



August 26, 2013

2013 BIG SKY CONFERENCE FOOTBALL STANDINGS

	BIG SKY GAMES					ALL GAMES					STREAK
	W	L	PCT.	PF	PA	W	L	PCT.	PF	PA	
Cal Poly	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Lost 1
Eastern Washington	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Lost 1
Idaho State	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Lost 9
Montana	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Lost 1
Montana State	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Lost 1
North Dakota	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Lost 1
Northern Arizona	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Lost 1
Northern Colorado	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Won 3
Portland State	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Lost 3
Sacramento State	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Lost 2
Southern Utah	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Won 1
UC Davis	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Won 1
Weber State	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Won 1

THIS WEEK'S SKY HIGHLIGHTS

The 51st season of Big Sky Conference football opens on Thursday with five teams in action...Three-time co-defending Big Sky champion and second-ranked Montana State opens at home against Monmouth, an FCS Independent. North Dakota plays host to Valparaiso of the FCS Pioneer Football League, while Portland State is at home against Eastern Oregon...Sacramento State travels to San Jose State. It's the first ever meeting between the Hornets and Spartans...Southern Utah is at South Alabama of the FBS Sun Belt Conference...On Friday night, No. 18 Northern Arizona opens its season against Arizona on the Pac-12 Network...Six teams are in action on Saturday. The day features four Big Sky teams facing other FCS teams in non-conference action...No. 20 Montana plays host to Southern Conference power and No. 12 Appalachian State in a battle of two of the premier FCS powers of the last 20 years... No. 14 Cal Poly plays host to San Diego of the Pioneer League...Weber State welcomes Stephen F. Austin of the Southland Conference to Stewart Stadium... The Ron Gould era at UC Davis begins against Missouri Valley squad South Dakota and former Montana coach Joe Glenn...Northern Colorado opens its season against NAIA Langston. The Bears begin the the 2013 campaign riding a three-game winning streak...No. 4 Eastern Washington takes to the road to face Oregon State of the Pac-12. The game will air live on the Pac-12 Network...Idaho State opens its 2013 season next Saturday.

THIS WEEK'S SKY SCHEDULE

Thursday, Aug. 29 **Time**
 Southern Utah at South Alabama..... 6:35 p.m.
 Internet: ESPN3

Monmouth at #2 Montana State 7:05 p.m.
 TV: Max Media/Altitude (outside Montana) Internet: Watch Big Sky

Valparaiso at North Dakota..... 7:05 p.m.
 TV: Midco Sports Network. Internet: Watch Big Sky

Eastern Oregon at Portland State 7:05 p.m.
 Internet: Watch Big Sky

Sacramento State at San Jose State 7:05 p.m.
 Internet: www.themwc.com

Friday, Aug. 30 **Time**
 #18 Northern Arizona at Arizona 7:05 p.m.
 TV: Pac-12 Network.

Saturday, Aug. 31..... **Time**
 Langston at Northern Colorado 1:35 p.m.
 Internet: Watch Big Sky

UC Davis at South Dakota 2:05 p.m.
 TV: Midco Sports Network

#4 Eastern Washington at #25 Oregon State 3:05 p.m.
 TV: Pac-12 Network

San Diego at #14 Cal Poly..... 4:05 p.m.
 Internet: Watch Big Sky

Stephen F. Austin at Weber State 6:05 p.m.
 Internet: Watch Big Sky

#12 Appalachian State at #20 Montana 7:05 p.m.
 TV: Max Media Montana. Internet: ESPN3

Times Local to Site/Subject to Change

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Big Sky Weekly Release

The Big Sky Conference will produce a weekly football release every Monday during the 2013 season. Media can receive the releases as a PDF document via email by contacting Jon Kasper at 801.392.1978 ext. 16 or by email at jkasper@bigskyconference.org.

Internet

The official website of the Big Sky Conference can be accessed by visiting www.bigskyconf.com. Weekly game notes, news releases, statistics and standings are updated on the website. Football statistics are updated on Sunday mornings following Saturday games on the website.

Players of the Week

Each week of the 2013 season the Big Sky selects an offensive, defensive and special teams player of the week. Nominations are made by each institution's SIDs.

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2013 Big Sky Conference Football on ROOT SPORTS

The Big Sky's Official TV Partner

	Nov. 2	Montana St. at No. Colo., 1:30 p.m.
Sept. 26		
Cal Poly at Portland State, 7 p.m.	Nov. 9	Montana St. at E. Washington, Noon
Sept. 28		
Montana at Northern Arizona, 6 p.m.	Nov. 16	E. Washington at Cal Poly, 12:30 p.m.
Oct. 5		
Portland State at Montana, 1:30 p.m.	Nov. 23	Montana at Montana State, Noon
Oct. 19		Portland St. at E. Wash., 2:30 p.m.
Montana St. at Weber St., 3:30 p.m.		
Oct. 26		
E. Washington at Montana, 1:30 p.m.		<i>Times Local to Site</i>

Satellite Channels	DirecTV	Dish
ROOT SPORTS NORTHWEST	687	426
ROOT SPORTS ROCKY MOUNTAIN	683	414

ROOT SPORTS is also available through most cable providers. Big Sky games will also be shown live on

WEDNESDAY COACHES' CONFERENCE CALL

Each Wednesday during the 2013 football season, the Big Sky Conference will hold a conference call with the 13 league coaches. All media is encouraged to take advantage of having a set time to speak with the coaches each week. The call will begin at 10 a.m. Mountain, 9 a.m. Pacific. Each coach will be available for eight minutes. To take part in the call, please contact Jon Kasper at 801.392.1978 x-16 or by e-mail at jkasper@bigskyconference.org. Kasper will provide you with the call-in number and password.

Schedule

- 10:00 a.m. MNT (9:00 PCT) - Rob Ash, Montana State
- 10:08 a.m. MNT (9:08 PCT) - Chris Mussman, North Dakota
- 10:16 a.m. MNT (9:16 PCT) - Ed Lamb, Southern Utah
- 10:24 a.m. MNT (9:24 PCT) - Jody Sears, Weber State
- 10:32 a.m. MNT (9:32 PCT) - Mike Kramer, Idaho State
- 10:40 a.m. MNT (9:40 PCT) - Mick Delaney, Montana
- 10:48 a.m. MTN (9:48 PCT) - Earnest Collins Jr., No. Colorado
- 10:56 a.m. MTN (9:56 PCT) - Jerome Souers, No. Arizona
- 11:04 a.m. MTN (10:04 PCT) - Nigel Burton, Portland State
- 11:12 a.m. MTN (10:12 PCT) - Marshall Sperbeck, Sac State
- 11:20 a.m. MTN (10:20 PCT) - Beau Baldwin, E. Washington
- 11:28 a.m. MTN (10:28 PCT) - Tim Walsh, Cal Poly
- 11:36 a.m. MTN (10:36 PCT) - Ron Gould, UC Davis



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2013 TV SCHEDULE

ROOT SPORTS

Sept. 26 *Cal Poly at Portland State, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 28..... *Montana at Northern Arizona, 6 p.m.
 Oct. 5 *Portland St. at Montana, 1:30 p.m.
 Oct. 19..... *Montana St. at Weber State, 3:30 p.m.
 Oct. 26 *E. Washington at Montana, 1:30 p.m.
 Nov. 2..... *Montana State at No. Colorado, 1:30 p.m.
 Nov. 9.... *Montana State at E. Washington, 12:00 p.m.
 Nov. 16 *Eastern Washington at Cal Poly, 12:30 p.m.
 Nov. 23..... *Montana at Montana State, Noon
 Nov. 23..... *Portland St. at E. Washington, 2:30 p.m.

MAX MEDIA

Aug. 29..... Monmouth at Montana State, 7 p.m.
 Aug. 31..... Appalachian State at Montana, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 14..... Montana at North Dakota, 6 p.m.
 Sept. 14..... Colorado Mesa at Montana State, 1 p.m.
 Sept. 21... Oklahoma Panhandle St. at Montana, 1 p.m.
 Sept. 21.... Montana State at Stephen F. Austin, 6 p.m.
 Sept. 28... *Montana State at North Dakota, 2:30 p.m.
 Oct. 5 *Northern Arizona at Montana State, 2 p.m.
 Oct. 12..... *Montana at UC Davis, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 19..... *Cal Poly at Montana, 1:30 p.m.
 Oct. 26..... *UC Davis at Montana State, 2 p.m.
 Nov. 2 *Montana at Sacramento State, 1 p.m.
 Nov. 9..... Montana at South Dakota, 1 p.m.
 Nov. 16 *Weber State at Montana, 12 p.m.
 Nov. 16 *Southern Utah at Montana State

MidCo Sports Network

Aug. 29..... Valparaiso at North Dakota, 7 p.m.
 Aug. 31..... UC Davis at South Dakota, 2 p.m.
 Sept. 7 ... South Dakota State at North Dakota, 6 p.m.
 Sept. 14..... Montana at North Dakota, 6 p.m.
 Sept. 28... *Montana State at North Dakota, 2:30 p.m.
 Oct. 12..... *E. Washington at North Dakota, 2:30 p.m.
 Oct. 19* Sacramento State at North Dakota, 2:30 p.m.
 Nov. 9..... Montana at South Dakota, 1 p.m.
 Nov. 9..... *No. Colorado at North Dakota, 1 p.m.

