



BIG SKY FOOTBALL NOTES

2024 SEASON - WEEK 4



2024 BIG SKY FOOTBALL STANDINGS

	CONF	CONF %	OVR	OVR %	PF-PA	HOME	AWAY	CONF/OVR STREAK
Weber State	1-0	1.000	1-2	.333	62-68	1-0	0-2	Won 1/Lost 1
Montana State	0-0	.000	3-0	1.000	107-62	1-0	2-0	NA/Won 3
Idaho	0-0	.000	2-1	.667	72-50	1-0	1-1	NA/Won 2
Montana	0-0	.000	2-1	.667	112-53	2-0	0-1	NA/Won 1
Northern Arizona	0-0	.000	2-1	.667	121-45	1-0	1-1	NA/Won 1
UC Davis	0-0	.000	2-1	.667	73-74	1-0	1-1	NA/Won 2
Cal Poly	0-0	.000	1-2	.333	59-82	1-0	0-2	NA/Won 1
Eastern Washington	0-0	.000	1-2	.333	98-90	1-1	0-1	NA/Lost 2
Idaho State	0-0	.000	1-2	.333	93-100	1-0	0-2	NA/Lost 1
Sacramento State	0-0	.000	1-2	.333	88-95	1-0	0-2	NA/Won 1
Northern Colorado	0-0	.000	0-3	.000	46-90	0-1	0-2	NA/Lost 3
Portland State	0-1	.000	0-2	.000	46-113	0-0	0-2	Lost 1/Lost 2

* Clinched Outright Big Sky Title

^ - FCS Playoff Berth

NEWS & NOTES

TWO TOP-25 MATCHUPS FEATURED IN WEEK 4

Two Big Sky football games this week will feature a Top 25 matchup, as No. 4 Idaho travels to No. 19 Abilene Christian and No. 9 Montana hosts No. 24 Western Carolina. This season, the Big Sky is 2-1 in ranked versus ranked non-conference FCS games.

Ranked Big Sky vs. Ranked FCS Opponents

Week 2: #23 North Dakota 27, #4 Montana 24

Week 3: #4 Idaho 41, #17 UAlbany 13

Week 3: #11 Sacramento State 34, #24 Nicholls 7

NORTHERN ARIZONA FEATURED TEAM ON "THIS WEEK IN BIG SKY FOOTBALL"

Northern Arizona is 2-1 for the first time since 2019, as the Lumberjacks travel to No. 15 Incarnate Word for an earlier season road test. The contest will be featured on "This Week in Big Sky Football" which airs each Friday on @BigSkyConf's YouTube.

BIG SACK CONFERENCE

The Big Sky has three players ranked in the Top 10 for total sacks so far this season, with five in the Top 40.

Top Sack Leaders

Rank: Player, School (Total)

1st: Keyshawn James-Newby, Idaho (6.0)

5th: Hayden Harris, Montana (4.5)

T6th: Cortland Horton, Idaho State (4.0)

T16th: Elijah Ponder, Cal Poly (3.0)

T31st: Dallas Afalava, Idaho (2.5)

Looking at team totals, the Big Sky has three squads in the Top 10 for total sacks this season, as the league is the only FCS conference with three teams in the Top 10.

Team Sack Leaders

Rank: School (Total)

T7th: Idaho (11)

T7th: Montana (11)

T9th: Sacramento State (10)

LAST WEEK RESULTS & UPCOMING BIG SKY GAMES

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14

#10 North Dakota 52, Idaho State 28

#8 Montana 59, Morehead State 2

#25 Abilene Christian 24, Northern Colorado 22

#4 Idaho 41, #17 UAlbany 13

#6 South Dakota at Portland State (Canceled)

#RV Lamar 17, #20 Weber State 16

SELU 28, Eastern Washington 24

Cal Poly 31, Western Oregon 14

#15 UC Davis 24, #RV Southern Utah 21

Northern Arizona 45, Utah Tech 17

#11 Sacramento State 34, #24 Nicholls 7

LOCATION

Grand Forks, ND

Missoula, MT

Greeley, CO

Moscow, ID

Portland, OR

Beaumont, TX

Hammond, LA

San Luis Obispo, CA

Cedar City, UT

St. George, UT

Sacramento, CA

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21

Eastern Washington at Nevada

#24 Western Carolina at #9 Montana

Mercyhurst at #3 Montana State

RV Southern Utah at Idaho State

RV Northern Arizona at #15 Incarnate Word

#11 Sacramento State at Texas A&M-Commerce

RV Weber State at Northwestern State

Northern Colorado at Stephen F. Austin

#4 Idaho at #19 Abilene Christian

Portland State at Boise State

Utah Tech at #13 UC Davis

TV

MWC Network

ESPN+/Scripps

ESPN+/Scripps

ESPN+

ESPN+

ESPN+

ESPN+

ESPN+

ESPN+

FS1

ESPN+

TIME (MT)

1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

7:45 p.m.

8:00 p.m.

FCS Rankings: Stats Perform



THIS WEEK IN BIG SKY FOOTBALL



AIRING ON YOUTUBE @BIGSKYCONF EVERY FRIDAY AT 10AM MT

BIG SKY FOOTBALL WEEKLY NOTES

2024 BIG SKY FOOTBALL TEAM BY TEAM SCHEDULES



CAL POLY (1-2, 0-0 BIG SKY)

2023 Record: 3-8 (1-7 Big Sky)
Head Coach: Paul Wulff (2nd Season as HC at CP)
Home Stadium: Alex G. Spanos Stadium (11,075)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/31	at San Diego	ESPN+	L/21-27
9/7	at Stanford	ACC Digital	L/7-41
9/14	WESTERN OREGON	ESPN+	W/31-14
9/28	at Northern Colorado*	ESPN+	1:00 p.m. MT
10/5	IDAHO STATE*	ESPN+	6:00 p.m. MT
10/12	at UC Davis*	ESPN+	5:00 p.m. MT
10/19	at Idaho*	ESPN+	2:00 p.m. MT
11/2	MONTANA*	ESPN+/Scripps	3:00 p.m. MT
11/9	NORTHERN ARIZONA*	ESPN+	6:00 p.m. MT
11/16	SACRAMENTO STATE*	ESPN+	3:00 p.m. MT
11/23	at Weber State	ESPN+	1:00 p.m. MT

* Big Sky game // Home games in ALL CAPS // Rankings FCS Stats



EASTERN WASHINGTON (1-2, 0-0 BIG SKY)

2023 Record: 4-7 (3-5 Big Sky)
Head Coach: Aaron Best (7th Season as HC at EWU)
Home Stadium: Roos Field (8,600)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/29	MONMOUTH	ESPN+/SWX	W/42-27
9/7	DRAKE	ESPN+/SWX	L/32-35 (OT)
9/14	at Southeastern Louisiana	ESPN+	L/24-28
9/21	at Nevada	TBA	1:00 p.m. MT
9/28	MONTANA*	ESPN+/Scripps	6:00 p.m. MT
10/12	at Sacramento State*	ESPN+	7:00 p.m. MT
10/19	UC DAVIS*	ESPN+/SWX	5:00 p.m. MT
10/26	at Idaho*	ESPN+/SWX	7:00 p.m. MT
11/2	MONTANA STATE*	ESPN+/Scripps	2:00 p.m. MT
11/9	at Northern Colorado*	ESPN+	12:00 p.m. MT
11/16	IDAHO STATE*	ESPN+/SWX	2:00 p.m. MT
11/23	at Northern Arizona*	ESPN+	1:00 p.m. MT

