



August 25, 2014

2014 BIG SKY CONFERENCE FOOTBALL STANDINGS

	BIG SKY GAMES					ALL GAMES					
	W	L	PCT.	PF	PA	W	L	PCT.	PF	PA	STREAK
Eastern Washington	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.000	56	35	Won 1
Cal Poly	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Won 1
Idaho State	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Lost 6
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 3
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	Lost 11
Portland State	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Lost 2
Sacramento State	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Lost 1
Southern Utah	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Lost 2
UC Davis	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Won 2
Weber State	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Won 1

LAST WEEK'S SKY SCORES

Saturday, Aug. 23

@#1 Eastern Washington 56, #17 Sam Houston State 35

THIS WEEK'S SKY SCHEDULE

Thursday, Aug. 28

Idaho State at Utah5:35
TV: Pac-12 Network

Cal Poly at New Mexico State6:05
TV: Fox College Sports Pacific/ESPN3

North Dakota at San Jose State7:05
Internet: ESPN3

Weber State at No. 19 Arizona State7:35
TV: Pac-12 Network

Saturday, August 30..... Time
Southern Utah at Nevada12:05
Internet: Nevada Web site

Portland State at Oregon State1:05
TV: Pac-12 Network

UC Davis at No. 11 Stanford1:05
TV: Pac-12 Network

No. 5 Montana at Wyoming2:05
TV: ROOT SPORTS

No. 23 Northern Arizona at San Diego State4:05
TV: CBS Sports Network

Sacramento State at Incarnate Word6:05
Internet: Incarnate Word Web site video stream

No. 18 Montana State at Arkansas State6:05
TV: Cowles Media/ESPN3

UM-Western at No. 1 Eastern Washington6:05
TV: SWX. Internet: WatchBigSky

Times Local to Site/Subject to Change

THIS WEEK'S SKY HIGHLIGHTS

The first full week of the college football season for Big Sky teams features 12 games, including 10 against FBS teams...Four teams open the season on Thursday night. Idaho State is at Utah, while Cal Poly is at New Mexico State. North Dakota plays its first game under new coach Bubba Schweigert at San Jose State, while Weber State opens the Jay Hill era at No. 18 Arizona State...Portland State and UC Davis both open Saturday against Pac-12 opponents. Portland State is at Oregon State, which has lost to Big Sky teams in two of the past three seasons. UC Davis opens at No. 11 Stanford. The Aggies stunned the Cardinal in 2005...Southern Utah, a playoff team in 2013, takes on Nevada in Reno... No. 5 Montana treks to Laramie to face Wyoming and its new coach Craig Bohl, who guided North Dakota State to three straight FCS national titles...No. 23 Northern Arizona opens at San Diego State of the Mountain West Conference. That game will be televised nationally on CBS Sports Network...No. 18 Montana State begins life without DeNarius McGhee when it travels to Arkansas State of the Sun Belt...Sacramento State opens its season at Incarnate Word of the Southland Conference. Sacramento State is under the direction of Jody Sears, who guided Weber State the previous two seasons... No. 1 Eastern Washington plays its second game of the season, playing host to NAIA UM-Western.

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Big Sky Weekly Release

The Big Sky Conference will produce a weekly football release every Monday during the 2014 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 2014 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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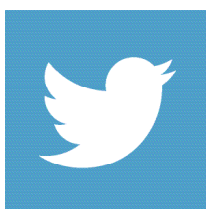
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COACHES' CONFERENCE CALL

Each Wednesday during the 2014 football season, the Big Sky Conference will hold a conference call with the 13 league coaches. The first call will be **Tuesday, August 26**. Calls will be Wednesday the rest of the season. 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) - Nigel Burton, Portland State
10:16 a.m. MNT (9:16 PCT) - Ed Lamb, Southern Utah
10:24 a.m. MNT (9:24 PCT) - Jay Hill 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) - Bubba Schweigert, North Dakota
11:12 a.m. MTN (10:12 PCT) - Jody Sears, 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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2014 TV SCHEDULE



The Big Sky's Official TV Partner

ROOT SPORTS

Aug. 30 - Montana at Wyoming
Sept. 20 - Eastern Washington at Montana State
Sept. 27 - Northern Colorado at Montana
Oct. 4 - UC Davis at Portland State
Oct. 11 - Montana State at UC Davis
Oct. 18 - Northern Arizona at Portland State
Oct. 25 - Eastern Washington at Northern Arizona
Nov. 1 - Sacramento State at Montana
Nov. 8 - Montana at Eastern Washington
Nov. 15 - Idaho State at Montana State
Nov. 21 - Eastern Washington at Portland State
Nov. 22 - Montana State at Montana

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 DirecTV's Audience Network.

SWX

Aug. 30 - UM-Western at Eastern Washington
Oct. 4 - Idaho State at Eastern Washington
Oct. 18 - Northern Colorado at Eastern Washington
Nov. 1 - North Dakota at Eastern Washington

Midco

Sept. 6 - Robert Morris at North Dakota
Sept. 20 - Stony Brook at North Dakota
Oct. 4 - Montana at North Dakota
Oct. 11 - Portland State at North Dakota
Nov. 8 - Weber State at North Dakota
Nov. 15 - Northern Arizona at North Dakota

NAU-TV/Fox Arizona

Sept. 13 - New Mexico Highlands at Northern Arizona
Sept. 27 - Cal Poly at Northern Arizona
Nov. 8 - UC Davis at Northern Arizona
Nov. 22 - Southern Utah at Northern Arizona

COWLES Montana

Aug. 30 - Montana State at Arkansas State
Sept. 6 - Black Hills State at Montana State
Sept. 6 - Central Washington at Montana
Sept. 13 - Central Arkansas at Montana State
Sept. 13 - South Dakota at Montana
Sept. 20 - Montana at North Dakota State

Sept. 27 - North Dakota at Montana State
Oct. 4 - Montana at North Dakota
Oct. 4 - Montana State at Sacramento State
Oct. 18 - UC Davis at Montana
Oct. 18 - Weber State at Montana State
Oct. 25 - Montana at Cal Poly
Nov. 1 - Montana State at Cal Poly
Nov. 8 - Portland State at Montana State
Nov. 15 - Montana at Southern Utah

ESPN

Aug. 23 - Sam Houston State at Eastern Washington

CBS Sports Network

Aug. 30 - Northern Arizona at San Diego State

Pac-12 Network

Aug. 28 - Idaho State at Utah
Aug. 28 - Weber State at Arizona State
Aug. 30 - Portland State at Oregon State
Aug. 30 - UC Davis at Stanford
Sept. 6 - Eastern Washington at Washington
Sept. 6 - Sacramento State at Cal
Sept. 13 - Portland State at Washington State

Altitude

Sept. 6 - North Dakota State at Weber State
Sept. 6 - Central Washington at Montana (Altitude 2/Montana Blackout)
Sept. 6 - Black Hills State at Montana State (Altitude 2/Montana Blackout)
Sept. 13 - Montana State at Central Arkansas (Altitude 2/Montana Blackout)
Sept. 13 - Central Arkansas at Montana State (Altitude 2/Montana Blackout)

Comcast Sports Net

Nov. 22 - Sacramento State at UC Davis

ESPN3

Aug. 28 - Cal Poly at New Mexico State
Aug. 28 - North Dakota at San Jose State
Aug. 30 - Montana State at Arkansas State

KJZZ (Utah)

Oct. 11 - Cal Poly at Weber State

KGCW 26 (Iowa)

Sept. 20 - Northern Colorado at Northern Iowa

NBC North Dakota

Sept. 6 - North Dakota at Weber State

Fox College Sports

Aug. 28 - Cal Poly at New Mexico State
Sept. 6 - Robert Morris at North Dakota
Sept. 20 - Stony Brook at Robert Morris

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SEPT. 1
OFFENSE
DEFENSE
SP. TEAMS

SEPT. 8
OFFENSE
DEFENSE
SP. TEAMS

SEPT. 15
OFFENSE
DEFENSE
SP. TEAMS

SEPT. 22
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)

- 83. Eastern Washington.....3
- 103. Montana.....10
- 122. Montana State.....15
- 129. Cal Poly20
- 142. Northern Arizona.....28
- 151. Southern Utah.....34
- 163. Portland State.....42
- 166. Sacramento State.....44
- 167. UC Davis.....45
- 187. North Dakota.....60
- 194. Weber State64
- 199. Idaho State71
- 216. Northern Colorado.....88

EASTERN WASHINGTON HEAVILY FAVORED

Beau Baldwin's Eastern Washington Eagles are a heavy favorite to capture the 2014 Big Sky Conference football championship, according to the league coaches and media.

