morehead St.	11/16/13
30	Ben Shappie	Dayton	vs. Campbell	10/4/08
30	Rudell Small	Jacksonville	vs. UNC Pembroke	9/22/07
30	Scott Gray	Butler	vs. Albion	9/1/07
30	Willie Cashmore	Drake	at Jacksonville	11/11/06
30	Jonathan Taylor	Drake	at Valparaiso	10/25/03
30	Michael Gasperson	San Diego	vs. Valparaiso	10/26/02

15+ POINTS KICKING

PTS	Player [FG/PAT]	Team	Opponent	Date
15	Brandon Eicker [3/6]	San Diego	at Stetson	11/9/19
15	Allan Waltz [5/0]	Dayton	vs. Marist	11/4/17
18	Matt Ward [3/6]	Morehead St.	at Butler	11/5/16
16	Brandon Behr [3/7]	Jacksonville	vs. Valparaiso	11/21/15
15	Dylan Lynch [2/9]	Jacksonville	vs. Warner	9/21/13
15	Dylan Lynch [2/9]	Jacksonville	vs. Morehead St.	9/14/13
19	Rainer Duzan [4/7]	Morehead St.	vs. Ky. Christian	9/1/11
16	Adam Jones [3/7]	Morehead St.	at Butler	10/1/05
16	Jason Resch [4/4]	Dayton	at Austin Peay	9/25/04

PFL INDIVIDUAL DEFENSIVE SUPERLATIVES

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20+ TACKLES

TACK	Player	Team	Opponent	Date
22	Luke Glenna	St. Thomas	vs. Davidson	10/8/22
22	Vincent Winey	Morehead St.	vs. Davidson	10/30/21
23	Vincent Winey	Morehead St.	vs. Butler	4/17/21
20	Colby Duncan	Stetson	at Morehead St.	11/23/19
21	Jamari Booker	Valparaiso	at Davidson	11/2/19
20	Jamari Booker	Valparaiso	vs. Davidson	9/29/18
20	Carlos Merritt	Campbell	vs. Jacksonville	10/28/17
20	Ryan Bennett	Morehead St.	vs. Jacksonville	10/22/16
20	John Hugunin	Drake	vs. Jacksonville	10/24/15
21	Donald Payne	Stetson	vs. Marist	11/8/14
30	Donald Payne	Stetson	at Campbell	11/1/14
21	Donald Payne	Stetson	vs. Jacksonville	10/18/14
22	Patrick Moynahan	Davidson	at Marist	9/22/12
20	Jordan Ridley	Butler	vs. Valparaiso	10/15/11
20	Peter Bakke	Davidson	at Butler	10/27/07
20	Chris Haynes	Butler	at St. Francis (Ind.)	10/9/04
20	Alex Arinsmier	Davidson	at Dayton	10/2/04
26	Andy Guzinski	San Diego	vs. Dayton	11/16/02
20	Eric Papp	Drake	vs. San Diego	11/2/02

4+ SACKS

SACK	Player	Team	Opponent	Date
4.0	Trejuan Purty	Valparaiso	vs. Presbyterian	11/6/21
4.5	Emmanuel Olenga	Campbell	vs. Methodist	8/31/17
6.0	Pat Dowd	Dayton	at Drake	11/19/13
4.0	Blake Oliaro	San Diego	at Marist	12/1/12
4.0	Black Oliaro	San Diego	at Valparaiso	10/8/11
4.5	Devon Langhorst	Dayton	vs. Drake	11/6/10
4.0	Mario Kurn	San Diego	at Southern Utah	9/11/10
4.0	Nikko Carson	Valparaiso	at Drake	10/3/09
4.0	Grant Hunter	Butler	vs. Dayton	11/8/08
4.0	Eric Bakhtiari	San Diego	vs. Drake	10/13/07
4.0	Scott Vossler	Dayton	vs. Central St.	9/15/07