NAU-TV/Fox Arizona Plus

Sept. 21..... South Dakota at Northern Arizona, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 19..... *Idaho State at Northern Arizona, 6 p.m.
 Nov. 2 *North Dakota at Northern Arizona, 4 p.m.
 Nov. 16 *No. Colorado at Northern Arizona, 4 p.m.

SWX

Sept. 7W. Oregon at Eastern Washington, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 5 *Weber State at Eastern Washington, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 19..... *S. Utah at Eastern Washington, 5 p.m.

Comcast Sports Net California

Nov. 23 *UC Davis at Sacramento State , 1 p.m.

PAC-12 Network

Aug. 30 Northern Arizona at Arizona, 7 p.m.
 Aug. 31.. Eastern Washington at Oregon State, 3 p.m.
 Sept. 5 Sacramento State at Arizona State, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 7 Portland State at Cal , 2 p.m.
 Sept. 7 Weber State at Utah, 12:00 p.m.
 Sept. 14..... Southern Utah at Washington State
 Sept. 21..... Idaho State at Washington, TBA

ESPN 3

Aug. 29 . Southern Utah at South Alabama, 6:30 p.m.
 Aug. 31..... Appalachian State at Montana, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 7 Cal Poly at Fresno State , 7 p.m.
 Sept. 7 Montana State at SMU, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 14..... Eastern Washington at Toledo, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 14..... Weber State at Utah State, 6 p.m.

Comcast Sports Net Houston

Sept. 28.... E. Washington at Sam Houston St., 2 p.m.

Comast Sports Net Northwest

Sept. 28 E. Washington at Sam Houston St., 2 p.m.

BYU-TV

Nov. 16 Idaho State at BYU, 1 p.m.

Altitude (Blacked out in Montana)

Aug. 29..... Monmouth at Montana State, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 14..... Colorado Mesa at Montana State 1 p.m.
 Nov. 9..... Montana at South Dakota, 1 p.m.

Times Local to Site





PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

SEPT. 2
OFFENSE
DEFENSE
SP. TEAMS

SEPT. 9
OFFENSE
DEFENSE
SP. TEAMS

SEPT. 16
OFFENSE
DEFENSE
SP. TEAMS

SEPT. 23
OFFENSE
DEFENSE
SP. TEAMS

SKY IN THE SAGARIN RATINGS

Here is a look at where the Big Sky teams rank in this week's Jeff Sagarin Ratings. On the left is their overall rank. On the right is their rank amongst FCS Teams: (Aug. 25)

88. Montana State.....	3
98. Eastern Washington	6
109. Montana.....	10
118. Cal Poly	15
123. Northern Arizona.....	18
139. Sacramento State.....	26
145. Southern Utah	31
149. North Dakota	35
166. Weber State	44
168. Portland State	46
169. Northern Colorado.....	47
177. UC Davis	55
207. Idaho State.....	83

MONTANA STATE TOPS PRESEASON POLLS

PARK CITY, Utah (July 16, 2013) - Montana State has shared three straight Big Sky Conference football championships. If the coaches and media are correct, the Bobcats will extend that streak to four.

Montana State was selected first in the 2013 media and coaches' preseason polls, which were released Tuesday at the Big Sky Conference Summer Kickoff.

The Bobcats earned 31 first-place votes and 596 total points in the media poll. In the coaches' poll, Montana State received eight first-place votes and 140 points.

Montana State has finished 7-1 in conference each of the past three seasons under Rob Ash, advancing to the playoffs each season.

The Bobcats return senior All-American quarterback DeNarius McGhee, along with senior running back Cody Kirk and senior wide receiver Tanner Bleskin. The defense will be led by senior defensive end Brad Daly. The four players were all named to the Big Sky Preseason All-Conference Team, which was released on Monday.

Montana State has advanced to the FCS quarterfinals each of the past two seasons, losing to eventual national runner-up Sam Houston State both campaigns.

The top 10 spots in both polls were exactly the same.

Eastern Washington, which shared the 2012 championship with Montana State and Cal Poly, was tabbed second. Beau Baldwin's Eagles earned 12 first-place votes from the media and 566 total points.

The 2010 FCS Division I National Champions earned three first-place votes from the coaches, and 130 total points. EWU advanced to the national semifinals in 2012. The Eagles' defense will be led by returning All-Conference linebacker Ronnie Hamlin and returning All-Conference cornerback T.J. Lee III. Sophomore Vernon Adams, who threw six touchdown passes in the national semifinal loss to Sam Houston State, enters his first season as the full-time starting quarterback.

Despite a 5-6 campaign in 2012, Montana was picked third by the coaches and media. Montana, which has advanced to the postseason in 18 of the past 20 years, earned three first-place votes from the media and two from the coaches. The Grizzlies earned 492 total points from the media and 111 from the coaches.

Mick Delaney's Grizzlies will be bolstered by the return of junior quarterback Jordan Johnson, who sat out last season. In 2011, Johnson guided the Grizzlies to the national semifinals. Montana is slated to return 10 defensive starters, including All-American linebacker Jordan Tripp and All-Conference defensive end Zack Wagenmann.

2013 Preseason Football Polls

Media Poll	Coaches' Poll		
1. Montana State (31).....	596	1. Montana State (8).....	140
2. Eastern Washington (12)	566	2. Eastern Washington (3).....	130
3. Montana (3).....	492	3. Montana (2).....	111
4. Cal Poly (1).....	466	4. Cal Poly	109
5. Northern Arizona.....	457	5. Northern Arizona.....	104
6. Sacramento St. (1).....	374	6. Sacramento State.....	88
7. North Dakota	309	7. North Dakota.....	66
8. Northern Colorado	239	8. Northern Colorado	63
9. Southern Utah	228	9. Southern Utah	57
10. Portland State	212	10. Portland State	49
11. UC Davis	191	11. Weber State	48
12. Weber State	164	12. UC Davis	37
13. Idaho State	74	13. Idaho State	12



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THE SPORTS NETWORK TOP 25 (2013 PRESEASON)

RK	SCHOOL	REC.	PTS
1.	NDSU (127)	0-0	3,340
2.	MONTANA STATE (1)	0-0	3,079
3.	SAM HOUSTON ST. (5)	0-0	2,941
4.	E. WASHINGTON	0-0	2,873
5.	VILLANOVA	0-0	2,334
6.	SOUTH DAKOTA ST.	0-0	2,268
7.	CENTRAL ARKANSAS	0-0	2,244
8.	WOFFORD	0-0	2,089
9.	GEORGIA SOUTHERN (1)	0-0	2,002
10.	NEW HAMPSHIRE	0-0	1,920
11.	TOWSON	0-0	1,871
12.	APPALACHIAN ST.	0-0	1,694
13.	ILLINOIS STATE	0-0	1,657
14.	CAL POLY	0-0	1,646
15.	RICHMOND	0-0	1,384
16.	STONY BROOK	0-0	1,178
17.	NORTHERN IOWA	0-0	1,106
18.	NORTHERN ARIZONA	0-0	988
19.	JAMES MADISON	0-0	964
20.	MONTANA	0-0	813
21.	EASTERN ILLINOIS	0-0	686
22.	LEHIGH	0-0	587
23.	BETHUNE-COOKMAN	0-0	514
24.	CHATTANOOGA	0-0	505
25.	COASTAL CAROLINA	0-0	489

FCS COACHES' POLL (2013 PRESEASON)

