

## 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	3-0	1.000	139	87	1-0	2-0	W4	4-2	.667	261	138	2-1	2-1	W4	W, 35-33 vs. Butler
Drake	3-0	1.000	88	44	2-0	1-0	W6	3-3	.500	126	196	2-1	1-2	W3	W, 52-21 vs. St. Thomas
St. Thomas	3-1	.750	93	104	2-0	1-1	L1	4-3	.571	142	199	3-0	1-3	L1	L, 21-52 at Drake
Marist	3-1	.750	121	119	2-1	1-0	W3	3-3	.500	128	184	2-1	1-2	W1	W, 30-16 vs. San Diego
Butler	2-2	.500	98	87	1-1	1-1	L2	4-3	.571	206	156	3-1	1-2	L2	L, 33-35 at Davidson
Morehead State	2-2	.500	92	79	1-1	1-1	W2	3-3	.500	151	162	2-1	1-2	W2	W, 24-21 at Valparaiso
Presbyterian	1-2	.333	61	72	0-1	1-1	W1	3-3	.500	142	150	1-1	2-2	W1	W, 20-17 at Dayton
San Diego	1-2	.333	89	110	1-0	0-2	L2	1-5	.167	132	188	1-2	0-3	L2	L, 16-30 at Marist
Stetson	1-2	.333	70	86	0-1	1-1	W1	3-3	.500	162	204	2-1	1-2	W1	Off Week
Valparaiso	0-3	.000	65	80	0-2	0-1	L4	1-5	.167	113	171	1-2	0-3	L2	L, 21-24 vs. Morehead State
Dayton	0-4	.000	63	111	0-2	0-2	L4	2-5	.286	177	196	2-2	0-3	L4	L, 16-30 vs. Presbyterian

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

## AHEAD IN WEEK 8

### Valparaiso at Davidson, 1 p.m.

**Broadcast:** DavidsonWildcats.com  
**Location:** Davidson, North Carolina      **Stadium:** Richardson Stadium  
**Series:** DAV leads, 9-4      **Streak:** DAV, two wins  
**Last Meeting:** Davidson def. Valparaiso, 27-21 (2019)

### Butler at Dayton, 1 p.m.

**Broadcast:** Facebook Live  
**Location:** Dayton, Ohio      **Stadium:** Welcome Stadium  
**Series:** DAY leads, 33-13-1      **Streak:** DAY, one win  
**Last Meeting:** Dayton def. Butler, 31-0 (2022)

### Marist at Presbyterian, 1 p.m.

**Broadcast:** ESPN+  
**Location:** Clinton, South Carolina      **Stadium:** Bailey Memorial Stadium  
**Series:** MAR leads, 2-0      **Streak:** MAR, two wins  
**Last Meeting:** Marist def. Presbyterian, 37-7 (2022)

### St. Thomas at Stetson, 1 p.m.

**Broadcast:** ESPN+  
**Location:** DeLand, Florida      **Stadium:** Spec Martin Memorial Stadium  
**Series:** STE leads, 2-0      **Streak:** STE, two wins  
**Last Meeting:** St. Thomas def. Stetson, 21-0

### Drake at San Diego, 5 p.m.

**Broadcast:** ESPN+  
**Location:** San Diego, California      **Stadium:** Torero Stadium  
**Series:** SAN leads, 20-10      **Streak:** SAN, 10 wins  
**Last Meeting:** San Diego def. Drake, 22-10 (2022)

### Morehead State at Tarleton State, 7 p.m.

**Broadcast:** ESPN+  
**Location:** Stephenville, Texas      **Stadium:** Memorial Stadium  
**Series:** First Meeting

## PFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

## Offensive Player of the Week

**Luke Bailey, Drake** | Senior, Quarterback, Lemont, Illinois

Bailey threw five touchdown passes, including three in a decisive third quarter, as Drake downed St. Thomas 52-21 in PFL action Saturday. His first two touchdowns, both in the second quarter and to Mitchell January, helped Drake take a 24-21 lead into halftime. Bailey broke the game open in the third quarter with three touchdown passes to help open up a 45-21 lead. He threw two touchdowns to Parker Olthoff and another to Eli Stewart in the frame. In addition to his five touchdown throws, he passed for 411 yards – the fifth-best passing performance in the FCS this season – while completing 24-of-32 passes.

