

CURRENT STANDINGS

Team	PFL							OVERALL						
	W-L	PCT	PF	PA	H	A	STR	W-L	PCT	PF	PA	H	A/N	STR
Butler	1-0	1.000	33	28	0-0	1-0	W2	4-1	.800	183	122	3-0	1-1	W3
St. Thomas	1-0	1.000	50	17	1-0	0-0	W1	4-1	.800	175	128	4-0	0-1	W3
Marist	1-0	1.000	42	7	1-0	0-0	W1	2-2	.500	99	60	2-0	0-2	W1
Drake	1-0	1.000	51	32	0-0	1-0	W3	1-3	.250	110	171	0-1	1-2	W1
Dayton	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	W1	3-0	1.000	90	41	2-0	1-0	W3
Morehead State	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	L1	1-3	.250	124	188	1-1	0-2	L2
Stetson	0-0	—	0	0	0-0	0-0	L5	1-3	.250	77	168	1-0	0-3	L2
Davidson	0-1	.000	32	51	0-1	0-0	L3	2-3	.400	122	168	2-3	0-0	L1
Presbyterian	0-1	.000	7	42	0-0	0-1	L1	1-3	.250	71	199	1-0	0-3	L3
San Diego	0-1	.000	17	50	0-0	0-1	L1	1-3	.250	89	193	0-1	1-2	L1
Valparaiso	0-1	.000	28	33	0-1	0-0	L2	1-3	.250	121	112	1-1	0-2	L3

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, SEPT. 26	Kickoff (ET)	Series	Streak	Last Meeting
St. Thomas at Presbyterian	12 PM	UST, 2-1	PC, W1	Presbyterian def. St. Thomas, 23-9 (11/15/2025)
Dayton at Drake	1 PM	UD, 11-8	DU, W1	Drake def. Dayton, 14-6 (11/15/2025)
Valparaiso at Morehead State	1 PM	MSU, 26-5	MSU, W3	Morehead State def. Valparaiso, 17-13 (10/25/2025)
Marist at Stetson	1 PM	MU, 10-2	MU, W6	Marist def. Stetson, 41-13 (11/8/2025)
Davidson at San Diego	4 PM	USD, 16-5	USD, W2	San Diego def. Davidson, 40-28 (10/25/2025)

PFL NOTES

- After lifting the lid on the 2026 championship race last week, the PFL puts a full five-game slate on the table for Week 5. Unbeaten Dayton gets its first taste of PFL play and travels to meet a surging Drake squad that notched its first win of 2026 last week. Morehead State and Stetson also open their PFL schedules at home this week; the Eagles host Valparaiso, and the Hatters host Marist. Fresh off its PFL-opening win at home, St. Thomas heads east to face Presbyterian. The late game out west sees Davidson make the cross-country trek to meet San Diego.
- The opening week of PFL play saw two of the league's preseason Top 3 teams make big statements, with St. Thomas upsetting preseason favorite San Diego in Saint Paul, while Drake powered to its first win of 2026 on the road. Butler also picked up a key road win and took the Hoosier Helmet back to Indianapolis, and Marist stayed unbeaten at home.
- St. Thomas was the Stats Perform FCS National Team of the Week following Week 4 action after downing San Diego at home. Quarterback Nick 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.
- 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 (Cal Poly and Southern Utah, respectively), Dayton upset a United Athletic Conference foe (Eastern Kentucky), Davidson rallied to upend a Southern Conference member (VMI), and Butler picked off an FCS independent (Chicago State).
- 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 PFL welcomes two new head coaches in 2026: Drake's Matt Walker and Presbyterian's Matt Rahl. The league has seen 9 of its 11 head coaches join the league in the past three seasons. St. Thomas head coach Glenn Caruso is the dean of PFL head coaches as he begins his sixth PFL season and 17th at St. Thomas. Dayton head coach Trevor Andrews starts his fourth season, making him the league's second-longest-tenured head coach.
- San Diego is 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



Riley Warzynski, Drake

Graduate, Quarterback, Stevens Point, Wisconsin

In just three quarters of action, Warzynski completed 31-of-48 passes for 371 yards and three touchdowns, powering Drake to its first win of 2026 with a 51-32 victory at Davidson. He also carried the ball eight times for 44 yards and was responsible for 22 first downs or touchdowns. Warzynski led the Bulldogs to touchdowns on their first four drives, capping two with touchdown tosses of 15 and 37 yards to Willis Nofsinger, who had nine receptions for 127 yards and two scores. His 24-yard touchdown pass to Aiden Garcia punctuated the third quarter's opening drive and gave Drake a 38-14 lead.

DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Chase Hatton, Marist

Sophomore, Safety, West Chester, Pennsylvania

Hatton led the Marist with six tackles (four solo), and the Red Foxes' defense allowed just 232 yards in a 42-7 victory against Presbyterian. He also had a half tackle for loss and a pass breakup. Hatton started the day with a key tackle short of first down in the first quarter. His stop behind the line of scrimmage on first down put the Blue Hose behind the chains and ultimately led to a punt that was blocked and returned for a score. Hatton capped his day with a fourth-quarter pass breakup on third down to halt a drive that reached Marist territory. Thanks to Hatton and the Red Foxes' defense, Presbyterian ventured into Marist territory only three times in 10 drives.

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Beck Janki, Butler

Junior, Kicker, Atlanta, Georgia

Janki connected on 2-of-3 field goals and three PATs in Butler's 33-28 come-from-behind victory at Valparaiso. He opened the scoring with a career-long 41-yard field goal to convert an early Butler defensive takeaway. Janki then kicked three PATs before capping his day with a 40-yard field goal that gave the Bulldogs a 27-21 lead midway through the fourth quarter.

FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK



Nick Peipert, St. Thomas

Freshman (RS), Quarterback, Barrington, Illinois

Peipert was responsible for five touchdowns to lead St. Thomas past San Diego, 50-17. He completed 12-of-18 passes for 239 yards (19.9 yards per completion) and three touchdowns and ran for two touchdowns on five carries totaling 51 yards. After leading the Tommies to a touchdown on their second drive of the game, Peipert found Stefano Giovannelli for a 75-yard touchdown to convert a turnover on downs forced by the Tommies' defense. He added a 25-yard touchdown run and a 28-7 lead midway through the second quarter. In the second half, he found Eli Paulson for a 17-yard touchdown pass and finished the scoring with a seven-yard touchdown run.

NOTES FROM ACROSS THE LEAGUE

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 Nick 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.

WITH A FLOURISH AT THE END

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THREE PFL ATHLETES NAMED CAMPBELL TROPHY SEMIFINALISTS

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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.

RED FOXES, BEACONS KICK BLOCKING LEADERS

Marist and Valparaiso, along with Weber State, lead the FCS ranks with five blocked kicks this season. The Red Foxes also lead the FCS with four blocked punts and have blocked a kick in all four games this season, including two against Presbyterian. The Beacons are No. 2 nationally with three blocked punts and blocked five kicks in their first three games before Butler ended the streak.

DRAKE'S PASSING PROWESS

After entering PFL play ranked No. 3 among FCS teams in passing offense the Bulldogs move into the top spot this week, averaging 368.8 passing yards per game. Drake has posted at least 250 passing yards in all four games this season, including a FCS-best 535 passing yards in its season opener against South Dakota Mines. Quarterback Riley Warzynski leads all FCS signal callers in passing yards (349.8 ypg) and total offense (352.3 ypg).

FLYERS' BROOKS AMONG FCS PICKS LEADERS

Junior Javawn Brooks leads the Dayton defense with three interceptions in three games, and his 1.00 picks per game are No. 3 among FCS defenders. He notched two picks in a Week Zero season opener against Fairmont State and added his third against Thomas More in Week 2. Brooks trails Ivy League defensive backs Xaden Benson (Harvard) and Tommy MacPherson (Cornell) who have each played two games.

THE LAVELLE FLYER

Dayton junior punter Ben Lavelle has shown off his leg, posting an FCS-leading 50.5 yards per punt on 12 kicks this season, including seven 50-yarders this season, plus a 62-yard punt in the Flyers' season opener. Lavelle has also seen four punts downed inside the 20-yard line. Meanwhile, Dayton opponents have attempted only one return, with four fair catches and one touchback.

