

CURRENT STANDINGS

Team	PFL							OVERALL						
	W-L	PCT	PF	PA	H	A	STR	W-L	PCT	PF	PA	H	A/N	STR
Drake	6-1	.857	187	78	2-1	4-0	W1	7-3	.700	270	164	3-1	4-2	W1
Presbyterian	5-2	.714	212	104	3-0	2-2	W1	9-2	.818	384	169	5-0	4-2	W1
San Diego	5-2	.714	203	140	3-1	2-1	W4	7-4	.636	299	284	4-2	3-2	W4
St. Thomas	5-3	.625	279	127	2-2	3-1	L1	7-4	.636	364	184	3-2	4-2	L1
Dayton	4-3	.571	195	139	2-2	2-1	L2	6-4	.600	264	177	3-2	3-2	L2
Morehead State	4-3	.571	141	185	3-1	1-2	W4	6-5	.545	244	341	5-1	1-4	W4
Butler	3-4	.429	156	174	1-2	2-2	L3	5-6	.455	247	284	2-2	3-4	L3
Marist	3-4	.429	163	167	3-1	0-3	W2	5-6	.455	247	253	4-2	1-4	W2
Stetson	2-5	.286	131	261	2-1	0-4	L4	3-8	.273	218	427	3-3	0-5	L4
Davidson	1-6	.143	121	255	1-2	0-4	L1	2-9	.182	204	433	2-3	0-6	L1
Valparaiso	1-6	.143	113	271	1-3	0-3	W1	2-9	.182	224	400	2-4	0-5	W1

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22	Kickoff	Series	Streak	Last Meeting
Morehead State at Drake	1 PM	DU, 9-3	MSU, W1	Morehead State def. Drake, 29-20 (11/16/24)
Marist at Presbyterian	1 PM	MU, 3-1	PC, W1	Presbyterian def. Marist, 42-23 (11/16/24)
San Diego at Stetson	1 PM	USD, 10-0	USD, W10	San Diego def. Stetson, 45-6 (11/16/24)
Valparaiso at Butler	1 PM	BU, 54-30	BU, W3	Butler def. Valparaiso, 24-17 (11/9/24)
Dayton at Davidson	1 PM	UD, 34-14-1	UD, W2	Dayton def. Davidson, 16-14 (10/12/24)
St. Thomas at North Dakota State	3:30 PM	First Meeting		

PFL NOTES

- Drake, which has already clinched a share of its third straight and ninth overall PFL championship, looks to claim the title outright and the league's automatic bid to the FCS Playoffs when it hosts Morehead State on Saturday in Des Moines. Meanwhile, Presbyterian needs a win against Marist and a misstep by Drake to claim a share of its first-ever PFL title and the league's automatic bid. And then there's San Diego which can break a tie with Dayton for most PFL championships (currently both have 12) with a win at Stetson and a Drake loss.
- Elsewhere, the Hoosier Helmet Trophy is up for grabs when Valparaiso travels to Butler, with Butler claiming the trophy 13 times in 20 seasons. Dayton travels to Davidson with the Flyers seeking to close the season with a winning PFL mark. St. Thomas closes its 2025 slate with a formidable task as it travels to No. 1 North Dakota State.
- Here are the simplified scenarios to clinch the PFL's automatic bid. A Drake win and they win the title outright and the league's AQ. A Drake loss and a Presbyterian win sees them both claim a share of the PFL championship but Presbyterian claims the AQ through a common opponent tiebreaker. A Drake loss and a San Diego win (regardless of the Presbyterian result), sees Drake claim the league's AQ, either via its head-to-head win against San Diego or through the common opponent tiebreaker in a three-way tie involving Presbyterian.
- If it's possible to fly under the radar after posting a 15-1 record the past two seasons, Drake had done awfully well in avoiding the spotlight in 2025 before claiming sole possession of the top spot in Week 9. However, Drake has won 24 of its last 26 PFL games, and the Bulldogs are 14-0 on the road and 11-2 at home over their previous 23 PFL games.
- Dayton running back Levi Moell was named the 2025 winner of the 2025 Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Merit Award presented by the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA). Created in June 2012 the Armed Forces Merit Award honors "an individual and/or a group with a military background and/or involvement that has an impact within the realm of college football."
- Morehead State wide receiver Ryan Upp became the first FCS player with 1,000 receiving yards this season, and enters Week 13 with 1,017 receiving yards – 23 yards behind the FCS leader. He also ranks fifth in receptions per game (6.45) and fourth in receiving yards per game (92.5).
- Valparaiso's Ryan Ricketti became the first FCS kick returner with multiple 100-yard kickoff returns for a touchdown this season, with another 100-yard return against San Diego in Week 11. He is fourth in the FCS with 30.4 yards per kick return.
- Drake's Sean Allison had two interceptions in Week 12 to become the sixth PFL player with multiple interceptions in the same game this season.
- Marist's Chase Hatton was one of 22 student-athletes named to the initial Jerry Rice Award Watch List in October. The Jerry Rice Award, presented by Stats Perform, honors the Football Championship Subdivision's Freshman Player of the Year.
- Following a vote by the NCAA Division I Board of Directors in June, St. Thomas has officially completed the reclassification process, making it an active member of NCAA Division I and eligible to compete in NCAA championships. The Tommies will compete for the PFL automatic bid to the FCS Playoffs for the first time this season.
- There are currently 10 PFL alumni on NFL rosters, with seven on active 53-man rosters and three listed on reserve, injured, or practice rosters. Additionally, PFL alumni were featured on the rosters of the Canadian Football League and the United Football League during their respective 2025 seasons.

PFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Rowan Keefe, Valparaiso

Junior (RS), Quarterback, Park Ridge, Illinois

Keefe led Valparaiso to their largest come-from-behind victory in program history, accounting for 24 points in a 32-31 overtime victory against Stetson. The Beacons trailed 24-0 with under six minutes left in the third quarter. Keefe started the comeback effort with a 55-yard touchdown pass to Ryan Ricketti, and he tossed the two-point conversion to Max Carter to make it 24-8. He sent the game to overtime with a two-yard touchdown pass to Devin Yeats as time expired in regulation, tying the game with another two-point conversion pass to Colin Hayes. Keefe capped the day with a two-yard touchdown run and another two-point conversion pass to Hayes to claim the walk-off win. He completed 18-of-26 passes for 204 yards and two touchdowns as well as three two-point conversions, and ran for 21 yards and a touchdown on nine carries.

DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Sean Allison, Drake

Senior, Linebacker, Hinsdale, Illinois

Allison intercepted two passes and has 12 tackles (eight solo) to lead a Drake defensive effort that held Dayton off the scoreboard until under nine minutes remaining in the game en route to a 14-6 victory on the road. Allison's first interception came in the end zone late in the first quarter to deny Dayton what proved to be a pivotal scoring opportunity. Allison's second interception, which included a 16-yard return, came on Dayton's first drive of the second half, stopping a drive that had reached midfield. He then had a pass breakup on a 4th-and-12 opportunity on the Drake 15-yard line, forcing a key turnover on downs. Allison closed the day with six tackles in the fourth quarter alone.

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Nic Lendino, Valparaiso

Sophomore (RS), Defensive Back, Naperville, Illinois

Lendino's blocked punt in the third quarter fueled Valparaiso's come-from-behind effort in a 32-31 overtime win against Stetson. After Valparaiso scored its first touchdown, the Beacons' defense forced a punt in Stetson territory. Lendino blocked the attempt, and the ball went out of bounds and was recovered at the Stetson 31-yard line. Valparaiso scored on the ensuing drive, cutting its deficit to 24-16 at the end of the third quarter. In his defensive role, Lendino had four tackles (two solo) and two pass breakups.

OTHER NOTABLE PERFORMANCES

OFFENSIVE

- Drake running back Nick Herman ran for 153 yards and a touchdown on 15 carries in a 14-6 victory at Dayton.
- Marist quarterback Sonny Mannino accumulated a career-high 317 yards and two touchdowns while completing 18-of-24 passes in a 37-10 victory against Davidson.
- Presbyterian quarterback Collin Hurst completed 17-of-24 passes for 237 yards and two touchdowns in a 23-9 victory against St. Thomas.
- San Diego running back Matt Colombo had 21 carries for 113 yards and a touchdown in a 29-7 victory against Butler.