**OTHER NOTABLES**

**RYAN MANN, VALPARAISO** (RSo., Running Back, Vernon Hills, Ill.) became the Beacons' first 100-yard rusher this season, finishing with 102 yards and a touchdown on 12 carries against Morehead State.

**MARI ADAMS, DAVIDSON** (So., Running Back, Shelby, N.C.) ran for a career-best 171 yards and three touchdowns on 30 carries against Butler.

**RYAN UPP, MOREHEAD STATE** (Jr., Wide Receiver, Leesburg, Va.) caught eight passes for 184 yards and had fourth-quarter touchdowns of 46 and 80 yards at Valparaiso.

**COLE DOW, DAYTON** (RSr., Quarterback, Park Ridge, Ill.) entered the game in the second half to lead the Flyers comeback effort, rushing for 85 yards and a touchdown on eight carries and completing 8-of-15 passes for 51 yards..

## Defensive Player of the Week

**Angelo Vokolos, Marist** | Sophomore (RS), Linebacker, Sewell, New Jersey

Vokolos had 2.5 sacks, including a strip sack, to pace a defense that had six takeaways as Marist claimed its first-ever victory against San Diego, 30-16, Saturday. With the game tied 7-7 in the second quarter, his strip-sack helped end a San Diego drive, ultimately leading to a Marist go-ahead touchdown drive. Then, with under three minutes remaining, he helped preserve the lead with a sack on second down and a half-sack on third down on San Diego's penultimate drive. He wrapped up the game with a tackle on the game's final play.

**OTHER NOTABLES**

**SAM HAFNER, VALPARAISO** (RJr., Defensive Lineman, Green Bay, Wis.) credited with 1.5 tackles for loss in a six-tackle day against Morehead State, including a half sack.

**DANIEL CARTER, DAVIDSON** (Jr., Safety, Denver, N.C.) had an interception and eight tackles against Butler.

**ISAAC ARMSTRONG, MOREHEAD STATE** (Grad., Linebacker, Lexington, Ky.) had 3.5 tackles for loss and a sack in his four-tackle outing at Valparaiso.

**MATT LENTI, DAYTON** (Grad., Safety, LaGrange Park, Ill.) had an interception and recovered a fumble during a six-tackle outing against Presbyterian.

**ALEX HERRIOTT, PRESBYTERIAN** (Jr., Linebacker, Hanahan, S.C.) had 14 tackles, two for loss, and a half sack at Dayton.

**FINN CLAYPOOL, DRAKE** (RSo., Defensive Lineman, Des Moines, Iowa) had two sacks, including a strip-sack, as part of a four-tackle day against St. Thomas.

## Special Teams Player of the Week

**Mack Mikko, Presbyterian** | Freshman, Kicker, Newman, Georgia

Mikko's 34-yard walk-off field goal in overtime provided Presbyterian its first-ever PFL victory with a 20-17 victory at Dayton. Earlier in the game, he opened the scoring with a 28-yard field goal, then added two PATs to help Presbyterian break out to a 17-0 lead. After Presbyterian saw its overtime drive stall out, he hit the 34-yarder – his 10th field goal of the season – to clinch the win.

**OTHER NOTABLES**

**EVAN MATTHES, VALPARAISO** (6th Yr., Punter, Reston, Va.) averaged 42.7 yards on six punts, including a 67-yarder, and had a 23-yard pass completion on a fake punt play against Morehead State.

**TRISTAN SHANNON, MARIST** (RJr., Kick Returner, Bowie, Md.) averaged 27.3 yards on three kick returns, including a 56-yard return, against San Diego.

**RYAN SEVER, ST. THOMAS** (So., Linebacker, Edina, Minn.) blocked a pair of punts at Drake, including one returned for a touchdown.

*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**

**Valparaiso at Davidson, 1 p.m.**  
**Butler at Dayton, 1 p.m.**  
**Marist at Presbyterian, 1 p.m.**  
**St. Thomas at Stetson, 1 p.m.**  
**Drake at San Diego, 5 p.m.**  
 Morehead State at Tarleton State, 7 p.m.

