



2022 SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE FOOTBALL WEEKLY RELEASE WEEK 11 • NOVEMBER 8, 2022

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2022 SOUTHLAND FOOTBALL STANDINGS

	SOUTHLAND		ALL GAMES					
	W-L	PCT	W-L	PCT	HOME	AWAY	NEU	STK
Northwestern State	4-0	1.000	4-5	.444	2-1	2-3	0-1	W1
UIW	4-1	.800	9-1	.900	5-0	4-1	0-0	W6
Southeastern	3-1	.750	6-3	.667	3-1	3-2	0-0	W3
Texas A&M-Commerce	3-2	.600	5-4	.556	3-2	2-2	0-0	L2
Nicholls	2-2	.500	2-7	.222	1-2	1-5	0-0	L1
HCU	1-4	.200	2-7	.222	0-4	2-3	0-0	L5
Lamar	1-4	.200	1-8	.111	1-4	0-4	0-0	L1
McNeese	0-4	.000	2-7	.222	2-3	0-4	0-0	W1

! Southland Regular Season Champion. ^ FCS Championship Participant.

THIS WEEK IN THE SOUTHLAND

Saturday, November 5

Lamar at New Mexico State 1 p.m.
New Mexico State leads series • 6-4
FLOSPORTS

McNeese at HCU * 2 p.m.
McNeese leads series • 4-0
ESPN+

Texas A&M-Commerce at Nicholls * 3 p.m.
First meeting in series
ESPN+

Northwestern State at Southeastern * 6 p.m.
Southeastern leads series • 37-29
ESPN 3
All Times Central

LAST WEEK IN THE SOUTHLAND

Saturday, November 5
at UIW 73, HCU 20 *
Northwestern State 41, at Texas A&M-Commerce 14 *
Southeastern 47, at Lamar 31 *
at McNeese 29, Eastern Illinois 15

2022 SOUTHLAND PRESEASON POLL

PI	School (1st)	Total
1.	Southeastern (7)	90
2.	UIW (7)	86
3.	Nicholls (2)	79
4.	McNeese	61
5.	Northwestern State	44
6.	Texas A&M-Commerce	39
7.	Lamar	25
8.	HCU	24

SOUTHLAND FOOTBALL

PRESEASON ALL-SOUTHLAND

FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Class
QB	Lindsey Scott Jr.	UIW	Sr.
RB	Collin Guggenheim*	Nicholls	So.
RB	Deonta McMahon*	McNeese	Sr.
TE/HB	Lee NeGrotto*	Nicholls	So.
WR	Taylor Grimes*	UIW	Sr.
WR	K.J. Franklin*	Nicholls	Jr.
WR	Gage Larvadain*	Southeastern	So.
OL	Caron Coleman*	McNeese	Sr.
OL	Nash Jones*	UIW	Jr.
OL	John Allen*	Southeastern	Jr.
OL	Jalen Bell*	Southeastern	Sr.
OL	Evan Roussel*	Nicholls	So.
PK	Gavin Lasseigne*	Nicholls	Jr.
P	Brady Buell*	HCU	Sr.
DL	Perry Ganci*	Nicholls	Jr.
DL	Mason Kinsey*	McNeese	Sr.
DL	Cameron Preston*	UIW	Gr.
DL	Garrett Crawford*	Southeastern	Jr.
DL	Accord Green*	McNeese	Sr.
LB	Kelechi Anyalebechi*	UIW	Gr.
LB	Kordell Williams*	McNeese	R-Sr.
DB	Zy Alexander*	Southeastern	So.
DB	Kaleb Culp*	UIW	Jr.
DB	Shemar Bartholomew*	Northwestern State	Sr.
DB	Donniel Ward-McGee*	Southeastern	Sr.
DB	PJ Herrington	Northwestern State	Sr.
KR	Gage Larvadain*	Southeastern	So.
PR	Mason Pierce*	McNeese	R-So.

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Class
QB	Kohen Granier	Nicholls	Sr.
RB	Taron Jones*	Southeastern	Sr.
RB	Scooter Adams	Northwestern State	R-Jr.
TE/HB	Roger McCuller	UIW	Gr.
WR	Darion Chafin	UIW	Gr.
WR	Mason Pierce	McNeese	R-So.
WR	CJ Turner	Southeastern	R-Sr.
OL	Mark Barthelemy	Nicholls	Sr.
OL	Reid Francis	UIW	Sr.
OL	Caleb Johnson	UIW	Gr.
OL	Calvin Barkat	McNeese	Sr.
OL	Brennan Lanclos	Southeastern	R-Jr.
PK	Carson Mohr	UIW	Sr.
P	Keven Nguyen*	UIW	Gr.
DL	Isaiah Longino	Northwestern State	Sr.
DL	Jomard Valsin	Northwestern State	Sr.
DL	Bryce Cage	Southeastern	So.
LB	Rodney Dansby*	HCU	So.
LB	Isaiah Paul*	UIW	R-Jr.
LB	Hayden Shaheen*	Nicholls	So.
LB	Brennan Young	HCU	Sr.
DB	Elliott Davison	UIW	Jr.
DB	Jordan Jackson	Nicholls	Jr.
DB	Isaiah Cash	HCU	So.
DB	Brandon Richard	UIW	Sr.
DB	Coi Miller	HCU	Sr.
KR	Ce'Cori Tolds	UIW	Gr.
PR	Gage Larvadain	Southeastern	So.

