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2026 SEASON
WEEK TWELVE
GAMES OF NOV. 21

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CURRENT STANDINGS

	PFL							OVERALL						
Team	**W-L**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**	**H**	**A**	**STR**	**W-L**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**	**H**	**A/N**	**STR**
Butler	6-1	.857	212	102	2-1	4-0	W4	9-2	.818	362	196	5-1	4-1	W4
Dayton	6-1	.857	243	156	4-0	2-1	W6	9-1	.900	333	197	6-0	3-1	W6
St. Thomas	5-2	.714	274	189	4-0	1-2	W1	8-3	.727	399	300	7-0	1-3	W1
Marist	4-3	.571	164	160	2-2	2-1	L1	5-6	.455	249	254	3-3	2-3	L1
San Diego	4-3	.571	241	212	3-0	1-3	W2	5-5	.500	313	355	3-1	2-4	W2
Valparaiso	4-3	.571	177	156	2-1	2-2	W1	5-5	.500	270	235	3-1	2-4	W1
Presbyterian	3-4	.429	189	206	2-1	1-3	L3	4-6	.400	253	363	3-1	1-5	L3
Drake	3-5	.375	234	265	1-3	2-2	L2	3-8	.273	293	404	1-4	2-4	L2
Davidson	2-5	.286	144	266	2-1	0-4	L1	4-7	.364	234	383	4-3	0-4	L1
Morehead State	2-5	.286	176	242	2-2	0-3	W1	3-8	.273	300	430	3-3	0-5	W1
Stetson	0-7	.000	188	288	0-4	0-3	L12	1-10	.091	265	456	1-4	0-6	L9

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, NOV. 21	**Kickoff (ET)**	**Series**	**Streak**	**Last Meeting**
[24/RV] Dayton at Presbyterian	1 PM	UD, 3-2	UD, W1	Dayton def. Presbyterian, 35-19 (10/25/2025)
Morehead State at Butler	1 PM	MSU, 19-11	MSU, W1	Morehead State def. Butler, 31-30 (11/8/2025)
Marist at Davidson	1 PM	MU, 12-3	MU, W1	Marist def. Davidson, 37-10 (11/15/2025)
St. Thomas at Valparaiso	2 PM	UST, 5-0	UST, W5	St. Thomas def. Valparaiso, 55-17 (10/18/2025)
Stetson at San Diego	8 PM	USD, 11-0	USD, W11	San Diego def. Stetson, 42-8 (11/22/2025)

PFL NOTES

- Butler and Dayton have taken the race for the Pioneer Football League Championship down to the regular season's final week. The Flyers are on the road at Presbyterian, seeking their first title since 2015 and a spot as the first team with 13 PFL titles. Butler is home against Morehead State and is looking for its first PFL crown since 2013 and its fifth all-time. Meanwhile, St. Thomas is on the road at Valparaiso waiting to clinch its second-ever PFL championship, joining its 2022 win. And while a PFL Championship is on the line, the league's automatic bid is also up for grabs (see Postseason Scenarios below). Elsewhere, Marist and San Diego both look to end PFL play with winning marks as the Red Foxes travel to Davidson and the Toreros host Stetson.
- **Postseason Scenarios**. Dayton receives the league's AQ bid in a head-to-head tie with Butler because of the Flyers' victory over the Bulldogs earlier this season. However, Butler receives the league's AQ bid in a three-way tie with Dayton and St. Thomas (i.e., Butler and Dayton lose and St. Thomas wins in Week 12) because of its 4-0 record against common opponents among the three teams. As a reminder, if teams tie for the league's highest conference win percentage at the end of the regular season, they will each be considered co-champions.
- St. Thomas quarterback Nick Peipert and Drake safety Dax Wiskur were among 30 student-athletes named to Stats Perform's 2026 Jerry Rice Award Watch List on Wednesday. Peipert leads the PFL in passing efficiency (171.7) and ranks sixth nationally, thanks to a FCS-leading 16.85 yards per completion. Wiskur ranks 2nd in the PFL in solo tackles (4.5 per game) and 13th in total tackles (6.2 per game).
- Valparaiso senior punt returner Chris Gundy (2nd Team) and St. Thomas senior offensive lineman James Morrison (4th Team) were named to Phil Steele Magazine's 2026 FCS Mid-Season All-American Teams this week. Gundy has an FCS-best three punt-return touchdowns and is No. 2 among FCS return specialists in combined kick return yardage (597) and punt return average (23.6 yards per return). Morrison leads a Tommies line group that anchors an offense ranked No. 1 among PFL teams in team passing efficiency (150.38), fewest sacks allowed (0.57), and total offense (444.3 yards per game).
- San Diego was the PFL preseason favorite by a narrow margin in the league's preseason coaches' poll. The Toreros received five first-place votes and 90 points. Drake was picked second with five first-place votes and 88 points. St. Thomas earned the third-place nod with 87 points, as the only team to earn a spot in the Top 3 on all 10 possible ballots.
- Dayton, which was picked fourth in the league's preseason coaches' poll, had the PFL's representatives on the Walter Payton and Buck Buchanan Award Preseason Watch Lists, presented by Stats Perform. All-purpose back Gavin Lochow and defensive lineman Mirko Jaksic, both returning First Team All-Pioneer Football League selections, earned the preseason recognition.
- Lochow and Jaksic are two of just seven returning First Team All-PFL selections. The other five returning first-teamers are San Diego running back Adam Criter, St. Thomas fullback Luke Schuler, Butler offensive lineman Charles Mackley, San Diego offensive lineman Maicah Talavou, and San Diego punter Emiliano Salazar.
- Salazar, the reigning PFL Special Teams Player of the Year, was one of 14 selections to the 2026 FCS Punter of the Year Watch List and one of 15 FCS placekickers named to the 18th annual Fred Mitchell Award Watch List.

PFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Joseph Koch, St. Thomas
Junior, Running Back, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin

STATS PERFORM FCS NATIONAL OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Koch became the first FCS player to score five rushing touchdowns in a game this season, powering the Tommies' 55-35 victory over Drake. In addition, his 233 rushing yards (32 carries) are tied for the 12th most by an FCS back this season, and he became the third FCS player to score 30 points in a game. Koch opened the game's scoring with a 10-yard TD run and scored early in the second quarter to extend the St. Thomas lead to 34-0. He added a 23-yard touchdown run in the third quarter, then scored nine and five-yard runs in the fourth quarter to secure the win.

DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Preston Franklin, St. Thomas
Sophomore, Defensive Back, Kansas City, Missouri

Franklin ended three consecutive Drake drives, including interceptions on back-to-back drives in the third quarter to help St. Thomas secure a 55-35 victory against Drake. He also had a pass breakup and five tackles in the win. Franklin's pass breakup came on Drake's final possession of the first half after the Bulldogs faced a 4th-and-2 at the Tommies' 12-yard line and forced a turnover on downs. His first interception came on Drake's first possession of the second half, with the Bulldogs starting near midfield and attempting a deep throw that Franklin picked off at the Tommies' 11-yard line. After the Tommies offense went three-and-out, Franklin intercepted another deep strike attempt at the Tommies' three-yard line.

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Luke Scoma, Valparaiso
Sophomore (RS), Kicker, Bellevue, Washington

Scoma's 28-yard field goal as time expired helped Valparaiso claim a 34-31 walk-off victory at Stetson. It was his second made field goal of the game, after a 22-yarder earlier, and he made a pair of PATs. Scoma also handled kickoff duties with one touchback on six kickoffs. He has now made 12 field goals this season.

FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK



Tymaries Durant, Presbyterian
Freshman, Defensive Back, Sumter, South Carolina

Durant forced a pair of fourth-quarter fumbles, both recovered by the Blue Hose, to spark a late comeback bid in the 28-25 loss at Morehead State. He also had eight tackles (five solo) and 1.0 tackles for loss. Durant forced and recovered a fumble at the Morehead State 33-yard line with 3:37 remaining, and Stetson turned it into a touchdown to cut the deficit to 28-25. On the next Eagles drive, he forced another fumble near midfield, and teammate Nick McGill recovered it, but the ensuing Blue Hose possession ended with an interception inside the red zone.

NOTES FROM ACROSS THE LEAGUE

POSTSEASON AWARD CALENDAR
The 2026 All-PFL Teams & Awards will be announced on Wednesday, Nov. 25, prior to the NCAA Playoffs First Round. The Academic All-PFL Team and Scholar-Athlete of the Year will follow with an announcement on Tuesday, Dec. 1.

VALPO'S MARK JOHNSON NAMED A FINALIST FOR THE DORIS ROBINSON AWARD
Valparaiso senior defensive back Mark Johnson is the Pioneer Football League's finalist for the 2026 Doris Robinson Scholar-Athlete Award. During the offseason, he made a life-saving decision, becoming a bone marrow donor to save a five-year-old child in Paris, France. Johnson, who joined the national bone marrow registry after learning about the rare bone marrow disease battle of Kerry Jean Waddle, the wife of Valparaiso head coach Andy Waddle, learned he was a potential match this summer and underwent the surgical procedure for the donation in June. The marketing major also has volunteered regularly with the Birmingham (Alabama) YMCA and the Harvest Food Bank in Nashville (Tennessee). Through an internship this past summer, he and his colleagues packed 2,500 meals for people in Charlotte who do not have daily access to food.

FLYERS BACK IN THE POLLS
Dayton returned to the Stats Perform FCS Top 25 Poll for the first time since the end of the 2010 regular season this week. The Flyers, with an 8-1 overall record, entered the Top 25 at No. 24 this week. In 2010, Dayton ranked No. 24 in the Stats Top 25 and No. 25 in the AFCA Coaches' Poll.

BEACONS ARE FCS' KICK BLOCKING LEADERS, RED FOXES IN TOP 3
Valparaiso enters the regular season's final week tied for the FCS lead with eight blocked kicks, a mark matched by Weber State. Marist, which has led the list most of 2026, slid back to a tie for third with Hampton with seven blocked kicks this season.

BUTLER'S BULLDOGS RUN, BUT DON'T RUN ON THE BULLDOGS
Butler's Bulldogs prefer to run. Butler ranks No. 10 among FCS teams in rushing offense, averaging 209.5 yards per game. Quarterback Gabe Passini notched his second 150-yard rushing performance of the season in Week 9, running for 162 yards at Presbyterian. Running backs Sam Manna (Week 6 vs. San Diego) and Desmin Jackson (Week 4 vs. Chicago State) also have rushed for 150-plus yards in a game this season.

However, teams have struggled to return the favor against Butler. The Bulldogs lead all FCS teams in rushing defense, allowing just 84.3 yards per game, and are one of five FCS teams to allow fewer than 100 rushing yards per game this season, joined by No. 3 Dayton (95.0 rushing yards per game).

FLYERS KEEP A CLEAN BACKFIELD
Dayton's front five have done an admirable job of keeping the pressure off their quarterback this season. The Flyers are No. 1 nationally in fewest sacks allowed, with only 5 sacks surrendered (0.50 per game), and they are No. 21 in fewest tackles for loss permitted (43.0, 4.30 per game). Thanks to their efforts, Dayton is No. 2in the PFL in team passing efficiency (139.32, 33rd in FCS).

GONE-DA
Stetson punter Brett Gonda is booming kicks this season for the Hatters, averaging 44.8 yards per punt to rank No. 7 among qualifying FCS kickers. He is tied for the lead among PFL punters with 13 kicks of 50-plus yards this season, including an 80-yarder that is the second longest in the FCS this season.

BEACONS' SAMUEL BEHIND THE LINE
Valparaiso redshirt junior Max Samuel in No. 2 among all FCS defenders in tackles for loss, with 20.5 total tackles for loss and averaging 2.05 per game. He is No. 10 in the FCS with 0.90 sacks per game, recording 9.0 sacks this season. He has recorded at least one TFL in every game and has had a multi-TFL outing five times, while also recording a sack in six of eight games.

PEIPERT, WISKUR NAMED TO RICE AWARD WATCH LIST
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GUNDY, MORRISON GRAB MID-SEASON ALL-AMERICAN NODS
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PREFERRED NOMENCLATURE
The league's full name is the **Pioneer Football League**. Please use the league's full name when possible or use PFL as an abbreviation. Please, **DO NOT** use Pioneer League in any case.