**Week 9: Oct. 28, 2022**

**Valparaiso at Butler, 1 p.m.**  
**Stetson at Drake, 1 p.m.**  
**Morehead State at San Diego, 5 p.m.**  
**Presbyterian at Davidson, 7 p.m.**  
**Marist at St. Thomas, 2 p.m.**

**Week 10: Nov. 4, 2023**

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

**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: 4-3 PFL: 2-2 HOME: 3-1 AWAY: 1-2

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
Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	Kickoff	Broadcast	
O21		at Dayton	1 p.m.	Facebook Live	
O28		Valparaiso	1 p.m.	FloSports	
N04		at Morehead St.	2 p.m.	ESPN+	
N18		Drake	Noon	FloSports	

**DAVIDSON WILDCATS**

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

HOME FACILITY: RICHARDSON STADIUM (6,000)

Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	Score	Attend
S02		at VMI [RV/-]	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
Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	Kickoff	Broadcast	
O21		Valparaiso	1 p.m.	DavidsonWildcats.com	
O28		Presbyterian	7 p.m.	DavidsonWildcats.com	
N04		at Stetson	1 p.m.		
N11		at Morehead St.	1 p.m.	ESPN+	
N18		Dayton	7 p.m.	DavidsonWildcats.com	

**DAYTON FLYERS**

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

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
Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	Kickoff	Broadcast	
O21		Butler	1 p.m.	Facebook Live	
N04		at Valparaiso	2 p.m.	ESPN+	
N11		Marist	1 p.m.		
N18		at Davidson	7 p.m.	DavidsonWildcats.com	

**DRAKE BULLDOGS**

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

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
Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	Kickoff	Broadcast	
O21		at San Diego	5 p.m.	ESPN+	
O28		Stetson	1 p.m.	ESPN+	
N04		at Marist	Noon		
N11		Presbyterian	2 p.m.	ESPN+	
N18		at Butler	Noon	FloSports	

**MARIST RED FOXES**

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

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
Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	Kickoff	Broadcast	
O21		at Presbyterian	1 p.m.	ESPN+	
O28		at St. Thomas	2 p.m.	MidCoSports+	
N04		Drake	Noon		
N11		at Dayton	1 p.m.	Facebook Live	
N18		Bucknell	Noon		

**MOREHEAD STATE EAGLES**

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

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
Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	Kickoff	Broadcast	
O21		at Tarleton St.	7 p.m.	ESPN+	
O28		at San Diego	5 p.m.	ESPN+	
N04		Butler	2 p.m.	ESPN+	
N11		Davidson	1 p.m.	ESPN+	
N18		at Presbyterian	1 p.m.	ESPN+	

**PFL ACTIVE WIN STREAKS**

**Consecutive Overall Wins**

4	Davidson (7th in FCS)
3	Drake
2	Morehead State

**Consecutive PFL Wins**

6	Drake (8th in FCS)
4	Davidson
3	Marist
2	Morehead State

**Consecutive Home Wins**

15	St. Thomas† (4th in FCS)
2	Davidson
2	Drake
2	Marist

**Consecutive Road Wins**

2	Davidson
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† St. Thomas' home win streak is since it joined Division I. It has a 30-game home win streak dating back to the 2016 season.

## TEAM-BY-TEAM CAPSULES

## PRESBYTERIAN BLUE HOSE

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

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
007		Stetson	L	24-28	1202
014		at Dayton	W [OT]	20-17	2365
Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	Kickoff	Broadcast	
021		Marist	1 p.m.	ESPN+	
028		at Davidson	7 p.m.	Sidarm Sports	
N04		San Diego	1 p.m.	ESPN+	
N11		at Drake	2 p.m.	ESPN+	
N18		Morehead St.	1 p.m.	ESPN+	

## ST. THOMAS TOMMIES

OVERALL: 4-3 PFL: 3-1 HOME: 3-0 AWAY: 1-3

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

Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	Score	Attend
S02		[RV/RV] 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
007		Butler	W	17-10	4855
014		at Drake	L	21-52	1902
Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	Kickoff	Broadcast	
021		at Stetson	1 p.m.	ESPN+	
028		Marist	2 p.m.	MidCoSports+	
N11		at San Diego	4 p.m.	ESPN+	
N18		Valparaiso	2 p.m.	MidCoSports+	

## SAN DIEGO TOREROS

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

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
014		at Marist	L	16-30	1243
Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	Kickoff	Broadcast	
021		Drake	5 p.m.	ESPN+	
028		Morehead St.	5 p.m.	ESPN+	
N04		at Presbyterian	1 p.m.	ESPN+	
N11		St. Thomas	4 p.m.	ESPN+	
N18		at Stetson	Noon	ESPN+	

