



2026 BIG SKY FOOTBALL STANDINGS

	CONF	CONF%	OVR	OVR%	HOME	AWAY	PF-PA		Streak	
							CONF	OVR	CONF	OVR
Northern Arizona	3-1	.750	5-2	.714	3-0	2-2	135-130	215-216	W2	W2
Montana	3-1	.750	5-2	.714	4-0	1-2	170-106	267-182	L1	L1
Weber State	3-1	.750	4-3	.571	2-1	2-2	151-134	263-253	W2	W2
Cal Poly	3-1	.750	4-3	.571	2-2	2-1	128-127	207-212	W1	W1
Montana State	2-1	.667	5-1	.833	3-0	2-1	116-49	222-110	L1	L1
UC Davis	2-1	.667	4-2	.667	2-1	2-1	102-124	206-204	W1	W1
Portland State	2-1	.667	2-4	.333	1-2	1-2	98-86	141-270	W2	W2
Idaho State	1-2	.333	4-2	.667	2-2	2-0	83-87	209-131	L2	L2
Southern Utah	1-2	.333	2-4	.333	1-1	1-3	91-89	188-217	W1	W1
Idaho	1-2	.333	1-5	.167	1-2	0-3	96-110	166-240	L1	L1
Eastern Washington	1-3	.250	2-5	.286	2-1	0-4	123-136	196-249	W1	W1
Northern Colorado	1-3	.250	2-5	.286	2-2	0-3	102-110	161-186	L2	L2
Utah Tech	0-4	.000	0-7	.000	0-3	0-4	60-167	104-300	L4	L7

WEEK 7 NOTES

PAIR OF RIVALRY GAMES HIGHLIGHT WEEK 7

A pair of storied rivalries takes center stage in Week 7, as Idaho travels to No. 7 Montana for the 91st meeting between the two programs, while No. 21 Idaho State visits Weber State for the 67th installment of their rivalry.

The Vandals and Grizzlies will battle for the Little Brown Stein, while the Bengals and Wildcats will renew their clash for the Train Bell Trophy.

Idaho leads the overall series against Montana, 56-32-2, but the Grizzlies have won 13 of the last 16 meetings.

Weber State holds a 49-17 all-time series lead against Idaho State, but the Bengals have won the last two meetings. Idaho State has not won three-straight games in the series since 1962-64.

EVERY POINT COUNTS IN THE BIG SKY

Big Sky football has featured plenty of tight contests through the first four weeks of conference play, with 18 of 23 league games decided by an average margin of just 6.5 points. Of those 23 Big Sky games, eight have been decided by four points or fewer.

Average Point Difference for Conference Games

Team (Conf. Rec.)	Pt. Diff.	Avg. Margin
Montana State (2-1)	+67	+22.3
Montana (3-1)	+64	+16.0
Weber State (3-1)	+17	+4.3
Portland State (2-1)	+12	+4.0
Northern Arizona (3-1)	+5	+1.3
Southern Utah (1-2)	+2	+0.7
Cal Poly (3-1)	+1	+0.3
Idaho State (1-2)	-4	-1.3
Northern Colorado (1-3)	-8	-2.0
Eastern Washington (1-3)	-13	-3.3
Idaho (1-2)	-14	-4.7
UC Davis (2-1)	-22	-7.3
Utah Tech (0-4)	-107	-26.8

RECENT RESULTS & UPCOMING GAMES (ALL TIMES MT)

WEEK 6

Weber State 38, Idaho 27*
 Portland State 30, Utah Tech 14*
 #13 Northern Arizona 49, #2 Montana 44*
 Cal Poly 25, #16 Idaho State 24*
 Eastern Washington 31, Northern Colorado 22*
 Ogden, UT
 Portland, OR
 Flagstaff, AZ
 Pocatello, ID
 Cheney, WA

WEEK 7

Saturday, Oct. 17
 Idaho at #7 Montana*
 #21 Idaho State at #RV Weber State*
 Portland State at #8 Northern Arizona*
 #5 Montana State at Eastern Washington*
 #14 UC Davis at Southern Utah*
 #RV Cal Poly at Northern Colorado*
 Time MT (TV)
 1:00 p.m. (ESPN+/Scripps/SWX)
 1:00 p.m. (ESPN+/KJZZ/KMYU)
 5:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
 5:00 p.m. (ESPN+/Scripps/SWX)
 6:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
 6:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

FCS Rankings: Stats Perform

* - Denotes Conference Game



THIS WEEK IN BIG SKY FOOTBALL



AIRS EACH WEEK ON SELECT SCRIPPS SPORTS STATIONS AND ON @BigSkyConf's YouTube



2026 BIG SKY FOOTBALL TEAM BY TEAM SCHEDULES



#RV CAL POLY (4-3, 3-1 BIG SKY)