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

PFL ON TWITTER @PioneerFTBL
The PFL also maintains an official twitter feed @PioneerFTBL 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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2026 WEEKLY AWARDS

OFFENSE

W0	Landon Sharpe (So., QB)	Presbyterian
W1	David Parsons (RSo., QB)	Morehead St.
W2	Nicholas Peipert (RFr., QB)	St. Thomas
W3	Casey Bullock (Jr., QB)	Davidson
W4	Riley Warzynski (Gr., QB)	Drake
W5	Landon Sharpe (So., QB)	Presbyterian
W6	Nicholas Peipert (RFr., QB)	St. Thomas
W7	Jackon Burleson (5th, RB)	Presbyterian
W8	Gavin Lochow (Sr., WR)	Dayton
W9	Dom Nankil (Sr., QB)	San Diego
W10	Michael Dellumo (So., RB)	Butler
W11	**Joseph Koch (Jr., RB) †**	**St. Thomas**
W12		

DEFENSE

W0	Javawn Brooks (Jr., DB)	Dayton
W1	Malachi Boadi-Aboagye (So., DL)	St. Thomas
W2	Steven Stephany (Sr., DB)	Butler
W3	Hayden Bender (Sr., S)	Davidson
W4	Chase Hatton (So., S)	Marist
W5	CJ Castille (So., CB)	San Diego
W6	Mark Johnson (Sr., DB)	Valparaiso
W7	Joe Kingsbury (Sr., LB)	Dayton
W8	Alex Goworowski (RSr., DL)	Valparaiso
W9	William Seymour (So., LB)	St. Thomas
W10	**Okemdi Eze (So., DL) †**	**Butler**
W11	Preston Franklin (So., DB)	St. Thomas
W12		

SPECIAL TEAMS

W0	Chris Gundy (RSr., RS)	Valparaiso
W1	Paul DeSousa (Jr., K)	Stetson
W2	Ashton Adams (Sr., P)	Morehead State
W3	Emiliano Salazar (Jr., K/P)	San Diego
W4	Beck Janki (Jr., K)	Butler
W5	Chris Gundy (Sr., RS)	Valparaiso
W6	Paul Kelly (Jr., RS)	Dayton
W7	Christos Tzoumakas (Sr., K/P)	Davidson
W8	LeRoy Lewis IV (So., KR)	Dayton
W9	Jaden Williams (Jr., LB)	San Diego
W10	Emiliano Salazar (Jr., K/P)	San Diego
W11	Luke Scoma (RSo., K)	Valparaiso
W12		

FRESHMAN

W0	Dylan Kelly (Fr., DB)	Stetson
W1	**Cross Watson (Fr., WR) ‡**	**Morehead St.**
W2	Nicholas Peipert (RFr., QB)	St. Thomas
W3	Nicholas Peipert (RFr., QB)	St. Thomas
W4	Nicholas Peipert (RFr., QB)	St. Thomas
W5	Dax Wiskur (Fr., DB)	Drake
W6	Nicholas Peipert (RFr., QB)	St. Thomas
W7	Erick Bonner (Fr., CB)	Davidson
W8	Blake Fisher (Fr., RB)	Morehead St.
W9	Braylon Wilson (Fr., QB)	Drake
W10	Zamar Reese (Fr., RB)	San Diego
W11	Tymaries Durant (Fr., DB)	Presbyterian
W12		

† - Named STATS FCS National Player of the Week
‡ - Named STATS FCS Freshman of the Week

NOTES FROM ACROSS THE LEAGUE

BEACONS NAB WEEK 6 FCS TEAM OF THE WEEK HONORS

Valparaiso was named the Stats Perform FCS Team of the Week on Monday after claiming its first home win against Drake since 2002. The Beacons forced six turnovers, including four interceptions, as PFL Defensive Player of the Week Mark Johnson and Nic Lendino each intercepted two passes. Meanwhile, quarterback Rowan Keefe passed for two touchdowns and ran for another in the Beacons' 21-13 victory.

WITH A FLOURISH AT THE END

The PFL impressed in its final full weekend of nonconference play, picking up five key FCS wins. San Diego and St. Thomas downed a pair of Big Sky Conference opponents that were each receiving votes in national polls entering the weekend (Cal Poly and Southern Utah, respectively).

Dayton upset a United Athletic Conference foe on the road (Eastern Kentucky), Davidson rallied to upend a Southern Conference member (VMI), and Butler picked off an FCS independent (Chicago State).

THREE PFL ATHLETES NAMED CAMPBELL TROPHY SEMIFINALISTS

Butler University senior quarterback Reagan Andrew, Marist University graduate student and offensive lineman Will Aaronson, and Valparaiso University redshirt quarterback Rowa Keefe represent the Pioneer Football League as two of a record 206 semifinalists for the 2026 William V. Campbell Trophy®, presented by the National Football Foundation (NFF) & College Football Hall of Fame.

The Campbell Trophy® is college football's premier scholar-athlete award. Celebrating its 37th year, the Campbell Trophy® recognizes the nation's best football scholar-athlete for combined academic success, football performance, and exemplary leadership.

TOMMIES FCS TEAM OF WEEK 4

St. Thomas was the Stats Perform FCS National Team of the Week following Week 4 action after downing San Diego at home. Quarterback Nicholas Peipert, the PFL Freshman of the Week, accounted for five touchdowns (three passing, two rushing) as St. Thomas handed the Toreros their largest league defeat since 2000.

EAGLES' WATSON GARNERS PFL'S FIRST NATIONAL WEEKLY HONOR

Morehead State freshman Cross Watson was Stats Perform's FCS National Freshman Player of the Week in Week 1. He needed just four receptions to score three touchdowns and amass 132 yards in the Eagles' 75-24 win against Kentucky Christian last week.

EIGHT PFL ALUMNI ON NFL ROSTERS FOR 2026 OPENER

Five Pioneer Football League alumni are listed on the final 53-man rosters as the 2026 NFL season starts. That list includes Super Bowl LX champion Jason Myers (Seattle) and participant Eric Saubert (New England). Saubert was the Patriots' starting tight end in Super Bowl LX. In addition, three PFL alumni will begin the season on NFL practice squads.

MYERS FIRST PFL ALUMNUS TO CLAIM SUPER BOWL TITLE

Seattle's Jason Myers became the first PFL alumnus to win an NFL Super Bowl title, helping the Seattle Seahawks claim Super Bowl LX. He set a Super Bowl record with five field goals, pushing him to an NFL-record 206 points for the 2025 season, including playoffs.

PFL FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK OFFICIALLY OFFICIAL IN 2026

Beginning this season, the PFL will officially name a Freshman of the Week for the first time. The league has had an unofficial freshman honor each of the past two seasons, with nominees for the National Freshman of the Week honor. In 2026, true freshmen and redshirt freshmen will be eligible for the award.

SAN DIEGO CLAIMS TOP SPOT IN 2026 PFL PRESEASON COACHES' POLL

For a second consecutive season, the University of San Diego is the preseason favorite in the Pioneer Football League's 2026 Preseason Coaches' Poll.

The Toreros claimed the top spot in what the league's coaches see as an extremely tight race for the league's 34th championship, with only three points separating the Top 3 teams in the poll. San Diego claimed five first-place votes while amassing 90 points. The Toreros are seeking their first PFL title since sharing the 2021 championship.

Drake, the three-time defending PFL Champion, also picked up five first-place votes and received 88 points to finish second in the poll. St. Thomas was the lone team picked to finish in the Top 3 on all 10 possible ballots and finished with 87 points, third in the poll. Dayton and Butler scored 69 and 67 points, respectively, to finish out the preseason Top 5.