RK	SCHOOL	REC.	PTS
1.	NDSU (23)	0-0	645
2.	MONTANA STATE (1)	0-0	591
3.	E. WASHINGTON	0-0	549
4.	SAM HOUSTON ST. (1)	0-0	534
5.	WOFFORD	0-0	450
6.	CENTRAL ARKANSAS	0-0	428
7.	SOUTH DAKOTA ST.	0-0	410
8.	NEW HAMPSHIRE	0-0	386
9.	VILLANOVA	0-0	381
10.	ILLINOIS STATE	0-0	379
11.	CAL POLY	0-0	348
12.	TOWSON	0-0	347
13.	STONY BROOK	0-0	326
14.	RICHMOND	0-0	274
15.	JAMES MADISON	0-0	235
16.	NORTHERN IOWA	0-0	218
17.	LEHIGH	0-0	198
18.	NORTHERN ARIZONA	0-0	196
19.	EASTERN KENTUCKY (1)	0-0	188
20.	BETHUNE-COOKMAN	0-0	159
21.	COASTAL CAROLINA	0-0	140
22.	MONTANA	0-0	135
23.	EASTERN ILLINOIS	0-0	120
24.	YOUNGSTOWN ST.	0-0	107
25.	CHATTANOOGA	0-0	104

BIG SKY TEAMS IN THE SPORTS NETWORK TOP 25

Team	Pre.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Final
CP	14													
EWU	4													
UM	20													
MSU	2													
NAU	18													

BIG SKY TEAMS IN THE COACHES' POLL

Team	Pre.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Final
CP	11													
EWU	3													
UM	22													
MSU	2													
NAU	18													

2012 BIG SKY CONFERENCE FOOTBALL STANDINGS

	BIG SKY GAMES			ALL GAMES		
	W	L	PCT.	W	L	PCT.
*Eastern Washington	7	1	.875	11	3	.785
@Montana State	7	1	.875	11	2	.846
@Cal Poly	7	1	.875	9	3	.750
Northern Arizona	6	2	.750	8	3	.727
Sacramento State	4	4	.500	6	5	.545
Northern Colorado	4	4	.500	5	6	.455
Southern Utah	4	4	.500	5	6	.455
North Dakota	3	5	.375	5	6	.455
Montana	3	5	.375	5	6	.455
UC Davis	3	5	.375	4	7	.364
Portland State	2	6	.250	3	8	.273
Weber State	2	6	.250	2	9	.222
Idaho State	0	8	.000	1	10	.191

*Big Sky Champ Automatic Playoff bid. @Earned at-large playoff bid

BIG SKY COACHING RECORDS

Name, School	Years	Big Sky Games			*Overall Games*		
		W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Beau Baldwin, Eastern Washington ⁴	5	30	10	.750	44	19	.698
Rob Ash, Montana State ¹	6	35	13	.729	50	22	.694
Tim Walsh, Cal Poly ²	12	49	42	.538	74	60	.552
Jerome Souers, Northern Arizona	15	55	59	.482	84	85	.497
Mike Kramer, Idaho State ⁵	15	54	58	.482	80	94	.460
Chris Mussman, North Dakota ⁷	1	3	5	.375	5	6	.455
Mick Delaney, Montana ⁹	1	3	5	.375	5	6	.455
Ed Lamb, Southern Utah ⁸	1	4	4	.500	5	6	.455
Marshall Sperbeck, Sacramento State ³	6	22	26	.458	30	37	.448
Nigel Burton, Portland State	3	8	16	.333	12	21	.364
Earnest Collins, Northern Colorado ⁶	2	4	12	.250	5	17	.227
Jody Sears, Weber State	1	2	6	.250	2	9	.182
Ron Gould, UC Davis	1	0	0	.000	0	0	.000

*Overall Games as a member of the Big Sky

¹ Ash compiled a 176-99-5 record in 27 seasons as a head coach (18 at Drake, 9 at Juniata).

² Walsh coached 11 seasons at Portland State in the Big Sky. Walsh enters 2013 143-101 all-time.

³ Sperbeck was 109-53 in 15 seasons at Foothill College.

⁴ Baldwin went 10-3 in 1 season at Central Washington.

⁵ Kramer has previously coached in the Big Sky at EWU and MSU. This is his second season at ISU.

⁶ Collins went 8-12 in two seasons at Alcorn State.

⁷ Mussman went 23-20 his first four years at UND.

⁸ Lamb went 21-23 his first four seasons at SUU.

⁹ Delaney went 7-9-1 in two seasons at UM-Western.

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CAREER SINGLE-GAME SUPERLATIVES

300-YARD PASSING GAMES

NAME, SCHOOL	No.	HIGH
DeNARIUS MCGHEE, MSU	7	402
SETH LOBATO, NC	5	430
GARRETT SAFRON, SAC	4	324
RANDY WRIGHT, UCD	3	320
VERNON ADAMS, EWU	2	364
TRENT MCKINNEY, UM	1	307
SHAY SMITHWICK-HANN, UM	1	306
KIERAN McDONAGH, PSU	1	301

100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

NAME, SCHOOL	No.	HIGH
ZACH BAUMAN, NAU	18	253
CODY KIRK, MSU	10	202
JAKE MILLER, UND	5	181
D.J. ADAMS, PSU	4	148
TROMAINE DENNIS, NC	3	222
EZEKIEL GRAHAM, SAC	3	158
JORDAN CANADA, UM	2	167
CASEY JAHN, NAU	2	144
JOSH BOOKER, WSU	2	121
JORDAN TALLEY, EWU	2	114
MARIO BROWN, EWU	2	104
COLTON SILVERIA, UCD	1	120
DEMITRIUS BRONSON, EWU	1	118
QUINCY FORTE, EWU	1	116
GARRETT SAFRON, SAC	1	100
KRISTAAN IVORY, CP	1	100

100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

NAME, SCHOOL	No.	HIGH
GREG HARDIN, UND	8	333
JACE DAVIS, NC	5	207
TANNER BLESKIN, MSU	4	180
FATU MOALA, SUU	3	166
MORRIS NORRIS, SAC	3	128
SHAYDON KEHANO, WSU	2	157
CAM RICHMOND, ISU	2	133
JAMEER JACKSON, UND	2	124
IFY UMODU, NAU	2	118
CORY GALINDO, UCD	2	113
BLAIR TOWNSEND, UND	1	152
WILLIE TUCKER, CP	1	152
LUKE AUSTIN, ISU	1	146
ASHTON CLARK, EWU	1	135
CORY MITCHELL, EWU	1	132
COLE STANFORD, CP	1	127
ZACH BAUMAN, NAU	1	126
ELLIS HENDERSON, UM	1	112
TAYLOR SLOAT, UCD	1	109
NICK COLE, NAU	1	101
C.J. MORGAN, SUU	1	100

AROUND THE BIG SKY

FINAL GO FOR MCGHEE: Montana State senior QB DeNarius McGhee enters his final collegiate season eyeing several Big Sky career records. McGhee has 714 completions on 1,124 attempts for 9,116 yards and 71 touchdowns. He has amassed 10,001 yards of total offense. He needs 283 completions to become the league's all-time leader. He had 284 last season. McGhee needs 28 touchdown passes to become the league's all-time leader. He's thrown 24 each of the past two seasons. He needs 3,501 passing yards to become the all-time leader. McGhee had 3,154 passing yards last season. McGhee is 3,308 yards away from the total offense record. McGhee has compiled a 30-8 record as a starting quarterback. It is believed the all-time record for victories by a quarterback is held by Montana's Dave Dickenson, who won 33 games from 1993-95. McGhee is a preseason candidate for the Walter Payton Award, given annually to the top offensive player in the FCS.

BAUMAN CLOSE TO TOP 10: Northern Arizona senior running back Zach Bauman enters Friday's opener against Arizona needing just 34 yards to move into the Big Sky's top 10 list in career rushing. Bauman, who had played in 33 career games, enters his final season with 3,676 career rushing yards. Portland State's Ryan Fuqua is 10th with 3,709. Idaho's Sherriden May is ninth with 3,748. Bauman needs 1,354 yards to become the Big Sky's third leading rusher in history. The top two spots (6,553 yards by Charles Roberts and 6,007 yards by Charles Dunn) are likely out of reach. Bauman has 4,552 all-purpose yards in his career. He needs 877 all-purpose yards to move into the top 10 in league history. Bauman is a preseason candidate for the Walter Payton Award.

FIVE TEAMS RANKED: Five Big Sky Conference teams enter the 2013 ranked in the two major FCS polls. Montana State, which has shared the league title each of the past three seasons, is second in the Sports Network and the Coaches' Poll. Two-time defending national champion North Dakota State is first in both polls. Eastern Washington, which advanced to the national semifinals last season, is ranked third by the coaches and fourth by the Sports Network. Cal Poly, which shared the Big Sky title with MSU and EWU last season, is 11th in the coaches' poll and 14th in the Sports Network Top 25. Northern Arizona is 18th in both polls. Montana is 20th in the Sports Network poll, and 22nd in the coaches' poll.