2025 Record: 4-8 (2-6 Big Sky)

Head Coach: Tim Skipper (1st Season as HC at CP)

Home Stadium: Alex G. Spanos Stadium (11,075)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/28	IDAHO*	ESPN	W/38-34
9/5	CENTRAL WASHINGTON	ESPN+	W/24-17
9/12	at San Jose State	MW+	L/20-30
9/19	SAN DIEGO	ESPN+	L/35-38
9/26	at Eastern Washington*	ESPN+/SWX	W/31-27
10/3	WEBER STATE*	ESPN+	L/34-42 (OT2)
10/10	at #12 Idaho State*	ESPN+	W/25-24
10/17	at Northern Colorado*	ESPN+	6:00 p.m.
10/24	UTAH TECH*	ESPN+	3:00 p.m.
10/31	at #5 Montana State*	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m.
11/7	#8 NORTHERN ARIZONA*	ESPN+	3:00 p.m.
11/21	at #14 UC Davis*	ESPN+/KMAX	2:00 p.m.

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



#21 IDAHO STATE (4-2, 1-2 BIG SKY)

2025 Record: 6-6 (5-3 Big Sky)

Head Coach: Cody Hawkins (4th Season as HC at ISU)

Home Stadium: ICCU Dome (10,150)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/29	VMI	ESPN+	W/38-10
9/5	at Utah State	CBSSN	W/29-17
9/12	SAN DIEGO	ESPN+	W/59-17
9/26	at Southern Utah*	ESPN+	W/28-24
10/3	#19 NORTHERN ARIZONA*	ESPN+	L/31-38
10/10	CAL POLY*	ESPN+	L/24-25
10/17	at #RV Weber State*	ESPN+	1:00 p.m.
10/24	PORTLAND STATE*	ESPN+	4:00 p.m.
10/31	at Utah Tech*	ESPN+	1:00 p.m.
11/7	#5 MONTANA STATE*	ESPN+/Scripps	4:00 p.m.
11/14	at #7 Montana*	ESPN TBA	8:30 p.m.
11/21	IDAHO*	ESPN+/SWX	4:00 p.m.

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EASTERN WASHINGTON (2-5, 1-3 BIG SKY)

2025 Record: 5-7 (4-4 Big Sky)

Head Coach: Aaron Best (10th Season as HC at EWU)

Home Stadium: Roos Field (8,600)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/29	at #25 Northern Arizona*	ESPN+	L/27-34
9/5	NORTHERN IOWA	ESPN+/SWX	W/34-24
9/12	at #11 South Dakota	ESPN+	L/23-41
9/19	at Washington	BTN	L/16-48
9/26	CAL POLY*	ESPN+/SWX	L/27-31
10/3	at #16 UC Davis*	ESPN2	L/38-49
10/10	NORTHERN COLORADO*	ESPN+/SWX	W/31-22
10/17	#5 MONTANA STATE*	ESPN+/Scripps/SWX	5:00 p.m.
10/31	#7 MONTANA*	ESPN+/Scripps/SWX	2:00 p.m.
11/7	at Idaho*	ESPN+/SWX	3:00 p.m.
11/14	at Utah Tech*	ESPN+	2:00 p.m.
11/21	PORTLAND STATE*	ESPN+/SWX	2:00 p.m.

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#7 MONTANA (5-2, 3-1 BIG SKY)

2025 Record: 13-2 (7-1 Big Sky)

Head Coach: Bobby Kennedy (1st Season as HC at UM)

Home Stadium: Washington-Grizzly Stadium (25,217)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/29	SOUTHERN UTAH*	ESPN+/Scripps	W/28-21
9/5	DRAKE	ESPN+/Scripps	W/45-10
9/12	UTAH TECH%	ESPN+/Scripps	W/35-14
9/19	at Oregon State	USA	L/17-52
9/26	at #10 UC Davis*	ESPN+/Scripps	W/62-22
10/3	NORTHERN COLORADO*	ESPN+	W/36-14
10/10	at #19 Northern Arizona*	ESPN+	L/44-49
10/17	IDAHO*	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m.
10/31	at Eastern Washington*	ESPN+/Scripps/SWX	2:00 p.m.
11/7	PORTLAND STATE*	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m.
11/14	#21 IDAHO STATE*	ESPN TBA	8:30 p.m.
11/21	at #5 Montana State*	ESPN+/Scripps	12:00 p.m.