* Automatic selection; returning all-conference player

FOOTBALL HEAD COACHES



HCU

HEAD COACH.....Vic Shealy
Overall:45-87-1 (13 Seasons)
School:18-73 (9 Seasons)
SLC at School:7-56 (8 Seasons)



UIW

HEAD COACH.....G.J. Kinne
Overall:9-1 (1st Season)
School:9-1 (1st Season)
SLC at School:4-1 (1st Season)



LAMAR

HEAD COACH.....Blane Morgan
Overall:4-21 (3 Seasons)
School:4-21 (3 Seasons)
SLC at School:3-8 (2 Seasons)



MCNEESE

HEAD COACH.....Gary Goff
Overall:62-60 (11 Seasons)
School:2-7 (1st Season)
SLC at School:0-4 (1st Season)



NICHOLLS

HEAD COACH.....Tim Rebowe
Overall:46-42 (8 Seasons)
School:46-42 (8 Seasons)
SLC at School:39-24 (8 Seasons)



NORTHWESTERN STATE

HEAD COACH.....Brad Laird
Overall:16-33 (5 Seasons)
School:16-33 (5 Seasons)
SLC at School:15-21 (5 Seasons)



SOUTHEASTERN

HEAD COACH.....Frank Scelfo
Overall:31-22 (5 Seasons)
School:31-22 (5 Seasons)
SLC at School:23-13 (5 Seasons)



TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE

HEAD COACH.....David Bailiff
Overall:101-106 (17 Seasons)
School:23-11 (3 Seasons)
SLC at School:3-2 (1st Season)

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SOUTHLAND FOOTBALL

2022 SOUTHLAND PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Lindsey Scott, Jr. • QB • UIW

In the first half of the Cardinals' 73-20 win over HCU, Scott completed 15-of-20 passes for 319 yards and seven touchdowns for his third offensive player of the week award this season. This is the second game this season he has thrown for seven touchdowns in one half of play – only two such games existed in all of FCS history prior to this season. He now holds the top two passing efficiency single game marks this season after notching a 324.48 on Saturday. His 45 touchdown passes this season is tied for the fourth-most in a single Southland season and is only two short of the school record set last season by Cameron Ward.



DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

PJ Herrington • S • Northwestern State

Herrington stuffed the stat sheet with four solo tackles, two pass breakups, a sack and an interception return for a touchdown in a 41-14 win at Texas A&M-Commerce to give NSU control of the race for the Southland title. His pick-6 was the Demons' first pick-6 and first defensive touchdown since the 2019 season. He had one of NSU's three sacks and was part of a unit that held Texas A&M-Commerce to 143 yards below its season average and kept the Lions under 100 yards rushing.



SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Gage Larvadain • KR • Southeastern

Larvadain broke loose for a season-long 75-yard kickoff return and averaged 44.5 yards per kickoff return in Saturday's 47-31 win at Lamar. He also hauled in five passes for 54 yards and a touchdown to finish with 158 all-purpose yards. Larvadain is the third different Southeastern Lion to win special teams player of the week this season.

SOUTHLAND VS. NONCONFERENCE

FCS7-15

A-SUN.....1-1

Jacksonville State.....1-1

BIG SKY.....1-3

Montana.....0-1

Montana State.....0-1

Northern Colorado.....1-1

MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL CONF. ...1-0

Southern Illinois.....1-0

NORTHEAST.....1-0

Central Connecticut State.....1-0

OHIO VALLEY.....2-6

Eastern Illinois.....1-1

Lindenwood.....0-1

Murray State.....1-0

SEMO.....0-2

Tennessee-Martin.....0-1

Tennessee State.....0-0

Tennessee Tech.....0-1

SWAC.....1-3

Alcorn State.....0-1

Grambling.....0-1

Prairie View A&M.....1-1

WAC.....0-2

Abilene Christian.....0-1

Sam Houston.....0-1

Tarleton.....0-0

FBS1-8

AMERICAN.....0-1

SMU.....0-1

CONFERENCE USA.....0-2

FAU.....0-1

Rice.....0-1

MOUNTAIN WEST.....1-0

Nevada.....1-0

SUN BELT.....0-5

Louisiana.....0-1

Louisiana-Monroe.....0-1

South Alabama.....0-1

Southern Miss.....0-1

Texas State.....0-1

INDEPENDENT.....0-0

New Mexico State.....0-0

DIVISION II.....1-0

Mississippi College.....1-0

NAIA.....1-0

Faulkner.....1-0

OTHER.....2-0

Lincoln (Calif.).....1-0

North American.....1-0

OFFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Sept. 5 Ismail Mahdi RB HCU