DEFENSIVE

- Marist safety Jace Williamson had eight tackles (four solo) and an interception in a 37-10 victory against Davidson.
- Presbyterian linebacker Michael Torres notched eight tackles (five solo), with a sack, in a 23-9 victory at St. Thomas.
- San Diego linebacker Nate Fischer posted nine tackles (seven solo), forced and recovered a fumble then picked off a pass in a 29-7 victory against Butler.
- St. Thomas linebacker Caden Nelson scored 14 tackles (four solo), including a half tackle for loss, and a fumble recovery in a loss to Presbyterian.
- Valparaiso linebacker Anthony Feltrinelli finished with 11 tackles (seven solo), 2.5 for loss, in a 32-31 overtime win against Stetson.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- Marist kicker Samer Layous was responsible for seven points with a 36-yard field goal and four PATs in a 37-10 victory against Davidson.

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

NOTES FROM ACROSS THE LEAGUE

BULLDOGS IMPRESSIVE PFL RUN

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The Bulldogs win streak started with wins in their final three PFL games of the 2022 season. They then went 8-0 in PFL play in 2023 and 7-1 in 2024, winning the PFL championship each of those seasons.

MARIST'S LEONARDO NAMED TO DORIS ROBINSON WATCH LIST

Marist offensive lineman Chris Leonardo was one of 13 FCS college football players – one from each FCS conference – selected as finalists for the 2025 Doris Robinson Scholar-Athlete Award.

The Doris Robinson Award, first presented in 2015 and in its 11th season, honors FCS student-athletes who exemplify excellence on the field, in the classroom and across the community. The values embody the leadership and integrity championed by Doris Robinson, a former school-teacher and the wife of legendary Grambling State University coach Eddie Robinson.

A redshirt junior from Attleboro, Massachusetts, Leonardo has been a starting right tackle for the Red foxes the past three seasons. He is an economics major with a 3.85 GPA who has been a First Team Academic All-PFL selection the past two seasons. He has volunteered with the White Ribbon Campaign, a movement aimed at ending violence against women and girls), assisted in fundraising for The Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, and volunteered with Special Olympics.

UPP WITH THE FIRST 1,000-YARD RECEIVER IN THE FCS

Morehead State wide receiver Ryan Upp became the first FCS player with 1,000 receiving yards this season, and enters Week 13 with 1,017 receiving yards – 23 yards behind the FCS leader. He also ranks fifth in receptions per game (6.45) and fourth in receiving yards per game (92.5).

RICKETTI DASHES FOR 100 YARDS, AGAIN

Valparaiso's Ryan Ricketti became the first FCS kick returner with multiple 100-yard kickoff returns for a touchdown this season, with another 100-yard return against San Diego. He is fourth in the FCS with 30.4 yards per kick return and one of only four FCS kick returners with two or more returns for a touchdown (at Western Illinois and vs. San Diego).

Butler's Ethan Loss is second in the PFL with 28.7 yards per kick return and is also one of the four FCS kick returners with two returns for a touchdown this season (at Hanover and at Morehead State).

WILL THERE BE A 1,000-YARD RUSHER?

Entering the regular season's final weekend, there hasn't been a player who has amassed 1,000 rushing yards. San Diego's Adam Criter is the closest at 851 yards and he leads the league's backs by 100 yards. It would be the first time in league history it has not had a runner rush for 1,000 yards in a full season.

DAVIDSON NAMED FCS TEAM OF WEEK 11

Following its upset victory against nationally-ranked Presbyterian, Davidson was named the Stats Perform National FCS Team of the Week. The Wildcats' victory gave head coach Saj Thakker his first PFL victory and they retained the 1919 Cup.

CARDIAC EAGLES STRIKE AGAIN IN WEEK 11

Morehead State is manifesting its mascot and striking when you least expect it, especially late. For the third time during its current four-game win streak, the Eagles scored in the final two minutes to secure the win. Butler was Morehead State's latest victim, with Ryan Upp catching a pass with 52 seconds left to snatch the victory.

It is MSU's seventh game this season decided by seven points or less and they improved to 5-2 in those games after last Saturday's win against the Bulldogs.

PRESBYTERIAN'S RANKED RUN ENDS IN WEEK 11

Presbyterian enters Week 12 unranked in both FCS polls for the first time since late September. The Blue Hose put together a PFL record run of six consecutive weeks ranked in both national polls, reaching No. 16 in the AFCA Coaches Poll and No. 19 in the Stats Perform Media Poll.

DAYTON'S FIRENZE NABS NATIONAL RECOGNITION IN WEEK 9

Dayton safety Vincent Firenze became the fourth different PFL athlete to earn Stats Perform FCS National Player of the Week honors this season, claiming the Week 9 FCS Defensive Player of the Week award. His 20-yard pick-six in the third quarter capped Dayton's 28-point outburst in a 35-19 PFL victory against nationally-ranked Presbyterian and he added a career-high 14 tackles.



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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 Thursday:

- The league's Sunday Release contains updated standings, the upcoming week's schedule as well as the players of the week.
- The PFL Weekly Report 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.

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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2025 WEEKLY AWARDS

OFFENSE

W1	Chase Spellman (So., QB)	Drake
W2	Matt Colombo (Gr., RB)	San Diego
W3	Collin Hurst (So., QB)	Presbyterian
W4	Adam Criter (So. RB)	San Diego
W5	Bryce Schondelmyer (So., QB)	Dayton
W6	Reagan Andrew (Jr., QB)	Butler
W7	Bryce Schondelmyer (So., QB)	Dayton
W8	Amari Powell (Sr., QB)	St. Thomas
W9	Andy Peters (Gr., QB)	St. Thomas
W10	Andy Peters (Gr., QB)	St. Thomas
W11	Ryan Upp (Gr., WR)	Morehead St.
W12	Rowan Keefe (Jr., QB)	Valparaiso

DEFENSE

W1	Gabriel Batres (So., DL)	Valparaiso
W2	Vincent Firenze (So., S)	Dayton
W3	Nate Robinson Jr. (So., DB) †	Marist
W4	Hudson Altenburg (Fr., S)	Davidson
W5	Caleb Francis (Sr., DB)	Presbyterian
W6	Nate Furrow (So., LB)	Marist
W7	Brandon Martin (So., DE)	Dayton
W8	Dillon Schobourgh (Sr., LB)	Morehead St.
W9	Vincent Firenze (So., S) †	Dayton
W10	Tre Moore (Sr., LB)	San Diego
W11	Chase Hatton (Fr., S)	Marist
W12	Sean Allison (Sr., LB)	Drake

SPECIAL TEAMS

W1	Stefano Giovannelli (So., WR)	St. Thomas
W2	Luke Green (So., DL)	Butler
W3	Tristian Shannon (Gr., KR)	Marist
W4	Robby Smart (RJR., K)	Dayton
W5	Emiliano Salazar (So., K/P) †	San Diego
W6	Jeremy DeCaro (Fr., PR)	Marist
W7	Harry Balke (Sr., K) †	Drake
W8	Thomas Schwartz V (Jr., K)	Morehead St.
W9	Emiliano Salazar (So., K/P)	San Diego
W10	Elliot Huether (Jr., K/P)	St. Thomas
W11	Ryan Ricketti (RFR., RS)	Valparaiso
W12	Nic Lendino (RSO., DB)	Valparaiso

† - Named STATS FCS National Player of the Week

‡ - Named Stats FCS Freshman of the Week

NOTES FROM ACROSS THE LEAGUE

MARIST'S HATTON NAMED TO RICE AWARD WATCH LIST

Marist freshman safety Chase Hatton was one of 22 student-athletes named to the initial Jerry Rice Award Watch List on Wednesday. The Jerry Rice Award, presented by Stats Perform, honors the Football Championship Subdivision's Freshman Player of the Year.

Through Week 8, Hatton has 52 tackles (22 solo), including 3.0 for loss, with two interceptions, and a fumble recovered. His 7.4 tackles per game ranks fifth in the PFL this season.

MOREHEAD STATE'S HOME NOW PHIL SIMMS STADIUM

Before its Week 8 game against Marist, Morehead State recognized alumnus, NFL veteran, and longtime NFL broadcaster Phil Simms by rededicating its football stadium in his honor.

Simms, a Springfield, Kentucky native, came to Morehead State from Louisville Southern High School in 1974. In 1977, he was named the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year and finished his career at Morehead State with 5,545 passing yards and 32 passing touchdowns. In addition to being named OVC Player of the Year, he was an All-OVC First-Team selection.