2026 COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

All times Eastern. • - PFL Contest

Week 0: Thursday, Aug. 27

South Dakota Mines, Drake, 38-35
Ohio Dominican, Morehead St., 42-40 (3OT)
Concord, Davidson, 41-35
Presbyterian, UVA Wise, 47-37
St. Thomas, Winona State, 15-9

Week 0: Friday, Aug. 28

New Haven 22, Marist 21

Week 0: Saturday, Aug. 29

Dayton 43,Fairmont State 20
Butler 27, Georgetown (Ky.) 20
Valparaiso 59, Lawrence Tech 13
South Dakota State 70, Stetson 7

Week 1: Thursday, Sept. 3

Morehead State 75, Kentucky Christian 24

Week 1: Friday, Sept. 4

Marist 27, Franklin Pierce, 18

Week 1: Saturday, Sept. 5

Stetson 45, Webber International 10
Montana 45, Drake 10
North Dakota 62, St. Thomas 26
Elon 38, Davidson 0
Mercer 62, Presbyterian 3
Montana State 51, Butler 24
UC Davis 49, San Diego 17

Week 2: Saturday, Sept. 12

Austin Peay 63, Morehead State, 7
Bethune-Cookman 43, Stetson, 18
Idaho State 59, San Diego, 17
Butler 52, Franklin, 0
Murray State 27, Valparaiso, 18
Dayton 30, Thomas More, 7
Davidson 28, Dickinson, 14
Lafayette 13, Marist, 9
Northern Iowa 56, Drake, 14
St. Thomas 56, Northern Michigan, 14

Week 3: Saturday, Sept. 19

Butler 47, Chicago State 20
Indiana State 39, Valparaiso 16
Davidson 27, VMI 24 (OT)
St. Thomas 28, Southern Utah 26
Western Carolina 58, Presbyterian 14
Dayton 17, Eastern Kentucky 14
Western Illinois 59, Morehead State 2
San Diego 38, Cal Poly 35
UC Davis 45, Stetson 7

Week 4: Saturday, Sept. 26

• Marist 42, Presbyterian 7
• Drake 51, Davidson 32
• Butler 33, Valparaiso 28
• St. Thomas 50, San Diego 17

Week 5: Saturday, Oct. 3

• Presbyterian 55, St. Thomas 21
• Drake 30, Dayton 22
• Valparaiso 37, Morehead State 3
• Marist 28, Stetson 14
• San Diego63, Davidson 14

Week 6: Friday, Oct. 9

Columbia 41, Marist 28

Week 6: Saturday, Oct. 10

• Presbyterian 38, Davidson 21
• Dayton 56, Morehead State 28
• Valparaiso 21, Drake 13
• Butler 41, San Diego 10
• St. Thomas 64, Stetson 21

Week 7: Saturday, Oct. 17

• Marist 27, Drake, 22
• Dayton 19, Butler 9
• Davidson 34. Morehead State 31 (OT)
• San Diego 38, Valparaiso 13
• Presbyterian 47, Stetson 43

Week 8: Saturday, Oct. 24

• Dayton def. 37, San Diego 32
• St. Thomas 35, Marist 13
• Valparaiso 24, Presbyterian 7
• Butler 33, Drake 21
• Morehead State 38, Stetson 31

Week 9: Saturday, Oct. 31

• Dayton 44, Stetson 34
• Drake 45, Morehead State 35
• Butler 27, Presbyterian 10
• St. Thomas 35, Davidson 7
• San Diego 41, Marist 40

Week 10: Saturday, Nov. 7

• Dayton 31, Valparaiso 20
• Marist 14, Morehead State 13
• Davidson 33, Stetson 14
• San Diego 40, Drake 17
• Butler 41, St. Thomas 14

Week 11: Saturday, Nov. 14

• Morehead State 28, Presbyterian 25
• Dayton 34, Davidson 3
• Butler 28, Marist 0
• St. Thomas 55, Drake 35
• Valparaiso 34, Stetson 31.

Week 12: Saturday, Nov. 22

• Morehead State at Butler, 1 p.m.
• Marist at Davidson, 1 p.m.
• Dayton at Presbyterian, 1 p.m.
• St. Thomas at Valparaiso, 2 p.m.
• Stetson at San Diego, 8 p.m.

NCAA Division I FCS Championship

ROUND 1: Saturday, Nov. 28, 2026

Played at Campus Sites of Seeds 9-16

ROUND 2: Saturday, Dec. 5, 2026

Played at Campus Sites of the Top 8 seeds

QUARTERFINALS: Saturday, Dec. 12, 2026

Played at Campus Sites
of highest remaining seeds

SEMIFINALS: Saturday, Dec. 19, 2026

Played at Campus Sites
of highest remaining seeds

CHAMPIONSHIP: Monday, Jan. 11, 2027

National Championship
FirstBank Stadium; Nashville, Tennessee

PRESEASON TEAMS

The Pioneer Football League named 31 student-athletes to its Preseason All-Pioneer Football League Team in July, including seven returning First Team All-PFL selections.

Returning players named to the league's 2025 All-PFL Teams were placed automatically on the 2026 Preseason All-PFL team, in order of head coaches voting.

OFFENSE

WR	Quentin Cobb-Butler (2)	St. Thomas
WR	Cole Monach (2)	San Diego
WR	Michael Mussari	Dayton
QB	Sonny Mannino	Marist
RB	Adam Criter (1)	San Diego
RB	Luke Hansen (2)	Dayton
FB	Luke Schuler (1)	St. Thomas
AP	Gavin Lochow (1)	Dayton
TE	Patrick Wagner	St. Thomas
OL	Matthew Barnes	Dayton
OL	Marcello Coleman	Presbyterian
OL	Charles Mackley (1)	Butler
OL	James Morrison (2)	St. Thomas
OL	Maicah Talavou (1)	San Diego

DEFENSE

DL	River Abenroth	San Diego
DL	Luke Green	Butler
DL	KJ Hardesty	Morehead State
DL	Mirko Jaksic (1)	Dayton
DL	Sean Scheck	San Diego
LB	Mason Armstrong	Butler
LB	Anthony Feltrinelli	Valparaiso
LB	Joe Kingsbury	Dayton
LB	Sam Schmiesing	Dayton
DB	Ruben Lopez (2)	San Diego
DB	Garrison Codde (2)	Drake
DB	Chase Hatton (2, FotY)	Marist
DB	Nic Lendino	Valparaiso

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK	Emiliano Salazar	San Diego
P	Emiliano Salazar (1, PotY)	San Diego
RS	Yosei Takahashi	San Diego
LS	Carter Shupper	San Diego

Previous season's honor(s) received in parentheses:
1 – First Team All-PFL selection;
2 – Second Team All-PFL selection;
PotY – Player of the Year (Offense, Defense, or Special Teams);
FotY – Freshman of the Year (Offense of Defense).