The Eagles topped the preseason coaches' and media polls, Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own team.

Eastern Washington received all 12 of the possible first-place votes and 144 total points in the coaches' poll. The Eagles earned 34 of the 36 first-place votes and 464 total points in the media poll.

Montana was tabbed second in both polls, followed by Montana State, Cal Poly, Northern Arizona and Southern Utah. Montana earned one first-place vote from the coaches and one from the media. Montana State received one first-place media vote.

Eastern Washington has advanced to the national semifinals each of the past two seasons. The Eagles finished 8-0 in conference play in 2013, becoming the first league team other than Montana to go undefeated since 1991.

Eastern Washington is slated to return six starters on offense and five on defense. Junior quarterback Vernon Adams returns to an offense that scored a Big Sky single-season record 83 touchdowns in 2013. Adams, a junior, was the Big Sky MVP and Walter Payton Award runner-up last season. He threw for 4,994 yards and a Big Sky single-season record 55 touchdowns while leading the nation in pass efficiency at 183.1

Adams' top target also returns in sophomore Cooper Kupp, who won the Jerry Rice Award as the nation's outstanding freshman. Kupp led the nation with 1,691 receiving yards and 21 touchdowns, a Big Sky single-season record. Eastern Washington averaged 39.5 points per game last season.

Baldwin guided the Eagles to the 2010 Division I National Championship. He has taken the Eagles to the playoffs four of the past five seasons.

Montana rebounded from a 5-6 campaign in 2012 to win 10 games and earn an at-large bid to the playoffs in 2013. The Grizzlies, coached by Mick Delaney, are slated to return seven offensive and five defensive starters.

UM's offense will be led by senior quarterback Jordan Johnson, a candidate for the Walter Payton Award, and junior wide receiver Ellis Henderson. Senior defensive end Zack Wagenmann is a candidate for the Buck Buchanan Award.

Montana State, winners of three straight Big Sky titles from 2010-12, looks for a return to the playoffs in 2014. Rob Ash's club must replace four-year starter and two-time Big Sky MVP DeNarius McGhee at quarterback. The Bobcats return six offensive and seven defensive starters. The defense will also be buoyed by the return of linebacker Na'a Moeakiola, who missed last season with an injury.

Cal Poly, which shared the Big Sky title in 2012, figures to contend in 2014 as long as injuries don't hinder the Mustangs like they did in 2013. Tim Walsh's Mustangs return eight offensive and seven defensive starters.

Coaches' Poll	
1. Eastern Washington (12).....	144
2. Montana (1).....	130
3. Montana State.....	111
4. Cal Poly.....	108
5. Northern Arizona.....	100
6. Southern Utah.....	89
7. Sacramento State.....	79
8. Portland State.....	71
9. UC Davis.....	66
10. North Dakota.....	34
11. Weber State.....	30
12. Idaho State.....	28
13. Northern Colorado.....	23

Media Poll	
1. Eastern Washington (34).....	464
2. Montana (1).....	416
3. Montana State (1).....	364
4. Cal Poly.....	329
5. Northern Arizona.....	328
6. Southern Utah.....	299
7. UC Davis.....	228
8. Portland State.....	227
9. Sacramento State.....	222
10. Idaho State.....	124
11. North Dakota.....	121
12. Weber State.....	103
13. Northern Colorado.....	61

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THE SPORTS NETWORK TOP 25 (2014 PRESEASON)

RK	SCHOOL	REC.	PTS
1.	EASTERN WASHINGTON (82)	1-0	3,589
2.	NORTH DAKOTA ST. (62)	0-0	3,540
3.	SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA (2)	0-0	3,300
4.	NEW HAMPSHIRE (1)	0-0	3,090
5.	MONTANA	0-0	2,817
6.	JACKSONVILLE STATE	0-0	2,634
7.	COASTAL CAROLINA	0-0	2,461
8.	MCNEESE STATE	0-0	2,277
9.	NORTHERN IOWA	0-0	2,197
10.	SOUTH DAKOTA ST.	0-0	2,154
11.	FORDHAM	0-0	2,139
12.	VILLANOVA	0-0	2,072
13.	TOWSON	0-0	1,999
14.	CHATTANOOGA	0-0	1,647
15.	TENNESSEE ST.	0-0	1,448
16.	EASTERN ILLINOIS	0-0	1,375
17.	SAM HOUSTON ST.	0-1	1,345
18.	MONTANA STATE	0-0	1,170
19.	WILLIAM & MARY	0-0	1,151
20.	RICHMOND	0-0	963
21.	FURMAN	0-0	802
22.	BETHUNE-COOKMAN	0-0	475
23.	NORTHERN ARIZONA	0-0	429
24.	YOUNGSTOWN ST.	0-0	405
25.	MAINE	0-0	330

FCS COACHES' POLL (2014 PRESEASON)

RK	SCHOOL	REC.	PTS
1.	NDSU (16)	0-0	636
2.	E. WASHINGTON (6)	1-0	614
3.	SE LOUISIANA (1)	0-0	542
4.	NEW HAMPSHIRE	0-0	510
5.	MONTANA	0-0	505
6.	COASTAL CAROLINA	0-0	447
7.	TOWSON (1)	0-0	438
8.	JACKSONVILLE STATE	0-0	425
9.	MCNEESE STATE	0-0	424
10.	SOUTH DAKOTA ST.	0-0	332
11.	EASTERN ILLINOIS	0-0	314
12.	FORDHAM	0-0	305
13.	VILLANOVA	0-0	287
14.	SAM HOUSTON ST.	0-1	227
15.	NORTHERN IOWA	0-0	263
16.	CHATTANOOGA	0-0	238
17.	TENNESSEE ST.	0-0	237
18.	FURMAN	0-0	188
19.	MONTANA STATE	0-0	170
20.	MAINE	0-0	169
21.	YOUNGSTOWN ST.	0-0	162
22.	WILLIAM & MARY	0-0	159
23.	BETHUNE-COOKMAN	0-0	136
24.	RICHMOND	0-0	118
25.	NORTHERN ARIZONA	0-0	116

BIG SKY TEAMS IN THE SPORTS NETWORK TOP 25

Team	Pre.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Final
EWU	1													
UM	5													
MSU	18													
NAU	23													

BIG SKY TEAMS IN THE COACHES' POLL

Team	Pre.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Final
EWU	2													
UM	5													
MSU	19													
NAU	25													