Sept. 12 Darion Chafin WR UIW

Sept. 19 Cephus Johnson III QB Southeastern

Lindsey Scott, Jr. QB UIW

Sept. 26 CJ Turner WR Southeastern

Oct. 3 Javon Antonio WR Northwestern State

Oct. 10 Lindsey Scott, Jr. (2) QB UIW

Oct. 17 Andrew Armstrong WR A&M-Commerce

Oct. 24 Cephus Johnson III (2) QB Southeastern

Oct. 31 Marcus Cooper RB UIW

Nov. 7 Lindsey Scott, Jr. (3) QB UIW

Nov. 14

Nov. 21

DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Sept. 5 Jalyx Hunt LB HCU

Sept. 12 Chris Whittaker DL UIW

Sept. 19 Jack Henderson DB Southeastern

Sept. 26 Donte' Daniels LB Southeastern

Oct. 3 Rodney Dansby LB HCU

Oct. 10 Alex Villavaso LB Nicholls

Oct. 17 Kendall Paul DB A&M-Commerce

Oct. 24 Eli Ellis LB Nicholls

Oct. 31 Donte' Daniels (2) LB Southeastern

Nov. 7 PJ Herrington S Northwestern State

Nov. 14

Nov. 21

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Sept. 5 Austin Dunlap P Southeastern

Sept. 12 Chris Esqueda K Lamar

Sept. 19 Jack McCarthy DL Lamar

Sept. 26 Riley Callaghan K Southeastern

Oct. 3 Damashja Harris RS Lamar

Oct. 10 Gavin Lasseigne K Nicholls

Oct. 17 Brady Buell P HCU

Oct. 24 Kole Wilson RS UIW

Oct. 31 Austin Dunlap (2) P Southeastern

Nov. 7 Gage Larvadain RS Southeastern

Nov. 14

Nov. 21

STATS PERFORM FCS POLL NOV. 7

Rank	Team	Rec	Pts	Prev
1.	South Dakota State (48)	9-1	1344	1
2.	Sacramento State (6)	9-0	1295	2
3.	Montana State	8-1	1232	3
4.	North Dakota State	7-2	1200	4
5.	Holy Cross	9-0	1065	6
6.	UIW	9-1	1061	7
7.	Weber State	7-2	985	5
8.	William & Mary	8-1	974	8
9.	Jackson State	9-0	905	9
10.	Samford	8-1	880	10
11.	Chattanooga	7-2	724	11
12.	Richmond	7-2	677	14
13.	Furman	7-2	667	13
14.	Mercer	7-2	647	12
15.	Idaho	6-3	618	15
16.	Montana	6-3	550	16
17.	Delaware	7-2	501	18
18.	Elon	7-3	425	19
19.	North Dakota	6-3	336	21
20.	Southeast Missouri	7-2	303	22
21.	New Hampshire	6-3	260	17
22.	Rhode Island	6-3	228	23
23.	Fordham	7-2	207	24
24.	Princeton	8-0	153	25
25.	Southeastern	6-3	112	NR

Dropped Out: UT Martin (20)

Others Receiving Votes (schools listed on two or more ballots): Eastern Kentucky 97, UT Martin 40, UC Davis 22, Saint Francis 12, Southern Illinois 9, Austin Peay 7, Youngstown State 5

AFCA COACHES POLL NOV. 7

Rank	Team	Rec	Pts	Prev
1.	South Dakota St. (21)	9-1	669	1
2.	Sacramento St. (6)	9-0	639	3
3.	Montana St.	8-1	630	2
4.	North Dakota St.	7-2	589	4
5.	Jackson St.	9-0	541	5
6.	Holy Cross	9-0	520	7
7.	UIW	9-1	511	8
8.	William & Mary	8-1	481	9
9.	Samford	8-1	449	10
10.	Weber St.	7-2	438	6
11.	Mercer	7-2	390	11
12.	Chattanooga	7-2	370	12
13.	Richmond	7-2	335	14
14.	Montana	6-3	320	13
15.	Delaware	7-2	277	16
16t.	Furman	7-2	234	19
16t.	Princeton	8-0	234	17
18.	Fordham	7-2	221	18
19.	Southeast Missouri St.	7-2	197	20
20.	Idaho	6-3	153	24
21.	Elon	7-3	145	23
22.	Rhode Island	6-3	140	22
23.	St. Thomas (Minn.)	8-1	51	25
24.	Eastern Kentucky	6-3	40	NR
25.	New Hampshire	6-3	36	21

Dropped Out: UT Martin (15)

Others Receiving Votes: UT Martin 35; Florida A&M 34; North Dakota 28; North Carolina Central 14; Stephen F. Austin 12; Southern Illinois 10; Austin Peay 9; Pennsylvania 9; Davidson 4; UC Davis 3; North Carolina A&T 2; **Southeastern**, 2; St. Francis (Pa.) 2; Youngstown St., 1.