AGAINST THE FBS: Last year, Big Sky teams notched four wins over teams from the Football Bowl Subdivision. The four wins led all FCS conferences. This year, Big Sky teams will face FBS teams 17 times. Only Montana and North Dakota do not face an FBS team this season. Cal Poly, Eastern Washington, Idaho State, Sacramento State, Southern Utah and Weber State will each face two FBS teams. The Big Sky will go head-to-head with the Pac-12 seven times and the Mountain West six times. Southern Utah will face South Alabama of the Sun Belt, while Montana State faces SMU of the newly-formed American Athletic Conference. Idaho State faces BYU, and independent. Cal Poly, Eastern Washington, Sacramento State and Northern Arizona notched FBS wins last season. Sacramento State has beaten Pac-12 teams (Oregon State and Colorado) the past two seasons.

Extra points: NAU coach Jerome Souers needs one win to tie Don Read for second on the Big Sky's all-time wins list with 85...UC Davis' Ron Gould is the only new coach in the league this season.....Montana State is third in the Sagarin Rating amongst FCS teams. Eastern Washington is sixth and Montana is 10th.



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RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	Team	CI	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Yds/G
Zach Bauman	NAU	SR	11	225	1182	5.3	8	75	107.5
DJ Adams	PSU	SR	11	164	972	5.9	12	69	88.4
Tromaine Dennis	NC	SR	11	203	948	4.7	10	67	86.2
Ezekiel Graham	SAC	SR	11	166	861	5.2	5	52	78.3
Cody Kirk	MSU	SR	11	171	841	4.9	13	42	76.5

INTERCEPTIONS	Team	CI	G	Int	Yds	TD	Long	Int/G
Lucky Dozier	NAU	SR	11	4	33	0	21	0.36
Leshawn Sims	SUU	SO	9	3	9	0	6	0.33
Blair Wishom	NAU	SR	11	3	67	0	45	0.27
Osagie Odiase	SAC	SR	11	3	27	0	24	0.27

PASSING AVG/GAME	Team	CI	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Avg/G
Seth Lobato	NC	SR	11	396	231	10	58.3	2797	19	254.3
DeNarius McGhee	MSU	SR	13	430	284	11	66.0	3154	24	242.6
Garrett Safron	SAC	JR	11	383	246	12	64.2	2540	22	230.9
Randy Wright	UCD	SR	10	342	194	13	56.7	2234	12	223.4
Kieran McDonagh	PSU	SO	11	314	171	13	54.5	2187	14	198.8

PASS EFFICIENCY	Team	CI	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Eff.
Vernon Adams	EWU	SO	12	215	131	8	60.9	1956	20	160.6
DeNarius McGhee	MSU	SR	13	430	284	11	66.0	3154	24	141.0
Garrett Safron	SAC	JR	11	383	246	12	64.2	2540	22	132.6
Seth Lobato	NC	SR	11	396	231	10	58.3	2797	19	128.4

TOTAL OFFENSE	Team	CI	G	Rush	Pass	Plays	Total	Yds/G
DeNarius McGhee	MSU	SR	13	364	3154	567	3518	270.6
Garrett Safron	SAC	JR	11	377	2540	481	2917	265.2
Seth Lobato	NC	SR	11	-37	2797	446	2760	250.9
Kieran McDonagh	PSU	SO	11	406	2187	403	2593	235.7
Randy Wright	UCD	SR	10	-84	2234	408	2150	215.0

PUNT RETURN AVG	Team	CI	G	Ret	Yds	TD	Long	Avg
Shawn Johnson	MSU	JR	13	25	220	1	72	8.8
Chris Nicholls	CP	JR	12	19	161	0	27	8.5
Griff McNabb	SUU	SR	11	14	87	0	30	6.2
Ashton Clark	EWU	SR	14	19	99	0	26	5.2

RECEPTIONS/GAME	Team	CI	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/C
Cam Richmond	ISU	SR	11	67	739	4	41	11.0
Greg Hardin	UND	SR	11	65	1145	14	81	17.6
Fatu Moala	SUU	SR	11	65	810	9	63	12.5
Tanner Bleskin	MSU	SR	12	66	928	4	69	14.1
Morris Norrise	SAC	SR	11	60	777	7	76	12.9
Jameer Jackson	UND	SO	11	55	705	6	43	12.8
Jace Davis	NC	SR	10	50	642	3	36	12.8

KICK RETURN AVG	Team	CI	G	Ret	Yds	TD	Long	Avg
Greg Hardin	UND	SR	11	16	506	1	98	31.6
Shaquille Hill	EWU	SO	14	34	912	1	99	26.8
J. Perkins	UCD	SR	10	14	373	1	81	26.6
Chris Nicholls	CP	JR	12	22	528	0	54	24.0
Aaron Prier	ISU	JR	10	19	454	0	56	23.9
Josh Smith	SUU	SO	11	30	660	1	95	22.0

RECEIVE YDS/GAME	Team	CI	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/C	Yds/G
Greg Hardin	UND	SR	11	65	1145	14	81	17.6	104.1
Tanner Bleskin	MSU	SR	12	66	928	4	69	14.1	77.3
Fatu Moala	SUU	SR	11	65	810	9	63	12.5	73.6
Morris Norrise	SAC	SR	11	60	777	7	76	12.9	70.6
Cam Richmond	ISU	SR	11	67	739	4	41	11.0	67.2
Jace Davis	NC	SR	10	50	642	3	36	12.8	64.2
Jameer Jackson	UND	SO	11	55	705	6	43	12.8	64.1

PUNTING	Team	CI	G	Punt	Yds	Long	Avg
Andy Wilder	NAU	SR	11	61	2826	71	46.3
Jake Miller	EWU	JR	13	40	1731	74	43.3
Brock Miller	SUU	SR	11	67	2896	72	43.2

ALL PURPOSE	Team	CI	G	Rush	Rcv	PR	KR	Yds	Avg/G
Greg Hardin	UND	SR	11	17	1145	0	506	1668	151.6
Zach Bauman	NAU	SR	11	1182	216	0	0	1398	127.1
Ezekiel Graham	SAC	SR	11	861	406	2	33	1302	118.4
Tromaine Dennis	NC	SR	11	948	187	0	0	1135	103.2

SCORING	Team	CI	G	TD	XPT	FG	2XPPts	Pts/G
Greg Hardin	UND	SR	11	15	0	0	0	90
Rory Perez	MSU	SR	12	0	44	17	0	95
Colton Cook	SUU	SR	11	0	29	19	0	86
Cody Kirk	MSU	SR	11	14	0	0	0	84
Bobby Zalud	CP	SR	12	0	55	12	0	91
Chris Lider	UM	SO	11	0	37	15	0	82

SCORING (TDs)	Team	CI	G	TD	Rush	Pass	Ret	PAT	Pts	Pts/G
Greg Hardin	UND	SR	11	15	0	14	1	0	90	8.2
Cody Kirk	MSU	SR	11	14	13	1	0	0	84	7.6
DJ Adams	PSU	SR	11	12	12	0	0	0	72	6.5
Tromaine Dennis	NC	SR	11	11	10	1	0	0	66	6.0
D.Bronson	EWU	SR	12	11	11	0	0	0	66	5.5
Kieran McDonagh	PSU	SO	11	10	9	1	0	0	60	5.5
Kristaan Ivory	CP	SO	12	10	8	2	0	0	60	5.0

FIELD GOALS	Team	CI	G	FG	FGA	Pct.	FG/G
Colton Cook	SUU	SR	11	19	22	86.4	1.73
Rory Perez	MSU	SR	12	17	21	81.0	1.42
Brady Stuart	UCD	SO	11	15	21	71.4	1.36
Chris Lider	UM	SO	11	15	21	71.4	1.36

SCORING (KICK)	Team	CI	G	PATs	FGs	Pts	Pts/G
Rory Perez	MSU	SR	12	44-48	17-21	95	7.9
Colton Cook	SUU	SR	11	29-32	19-22	86	7.8
Bobby Zalud	CP	SR	12	55-55	12-16	91	7.6
Chris Lider	UM	SO	11	37-41	15-21	82	7.5

FIELD GOAL PCT	Team	CI	G	FG	FGA	Long	Pct.
Colton Cook	SUU	SR	11	19	22	49	86.4

PAT KICKING PCT	Team	CI	G	Made	Att	Pct.
Bobby Zalud	CP	SR	12	55	55	100.0
B. Garcia	ISU	SR	11	28	28	100.0
Zeb Miller	UND	SR	11	42	43	97.7
Andy Wilder	NAU	SR	11	38	39	97.4
Dave Eden	NC	SR	11	32	33	97.0

TACKLES (All positions)