The New York Giants drafted him seventh overall in the 1979 NFL Draft. Simms played 14 seasons with the NFL's New York Giants, earning Super Bowl MVP in 1987. He was also a two-time Pro Bowl quarterback. Morehead State inducted Simms into its Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995.

HATTERS TIP INTO PFL WIN COLUMN IN BACK-TO-BACK WEEKS

Stetson followed its first PFL win since 2023 with a 21-14 home victory against Morehead State last week, giving it back-to-back PFL wins for the first time since 2019. The Hatters take those back-to-back wins on the road to nationally-ranked Presbyterian in search of a winning streak.

DRAKE'S BALKE IS WEEK 7 NATIONAL SPECIAL TEAMER OF THE WEEK

Drake kicker Harry Balke became the second PFL special teams player to earn the Stats Perform FCS National Players of the Week, claiming the Week 7 National Special Teams honor. A San Diego native, his 55-yard field goal as time expired allowed Drake to defeat San Diego on the game's final play for a second consecutive season. It was the longest walk-off field goal in the FCS since 2022. Balke also kicked a 43-yard field goal to open the fourth quarter, finishing with seven points.

THE MARIST-SAN DIEGO PUNTAPALOOZA

Marist punter Ethan Yuska and San Diego punter Emiliano Salazar had incredible outings in their Week 6 matchup in Poughkeepsie. Salazar was impressive with 11 punts for 515 yards, for 46.8 yards per punt, with five punts of 50-plus yards. Yuska punted 12 times for 473 yards – both FCS highs in 2025 – averaging 39.4 yards per punt.

TOREROS' SALAZAR IS WEEK 5 NATIONAL SPECIAL TEAMER OF THE WEEK

San Diego kicker/punter Emiliano Salazar became the third PFL athlete to earn Stats Perform FCS National Player of the Week honors this season. He is the Week 5 Special Teams Player of the Week after hitting a 25-yard field goal as time expired to lift the Toreros to a 30-27 PFL victory against St. Thomas. he was responsible for 12 points in the win after going 3-for-3 on field goals and PATs.

NFF ANNOUNCES CAMPBELL TROPHY SEMIFINALISTS, INCLUDING THREE PFL ATHLETES

Dayton's Ryan Iiams, Marist's Chris Leonardo, and Valparaiso's De'Andre Wilborn are among a group of 177 semifinalists – 44 from the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision – for the 2025 William V. Campbell Trophy®, college football's premier scholar-athlete award presented by the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame.

PFL OWNS EIGHT WINS AGAINST THE FCS IN 2025

The PFL picked up another pair of wins against its FCS brethren in Week 4 as San Diego upended Princeton and Dayton rallied past Robert Morris for road wins. The eight nonconference FCS wins are the league's most since 2009. The league record for most wins against FCS teams in a season since 2000 is 10, set during the 2001 season.

Marist, Presbyterian, and San Diego each have two nonconference FCS wins this season, while Dayton and St. Thomas have claimed one win each.

ALL FIVE FIRST-YEAR HEAD COACHES HAVE WINS

With Davidson's win in Week 4, all of the league's five new head coaches have recorded a win in their new home this season. First, it was Drake's Joe Woodley and Valparaiso's Andy Waddle who picked up wins in their Week 1 debuts. Week 2 action saw Butler's Kevin Lynch and Stetson's Mike Jasper pick up their first victories. Davidson's Saj Thakkar joined the club in Week 4 with a home shutout win.

2025 COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

All times Eastern. • - PFL Contest

Week 1: Thursday, Aug. 28

St. Thomas def. Lindenwood, 35-13
Drake def. Upper Iowa, 41-7
Eastern Illinois def. Dayton, 24-14

Week 1: Friday, Aug. 29

Marist def. New Haven, 31-14

Week 1: Saturday, Aug. 30

Morehead State def. Allen (S.C.), 38-31
Presbyterian def. Mercer, 15-10
Valparaiso def. Lynchburg, 67-10
Northern Iowa def. Butler, 38-14
Georgetown def. Davidson, 51-14
Cal Poly def. San Diego, 41-17
Webber International def. Stetson, 31-21

Week 2: Saturday, Sept. 6

Dayton def. Thomas More, 38-0
Bucknell def. Marist, 34-23
Butler def. Truman State, 37-27
Presbyterian def. Furman, 39-38 (OT)
Idaho def. St. Thomas, 37-30
Illinois State def. Morehead State, 41-13
Adrian def. Valparaiso, 10-7
Elon def. Davidson, 55-7
Stetson def. Warner, 59-6
San Diego def. Southern Utah, 30-27 (OT)

Week 3: Saturday, Sept. 13

Tennessee Tech def. Davidson, 72-14
Marist def. Wagner, 21-10
St. Thomas def. Northern Michigan, 20-7
Butler def. Hanover, 16-7
Montana State def. San Diego, 41-7
Chattanooga def. Stetson, 63-0
Western Illinois def. Valparaiso, 51-30
South Dakota State def. Drake, 37-21
Austin Peay def. Morehead State, 56-7
Presbyterian def. Erskine, 42-14

Week 4: Saturday, Sept. 20

San Diego def. Princeton, 42-36
Presbyterian def. Bluefield, 76-3
Harvard def. Stetson, 59-7
South Dakota def. Drake, 42-21
Dayton def. Robert Morris, 17-14
North Dakota def. Valparaiso, 58-7
Morehead State def. Ky. Christian, 45-28
Davidson def. Greensboro, 48-0
Weber State def. Butler, 38-24

Week 5: Saturday, Sept. 27

• Dayton def. Stetson, 48-14
• Butler def. Marist, 31-28
• Presbyterian def. Morehead State, 41-0
• San Diego def. St. Thomas, 30-27

Week 6: Saturday, Oct. 4

• Marist def. San Diego, 19-14
• Dayton def. Morehead State, 35-28
• Stetson def. Davidson, 35-32
• Drake def. Valparaiso, 41-0
• Butler def. St. Thomas, 21-14 (OT)

Week 7: Friday, Oct. 10

Penn def. Marist, 28-9

Week 7: Saturday, Oct. 11

• Presbyterian def. Butler, 31-25
• St. Thomas def. Davidson, 57-13
• Stetson def. Morehead State, 21-14
• Dayton def. Valparaiso, 41-10
• Drake def. San Diego, 19-16

Week 8: Saturday, Oct. 18

• Butler def. Dayton, 23-17
• Presbyterian def. Stetson, 42-7
• Drake def. Davidson, 45-0
• St. Thomas def. Valparaiso, 55-17
• Morehead State def. Marist, 23-21

Week 9: Saturday, Oct. 25

• San Diego def. Davidson, 40-28
• Dayton def. Presbyterian, 35-19
• Drake def. Marist, 31-17
• Morehead State def. Valparaiso, 17-13
• St. Thomas def. Stetson, 52-10

Week 10: Saturday, Nov. 1

• Drake def. Butler, 24-19
• Morehead State def. Davidson, 28-24
• Presbyterian def. Valparaiso, 43-14
• St. Thomas def. Marist, 45-0
• San Diego def. Dayton, 31-14

Week 11: Saturday, Nov. 8

• St. Thomas def. Drake, 20-13
• Davidson def. Presbyterian, 14-13
• Morehead State def. Butler, 31-30
• San Diego def. Valparaiso, 43-27
• Marist def. Stetson, 41-13

Week 12: Saturday, Nov. 15

• Drake def. Dayton, 14-6
• Presbyterian def. St. Thomas, 23-9
• San Diego def. Butler, 29-7
• Valparaiso def. Stetson, 32-31 (OT)
• Marist def. Davidson, 37-10.

Week 13: Saturday, Nov. 22

• San Diego at Stetson, 1 p.m.
• Valparaiso at Butler, 1 p.m.
• Dayton at Davidson, 1 p.m.
• Morehead St. at Drake, 1 p.m.
• Marist at Presbyterian, 1 p.m.
St. Thomas at North Dakota St., 3:30 p.m.

NCAA Division I FCS Championship ROUND 1: Saturday, Nov. 29, 2024

Played at Campus Sites of Seeds 9-16

ROUND 2: Saturday, Dec. 6, 2024

Played at Campus Sites of the Top 8 seeds

QUARTERFINALS: Saturday, Dec. 13, 2024

Played at Campus Sites
of highest remaining seeds

SEMIFINALS: Saturday, Dec. 20, 2024

Played at Campus Sites
of highest remaining seeds

CHAMPIONSHIP: Monday, Jan. 5, 2025

National Championship
FirstBank Stadium; Nashville, Tennessee



PRESEASON TEAMS

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

Returning players named to the league's 2024 All-PFL Teams were placed automatically on the 2025 Preseason All-PFL team, in order of head coaches voting.