SOUTHLAND FOOTBALL



HCU

2-7, 1-4 Southland

SEPTEMBER

3at Northern Colorado W46-34
10 ... LINDENWOOD L20-21
17OPEN
24at Texas State L0-34

OCTOBER

1at Lamar * W37-34
8 NICHOLLS * L17-19
15 ... NORTHWESTERN STATE * L10-37
22at Texas A&M-Commerce * L3-31
29 ... UT MARTIN L28-52

NOVEMBER

5at UIW * L20-73
12 ... McNEESE * 2 p.m.
19at Tarleton 2 p.m.



UIW

9-1, 4-1 Southland

SEPTEMBER

3 No. 9/9 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS W64-29
10at Nevada W55-41
17at Prairie View A&M W31-14
24at Southeastern * L35-41

OCTOBER

1 McNEESE* W48-20
8 LAMAR * W56-17
15at Nicholls Non-Conf W49-14
22 ... FAULKNER W70-0
29at Texas A&M-Commerce * W35-7

NOVEMBER

5 HCU * W73-20
12OPEN
19at Northwestern State * 1 p.m.



LAMAR

1-8, 1-4 Southland

SEPTEMBER

1at Abilene Christian (Thur.) L14-28
10at SMU L16-45
17 ... NORTHERN COLORADO L14-21
24at Northwestern State * L27-35

OCTOBER

1 HCU * L34-37
8at UIW * L17-56
15OPEN
22 ... PRAIRIE VIEW A&M L21-54
29 ... NICHOLLS * W24-17

NOVEMBER

5 SOUTHEASTERN * L31-47
12at New Mexico State 3 p.m.
19at McNeese * 7 p.m.



McNEESE

2-7, 0-4 Southland

SEPTEMBER

3at No. 4/4 Montana State L17-40
10at Rice L10-52
17 ... ALCORN STATE L19-30
24 ... MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE W32-17

OCTOBER

1at UIW * L20-48
8OPEN
15 ... TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE * L15-40
22at Nicholls * L35-40
29 ... SOUTHEASTERN * L27-28

NOVEMBER

5 EASTERN ILLINOIS W29-15
19at HCU * 2 p.m.
19 ... LAMAR * 7 p.m.



NICHOLLS

2-7, 2-2 Southland

SEPTEMBER

3at South Alabama L7-48
10at Louisiana-Monroe L7-35
17at SEMO L16-42
24 ... JACKSONVILLE STATE L21-52

OCTOBER

1at Northwestern State * L33-36
8at HCU * W19-17
15 ... UIW Non-Conf L14-49
22 ... McNEESE * W40-35
29at Lamar * L17-24

NOVEMBER

5OPEN
12 ... TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE * 3 p.m.
17 ... SOUTHEASTERN * (Thur.) 6 p.m.



NORTHWESTERN STATE

4-5, 4-0 Southland

SEPTEMBER

3at No. 2/2 Montana L0-47
10vs. Grambling (at Shreveport) L21-47
17at Southern Mississippi L10-64
24 ... LAMAR * W35-27

OCTOBER

1 NICHOLLS * W36-33
8at Eastern Illinois L27-35
15at HCU * W37-10
22 ... SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE L16-51
29OPEN

NOVEMBER

5at Texas A&M-Commerce * W41-14
12at Southeastern * 6 p.m.
19 ... UIW * 1 p.m.



SOUTHEASTERN

6-3, 3-1 Southland

SEPTEMBER

3at Louisiana L7-24
10at FAU L9-42
17 ... CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE W70-6
24 ... No. 4/4 UIW * W41-35

OCTOBER

1 MURRAY STATE W48-14
8 TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE * L28-31
15OPEN
22at Jacksonville State W31-14
29at McNeese * W28-27

NOVEMBER

5at Lamar * W47-31
12 ... NORTHWESTERN STATE * 6 p.m.
17at Nicholls * (Thur.) 6 p.m.



TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE

5-4, 3-2 Southland

SEPTEMBER

1 LINCOLN (Calif.) (Thur.) W52-7
10at Tennessee Tech L25-26
17at Sam Houston L17-27
24 ... NORTH AMERICAN W63-3

OCTOBER

1OPEN
8at Southeastern * W31-28
15at McNeese * W40-15
22 ... HCU * W31-3
29 ... UIW * L7-35

NOVEMBER

5 NORTHWESTERN STATE * L14-41
12at Nicholls * 3 p.m.
19 ... TENNESSEE STATE 2 p.m.



The Southland Conference will host the Division I Football Championship Game for the 13th consecutive season at Toyota Stadium in Frisco, Texas, on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023**

SOUTHLAND FOOTBALL

NATIONAL PRESEASON HONORS

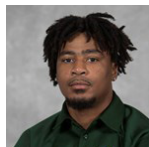
2022 PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS



Taylor Grimes

UIW • WR • 5-11, 190, Sr.

Stats Perform • First Team
HERO Sports • First Team
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Ferlando Jordan

Southeastern • DB • 6-0, 180, R-Sr.

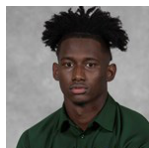
Stats Perform • First Team
HERO Sports • Second Team



Kelechi Anyalebechi

UIW • LB • 6-0, 240, Gr.

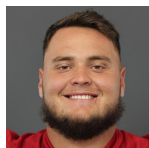
Stats Perform • Second Team
HERO Sports • Third Team



Zy Alexander

Southeastern • DB • 6-3, 185, Soph.

Stats Perform • Second Team



Evan Roussel

Nicholls • OL • 6-2, 290, Soph.

Stats Perform • Third Team

WALTER PAYTON AWARD WATCH LIST



Andrew Armstrong

Texas A&M-Commerce • WR • 6-6, 190, So.



Lindsey Scott, Jr.

UIW • QB • 5-11, 220, Sr.



Taylor Grimes

UIW • WR • 5-11, 190, Sr.



Julien Gums

Nicholls • RB • 5-10, 230, Sr.

BUCK BUCHANAN AWARD WATCH LIST



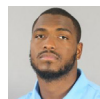
Kelechi Anyalebechi

UIW • LB • 6-0, 240, Gr.



Ferlando Jordan

Southeastern • DB • 6-0, 180, R-Sr.



Kordell Williams

McNeese • LB • 5-10, 205, R-Sr.

JERRY RICE AWARD WATCH LIST



Kaiden Jones

Nicholls • LB • 6-0, 215, Fr.

NEWS & NOTES

KEY GAME IN CONFERENCE RACE HIGHLIGHTS FOUR GAMES

• Action around the Southland is featured by a key contest in the conference title race, with three other intriguing contests.

SOUTHEASTERN at NORTHWESTERN STATE • 6 p.m. • ESPN3

• With UIW off this week, this game will be essential in determining the conference championship race.

• A win by NSU would give the Demons a share of the conference championship with a chance to win it outright on the final day of the season. It would be the Demons' second SLC championship and first since 1988.

• A win by SLU would set up numerous scenarios for ties in the championship race, as the Lions, UIW, and NSU would all have one loss entering the final week.

• Southeastern is 37-29 in the series all-time, and has won 11 straight against Northwestern State.

• NSU is 18-16 in the series in Natchitoches, with the last home win coming in 2011.

McNEESE at HCU • 2 p.m. • ESPN+

• The Cowboys and Huskies will tangle in the Bayou City for the fifth meeting between the two schools.

• McNeese is 4-0 in the all-time series and is looking for its first conference win on the season.

• This is HCU's final conference game of the season.

A&M-COMMERCE at NICHOLLS • 3 p.m. • ESPN+

• Nicholls is coming off a bye week and the Lions will look to snap a two-game losing skid in this battle in Thibodaux.

• This is the first meeting between the two schools.

LAMAR at NEW MEXICO STATE • 1 p.m. • FloFootball

• The Cardinals head to Las Cruces in the last FBS/FCS crossover game for an SLC team this season.

• This is the 11th meeting between the teams with NMSU holding a 6-4 record, but the first meeting since 1976 - a Lamar win.

• The Aggies are 3-5 this season.

NEWS & NOTES (CONTINUED)

SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE PARTNERS WITH THRIVE GLOBAL TO IMPROVE STUDENT-ATHLETE MENTAL



THRIVE GLOBAL

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HEALTH

• As part of its ongoing commitment to enhancing the student-athlete experience, the Southland Conference announced a partnership with Thrive Global to address the unique mental health challenges arising from the rigors of modern-day athletic competition. The conference regards the partnership as an example of its desire to use the best tools available when it comes to student-athlete support.