2013 BIG SKY CONFERENCE FOOTBALL STANDINGS

	BIG SKY GAMES			ALL GAMES		
	W	L	PCT.	W	L	PCT.
*Eastern Washington	8	0	.1000	12	3	.800
!Northern Arizona	7	1	.875	9	3	.750
!Montana	6	2	.750	10	3	.769
!Southern Utah	5	3	.626	8	5	.614
Montana State	5	3	.626	7	5	.583
Cal Poly	5	3	.626	6	5	.500
UC Davis	5	3	.626	5	7	.417
Sacramento State	4	4	.500	5	7	.417
Portland State	3	5	.375	6	6	.500
North Dakota	2	6	.250	3	8	.273
Idaho State	1	7	.125	3	9	.250
Weber State	1	7	.125	2	10	.167
Northern Colorado	0	8	.000	1	11	.083

*Regular-Season Champion. !At-large bid to playoffs

BIG SKY COACHING RECORDS

Name, School	Years	Big Sky Games			*Overall Games*		
		W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Beau Baldwin, Eastern Washington ⁴	7	38	10	.792	57	22	.722
Rob Ash, Montana State ¹	8	40	16	.714	57	27	.679
Mick Delaney, Montana ⁹	3	9	7	.563	15	9	.625
Ed Lamb, Southern Utah ⁸	3	9	7	.563	13	11	.542
Tim Walsh, Cal Poly ²	³ 14	54	45	.545	80	66	.548
Jerome Souers, Northern Arizona	17	62	60	.508	93	88	.514
Mike Kramer, Idaho State ⁵	17	55	65	.458	83	103	.449
Ron Gould, UC Davis	2	5	3	.625	5	7	.417
Nigel Burton, Portland State	5	11	21	.344	18	27	.400
Earnest Collins, Northern Colorado ⁶	4	4	20	.167	6	28	.176
Jody Sears, Sacramento State ³	3	3	13	.188	4	19	.174
Jay Hill, Weber State	1	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Bubba Schweigert, North Dakota ⁷	1	0	0	.000	0	0	.000

*Overall Games as a member of the Big Sky

¹Ash compiled a 176-99-5 record in 27 seasons as a head coach (18 at Drake, 9 at Juniata).
²Walsh coached 11 seasons at Portland State in the Big Sky. Walsh enters 2013 143-101 all-time.
³Sears coached two years at Weber State. This is his first year at Sacramento State.
⁴Baldwin went 10-3 in 1 season at Central Washington.
⁵Kramer has previously coached in the Big Sky at EWU and MSU. This is his second season at ISU.
⁶Collins went 8-12 in two seasons at Alcorn State.
⁷Schweigert went 21-20 in four seasons at Minnesota-Duluth.
⁸Lamb went 21-23 his first four seasons at SUU.
⁹Delaney 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
VERNON ADAMS, EWU	13	457
JUSTIN ARIAS, ISU	7	441
JORDAN JOHNSON, UM	5	388
KIERAN McDONAGH, PSU	4	377
RYAN BARTELS, UND	2	367
JAKE BLESKIN, MSU	2	308
JOE MOLLBERG, UND	1	355
SHAY SMITHWICK-HANN, UM	1	306

100-YARD RUSHING GAMES		
NAME, SCHOOL	No.	High
JORDAN CANADA, UM	8	189
GABE MANZANARES, UCD	7	208
QUINCY FORTE, EWU	6	202
BO BOLEN, WSU	4	207
CHRIS BROWN, CP	3	195
CASEY JAHN, NAU	3	144
XAVIER FINNEY, ISU	2	146
TRAVON VAN, UM	2	136
SHAWN JOHNSON, MSU	2	134
RAYSEAN MARTIN, SUU	2	131
JORDAN TALLEY, EWU	2	114
GARRETT SAFRON, SAC	2	110
MARIO BROWN, EWU	2	104
MIKE SHARP, SUU	1	157
JOSH NGUYEN, UM	1	144
COLTON SILVERIA, UCD	1	120
BRANDON KELLERMAN, SAC	1	119
DANO GRAVES, CP	1	116
KIERAN McDONAGH, PSU	1	108
VERNON ADAMS, EWU	1	107
SHAQ RICHARD, PSU	1	107
JORDAN JOHNSON, UM	1	102

100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES		
NAME, SCHOOL	No.	High
COOPER KUPP, EWU	8	205
ELLIS HENDERSON, UM	6	181
DEANDRE CARTER, SAC	5	165
DIMITRI STIMPHIL, NC	4	219
KASEY CLOSS, PSU	4	205
SHAQUILLE HILL, EWU	3	172
SHAYDON KEHANO, WSU	3	157
WILLIE TUCKER, CP	3	152
JAMAL JONES, UM	3	143
CORY MITCHELL, EWU	2	132
IFY UMODU, NAU	2	118
CORY GALINDO, UCD	2	113
ROSTON TATUM, PSU	1	159
C.J. MORGAN, SUU	1	100

AROUND THE BIG SKY

EAGLES SOAR ON ESPN: Eastern Washington opened the season with a 56-35 win over Sam Houston State in the nation's first college football game last Saturday. The game was televised on ESPN, and a capacity crowd of 10,310 was on hand. EWU QB Vernon Adams Jr. threw for 302 yards and four touchdowns. He also rushed for 61 yards, giving him 1,006 rushing yards in his career. Adams now has 7,252 passing yards and 79 career passing touchdowns. Adams has thrown 65 TD passes in his last 17 games dating back to EWU's loss to Sam Houston State in the 2012 semifinals. The Big Sky career record for TD passes is 98. Eastern Washington tied a school record by running 100 offensive plays. The Eagles rolled up 624 yards of total offense and scored 35 second-half points. EWU has won 11 straight regular-season games at home. The win ended a string of seven consecutive wins by Sam Houston State over Big Sky teams dating back to 2011. Six of those wins came in the playoffs.

WELCOME TO THE LEAGUE: North Dakota's Bubba Schweigert and Weber State's Jay Hill are the two new coaches in the Big Sky in 2014. Schweigert, a former long-time assistant at North Dakota, was previously the defensive coordinator at Southern Illinois. Hill comes to Weber State from the University of Utah, where he was a player and an assistant coach. North Dakota opens its season on Thursday against San Jose State of the Mountain West Conference. Hill and the Weber State Wildcats also open on Thursday, Aug. 28, against Arizona State of the Pac-12.

FAMILIAR FACE, NEW PLACE: Jody Sears begins his third season as a head coach in the Big Sky, but his first with Sacramento State on Saturday when the Hornets face Incarnate Word of the Southland Conference. Sears spent the previous two years as the head coach at Weber State. He was hired as the Hornets' defensive coordinator, but was elevated to interim head coach after the resignation of Marshall Sperbeck.

BIG SKY VS. FBS: Big Sky teams will face FBS teams 17 times this season. All 13 Big Sky teams play at least one FBS team, while Idaho State, Portland State, Southern Utah and UC Davis each play two. Big Sky teams will face two teams from the Sun Belt Conference, seven from the Pac-12, and eight from the Mountain West. The Big Sky finished 2-14 against FBS teams in 2013. Eastern Washington upset No. 25 Oregon State, and Southern Utah beat South Alabama of the Sun Belt. The Big Sky has produced seven wins over FBS teams the past three seasons. A Big Sky team has notched a win over a Pac-12 team each of the previous three seasons. In 2011, Sacramento State beat Oregon State. In 2012, the Hornets beat Colorado.

FOUR TEAMS RANKED: Four Big Sky teams open the 2014 season ranked in The Sports Network Top 25 and the FCS Coaches' Poll. Eastern Washington is ranked No. 1 by The Sports Network and No. 2 by the Coaches. Montana is fifth in both polls. Montana State is 18th in the Sports Network Poll and 19th in the Coaches' Poll. Northern Arizona is 23rd in the TSN poll and 25th in the Coaches' Poll. EWU, UM and NAU all qualified for the postseason in 2013. North Dakota State, the three-time defending national champion, is ranked No. 1 in the Coaches' Poll and No. 2 by the Sports Network. NDSU opens the season with a 24-game winning streak. The Bison will play Weber State and Montana this season.