OFFENSE

WR	Dominic Kibby (1, 2x)	Presbyterian
WR	Cincere Gill (2)	Presbyterian
WR	Ryan Upp (2)	Morehead St.
QB	Carter Cravens (H)	Morehead St.
QB	Collin Hurst (H, FR)	Presbyterian
RB	Mari Adams (1)	Davidson
RB	Mason Hackett (2)	Dayton
RB	Mike Mansaray (2)	Valparaiso
FB	Mason Sheron (1)	Davidson
AP	Gavin Lochow (2)	Dayton
TE	Jackson Connors-McCarthy (2)	Marist
OL	Evans Bowling (2)	San Diego
OL	Kyler Herring (2)	Davidson
OL	Ryan Iiams (H)	Dayton
OL	Dominic Perricone (1)	Marist
OL	Maicah Talavou (H)	San Diego

DEFENSE

DL	Luke Bauer (H)	Morehead State
DL	Danny Orgler (H)	Butler
DL	Malachi Cooper (2)	San Diego
DL	Carter Szydlowski (1)	Presbyterian
LB	Sean Allison (2)	Drake
LB	Jeremiah Jackson (2)	Butler
LB	Ryan Sever (H)	St. Thomas
LB	James Kratochvil (H, FR)	Marist
DB	Ruben Lopez (2)	San Diego
DB	Caleb Francis (1)	Presbyterian
DB	Nate Robinson Jr. (H)	Marist
DB	Cam Cope (H)	Dayton
DB	Den Juette (H)	St. Thomas

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK	Daniel Holbrook (H)	Stetson
P	Aydan Corrales (H)	San Diego
RS	Zach Switzer (1)	Presbyterian
LS	Brett Welsing (1)	Drake

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

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

TEAM-BY-TEAM SCHEDULES AND RESULTS

BUTLER BULLDOGS

5-6 OVERALL

3-4 PFL

Date	[TM RNK]	Opponent	[RANK]	W/L	SCORE	TIME / ATT
A30	.	at Northern Iowa	[-/RV]	L	14-38	9079
S06	.	Truman St.		W	37-27	2967
S13	.	at Hanover		W	16-7	2674
S20	.	at Weber St.		L	24-38	6393
S27	.	Marist		W	31-28	4167
O04	.	at St. Thomas	[24/23]	W [OT]	21-14	5274
O11	.	Presbyterian		L	25-31	3682
O18	.	at Dayton		W	23-17	3423
N01	.	Drake		L	19-24	2062
N08	.	at Morehead St.		L	31-30	4108
N15	.	at San Diego		L	7-29	1013
N22	.	Valparaiso		.	.	1 PM

DAVIDSON WILDCATS

2-9 OVERALL

1-6 PFL

Date	[TM RNK]	Opponent	[RANK]	W/L	SCORE	TIME / ATT
A30	.	Georgetown		L	14-51	3291
S06	.	at Elon		L	7-55	6015
S13	.	at Tennessee Tech	[15/16]	L	14-72	7278
S20	.	Greensboro		W	48-0	3079
O04	.	at Stetson		L	32-25	1450
O11	.	St. Thomas		L	13-57	3185
O18	.	at Drake		L	0-45	2721
O25	.	San Diego		L	28-40	2146
N01	.	at Morehead St.		L	24-28	3907
N08	.	Presbyterian	[25/23]	W	13-14	2373
N15	.	at Marist		L	10-37	1148
N22	.	Dayton		.	.	1 PM

DAYTON FLYERS

6-4 OVERALL

4-3 PFL

Date	[TM RNK]	Opponent	[RANK]	W/L	SCORE	TIME / ATT
A28	.	at Eastern Illinois		L	14-24	6775
S06	.	Thomas More		W	38-0	3185
S20	.	at Robert Morris		W	17-14	2389
S27	.	Stetson		W	48-14	5262
O04	.	at Morehead St.		W	35-28	5028
O11	.	at Valparaiso		W	41-10	1405
O18	.	Butler		L	17-23	3423
O25	.	Presbyterian	[19/16]	W	35-19	2687
N01	[RV/-]	at San Diego		L	13-31	1063
N15	.	Drake		L	6-14	3178
N22	.	at Davidson		.	.	1 PM

DRAKE BULLDOGS

7-3 OVERALL

6-1 PFL

Date	[TM RNK]	Opponent	[RANK]	W/L	SCORE	TIME / ATT
A28	.	Upper Iowa		W	41-7	3891
S13	.	at South Dakota St.	[2/2]	L	21-37	18213
S20	.	at South Dakota	[15/21]	L	21-42	7441
O04	.	Valparaiso		W	41-0	4007
O11	.	at San Diego		W	19-16	2794
O18	.	Davidson		W	45-0	2721
O25	.	at Marist		W	31-17	1942
N01	.	at Butler		W	24-19	2062
N08	.	St. Thomas		L	13-20	2006
N15	.	at Dayton		W	14-6	12 PM
N22	.	Morehead St.		.	.	1 PM

MARIST RED FOXES

5-6 OVERALL

3-4 PFL

Date	[TM RNK]	Opponent	[RANK]	W/L	SCORE	TIME / ATT
A29	.	New Haven		W	31-14	4955
S06	.	Bucknell		L	23-34	1907
S13	.	at Wagner		W	21-10	3167
S27	.	at Butler		L	28-31	4187
O04	.	San Diego	[-/RV]	W	19-14	4183
O10	.	at Penn		L	9-28	1164
O18	.	at Morehead St.		L	21-23	8245
O25	.	Drake		L	17-31	1942
N01	.	at St. Thomas		L	0-45	2150
N08	.	Stetson		W	41-13	983
N15	.	Davidson		W	37-10	1148
N22	.	at Presbyterian	[-/RV]	.	.	1 PM

MOREHEAD STATE EAGLES

6-5 OVERALL

4-3 PFL

Date	[TM RNK]	Opponent	[RANK]	W/L	SCORE	TIME / ATT
A30	.	Allen (S.C.)		W	38-31	5897
S06	.	at Illinois St.	[7/7]	L	13-41	9671
S13	.	at Austin Peay	[22/23]	L	7-56	7152
S20	.	Kentucky Christian		W	28-45	7428
S27	.	at Presbyterian	[25/RV]	L	0-41	3661
O04	.	Dayton		L	28-35	5028
O11	.	at Stetson		L	14-21	1490
O18	.	Marist		W	23-21	8245
O25	.	at Valparaiso		W	17-13	1897
N01	.	Davidson		W	28-24	3907
N08	.	Butler		W	31-30	4108
N22	.	at Drake		.	.	1 PM

PFL ACTIVE WIN STREAKS

FCS Ranking in parentheses, where applicable

Consecutive Overall Wins
4 Morehead State
4 San Diego
2 Marist

Consecutive PFL Wins
4 Morehead State
4 San Diego
2 Marist

Consecutive Home Wins
7 Presbyterian (t-12th)
3 Morehead State
2 Marist
2 San Diego

Consecutive Road Wins
4 Drake (t-6th)
3 St. Thomas
2 San Diego

TEAM-BY-TEAM SCHEDULES AND RESULTS

PRESBYTERIAN BLUE HOSE

9-2 OVERALL

5-2 PFL

Date	[TM RNK]	Opponent	[RANK]	W/L	SCORE	TIME / ATT
A30	.	at Mercer	[11/11]	W	15-10	8149
S06	[RV/RV]	at Furman	[--/RV]	W	39-38	7897
S13	[RV/RV]	Erskine		W	42-14	4372
S20	[RV/RV]	Bluefield		W	76-3	3930
S27	[25/RV]	Morehead St.		W	41-0	3661
O11	[24/23]	at Butler		W	31-25	3682
O18	[21/19]	Stetson		W	42-7	7435
O25	[19/16]	at Dayton		L	19-35	2687
N01	[25/22]	Valparaiso		W	43-14	2239
N08	[25/23]	at Davidson		L	13-14	2373
N15	[--/RV]	at St. Thomas		W	23-9	2375
N22	[--/RV]	Marist		.	.	1 PM