Grant

• *“Because the challenges of athletic competition can intensify the social stresses that have multiplied for collegiate student-athletes over the past several years, we owe our athletes the mental health support they need to excel,” said Commissioner Chris Grant. “In Arianna Huffington’s Thrive Global, we have found a partner who not only understands the student-athlete experience, but also delivers cutting edge technology that adapts to the needs of each individual student. I sincerely hope that all Southland athletes will take advantage of this resource.”*

• In forging this partnership, the Southland is breaking new ground as the first athletic conference to partner with Thrive Global, and to take Thrive and SHRM’s #MentalHealthPledge. In honor of World Mental Health Day, the partnership kicked off with a Mental Health Webinar on Wednesday, October 12 featuring Thrive’s Chief Training Officer, Joey Hubbard. In addition, the Thrive behavior change platform will be made available by the Thrive Global Foundation to all Southland student-athletes, coaching staff, administrators, and conference staff.

2023 FCS CHAMPIONSHIP GAME MOVES TO ABC AND SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

- The NCAA and ESPN announced that the NCAA Division I FCS Championship will move to Sunday in 2023, airing live on ABC on January 8 at 1 p.m. CST. from Toyota Stadium in Frisco.
- The Southland Conference will host the game in Frisco for the 13th consecutive season.
- FCS Championship tickets will go on sale to the public Friday, Sept. 16, at 11 a.m. ET at NCAA.com/FCS.

UIW CARDINALS' SOARING OFFENSE



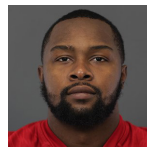
- The UIW Cardinals jumped back to the top of the scoring charts after putting up 73 points against HCU last week.
- This puts the Cardinals at 516 total points through nine games for an average of 51.6 points, and the only FCS team to score over 500 points this season and one of two over 450.
- The Southland record book notes the most total points scored in a season, with Sam Houston scoring 616 points in 15 games in 2015 - an average of 41.1 points per game.

Rk.	School	GP	Pts	Pts/Gm
1...	UIW	10	516	51.6
2	Fordham	9	455	50.6
3	Sacramento St.	9	385	42.8
4	Montana St.	9	368	40.9
5	Mercer	9	363	40.3
6	Jackson St.	9	362	40.2
7	N.C. Central	9	352	39.1
8	Holy Cross	9	347	38.6
9	SFA	9	346	38.4
10	Davidson	9	345	38.3

- The Cardinals also rank second nationally in total offensive yards per game. They are one of two teams over 5,000 yards so far this season.

Rk.	School	GP	Total Yds	Yds/Gm
1	Fordham	9	5,392	599.1
2...	UIW	10	5,620	562.0
3	Western Carolina	9	4,548	505.3
4	UC Davis	9	4,474	497.1
5	Sacramento St.	9	4,416	490.7
6	Davidson	9	4,337	481.9
7	Jackson St.	9	4,320	480.0
8	Montana St.	9	4,308	478.7
9	Southeast Mo. St.	9	4,294	477.1
10	Monmouth	10	4,660	466.0

MR. 3000 IN THIBODAUX



Gums

- Nicholls running back Julien Gums went over the 3,000-yard career rushing mark in the Colonels' 40-35 victory over McNeese.
- Gums currently ranks sixth nationally in FCS in career rushing yards.
- Entering this week's action, the senior Walter Payton Award Watch List member has 3,205 career yards, and needs **141** yards to enter the top 10 in the Southland record books.

Rk.	Player	School	GP	Carries	TDs	Yds
1	Ulonzo Gilliam	UC Davis	49	844	40	4,403
2	Jacob Saylor	ETSU	49	562	32	3,646
3	Josh Davis	Weber St.	47	646	25	3,563
4	Geno Hess	Southeast Mo. St.	42	602	44	3,474
5	Isaiah Ifanse	Montana St.	38	602	23	3,461
6...	Julien Gums	Nicholls	42	585	35	3,205
7	Ailym Ford	Chattanooga	31	613	30	3,193
8	Jaleel McLaughlin	Youngstown St.	26	487	27	3,118
9	Jake Chisholm	Dayton	40	574	31	2,981
10	Alijah Jackson	Robert Morris	40	645	12	2,745

SOUTHLAND FOOTBALL

NEWS & NOTES (CONTINUED)

FINDING PAYDIRT



Armstrong

• Texas A&M-Commerce wide receiver Andrew Armstrong is still the unofficial FCS national leader with **13** receiving touchdowns, which would lead the country, except...

• ... A&M-Commerce is ineligible to be listed in the NCAA statistical leaderboards as a reclassifying institution.

• The Lions' stats will still count towards any applicable Southland records.

• This puts UIW wide receiver Taylor Grimes as the official national leader at this point in the season with **12** touchdowns... Now tied with Idaho's Hayden Hatten.



Grimes

• The Southland record for receiving touchdowns in a season is 18, set by SFA's Dominique Edson in 2008 and Sam Houston's Jonathon Cooper in 2018.

SCOTT CONTINUES TO AIR SUPERIORITY



Scott, Jr.

• UIW quarterback Lindsey Scott, Jr., ranks second in the nation in passing yards per game.