TEAM-BY-TEAM SCHEDULES AND RESULTS

BUTLER **BULLDOGS**

9-2 OVERALL | **6-1 PFL**

Date	[TM RNK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	SCORE	TIME / ATT
A29		Georgetown (Ky.)	W	27-23	2,823
S05		at Montana State [1/1]	L	24-51	22,277
S12		Franklin	W	52-0	3,838
S19		Chicago State	W	47-20	4,774
S26		at Valparaiso	W	33-28	2,888
O10		San Diego	W	41-10	3,909
O17		Dayton	L	9-19	3,917
O24		at Drake	W	33-21	2,560
O31		at Presbyterian	W	27-10	2,435
N07		St. Thomas	W	41-14	3,029
N14	[—/RV]	at Marist	W	28-0	2,167
N21	[—/RV]	Morehead State			1:00 PM

DAVIDSON **WILDCATS**

4-7 OVERALL | **2-5 PFL**

Date	[TM RNK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	SCORE	TIME / ATT
A27		Concord	L	35-41	2,346
S05		Elon	L	0-38	2,554
S12		Dickinson	W	28-14	1,813
S19		VMI	W (OT)	27-24	1,952
S26		Drake	L	32-51	1,954
O03		at San Diego	L	14-63	1,724
O10		at Presbyterian	L	21-38	1,341
O17		Morehead State	W (OT)	34-31	—
O31		at St. Thomas	L	7-35	1,704
N07		Stetson	W	33-14	2,268
N14		at Dayton [RV/RV]	L	3-34	3,275
N21		Marist			1:00 PM

DAYTON **FLYERS**

9-1 OVERALL | **6-1 PFL**

Date	[TM RNK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	SCORE	TIME / ATT
A29		Fairmont State	W	43-20	3,185
S12		Thomas More	W	30-7	3,036
S19		at Eastern Kentucky	W	17-14	4,606
O03		at Drake	L	22-30	3,127
O10		Morehead State	W	56-28	3,084
O17		at Butler	W	19-9	3,917
O24		San Diego	W	37-32	3,645
O31	[RV/—]	at Stetson	W	44-34	1,568
N07	[RV/RV]	Valparaiso	W	31-20	3,845
N14	[RV/RV]	Davidson	W	34-3	3,275
N21	[24/RV]	at Presbyterian			1:00 PM

DRAKE **BULLDOGS**

3-8 OVERALL | **3-5 PFL**

Date	[TM RNK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	SCORE	TIME / ATT
A27		South Dakota Mines	L	35-38	3,350
S05		at Montana [3/3]	L	10-45	25,915
S12		at Northern Iowa	L	14-56	9,170
S26		at Davidson	W	51-32	1,954
O03		Dayton	W	30-22	3,127
O10		at Valparaiso	L	13-21	1,512
O17		Marist	L	22-27	2,639
O24		Butler	L	21-33	2,560
O31		at Morehead State	W	45-35	4,202
N07		San Diego	L	17-40	2,574
N14		at St. Thomas	L	35-55	2,466

MARIST **RED FOXES**

5-6 OVERALL | **4-3 PFL**

Date	[TM RNK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	SCORE	TIME / ATT
A28		at New Haven	L	21-22	7,030
S04		Franklin Pierce	W	27-18	2,863
S12		at Lafayette	L	9-13	—
S26		Presbyterian	W	42-7	1,120
O03		at Stetson	W	28-14	2,177
O09		Columbia	L	28-41	1,141
O17		at Drake	W	27-22	2,639
O24	[—/RV]	St. Thomas	L	13-35	2,840
O31		at San Diego	L	40-41	1,433
N07		Morehead State	W	14-13	1,837
N14		Butler [—/RV]	L	0-28	2,167
N21		at Davidson			1:00 PM

MOREHEAD STATE **EAGLES**

3-8 OVERALL | **2-5 PFL**

Date	[TM RNK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	SCORE	TIME / ATT
A27		Ohio Dominican	(3OT) L	40-42	7,376
S03		Kentucky Christian	W	75-24	7,182
S12		at Austin Peay [15/15]	L	7-63	6,657
S19		at Western Illinois	L	2-59	3,151
O03		Valparaiso	L	3-37	4,128
O10		at Dayton	L	28-56	3,084
O17		at Davidson	(OT) L	31-34	—
O24		Stetson	W	38-31	7,317
O31		Drake	L	35-45	4,202
N07		at Marist	L	13-14	1,837
N14		Presbyterian	W	28-25	3,303
N21		at Butler [—/RV]			1:00 PM

PFL ACTIVE WIN STREAKS

FCS Ranking in parentheses, where applicable

Consecutive Overall Wins

6	Dayton (3rd)
4	Butler (6th)
2	San Diego

Consecutive PFL Wins

6	Dayton (t-4th)
4	Butler (t-9th)
2	San Diego

Consecutive Home Wins

7	St. Thomas (t-7th)
6	Dayton (t-9th)
3	San Diego
2	Davidson
2	Valparaiso

Consecutive Road Wins

4	Butler (t-3rd)
2	Dayton

TEAM-BY-TEAM SCHEDULES AND RESULTS

PRESBYTERIAN **BLUE HOSE**

4-6 OVERALL — **3-4 PFL**

Date	[TM RNK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	SCORE	TIME / ATT
A27		UVA Wise	W	47-37	2,766
S05		at Mercer [15/19]	L	3-62	4,013
S19		at Western Carolina	L	14-58	11,811
S26		at Marist	L	7-42	1,120
O03		St. Thomas [–/RV]	W	55-21	1,741
O10		Davidson	W	38-21	1,341
O17		at Stetson	W	47-43	2,253
O24		at Valparaiso	L	7-24	1,299
O31		Butler	L	10-27	2,435
N14		at Morehead State	W	25-28	3,303
N21		Dayton [24/RV]			1:00 PM

ST. THOMAS **TOMMIES**

8-3 OVERALL — **5-2 PFL**

Date	[TM RNK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	SCORE	TIME / ATT
A27		Winona State	W	15-9	3,006
S05		at North Dakota [8/9]	L	26-62	10,909
S12		Northern Michigan	W	56-14	3,163
S19		Southern Utah [RV/RV]	W	28-26	2,182
S26	[–/RV]	San Diego [–/RV]	W	50-17	3,866
O03	[–/RV]	at Presbyterian	L	21-55	1,741
O10		Stetson	W	64-21	3,840
O24		at Marist [–/RV]	W	35-13	2,840
O31		Davidson	W	35-7	1,704
N07		at Butler	L	14-41	3,029
N14		Drake	W	55-35	2,466
N21		at Valparaiso			2:00 PM