ST. THOMAS TOMMIES

7-4 OVERALL

5-3 PFL

Date	[TM RNK]	Opponent	[RANK]	W/L	SCORE	TIME / ATT
A28	.	Lindenwood	[--/RV]	W	35-13	3565
S06	.	at Idaho	[10/11]	L	30-37	8065
S13	[--/RV]	at Northern Michigan		W	20-7	2180
S27	.	at San Diego	[--/RV]	L	27-30	1563
O04	.	Butler		[OT] L	14-21	5274
O11	.	at Davidson		W	57-13	3185
O18	.	Valparaiso		W	55-17	4371
O25	.	at Stetson		W	52-10	2024
N01	.	Marist		W	45-0	2150
N08	.	at Drake		L	13-20	2006
N15	.	Presbyterian		L	9-23	2375
N22	[1/1]	at North Dakota St.		.	.	3:30 PM

SAN DIEGO TOREROS

7-4 OVERALL

5-2 PFL

Date	[TM RNK]	Opponent	[RANK]	W/L	SCORE	TIME / ATT
A30	[--/RV]	Cal Poly		L	17-41	5806
S06	.	Southern Utah	[24/RV]	W	30-27	2564
S13	.	at Montana St.	[4/6]	L	7-41	21917
S20	.	at Princeton		W	42-35	3656
S27	[--/RV]	St. Thomas		W	30-27	1563
O04	[--/RV]	at Marist		L	14-19	4183
O11	.	Drake		L	16-19	2794
O25	.	at Davidson		W	40-28	2146
N01	.	Dayton	[RV/--]	W	31-13	1063
N08	.	at Valparaiso		W	43-27	1114
N15	.	Butler		W	29-7	1013
N22	.	at Stetson		.	.	1 PM

STETSON HATTERS

3-7 OVERALL

2-5 PFL

Date	[TM RNK]	Opponent	[RANK]	W/L	SCORE	TIME / ATT
A30	.	Webber International		L	21-31	1975
S06	.	Warner		W	59-13	1617
S13	.	at Chattanooga		L	0-63	7144
S20	.	Harvard	[RV/RV]	L	7-59	2710
S27	.	at Dayton		L	14-48	5262
O04	.	Davidson		W	35-32	1450
O11	.	Morehead St.		W	21-14	1490
O18	.	at Presbyterian	[21/19]	L	7-42	7435
O25	.	St. Thomas		L	10-52	2024
N08	.	at Marist		L	13-41	983
N15	.	at Valparaiso		[OT] L	31-32	1356
N22	.	San Diego		.	.	1 PM

VALPARAISO BEACONS

1-9 OVERALL

0-6 PFL

Date	[TM RNK]	Opponent	[RANK]	W/L	SCORE	TIME / ATT
A30	.	Virginia Lynchburg		W	67-10	1640
S06	.	Adrian		L	7-10	1941
S13	.	at Western Illinois		L	30-51	572
S20	.	at North Dakota	[16/19]	L	7-58	11424
O04	.	at Drake		L	0-41	4007
O11	.	Dayton		L	10-41	1405
O18	.	at St. Thomas		L	17-55	4371
O25	.	Morehead St.		L	13-17	1897
N01	.	at Presbyterian	[25/22]	L	14-43	2239
N08	.	San Diego		L	27-43	1114
N15	.	Stetson		W [OT]	32-31	1356
N22	.	at Butler		.	.	1 PM



National Rankings are STATS FCS Top 25 Poll/AFCA Coaches Poll

RECORDS & HISTORY

PFL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Team	TITLES	YEARS WON
Dayton	12	1993, 1994c, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2000c, 2001, 2002, 2007c, 2009c, 2010, 2015c
San Diego	12	2005, 2006, 2007c, 2011c, 2012c, 2014, 2015c, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021c
Drake	8	1995, 1998, 2000c, 2004, 2011c, 2012c, 2023, 2024, 2025c
Butler	4	1994c, 2009c, 2012c, 2013c
Valparaiso	2	2000c, 2003
Davidson	2	2020s, 2021c
Jacksonville#	1	2008
Marist	1	2013c
St. Thomas	1	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.

PFL ALL-TIME SERIES RECORDS

Regular-season PFL contests vs. current league members.

Team	BUT	DAV	DAY	DRA	MAR	MOR	PRE	STT	SAN	STE	VAL
Butler	—	7-8	9-23	8-25	5-4	10-10	1-2	2-3	6-22	5-1	17-16
Davidson	8-7	—	2-13	3-9	3-11	10-15	5-0	1-2	4-14	7-6	7-5
Dayton	23-9	13-2	—	20-10	12-3	12-7	3-2	0-2	16-14	6-1	27-5
Drake	25-8	9-3	10-20	—	11-2	10-3	2-0	2-3	14-19	5-2	29-5
Marist	4-4	11-3	3-12	2-11	—	5-4	3-1	0-5	2-12	10-2	10-3
Morehead State	11-10	15-10	7-12	3-9	4-5	—	3-2	1-1	0-16	4-4	17-3
Presbyterian	2-1	0-5	2-3	0-2	1-3	0-0	—	1-2	0-4	2-3	1-2
San Diego †	21-6	14-4	14-16	18-14	11-2	15-0	4-0	2-3	—	10-0	21-7
St. Thomas	3-2	2-1	2-0	3-2	5-0	1-1	2-1	—	3-2	5-0	5-0
Stetson	1-6	6-7	1-6	2-6	2-10	4-4	3-2	0-5	0-11	—	2-5
Valparaiso	16-17	5-7	5-27	5-29	3-10	3-16	2-1	0-5	7-22	5-2	—

PFL COACHES' RECORDS

Coach	Team	CAREER			CURRENT SCHOOL			PFL GAMES ONLY	
		Seasons	W-L	Pct.	Seasons	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Kevin Lynch	Butler	1st	5-6	.455	1st	5-6	.455	3-4	.429
Saj Thakkar	Davidson	3rd	16-15	.516	1st	2-9	.182	1-6	.143
Trevor Andrews	Dayton	3rd	16-16	.500	3rd	16-16	.500	10-13	.435
Joe Woodley	Drake	7th	79-8	.908	1st	7-3	.700	6-1	.857
Mike Willis	Marist	2nd	7-16	.304	2nd	7-16	.304	4-11	.267
Jason Woodman	Morehead State	12th	73-57	.562	2nd	13-10	.565	9-6	.600
Steve Englehart	Presbyterian	15th	90-74	.549	4th	20-25	.444	11-20	.355
Glenn Caruso	St. Thomas	20th	170-50	.773	16th	164-38	.812	31-9	.775
Brandon Moore	San Diego	4th	32-17	.653	3rd	18-15	.545	14-9	.609
Mike Jasper	Stetson	7th	47-29	.618	1st	3-9	.250	2-6	.250
Andy Waddle	Valparaiso	13th	57-70	.449	1st	2-9	.182	1-6	.143

PFL & ALL-TIME RECORDS BY TEAM

Team	PFL ONLY				ALL-TIME	
	Seasons	Gms	W-L	Pct.	Seasons	W-L-T
Butler	32	212	85-127	.401	136	621-507-35
Davidson	24	167	64-103	.383	128	471-656-45
Dayton	31	206	146-60	.709	117	715-400-25
Drake	32	210	140-70	.667	132	655-548-29
Marist	15	127	62-65	.488	46	204-265-3
Morehead State	24	169	80-89	.473	96	381-517-22
Presbyterian	4	39	11-28	.282	113	532-559-35
St. Thomas	32	210	144-59	.709	119	659-366-32
San Diego	4	40	31-9	.775	59	352-240-6
Stetson	12	96	25-71	.260	61	204-214-27
Valparaiso	32	211	60-151	.284	105	407-548-27

NOTES: All PFL records on this page reflect PFL penalties imposed against San Diego and Jacksonville. 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 all teams were not changed.