• Scott also leads the nation in passing efficiency (212.5) and passing TDs (38), ranks second in point responsibility (30.0 per game), and ranks in the top ten yards per completion.

Rk..	Player.....	School.....	GP....	C-A-I....	TD..	Yds....	YPG
1	Tim DeMorat.....	Fordham.....	9	236-362-6	43	3,625	402.8
2	Lindsey Scott.....	UIW.....	10	216-292-4	45	3,409	340.9
3	Brady Meitz.....	Stetson.....	8	190-316-8	17	2,473	309.1
4	Parker McKinney.....	Eastern Ky.....	9	227-330-6	23	2,766	307.3
5	Shedeur Sanders.....	Jackson St.....	9	251-350-5	27	2,677	297.4
6	Reece Udinski.....	Richmond.....	9	269-353-4	22	2,574	286.0
7	Miles Hastings.....	UC Davis.....	9	220-313-5	20	2,549	283.2
8	Zevi Eckhaus.....	Bryant.....	9	204-330-11	19	2,539	282.1
9	Dresser Winn.....	UT Martin.....	9	199-323-10	16	2,517	279.7
10	Michael Hiers.....	Samford.....	9	249-326-3	27	2,483	275.9

• Scott also became the first QB in FCS history to record seven passing touchdowns in a half two times. The feat has only been recorded four times in the history of the division.

SEVEN PASSING TOUCHDOWNS IN A HALF

Neil Lomax, Portland St. vs. Delaware St., Nov. 8, 1980 (1st)

Ren Hefley, Presbyterian vs. St. Andrews, Sept. 4, 2021 (1st)

Lindsey Scott, Jr., UIW vs. Lamar, Oct. 8, 2022 (1st)

Lindsey Scott, Jr., UIW vs. HCU, Nov. 5, 2022 (1st)

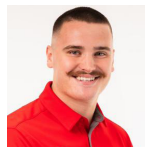
• His 45 passing touchdowns currently ranks fourth in SLC history and is two behind Cameron Ward last season for the UIW school record.

Player	School	Year	TDs
Jeremiah Briscoe	SHSU	2016	57
Todd Hammel	SFA	1989	48
Cameron Ward,	UIW	2021	47
Jeremiah Briscoe	SHSU	2017	45
Lindsey Scott, Jr.	UIW	2022	45

FIVE SOUTHLAND SCHOLAR-ATHLETES RECOGNIZED AS CAMPBELL TROPHY SEMIFINALISTS



Young - HCU



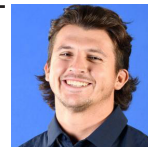
Wallis - Lamar



Thurmond - Nicholls



Fletcher - NSU



Noble - TAMUC

• The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame (NFF) announced that five scholar-athletes from the Southland Conference are among the 156 semifinalists for the 2022 William V. Campbell Trophy®, college football's premier scholar-athlete award.

• Representing the Southland on the semifinalist list are HCU's Brennan Young, Lamar's Luke Wallis, Nicholls' Glen Thurmond, Northwestern State's Kaleb Fletcher, and Texas A&M-Commerce's Michael Noble.

• The NFF will announce 12-14 finalists on Oct. 26, and each of them will receive an

\$18,000 postgraduate scholarship as a member of the 2022 NFF National Scholar-Athlete Class Presented by Fidelity Investments. The finalists will travel to Bellagio Resort & Casino in Las Vegas for the 64th NFF Annual Awards Dinner Presented by Las Vegas on Dec. 6, where their accomplishments will be highlighted in front of one of the most powerful audiences in all of sports.

LOOK! IN THE AIR! IT'S... A CARDINAL!... AND A DEMON!



• The Southland features two of the nation's top passing offenses in UIW (ranked 2nd in yards per game) and Northwestern State (11th in yards per game).

• UIW leads the nation in passing efficiency

(211.17).

Rk..	School.....	GP.....	C-A-I.....	Yds....	TDs....	YPG
1	Fordham.....	9	241-367-6	3,676	45	408.4
2... UIW		10	241-334-5	3,800	47	380.0
3	Stetson.....	8	197-325-8	2,554	17	319.2
4	Western Carolina.....	9	218-324-17	2,820	26	313.3
5	Bryant.....	9	222-357-11	2,774	22	308.2
6	Eastern Ky.	9	227-330-6	2,766	23	307.3
7	Jackson St.	9	258-362-5	2,763	29	307.0
8	UC Davis	9	238-340-6	2,732	22	303.6
9	Cal Poly	9	221-391-15	2,710	18	301.1
10	Richmond.....	9	272-357-4	2,612	24	290.2
11. Northwestern St.		9	236-419-15	2,611	19	290.1

DISCIPLINE OF A COLONEL

• Two SLC teams are near the top of the charts in fewest penalties.