## STETSON HATTERS

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

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
007		at Presbyterian	W	28-24	1202
Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	Kickoff	Broadcast	
021		St. Thomas	1 p.m.	ESPN+	
028		at Drake	1 p.m.	ESPN+	
N04		Davidson	1 p.m.		
N11		at Valparaiso	1 p.m.	ESPN+	
N18		San Diego	Noon	ESPN+	

## VALPARAISO BEACONS

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

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
007		at Drake	L	14-20	3075
014		Morehead St.	L	21-24	1101
Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	Kickoff	Broadcast	
021		at Davidson	1 p.m.		
028		at Butler	1 p.m.	FloSports	
N04		Dayton	2 p.m.	ESPN+	
N11		Stetson	1 p.m.	ESPN+	
N18		at St. Thomas	2 p.m.	MidCoSports+	



**PREVIEWING WEEK 8**

**VALPARAISO AT DAVIDSON:** PFL co-leader Davidson begins a two-game homestand when it hosts a Valparaiso team seeking its first PFL win of 2023. The difference between the Beacons' being 5-1 instead of 1-5 has been razor thin, with their last four losses coming by 17 total points, including last week's three-point loss to Morehead State. The Wildcats are riding a four-game win streak, averaging 55.7 points per game and a winning margin of 32.5 points per game.

**BUTLER AT DAYTON:** After opening PFL play with back-to-back wins, Butler has dropped its last two, heading into an I-70 battle at Dayton, which seeks its first PFL win. The Bulldogs' two losses have come against St. Thomas and Davidson, two of the league's four three-win teams, by just nine total points. The Flyers dropped the first game of their two-game homestand in overtime to Presbyterian last week, with its offense continuing to struggle in league play – averaging 15.8 points per game.

**MARIST AT PRESBYTERIAN:** Two teams that picked up program-milestone wins last week meet each other in Week 8 when Marist begins a two-game road trip at Presbyterian. The Red Foxes hit the road with a three-game PFL win streak in hand after picking up their first-ever victory against San Diego last week. Meanwhile, the Blue Hose return home after snapping an 18-game PFL losing streak with their first-ever PFL win in an overtime walk-off win at Dayton.

**ST. THOMAS AT STETSON:** After seeing its 13-game PFL win streak halted in Des Moines, St. Thomas stays on the road this week to face a Stetson team fresh off its bye week. The Tommies' loss to Drake in the I-35 series came as they surrendered their most points as a Division I program to the Bulldogs. Stetson plays at home for the first time since Sept. 23, and they are 2-1 at Spec Martin Memorial Stadium this season, though they suffered their first home loss to Butler in that Sept. 23 affair.

**DRAKE AT SAN DIEGO:** Drake puts its six-game PFL win streak on the line when it travels to San Diego, which plays at Torero Stadium for the first time since Sept. 23. The Bulldogs hit the road sitting tied atop the PFL standings with Davidson thanks to their three-game win streak this season, its latest win thanks to a 52-point outburst against St. Thomas that was its largest point total in a PFL game since 2017. The last time the Toreros played on friendly soil, they opened PFL play with a victory against Dayton. Since then, they have sandwiched their off week between back-to-back East Coast trips, falling at Davidson on Sept. 30 and at Marist last weekend.

**MOREHEAD STATE AT TARLETON STATE:** Morehead State steps out of conference play this week for the first of two long road trips when it travels to Tarleton State for the first-ever meeting between the teams. After the trip to Central Texas this week, the Eagles will fly again for a PFL outing at San Diego – a total of 4,592 miles (one-way and as the crow flies) for the two road trips.

**PFL ALUMNI IN THE NFL REPORT: WEEK 6**

Six PFL alumni were in action during Week 6 of the NFL season. Here's a quick look at their performances:

- **JAMAL AGNEW (SAN DIEGO)** – Jacksonville | Agnew had a 53-yard kick return and a six-yard punt return in Jacksonville's victory against Indianapolis.
- **ROSS DWELLEY (SAN DIEGO)** – San Francisco | Dwelley was on the field four offensive and 22 special teams snaps in San Francisco's loss at Cleveland.
- **JOSH JOHNSON (SAN DIEGO)** – Baltimore | Johnson was listed as QB3 on the Baltimore depth chart but did not play in the Ravens' victory against the Titans in London.
- **ZION JOHNSON (DAVIDSON)** – L.A. Chargers | Johnson, an offensive lineman, saw action on all 73 offensive snaps in the Chargers' Monday Night loss to Dallas.
- **JASON MYERS (MARIST)** – Seattle | Myers hit a pair of field goals, including a 55-yarder, and an extra-point in Seattle's loss at Cincinnati.
- **DONALD PARHAM (STETSON)** – L.A. Chargers | Parham caught two passes for 19 yards in the Chargers Monday Night loss to Dallas.
- **ADAM TRAUTMAN (DAYTON)** – Denver | Trautman had a four-yard reception in Denver's loss at Kansas City.