* Big Sky game // Home games in ALL CAPS // Rankings FCS Stats



IDAHO (2-1, 0-0 BIG SKY)

2023 Record: 9-4 (6-2 Big Sky) - FCS Playoff berth
Head Coach: Jason Eck (3rd Season as HC at Idaho)
Home Stadium: P1FCU Kibbie Dome (16,000)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/31	at Oregon	Big10 Network	L/14-24
9/7	at Wyoming	TruTV	W/17-13
9/14	#17 UALBANY	ESPN+/SWX	W/41-13
9/21	at #19 Abilene Christian	ESPN+	6:00 p.m. MT
9/28	at UC Davis*	ESPN+	8:00 p.m. MT
10/5	NORTHERN ARIZONA*	ESPN+/SWX	3:00 p.m. MT
10/12	at Montana State*	ESPN2	8:15 p.m. MT
10/19	CAL POLY*	ESPN+	2:00 p.m. MT
10/26	EASTERN WASHINGTON*	ESPN+/SWX	7:00 p.m. MT
11/9	at Portland State*	ESPN+	2:00 p.m. MT
11/16	WEBER STATE*	ESPN+/SWX	6:00 p.m. MT
11/23	at Idaho State*	ESPN+/SWX	4:00 p.m. MT

* Big Sky game // Home games in ALL CAPS // Rankings FCS Stats



IDAHO STATE (1-2, 0-0 BIG SKY)

2023 Record: 5-6 (4-4 Big Sky)
Head Coach: Cody Hawkins (2nd Season as HC at ISU)
Home Stadium: ICCU Dome (12,000)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/31	at Oregon State	The CW	L/15-38
9/7	WESTERN OREGON	ESPN+	W/50-10
9/14	at #10 North Dakota	ESPN+	L/28-52
9/21	RV SOUTHERN UTAH	ESPN+	4:00 p.m. MT
9/28	MONTANA STATE*	ESPN+/Scripps	4:00 p.m. MT
10/5	at Cal Poly*	ESPN+	6:00 p.m. MT
10/12	PORTLAND STATE*	ESPN+	4:00 p.m. MT
10/19	at Northern Arizona*	ESPN+	2:00 p.m. MT
10/26	SACRAMENTO STATE*	ESPN+	4:00 p.m. MT
11/9	at Weber State*	ESPN+	1:00 p.m. MT
11/16	at Eastern Washington*	ESPN+	2:00 p.m. MT
11/23	IDAHO*	ESPN+/SWX	4:00 p.m. MT

* Big Sky game // Home games in ALL CAPS // Rankings FCS Stats



MONTANA (2-1, 0-0 BIG SKY)

2023 Record: 13-2 (7-1 Big Sky) - FCS Playoff berth
Head Coach: Bobby Hauck (13th Season as HC at UM)
Home Stadium: Washington-Grizzly Stadium (25,217)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/31	MISSOURI STATE	ESPN+/Scripps	W/29-24
9/7	at #23 North Dakota	ESPN+/Scripps	L/24-27
9/14	MOREHEAD STATE	ESPN+/Scripps	W/59-2
9/21	#24 WESTERN CAROLINA	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m. MT
9/28	at Eastern Washington*	ESPN+/Scripps	6:00 p.m. MT
10/5	WEBER STATE*	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m. MT
10/12	NORTHERN ARIZONA*	ESPN+/Scripps	2:00 p.m. MT
10/26	at Northern Colorado*	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m. MT
11/2	at Cal Poly*	ESPN+/Scripps	3:00 p.m. MT
11/9	UC DAVIS*	ESPN2	8:15 p.m. MT
11/16	PORTLAND STATE*	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m. MT
11/23	at Montana State*	ESPN+/Scripps	12:00 p.m. MT

* Big Sky game // Home games in ALL CAPS // Rankings FCS Stats



MONTANA STATE (3-0, 0-0 BIG SKY)

2023 Record: 8-4 (7-2 Big Sky) - FCS Playoff berth
Head Coach: Brent Vigen (4th Season as HC at MSU)
Home Stadium: Bobcat Stadium (17,777)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/24	at New Mexico	FS1	W/35-31
8/31	at Utah Tech	ESPN+	W/31-7
9/7	MAINE	ESPN+/Scripps	W/41-24
9/21	MERCYHURST	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m. MT
9/28	at Idaho State*	ESPN+/Scripps	4:00 p.m. MT
10/5	NORTHERN COLORADO*	ESPN+/Scripps	2:00 p.m. MT
10/12	IDAHO*	ESPN2	8:15 p.m. MT
10/19	at Portland State*	ESPN+/Scripps	2:00 p.m. MT
11/2	at Eastern Washington*	ESPN+/Scripps	2:00 p.m. MT
11/9	SACRAMENTO STATE*	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m. MT
11/16	at UC Davis*	ESPN+/Scripps	6:00 p.m. MT
11/23	MONTANA*	ESPN+/Scripps	12:00 p.m. MT

* Big Sky game // Home games in ALL CAPS // Rankings FCS Stats

BIG SKY FOOTBALL WEEKLY NOTES

2024 BIG SKY FOOTBALL TEAM BY TEAM SCHEDULES



NORTHERN ARIZONA (2-1, 0-0 BIG SKY)

2023 Record: 5-6 (5-3 Big Sky)
Head Coach: Brian Wright (1st Season as HC at NAU)
Home Stadium: Walkup Skydome (10,500)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/31	LINCOLN (CA)	ESPN+	W/66-6
9/7	at Arizona	ESPN+	L/10-22
9/14	at Utah Tech	ESPN+	W/45-17
9/21	at #15 Incarnate Word	ESPN+	5:00 p.m. MT
9/28	SACRAMENTO STATE*	ESPN+	2:00 p.m. MT
10/5	at Idaho*	ESPN+	3:00 p.m. MT
10/12	at Montana*	ESPN+/Scripps	2:00 p.m. MT
10/19	IDAHO STATE*	ESPN+	2:00 p.m. MT
11/2	WEBER STATE*	ESPN+	2:00 p.m. MT
11/9	at Cal Poly*	ESPN+	6:00 p.m. MT
11/16	at Northern Colorado*	ESPN+	12:00 p.m. MT
11/23	EASTERN WASHINGTON*	ESPN+	1:00 p.m. MT

* Big Sky game // Home games in ALL CAPS // Rankings FCS Stats



NORTHERN COLORADO (0-3, 0-0 BIG SKY)