RECORDS & HISTORY

SHUTOUT HISTORY

Team	Last SHO Win	Gms Ago	Last SHO Loss	Gms Ago
BUT	53-0 vs. Virginia-Lynchburg (2024)	19	0-36 at St. Thomas (2021)	52
DAV	48-0 vs. Greensboro (2025)	7	0-45 at Drake (2025)	4
DAY	38-0 vs. Thomas More (2025)	8	0-31 at Butler (2022)	31
DRA	45-0 vs. St. Thomas (2025)	4	0-7 at Marist (2021)	45
MAR	7-0 at Drake (2021)	46	0-45 at St. Thomas (2025)	2
MOR	34-0 vs. Davidson (2015)	115	0-41 at Presbyterian (2025)	6
PRE	41-0 vs. Morehead St. (2025)	6	0-63 at Austin Peay (2022)	44
STT	45-0 vs. Marist (2025)	2	0-64 at Lindenwood (2024)	19
SAN	58-0 vs. La Verne (2022)	43	0-41 at Dayton (1999)	285
STE	35-0 vs. Warner (2024)	20	0-35 at Harvard (2024)	8
VAL	54-0 at Wisconsin Lutheran (2006)	213	0-41 at Drake (2025)	6

OVERTIME HISTORY

Team	Record	Last OT Game
BUT	5-4	(W) 21-14 at St. Thomas (2025)
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	6-4	(W) 19-16 [OT] at Presbyterian (2024)
MAR	6-5	(W) 36-30 [OT] at Valparaiso (2023)
MOR	4-3	(W) 45-38 [OT] vs. Dayton (2021)
PRE	2-4	(W) 39-38 [OT] at Furman (2025)
STT	1-1	(L) 14-21 [OT] vs. Butler (2025)
SAN	3-4	(W) 30-27 [OT] vs. Southern Utah (2025)
STE	2-3	(L) 31-32 [OT] at Valparaiso (2025)
VAL	7-3	(W) 32-31 [OT] vs. Stetson (2025)

PFL ALUMNI IN THE PROS

Ten PFL alumni are on NFL rosters currently with seven on the active 53-man rosters and three listed on reserve, injured, or practice rosters. In addition, PFL alumni were on Canadian Football League and the United Football League rosters during those league's respective 2025 seasons.

Alumnus	PFL School	NFL Team	Pos.	Last Week, Notably
Jamal Agnew	San Diego	Atlanta	WR/CB	Ran for 58 yards on two kick returns against Carolina
Ross Dwelley	San Diego	Detroit	TE	Appeared on 13 snaps (12 special teams) at Philadelphia
Josh Johnson	San Diego	Washington	QB	Listed as QB3 for the Washington Commanders
Zion Johnson	Davidson	L.A. Chargers	OG	Played on 100% of offensive snaps against Pittsburgh for an 11th consecutive game
Dalton Kincaid	San Diego	Buffalo	TE	Missed Week 11 due to injury
Jason Myers	Marist	Seattle	K	Was 4-of-5 on field goals and had 13 of Seattle's 19 points against the LA Rams
Michael Niese	Dayton	Detroit	OL	Debuted in Week 10 and saw action again in Week 11 at Philadelphia
Adam Trautman	Dayton	Denver	TE	Had one reception for 8 yards and played on 31 offensive snaps against Kansas City
Eric Saubert	Drake	Seattle	TE	Was placed on the injured reserve list on Nov. 1
Donald Parham	Stetson	Pittsburgh	TE	On injured reserve list
Alumnus	PFL School	CFL Team	Pos.	2025 Summary
Matthew Shiltz	Butler	Ottawa	QB	29-of-47 passing for 283 yards and a TD
Alumnus	PFL School	UFL Team	Pos.	2025 Summary
Donald Payne	Stetson	Arlington	DE	66 tackles, 3.0 for loss, 2.0 sacks, 2 forced fumbles
Jake Sutherland	Morehead St.	St. Louis	TE	12 receptions for 103 yards



PFL INDIVIDUAL OFFENSIVE SUPERLATIVES: LAST 25

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

200+ RECEIVING YARDS

YDS	Player	Team	Opponent	Date
212	Nathan Garnett Jr.	Dayton	at Morehead St.	10/26/24
212	Dominic Kibby	Dayton	vs. Dayton	11/5/22
200	Andrew McElroy	St. Thomas	vs. San Diego	10/29/22
223	BJ Byrd	Morehead St.	vs. Stetson	11/13/21
239	Jalen Jones	Presbyterian	at Valparaiso	11/6/21
257	Donald Parham	Stetson	vs. Valparaiso	11/17/18
224	Anthony Olivencia	Marist	vs. San Diego	11/17/18
324	Michael Bandy	San Diego	vs. Davidson	11/10/18
246	Juston Christian	Marist	vs. Davidson	10/20/18
201	Michael Bandy	San Diego	vs. Dayton	10/13/18
274	Juston Christian	Marist	at Columbia	10/6/18
202	Michael Bandy	San Diego	at Harvard	9/14/18
217	Juston Christian	Marist	at Morehead St.	10/15/16
208	William Morris	Davidson	at VMI	9/13/14
200	Tanner Kuramata	Valparaiso	vs. Dayton	11/16/13
211	Reggie Bell	San Diego	at Morehead St.	11/9/13
246	Sam Hoekstra	San Diego	vs. Dayton	10/27/12
246	Lanny Funsten	Davidson	vs. Jacksonville	10/13/12
244	Mike Rios	Marist	vs. Davidson	9/22/12
231	John Matthews	San Diego	vs. Azusa Pacific	9/6/08
217	John Matthews	San Diego	at UC Davis	11/17/07
213	Nathan Conner	Jacksonville	vs. Wagner	11/17/07
226	Steve Ogden	Valparaiso	vs. Morehead St.	10/27/07
229	Geavon Tribble	Jacksonville	vs. Morehead St.	10/13/07
202	Steve Ogden	Valparaiso	at Wisc. 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
202	Matt Colombo	San Diego	vs. Southern Utah	9/6/25
205	Isaiah Smith	Morehead St.	vs. San Diego	11/23/24
277	Hope Adebayo	St. Thomas	vs. San Diego	10/26/24
218	Mason Hackett	Dayton	vs. Davidson	10/12/24
207	Mari Adams	Davidson	vs. Point U.	9/14/24
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 St.	10/31/15
313	Sean Bennett	Evansville	vs. San Diego	10/19/96

30+ POINTS

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

15+ POINTS KICKING

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

PFL INDIVIDUAL DEFENSIVE SUPERLATIVES: LAST 25

20+ TACKLES

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

4+ SACKS

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

5+ TACKLES FOR LOSS

TFL	Player	Team	Opponent	Date
5.0	Nate Furrow	Marist	vs. San Diego	10/4/25
5.0	Finn Claypool	Drake	vs. Presbyterian	11/11/23
5.5	Aiden McKinley	Dayton	at Valparaiso	11/4/23
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	Matthew McClelland	Morehead St.	vs. Ky. Christian	9/7/24
3	Kaleb Lyons	Morehead St.	vs. Davidson	11/11/23
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

90+ YARD KICKOFF RETURNS

Yds	Player	Team	Opponent	Date
100	Ryan Ricketti	Valparaiso	San Diego	11/8/25
100	Ethan Loss	Butler	Morehead State	11/8/25
94	Chris Gundy	Valparaiso	St. Thomas	10/18/25
100	Ryan Ricketti	Valparaiso	at Western Illinois	9/13/25
90	Ethan Loss	Butler	at Hanover	9/13/25
99	Tristan Shannon	Marist	at Wagner	9/13/25
92	Gavin Lochlow	Dayton	St. Thomas	9/30/23
95	Andrew McElroy	St. Thomas	San Diego	10/29/22
98	Hunter Nichols	San Diego	Drake	10/8/22
95	Gunnison Bloodgood	Morehead St.	Stetson	9/24/22
97	TJ Magee	Davidson	Barton	9/10/22
91	Mekhai Johnson	Marist	Dayton	10/16/21
95	Ollie Reese	Valparaiso	Dayton	10/12/19
97	Jake Chisholm	Dayton	Duquesne	9/21/19
93	Michael Armstead	San Diego	UC Davis	9/7/19
98	Michael Armstead	San Diego	Davidson	11/10/18
100	Michael Armstead	San Diego	Jacksonville	10/27/18
97	Bailey Gessinger	Valparaiso	Butler	10/13/18
90	Cameron Stubbs	Dayton	Marist	11/12/16
100	Lawrence Dickens	Marist	Stetson	11/7/15
95	Aaron Blockmon	Campbell	Morehead St.	10/24/15
100	Conley Wilkins	Drake	Stetson	9/26/15