BULLDOGS' FLOOD, BEACONS' SAMUEL AMONG TACKLE LEADERS

Drake graduate student J.R. Flood and Valparaiso redshirt junior Max Samuel are among the FCS leaders in total tackles and tackles for loss, respectively, entering this weekend's action. Flood began 2026 with a stellar 18-tackle outing for the Bulldogs and enters the weekend ranked seventh among FCS tacklers at 10.5 tackles per game. Samuel posted 3.5 tackles for loss against Butler, pushing his season total to 9.0 TFL and is second in the FCS at 2.25 tackles for loss per game.

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.



PREFERRED NOMENCLATURE

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

PIONEER-FOOTBALL.ORG

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

PFL ON TWITTER @PFLNews

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

WEEKLY RELEASE AND STATISTICS

Each week the PFL produces a weekly release in two versions, an initial Sunday Release and a final Weekly Release sent each 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	Nick Peipert (RFr., QB)	St. Thomas
W3	Casey Bullock (Jr., QB)	Davidson
W4	Riley Warzynski (Gr., QB)	Drake
W5		
W6		
W7		
W8		
W9		
W10		
W11		
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		
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W11		
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		
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W11		
W12		

FRESHMAN

W0	Dylan Kelly (Fr., DB)	Stetson
W1	Cross Watson (Fr., WR)	Morehead St.
W2	Nick Peipert (RFr., QB)	St. Thomas
W3	Nick Peipert (RFr., QB)	St. Thomas
W4	Nick Peipert (RFr., QB)	St. Thomas
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† - Named STATS FCS National Player of the Week
‡ - Named STATS FCS Freshman of the Week

NOTES FROM ACROSS THE LEAGUE

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.

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 PRE-SEASON 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 PRE-SEASON 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.

2026 COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

All times Eastern. • - PFL Contest

Week 0: Thursday, Aug. 27

South Dakota Mines def. Drake, 38-35
Ohio Dominican def. Morehead St., 42-40 (3OT)
Concord def. Davidson, 41-35
Presbyterian def. UVA Wise, 47-37
St. Thomas def. 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 def. Chicago State, 47-20
Indiana State def. Valparaiso, 39-16
Davidson def. VMI, 27-24 (OT)
St. Thomas def. Southern Utah, 28-26
Western Carolina def. Presbyterian, 58-14
Dayton def. Eastern Kentucky, 17-14
Western Illinois def. Morehead State, 59-2
San Diego def. Cal Poly, 38-35
UC Davis def. Stetson, 45-7

Week 4: Saturday, Sept. 26

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

Week 5: Saturday, Oct. 3

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

Week 6: Friday, Oct. 9

Columbia at Marist, 7 p.m.

Week 6: Saturday, Oct. 10

• Morehead State at Dayton, Noon
• San Diego at Butler, 1 p.m.
• Stetson at St. Thomas, 2 p.m.
• Drake at Valparaiso, 2 p.m.
• Davidson at Presbyterian, 5:30 p.m.

Week 7: Saturday, Oct. 17

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

Week 8: Saturday, Oct. 24

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

Week 9: Saturday, Oct. 31

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

Week 10: Saturday, Nov. 7

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

Week 11: Saturday, Nov. 14

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

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 or Defense).

TEAM-BY-TEAM SCHEDULES AND RESULTS

BUTLER BULLDOGS

4-1 OVERALL

1-0 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				1:00 PM
O17		Dayton				1:00 PM
O24		at Drake				12:00 PM
O31		at Presbyterian				1:00 PM
N07		St. Thomas				1:00 PM
N14		at Marist				12:00 PM
N21		Morehead State				1:00 PM

DAVIDSON WILDCATS

2-3 OVERALL

0-1 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				4:00 PM
O10		at Presbyterian				5:30 PM
O17		Morehead State				1:00 PM
O31		at St. Thomas				2:00 PM
N07		Stetson				1:00 PM
N14		at Dayton				12:00 PM
N21		Marist				1:00 PM

DAYTON FLYERS

3-0 OVERALL

0-0 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				1:00 PM
O10		Morehead State				12:00 PM
O17		at Butler				1:00 PM
O24		San Diego				12:00 PM
O31		at Stetson				1:00 PM
N07		Valparaiso				12:00 PM
N14		Davidson				12:00 PM
N21		at Presbyterian				1:00 PM