2023 Record: 0-11 (0-8 Big Sky)
Head Coach: Ed Lamb (2nd Season as HC at UNC)
Home Stadium: Nottingham Field (8,533)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/31	at #14 Incarnate Word	ESPN+	L/7-28
9/7	at Colorado State	MW Network	L/17-38
9/14	#25 ABILENE CHRISTIAN	ESPN+	L/22-24
9/21	at Stephen F. Austin	ESPN+	6:00 p.m. MT
9/28	CAL POLY*	ESPN+	1:00 p.m. MT
10/5	at Montana State*	ESPN+/Scripps	2:00 p.m. MT
10/12	at Weber State*	ESPN+	6:00 p.m. MT
10/26	MONTANA*	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m. MT
11/2	at UC Davis*	ESPN+	2:00 p.m. MT
11/9	EASTERN WASHINGTON*	ESPN+	12:00 p.m. MT
11/16	NORTHERN ARIZONA*	ESPN+	12:00 p.m. MT
11/23	at Portland State*	ESPN+	3:00 p.m. MT

* Big Sky game // Home games in ALL CAPS // Rankings FCS Stats



PORTLAND STATE (0-2, 0-1 BIG SKY)

2023 Record: 5-6 (4-4 Big Sky)
Head Coach: Bruce Barnum (10th Season as HC at PSU)
Home Stadium: Hillsboro Stadium (7,600)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/31	at Washington State	The CW	L/30-70
9/7	at #24 Weber State*	ESPN+	L/16-43
9/14	#6 SOUTH DAKOTA	ESPN+	CANCELED
9/21	at Boise State	FS1	7:45 p.m. MT
9/28	at Chattanooga	ESPN+	5:00 p.m. MT
10/5	UC DAVIS*	ESPN+	2:00 p.m. MT
10/12	at Idaho State*	ESPN+	4:00 p.m. MT
10/19	MONTANA STATE*	ESPN+/Scripps	2:00 p.m. MT
11/2	at Sacramento State*	ESPN+	7:00 p.m. MT
11/9	IDAHO*	ESPN+	2:00 p.m. MT
11/16	at Montana*	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m. MT
11/23	NORTHERN COLORADO*	ESPN+	2:00 p.m. MT

* Big Sky game // Home games in ALL CAPS // Rankings FCS Stats



SACRAMENTO STATE (1-2, 0-0 BIG SKY)

2023 Record: 8-5 (4-4 Big Sky) - FCS Playoff berth
Head Coach: Andy Thompson (2nd Season as HC at SAC)
Home Stadium: Hornet Stadium (21,195)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/29	at San Jose State	TruTV	L/24-42
9/7	at Fresno State	TBA	L/30-46
9/14	#24 NICHOLLS	ESPN+/KMAX31	W/34-7
9/21	at Texas A&M-Commerce	ESPN+	5:00 p.m. MT
9/28	at Northern Arizona*	ESPN+	2:00 p.m. MT
10/12	EASTERN WASHINGTON*	ESPN+/KMAX31	7:00 p.m. MT
10/19	WEBER STATE*	ESPN+/KMAX31	7:00 p.m. MT
10/26	at Idaho State	ESPN+	2:00 p.m. MT
11/2	PORTLAND STATE	ESPN+/KMAX31	7:00 p.m. MT
11/9	at Montana State	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m. MT
11/16	at Cal Poly	ESPN+	3:00 p.m. MT
11/23	UC DAVIS	ESPN+/KMAX31	3:00 p.m. MT

* Big Sky game // Home games in ALL CAPS // Rankings FCS Stats



UC DAVIS (2-1, 0-0 BIG SKY)

2023 Record: 7-4 (5-3 Big Sky)
Head Coach: Tim Plough (1st Season as HC at UCD)
Home Stadium: UC Davis Health Stadium (10,849)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/31	at Cal	ACC Network	L/13-31
9/7	TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE	ESPN+	W/36-22
9/14	at #RV Southern Utah	ESPN+	W/24-21
9/21	UTAH TECH	ESPN+	8:00 p.m. MT
9/28	IDAHO*	ESPN+	8:00 p.m. MT
10/5	at Portland State*	ESPN+	2:00 p.m. MT
10/12	CAL POLY*	ESPN+	5:00 p.m. MT
10/19	at Eastern Washington*	ESPN+	5:00 p.m. MT
11/2	NORTHERN COLORADO*	ESPN+	2:00 p.m. MT
11/9	at Montana*	ESPN2	8:15 p.m. MT
11/16	MONTANA STATE*	ESPN+/Scripps	6:00 p.m. MT
11/23	at Sacramento State*	ESPN+	3:00 p.m. MT

* Big Sky game // Home games in ALL CAPS // Rankings FCS Stats



WEBER STATE (1-2, 1-0 BIG SKY)

2023 Record: 6-5 (4-4 Big Sky)
Head Coach: Mickey Mental (2nd Season as HC at WSU)
Home Stadium: Stewart Stadium (16,373)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/31	at Washington	Big Ten Network	L/3-33
9/7	PORTLAND STATE*	ESPN+	W/43-16
9/14	at #RV Lamar	ESPN+	L/16-17
9/21	at Northwestern State	ESPN+	5:00 p.m. MT
9/28	MCNEESE	ESPN+	6:00 p.m. MT
10/5	at Montana*	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m. MT
10/12	NORTHERN COLORADO*	ESPN+	6:00 p.m. MT
10/19	at Sacramento State*	ESPN+	7:00 p.m. MT
11/2	at Northern Arizona*	ESPN+	2:00 p.m. MT
11/9	IDAHO STATE*	ESPN+	1:00 p.m. MT
11/16	at Idaho*	ESPN+	6:00 p.m. MT
11/23	CAL POLY*	ESPN+	1:00 p.m. MT

* Big Sky game // Home games in ALL CAPS // Rankings FCS Stats

BIG SKY FOOTBALL WEEKLY NOTES

2024 BIG SKY FOOTBALL WEEKLY NATIONAL RANKINGS (FCS STATS PERFORM/AFCA)



Preseason	--	RV/RV	7/7	--	3/3	4/4	--/RV	--	--	8/10	18/17	22/RV
9/2	--	RV/RV	7/7	--	4/4	3/3	--/RV	--	--	8/8	18/18	24/RV
9/9	--	--	4/5	--	8/9	3/3	--/RV	--	--	11/11	15/12	20/25
9/16	--	--	4/4	--	9/10	3/3	RV/RV	--	--	11/11	13/12	RV/RV
9/23	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
9/30	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
10/7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
10/14	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
10/21	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
10/28	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
11/4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
11/11	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
11/18	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
11/25	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Final	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

2024 BIG SKY FOOTBALL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Week	OFFENSIVE	DEFENSIVE	SPECIAL TEAMS
0	Adam Jones, RB, Montana State	McCade O'Reilly, LB, Montana State	Brendan Hall, P/KO, Montana State
1	Efton Chism II, WR, EWU	Porter Connors, LB, UC Davis	Ty Morrison, K/P, Montana
2	Damon Bankston, RB, WSU/ Scottre Humphrey, RB, MSU	Keyshawn James-Newby, DL, UI/ David Meyer, LB, UCD	Gabe Panikowski, K, Idaho State
3	Ty Pennington, QB, NAU	Will Leota, LB, Sac State	Andrew Marshall, PR, Idaho
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
12			