Player	Team	CI	G	Pos	Solo	Ast	Total	Avg/G	Sack
Anthony Morales	WSU	JR	9	LB	48	60	108	12.0	0.5
Zak Browning	SUU	FR	10	LB	69	46	115	11.5	1.5
Brock Coyle	UM	JR	11	LB	35	72	107	9.7	2.0
Ronnie Hamlin	EWU	JR	14	LB	72	64	136	9.7	0.5
Todd Davis	SAC	JR	11	LB	45	58	103	9.4	3.5
Nick Dzubnar	CP	SO	12	LB	63	44	107	8.9	1.0
Jordan Tripp	UM	JR	11	LB	26	69	95	8.6	5.5
Mitch Beckstead	ISU	SO	9	LB	18	59	77	8.6	0.0
Trevor Spence	ISU	JR	11	LB	45	45	90	8.2	3.0

SACKS	Team	CI	G	Pos	Solo	Ast	Yds Total	Avg/G
Zach Wagenmann	UM	JR	11	DE	10	3	79	11.5
James Cowser	SUU	SO	11	DE	6	3	57	7.5
Nick King	UCD	SR	10	DE	6	1	42	6.5
Tim Wilkinson	NAU	SR	10	DT	5	3	29	6.5
Jordan Tripp	UM	SR	11	LB	4	3	36	5.5

TACKLES FOR LOSS	Team	CI	G	Pos	Solo	Ast	Yds Total	Avg/G
James Cowser	SUU	SO	11	DE	11	5	74	13.5
Jordan Tripp	UM	SR	11	LB	9	9	51	13.5
Todd Davis	SAC	SR	11	LB	12	3	43	13.5
Na'a Moeakiola	MSU	SR	13	LB	10	6	31	13.0

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GAME PREVIEWS



SOUTHERN UTAH AT SOUTH ALABAMA

Thursday, Aug. 29, 6:35 p.m.
Mobile, Ala.
Ladd-Peebles Stadium
(33,471, FieldTurf)
Internet: ESPN3

Series History: First Meeting.

The Coaches: Southern Utah's Ed Lamb is 26-29 entering his sixth season with the Thunderbirds... Joey Jones is 25-14 entering his fifth season with South Alabama. He is 28-21 in six seasons at the collegiate level, having gone 3-7 in 2007 at Birmingham-Southern.

Notes: Southern Utah is entering its second season as a member of the Big Sky Conference...Southern Utah went 3-3 on the road last season, winning three of its final four away from Cedar City...South Alabama was picked to finish seventh out of eight teams in the Sun Belt Conference...Southern Utah will play two FBS games this season. After playing South Alabama, SUU will play at Washington State on Sept. 14...South Alabama went 2-10 in 2012, its first season in the Sun Belt Conference...South Alabama has lost six straight games entering the 2013 season...South Alabama went 2-4 at home last season...South Alabama started its football program in 2009...Aaron Cantu, a JC transfer, is expected to start at QB for SUU. He replaces NFL Draft pick Brad Sorensen... SUU LB Zak Browning tallied 115 tackles as a true freshman in 2012...SUU is playing 12 regular-season games for the first time in school history.



MONMOUTH AT #2 MONTANA STATE

Thursday, Aug. 29, 7:05 p.m.
Bozeman, Mont.
Bobcat Stadium
(17,777, FieldTurf)
TV: Max Media/Montana
Altitude (Outside Montana)
Internet: WatchBigSky.com

Series History: First Meeting.

The Coaches: Montana State's Rob Ash is 50-22 entering his seventh season with the Bobcats. He has an overall record of 226-121-5 in 33 seasons as a head coach... Monmouth's Kevin Callahan is 114-91 entering his 21st season. He is the only head coach in the history of the program.

Notes: Montana State was picked by the media and coaches to win the 2013 Big Sky championship. The Bobcats have shared the title each of the last three years, and advanced to the playoffs all three seasons...Monmouth 5-5 in 2012. The Hawks have never played a team from the Big Sky...The Hawks are an independent team this season, but will join the Big South in 2014...MSU QB DeNarius McGhee enters his senior season with 9,116 passing yards and 71 touchdowns...MSU is 6-0 in home-opensers under Rob Ash...MSU led the Big Sky in scoring defense and total defense last season...The Bobcats allowed a league-low nine rushing touchdowns in 2012...MSU went 6-2 at home last season... McGhee is 30-8 as a starter...MSU enters the season third among FCS teams in the Sagarin, behind NDSU and Georgia Southern.

GAME PREVIEWS**VALPARAISO
AT NORTH DAKOTA**

*Thursday, Aug. 29, 7:05 p.m.
Grand Forks, N.D.
Alerus Center
(12,283, AstroTurf - Magic Carpet)
TV: MidCo Sports Network
Internet: WatchBig Sky.com*

Series History: Valparaiso leads 1-0.

Last Meeting: Valparaiso won 20-10 in 1920.

The Coaches: North Dakota's Chris Mussman is 28-26 entering his sixth season...Dale Carlson is 2-30 entering his fourth season with Valparaiso. He is entering his 25th season as a head coach and holds a 112-134-3 overall record.

Notes: This is the first of four straight home games for North Dakota. UND plays host to South Dakota State, Montana and Montana State following the Valpo game...North Dakota finished 5-6 in 2012, the team's first in the Big Sky...Valparaiso, located in Valparaiso, Ind., competes in the FCS Pioneer League...Valparaiso averaged 18.4 points per game and allowed 45.1 points per game last season...UND senior WR Greg Hardin hauled in 65 passes for 1,145 yards and 14 touchdowns last season...UND averaged 297.1 passing yards per game last season, which ranked 11th in the nation...UND has named redshirt freshman Ryan Bartels as the starting QB.

**EASTERN OREGON
AT PORTLAND STATE**

*Thursday, Aug. 29, 7:05 p.m.
Portland, Ore.
JELD-WEN Field
(18,627, FieldTurf)
Internet: WatchBig Sky.com*

Series History: PSU leads 9-5-1.

Last Meeting: PSU won 41-6 in 1964.

The Coaches: Portland State's Nigel Burton is 12-21 entering his fourth season...Eastern Oregon's Tim Camp is 29-25 entering his sixth season.

Notes: Portland State finished 3-8 in 2012 and enters the 2013 season on a three-game losing streak...Eastern Oregon, which competes in the NAIA Frontier Conference, finished 4-6 in 2012...Since joining the Big Sky in 1996, Portland State is 11-0 against lower-division opponents...This is PSU's first Thursday night game since 2004...PSU and EWU were former members of the old Oregon Collegiate Conference from 1950-64...PSU has won the last four over the Mountaineers dating back to a 6-6 tie in 1960...PSU is 2-1 in openers under Burton...PSU QB Kieran McDonagh threw for 2,187 yards with 14 touchdowns, and rushed for 406 yards and nine touchdowns last season...Senior RB D.J. Adams rushed for 972 yards and 12 touchdowns in his first season with the Vikings in 2012.

**WALTER PAYTON AWARD
WATCH LIST**

Zach Bauman, RB, Northern Arizona
Shakir Bell, RB, Indiana State
Timothy Flanders, RB, Sam Houston State
Jimmy Garoppolo, QB, Eastern Illinois
Jordan Harris, WR, Bryant
Jamal Londry-Jackson, Appalachian State
Brock Jensen, QB, North Dakota State
David Johnson, RB, Northern Iowa
Carlton Koonce, RB, Fordham
Erik Lora, WR, Eastern Illinois
Jeff Mathews, QB, Cornell
Gavin McCarney, QB, Colgate
DeNarius McGhee, QB, Montana State
Jerick McKinnon, QB, Georgia Southern
Andrew Pierce, RB, Delaware
Walter Powell, WR, Murray State
Sean Price, WR, Appalachian State
Wynrick Smothers, QB, Central Arkansas
Terrance West, RB, Towson
Zach Zenner, RB, South Dakota State

**BUCK BUCHANAN AWARD
WATCH LIST**

Dorian Bell, LB, Duquesne
Clarence Bumpas, LB, Northern Colorado
Qua Cox, CB, Jackson State
Wes Dothard, LB, Chattanooga
Steve Godbolt III, CB, Tennessee State
Ronnie Hamlin, LB, Eastern Washington
Antoine Lewis, DT, Villanova
Jestin Love, S, Central Arkansas
Grant Olson, LB, North Dakota State
Caraun Reid, DT, Princeton
Stephon Robertson, LB, James Madison
Caleb Schaffitzel, S, Missouri State
Alvin Scioneaux, LB, Wofford
Tyler Starr, LB, South Dakota
Jaquiski Tartt, S, Samford
Jordan Tripp, LB, Montana
Davis Tull, DE, Chattanooga
Colton Underwood, DE, Illinois State
Marcus Williams, CB, North Dakota State

GAME PREVIEWS



SACRAMENTO STATE AT SAN JOSE STATE

Thursday, Aug 29, 7:05 p.m.
San Jose, Calif.
Spartan Stadium
(30,456, FieldTurf)
Internet: themwc.com

Series History: First Meeting.