• Nicholls only accrues 29.22 penalty yards per game, the fewest in the nation, and the 31 total penalties are second-fewest.

• McNeese has only committed 38 penalties this year, which ranks ninth in the nation.

NEWS & NOTES (CONTINUED)

BIG BOOTS



Dunlap

- Southeastern's Austin Dunlap now ranks seventh in the nation in punting average.
- In the team category, Lamar ranks sixth nationally in net punting at 40.16 yards per punt, and Southeastern is ninth at 39.85 yards per punt

Rk.	Player	School	GP	Punts	Yds	Avg
1	Jake Gerardi	Southern Utah	9	44	2,106	47.9
2	Patrick Rohrbach	Montana	8	37	1,723	46.6
3	Tyler Larco	UT Martin	9	36	1,641	45.6
4	Riley Williams	Towson	9	35	1,579	45.1
5	David Gelb	Charleston So.	9	58	2,598	44.8
6	Grant Burkett	Missouri St.	9	37	1,651	44.6
7	Austin Dunlap	Southeastern	9	39	1,732	44.4
8	Trey Wilhoit	Eastern Ill.	9	40	1,768	44.2
9	Nick Kokich	Eastern Wash.	9	43	1,869	43.5
10	Jeff Yurk	Elon	10	46	1,998	43.4

TOP TACKLERS MEETING UP IN SPACE CITY THIS WEEK

- HCU linebacker Rodney Dansby has moved up to second in the nation in total tackles, averaging 11.9 tackles per contest. He has 107 tackles entering the McNeese game this weekend.
- McNeese linebacker Kordell Williams moved up to third in total tackles with 11.3 tackles per game, with a total of 102 stops in eight games.

THREE PLAYERS ADDED TO NATIONAL WATCH LISTS

- Three Southland football players were named as mid-season additions to national award watch lists.
- A&M-Commerce wide receiver Andrew Armstrong was named to the Walter Payton Award Watch List.
- McNeese linebacker Kordell Williams was named to the Buck Buchanan Award Watch List. Williams ranks fourth nationally in total tackles per game at 11.0 per game.
- Nicholls freshman linebacker Kaiden Jones was named to the Jerry Rice Award Watch List for top freshman in the nation. He has 40 tackles in seven games played in his first season.

RUN IT BACK!



Wilson

- UIW return man Kole Wilson took two punt returns for touchdowns in the win over Faulkner, as part of a 7 return for 179-yard game. Both touchdowns came on 48-yard returns.
- His total punt return yardage is the second-highest single game total in Southland history, the highest single-game total in FCS this season, and most in an FCS game since 2018.
- He is the first Southland player to return two punts for touchdowns in the same game since Sam Houston's Tony Jones vs. Ouachita Baptist in 2004.
- The season record for the league is three, which has happened five times.
- The career record is held by McNeese's Richard Ellender,

who housed four punts from 1975-78, with three coming in his final season.

ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS

- HCU's Brennan Young ranks second in total tackles among active leaders with 402.
- HCU's Rodney Dansby's 11.85 career tackles per game leads all active players in FCS.
- Southeastern's Ferlando Jordan's 40 passes defended ranks second and his 11 career interceptions ranks fourth.

SOUTHLAND HAS SEVEN IN THE LEAGUE ON OPENING DAY



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- A total of seven Southland-related players were on active NFL rosters for opening week contests.
- This includes players from current Southland institutions, as well as players who played primarily in the Southland, but finished their careers elsewhere, or players whose institutions left the conference.

*John Franklin-Myers (Stephen F. Austin) - New York Jets
Kader Kohou (Texas A&M-Commerce) - Miami Dolphins
Zyon McCollum (Sam Houston) - Tampa Bay Buccaneers
George Odum (Central Arkansas) - San Francisco 49ers
Robert Rochell (Central Arkansas) - Los Angeles Rams
Tremont Smith (Central Arkansas) - Houston Texans
Bailey Zappe (HCU) - New England Patriots*

UIW PICKS UP FBS VICTORY FOR SECOND STRAIGHT SEASON (WEEK 2)



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- UIW earned a 55-41 win over Nevada for the Southland's first win over an FBS opponent this season.
- Not counting the 2020-21 CoVID season (where not all conferences and divisions played at the same time), the Southland has had a win over an FBS team in the last four seasons.
- This is UIW's second consecutive season with a win over an FBS team after defeating Texas State 42-34 in 2021.
- The victory is the Southland's 56th win over an FBS/I-A team since the divisions split in 1978, according to NCAA.com's tracker.

WHERE'S THE STATS

- Now that conference play has begun for all Southland teams, the statistical report pages have ballooned to nearly 60 pages.
- In an effort to save printing resources at our member institutions, these reports will now be emailed as a separate file, and will also be available at www.Southland.org/FBPDF.