NATIONAL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Week 0-1: Adam Jones, RB, Montana State (Stats Perform FCS National Freshman Player of the Week)
Week 3: Will Leota, LB, Sacramento State (Stats Perform FCS National Defensive Player of the Week)

BIG SKY FOOTBALL WEEKLY NOTES

NATIONAL TOP 25 THIS WEEK

STATS PERFORM FCS TOP 25

Rk.	Team (1st)	Record	Points	LW
1	South Dakota State (41)	2-1	1380	1
2	North Dakota State (5)	2-1	1311	2
3	Montana State (7)	3-0	1296	3
4	Idaho (3)	2-1	1255	4
5	Villanova	3-0	1131	5
6	South Dakota	1-1	1108	6
7	Southern Illinois	2-1	986	9
8	Central Arkansas	2-1	983	7
9	Montana	2-1	961	8
10	North Dakota	2-1	911	10
11	Sacramento State	1-2	881	11
12	William & Mary	2-1	738	13
13	UC Davis	2-1	653	15
14	Mercer	2-3	575	23
15	UIW	1-2	565	12
16	Tarleton State	1-6	539	16
17	Illinois State	1-8	518	18
18	Lafayette	1-9	444	19
19	Abilene Christian	2-5	283	25
20	UAlbany	1-2	255	17
21	Southeast Missouri	2-1	218	NR
22	Lamar	2-1	184	NR
23	Chattanooga	0-3	133	14
24	Western Carolina	1-2	125	NR
25	Northern Iowa	2-1	103	NR

Others: Florida A&M, 82; Wofford, 82; Richmond, 80; Eastern Illinois, 53; Rhode Island, 52; **Weber State, 49**; Youngstown State, 39; Elon, 34; Furman, 30; Southern Utah, 22; **Northern Arizona, 20**; Nicholls, 17; NC Central, 15; Duquesne, 13; Campbell, 11; ETSU, 11; Harvard, 8; Drake, 7; New Hampshire, 5; McNeese, 3; Towson, 2

AFCA COACHES FCS TOP 25

Rk.	Team (1st)	Record	Points	Last
1	South Dakota State (22)	2-1	644	1
2	North Dakota State (1)	2-1	605	2
3	Montana State (3)	3-0	602	3
4	Idaho	2-1	573	5
5	Villanova	3-0	515	4
6	South Dakota	1-1	514	6
7	Southern Illinois	2-1	470	8
8	Central Arkansas	2-1	462	7
9	North Dakota	2-1	439	10
10	Montana	2-1	436	9
11	Sacramento State	1-2	379	11
12	UC Davis	2-1	349	12
13	William & Mary	2-1	334	13
14	Lafayette	2-1	263	18
15	Illinois State	2-1	258	19
16	Mercer	3-0	236	24
17	Tarleton State	2-1	235	17
18	UIW	1-2	158	14
19	Northern Iowa	2-1	114	21
20	Florida A&M	2-1	107	22
21	Southeast Missouri State	2-1	97	NR
22	UAlbany	1-2	94	15
23	Abilene Christian	2-1	72	NR
24	Chattanooga	0-3	59	16
25	Youngstown State	1-2	41	20

Others Receiving Votes: Richmond, 37; New Hampshire, 33; **Northern Arizona, 33**; Furman, 28; **Weber State, 23**; Lamar, 22; Wofford, 22; Western Carolina, 20; McNeese, 18; Rhode Island, 18; Delaware St., 13; Elon, 13; Nicholls, 12; Eastern Illinois, 11; Eastern Kentucky, 9; Jackson St., 9; Alabama A&M, 7; Central Connecticut St., 7; The Citadel, 7; Yale, 7; Duquesne, 6; Lehigh, 6; Monmouth (N.J.), 6; Wagner, 6; Drake, 3; Indiana St., 3; North Carolina Central, 3; Southern Utah, 3; UT Martin, 3; Butler, 2; Tennessee St., 2; Murray St., 1; Stony Brook, 1.

2024 COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

Saturday, Aug. 24

Montana State 35, New Mexico 31

FS1

2:00 p.m. MT

Thursday, Aug. 29

Eastern Washington 42, Monmouth 27
San Jose State 42, Sacramento State 24

ESPN+/SWX
TruTV

7:00 p.m. MT
8:00 p.m. MT

Saturday, Aug. 31

Washington State 70, Portland State 30
Northern Arizona 66, Lincoln (CA) 6
Cal 31, UC Davis 13
Oregon State 38, Idaho State 15
Incarnate Word 28, Northern Colorado 7
Oregon 24, Idaho 14
San Diego 27, Cal Poly 21
Montana 29, Missouri State 24
Montana State 31, Utah Tech 7
Washington 35, Weber State 3

The CW
ESPN+
ACC Network
The CW
ESPN+
Big 10 Network
ESPN+
ESPN+/Scripps
ESPN+
Big 10 Network

1:00 p.m. MT
2:00 p.m. MT
3:00 p.m. MT
4:30 p.m. MT
5:00 p.m. MT
5:30 p.m. MT
6:00 p.m. MT
7:00 p.m. MT
8:00 p.m. MT
9:00 p.m. MT

Saturday, Sept. 7

Idaho 17, Wyoming 13
Idaho State 50, Western Oregon 10
Stanford 41, Cal Poly 7
Drake 35, Eastern Washington 32 (OT)
North Dakota 27, Montana 24
Colorado State 38, Northern Colorado 17
Weber State 43, Portland State 16
Montana State 41, Maine 24
Arizona 22, Northern Arizona 10
Fresno State 46, Sacramento State 30
UC Davis 36, Texas A&M-Commerce 22

TruTV
ESPN+
ACC Digital
ESPN+/SWX
ESPN+/Scripps
MW Network
ESPN+
ESPN+/Scripps
ESPN+
KMax31/MW Network
ESPN+

1:30 p.m. MT
4:00 p.m. MT
5:00 p.m. MT
5:00 p.m. MT
5:00 p.m. MT
5:00 p.m. MT
6:00 p.m. MT
6:00 p.m. MT
8:00 p.m. MT
8:00 p.m. MT
8:00 p.m. MT

Saturday, Sept. 14

North Dakota 52, Idaho State 28
Montana 59, Morehead State 2
Abilene Christian 24, Northern Colorado 22
Idaho 41, UAlbany 13
South Dakota at Portland State (Canceled)
Lamar 17, Weber State 16
SELU 28, Eastern Washington 24
Cal Poly 31, Western Oregon 14
UC Davis 24, Southern Utah 21
Northern Arizona 45, Utah Tech 17
Sacramento State 34, Nicholls 7

ESPN+
ESPN+/Scripps
ESPN+
ESPN+/SWX
ESPN+
ESPN+
ESPN+
ESPN+
ESPN+
ESPN+
ESPN+/KMAX31

12:00 p.m. MT
1:00 p.m. MT
2:00 p.m. MT
2:00 p.m. MT
2:00 p.m. MT
5:00 p.m. MT
5:00 p.m. MT
6:00 p.m. MT
6:00 p.m. MT
7:00 p.m. MT
7:00 p.m. MT