DRAKE BULLDOGS

1-3 OVERALL

1-0 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				1:00 PM
O10		at Valparaiso				2:00 PM
O17		Marist				12:00 PM
O24		Butler				12:00 PM
O31		at Morehead State				1:00 PM
N07		San Diego				1:00 PM
N14		at St. Thomas				2:00 PM

MARIST RED FOXES

2-2 OVERALL

1-0 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				1:00 PM
O09		Columbia				7:00 PM
O17		at Drake				12:00 PM
O24		St. Thomas				12:00 PM
O31		at San Diego				4:00 PM
N07		Morehead State				12:00 PM
N14		Butler				12:00 PM
N21		at Davidson				1:00 PM

MOREHEAD STATE EAGLES

1-3 OVERALL

0-0 PFL

Date	[TM RNK]	Opponent	[RANK]	W/L	SCORE	TIME / ATT
A27		Ohio Dominican	(307)	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				1:00 PM
O10		at Dayton				12:00 PM
O17		at Davidson				1:00 PM
O24		Stetson				2:00 PM
O31		Drake				1:00 PM
N07		at Marist				12:00 PM
N14		Presbyterian				12:00 PM
N21		at Butler				1:00 PM

PFL ACTIVE WIN STREAKS

FCS Ranking in parentheses, where applicable

Consecutive Overall Wins
4 Dayton (t-6th)
3 Butler
3 St. Thomas

Consecutive PFL Wins
3 Drake
2 Butler

Consecutive Home Wins
9 Presbyterian (t-5th)
4 Butler
4 Marist
4 St. Thomas
2 Dayton

Consecutive Road Wins
2 Dayton (t-8th)

TEAM-BY-TEAM SCHEDULES AND RESULTS

PRESBYTERIAN BLUE HOSE

1-3 OVERALL

0-1 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]			1:00 PM
O10		Davidson				5:30 PM
O17		at Stetson				2:00 PM
O24		at Valparaiso				12:00 PM
O31		Butler				1:00 PM
N14		at Morehead State				12:00 PM
N21		Dayton				1:00 PM

ST. THOMAS TOMMIES

4-1 OVERALL

1-0 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		San Diego	[--/RV]	W	50-17	3,866
O03		at Presbyterian				1:00 PM
O10		Stetson				2:00 PM
O24		at Marist				12:00 PM
O31		Davidson				2:00 PM
N07		at Butler				1:00 PM
N14		Drake				2:00 PM
N21		at Valparaiso				2:00 PM

SAN DIEGO TOREROS

1-3 OVERALL

0-1 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		at Cal Poly	[RV/RV]	W	38-35	10,259
S26		at St. Thomas	[--/RV]	L	17-50	3,866
O03		Davidson				4:00 PM
O10		at Butler				1:00 PM
O17		Valparaiso				4:00 PM
O24		at Dayton				12:00 PM
O31		Marist				4:00 PM
N07		at Drake				1:00 PM
N21		Stetson				8:00 PM

STETSON HATTERS

1-3 OVERALL

0-0 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				1:00 PM
O10		at St. Thomas				2:00 PM
O17		Presbyterian				2:00 PM
O24		at Morehead State				2:00 PM
O31		Dayton				1:00 PM
N07		at Davidson				1:00 PM
N14		Valparaiso				1:00 PM
N21		at San Diego				8:00 PM