The Coaches: Sacramento State's Marshall Sperbeck is 30-37 entering his seventh season...Ron Caragher is in his first season with San Jose State. He compiled a 44-22 record in seven seasons at FCS San Diego.

Notes: Sacramento State opens with back-to-back games against FBS teams. The Hornets play at Arizona State on Sept. 5...Sacramento State has beaten Oregon State and Colorado in the past two seasons...San Jose State was picked to finish third in the Mountain West's West Division, behind Fresno State and San Diego State...The Spartans are in their first season in the Mountain West Conference. They were previous members of the WAC, which no longer sponsors football....San Jose State went 11-2 last season, finishing the season ranked 24th in the nation...Sacramento State is looking to snap a two-game losing streak...The schools are located 124 miles away from each other, but have never met on the football field...Sac State junior QB Garrett Safron set the school single-season record with 246 completions last season....San Jose State QB David Fales completed 72.5 percent of his passes for 4,193 yards and 33 touchdowns last season.



#18 NORTHERN ARIZONA AT ARIZONA

Friday, Aug. 30, 7:05 p.m.
Tucson, Ariz.
Arizona Stadium
(56,037, FieldTurf)
TV: Pac-12 Network

Series History: Arizona leads 11-1.

Last Meeting: Arizona beat the Lumberjacks 41-10 in 2011. Arizona led 14-10 at the half, but outscored the Lumberjacks 27-0 in the second half.

The Coaches: Northern Arizona's Jerome Souers is 84-85 entering his 16th season. Arizona's Rich Rodriguez is 8-5 entering his second season with the Wildcats. Rodriguez is 134-93-2 entering his 20th season as a head coach. He spent seven seasons at West Virginia and three at Michigan.

Notes: The teams first met in 1931...NAU beat Arizona 7-6 in 1932...Arizona State is picked to finish fourth in the Pac-12 South behind UCLA, Arizona State and USC...NAU senior RB Zach Bauman enters his senior season with 3,676 career rushing yards. He ranks 11th on the Big Sky's all-time rushing list. He needs 34 yards to move into 10th place, and 73 to move into ninth place...With a win, Souers will move into a tie for second on the Big Sky's all-time victories list with former Montana coach Don Read...NAU was second the Big Sky in total defense, allowing 342.5 yards per game in 2012...Arizona won the New Mexico Bowl last season.



LANGSTON AT NORTHERN COLORADO

Saturday, Aug. 30, 1:35 p.m.
Greeley, Colo.
Nottingham Field
(8,500, Natural Grass)
Internet: WatchBigSky.com

Series History: First Meeting

The Coaches: Northern Colorado's Earnest Collins is 5-17 entering his third season with the Bears. He is 13-29 entering his fifth season as a Division I head coach...Langston's Dwone Sanders is entering his first season. He was the team's defensive coordinator the previous two seasons.

Notes: Northern Colorado will play seven home games this season, including four of its first five games...UNC went 3-2 at home last season...The Bears enter the 2013 season riding a three-game winning streak...Langston, an NAIA school located in Langston, Okla, finished 6-4 last season. The Lions are ranked 23rd in the NAIA preseason coaches' poll...UNC QB Seth Lobato threw for 2,797 yards with 19 touchdowns in 2012...Tromaine Dennis netted 948 rushing yards and 10 rushing touchdowns last season for the Bears...NC LB Clarence Bumpas will make his return after missing the final five games of the 2012 season with an injury. Bumpas tallied 145 total tackles in 2011...Northern Colorado senior WR Jace Davis has five 100-yard receiving games in his career.

GAME PREVIEWS



UC DAVIS AT SOUTH DAKOTA

*Saturday, Aug. 30, 2:05 p.m.
Vermillion, S.D.
DakotaDome
(10,000 AstroTurf Pure Grass)
TV: Midco Sports Network*

Series History: Tied 2-2.

Last Meeting: South Dakota beat UC Davis 27-24 in 2011.

The Coaches: UC Davis' Ron Gould is entering his first season as a head coach...South Dakota's Joe Glenn is 1-10 entering his second season at his alma mater. Glenn is 189-110-1 entering his 25th season as a head coach. Glenn previously coached Northern Colorado, Montana and Wyoming.

Notes: South Dakota will play three Big Sky teams this season. The Coyotes are at Northern Arizona and play host to Montana...UC Davis finished 4-7 in 2012, the program's first in the Big Sky...South Dakota is picked to finish 10th in the 10-team Missouri Valley...UC Davis led the FCS in kick returns last season, averaging 26.35 yards per return...Senior Randy Wright returns at QB for UC Davis. He has started 32 of 33 games in his career. Wright threw for 2,405 yards last season...Four of UC Davis' losses last season were by eight points or fewer...UC Davis was 1-5 on the road last season...South Dakota was outscored 186-78 in the first half of games last season...USD averaged 17 points per game last season. UC Davis averaged 27.5.



#3 EASTERN WASHINGTON AT #25 OREGON STATE

*Saturday, Aug. 30, 3:05 p.m.
Corvallis, Ore.
Reser Stadium
(45,674, FieldTurf)
TV: Pac-12 Network*

The Series: OSU lead 2-0.

Last Meeting: Oregon State beat Eastern Washington 56-17 in 2006.

The Coaches: Eastern Washington's Beau Baldwin is 44-19 entering his sixth season. He is 54-22 entering his seventh season as a head coach...Oregon State's Mike Riley is 81-67 entering his 13th season. Riley was OSU's coach in 1997-98 and returned in 2003. He went 14-34 as the San Diego Chargers head coach from 1999-2001. He was 40-32 at the head coach of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in the CFL from 1987-1990.

Notes: The teams first met in 2000, a 21-19 Oregon State win...Oregon State lost to Sacramento State of the Big Sky in 2011...Eastern Washington notched a win over FBS Idaho last season...EWU finished 11-3 in 2012, falling to Sam Houston State in the national semifinals...Oregon State finished 9-4 last season, losing in the Alamo Bowl to Texas...Oregon State is picked to finish third in the Pac-12 North Division, behind Oregon and Stanford...Oregon State is ranked 25th in the USA Today/ESPN Preseason Coaches' Poll and 25th in the AP Preseason Poll...EWU LB Ronnie Hamlin is a candidate for the Buck Buchanan Award.



SAN DIEGO AT CAL POLY

*Saturday, Aug. 30, 4:05 p.m.
San Luis Obispo, Calif.
Spanos Stadium
(11,075, Natural Grass)
Internet: WatchBig Sky.com*

Series History: Cal Poly leads 2-0.

Last Meeting: The Mustangs won 41-14 to open the 2012 season. Cal Poly rushed for 323 yards in the win.

The Coaches: Cal Poly's Tim Walsh is 26-19 entering his fifth season with the Mustangs. He is 143-101 overall entering his 23rd season as a head coach...Dale Lindsey enters his first season at San Diego, and his first season as a head coach. He was San Diego's defensive coordinator last season.

Notes: Cal Poly finished 9-3, earning an at-large bid and winning a share of the Big Sky Championship in its first season in the league...San Diego, which competes in the FCS Pioneer League, finished 8-3 last season, winning its final six games...San Diego is picked to win the Pioneer Football League...Cal Poly has named junior Vince Moraga as its starting quarterback. Moraga saw limited time the last two seasons, rushing for 76 yards on 10 attempts and completing 1-of-2 passes...Cal Poly set a single-season Big Sky rushing record with 3,890 yards...Cal Poly went 5-0 at home last season. The Mustangs are 9-1 at home over the past two seasons...

GAME PREVIEWS



STEPHEN F. AUSTIN AT WEBER STATE

Saturday, Aug. 30, 6:05 p.m.
Ogden, Utah
Stewart Stadium
(17,500, Helas Turf)
Internet: WatchBigSky.com

The Series: First Meeting:

The Coaches: Weber State's Jody Sears is 2-9 entering his second season. Stephen F. Austin's J.C. Harper is 34-36 entering his seventh season.

Notes: Stephen F. Austin is the first of two Southland opponents for Weber State this season. The Wildcats travel to McNeese State on Sept. 21...Stephen F. Austin made the FCS playoffs in 2009 and 2010 under Harper...The Lumberjacks are picked to finish fourth in the Southland by the coaches...Weber State went 0-5 at home last season...Stephen F. Austin lost at Montana State last season. SFA will play host to Montana State on Sept. 21...Weber State was outscored 172-97 in the first half of games last season...WSU's defense is led by preseason All-Conference LB Anthony Morales, who averaged a league-high 12.0 tackles per game last season...SFA finished second in the FCS in passing offense last season, averaging 435.5 yards per game...SFA senior QB Brady Attaway threw for 3,671 yards with 29 touchdowns and 21 interceptions last season...Senior Jordan Adamczyk has been named WSU's starting QB, but true freshman Austin Chipoletti is expected to see playing time.