Saturday, Sept. 21

Eastern Washington at Nevada
Western Carolina at Montana
Mercyhurst at Montana State
Southern Utah at Idaho State
Northern Arizona at Incarnate Word
Sacramento State at Texas A&M-Commerce
Weber State at Northwestern State
Northern Colorado at Stephen F. Austin
Idaho at Abilene Christian
Portland State at Boise State
Utah Tech at UC Davis

MWC Network
ESPN+/Scripps
ESPN+/Scripps
ESPN+
ESPN+
ESPN+
ESPN+
ESPN+
ESPN+
FS1
ESPN+

1:00 p.m. MT
1:00 p.m. MT
1:00 p.m. MT
4:00 p.m. MT
5:00 p.m. MT
5:00 p.m. MT
5:00 p.m. MT
6:00 p.m. MT
6:00 p.m. MT
7:45 p.m. MT
8:00 p.m. MT

Saturday, Sept. 28

Cal Poly at Northern Colorado*
Sacramento State at Northern Arizona*
Montana State at Idaho State*
Portland State at Chattanooga
McNeese at Weber State
Montana at Eastern Washington*
Idaho at UC Davis*

ESPN+
ESPN+
ESPN+/Scripps
ESPN+
ESPN+
ESPN+/Scripps
ESPN+

1:00 p.m. MT
2:00 p.m. MT
4:00 p.m. MT
5:00 p.m. MT
6:00 p.m. MT
6:00 p.m. MT
8:00 p.m. MT

* - denotes conference game

BIG SKY FOOTBALL WEEKLY NOTES

BIG SKY VS. EVERYONE

FCS OPPONENTS.....	9-8
CAA.....	2-0
Maine.....	1-0
Monmouth.....	1-0
UAlbany.....	1-0
MISSOURI VALLEY.....	1-2
Missouri State.....	1-0
North Dakota.....	0-2
South Dakota.....	0-0
NORTHEASTERN.....	0-0
Mercyhurst.....	0-0
PIONEER.....	1-2
Drake.....	0-1
Morehead State.....	1-0
San Diego.....	0-1
SOUTHLAND.....	2-3
Incarnate Word.....	0-1
Lamar.....	0-1
McNeese.....	0-0
Nicholls.....	1-0
Northwestern State.....	0-0
SELU.....	0-1
Stephen F. Austin.....	0-0
Texas A&M Commerce.....	1-0
SOCON.....	0-0
Chattanooga.....	0-0
Western Carolina.....	0-0
UAC.....	3-1
Abilene Christian.....	0-1
Southern Utah.....	1-0
Utah Tech.....	2-0
FBS OPPONENTS.....	1-6
ACC.....	0-2
Cal.....	0-1
Stanford.....	0-1
BIG 10.....	0-2
Oregon.....	0-1
Washington.....	0-1
BIG 12.....	0-1
Arizona.....	0-1
MOUNTAIN WEST.....	2-3
Boise State.....	0-0
Colorado State.....	0-1
Fresno State.....	0-1
Nevada.....	0-0
New Mexico.....	1-0
San Jose State.....	0-1
Wyoming.....	1-0
PAC-12.....	0-2
Oregon State.....	0-1
Washington State.....	0-1
DIV-II OPPONENTS.....	3-0
Lincoln (CA).....	1-0
Western Oregon.....	2-0

2024 COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 5

Weber State at Montana*	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m. MT
Northern Colorado at Montana State*	ESPN+/Scripps	2:00 p.m. MT
UC Davis at Portland State*	ESPN+	2:00 p.m. MT
Northern Arizona at Idaho*	ESPN+/SWX	3:00 p.m. MT
Idaho State at Cal Poly*	ESPN+	6:00 p.m. MT

Saturday, Oct. 12

Northern Arizona at Montana*	ESPN+/Scripps	2:00 p.m. MT
Portland State at Idaho State*	ESPN+	4:00 p.m. MT
Cal Poly at UC Davis*	ESPN+	5:00 p.m. MT
Northern Colorado at Weber State*	ESPN+	6:00 p.m. MT
Eastern Washington at Sacramento State*	ESPN+	7:00 p.m. MT
Idaho at Montana State*	ESPN2	8:15 p.m. MT

Saturday, Oct. 19

Cal Poly at Idaho*	ESPN+	2:00 p.m. MT
Idaho State at Northern Arizona*	ESPN+	2:00 p.m. MT
Montana State at Portland State*	ESPN+/Scripps	2:00 p.m. MT
UC Davis at Eastern Washington*	ESPN+/SWX	5:00 p.m. MT
Weber State at Sacramento State*	ESPN+	7:00 p.m. MT

Saturday, Oct. 26

Montana at Northern Colorado*	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m. MT
Sacramento State at Idaho State*	ESPN+	4:00 p.m. MT
Eastern Washington at Idaho*	ESPN+/SWX	7:00 p.m. MT

Saturday, Nov. 2

Montana State at Eastern Washington*	ESPN+/Scripps	2:00 p.m. MT
Weber State at Northern Arizona*	ESPN+	2:00 p.m. MT
Northern Colorado at UC Davis*	ESPN+	2:00 p.m. MT
Montana at Cal Poly*	ESPN+/Scripps	3:00 p.m. MT
Portland State at Sacramento State*	ESPN+	7:00 p.m. MT

Saturday, Nov. 9

Eastern Washington at Northern Colorado*	ESPN+	12:00 p.m. MT
Idaho State at Weber State*	ESPN+	1:00 p.m. MT
Sacramento State at Montana State*	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m. MT
Idaho at Portland State*	ESPN+	2:00 p.m. MT
Northern Arizona at Cal Poly*	ESPN+	6:00 p.m. MT
UC Davis at Montana*	ESPN2	8:15 p.m. MT

Saturday, Nov. 16

Northern Arizona at Northern Colorado*	ESPN+	12:00 p.m. MT
Portland State at Montana*	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m. MT
Idaho State at Eastern Washington*	ESPN+/SWX	2:00 p.m. MT
Sacramento State at Cal Poly*	ESPN+	3:00 p.m. MT
Weber State at Idaho*	ESPN+/SWX	6:00 p.m. MT
Montana State at UC Davis*	ESPN+/Scripps	6:00 p.m. MT

Saturday, Nov. 23

Montana at Montana State*	ESPN+/Scripps	12:00 p.m. MT
Cal Poly at Weber State*	ESPN+	1:00 p.m. MT
Eastern Washington at Northern Arizona*	ESPN+	1:00 p.m. MT
Northern Colorado at Portland State*	ESPN+	2:00 p.m. MT
UC Davis at Sacramento State*	ESPN+	3:00 p.m. MT
Idaho at Idaho State*	ESPN+/SWX	4:00 p.m. MT

FCS Playoffs

First Round: Saturday, Nov. 30
 Second Round: Saturday, Dec. 7
 Quarterfinals: Friday, Dec. 13/Saturday, Dec. 14
 Semifinals: Friday, Dec. 20/Saturday, Dec. 21
 Championship Game: Monday, Jan. 6 (Frisco, Texas)