COACH SPEAK: NAU's Jerome Souers and ISU's Mike Kramer are each entering their 17th seasons as head coaches in the Big Sky. Souers ranks second all-time with 93 wins. Kramer is fourth with 83, and needs two to tie former Montana coach Don Read. Souers has won 62 conference games, just six behind all-time leader Chris Ault (Nevada). Kramer and Cal Poly coach Tim Walsh are tied for third in conference victories with 55. Ault is the all-time leader in wins with 111. Walsh begins the season tied for fifth all-time in victories with 80.

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RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	Team	Cl	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Yds/G
Gabe Manzanares	UCD	SR	11	259	1285	5.0	10	50	116.8
Quincy Forte	EWU	SR	14	179	1208	6.7	11	83	86.3
Jordan Canada	UM	SR	13	211	1062	5.0	16	80	81.7
Xavier Finney	ISU	JR	12	199	868	4.4	5	22	72.3
Shawn Johnson	MSU	SR	12	104	609	5.9	6	90	50.8

INTERCEPTIONS	Team	Cl	G	Int	Yds	TD	Long	Int/G
D. Florence	WSU	SR	10	4	16	0	16	0.40
Kyle Griffin	NC	SR	10	3	0	0	0	0.30
Austin Hasquet	NAU	SR	12	3	58	1	37	0.25
Alex Singleton	MSU	SR	12	3	25	1	23	0.25

PASSING AVG/GAME	Team	Cl	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Avg/G
Vernon Adams	EWU	JR	15	486	319	15	65.6	4994	55	332.9
Justin Arias	ISU	SR	12	574	322	14	56.1	3547	24	295.6
Garrett Safron	SAC	SR	12	460	294	13	63.9	3289	27	274.1
Jordan Johnson	UM	SR	13	388	220	5	56.7	3387	32	260.5
Kieran McDonagh	PSU	JR	10	215	117	11	54.4	1936	15	193.6
Joe Mollberg	UND	SO	10	241	141	13	58.5	1729	7	172.9
Aaron Cantu	SUU	SR	12	329	213	12	64.7	2052	10	171.0

PASS EFFICIENCY	Team	Cl	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Eff.
Vernon Adams	EWU	JR	15	486	319	15	65.6	4994	55	183.1
Jordan Johnson	UM	SR	13	388	220	5	56.7	3387	32	154.7
Kieran McDonagh	PSU	JR	10	215	117	11	54.4	1936	15	142.8
Garrett Safron	SAC	SR	12	460	294	13	63.9	3289	27	137.7
Aaron Cantu	SUU	SR	12	329	213	12	64.7	2052	10	119.9
Joe Mollberg	UND	SO	10	241	141	13	58.5	1729	7	117.6

TOTAL OFFENSE	Team	Cl	G	Rush	Pass	Plays	Total	Yds/G
Vernon Adams	EWU	JR	15	605	4994	618	5599	373.3
Garrett Safron	SAC	SR	12	492	3289	602	3781	315.1
Justin Arias	ISU	SR	12	-72	3547	654	3475	289.6
Jordan Johnson	UM	SR	13	148	3387	445	3535	271.9
Kieran McDonagh	PSU	JR	10	369	1936	282	2305	230.5
Joe Mollberg	UND	SO	10	-4	1729	291	1725	172.5
Aaron Cantu	SUU	SR	12	-100	2052	383	1952	162.7

PUNT RETURN AVG	Team	Cl	G	Ret	Yds	TD	Long	Avg
Shawn Johnson	MSU	SR	12	16	222	1	82	13.9
Ellis Henderson	UM	JR	13	25	305	0	54	12.2
Alex Toureen	PSU	SR	10	16	52	0	26	3.2

RECEPTIONS/GAME	Team	Cl	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/C	Rec/G
Cooper Kupp	EWU	FR	15	93	1691	21	63	18.2	6.20
DeAndre Carter	SAC	JR	11	64	934	14	78	14.6	5.82
Dimitri Stimphil	NC	JR	11	63	1007	6	80	16.0	5.73

KICK RETURN AVG	Team	Cl	G	Ret	Yds	TD	Long	Avg
Shawn Johnson	MSU	SR	12	22	683	2	100	31.0
Nate Tago	PSU	SO	10	21	508	0	50	24.2
Ellis Henderson	UM	JR	13	21	505	1	98	24.0
Shaquille Hill	EWU	JR	14	30	634	0	80	21.1

RECEIVE YDS/GAME	Team	Cl	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/C	Yds/G
Cooper Kupp	EWU	SO	15	93	1691	21	63	18.2	112.7
Kasey Closs	PSU	SR	12	63	1167	8	81	18.5	97.2
Dimitri Stimphil	NC	SR	11	63	1007	6	80	16.0	91.5
DeAndre Carter	SAC	JR	11	64	934	14	78	14.6	84.9
Ellis Henderson	UM	JR	13	43	1008	14	71	23.4	77.5

PUNTING	Team	Cl	G	Punt	Yds	Long	Avg
Kyle Loomis	PSU	SR	12	56	2603	67	46.5
Stephen Shaw	UM	JR	13	49	2150	64	43.9
Paul Hundley	CP	JR	12	40	1751	73	43.8
Jake Miller	EWU	SR	14	52	2225	66	42.8

ALL PURPOSE	Team	Cl	G	Rush	Rcv	PR	KR	Yds	Avg/G
Gabe Manzanares	UCD	SR	11	1285	385	0	0	1670	151.8
Shawn Johnson	MSU	SR	12	609	243	222	683	1757	146.4
Ellis Henderson	UM	JR	13	33	1008	305	505	1851	142.4
Cooper Kupp	EWU	SO	15	13	1691	10	54	1768	117.9
Dimitri Stimphil	NC	SR	11	4	1007	2	246	1259	114.5

SCORING	Team	Cl	G	TD	XPT	FG	2XPTs	Pts/G	
Cooper Kupp	EWU	SO	15	21	0	0	0	126	8.4
DeAndre Carter	SAC	SR	11	15	0	0	0	90	8.2
Jordan Canada	UM	SR	13	16	0	0	0	96	7.4
Ellis Henderson	UM	JR	13	15	0	0	0	90	6.9
Quincy Forte	EWU	SR	14	16	0	0	0	96	6.9

SCORING (TDs)	Team	Cl	G	TD	Rush	Pass	Ret	PAT	Pts	Pts/G
Cooper Kupp	EWU	SO	15	21	0	21	0	0	126	8.4
DeAndre Carter	SAC	SR	11	15	1	14	0	0	90	8.2
Jordan Canada	UM	SR	13	16	16	0	0	0	96	7.4
Ellis Henderson	UM	JR	13	15	0	14	1	0	90	6.9
Quincy Forte	EWU	SR	14	16	11	5	0	0	96	6.9
Gabe Manzanares	UCD	SR	11	11	10	1	0	0	66	6.0
Shawn Johnson	MSU	SR	12	10	6	1	3	1	62	5.2

FIELD GOALS	Team	Cl	G	FG	FGA	Pct.	FG/G
Brady Stuart	UCD	JR	12	17	25	68.0	1.42
Jesse Aguilar	SAC	SR	10	4	11	36.4	0.40

SCORING (KICK)	Team	Cl	G	PATs	FGs	Pts	Pts/G
Brady Stuart	UCD	JR	12	24-25	17-25	75	6.2
Jesse Aguilar	SAC	SR	10	29-30	4-11	41	4.1