5+ TACKLES FOR LOSS

TFL	Player	Team	Opponent	Date
5.5	Aiden McKinley	Dayton	at Valparaiso	11/4/2023
5.0	Jonathan Hammond	Davidson	at Drake	10/22/22
5.0	Trejuan Purty	Valparaiso	vs. Presbyterian	11/6/21
6.0	Fermon Reid	Stetson	vs. Presbyterian	4/3/21
5.0	Bryce Perry-Martin	Davidson	vs. Brevard	9/2/17
5.0	Jonathan Petersen	San Diego	at Campbell	11/19/16
5.0	Donald Payne	Stetson	vs. Davidson	10/01/16
5.0	Davion Belk	Stetson	vs. Jacksonville	10/18/14
6.0	Pat Dowd	Dayton	at Drake	11/19/13
5.0	Landon Moore	Marist	vs. Mercer	11/16/13
7.5	Mario Kurn	San Diego	at Davidson	11/13/10
5.0	Mario Kurn	San Diego	at Southern Utah	9/11/10
5.0	Devon Langhorst	Dayton	at Drake	11/6/10
5.0	Wes McDermott	Morehead St.	at Dayton	11/15/08
6.0	Eric Bakhtiari	San Diego	vs. Drake	10/13/07
5.0	Scott Vossler	Dayton	vs. Central St.	9/15/07
5.0	Odi Anyanwu	Morehead St.	vs. Dayton	9/6/03

3+ INTERCEPTIONS

INT	Player	Team	Opponent	Date
3	Brandon Easterling	Dayton	at Drake	11/16/19
3	Will Warner	Drake	vs. Marist	11/10/18
3	Eric Martin	Stetson	at Drake	9/26/15
3	Derek Harkness	Morehead St.	vs. Butler	9/26/09
3	Milton Brown	Campbell	at Carthage	9/27/08
3	Bryan Gray	Morehead St.	vs. Drake	11/3/07
3	David Hyland	Morehead St.	at Jacksonville	10/13/07
3	Poul Collins	Drake	vs. Davidson	11/4/06
3	Alex Davis	Butler	vs. Hanover	9/9/06
3	Patrick Fitzgerald	Davidson	vs. Greenboro Coll.	9/10/05
3	Andy Nelson	Butler	vs. Drake	10/16/04
3	B. Martin	Butler	vs. Davidson	9/20/03
3	Aaron Furman	Dayton	at Morehead St.	11/23/02



FCS ALL-IN ON ESPN+

FCS ALL-IN is back for the 2023 season on ESPN+ (at 11 a.m. CT, Fridays). The show, produced by Big Sky Conference staff in collaboration with communications directors and video managers at all FCS Conferences, features Craig Haley (Stats Perform) and Sam Herder (HERO Sports) with host Alex Eschelman. It airs every Friday throughout the regular season.

FCS NATIONAL POLLS

STATS PERFORM MEDIA

RK	TEAM (1STS)	W-L	PTS	PVS
1.	South Dakota State (56)	9-0	1,400	1
2.	Furman	8-1	1,298	2
3.	Montana	8-1	1,279	4
4.	Idaho	7-2	1,265	3
5.	Montana State	7-2	1,190	6
6.	South Dakota	7-2	1,110	9
7.	North Carolina Central	8-1	907	12
8.	Delaware	7-2	870	5
9.	Sacramento State	6-3	857	7
10.	North Dakota	6-3	812	13
11.	Southern Illinois	6-3	730	10
12.	North Dakota State	6-3	655	11
13.	Florida A&M	8-1	654	15
	Villanova	7-2	654	17
15.	Northern Iowa	6-3	615	18
16.	UIW	7-2	566	8
17.	Western Carolina	6-3	517	16
18.	UAlbany	7-3	504	23
19.	Chattanooga	7-3	490	14
20.	Austin Peay	7-2	477	19
21.	UT Martin	7-2	348	21
22.	Youngstown State	6-3	342	22
23.	Mercer	7-3	183	25
24.	Harvard	7-1	112	NR
25.	Lafayette	7-2	90	20

Receiving Votes: Central Arkansas 75, Tarleton State 47, Holy Cross 43, Elon 41, Richmond 23, Nicholls 15, William & Mary 13, Tennessee State 9.

AFCA COACHES

RK	TEAM (1STS)	W-L	PTS	PVS
1.	South Dakota State (26)	9-0	650	1
2.	Furman	8-1	612	2
3.	Montana	8-1	603	3
4.	Idaho	7-2	575	5
5.	Montana State	7-2	533	8
6.	South Dakota	7-2	492	12
7.	North Carolina Central	8-1	491	9
8.	Delaware	7-2	386	6
9.	Florida A&M	8-1	378	T-13
10.	UIW	7-2	368	4
11.	Sacramento State	6-3	355	7
12.	North Dakota	6-3	346	15
13.	North Dakota State	6-3	324	10
14.	Austin Peay	7-2	304	17
15.	Southern Illinois	6-3	285	11
16.	UT Martin	7-2	263	18
17.	Chattanooga	7-3	258	T-13
18.	Villanova	7-2	193	22
19.	Harvard	7-1	191	19
20.	Northern Iowa	6-3	161	23
21.	Western Carolina	6-3	158	20
22.	Holy Cross	6-3	129	21
23.	Lafayette	7-2	91	16
24.	Central Arkansas	6-3	79	25
25.	Albany	7-3	67	NR

Receiving Votes: Youngstown State 59, Mercer 56, Illinois State 16, **DAVIDSON 9**, Eastern Illinois 5, Fordham 3, Samford 3, Tarleton 3, William & Mary 3, Nicholls 1.