* - denotes conference game

BIG SKY FOOTBALL WEEKLY NOTES

PAST BIG SKY CHAMPIONS

Year	Champion	Record
1963	Idaho State	3-1
1964	Montana State	3-0
1965	Weber State/Idaho	3-1
1966	Montana State	4-0
1967	Montana State	4-0
1968	Weber St/MSU/Idaho	3-1
1969	Montana	4-0
1970	Montana	5-0
1971	Idaho	4-1
1972	Montana State	5-1
1973	Boise State	6-0
1974	Boise State	6-0
1975	Boise State	5-0-1
1976	Montana State	6-0
1977	Boise State	6-0
1978	Northern Arizona	6-0
1979	Montana State	6-1
1980	Boise State	6-1
1981	Idaho State	6-1
1982	Idaho/Montana/MSU	5-2
1983	Nevada	6-1
1984	Montana State	6-1
1985	Idaho	6-1
1986	Nevada	7-0
1987	Idaho	7-1
1988	Idaho	7-1
1989	Idaho	8-0
1990	Nevada	7-1
1991	Nevada	8-0
1992	Idaho	6-1
1993	Montana	7-0
1994	Boise State	6-1
1995	Montana	6-1
1996	Montana	8-0
1997	Eastern Washington	7-1
1998	Montana	6-2
1999	Montana	7-1
2000	Montana	8-0
2001	Montana	7-0
2002	MSU/Montana/Idaho State	5-2
2003	MSU/Montana/NAU	5-2
2004	Montana/EWU	6-1
2005	EWU/MSU/Montana	5-2
2006	Montana	8-0
2007	Montana	8-0
2008	Montana/Weber State	7-1
2009	Montana	8-0
2010	EWU/Montana State	7-1
2011	Montana State	7-1
2012	EWU/MSU/Cal Poly	7-1
2013	Eastern Washington	8-0
2014	Eastern Washington	7-1
2015	Southern Utah	7-1
2016	EWU/North Dakota	8-0
2017	Southern Utah/Weber State	7-1
2018	Weber State/EWU/UC Davis	7-1
2019	Weber State/Sac State	7-1
2021*	Weber State	5-1
2021	Sacramento State	8-0
2022	Sac State/Montana State	8-0
2023	Montana	7-1

* - 2021 spring season

BIG SKY OVER FBS WINS SINCE 1978

Date	Big Sky Team	Opponent	Conference	Score
9/7/24	Idaho	Wyoming	Mountain West	17-13
8/24/24	Montana State	New Mexico	Mountain West	35-31
9/16/23	Sacramento State	Stanford	Pac-12	30-23
9/9/23	Idaho	Nevada	Mountain West	33-6
9/24/22	Sacramento State	Colorado State	Mountain West	41-10
9/10/22	Weber State	Utah State	Mountain West	35-7
9/18/21	Northern Arizona	Arizona	Pac-12	21-19
9/4/21	Montana	No. 20 Washington	Pac-12	13-7
9/2/21	UC Davis	Tulsa	American	19-17
9/2/21	Eastern Washington	UNLV	Mountain West	35-33
8/30/18	UC Davis	San Jose State	Mountain West	44-38
9/1/18	Northern Arizona	UTEP	C-USA	30-10
9/16/17	Idaho State	Nevada	Mountain West	30-28
9/3/16	Eastern Washington	Washington State	Pac-12	45-42
9/5/15	North Dakota*	Wyoming	Mountain West	24-13
9/5/15	Portland State	Washington State	Pac-12	24-17
10/10/15	Portland State	North Texas	C-USA	66-7
8/29/13	Southern Utah*	South Alabama	Sun Belt	22-21
8/31/13	Eastern Washington	No. 25 Oregon State	Pac-12	49-46
8/30/12	Eastern Washington	Idaho^	WAC%	20-3
9/8/12	Northern Arizona	UNLV	Mountain West	17-14
9/8/12	Sacramento State	Colorado	Pac-12	30-28
9/15/12	Cal Poly	Wyoming	Mountain West	24-22
9/3/11	Sacramento State	Oregon State	Pac-12	29-28
9/2/06	Montana State	Colorado	Big-12	19-10
9/2/06	Portland State	New Mexico	Mountain West	17-6
9/6/03	Eastern Washington	Idaho^	Sun Belt	8-5
9/27/03	Montana	Idaho^	Sun Belt	41-38
10/5/02	Montana	Idaho^	Sun Belt	38-31
9/8/01	Eastern Washington	UConn	1A-Independent	35-17
11/24/01	Montana	Idaho^	Sun Belt	33-27
9/9/00	Montana	Idaho^	Big West%	45-38
9/9/00	Portland State	Hawaii	WAC%	45-20
11/18/00	Idaho State	Utah State	Big West%	27-24
8/30/97	Cal State Northridge*	Boise State	Big West%	63-23
11/1/97	Eastern Washington	Idaho^	Big West%	24-21
9/7/96	Montana	Oregon State	Pac-12	35-14
9/14/96	Eastern Washington	Boise State	Big West%	27-21
9/21/96	Cal State Northridge*	New Mexico State	Big West%	33-0
9/9/95	Boise State*	Utah State	Big West%	38-14
9/17/94	Boise State*	Nevada	Big West%	37-27
9/17/94	Idaho	UNLV	WAC%	48-38
11/5/94	Eastern Washington	Utah State	Big West%	49-31
10/23/93	Weber State	Nevada	Big West%	47-30
9/12/92	Idaho	Colorado State	WAC%	37-34
9/19/92	Boise State*	Pacific^	Big West%	17-7
10/31/92	Weber State	Nevada	Big West%	23-21
9/7/91	Nevada*	UNLV	Big West%	50-8
9/14/91	Boise State*	Long Beach State^	Big West%	48-14
9/1/90	Montana	Oregon State	Pac-12	22-15
10/20/90	Nevada*	UNLV	Big West%	26-14
11/11/89	Nevada*	UNLV	Big West%	45-7
9/3/88	Boise State*	Long Beach State^	Big West%	29-10
9/17/88	Idaho	Pacific^	Big West%	36-26
11/7/87	Northern Arizona	Tulsa	Independent	24-20
8/30/86	Nevada*	Cal State Fullerton^	Big West%	49-3
9/20/86	Idaho	Cal State Fullerton^	Big West%	25-17
9/7/85	Montana	Cal State Fullerton^	Big West%	31-30
9/14/85	Nevada*	Cal State Fullerton^	Big West%	30-3
11/9/85	Nevada*	UNLV	Big West%	48-7
9/29/84	Idaho	Oregon State	Pac-12	41-22
11/17/84	Montana State	Fresno State	Big West%	35-31
9/10/83	Idaho State	UTEP	WAC%	12-10
10/29/83	Idaho	Pacific^	Big West%	31-19
10/29/83	Idaho State	Cal State Fullerton^	Big West%	43-10
11/5/83	Nevada*	Pacific^	Big West%	34-24
9/11/82	Boise State*	Cal State Fullerton^	Big West%	20-9
9/11/82	Idaho State	Drake^	MVC%	41-21
9/18/82	Idaho	Pacific^	Big West%	36-17
9/25/82	Boise State*	Pacific^	Big West%	22-15
10/16/82	Nevada*	Fresno State	Big West%	40-26
10/23/82	Nevada*	Cal State Fullerton^	Big West%	17-7
11/13/82	Boise State*	Utah State	Big West%	30-10
9/19/81	Montana State	Fresno State	Big West%	30-26
11/14/81	Idaho State	Utah State	Big West%	50-24
11/21/81	Nevada*	Cal State Fullerton^	Big West%	36-34
9/6/80	Boise State*	Utah	WAC%	28-7
10/18/80	Boise State*	Cal State Fullerton^	Big West%	26-11
9/22/79	Boise State*	Cal State Fullerton^	Big West%	22-3
9/22/79	Idaho	Pacific^	Big West%	17-13
9/9/78	Boise State*	Cal State Fullerton^	Big West%	42-12
9/16/78	Boise State*	Long Beach State^	Big West%	19-13
10/14/78	Boise State*	San Jose State	Big West%	30-15
11/11/78	Montana State	Fresno State	Big West%	35-14
11/11/78	Weber State	Utah State	Big West%	44-25