FIELD GOAL PCT	Team	Cl	G	FG	FGA	Long	Pct.
Brady Stuart	UCD	JR	12	17	25	47	68.0

PAT KICKING PCT	Team	Cl	G	Made	Att	Pct.
Nick Fernandez	PSU	SR	10	31	32	96.9
Jesse Aguilar	SAC	SR	10	29	30	96.7
Brady Stuart	UCD	JR	12	24	25	96.0

TACKLES (All positions)										
Player	Team	Cl	G	Pos	Solo	Ast	Total	Avg/G	Sack	
Cameron Ontko	CP	JR	11	LB	43	65	108	9.8	1.0	
L. Willingham	NC	JR	10	LB	40	58	98	9.8	1.0	
Ronnie Hamlin	EWU	SR	15	LB	65	75	140	9.3	2.0	
Nick Dzubnar	CP	SR	12	LB	54	58	112	9.3	1.0	
Mitch Beckstead	ISU	SR	12	LB	51	60	111	9.2	0.0	
Alex Singleton	MSU	SR	12	LB	69	41	110	9.2	1.5	
Matt Hermanson	UM	SR	12	S	53	54	107	8.9	1.0	
Adam Padilla	WSU	JR	11	LB	36	52	88	8.0	0.0	

SACKS	Team	Cl	G	Pos	Solo	Ast	Yds Total	Avg/G	
James Cowser	SUU	JR	13	DE	10	1	58	10.5	0.81
Zack Wagenmann	UM	SR	13	DE	7	3	50	8.5	0.65
Darnell Sankey	SAC	JR	12	DL	5	2	47	6.0	0.50
Evan Day	EWU	SR	15	DE	6	0	35	6.0	0.40

TACKLES FOR LOSS	Team	Cl	G	Pos	Solo	Ast	Yds Total	Avg/G	
James Cowser	SUU	JR	13	DE	17	4	83	19.0	1.46

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WALTER PAYTON AWARD

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Vernon Adams, QB, Eastern Washington
 Sam Ajala, WR, Fordham
 Bryan Bennett, QB, Southeastern Louisiana
 Kenny Cook, WR, Gardner-Webb
 Quinn Epperly, QB, Princeton
 R.J. Harris, WR, New Hampshire
 Rob Hollomon, RB, Central Connecticut State
 Jacob Huesman, QB, UT-Chattanooga
 Damarcus James, RB Jacksonville State
 David Johnson, RB, Northern Iowa
Jordan Johnson, QB, Montana
Cooper Kupp, WR, Eastern Washington
 Shepard Little, RB, Eastern Illinois
 Michael Nerbich, QB, Fordham
 Mycole Pruitt, TE, Southern Illinois
 John Robertson, QB, Villanova
 Alex Ross, QB, Coastal Carolina
 Michael Strauss, QB, Richmond
 Zach Zenner, RB, South Dakota State

Buck Buchanan Award Candidates

Quinn Backus, LB, Coastal Carolina
 Tony Bell, LB, UT-Martin
James Cowser, DE, Southern Utah
 Daniel Fitzpatrick, SS, Tennessee State
 Jacob Hagen, FS, Liberty
Ronnie Hamlin, LB, Eastern Washington
 Colten Heagle, SS, North Dakota State
 Stephen Hodge, LB, Fordham
 Zach Hodges, DE, Harvard
 OJ Mau, NG, Gardner-Webb
 Harlan Miller, CB, Southeastern Louisiana
 Troy Moore, DT, Sacred Heart
 Mike Reilly, DE, William & Marty
 Caleb Schaffitzel, SS, Missouri State
 Tye Smith, CB, Towson
 Jaquiski Tartt, FS, Samford
 Davis Tull, DE, Chattanooga
Zack Wagenmann, DE, Montana
 Jonathan Woodard, DE, Central Arkansas

GAME PREVIEW



Idaho State at Utah

Thursday, Aug. 28, 5:35 p.m.
Salt Lake City, Utah
Rice-Eccles Stadium
(45,017, FieldTurf)
Pac-12 Network

Series History: Utah leads 6-0.

Last Meeting: Utah won 66-0 in 1994.

The Coaches: Utah's Kyle Whittingham is 76-39 entering his 10th season...Idaho State's Mike Kramer is 6-28 entering his fourth season at Idaho State, and is 83-103 in 16 seasons as a head coach.

Notes: The teams first met in 1944 in Pocatello. Utah is playing a Big Sky team for the fourth straight season. The Utes beat Weber State in 2013, Northern Colorado in 2012 and Montana State in 2011...Utah has finished 5-7 each of the past two seasons...The Utes were picked to finish fifth in the Pac-12 South Division...Idaho State was picked to finish 10th by the media and 12th by the coaches in the Big Sky preseason poll...Idaho State enters the season with a 45-game road losing streak that dates back to a 41-13 win at Northern Colorado on Oct. 7, 2006...ISU QB Justin Arias set a Big Sky single-season record with 574 pass attempts in 2013.



Cal Poly at New Mexico State

Thursday, Aug. 28, 6:05 p.m.
Las Cruces, N.M.
Aggie Memorial Stadium
(30,343, Natural Grass)
ESPN3/FCS Pacific

Series History: Cal Poly leads 3-0.

Last Meeting: Cal Poly beat New Mexico State 38-35 in overtime in 1997.

The Coaches: Cal Poly's Tim Walsh is 32-25 entering his sixth season with the Mustangs. He is 149-107 entering his 24th season as a head coach...New Mexico State's Doug Martin is 2-10 entering his second season. He went 29-53 in seven seasons at Kent State from 2004-2010.

Notes: The teams first met in 1956, a 32-7 win by Cal Poly. The Mustangs won the second meeting in 1957 10-8...New Mexico State was picked to finish 11th in the 11-team Sun Belt Conference. This is the Aggies first season in the Sun Belt. The Aggies previously played in the WAC, and were an independent last season...Cal Poly enters its third year in the Big Sky...The Mustangs were picked to finish fourth by the media and coaches...Walsh has won 80 games coaching in the Big Sky, which is tied for fifth all-time in league history.



North Dakota at San Jose State

Thursday, Aug. 28, 7:05 p.m.
San Jose, Calif.
Spartan Stadium
(30,456 FieldTurf)
ESPN3

Series History: First Meeting.

The Coaches: Bubba Schweigert is coaching his first game at North Dakota. He compiled a 21-20 record in five seasons at Division II Minnesota-Duluth...San Jose State's Ron Caragher is 6-6 entering his second season with the Spartans. He went 44-22 in six seasons at San Diego, an FCS program.

Notes: San Jose State was picked to finish fifth in the Mountain West's West Division...North Dakota enters its third season in the Big Sky. UND was picked to finish 10th by the coaches and 11th by the media...Schweigert was an assistant coach at UND from 1989-2003...San Jose State finished 6-6 in 2013...North Dakota finished 3-8 in 2013...Sophomore Joe Mollberg has been named UND's starting QB. Mollberg played in 10 games last season, throwing for 1,729 yards with seven touchdowns and 13 interceptions.



Weber State at Arizona State

Thursday, Aug. 28, 7:35 p.m.
Tempe, Ariz.
Sun Devil Stadium
(67,704 Natural Grass)
Pac-12 Network

Series History: First Meeting.

The Coaches: Jay Hill enters his first season as Weber State's head coach. Hill spent the previous 13 years on the staff at Utah...Arizona State's Todd Graham is 18-9 entering his third season. Graham has an overall record of 67-38 as a head coach with previous stops at Pittsburgh, Tulsa and Rice.