VALPARAISO BEACONS

1-3 OVERALL

0-1 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				1:00 PM
O10		Drake				2:00 PM
O17		at San Diego				4:00 PM
O24		Presbyterian				12:00 PM
N07		at Dayton				12:00 PM
N14		at Stetson				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	9-23	8-25	5-4	10-10	1-2	2-3	6-22	5-1	19-16
Davidson	8-7	—	2-14	3-10	3-11	10-15	5-0	1-2	4-14	7-6	7-5
Dayton	23-9	14-2	—	20-10	12-3	12-7	3-2	0-2	16-14	6-1	27-5
Drake	25-8	10-3	10-20	—	11-2	11-3	2-0	2-3	14-19	5-2	29-5
Marist	4-4	11-3	3-12	2-11	—	5-4	4-2	0-5	2-12	10-2	10-3
Morehead State	11-10	15-10	7-12	3-10	4-5	—	3-2	1-1	0-16	4-4	17-3
Presbyterian	2-1	0-5	2-3	0-2	2-4	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	2-4	—	11-0	21-7
St. Thomas	3-2	2-1	2-0	3-2	5-0	1-1	2-1	—	4-2	5-0	5-0
Stetson	1-6	6-7	1-6	2-6	2-10	4-4	3-2	0-5	0-12	—	2-5
Valparaiso	16-19	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	2nd	9-7	.563	2nd	9-7	.563	4-4	.500
Saj Thakkar	Davidson	4th	18-18	.500	2nd	4-12	.250	1-7	.125
Trevor Andrews	Dayton	4th	19-16	.543	4th	19-16	.543	10-13	.435
Matt Walker	Drake	18th	90-91	.497	1st	1-3	.250	1-0	1.000
Mike Willis	Marist	3rd	9-18	.333	3rd	9-18	.333	5-11	.313
Jason Woodman	Morehead State	13th	74-60	.552	3rd	14-13	.519	9-6	.600
Matt Rahl	Presbyterian	1st	1-3	.250	1st	1-3	.250	0-1	.000
Glenn Caruso	St. Thomas	21st	174-51	.773	17th	168-39	.812	32-9	.780
Brandon Moore	San Diego	5th	33-20	.623	4th	19-18	.514	14-10	.583
Mike Jasper	Stetson	8th	48-32	.600	2nd	4-12	.250	2-6	.250
Andy Waddle	Valparaiso	14th	58-73	.443	2nd	3-12	.200	1-7	.125

PFL & ALL-TIME RECORDS BY TEAM

Team	PFL ONLY				ALL-TIME	
	Seasons	Gms	W-L	Pct.	Seasons	W-L-T
Butler	33	214	87-127	.407	137	625-508-35
Davidson	25	169	64-105	.379	129	473-659-45
Dayton	32	207	147-60	.710	118	718-400-25
Drake	33	212	142-70	.670	133	656-553-29
Marist	16	129	63-66	.488	47	206-267-3
Morehead State	25	170	80-90	.471	97	382-520-22
Presbyterian	5	41	12-29	.293	114	533-562-35
St. Thomas	33	212	145-60	.707	120	663-367-32
San Diego	5	41	32-9	.780	60	353-243-6
Stetson	13	97	25-72	.258	62	205-217-27
Valparaiso	33	213	60-153	.282	106	408-551-27

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	52-0 vs. Franklin (2026)	2	0-36 at St. Thomas (2021)	57
DAV	48-0 vs. Greensboro (2025)	12	0-38 vs. Elon (2026)	3
DAY	38-0 vs. Thomas More (2025)	11	0-31 at Butler (2022)	34
DRA	45-0 vs. St. Thomas (2025)	10	0-7 at Marist (2021)	50
MAR	7-0 at Drake (2021)	50	0-45 at St. Thomas (2025)	6
MOR	34-0 vs. Davidson (2015)	119	0-41 at Presbyterian (2025)	10
PRE	41-0 vs. Morehead St. (2025)	10	0-63 at Austin Peay (2022)	48
STT	45-0 vs. Marist (2025)	7	0-64 at Lindenwood (2024)	24
SAN	58-0 vs. La Verne (2022)	47	0-41 at Dayton (1999)	289
STE	35-0 vs. Warner (2024)	24	0-35 at Harvard (2024)	12
VAL	54-0 at Wisconsin Lutheran (2006)	217	0-41 at Drake (2025)	10

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	6-7	(W) 27-24 [OT] vs. VMI (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	4-4	(L) 40-42 [3OT] vs. Ohio Dominican (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 Carolina
Dalton Kincaid	San Diego	Buffalo	TE	Started and had two receptions for 38 yards in the Bills' win against the L.A. Chargers
Jason Myers	Marist	Seattle	K	Connected on a 57-yarder and a PAT in the Seahawks' loss at Washington
Ja'seem Reed	San Diego	Carolina	WR	Began the season the Panthers' practice squad
Adam Trautman	Dayton	Denver	TE	Started and played on 27 offensive snaps in the Broncos' win against the L.A. Rams
Eric Saubert	Drake	Seattle	TE	Had one reception for a 13-yard touchdown in the Seahawks' loss at Washington
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
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
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