60+ YARD PUNT RETURNS

Yds	Player	Team	Opponent	Date
68	Yosei Takahashi	San Diego	Dayton	11/1/25
77	JaShawn Todd	St. Thomas	Davidson	10/11/25
74	Eric Haney	San Diego	St. Thomas	10/29/22
89	Clayborne Fields III	Marist	Stetson	10/8/22
82	Dwayne Menders	Marist	Columbia	9/18/21
65	Keith Pearson	Presbyterian	Morehead St.	3/13/21
66	David Tolbert	San Diego	Stetson	11/9/19
81	JJ Henderson	Stetson	Davidson	10/14/17
71	Christian Searles	Dayton	Duquesne	9/16/17
70	Henderson Gray	Jacksonville	Morehead St.	10/22/16
82	Terry Wallen	Drake	Morehead St.	9/24/16
69	Sam Schrader	Butler	Taylor (Ind.)	9/19/15
80	Derek O'Connor	Butler	Morehead St.	11/1/14
79	Devan Gadson	Valparaiso	Morehead St.	10/25/14
91	Zach Adler	Marist	Georgetown	9/13/14
69	Chris Atkins	Stetson	Jacksonville	11/16/13
75	Adrian Riley	Jacksonville	Morehead St.	9/14/13

FCS POLLS

STATS PERFORM MEDIA

RK	TEAM	W-L	PTS	PVS
1.	North Dakota State (56)	11-0	1,400	1
2.	Montana	11-0	1,327	2
3.	Montana State	9-2	1,301	3
4.	Lehigh	11-0	1,194	4
5.	Tarleton State	10-1	1,166	6
6.	Tennessee Tech	10-1	1,129	5
7.	Mercer	9-1	976	8
8.	Harvard	9-0	962	7
9.	Villanova	8-2	841	10
10.	Rhode Island	9-2	839	11
11.	Illinois State	8-3	749	14
12.	Monmouth	9-2	745	12
13.	North Dakota	7-4	704	13
14.	Stephen F. Austin	9-2	696	15
15.	UC Davis	7-3	679	9
16.	South Dakota	8-4	633	17
17.	Abilene Christian	7-4	531	18
18.	Youngstown State	7-4	477	20
19.	Lamar	8-3	299	19
20.	Jackson State	8-2	289	22
21.	Southeastern Louisiana	8-3	271	23
22.	South Dakota State	7-4	255	16
23.	Northern Arizona	7-4	136	24
24.	Southern Illinois	6-5	117	21
25.	New Hampshire	7-4	98	NR

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES

Alabama State 79; Lafayette 72; West Georgia 61; Delaware State 47; Austin Peay 36; South Carolina State 22; Yale 21; Sacramento State 19; Dartmouth 15; Southern Utah 6.

AFCA COACHES

RK	TEAM (1STS)	W-L	PTS	PVS
1.	North Dakota St. (23)	11-0	599	1
2.	Montana (1)	11-0	573	2
3.	Montana St.	9-2	549	3
4.	Lehigh	11-0	523	4
5.	Tarleton St.	10-1	505	5
6.	Mercer	9-1	437	8
7.	Villanova	8-2	433	7
8.	Tennessee Tech	10-1	423	6
9.	Rhode Island	9-2	402	9
10.	Harvard	9-0	342	11
11.	Illinois St.	8-3	338	13
	Monmouth (N.J.)	9-2	338	12
13.	Stephen F. Austin	9-2	290	17
14.	UC Davis	7-3	259	10
15.	Jackson St.	8-2	251	16
16.	North Dakota	7-4	228	18
17.	Youngstown St.	7-4	203	19
18.	ACU	7-4	184	20
19.	Lamar	8-3	168	14
20.	Southeastern Louisiana	8-3	156	21
21.	South Dakota	8-4	127	22
22.	South Dakota St.	7-4	110	15
23.	West Georgia	8-3	91	24
24.	Lafayette	8-3	86	25
25.	Yale	7-2	37	NR

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES

Southern Illinois 28; Alabama St. 27; Dartmouth 22; UT Rio Grande Valley 15; Gardner-Webb 13; Sacramento St. 12; Austin Peay 8; New Hampshire 7; South Carolina St. 4; **Presbyterian 3**; East Tennessee St. 2; Southern Utah 2; William & Mary 2; Elon 1; Northern Arizona 1; Prairie View A&M 1.

LAST PFL WIN vs. FCS CONFERENCE MEMBER

Conference	Last PFL Win vs.	Record vs. in 2025	Record vs. Since 2000
Big Sky	Drake def. Eastern Washington, 35-32 (9/7/24)	0-4	5-34
Big South	Dayton def. Robert Morris, 22-20 (9/3/22)		6-25
Colonial	Jacksonville def. Delaware, 20-14 (9/4/15)		1-10
Ivy	San Diego def. Princeton, 42-36 (9/20/25)	1-2	9-34
MEAC	—		0-1
MVFC	Butler def. Murray State, 19-17 (9/7/24)	0-5	4-64
Northeast	Dayton def. Robert Morris, 17-14 (9/20/25)	3-0	41-38
Ohio Valley	St. Thomas def. Lindenwood, 35-13 (8/28/25)	1-3	4-25
Patriot	Davidson def. Georgetown, 27-20 (8/31/19)	0-2	13-37
Southern	Presbyterian def. Furman, 39-38 [OT] (9/6/25)	2-2	4-25
Southland	—		0-3
SWAC	—		0-0
United	San Diego def. Southern Utah, 30-27 [OT]	1-1	1-5
ALL FCS	—	8-19	110-342

LAST PFL GAME vs. FBS OPPONENT

FBS Opponent	New Mexico State def. Valparaiso, 65-3 (12/3/22)	—	0-9
PFL vs. NON DIVISION I			
PFL vs. Non Division I		12-2	281-115

NOTES FROM ACROSS THE LEAGUE

MARIST'S ROBINSON JR. IS WEEK 3 NATIONAL DEFENDER OF THE WEEK

Marist sophomore safety Nate Robinson Jr. used an impressive outing against Wagner to earn the Stats Perform FCS National Defensive Player of the Week award for Week 3. He recorded a pair of interceptions in the Red Foxes' road victory and also had 10 tackles (four solo) and a half tackle for loss. He led a Marist defense that recorded five interceptions against the Seahawks, with the win giving the Red Foxes two wins against nonconference FCS teams for the first time in program history.

SPEAKING OF WEEK 3's THREE KOR TOUCHDOWNS

Robinson Jr.'s kickoff return for a touchdown was the first of three by PFL return specialists in Week 3 – all on the road. Butler's Ethan Loss had the second kick return for a TD on the day, scampering 90 yards for a touchdown against Hanover. Valparaiso's Ryan Ricketti capped the day with a 100-yard return at Western Illinois, tying the NCAA record as the current maximum kick return possible.

The PFL's three kick return touchdowns in Week 3 are alone tied for the most in the FCS this season, matching the Southern Conference's three on the year. Adding in the return by Morehead State's Sidney Moss earlier in the season, the PFL leads all FCS conferences with four return TDs this season.

STETSON'S ALEXANDER WEEK 2 NATIONAL FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK

Stetson freshman quarterback Kael Alexander picked up the PFL's first national honor of 2025, claiming the Stats Perform FCS National Freshman of the Week award after Week 2's action. Alexander picked up his first win as a starter, completing 11-of-15 passes for 336 yards and three touchdowns in a 59-13 victory against Warner on Sept. 6. Six of his 11 completions went for 40 yards or more, including a 65-yard touchdown pass. Alexander's performance gave Stetson first-year head coach Mike Jasper his first victory.

SAN DIEGO NOTCHES PFL'S SECOND WIN VS. NATIONALLY-RANKED FOE

San Diego stunned No. 24 Southern Utah in overtime on September 6 in San Diego, California, giving the PFL its second win against a ranked FCS opponent in 2025. It is the first time since 2000 the league has two wins against Top 25 FCS teams. It was San Diego's third win against a ranked team, joining wins against Cal Poly in 2016 and Northern Arizona in 2017 – both victories in the FCS Playoffs.

PRESBYTERIAN KNOCKS OFF NATIONALLY-RANKED FCS OPPONENT

Presbyterian stunned No. 11 Mercer on August 30 at Five Star Stadium in Macon, Georgia. It was the PFL's fourth victory against a ranked FCS opponent since 2010 and first since Butler defeated Youngstown State to open the 2018 season. It snapped the PFL's 27-game losing streak to ranked FCS opposition.

SAN DIEGO RETURNS TO PFL PRESEASON #1 FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 2019

For the first time since 2019, the league's head coaches tapped San Diego as the preseason favorite in the PFL 2025 Preseason Coaches Poll.