Notes: Weber State was selected 12th by the media and 11th by the coaches in the preseason polls...Arizona State was selected third in the Pac-12 South Division, behind UCLA and USC...Weber State finished 2-10 in 2013...Arizona State finished 10-4 in 2013, losing to Stanford in the Pac-12 Championship game and to Texas Tech in the Holiday Bowl...Arizona State is 18th in the preseason USA Today Top 25...Sophomore Billy Green, a transfer from BYU, is expected to start at quarterback for the Wildcats.

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Southern Utah at Nevada

*Saturday, Aug. 30, 12:05 p.m.
Reno, Nev.
Mackay Stadium
(30,000, FieldTurf)
Nevada Wolf Pack TV*

Series History: Nevada leads 1-0.

Last Meeting: Nevada won 24-23 in 2003.

The Coaches: Southern Utah's Ed Lamb is 34-34 entering his seventh season with the Thunderbirds...Brian Polian is 4-8 entering his second season with Nevada.

Notes: Southern Utah advanced to the NCAA postseason for the first time in school history last season... The Thunderbirds were picked to finish sixth by the coaches and media in the Big Sky preseason polls...SUU knocked off FBS team South Alabama last season, and beat UNLV in 2011...Nevada was picked to finish third in the six-team Mountain West West Division...SUU DE James Cowser is a preseason candidate for the Buck Buchanan Award...Nevada lost six of its last seven to close 2013... Nevada DE Brock Hekking has 17 career sacks and 24.5 tackles for loss.



Portland State at Oregon State

*Saturday, Aug. 30, 1 p.m.
Corvallis, Ore.
Reser Stadium
(45,674 FieldTurf)
Pac-12 Network*

Series History: OSU leads 3-0.

Last Meeting: Oregon State won 34-7 in 2009.

Coaches: Mike Riley is 88-73 in his entering his 14th season with the Beavers. He went 14-34 in three seasons as the head coach of the San Diego Chargers, and 40-32 in four years with the Winnipeg BlueBombers.

Notes: The teams first met in 1983 in Portland...PSU is 2-30 all-time against FBS programs. PSU is 0-12 vs. members of the Pac-12...OSU QB Sean Mannion set a Pac-12 record with 4,662 passing yards in 2013...Nigel Burton was an OSU assistant coach under Mike Riley from 2003-07...Oregon State has lost at home to Big Sky teams twice in the last three seasons: Sacramento State (2012) and Eastern Washington (2014)...PSU led the Big Sky in total offense in 2013, averaging 540.4 yards per game...PSU has won its last three openers.



UC Davis at Stanford

*Saturday, Aug. 30, 1:05
Stanford, Calif.
Stanford Stadium
(50,000, Natural Grass)
Pac-12 Network*

Series History: Tied 1-1.

Last Meeting: UC Davis stunned Stanford 20-17 in 2005.

The Coaches: Ron Gould is 5-7 entering his second season with the Aggies...Stanford's David Shaw is 34-7 entering his fourth season.

Notes: Stanford is ranked 11th in the USA Today preseason Top 25... The Cardinal have played in a BCS bowl game each of the past four seasons...UC Davis won its final two games of the 2013 season, and captured wins in five of its last eight games...UC Davis senior RB Gabe Manzanares rushed for 1,285 yards en route to earning league Newcomer of the Year honors in 2013...Stanford was picked to finish second in the Pac-12 North Division...UC Davis was picked to finish seventh by the media and ninth by the coaches in the Big Sky preseason poll...UC Davis has lost six of its last seven openers.



Montana at Wyoming

*Saturday, Aug. 30, 2:05 p.m.
Laramie, Wyo.
War Memorial Stadium
(32,580, FieldTurf)
ROOT SPORTS*

The Series: Wyoming leads 13-0.

Last Meeting: Wyoming won 28-13 in 1997.

The Coaches: Mick Delaney is 15-9 entering his third season at Montana. He is 22-18-1 entering his fifth season as a head coach... Wyoming's Craig Bohl is entering his first season at Wyoming. He compiled a 104-32 record in 11 seasons at North Dakota State, leading the Bison to the last three FCS national titles.

Notes: The teams first met in 1951, and played every year from 1951-63 with the exception of 1954... Montana was picked to finish second in the Big Sky by the coaches and media. The Grizzlies finished 10-3 in 2013...Wyoming was picked to finish fourth in the Mountain West's Mountain Division. The Cowboys finished 4-8 in 2013... Montana senior QB Jordan Johnson is a candidate for the Walter Payton Award. Defensive end Zack Wagenmann is a candidate for the Buck Buchanan Award... Johnson threw for 32 touchdowns with just five interceptions last season...UM has won six of its last seven openers.

GAME PREVIEWS



Northern Arizona at San Diego State

*Saturday, Aug. 30, 4:05 p.m.
San Diego, Calif.
Qualcomm Stadium
(71,294 Natural Grass)
CBS Sports Network*

Series History: San Diego State leads 2-0.

Last Meeting: San Diego State won 18-6 in 1966.

The Coaches: Northern Arizona's Jerome Souers is 93-88 entering his 17th season...San Diego State's Rocky Long is 25-14 entering his fourth season. Long compiled a 65-69 mark as the head coach at New Mexico from 1998-2008.

Notes: San Diego State finished 8-5 in 2013, winning the Idaho Potato Bowl...Northern Arizona finished the 2013 season 9-3, earning its first postseason berth since 2003...Northern Arizona is 17-6 over the past two seasons... NAU beat UNLV of the Mountain West Conference in 2012...NAU was picked to finish fifth by the coaches and media in the Big Sky preseason poll...SDSU was tabbed second in the Mountain West's West Division...NAU's defense scored six touchdowns in 2013... NAU has lost five straight openers - all on the road to FBS opponents...NAU QB Kyren Poe completed 60.4 percent of his passes for 1,602 yards and six TDs last season.



Sacramento State at Incarnate Word

*Saturday, Aug. 30, 6:05 p.m.
San Antonio, Texas
Benson Stadium
(6,000 Hellas Matrix Turf)
Incarnate Word
Web Site Video Stream*

Series History: First Meeting.

The Coaches: Sacramento State's Jody Sears is in his first season. He is the Hornets interim coach. Sears went 4-19 the previous two years as the head coach at Weber State in the Big Sky...Incarnate Word's Larry Kennan is 8-14 entering his third season. He went 13-17-3 as the head coach at Lamar from 1979-81.

Notes: Incarnate Word is playing its first season in the Southland Conference. The Cardinals were an FCS Independent in 2013 and played Division II football before that...Sacramento State was picked to finish seventh by the coaches and ninth by the media... Incarnate Word was picked to finish 10th in the 11-team Southland...Sacramento State senior QB Garrett Safron enters the season with 6,223 passing yards and 52 touchdown passes...Incarnate Word went 6-5 last season. Sacramento State was 5-7...Sacramento State WR DeAndre Carter hauled in 14 TD catches last season...Sacramento State has lost four of its last five openers.

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UM-Western at Eastern Washington

Saturday, Aug. 30, 6:05 p.m.
Cheney, Wash.
Roos Field
(8,600 Red Sprinturf Turf)
SWX
WatchBigSky.Com

Series History: EWU leads 8-0.

Last Meeting: EWU beat UM-Western 52-13 in 2007.

The Coaches: EWU's Beau Baldwin is 57-22 entering his seventh season with the Eagles. He is 67-25 in seven years as a head coach...UM-Western's B.J. Robertson is 5-6 in his second season.