SAN DIEGO **TOREROS**

5-5 OVERALL — **4-3 PFL**

Date	[TM RNK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	SCORE	TIME / ATT
S05		UC Davis [6/7]	L	17-49	4,573
S12		at Idaho State [17/24]	L	17-59	6,574
S19	[–/RV]	at Cal Poly [RV/RV]	W	38-35	10,259
S26	[–/RV]	at St. Thomas [–/RV]	L	17-50	3,866
O03		Davidson	W	63-14	1,724
O10		at Butler	L	10-41	3,909
O17		Valparaiso	W	38-13	3,817
O24		at Dayton	L	32-37	3,645
O31		Marist	W	41-40	1,433
N07		at Drake	W	40-17	2,574
N21		Stetson			8:00 PM

STETSON **HATTERS**

1-9 OVERALL — **0-6 PFL**

Date	[TM RNK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	SCORE	TIME / ATT
A29		at South Dakota St. [3/3]	L	7-70	19,192
S05		Webber International	W	45-10	2,064
S12		at Bethune-Cookman	L	18-43	3,921
S19		at UC Davis [11/11]	L	7-45	15,270
O03		Marist	L	14-28	2,177
O10		at St. Thomas	L	21-64	3,840
O17		Presbyterian	L	43-47	2,253
O24		at Morehead State	L	31-38	7,317
O31		Dayton [RV/–]	L	34-44	1,568
N07		at Davidson	L	14-33	2,268
N14		Valparaiso	L	31-34	1,877
N21		at San Diego			8:00 PM

VALPARAISO **BEACONS**

5-5 OVERALL — **4-3 PFL**

Date	[TM RNK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	SCORE	TIME / ATT
A29		Lawrence Tech	W	59-13	1,534
S12		at Murray State	L	18-27	11,122
S19		at Indiana State	L	16-39	3,497
S26		Butler	L	28-33	2,888
O03		at Morehead State	W	37-3	4,128
O10		Drake	W	21-13	1,512
O17		at San Diego	L	13-38	3,817
O24		Presbyterian	W	24-7	1,299
N07		at Dayton [RV/RV]	L	20-31	3,845
N14		at Stetson	W	34-31	1:00 PM
N21		St. Thomas			2:00 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	9	1995, 1998, 2000c, 2004, 2011c, 2012c, 2023, 2024, 2025
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	9-24	9-25	6-4	10-10	2-2	3-3	7-22	5-1	19-16
Davidson	8-7	—	2-15	3-10	3-11	11-15	5-1	1-3	4-15	8-6	7-5
Dayton	24-9	15-2	—	20-11	12-3	13-7	3-2	0-2	16-15	7-1	28-5
Drake	25-9	10-3	11-20	—	11-3	12-3	2-0	2-4	14-20	5-2	29-6
Marist	4-4	11-3	3-12	3-11	—	6-4	4-2	0-6	2-13	11-2	10-3
Morehead State	11-10	15-11	7-13	3-11	4-6	—	4-2	1-1	0-16	5-4	17-4
Presbyterian	2-1	1-5	2-3	0-3	2-4	0-0	—	2-2	0-4	3-3	1-3
San Diego †	21-7	15-4	14-17	19-14	12-2	15-0	4-0	2-4	—	11-0	22-7
St. Thomas	3-3	3-1	2-0	4-2	6-0	1-1	2-2	—	4-2	6-0	5-0
Stetson	1-6	6-8	1-7	2-6	2-11	4-5	3-3	0-6	0-12	—	2-6
Valparaiso	16-19	5-7	5-28	6-29	3-10	4-16	3-1	0-5	7-23	6-2	—

PFL COACHES' RECORDS

		CAREER			CURRENT SCHOOL			PFL GAMES ONLY	
Coach	Team	Seasons	W-L	Pct.	Seasons	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Kevin Lynch	Butler	2nd	14-8	.636	2nd	14-8	.636	9-5	.643
Saj Thakkar	Davidson	4th	20-22	.476	2nd	6-16	.273	3-11	.214
Trevor Andrews	Dayton	4th	25-17	.595	4th	25-17	.595	16-14	.533
Matt Walker	Drake	18th	92-96	.489	1st	3-8	.273	3-5	.375
Mike Willis	Marist	3rd	11-23	.324	3rd	11-23	.324	8-15	.348
Jason Woodman	Morehead State	13th	76-65	.539	3rd	16-18	.471	11-11	.500
Matt Rahl	Presbyterian	1st	4-6	.400	1st	4-6	.400	3-4	.429
Glenn Caruso	St. Thomas	21st	178-53	.771	17th	172-41	.808	36-11	.766
Brandon Moore	San Diego	5th	37-22	.627	4th	23-20	.535	18-12	.600
Mike Jasper	Stetson	8th	48-39	.552	2nd	4-19	.174	2-13	.133
Andy Waddle	Valparaiso	14th	62-75	.453	2nd	7-14	.333	5-9	.357

PFL & ALL-TIME RECORDS BY TEAM

	PFL ONLY				ALL-TIME	
Team	Seasons	Gms	W-L	Pct.	Seasons	W-L-T
Butler	33	220	92-128	.418	137	630-509-35
Davidson	25	175	66-109	.377	129	475-663-45
Dayton	32	214	152-62	.710	118	724-401-25
Drake	33	219	144-75	.658	133	658-558-29
Marist	16	135	66-69	.489	47	209-271-3
Morehead State	25	177	82-95	.463	97	384-525-22
Presbyterian	5	47	15-32	.319	114	536-565-35
St. Thomas	33	218	149-62	.706	120	667-369-32
San Diego	5	47	36-11	.766	60	357-245-6
Stetson	13	104	25-79	.240	62	205-224-27
Valparaiso	33	219	64-155	.292	106	412-553-27

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 win-loss 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	28-0	at Marist (2026)	0	0-36	at St. Thomas (2021)	63
DAV	48-0	vs. Greensboro (2025)	18	0-38	vs. Elon (2026)	9
DAY	38-0	vs. Thomas More (2025)	18	0-31	at Butler (2022)	41
DRA	45-0	vs. St. Thomas (2025)	17	0-7	at Marist (2021)	57
MAR	7-0	at Drake (2021)	57	0-28	vs. Butler (2026)	0
MOR	34-0	vs. Davidson (2015)	126	0-41	at Presbyterian (2025)	17
PRE	41-0	vs. Morehead St. (2025)	16	0-63	at Austin Peay (2022)	54
STT	45-0	vs. Marist (2025)	13	0-64	at Lindenwood (2024)	30
SAN	58-0	vs. La Verne (2022)	53	0-41	at Dayton (1999)	295
STE	35-0	vs. Warner (2024)	31	0-35	at Harvard (2024)	19
VAL	54-0	at Wisconsin Lutheran (2006)	223	0-41	at Drake (2025)	16

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	7-7	(W) 34-31 [OT] vs. Morehead State (2026)
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	4-5	(L) 31-34 [OT] at Davidson (2026)
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

Eight PFL alumni are on NFL rosters currently with six on the active 53-man rosters and one listed on reserve, injured, or practice rosters.