PFL TIEBREAKER PROCEDURE

The Pioneer Football League uses the following tiebreaker system to determine its automatic qualifier (AQ) for the Division I Football Championship. In no instance is this tiebreaker used to break a tie for the league championship, all teams tied for first place at the end of the regular season will share the title and be designated co-champions.

WHEN TWO TEAMS ARE TIED

1. If there is a two-team tie in conference play and the two tied teams played each other, the winner of the head-to-head competition shall be declared the automatic qualifier (AQ).
2. If the tied teams did not play each other, then each team's record against all common opponents in the league shall be used to break the tie and declare the AQ.
3. If the teams are still tied, then each team's record against the next highest common opponent in the league standings shall be used to break the tie and declare the AQ. [Clarification: The record comparison against common opponents shall continue in descending order until the tie is broken.]
4. If common teams played are tied in the standings, they will be regarded as a unit when determining records against. [Example: If A/B/C are tied for first and next highest common opponents, D & E are tied, combined records against D & E will be used.]
5. If the teams are still tied, then the PFL "Strength of Victory" (combined record of PFL teams defeated) shall be used to break the tie and declare the AQ;
6. If the teams are still tied, then the PFL "Strength of Schedule" (combined record of PFL teams played) shall be used to break the tie and declare the AQ;
7. If the teams are still tied, a coin toss shall be used as the final tiebreaker.

WHEN THREE OR MORE TEAMS ARE TIED:

NOTE: If at any point a tie is broken using the multiple-team tiebreaker procedures and only two teams remain tied, the remaining teams shall revert to the two-team tiebreaker procedures.

1. If the tied teams all played one another, the team with the best cumulative record involving games with the tied teams shall be declared the AQ. For example, if a team is 2-0 against two other tied teams, that team shall be declared champion.
2. If the tied teams did not play each other, but one team played and defeated all the other teams involved in the tie, that team is the AQ.
3. If the tied teams all played one another and have identical records against the other tied teams, then each team's record against all common opponents in the league shall be used to determine the AQ. If teams are still tied, then each team's record against the next highest common opponent in the league standings shall be used to determine the AQ.
4. If the tied teams did not play each other, then each team's record against all common league opponents shall be used to determine the champion. If teams are still tied and did not play each other, then each team's record against the next highest common opponent in the league standings shall be used to determine the AQ.
5. If the teams are still tied, then the PFL "Strength of Victory" (combined record of PFL teams defeated) shall be used to break the tie and declare the AQ;
6. If the teams are still tied, then the PFL "Strength of Schedule" (combined record of PFL teams played) shall be used to break the tie and declare the AQ;
7. If the teams are still tied, the AQ shall be drawn by lot as the final tiebreaker.