Notes: Both teams opened the season with victories. UM-Western, an NAIA school located in Dillon, Mont., beat Montana Tech 38-6. EWU opened with a 56-35 home win over Sam Houston St...EWU QB Vernon Adams has thrown for 7,252 yards and 79 TDs in his career.. Adams has also surpassed 1,000 rushing yards in his career...EWU is 25-4 at "The Inferno" and has won 11 straight regular-season games at home...UM-Western QB Tyler Hulse threw three TD passes in the Bulldogs' opener...EWU RB Quincy Forte is averaging 155.3 rushing yards per game in his last four games dating back to last season...EWU tied a school record by running 100 offensive players in last week's victory over Sam Houston State.



Montana State at Arkansas State

Saturday, Aug. 30, 6:05
Jonesboro, Arkansas
Centennial Bank Stadium
(30,953 Pro Green Turf)
Cowles Media/ESPN3

Series History: Montana State leads 3-0.

Last Meeting: Montana State beat Arkansas State 31-13 in the quarterfinals of the 1984 I-AA playoffs. Montana State went on to win the national championship.

The Coaches: Montana State's Rob Ash is 57-27 entering his eighth season with the Bobcats. He has an overall coaching record of 233-126-5 entering his 35th season...Blake Anderson is entering his first season at Arkansas State.

Notes: Arkansas State went 8-5 in 2013, winning the GoDaddy Bowl.. The head coach, Brian Harsin, is now the head coach at Boise State...Arkansas State enters the season with a new head coach for the fifth straight season...Montana State was picked to finish third by the coaches and media in the Big Sky preseason poll...Sophomore Dakota Prukup has been named the MSU starting QB...MSU will play host to Central Arkansas on Sept. 13...MSU is looking for its first win over an FBS program since topping Colorado in 2006. MSU lost 31-30 at SMU last year...Arkansas State was picked to finish second in the Sun Belt.

TEAM-BY-TEAM SCHEDULES

CAL POLY (0-0)



DATE	TEAM	TIME
8/28	AT NEW MEXICO STATE	6:05
9/6	AT SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	6:05
9/20	PORTLAND STATE (NC)	6:05
9/27	*AT NORTHERN ARIZONA	4:05
10/4	*SOUTHERN UTAH	6:05
10/11	*AT WEBER STATE	1:05
10/18	*AT SACRAMENTO STATE	6:05
10/25	*MONTANA	6:05
11/1	*MONTANA STATE	6:05
11/8	*AT IDAHO STATE	2:35
11/15	*UC DAVIS	6:05
11/22	AT SAN DIEGO	4:05

EASTERN WASHINGTON (1-0)



DATE	TEAM	TIME
8/23	#17 SAM HOUSTON STATE	56-35
8/30	UM-WESTERN	6:05
9/6	AT WASHINGTON	12:05
9/20	AT MONTANA STATE (NC)	1:10
9/27	*AT UC DAVIS	6:05
10/4	*IDAHO STATE	1:35
10/11	*AT SOUTHERN UTAH	1:05
10/18	*NORTHERN COLORADO	1:05
10/25	*AT NORTHERN ARIZONA	12:40
11/1	*NORTH DAKOTA	2:05
11/8	*MONTANA	12:10
11/21	*AT PORTLAND STATE	7:10

IDAHO STATE (0-0)



DATE	TEAM	TIME
8/28	AT UTAH	5:35
9/6	AT UTAH STATE	6:05
9/13	CHADRON STATE	2:35
9/27	*SACRAMENTO STATE	2:05
10/4	*AT EASTERN WASHINGTON	1:35
10/11	SIMON FRASER	2:35
10/18	*SOUTHERN UTAH	2:35
10/25	*AT NORTHERN COLORADO	1:35
11/1	*AT PORTLAND STATE	4:35
11/8	*CAL POLY	2:35
11/15	*AT MONTANA STATE	1:40
11/22	*WEBER STATE	2:35

MONTANA (0-0)



DATE	TEAM	TIME
8/30	AT WYOMING	2:05
9/6	CENTRAL WASHINGTON	3:35
9/13	SOUTH DAKOTA	7:05
9/20	AT NORTH DAKOTA STATE	2:35
9/27	*NORTHERN COLORADO	1:40
10/4	*AT NORTH DAKOTA	1:35
10/18	*UC DAVIS	12:05
10/25	*AT CAL POLY	6:05
11/1	*SACRAMENTO STATE	12:10
11/8	*AT EASTERN WASHINGTON	12:10
11/15	*AT SOUTHERN UTAH	1:05
11/22	*MONTANA STATE	3:10

MONTANA STATE (0-0)



DATE	TEAM	TIME
8/30	AT ARKANSAS STATE	6:05
9/6	BLACK HILLS STATE	7:05
9/13	CENTRAL ARKANSAS	3:35
9/20	EASTERN WASHINGTON (NC)	1:10
9/27	*NORTH DAKOTA	2:05
10/4	*AT SACRAMENTO STATE	6:05
10/11	*AT UC DAVIS	4:10
10/18	*WEBER STATE	3:35
11/1	*AT CAL POLY	6:05
11/8	*PORTLAND STATE	2:05
11/15	*IDAHO STATE	1:40
11/22	*AT MONTANA	3:10

NORTH DAKOTA (0-0)



DATE	TEAM	TIME
8/28	AT SAN JOSE STATE	7:05
9/6	ROBERT MORRIS	6:05
9/13	AT MISSOURI STATE	6:05
9/20	STONY BROOK	6:05
9/27	*AT MONTANA STATE	2:05
10/4	*MONTANA	1:35
10/11	*PORTLAND STATE	1:35
10/25	*AT SOUTHERN UTAH	1:05
11/1	*AT EASTERN WASHINGTON	2:05
11/8	*WEBER STATE	12:05
11/15	*NORTHERN ARIZONA	12:05
11/22	*AT NORTHERN COLORADO	12:05

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TEAM-BY-TEAM SCHEDULES

NORTHERN ARIZONA (0-0)



DATE	TEAM	TIME
8/30	AT SAN DIEGO STATE	4:05
9/6	AT ABILENE CHRISTIAN	6:05
9/13	NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS	4:05
9/20	AT SOUTH DAKOTA	2:05
9/27	* CAL POLY	4:05
10/4	* NORTHERN COLORADO	1:35
10/18	*AT PORTLAND STATE	4:10
10/25	* EASTERN WASHINGTON	12:40
11/1	*AT WEBER STATE	1:05
11/8	* UC DAVIS	2:05
11/15	*AT NORTH DAKOTA	12:05
11/22	* SOUTHERN UTAH	2:05

NORTHERN COLORADO (0-0)



DATE	TEAM	TIME
9/6	AT UNLV	7:05
9/13	HOUSTON BAPTIST	1:35
9/20	AT NORTHERN IOWA	4:05
9/27	*AT MONTANA	1:40
10/4	* NORTHERN ARIZONA	1:35
10/11	* SACRAMENTO STATE	1:35
10/18	*AT EASTERN WASHINGTON	1:05
10/25	* IDAHO STATE	1:35
11/1	*AT UC DAVIS	4:05
11/15	*AT WEBER STATE	1:05
11/22	* NORTH DAKOTA	12:05

PORTLAND STATE (0-0)



DATE	TEAM	TIME
8/30	AT OREGON STATE	1:05
9/6	WESTERN OREGON	7:15
9/13	AT WASHINGTON STATE	5:05
9/20	AT CAL POLY (NC)	6:05
10/4	* UC DAVIS	4:40
10/11	*AT NORTH DAKOTA	1:35
10/18	* NORTHERN ARIZONA	4:10
10/25	*AT WEBER STATE	1:05
11/1	* IDAHO STATE	4:35
11/8	*AT MONTANA STATE	2:05
11/15	*AT SACRAMENTO STATE	2:05
11/21	* EASTERN WASHINGTON	7:10