Alumnus	PFL School	NFL Team	Pos.	Last Week, Notably
Michael Bandy	San Diego	Denver	WR	Began the season on the Broncos' practice squad
Josh Johnson	San Diego	Cincinnati	QB	Began the season on the Bengals' practice squad
Zion Johnson	Davidson	Cleveland	OG	Started and saw action on 100% offensive snaps in the Browns' win against Houston
Dalton Kincaid	San Diego	Buffalo	TE	Had 2 receptions for 58 yards in the Bills' win at the New York Jets
Jason Myers	Marist	Seattle	K	Made 3 PATs in the Seahawks win at Las Vegas
Ja'seem Reed	San Diego	Carolina	WR	Returned to practice squad before the Panthers' Week 5 game
Adam Trautman	Dayton	Denver	TE	The Broncos had their bye week in Week 10
Eric Saubert	Drake	Seattle	TE	Started and played 26 offensive snaps in the Seahawks win at Las Vegas
Alumnus	**PFL School**	**UFL Team**	**Pos.**	**2026 Summary**
Donald Payne	Stetson	Dallas	DE	56 tackles in 10 games

PFL INDIVIDUAL OFFENSIVE SUPERLATIVES: LAST 25

400+ PASSING YARDS

YDS	Player	Team	Opponent	Date
434	Riley Warzynski	Drake	at St. Thomas	11/14/26
471	Dom Nankil	San Diego	at Dayton	10/24/26
535	Riley Warzynski	Drake	vs. S.D. Mines	8/27/26
463	David Parsons	Morehead St.	vs. Ohio Dominican	8/27/26
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

200+ RECEIVING YARDS

YDS	Player	Team	Opponent	Date
204	Elijah Taylor	San Diego	at Dayton	10/24/26
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

200+ RUSHING YARDS

YDS	Player	Team	Opponent	Date
233	Joseph Koch	St. Thomas	vs. Drake	11/14/26
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
313	**Sean Bennett**	**Evansville**	**vs San Diego**	**10/19/96**

30+ POINTS

PTS	Player	Team	Opponent	Date
30	Joseph Koch	St. Thomas	vs. Drake	11/14/26
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
16	Emiliano Salazar [4/2]	San Diego	at Drake	11/7/26
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	Jace Williamson	Marist	at San Diego	10/31/26
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 Guzenski	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
93	Lucci Fidone	St. Thomas	vs. Drake	11/14/26
97	LeRoy Lewis IV	Dayton	San Diego	10/24/26
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

60+ YARD PUNT RETURNS

Yds	Player	Team	Opponent	Date
65	Landon Farco	Stetson	vs. Valparaiso	11/14/26
95	Chris Gundy	Valparaiso	Morehead St.	10/3/26
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

FCS POLLS

STATS PERFORM MEDIA

RK	TEAM	W-L	PTS	PVS
1.	Tarleton St. (46)	11-0	1,413	1
2.	Montana St. (5)	10-1	1,358	2
3.	South Dakota St. (6)	9-2	1,331	4
4.	Lamar	9-2	1,198	T-7
5.	Stephen F. Austin	10-1	1,155	T-7
6.	Youngstown St.	8-3	1,081	3
7.	South Dakota	8-3	1,080	10
8.	Montana	8-3	946	12
9.	Mercer	9-2	932	13
10.	North Dakota	7-4	912	11
11.	Illinois St.	8-3	886	15
12.	Northern Arizona	8-3	883	5
13.	Tennessee Tech	9-2	708	9
14.	Austin Peay	8-3	689	6
15.	Weber St.	7-4	656	18
16.	Lehigh	9-2	583	17
17.	Harvard	8-1	514	T-19
18.	Monmouth	8-3	353	14
19.	Abilene Christian	6-5	344	24
20.	South Carolina St.	9-2	333	20
21.	UIW	7-4	268	22
22.	Campbell	8-3	249	16
23.	UC Davis	7-4	205	23
24.	**Dayton**	**9-1**	**103**	**NR**
25.	Idaho St.	6-5	86	21

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES
ETSU 65; Chattanooga 59; UAlbany 31; North Alabama 27; Alabama A&M 25; Western Illinois 16; Bryant 14; Holy Cross 2; Southeast Missouri 2.

AFCA COACHES

RK	TEAM (1sts)	W-L	PTS	PVS
1.	Tarleton St. (26)	11-0	650	1
2.	Montana St.	10-1	619	2
3.	South Dakota St.	9-2	601	4
4.	Stephen F. Austin	10-1	567	7
5.	Lamar	9-2	514	8
6.	South Dakota	8-3	501	10
7.	Mercer	9-2	478	11
8.	Youngstown St.	8-3	461	3
9.	Montana	8-3	396	T12
10.	Northern Arizona	8-3	366	5
11.	North Dakota	7-4	355	T12
12.	Tennessee Tech	9-2	338	9
13.	Illinois St.	8-3	336	17
14.	Austin Peay	8-3	330	6
15.	Lehigh	9-2	329	15
16.	Weber St.	7-4	261	20
17.	Harvard	8-1	243	19
18.	South Carolina St.	9-2	233	18
19.	Abilene Christian	6-5	163	24
20.	Monmouth (N.J.)	8-3	138	14
21.	Campbell	8-3	100	16
22.	UAlbany	7-4	99	25
23.	UC Davis	7-4	73	NR
24.	UIW	7-4	57	NR
25.	Idaho St.	6-5	46	21

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES
East Tennessee St. 39; **Dayton 37**; Chattanooga 34; Bryant 21; North Alabama 21; Alabama A&M 11; Jackson St. 9; **Butler 6**; Morgan St. 6; Brown 4; Holy Cross 4; Central Connecticut St. 3; Princeton 1.