WEEK-BY-WEEK LEADS, LEADERS, STANDINGS AND AWARDS

WEEK 1**WEEKLY AWARDS** | OFFENSIVE: Carter Cravens, Morehead State | DEFENSIVE: Johnson Fallah, St. Thomas | SPECIAL TEAMS: Tristan Shannon, Marist**RECAP** | Morehead State beat West Virginia State 37-35, with Caleb Ramseur's touchdown run being the deciding factor. Youngstown State defeated Valparaiso 52-10, with Ryan Mann's touchdown run before halftime being the only bright spot for Valparaiso as they were held scoreless in the second half. St. Thomas took home a 36-26 victory against Black Hills State, with Amari Powell leading the Tommies with touchdown runs in the first and second quarters. Georgetown secured a 49-7 win over Marist, with Tristan Shannon's touchdown in the first quarter being the only score for Marist. Illinois State shutout Dayton 41-0. VMI beat Davidson 12-7, with Christian Berry's touchdown pass from Luke Durkin giving Davidson a third-quarter lead, but VMI ultimately scored with 51 seconds left in the game to secure a win. Montana defeated Butler 35-20, with Bret Bushka's two third-quarter touchdowns getting Butler within a point with 4:48 in the third quarter.**WEEK 2****WEEKLY AWARDS** | OFFENSIVE: Jyrán Mitchell, Butler | DEFENSIVE: Diego Davis, Stetson | SPECIAL TEAMS: Sam Webster, Dayton**RECAP** | Dayton, Presbyterian, Butler, and Stetson won their respective matches. Dayton defeated Central State 62-24, with eight different players scoring touchdowns. Presbyterian won against Virginia-Lynchburg 48-17, with Tyler Wesley throwing for three touchdowns and running for one. Butler won 41-13 against Taylor, with Jyrán Mitchell rushing for three touchdowns and 178 yards. Stetson won 38-28 against Webber International, with Matt O'Connor throwing two touchdowns and Kaderris Roberts rushing for one. Colorado Mesa won 28-21 against San Diego, with San Diego's Dom Nankil throwing a touchdown pass to force overtime, but they could not score in overtime. Indiana Wesleyan won 24-22 against Valparaiso while Northwestern won 27-24 against Drake in overtime. Mercer won 48-22 against Morehead State, and Barton College won 33-31 against Davidson, with Coulter Cleland completing 10-of-20 passes for 142 yards while Mari Adams ran for 115 yards on 19 carries.**WEEK 3****WEEKLY AWARDS** | OFFENSIVE: Coulter Cleland, Davidson | DEFENSIVE: Nick Bafia, Butler | SPECIAL TEAMS: Mack Mikko, Presbyterian**RECAP** | Davidson downed Marist 49-21 in the Pioneer Football League opening game. Coulter Cleland, Davidson's quarterback, delivered five touchdowns and 303 yards, including three touchdowns in the last 8:41 of the first half, turning a 7-7 tie into a 28-7 halftime lead. Dayton scored the first 24 points of the game, and despite a second-quarter rally from Taylor, secured a 52-20 non-conference victory. Harvard ran for 255 yards and four touchdowns on 27 team carries, opening its season with a 45-13 win against St. Thomas. #3 Montana State won 57-20 against Stetson, while #1 South Dakota State defeated Drake 70-7. Princeton held San Diego to two field goals in the remainder of the game, securing a 23-12 non-conference victory. In a nail-biting finish, Presbyterian beat Wofford 23-20 with Tyler Wesley connecting with Worth Warner for an 18-yard touchdown pass with just 28 seconds remaining. Finally, Butler defeated Wabash 47-21 in non-conference action.**WEEK 4****WEEKLY AWARDS** | OFFENSIVE: Jyrán Mitchell, Butler | DEFENSIVE: Deavon Holman, Butler | SPECIAL TEAMS: Matthew Rink, St. Thomas**RECAP** | Butler secured a 28-18 victory against Stetson with four rushing touchdowns, including two by Jyrán Mitchell. Marist beat Valparaiso 36-30 in overtime with a 25-yard walk-off touchdown by Amin Woods. St. Thomas kept the nation's longest home win streak alive with a 35-28 PFL win against Morehead State with a 26-yard touchdown by Tat Takeoka to Jacob Wildermuth with just nine seconds remaining. San Diego defeated Dayton 40-25 with an early lead of 27-3 and three touchdowns by Grant Sergeant. Eric Haney's interception and a 27-yard touchdown sealed the victory. Davidson won 84-6 against St. Andrews in a non-conference game, with Coulter Cleland's 10-of-11 passes for 149 yards and two touchdowns, and nine touchdowns and 463 rushing yards.**WEEK 5****WEEKLY AWARDS** | OFFENSIVE: Mari Adams, Davidson | DEFENSIVE: Luke Herzog, St. Thomas | SPECIAL TEAMS: Chase Gardi, Marist**RECAP** | Davidson, St. Thomas, Marist, Butler, and Drake all won their Pioneer Football League games this week. Davidson beat San Diego 55-33, with Mari Adams running for four touchdowns. St. Thomas defeated Dayton 20-14, scoring all 20 of their points in the first half. Marist downed Stetson 34-24, with Brock Bagozzi throwing a 68-yard touchdown pass to Matt Stianche at the start of the second half. Butler rallied from a halftime deficit to beat Presbyterian 27-17, with Bret Bushka leading the Bulldogs' offense. Finally, Drake downed Morehead State 16-9, with Dorian Boyland's 64-yard touchdown run on the opening drive putting Drake ahead for good. In a non-conference matchup, Valparaiso rallied from a 15-0 deficit to defeat Southwest Minnesota State 16-15, with Michael Appel Jr.'s 35-yard touchdown run with 5:14 remaining proving to be the game-winner.**WEEK 6****WEEKLY AWARDS** | OFFENSIVE: Carter Cravens, Morehead State | DEFENSIVE: Keenan Wolf, Morehead State | SPECIAL TEAMS: Shane Dunning, Drake**RECAP** | In one of the standout games, Morehead State dominated Dayton, securing a decisive 31-7 win. Quarterback Carter Cravens was the star of the show, throwing two touchdown passes and scoring a rushing touchdown. Although Dayton managed to tie the game in the first quarter, the Flyers were unable to score again, thanks to Morehead State's formidable defense. Meanwhile, Stetson narrowly defeated Presbyterian with a final score of 28-24, thanks in part to Devon Brewer's two touchdowns. In an incredibly tight game, St. Thomas managed to hold off Butler, winning 17-10. Running back Hope Adebayo led St. Thomas with two touchdowns, while Luke Herzog's game-ending pass breakup secured the win. Finally, Drake won a hard-fought game against Valparaiso, with quarterback Luke Bailey throwing two touchdown passes. In non-conference action, Columbia defeated Marist 16-0, with Ty'Son Edwards scoring two touchdowns and the Lions defense forcing four turnovers.**WEEK 7****WEEKLY AWARDS** | OFFENSIVE: Luke Bailey, Drake | DEFENSIVE: Angelos Vokolos, Marist | SPECIAL TEAMS: Mack Mikko, Presbyterian**RECAP** | Marist's defense shone by forcing six turnovers and scoring a safety, while San Diego's Re-al Mitchell's 94 rushing yards and a touchdown went in vain as the Red Foxes claimed their first-ever victory against the Toreros, 30-16. Presbyterian won a nail-biting 20-17 overtime victory against Dayton, registering their first-ever PFL win. Davidson survived a late scare from Butler, as the Bulldogs missed a potential game-winning 58-yard field goal attempt, and the Wildcats won 35-33. Drake's Luke Bailey threw five touchdowns, leading his team to a 52-21 win against St. Thomas. Morehead State scored a walk-off field goal to defeat Valparaiso 24-21 after scoring 17 fourth-quarter points.