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

FCS POLLS

STATS PERFORM MEDIA

RK	TEAM (1sts)	W-L	PTS	PVS
1.	Montana State (49)	5-0	1417	1
2.	South Dakota State (8)	4-1	1365	2
3.	Montana	4-1	1284	5
4.	Tarleton State	4-0	1273	4
5.	North Dakota	4-1	1105	7
6.	Lehigh	5-0	1093	6
7.	Stephen F. Austin	5-0	1078	9
8.	Youngstown State	3-2	1035	11
9.	Tennessee Tech	4-0	950	12
10.	Illinois State	4-1	905	3
11.	Austin Peay	4-1	876	13
12.	Idaho State	4-0	777	14
13.	South Dakota	3-2	756	8
14.	Lamar	3-1	702	15
15.	South Carolina State	5-0	637	16
16.	UC Davis	3-2	558	10
17.	West Florida	3-1	409	20
18.	Campbell	4-1	385	22
19.	Northern Arizona	3-2	371	18
20.	Harvard	2-0	305	21
21.	Southern Illinois	3-2	249	24
22.	Colgate	4-1	222	NR
23.	Mercer	3-2	147	25
24.	Richmond	4-1	134	NR
25.	Jackson State	4-0	103	NR

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES

Alabama State 88; Elon 78; Stony Brook 45; Yale 42; Southeastern Louisiana 38; Northern Iowa 29; Monmouth 24; Rhode Island 10; Villanova 6; Morgan State 5; William & Mary 5; Cornell 2.

AFCA COACHES

RK	TEAM (1sts)	W-L	PTS	PVS
1.	Montana St. (25)	5-0	625	1
2.	South Dakota St.	4-1	590	2
3.	Tarleton St.	4-0	568	3
4.	Montana	4-1	550	t-4
5.	Stephen F. Austin	5-0	521	6
6.	Lehigh	5-0	484	7
7.	North Dakota	4-1	467	8
8.	Tennessee Tech	4-0	429	10
9.	Austin Peay	4-1	420	11
10.	Youngstown St.	3-2	386	13
11.	Illinois St.	4-1	370	t-4
12.	South Carolina St.	5-0	329	14
13.	Lamar	3-1	322	15
14.	Idaho St.	4-0	311	16
15.	UC Davis	3-2	236	9
16.	South Dakota	3-2	223	12
17.	Richmond	4-1	196	19
18.	West Florida	3-1	193	20
19.	Northern Arizona	3-2	175	17
20.	Colgate	4-1	155	t-23
21.	Mercer	3-2	117	t-23
22.	Harvard	2-0	82	25
23.	Jackson St.	4-0	72	NR
24.	Campbell	4-1	71	NR
25.	Southern Illinois	3-2	57	NR

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES

Elon 55; Yale 22; Alabama St. 19; Prairie View A&M 17; Southeastern Louisiana 14; UT Rio Grande Valley 7; Furman 6; Monmouth (N.J.) 6; Chattanooga 5; Stony Brook 5; Cal Poly 4; Dartmouth 4; **St. Thomas 4**; Cal Poly 4; Delaware St. 3; Villanova 2; Bryant 1; Northern Iowa 1; UIW 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)		9-34
MEAC	—		0-1
MVFC	Butler def. Murray State, 19-17 (9/7/24)	0-4	5-67
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	—	5-17	118-362

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

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.

VALPO CAPTAIN MARK JOHNSON MAKES SELFLESS BONE MARROW DONATION

Valparaiso senior defensive back Mark Johnson made a life-saving decision during the summer, 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.

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
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IVY (0-0)

O09	Columbia at Marist
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MVFC (0-4)

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	Valparaiso at Indiana State

NORTHEAST (0-1)

A28	at New Haven 22, Marist 21
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OHIO VALLEY (0-1)

S19	at Western Illinois 59, Morehead State 2
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PATRIOT (0-1)

S12	at Lafayette 13, Marist 9
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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
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UNITED ATHLETIC (1-1)

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