* - Former Big Sky member ^ - Former FBS member % - Former FBS/1A Conference

BIG SKY FOOTBALL WEEKLY NOTES

BIG SKY-MVFC CHALLENGE



2023 BIG SKY/MVFC CHALLENGE

MVFC 4, Big Sky 1

9/2: NDSU 35, EWU 10
9/9: North Dakota 37, NAU 22
9/9: Weber State 34, UNI 17
9/9: SDSU 20, Montana State 16
9/16: UNI 41, Idaho State 17

2022 BIG SKY/MVFC CHALLENGE

MVFC 3, Big Sky 3

9/10: Montana 24, South Dakota 7
9/10: South Dakota State 24, UC Davis 22
9/17: Montana 49, Indiana State 14
9/17: South Dakota 38, Cal Poly 21
9/17: North Dakota 27, NAU 21
9/17: Sacramento State 37, UNI 21

2021 BIG SKY/MVFC CHALLENGE

MVFC 4, Big Sky 2

9/4: North Dakota 35, Idaho State 14
9/11: Montana 42, Western Illinois 7
9/11: South Dakota 34, NAU 7
9/11: UNI 34, Sac State 16
9/18: South Dakota 48, Cal Poly 14
9/18: EWU 62, Western Illinois 56

2019 BIG SKY/MVFC CHALLENGE

MVFC 6, Big Sky 4

NAU 37, Missouri State 23
Montana 31, South Dakota 17
UNI 34, Southern Utah 14
Montana State 23, Western Ill. 14
UNI 13, Idaho State 6
Illinois State 40, NAU 27
South Dakota 14, UNC 6
North Dakota State 27, UC Davis 16
South Dakota State 43, SUU 7
Weber State 29, UNI 17

2018 BIG SKY/MVFC CHALLENGE

MVFC 5, Big Sky 3

Montana State 26, Western Ill. 23
North Dakota State 49, Cal Poly 3
Montana 26, UNI 23
South Dakota 43, UNC 28
South Dakota State 45, MSU 14
Missouri State 40, NAU 8
Weber State 27, South Dakota 10
Western Illinois 31, Montana 27

2017 BIG SKY/MVFC CHALLENGE

MVFC 5, Big Sky 3

North Dakota State 40, EWU 13
UNI 45, Cal Poly 38 (OT)
South Dakota State 31, Montana State 27
Western Illinois 38, NAU 20
North Dakota 34, Missouri State 0
South Dakota 45, North Dakota 7
Southern Utah 24, UNI 21
NAU 37, Illinois State 16

PRESEASON MEDIA POLL

Rank	Team (1st)	Pts
1	Montana (26)	442
2	Montana State (9)	414
3	Idaho (2)	342
4	UC Davis (1)	332
5	Sacramento State	324
6	Eastern Washington	240
7	Weber State	234
8	Idaho State	174
9	Northern Arizona	172
10	Portland State	169
11	Cal Poly	74
12	Northern Colorado	47

PRESEASON COACHES' POLL

Rank	Team (1st)	Pts
1	Montana (10)	120
2	Montana State (1)	110
3	Idaho	95
4	UC Davis (1)	88
5	Sacramento State	82
6	Weber State	74
7	Northern Arizona	55
8	Eastern Washington	47
9	Portland State	45
10	Idaho State	31
11	Northern Colorado	23
12	Cal Poly	22

PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS (VOTED BY MEDIA)

OFF MVP: Lan Larison, UC Davis

DEF MVP: Brody Grebe, Montana State

Pos.	Player, Team
QB	Tommy Mellott, Montana State
RB	Lan Larison, UC Davis*
RB	Eli Gillman, Montana
FB	Rohan Jones, Montana State
WR	Efton Chism III, EWU*
WR	Junior Bergen, Montana
WR	Jared Gipson, Sacramento State
TE	Coleman Kuntz, Sacramento State*
TE	Jake Cox, Idaho
OL	Brandon Casey, Montana*
OL	Marcus Wehr, Montana State
OL	Jackson Slater, Sacramento State
OL	Justus Perkins, Montana State
OL	Jonny Bottorff, Northern Arizona
OL	Nathan Mejia, Sacramento State
DL	Brody Grebe, Montana State*
DL	Elijah Ponder, Cal Poly
DL	Brayden Wilson, Weber State
DL	Zach Kennedy, UC Davis
DL	Dallas Afalava, Idaho
DL	Keyshawn James-Newby, Idaho
LB	Riley Wilson, Montana*
LB	Will Leota, Sacramento State
LB	Michael Montgomery, Portland State

Pos.	Player, Team
LB	Danny Uluilakepa, Montana State
LB	Tommy Ellis, Northern Arizona
DB	Rex Connors, UC Davis*
DB	Trevin Gradney, Montana
DB	Alex McLaughlin, Northern Arizona
DB	Calvin Pitcher, Idaho State
DB	Tommy McCormick, Idaho
DB	Rylan Ortt, Montana State
K	Hunter Ridley, UC Davis
P	Brendan Hall, Montana State
KR	Abraham Williams, Idaho
PR	Junior Bergen, Montana
LS	Tommy Sullivan, Montana State
ST	Isiah Childs, Montana
AP	Junior Bergen, Montana