LAST PFL WIN vs. FCS CONFERENCE MEMBER

Conference	Last PFL Win vs.	Record vs. in 2026	Record vs. Since 2000
Big Sky	**St. Thomas def. Southern Utah, 28-26 (9/19/26)** **San Diego def. Cal Poly, 38-35 (9/19/26)**	2-5	7-41
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)	0-1	9-35
MEAC	—		0-1
MVFC	Butler def. Murray State, 19-17 (9/7/24)	0-5	5-68
Northeast	Dayton def. Robert Morris, 17-14 (9/20/25)	0-1	42-39
Ohio Valley	St. Thomas def. Lindenwood, 35-13 (8/28/25)	0-1	4-28
Patriot	Davidson def. Georgetown, 27-20 (8/31/19)	0-1	13-38
Southern	**Davidson def. VMI, 27-24 (OT, 9/19/26)**	1-3	5-29
Southland	—		0-3
SWAC	—	0-1	0-1
United	**Dayton def. Eastern Kentucky, 17-14 (9/19/26)**	1-1	2-7
Independents	**Butler def. Chicago State, 47-20 (9/19/26)**	1-0	13-24
ALL FCS	**—**	**5-18**	**118-363**
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		12-3	293-118

NOTES FROM ACROSS THE LEAGUE

RETURNING FIRST TEAM ALL-PFL SELECTIONS JAKSIC & LOCHOW HIGHLIGHT PRESEASON ALL-PFL SQUADS

University of Dayton all-purpose back Gavin Lochow and defensive lineman Mirko Jaksic, both returning First Team All-Pioneer Football League selections, highlighted the 2026 Preseason All-PFL Team, presented Tuesday.

Lochow, a senior from Proctorville, Ohio, is a Preseason All-PFL selection for the second consecutive year. He followed his 2026 preseason selection by earning First Team All-PFL after ranking third with 118.0 all-purpose yards per game. Jaksic, a senior from Norridge, Illinois, also returns after earning First Team All-PFL honors in 2025. He finished last season with 33 total tackles, 6.5 tackles for loss and two sacks.

Lochow and Jaksic are among seven returning First Team All-PFL selections from 2025. The other five returning first-teamers are San Diego running back Adam Criter, St. Thomas fullback Luke Schuler, Butler offensive lineman Charles Mackley, San Diego offensive lineman Maicah Talavou, and San Diego punter Emiliano Salazar.

PAIR OF NEW FACES LEAD PFL SQUADS

The top two teams in the 2025 PFL race will enter 2026 with new faces leading the way. Defending champion Drake turned to Matt Walker, who led Wisconsin-River Falls to the 2025 NCAA Division III National Championship. Presbyterian elevated former offensive line coach Matt Rahl to head coach during the offseason. Meanwhile, St. Thomas head coach Glenn Caruso remains the PFL's longest-serving head coach in the PFL as he begins his sixth PFL season with the Tommies (17th overall). Dayton's Steve Andrew is next at four seasons. **See PFL Coaching Records on page 7.**

DAYTON'S LOCHOW NAMED TO WALTER PAYTON AWARD PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Dayton senior all-purpose back Gavin Lochow was named to the 40th-anniversary Walter Payton Award Preseason Watch List, presented annually by Stats Perform to the National Offensive Player of the Year in Division I FCS college football. Lochow also picked up Stats Perform FCS Preseason Third Team All-America honors. He led the Flyers in receiving yards and kick returns while adding 362 rushing yards and two scores in 2025. He was named First Team All-PFL as a receiver and special teamer, and was named Dayton's team MVP. The Proctorville, Ohio native will once again play a major role for UD on offense and special teams this season.

FLYER'S JAKSIC A MEMBER OF BUCK BUCHANAN AWARD PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Dayton senior defensive lineman Mirko Jaksic was one of 30 student-athletes named to the 2026 Buck Buchanan Award Preseason Watch List. The Norridge, Illinois native posted career-highs with 11 starts, 33 tackles, 6.5 tackles for loss, and two sacks in 2025.

SAN DIEGO'S SALAZAR DOUBLE DIPS ON PRESEASON WATCH LISTS

San Diego junior kicker and punter Emiliano Salazar earned double preseason recognition this summer. In early August, he was named to the 2026 Preseason Watch List for the 18th Annual Fred Mitchell Award, recognizing the nation's top placekicker outside the Division I FBS ranks. Salazar was then named one of 14 FCS punters named to the Augusta Sports Council's Preseason Watch List for the 2026 FCS Punter of the Year Award.

Salazar is the reigning PFL Special Teams Player of the Year, after finishing last season with 15-of-18 field goals and all 40 of his PATs, while averaging 44.76 yards per punt, with 13 of his 37 punts going for 50-plus yards; he also handled kickoff duties for the Toreros. Salazar finished the season second in punting average among PFL punters, thanks to his league-leading 50-yard punt count, and was one of three kickers to score 15 field goals during the season.

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.

PFL vs. FCS NONCONFERENCE

BIG SKY (2-5)

S05	at Montana 45, Drake 10
S05	at Montana State 51, Butler 24
S05	UC Davis 49, at San Diego 17
S12	at Idaho State 59, San Diego 17
S19	Southern Utah at St. Thomas
S19	San Diego 38, at Cal Poly 35
S19	at St. Thomas 28, Southern Utah 26
S19	at UC Davis 45, Stetson 7

INDEPENDENT (1-0)

S19	at Butler 47, Chicago State 20

IVY (0-1)

O09	Columbia 41, at Marist 28

MVFC (0-5)

A29	at South Dakota St. 70, Stetson 7
S05	at North Dakota 62, St. Thomas 26
S12	at Northern Iowa 56, Drake 14
S12	at Murray State 27, Valparaiso 18
S19	at Indiana State 39, Valparaiso 16

NORTHEAST (0-1)

A28	at New Haven 22, Marist 21

OHIO VALLEY (0-1)

S19	at Western Illinois 59, Morehead State 2

PATRIOT (0-1)

S12	at Lafayette 13, Marist 9

SOUTHERN (1-3)

S05	at Mercer 62, Presbyterian 3
S05	at Elon 38, Davidson 0
S19	at Davidson 27, VMI 24 (OT)
S19	at Western Carolina 58, Presbyterian 14

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC (0-1)

S12	at Bethune-Cookman 43, Stetson 18

UNITED ATHLETIC (1-1)

S12	at Austin Peay 63, Morehead State 7
S19	Dayton 17, at Eastern Kentucky 14

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

NCAA FCS PLAYOFF APPEARANCES

Team	NO.	RECORD	YEARS
San Diego	5	2-5	2014, **2016**, **2017**, 2018, 2019
Davidson	3	0-3	2020(s), 2021, 2022
Drake	3	0-3	2023, 2024, 2025
Butler	1	0-1	2013
Dayton	1	0-1	2015

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**
2025: at South Dakota 38, **Drake 17**

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