#12 APPALACHIAN STATE AT #20 MONTANA

Saturday, Aug. 30, 7:05 p.m.
Missoula, Mont.
Washington-Grizzly Stadium
(25,217, SprinTurf)
TV: Max Media, Montana
Internet: ESPN3

Series History: Montana leads 2-1.

Last Meeting: Appalachian State won 35-27 in 2012 in Boone, N.C. UM's Trent McKinney threw for 307 yards with three touchdowns and three interceptions in the loss.

The Coaches: Montana's Mick Delaney is 5-6 entering his second season with the Griz. He is 12-15-1 entering his fourth season as a head coach...Appalachian State's Scott Satterfield is in his first season as Appalachian State's head coach.

Notes: Montana beat Appalachian State in Missoula in the national semifinals in 2000 and 2009...This is Appalachian State's final year in FCS. The Mountaineers are not eligible for the playoffs...Montana has not lost a home opener since 2003...From 2000-2009, Montana and Appalachian State were ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in total wins in FCS...UM will start QB Jordan Johnson, who sat out all of last season...The Grizzlies return 10 starters on defense from last year, including preseason league MVP Jordan Tripp, a senior linebacker...Appalachian State was selected second in the Southern Conference Coaches' Poll, behind Georgia Southern.

2013 PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

OFFENSE

QB - DeNarius McGee, Sr., Montana State
RB - Zach Bauman, Sr., Northern Arizona
RB - Cody Kirk, Sr., Montana State
FB - Dalton Turay, Jr., UC Davis
OG - Tyler Worthley, Sr., Sacramento State
OG - Gavin Farr, Sr., Southern Utah
C - Mitch Gaulke, Sr., Portland State
OT - Danny Kistler, Sr., Montana
OT - Giovanni Sani, Sr., Cal Poly
WR - Greg Hardin, Sr., North Dakota
WR - Tanner Bleskin, Sr. Montana State
WR - Morris Norrise, Sr., Sacramento State
WR - Fatu Moala, Sr., Southern Utah
TE - R.J. Rickert, Jr., Northern Arizona
K - Colton Cook, Sr., Southern Utah
Ret. - Greg Hardin, Sr. North Dakota

DEFENSE

DE - Zack Wagenmann, Jr., Montana
DE - Brad Daly, Sr., Montana State
DT - Sullivan Grosz, Sr., Cal Poly
DT - Tim Wilkinson, Sr., Northern Arizona
OLB - Jordan Tripp, Sr., Montana
OLB - Trevor Spence, Sr., Idaho State
ILB - Ronnie Hamlin, Sr., E. Washington
ILB - Clarence Bumpas, Sr., No. Colorado
ILB - Anthony Morales, Sr., Weber State
CB - Anders Battle, Sr., Northern Arizona
CB - T.J. Lee III, Sr., Eastern Washington
S - Lucky Dozier, Sr., Northern Arizona
S - Allen Brown, Sr., Eastern Washington
P - Andy Wilder, Sr., Northern Arizona
ST - Chris Judge, Sr., Cal Poly





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TEAM-BY-TEAM SCHEDULES

CAL POLY (0-0)



DATE	TEAM	TIME
8/31	SAN DIEGO	4:05
9/7	AT FRESNO STATE	7:05
9/14	AT COLORADO STATE	1:35
9/26	*AT PORTLAND STATE	7:05
10/5	YALE	2:05
10/12	*WEBER STATE	6:05
10/19	*AT MONTANA	1:35
10/26	*NORTHERN ARIZONA	6:05
11/2	*AT UC DAVIS	4:05
11/9	*SACRAMENTO STATE	6:05
11/16	*EASTERN WASHINGTON	12:35
11/23	*AT NORTHERN COLORADO	12:05

EASTERN WASHINGTON (0-0)



DATE	TEAM	TIME
8/31	AT OREGON STATE	3:05
9/7	WESTERN OREGON	4:05
9/14	AT TOLEDO	7:05
9/28	AT SAM HOUSTON STATE	2:05
10/5	*WEBER STATE	4:05
10/12	*AT NORTH DAKOTA	2:35
10/19	*SOUTHERN UTAH	5:05
10/26	*AT MONTANA	1:35
11/2	*AT IDAHO STATE	3:05
11/9	*MONTANA STATE	12:05
11/16	*AT CAL POLY	12:35
11/23	*PORTLAND STATE	2:35

IDAHO STATE (0-0)



DATE	TEAM	TIME
9/7	DIXIE STATE	3:05
9/14	WESTERN STATE	3:05
9/21	AT WASHINGTON	TBA
9/28	*AT UC DAVIS	6:05
10/5	*NORTH DAKOTA	2:05
10/12	*NORTHERN COLORADO	3:05
10/19	*AT NORTHERN ARIZONA	4:05
10/26	*AT SOUTHERN UTAH	1:05
11/2	*EASTERN WASHINGTON	3:05
11/9	*PORTLAND STATE	3:05
11/16	AT BRIGHAM YOUNG	1:05
11/23	*AT WEBER STATE	1:05

MONTANA (0-0)



DATE	TEAM	TIME
8/31	APPALACHIAN STATE	7:05
9/14	AT NORTH DAKOTA (NC)	6:05
9/21	OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE STATE	1:05
9/28	*AT NORTHERN ARIZONA	6:05
10/5	*PORTLAND STATE	1:35
10/12	*AT UC DAVIS	4:05
10/19	*CAL POLY	1:35
10/26	*EASTERN WASHINGTON	1:35
11/2	*AT SACRAMENTO STATE	1:05
11/9	AT SOUTH DAKOTA	1:05
11/16	*WEBER STATE	12:05
11/23	*AT MONTANA STATE	12:05

MONTANA STATE (0-0)



DATE	TEAM	TIME
8/29	MONMOUTH	7:05
9/7	AT SMU	7:05
9/14	COLORADO MESA	1:05
9/21	AT STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	6:05
9/28	*AT NORTH DAKOTA	2:35
10/5	*NORTHERN ARIZONA	2:05
10/19	*AT WEBER STATE	3:35
10/26	*UC DAVIS	2:05
11/2	*AT NORTHERN COLORADO	1:35
11/9	*AT EASTERN WASHINGTON	12:05
11/16	*SOUTHERN UTAH	4:05
11/23	*MONTANA	12:05

NORTH DAKOTA (0-0)



DATE	TEAM	TIME
9/29	VALPARAISO	7:05
9/7	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	6:05
9/14	MONTANA (NC)	6:05
9/28	*MONTANA STATE	2:35
10/5	*AT IDAHO STATE	2:05
10/12	*EASTERN WASHINGTON	2:35
10/19	*SACRAMENTO STATE	2:35
10/26	*AT PORTLAND STATE	1:05
11/2	*AT NORTHERN ARIZONA	4:05
11/9	*NORTHERN COLORADO	1:05
11/16	*AT UC DAVIS	4:05

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TEAM-BY-TEAM SCHEDULES

NORTHERN ARIZONA (0-0)



DATE	TEAM	TIME
8/30	AT ARIZONA	7:05
9/14	AT UC DAVIS (NC)	6:05
9/21	SOUTH DAKOTA	4:05
9/28	*MONTANA	6:05
10/5	*AT MONTANA STATE	2:05
10/12	*AT SACRAMENTO STATE	6:05
10/19	*IDAHO STATE	4:05
10/26	*AT CAL POLY	6:05
11/2	*NORTH DAKOTA	4:05
11/16	*NORTHERN COLORADO	4:05
11/23	*AT SOUTHERN UTAH	1:05

NORTHERN COLORADO (0-0)



DATE	TEAM	TIME
8/31	LANGSTON	1:35
9/7	COLORADO STATE-PUEBLO	1:35
9/14	AT WYOMING	TBA
9/21	NORTHERN IOWA	1:35
9/28	*SOUTHERN UTAH	1:35
10/5	*AT SACRAMENTO STATE	6:05
10/12	*AT IDAHO STATE	3:05
10/19	*UC DAVIS	1:35
11/2	*MONTANA STATE	1:35
11/9	*AT NORTH DAKOTA	1:05
11/16	*AT NORTHERN ARIZONA	4:05
11/23	*CAL POLY	12:05

PORTLAND STATE (0-0)