**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.



**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 Jernegan (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

### RUNNING BACK REVIVAL

Five of the league's running backs enter Week 8 ranked among the FCS Top 35 in rushing yards per game, led by Butler's Jyrn Mitchell whose 116.0 yards per game ranks seventh among FCS rushers. Davidson's Mari Adams (104.3 ypg) moved into eighth among FCS rushers this week. They are joined by San Diego's Isaiah Williams (85.4 ypg), Dayton's Michael Neel (78.3 ypg) and Marist's Amin Woods (65.8 ypg) who are ranked 22nd, 31st, and 36th respectively.

### YOU'RE IN GOOD HANDS WITH THESE PFL TEAMS

There was a shakeup in the league's good hands teams this week after Marist picked up six takeaways from a San Diego team that had just two turnovers entering the game. That change puts league co-leaders Davidson and Drake at the top of the league for fewest turnovers lost. Davidson is ranked fourth in the FCS with only three giveaways while Drake is eighth with four turnovers lost. Butler is next with seven turnovers to rank 29th among FCS squads.

### TOP OF TAKEAWAYS

With its defense picking up six turnovers against San Diego, Marist moved to the top of the league with 14 turnovers gained this season, moving up to fifth among FCS teams. San Diego is No. 2 in the PFL and No. 14 in the FCS with 13 turnovers gained in 2023.

### ZURAK, MIKKO BATTLE FOR TOP KICKER

Reigning PFL Special Teams Player of the Year Luka Zurak has picked up right where he left off last season, making 10 of his 12 field goals this season. He is being challenged for that crown by Presbyterian freshman kicker Mack Mikko who also has 10 field goals made this season, in one fewer game played but with four more attempts. Mikko's 1.67 field goals made per game ranks third in the FCS while Zurak's 1.43 per game rate is 12th in the FCS.

### FREE FOOTBALL ABOUND

PFL members have been involved in five of the FCS' 18 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 lone home team to win an overtime game in the PFL this season, defeating St. Thomas on Sept. 2.

### 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 MARIST VICTORY, ON HUNT FOR 150TH FCS WIN

Marist head coach James Parady picked up his 150th Marist victory in the Red Foxes' Week 9 home victory against Presbyterian last season. He enters Week 6 of the 2023 season three wins away from his 150th career FCS victory. Since the NCAA created the FCS in 1978, only 14 head coaches have won 150 or more FCS games, including five active head coaches (see list, page 13). 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.

**RECORD-BREAKING 725 ATHLETES NAMED TO 2022 PFL ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL**

The PFL named over 700 student-athletes to its PFL Academic Honor Roll for the first time in Pioneer Football League history. The league recognized 725 student-athletes from its 11 member institutions to the 2022 PFL Academic Honor Roll. The 725 student-athletes recognized broke the previous record of 663 set during the Fall 2021 season. Four PFL member schools set records for student-athletes recognized on the Academic Honor Roll: St. Thomas (79), Davidson (75), Valparaiso (64), and Morehead State (62). In addition to St. Thomas and Davidson, Dayton (77), Drake (76), and Butler (70) saw at least 70 of their student-athletes named to the honor roll.