SACRAMENTO STATE (0-0)



DATE	TEAM	TIME
8/30	AT INCARNATE WORD	6:05
9/6	AT CAL	12:05
9/13	WEBER STATE (NC)	6:05
9/20	MENLO	6:05
9/27	*AT IDAHO STATE	2:05
10/4	* MONTANA STATE	6:05
10/11	*AT NORTHERN COLORADO	1:35
10/18	* CAL POLY	6:05
11/1	*AT MONTANA	12:10
11/8	* SOUTHERN UTAH	2:05
11/15	* PORTLAND STATE	2:05
11/22	*AT UC DAVIS	TBA

SOUTHERN UTAH (0-0)



DATE	TEAM	TIME
8/30	AT NEVADA	12:05
9/6	AT SOUTHERN LOUISIANA	7:05
9/13	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	6:05
9/20	AT FRESNO STATE	7:05
9/27	* WEBER STATE	6:05
10/4	*AT CAL POLY	6:05
10/11	* EASTERN WASHINGTON	1:05
10/18	*AT IDAHO STATE	2:35
10/25	* NORTH DAKOTA	1:05
11/8	*AT SACRAMENTO STATE	2:05
11/15	* MONTANA	1:05
11/22	*AT NORTHERN ARIZONA	2:05

UC DAVIS (0-0)



DATE	TEAM	TIME
8/30	AT #11 STANFORD	1:05
9/6	FORT LEWIS	6:05
9/13	AT COLORADO STATE	1:05
9/27	* EASTERN WASHINGTON	6:05
10/4	*AT PORTLAND STATE	4:40
10/11	* MONTANA STATE	4:10
10/18	*AT MONTANA	12:05
11/1	* NORTHERN COLORADO	4:05
11/8	*AT NORTHERN ARIZONA	2:05
11/15	*AT CAL POLY	6:05
11/22	* SACRAMENTO STATE	TBA

WEBER STATE (0-0)



DATE	TEAM	TIME
8/28	AT #19 ARIZONA STATE	7:35
9/6	NORTH DAKOTA STATE	6:05
9/13	AT SACRAMENTO STATE (NC)	6:05
9/20	AT STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	6:05
9/27	*AT SOUTHERN UTAH	6:05
10/11	* CAL POLY	1:05
10/18	*AT MONTANA STATE	3:35
10/25	* PORTLAND STATE	1:05
11/1	* NORTHERN ARIZONA	1:05
11/8	*AT NORTH DAKOTA	12:05
11/15	* NORTHERN COLORADO	1:05
11/22	*AT IDAHO STATE	2:35

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2014 COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

Saturday, Aug. 23

@#1 Eastern Washington 56, #17 Sam Houston State 35

Thursday, Aug. 28

Idaho State at Utah	5:35
Cal Poly at New Mexico State	6:05
North Dakota at San Jose State	7:05
Weber State at #19 Arizona State	7:35

Saturday, August 30

Southern Utah at Nevada	12:05
Portland State at Oregon State	1:05
UC Davis at #11 Stanford	1:05
#5 Montana at Wyoming	2:05
#23 Northern Arizona at San Diego State	4:05
Sacramento State at Incarnate Word	6:05
#18 Montana State at Arkansas State	6:05
UM-Western at #1 Eastern Washington	6:05

Saturday, Sept. 6

Sacramento State at Cal	12:05
Eastern Washington at Washington	12:05
Central Washington at Montana	3:35
Cal Poly at South Dakota State	6:05
Robert Morris at North Dakota	6:05
Idaho State at Utah State	6:05
Northern Arizona at Abilene Christian	6:05
North Dakota State at Weber State	6:05
Fort Lewis at UC Davis	6:05
Black Hills State at Montana State	7:05
Northern Colorado at UNLV	7:05
Southern Utah at Southeastern Louisiana	7:05
Western Oregon at Portland State	7:15

Saturday, Sept. 13

UC Davis at Colorado State	1:05
Houston Baptist at Northern Colorado	1:35
Chadron State at Idaho State	2:35
Central Arkansas at Montana State	3:35
New Mexico Highlands at Northern Arizona	4:05
Portland State at Washington State	5:05
North Dakota at Missouri State	6:05
Weber State at Sacramento State (Non-Conference)	6:05
South Dakota State at Southern Utah	6:05
South Dakota at Montana	7:05

Saturday, Sept. 20

Eastern Washington at Montana State (Non-Conference)	1:10
Northern Arizona at South Dakota	2:05
Montana at North Dakota State	2:35
Northern Colorado at Northern Iowa	4:05
Stony Brook at North Dakota	6:05
Weber State at Stephen F. Austin	6:05
Menlo at Sacramento State	6:05
Portland State at Cal Poly (Non-Conference)	6:05
Southern Utah at Fresno State	7:05

Saturday, Sept. 27

*Northern Colorado at Montana	1:40
*North Dakota at Montana State	2:05
*Sacramento State at Idaho State	2:05
*Cal Poly at Northern Arizona	4:05
*Eastern Washington at UC Davis	6:05
*Weber State at Southern Utah	6:05

Saturday, Oct. 4

*Montana at North Dakota	1:35
*Northern Arizona at Northern Colorado	1:35
*Idaho State at Eastern Washington	1:35
*UC Davis at Portland State	4:40
*Southern Utah at Cal Poly	6:05
*Montana State at Sacramento State	6:05

Saturday, Oct. 11

*Eastern Washington at Southern Utah	1:05
*Cal Poly at Weber State	1:05
*Sacramento State at Northern Colorado	1:35
*Portland State at North Dakota	1:35
Simon Fraser at Idaho State	2:35
*Montana State at UC Davis	4:10

Saturday, Oct. 18

*UC Davis at Montana	12:05
*Northern Colorado at Eastern Washington	1:05
*Southern Utah at Idaho State	2:35
*Weber State at Montana State	3:35
*Northern Arizona at Portland State	4:10
*Cal Poly at Sacramento State	6:05

Saturday, Oct. 25

*Eastern Washington at Northern Arizona	12:40
*Portland State at Weber State	1:05
*North Dakota at Southern Utah	1:05
*Idaho State at Northern Colorado	1:35
*Montana at Cal Poly	6:05

Saturday, Nov. 1

*Sacramento State at Montana	12:10
*Northern Arizona at Weber State	1:05
*North Dakota at Eastern Washington	2:05
*Northern Colorado at UC Davis	4:05
*Idaho State at Portland State	4:35
*Montana State at Cal Poly	6:05

Saturday, Nov. 8

*Montana at Eastern Washington	12:10
*UC Davis at Northern Arizona	2:05
*Portland State at Montana State	2:05
*Southern Utah at Sacramento State	2:05
*Cal Poly at Idaho State	2:35
*Weber State at North Dakota	12:05

Saturday, Nov. 15

*Northern Arizona at North Dakota	12:05
*Montana at Southern Utah	1:05
*Northern Colorado at Weber State	1:05
*Idaho State at Montana State	1:40
*Portland State at Sacramento State	2:05
*UC Davis at Cal Poly	6:05

Friday, Nov. 21

*Eastern Washington at Portland State	7:10
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Saturday, Nov. 22

*North Dakota at Northern Colorado	12:05
*Southern Utah at Northern Arizona	2:05
*Weber State at Idaho State	2:35
*Montana State at Montana	3:10
Cal Poly at San Diego	4:05
*Sacramento State at UC Davis	TBA



Division I Football Championship

First Round	Nov. 29
Second Round	Dec. 6
Quarterfinals	Dec. 12 & 13
Semifinals	Dec. 20 & 21
Championship	Jan. 10 - Frisco, Texas