* - Received most votes in position group

BIG SKY FOOTBALL CONTACTS

Big Sky Office: Tyson Rodgers

Email: trodgers@bigskyconf.com

Cal Poly.....Connor Leary
cleary01@calpoly.edu

Eastern Washington.....Matthew Kushar
mkushar@ewu.edu

Idaho.....Jerek Wolcott
jwolcott@uidaho.edu

Idaho State.....Jonathan Match
matcjona@isu.edu

Montana.....Eric Taber
eric.taber@mso.umt.edu

Montana State.....Bill Lamberty
blamberty@msubobcats.com

Northern Arizona.....Monica Cowbrough
Monica.Jaenicke@nau.edu

Northern Colorado.....Michael High
michael.high@unco.edu

Portland State.....Mike Lund
lundm@pdx.edu

Sacramento State.....Brian Berger
bwberger@csus.edu

UC Davis.....David Collins
drcollins@ucdavis.edu

Weber State.....Paul Grua
pgrua@weber.edu

BIG SKY FOOTBALL WEEKLY NOTES

2023 BIG SKY FOOTBALL SEASON REWIND

2023 Big Sky Football Standings

SCHOOL	CONF	CONF %	OVR	OVR %	PF-PA	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL	STREAK
Montana *%	7-1	.875	13-2	.867	454-258	9-0	4-1	0-1	L1
Idaho %	6-2	.750	9-4	.692	420-287	4-2	5-2	0-0	L1
Montana State %	6-2	.750	8-4	.667	479-262	6-1	2-3	0-0	L2
Northern Arizona	5-3	.625	5-6	.455	303-340	3-2	2-4	0-0	W2
UC Davis	5-3	.625	7-4	.636	283-269	3-2	4-2	0-0	W3
Sacramento State %	4-4	.500	8-5	.615	397-354	4-1	4-4	0-0	L1
Weber State	4-4	.500	6-5	.545	265-265	2-3	4-2	0-0	W3
Portland State	4-4	.500	5-6	.455	372-359	3-2	2-4	0-0	W1
Idaho State	3-5	.375	3-8	.273	280-437	2-3	1-5	0-0	L4
Eastern Washington	3-5	.375	4-7	.364	355-397	3-2	1-4	0-1	L2
Cal Poly	1-7	.125	3-8	.273	226-434	3-3	0-5	0-0	L3
Northern Colorado	0-8	.000	0-11	.000	154-367	0-5	0-6	0-0	L11

* - Big Sky Conference Champion

% - FCS Playoff Berth

2023 Big Sky Conference Award Winners



OFFENSIVE MVP

Lan Larison, RB
UC Davis



DEFENSIVE MVP

Alex Gubner, DL
Montana



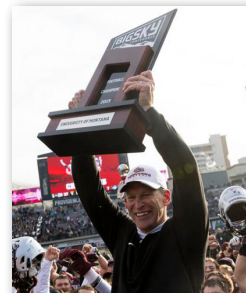
NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Clifton McDowell, QB
Montana



FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Eli Gillman, RB
Montana



COACH OF THE YEAR

Bobby Hauck
Montana

2023 Big Sky Conference Players of the Week Honorees

Week	OFFENSIVE	DEFENSIVE	SPECIAL TEAMS
1	Hayden Hatten, Idaho (WR)	Elijah Ponder, Cal Poly (DE)	Abraham Williams, Weber State (KR)
2	Damon Bankston, Weber State (RB)	Jack Kelly, Weber State (LB)	Ricardo Chavez, Idaho (K/P)
3	Kaiden Bennett, Sac State (QB)	Jett Stanley, Sac State (DL)	Zach Schreiner, Sac State (K)
4	Sean Chambers, Montana State (QB)	Eloi Kwete, NAU (DL)	Ricardo Chavez, Idaho (K/P)
5	Anthony Woods, Idaho (RB)	Winston Reid, Weber State (LB)	Jermaine Jackson, Idaho (KR)
6	Aaron Fontes, Montana (WR)	Alex McLaughlin, NAU (DB)	Coleman Owen, NAU (PR)
7	Dante Chachere, Portland State (QB)	Ryder Meyer, Montana (DB)	Grant Glasgow, Montana (K)
8	Tommy Mellott, Montana State (QB)	Jon Johnson, Montana State (DB)	Kyle Thompson, Weber State (K)
9	Jobi Malary, Portland State (RB)	Riley Wilson, Montana (LB)	Ricardo Chavez, Idaho (K/P)
10	Clifton McDowell, Montana (QB)	D. Johnson, EWU (DL)/M. Harris, Idaho (DB)	Gianni Smith, Portland State (K)
11	S. Chambers, MSU (QB)/L. Larson, UCD (RB)	Winston Reid, Weber State (LB)	Brendan Hall, Montana State (P)
12	J. Layne, UI (QB)/R. Munoz, WSU (QB)	T. Buchanan, UCD (LB)/J. Kelly, WSU (LB)	Jermaine Jackson, Idaho (KR)



2024 BIG SKY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Big Sky Team	Week 0 Aug. 24	Week 1 Aug. 31	Week 2 Sept. 7	Week 3 Sept. 14	Week 4 Sept. 21	Week 5 Sept. 28	Week 6 Oct. 5	Week 7 Oct. 12	Week 8 Oct. 19	Week 9 Oct. 26	Week 10 Nov. 2	Week 11 Nov. 9	Week 12 Nov. 16	Week 13 Nov. 23
		at San Diego	at Stanford	Western Oregon	BYE	at Northern Colorado	Idaho State	at UC Davis	at Idaho	BYE	Montana	Northern Arizona	Sacramento State	at Weber State
		Monmouth (Aug. 29)	Drake	at Southeastern Louisiana	at Nevada	Montana	BYE	at Sacramento State	UC Davis	at Idaho	Montana State	at Northern Colorado	Idaho State	at Northern Arizona
		at Oregon	at Wyoming	UAlbany	Ablene Christian	at UC Davis	Northern Arizona	at Montana State	Cal Poly	Eastern Washington	BYE	at Portland State	Weber State	at Idaho State
		at Oregon State	Western Oregon	at North Dakota	Southern Utah	Montana State	at Cal Poly	Portland State	at Northern Arizona	Sacramento State	BYE	at Weber State	at Eastern Washington	Idaho
		Missouri State	at North Dakota	Morehead State	Western Carolina	at Eastern Washington	Weber State	Northern Arizona	BYE	at Northern Colorado	at Cal Poly	UC Davis	Portland State	at Montana State
	at New Mexico	at Utah Tech	Maine	BYE	Mercyhurst	at Idaho State	Northern Colorado	Idaho	at Portland State	BYE	at Eastern Washington	Sacramento State	at UC Davis	Montana
		Lincoln (CA)	at Arizona	at Utah Tech	at Incarnate Word	Sacramento State	at Idaho	at Montana	Idaho State	BYE	Weber State	at Cal Poly	at Northern Colorado	Eastern Washington
		at Incarnate Word	at Colorado State	Ablene Christian	at Stephen F. Austin	Cal Poly	at Montana State	at Weber State	BYE	Montana	at UC Davis	Eastern Washington	Northern Arizona	at Portland State
		at Washington State	at Weber State	South Dakota	at Boise State	at Chattanooga	UC Davis	at Idaho State	Montana State	BYE	at Sacramento State	Idaho	at Montana	Northern Colorado
		at San Jose State (Aug. 29)	at Fresno State	Nicholls	at Texas A&M- Commerce	at Northern Arizona	BYE	Eastern Washington	Weber State	at Idaho State	Portland State	at Montana State	at Cal Poly	UC Davis
		at Cal	Texas A&M- Commerce	at Southern Utah	Utah Tech	Idaho	at Portland State	Cal Poly	at Eastern Washington	BYE	Northern Colorado	Montana State	at Sacramento State	
		at Washington	Portland State	at Lamar	at Northwestern State	McNeese	at Montana	Northern Colorado	at Sacramento State	BYE	at Northern Arizona	Idaho State	at Idaho	Cal Poly