**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	7-22	8-22	4-4	8-10	1-0	0-3	6-21	4-1	15-16
Davidson	8-6	—	2-11	3-8	2-10	9-13	2-0	1-1	4-12	5-5	6-4
Dayton	22-7	11-2	—	20-9	10-3	11-6	2-1	0-1	16-12	5-1	25-4
Drake	22-8	8-3	9-20	—	8-2	10-2	0-0	1-2	11-19	3-2	27-5
Marist	4-3	10-2	3-10	2-8	—	5-3	2-0	0-2	1-11	8-2	10-2
Morehead State	10-8	13-9	6-11	2-9	3-5	—	2-0	0-1	0-14	4-3	15-3
Presbyterian	0-1	0-2	1-2	0-0	0-2	0-0	—	0-2	0-2	0-3	0-2
St. Thomas	3-0	1-1	1-0	2-1	2-0	1-0	2-0	—	1-1	2-0	2-0
San Diego†	20-6	12-4	12-16	18-11	10-1	13-0	2-0	1-1	—	8-0	20-7
Stetson	1-5	5-5	1-5	2-4	2-8	3-4	3-0	0-2	0-9	—	2-3
Valparaiso	16-15	4-6	4-25	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	20	17-3	.850
Dayton	30	187	136-51	.727
San Diego†	31	190	130-53	.710
Drake	31	190	122-68	.642
Marist	14	108	57-51	.528
Morehead State	23	150	70-80	.467
Butler	31	193	74-119	.383
Davidson	23	147	56-91	.381
Stetson	11	77	23-54	.299
Valparaiso	31	192	55-137	.286
Presbyterian	3	19	1-18	.053

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

**ALL-TIME OVERALL RECORDS**

School	Seasons	W-L-T
Butler	134	606-498-35
Davidson	126	461-642-45
Dayton	115	703-389-25
Drake	130	637-542-29
Marist	45	198-246-3
Morehead State	94	368-505-22
Presbyterian	111	517-548-35
St. Thomas	117	644-357-32
San Diego	57	335-233-6
Stetson	59	202-191-27
Valparaiso	103	399-532-27

**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	11-7-0	.611	2nd	11-7-0	.611	7-5	.583
Scott Abell (DAV)	12th	77-45-0	.631	6th	38-21-0	.644	27-12	.692
Trevor Andrews (DAY)	1st	2-5-0	.286	1st	2-5-0	.286	0-4	.000
Jeff Stepsis (DRA)	5th	16-27-0	.372	5th	16-27-0	.372	15-15	.500
James Parady (MAR)	31st	154-167-1	.480	31st	154-167-1	.480	58-50	.537
Rob Tenyer (MOR)	11th	46-69-0	.400	11th	46-69-0	.400	37-45	.451
Steve Englehard (PRE)	13th	74-62-0	.544	2nd	4-13-0	.235	1-9	.100
Glenn Caruso (STT)	18th	153-40-0	.793	14th	147-28-0	.840	17-3	.850
Brandon Moore (SAN)	2nd	14-8-0	.636	1st	1-5-0	.167	1-2	.333
Brian Young (STE)	3rd	10-16-0	.385	3rd	10-16-0	.385	4-13	.235
Landon Fox (VAL)	5th	15-31-0	.326	5th	15-31-0	.326	13-20	.394

**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)	136	0-36 at St. Thomas (2021)	25
DAV	31-0 vs. Butler (2022)	12	0-41 at Richmond (2022)	6
DAY	13-0 vs. Robert Morris (2016)	109	0-31 at Butler (2022)	6
DRA	24-0 vs. Valparaiso (2022)	6	0-7 at Marist (2021)	19
MAR	7-0 at Drake (2021)	19	0-16 at Columbia (2023)	1
MOR	34-0 vs. Davidson (2015)	87	0-54 at James Madison (2021)	34
PRE	10-0 vs. Lindsey Wilson (2018)	55	0-63 at Austin Peay (2022)	16
STT	36-0 vs. Butler (2022)	8	0-20 at South Dakota (2023)	5
SAN	58-0 vs. La Verne (2022)	16	0-41 at Dayton (1999)	258
STE	—	107	0-63 at Princeton (2021)	7
VAL	54-0 at Wisconsin Lutheran (2006)	187	0-64 vs. Drake (2022)	6

**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)
<b>Southern</b>	<b>Presbyterian def. Wofford, 23-20 (9/16/22)</b>
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
<b>576</b>	<b>Ren Hefley</b>	<b>Presbyterian</b>	<b>vs. St. Andrews</b>	<b>9/4/21</b>
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
<b>324</b>	<b>Michael Bandy</b>	<b>San Diego</b>	<b>vs. Davidson</b>	<b>11/10/18</b>
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
<b>313</b>	<b>Sean Bennett</b>	<b>Evansville</b>	<b>vs. San Diego</b>	<b>10/19/96</b>