WEEK-BY-WEEK LEADS, LEADERS, STANDINGS AND AWARDS

WEEK 8

WEEKLY AWARDS | OFFENSIVE: Hope Adebayo, St. Thomas | DEFENSIVE: Alex Herriott, Presbyterian | SPECIAL TEAMS: Shane Dunning, Drake

RECAP | Davidson beat Valparaiso 42-21 with Mason Sheron scoring three touchdowns, Butler won 37-10 against Dayton with Jyrn Mitchell running for two touchdowns and catching another, Marist defeated Presbyterian 19-10 with two defensive touchdowns, St. Thomas won 38-6 against Stetson with Hope Adebayo scoring two touchdowns, and Drake beat San Diego 25-20 with Luke Bailey throwing a 38-yard touchdown pass to Trey Radocha as time expired. Tarleton State also won 42-0 against Morehead State in a non-conference game.

WEEK 9

WEEKLY AWARDS | OFFENSIVE: Dorian Boyland, Drake | DEFENSIVE: Amir Wallace, San Diego | SPECIAL TEAMS: Adam Zouagui, Davidson

RECAP | Butler overcame Valparaiso 17-7 in what proved to be a tightly contested game, with Bret Bushka's three-yard touchdown at the end of the third quarter proving to be the difference. Meanwhile, Drake defeated Stetson 33-7, with Dorian Boyland running for three touchdowns as they sealed the win with 30 unanswered points. St. Thomas used a 21-point first quarter to defeat Marist 49-14, with Hope Adebayo and Gabriel Abel each scoring two touchdowns. San Diego overcame Morehead State 17-11, as Isaiah Williams led the way with his 134-yard, one-touchdown performance. Finally, Davidson downed Presbyterian 45-20, with Coulter Cleland passing for three touchdowns and Mari Adams running for two, as they never trailed in the game.

WEEK 9**WEEKLY AWARDS** |

OFFENSIVE: Bret Bushka, Butler | CO-DEFENSIVE: Zamir Wallace, San Diego & Aiden McKinley, Dayton | SPECIAL TEAMS: Evan Matthes, Valparaiso

RECAP | Drake beat Marist 10-3, San Diego rallied late to defeat Presbyterian 23-13, Davidson ran past Stetson 61-41, Valparaiso topped Dayton 21-7, and Butler dominated Morehead State 49-7. Defenses were strong in the Drake-Marist game, with Luke Bailey's touchdown pass to Trey Radocha being the only touchdown of the game. San Diego came back in the fourth quarter to win against Presbyterian, while Davidson ran for 458 yards and six rushing touchdowns to win against Stetson. Valparaiso and Dayton had a low-scoring game, with Valparaiso winning 21-7. Finally, Butler quarterback Bret Bushka was dominant against Morehead State, throwing five touchdowns in the first half.