DATE	TEAM	TIME
8/29	EASTERN OREGON	7:05
9/7	AT CAL	2:05
9/14	HUMBOLT STATE	1:05
9/21	AT UC DAVIS (NC)	6:05
9/26	*CAL POLY	7:05
10/5	*AT MONTANA	1:35
10/12	*AT SOUTHERN UTAH	2:05
10/26	*NORTH DAKOTA	1:05
11/2	*WEBER STATE	1:05
11/9	*AT IDAHO STATE	3:05
11/16	*SACRAMENTO STATE	1:05
11/23	*AT EASTERN WASHINGTON	2:35

SACRAMENTO STATE (0-0)



DATE	TEAM	TIME
8/29	AT SAN JOSE STATE	7:05
9/5	AT ARIZONA STATE	7:05
9/14	SOUTHERN OREGON	6:05
9/21	SOUTHERN UTAH (NC)	6:05
9/28	*AT WEBER STATE	6:05
10/5	*NORTHERN COLORADO	6:05
10/12	*NORTHERN ARIZONA	6:05
10/19	*AT NORTH DAKOTA	2:35
11/2	*MONTANA	1:05
11/9	*AT CAL POLY	6:05
11/16	*AT PORTLAND STATE	1:05
11/23	*UC DAVIS	1:05

SOUTHERN UTAH (0-0)



DATE	TEAM	TIME
8/29	AT SOUTH ALABAMA	6:35
9/7	FORT LEWIS	6:05
9/14	AT WASHINGTON STATE	3:35
9/21	AT SACRAMENTO STATE (NC)	6:05
9/28	*AT NORTHERN COLORADO	1:35
10/5	*UC DAVIS	1:05
10/12	*PORTLAND STATE	2:05
10/19	*AT EASTERN WASHINGTON	5:05
10/26	*IDAHO STATE	1:05
11/9	*AT WEBER STATE	1:05
11/16	*AT MONTANA STATE	4:05
11/23	*NORTHERN ARIZONA	1:05

UC DAVIS (0-0)



DATE	TEAM	TIME
8/31	AT SOUTH DAKOTA	2:05
9/7	AT NEVADA	6:05
9/14	No. ARIZONA (NC)	6:05
9/21	PORTLAND STATE (NC)	6:05
9/28	*IDAHO STATE	6:05
10/5	*AT SOUTHERN UTAH	1:05
10/12	*MONTANA	4:05
10/19	*AT NORTH COLORADO	1:35
10/26	*AT MONTANA STATE	2:05
11/2	*CAL POLY	4:05
11/16	*NORTH DAKOTA	4:05
11/23	*AT SACRAMENTO STATE	1:05

WEBER STATE (0-0)



DATE	TEAM	TIME
8/31	STEPHEN F AUSTIN	6:05
9/7	AT UTAH	12:05
9/14	AT UTAH STATE	6:05
9/21	AT McNEESE STATE	7:05
9/28	*SACRAMENTO STATE	6:05
10/5	*AT EASTERN WASHINGTON	4:05
10/12	*AT CAL POLY	6:05
10/19	*MONTANA STATE	3:35
11/2	*AT PORTLAND STATE	1:05
11/9	*SOUTHERN UTAH	1:05
11/16	*AT MONTANA	12:05
11/23	*IDAHO STATE	1:05



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2013 COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

Thursday, Aug. 29

Southern Utah at South Alabama.....	6:35
Monmouth at Montana State.....	7:05
Valparaiso at North Dakota.....	7:05
Eastern Oregon at Portland State.....	7:05
Sacramento State at San Jose State.....	7:05

Friday, Aug. 30

Northern Arizona at Arizona.....	7:05
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Saturday, Aug. 31

Langston at Northern Colorado.....	1:35
UC Davis at South Dakota.....	2:05
Eastern Washington at Oregon State.....	3:05
San Diego at Cal Poly.....	4:05
Stephen F. Austin at Weber State.....	6:05
Appalachian State at Montana.....	7:05

Thursday, Sept. 5

Sacramento State at Arizona State.....	7:05
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Saturday, Sept. 7

Weber State at Utah.....	12:05
Colorado State-Pueblo at Northern Colorado.....	1:35
Portland State at Cal.....	2:05
Dixie State at Idaho State.....	3:05
Western Oregon at Eastern Washington.....	4:05
South Dakota State at North Dakota.....	6:05
Fort Lewis at Southern Utah.....	6:05
Cal Poly at Fresno State.....	7:05
UC Davis at Nevada.....	6:05
Montana State at SMU.....	7:05

Saturday, Sept. 14

Humbolt State at Portland State.....	1:05
Colorado Mesa at Montana State.....	1:05
Cal Poly at Colorado State.....	1:35
Northern Colorado at Wyoming.....	2:05
Western State at Idaho State.....	3:05
Southern Utah at Washington State.....	3:35
Southern Oregon at Sacramento State.....	6:05
Montana at North Dakota (Non-Conference).....	6:05
Northern Arizona at UC Davis (Non-Conference).....	6:05
Weber State at Utah State.....	6:05
Eastern Washington at Toledo.....	7:05

Saturday, Sept. 21

Oklahoma Panhandle State at Montana.....	1:05
Northern Iowa at Northern Colorado.....	1:35
South Dakota at Northern Arizona.....	4:05
Southern Utah at Sacramento State (Non-Conference).....	6:05
Portland State at UC Davis (Non-Conference).....	6:05
Montana State at Stephen F. Austin.....	6:05
Weber State at McNeese State.....	7:05
Idaho State at Washington.....	TBA

Thursday, Sept. 26

*Cal Poly at Portland State.....	7:05
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Saturday, Sept. 28

*Southern Utah at Northern Colorado.....	1:35
*Montana State at North Dakota.....	2:35
Eastern Washington at Sam Houston State.....	2:05
*Sacramento State at Weber State.....	6:05
*Montana at Northern Arizona.....	6:05
*Idaho State at UC Davis.....	6:05

Saturday, Oct. 5

*UC Davis at Southern Utah.....	1:05
*Portland State at Montana.....	1:35
*North Dakota at Idaho State.....	2:05
*Northern Arizona at Montana State.....	2:05
Yale at Cal Poly.....	2:05
*Weber State at Eastern Washington.....	4:05
*Northern Colorado at Sacramento State.....	6:05

Saturday, Oct. 12

*Portland State at Southern Utah.....	2:05
*Eastern Washington at North Dakota.....	2:35
*Northern Colorado at Idaho State.....	3:05
*Montana at UC Davis.....	4:05
*Weber State at Cal Poly.....	6:05
*Northern Arizona at Sacramento State.....	6:05

Saturday, Oct. 19

*UC Davis at Northern Colorado.....	1:35
*Cal Poly at Montana.....	1:35
*Sacramento State at North Dakota.....	2:35
*Montana State at Weber State.....	3:35
*Idaho State at Northern Arizona.....	4:05
*Southern Utah at Eastern Washington.....	5:05

Saturday, Oct. 26

*North Dakota at Portland State.....	1:05
*Northern Arizona at Cal Poly.....	6:05
*Eastern Washington at Montana.....	1:35
*UC Davis at Montana State.....	2:05
*Idaho State at Southern Utah.....	1:05

Saturday, Nov. 2

*Montana at Sacramento State.....	1:05
*Weber State at Portland State.....	1:05
*Montana State at Northern Colorado.....	1:35
*Eastern Washington at Idaho State.....	3:05
*Cal Poly at UC Davis.....	4:05
*North Dakota at Northern Arizona.....	4:05

Saturday, Nov. 9

*Montana State at Eastern Washington.....	12:05
*Southern Utah at Weber State.....	1:05
Montana at South Dakota.....	1:05
*Northern Colorado at North Dakota.....	1:05
*Portland State at Idaho State.....	3:05
*Sacramento State at Cal Poly.....	6:05

Saturday, Nov. 16

*Weber State at Montana.....	12:05
*Eastern Washington at Cal Poly.....	12:35
Idaho State at Brigham Young.....	1:05
*Sacramento State at Portland State.....	1:05
*North Dakota at UC Davis.....	4:05
*Northern Colorado at Northern Arizona.....	4:05
*Southern Utah at Montana State.....	4:05

Saturday, Nov. 23

*Montana at Montana State.....	12:05
*Cal Poly at Northern Colorado.....	12:05
*Idaho State at Weber State.....	1:05
*UC Davis at Sacramento State.....	1:05
*Northern Arizona at Southern Utah.....	1:05
*Portland State at Eastern Washington.....	2:35

All Times Local to Site/Subject to Change



First Round.....	November 30
Second Round.....	Dec. 7
Quarterfinals.....	Dec. 13 & 14
Semifinals.....	Dec. 20 & 21
Championship.....	Jan 4, 2 p.m. EST (Frisco, Texas)