**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
<b>30</b>	<b>Donald Payne</b>	<b>Stetson</b>	<b>at Campbell</b>	<b>11/1/14</b>
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 Guzanski	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 Ologa	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
5.0	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
3	Mark Kasmer	Dayton	at St. Francis (Pa.)	9/7/02

**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.

**COACHES WITH 150 FCS WINS**

School	Yrs	Wins
Jimmye Laycock, William & Mary	39	242
Roy Kidd, Eastern Kentucky	39	223
Andy Talley, Villanova	37	217
Jerry Moore, Appalachian State	31	215
<b>Tim Murphy, Harvard</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>206</b>
Rob Ash, Drake/Montana St.	36	195
<b>Al Bagnoli, Columbia</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>187</b>
Tubby Raymond, Delaware	36	181
<b>Kevin Callahan, Monmouth</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>175</b>
Mike Ayers, ETSU/Wofford	33	171
<b>Mark Farley, Northern Iowa</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>173</b>
<b>K.C. Keeler, Sam Houston</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>171</b>
Sean McDonnell, New Hampshire	22	157
Eddie Robinson, Grambling	55	154
<b>Jim Parady, Marist</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>149</b>
<b>Buddy Pough, South Carolina St.</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>146</b>

*The win totals above only count for those seasons when a head coach was at a school that was a Division I FCS member. Data from NCAA Statistics.*

**FCS NATIONAL POLLS****STATS PERFORM MEDIA**

RK	TEAM (1STS)	W-L	PTS	PVS
1.	South Dakota St. (56)	6-0	1,400	1
2.	Montana St.	5-1	1,342	2
3.	Sacramento St.	5-1	1,203	3
4.	Furman	5-1	1,195	4
5.	UIW	5-1	1,023	7
6.	South Dakota	5-1	1,002	10
7.	Delaware	5-1	985	8
8.	Western Carolina	5-1	981	9
9.	Montana	6-1	978	16
10.	Idaho	5-2	946	3
11.	North Dakota	4-2	930	15
12.	Southern Illinois	5-1	725	13
13.	William & Mary	4-2	687	11
14.	North Dakota St.	4-2	673	6
15.	Holy Cross	4-2	653	12
16.	North Carolina Central	5-1	607	14
17.	UT Martin	5-1	504	17
18.	Harvard	5-0	446	19
19.	Florida A&M	5-1	403	18
20.	Central Arkansas	5-2	373	20
21.	Chattanooga	5-2	268	25
22.	Villanova	5-2	229	NR
23.	UC Davis	4-2	136	NR
24.	Austin Peay	4-2	125	NR
25.	Youngstown St.	3-3	108	23

**Receiving Votes:** New Hampshire 68, Fordham 44, UAlbany 39, Lafayette 32, Northern Iowa 23, Weber St. 23, Eastern Kentucky 13, Eastern Washington 13, Illinois St. 11, Tennessee St. 6, Lamar 2.

**AFCA COACHES**

RK	TEAM (1STS)	W-L	PTS	PVS
1.	South Dakota St. (26)	6-0	650	1
2.	Montana St.	5-1	623	2
3.	Furman	5-1	570	4
4.	Sacramento St.	5-1	566	5
5.	UIW	5-1	511	6
6.	Montana	6-1	495	10
7.	Delaware	5-1	464	8
8.	Idaho	5-2	418	3
9.	North Dakota	4-2	409	15
10.	North Carolina Central	5-1	408	9
11.	Holy Cross	4-2	365	11
12.	Southern Illinois	5-1	349	13
13.	William & Mary	4-2	335	12
14.	Western Carolina	5-1	329	14
15.	North Dakota St.	4-2	320	7
16.	South Dakota	5-1	305	17
17.	Harvard	5-0	234	18
18.	Florida A&M	5-1	227	16
19.	UT Martin	5-1	190	19
20.	Chattanooga	5-2	151	T-20
21.	Central Arkansas	5-2	120	25
22.	New Hampshire	3-3	81	24
23.	UC Davis	4-3	67	NR
24.	Austin Peay	4-2	59	NR
25.	Illinois St.	4-2	58	NR

**Receiving Votes:** Fordham 47, Villanova 38, Lafayette 21, Youngstown St. 17, Eastern Kentucky 6, Northern Iowa 6, Rhode Island 6, Penn 2, Albany 1, Mercer 1, Portland St. 1.

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

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**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.