San Diego picked up five first-place votes and was not ranked lower than third by any of the league's head coaches to earn the poll's top spot with 94 points.

Drake, the 2024 PFL Champion, was first on three ballots and was selected in the top three on six ballots, earning second place in the poll with 78 points. St. Thomas, with 72 points, including a first-place vote, was third with 72 points.

RETURNING TWO-TIME ALL-PFL SELECTION DOMINIC KIBBY HIGHLIGHTS 2025 PRESEASON ALL-PFL TEAM

Presbyterian College junior wide receiver Dominic Kibby is one of seven returning First Team All-PFL selections to be highlighted on the 2025 Pioneer Football League Preseason Team, announced in July.

Kibby, who is a two-time First Team All-PFL honoree, returns with 95 receptions and 1,479 receiving yards to his credit in his first two seasons with the Blue Hose. He was joined on the preseason team by a pair of teammates: graduate student wide receiver Cincere Gill and sophomore quarterback Collin Hurst. Presbyterian also has returning First Team All-PFL selections in defensive lineman Carter Szydiowski, defensive back Caleb Francis, and return specialist Zach Switzer.

There are three other returning 2024 First Team All-PFL selections on the preseason squad. Davidson running back Mari Adams and fullback Mason Sheron, as well as Marist offensive lineman Dominic Perricone. In addition, both of the PFL's 2024 Freshmen of the Year return in Hurst and Marist linebacker James Kratochvil.

PFL VS.

FCS NONCONFERENCE

BIG SKY (0-4)

A30 Cal Poly def. San Diego, 41-17

S06 Idaho def. St. Thomas, 37-30

S13 Montana State def. San Diego, 41-7

S20 Weber State def. Butler, 38-24

IVY (1-2)

S20 San Diego def. Princeton, 42-35

S20 Harvard def. Stetson, 59-7

O10 Penn def. Marist, 28-9

MVFC (0-5)

A30 Northern Iowa def. Butler, 38-14

S06 Illinois State def. Morehead State, 41-13

S13 South Dakota State def. Drake, 37-21

S20 South Dakota def. Drake, 42-21

S20 North Dakota def. Valparaiso, 58-7

NORTHEAST (3-0)

A29 Marist def. New Haven, 31-14

S13 Marist def. Wagner, 21-10

S20 Dayton def. Robert Morris, 17-14

OHIO VALLEY (1-3)

A28 Eastern Ill. def. Dayton, 24-14

A28 St. Thomas def. Lindenwood, 35-13

S13 Tennessee Tech def. Davidson, 72-14

S13 Western Illinois def. Valparaiso, 51-30

PATRIOT (0-2)

A30 Georgetown def. Davidson, 51-14

S06 Bucknell def. Marist, 34-23

SOUTHERN (2-2)

A30 Presbyterian def. Mercer, 15-10

S06 Presbyterian def. Furman, 39-38 (OT)

S06 Elon def. Davidson, 55-7

S13 Chattanooga def. Stetson, 63-0

UNITED ATHLETIC (1-1)

S06 San Diego def. Southern Utah, 30-27

S13 Austin Peay def. Morehead State, 56-7



PRESEASON COACHES' POLL

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	Pts
1. San Diego	5	4	1	94
2. Drake	3	2	1	78
3. St. Thomas	1	2	0	72
4. Butler	0	1	4	66
5. Dayton	0	1	2	65
6. Morehead St.	1	0	0	64
7. Presbyterian	1	1	1	55
8. Davidson	0	0	1	53
9. Marist				24
10. Valparaiso				18
11. Stetson				16

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 team.

NOTES FROM ACROSS THE LEAGUE

ST. THOMAS GAINS FULL-FLEDGED DIVISION I STATUS

Following a vote by the NCAA Division I Board of Directors in June, the University of St. Thomas has officially completed the reclassification process, making it an active member of NCAA Division I and eligible to compete in NCAA championships.

The Tommies, who became the first institution to reclassify from Division III directly to Division I, won the 2022 Pioneer Football League title and finished among the league's top three teams in each of their first four seasons. Under head coach Glenn Caruso, St. Thomas has compiled a 31-14 (.689) record in four seasons as a Division I program, including a 26-6 (.812) record in PFL play. The Tommies have also seen their student-athletes earn 29 All-PFL honors.

QUINTET OF NEW COACHES

The PFL's coaching ranks continued to experience turnover during the 2024-25 offseason, with five head coaches hired. Butler, Davidson, Drake, Stetson, and Valparaiso all brought aboard new leaders for their programs. The turnover makes St. Thomas head coach Glenn Caruso the longest-serving head coach in the PFL as he begins his fifth PFL season with the Tommies (16th overall). Presbyterian's Steve Englehart is next at four seasons. **See PFL Coaching Records on page 7.**

DAVIDSON'S ADAMS NAMED TO 2025 WALTER PAYTON AWARD PRE-SEASON WATCH LIST

Davidson College senior running back Mari Adams was one of 30 student-athletes named to the 30-player preseason watch list for the 2025 Walter Payton Award, presented annually by Stats Perform to the national offensive player of the year in Division I FCS college football. Adams, from Shelby, North Carolina, was a Stats Perform Preseason Third-Team selection earlier this month after a First Team All-PFL campaign in 2024 that saw him rank among the FCS leaders in rushing yards (1,231 yards, 13th), rushing yards per game (111.9 ypg, 5th), and rushing touchdowns (15 TDs, 11th). He enters 2025 having rushed for 2,368 yards and 31 touchdowns during his career.

DRAKE LINEBACKER ALLISON AMONG NATIONAL STANDOUTS AS MEMBER OF 2025 BUCK BUCHANAN AWARD PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Drake senior linebacker Sean Allison has received national recognition as one of 30 student-athletes named to the 2025 Buck Buchanan Award Preseason Watch List. Allison, a Hinsdale, Illinois native, returns as a 2024 Second Team All-PFL selection, tallying 105 total tackles last season—the second-most among the Bulldogs' roster—with 5.5 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks, plus an interception and two quarterback hurries.

TWO PFL ATHLETES NAMED TO 2025 STATS PERFORM FCS PRE-SEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAM

Drake long snapper Brett Welsing and Davidson College running back Mari Adams were named to the 2025 Stats Perform FCS Preseason All-America Team, with Adams later being named to the Walter Payton Award Preseason Watch List (see above). Welsing, a senior from De Pere, Wisconsin, was a preseason second-team selection after earning First Team All-PFL honors at long snapper last season. He has played in all 23 games during the past two seasons for the Bulldogs, also earning Second Team All-PFL recognition in 2023.

80 PFL STUDENT-ATHLETES NAMED TO 2025 NFF HAMPSHIRE HONOR SOCIETY

In April, the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame (NFF) announced the 2025 NFF Hampshire Honor Society members, with 80 Pioneer Football League student-athletes among the record-breaking 2,536 who qualified for membership. Marist led all PFL institutions with 19 student-athletes recognized. Dayton (14), Davidson (5), Drake (11), Morehead State (5), St. Thomas (11), and Valparaiso (15) also saw student-athletes named to the Hampshire Honor Society. Members of the NFF Hampshire Society are seniors or graduate college football players from all divisions of the NCAA, NAIA, and Spring Football who maintained a cumulative 3.2 GPA or better during their college careers.

TOREROS ALUMNUS JOSH JOHNSON'S WELL-TRAVELED NFL CAREER

San Diego alumnus Josh Johnson, who was drafted in the fifth round of the 2008 NFL Draft, was signed by the Washington Commanders during the offseason and is vying for a roster spot in the 2025 season. In the 17 seasons since that draft, he has played for an NFL-record 14 different teams (according to The New York Times/The Athletic). Johnson has played as a starter for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Washington Redskins (now Commanders), and the Baltimore Ravens. He has also been on the roster with the San Francisco 49ers, Cleveland Browns, Cincinnati Bengals, New York Jets, Indianapolis Colts, Buffalo Bills, New York Giants, Houston Texans, Oakland Raiders, Detroit Lions, and Denver Broncos. Entering 2025, he has completed 208-of-358 passes for 2,297 yards and 13 touchdowns.

PFL AUTOMATIC QUALIFIER TIEBREAKER PROCEDURE

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

WHEN TWO TEAMS ARE TIED

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

WHEN THREE OR MORE TEAMS ARE TIED:

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

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

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**
2023: at North Dakota State 66, **Drake 3**
2024: at Tarleton State 43, **Drake 29**

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