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IDAHO (1-5, 1-2 BIG SKY)

2025 Record: 4-8 (2-6 Big Sky)

Head Coach: Thomas Ford (2nd Season as HC at UI)

Home Stadium: PIFCU Kibbie Dome (15,250)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/28	at Cal Poly*	ESPN	L/34-38
9/3	at Utah	ESPNU	L/14-66
9/12	#14 LAMAR	ESPN+/SWX	L/17-23
9/19	#RV ABILENE CHRISTIAN	ESPN+/SWX	L/39-41
10/2	#1 MONTANA STATE*	ESPN	W/35-34
10/10	at Weber State*	ESPN+	L/27-38
10/17	at #2 Montana*	ESPN+/Scripps/SWX	1:00 p.m.
10/24	SOUTHERN UTAH*	ESPN+/SWX	3:00 p.m.
10/31	at Portland State*	ESPN+/RCSN	2:00 p.m.
11/7	EASTERN WASHINGTON*	ESPN+/SWX	3:00 p.m.
11/14	#14 UC DAVIS*	ESPN+/SWX	2:00 p.m.
11/21	at #16 Idaho State*	ESPN+	4:00 p.m.

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#5 MONTANA STATE (5-1, 2-1 BIG SKY)

2025 Record: 14-2 (8-0 Big Sky)

Head Coach: Brent Vigen (7th Season as HC at MSU)

Home Stadium: Bobcat Stadium (18,037)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/29	at Utah Tech*	ESPN+/Scripps	W/54-0
9/5	BUTLER	ESPN+/Scripps	W/51-24
9/12	at Nevada	The CW	W/20-7
9/19	CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE	ESPN+/Scripps	W/35-30
9/26	#18 NORTHERN ARIZONA*	ESPN2	W/28-14
10/2	at Idaho*	ESPN	L/34-35
10/17	at Eastern Washington*	ESPN+/Scripps/SWX	5:00 p.m.
10/24	#RV WEBER STATE*	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m.
10/31	#RV CAL POLY*	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m.
11/7	at #21 Idaho State*	ESPN+/Scripps	4:00 p.m.
11/14	at Northern Colorado*	ESPN+/Scripps	12:00 p.m.
11/21	#7 MONTANA*	ESPN+/Scripps	12:00 p.m.

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2026 BIG SKY FOOTBALL TEAM BY TEAM SCHEDULES

**#8 NORTHERN ARIZONA (5-2, 3-1 BIG SKY)****2025 Record:** 7-5 (4-4 Big Sky)**Head Coach:** Brian Wright (3rd Season as HC at NAU)**Home Stadium:** Walkup Skydome (10,000)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/29	Eastern Washington*	ESPN+	W/34-27
9/5	at Arizona	ESPN+	L/7-35
9/12	INCARNATE WORD	ESPN+	W/38-28
9/19	at Utah Tech%	ESPN+	W/35-23
9/26	at #1 Montana State*	ESPN2	L/14-28
10/3	at #12 Idaho State*	ESPN+	W/38-31
10/10	#2 MONTANA*	ESPN+/Scripps	W/49-44
10/17	PORTLAND STATE*	ESPN+	5:00 p.m.
10/31	at Southern Utah*	ESPN+	1:00 p.m.
11/7	at #RV Cal Poly*	ESPN+	3:00 p.m.
11/14	#RV WEBER STATE*	ESPN+	2:00 p.m.
11/21	NORTHERN COLORADO*	ESPN+	2:00 p.m.

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**NORTHERN COLORADO (2-5, 1-3 BIG SKY)****2025 Record:** 4-8 (2-6 Big Sky)**Head Coach:** Ed Lamb (4th Season as HC at UNC)**Home Stadium:** Nottingham Field (8,500)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/28	WEBER STATE*	ESPN+	L/29-30
9/5	#11 SOUTH DAKOTA	ESPN+	L/23-38
9/12	at Wyoming	MW+	L/13-21
9/19	NORTHEASTERN STATE	ESPN+	W/23-17 (OT)
9/26	UTAH TECH*	ESPN+	W/37-13
10/3	at #3 Montana*	ESPN+/Scripps	L/14-36
10/10	at Eastern Washington*	ESPN+/SWX	L/22-31
10/17	#RV CAL POLY*	ESPN+	6:00 p.m.
10/24	at #14 UC Davis*	ESPN+/KMAX	5:00 p.m.
11/7	at Southern Utah*	ESPN+	1:00 p.m.
11/14	#5 MONTANA STATE*	ESPN+/Scripps	12:00 p.m.
11/21	at #8 Northern Arizona*	ESPN+	2:00 p.m.

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**PORTLAND STATE (2-4, 2-1 BIG SKY)****2025 Record:** 1-11 (1-7 Big Sky)**Head Coach:** Chris Fisk (1st Season as HC at PSU)**Home Stadium:** Hillsboro Stadium (7,600)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/29	#6 UC DAVIS*	ESPN+/RCSN	L/24-31
9/5	at San Diego State	USA	L/20-53
9/12	#6 NORTH DAKOTA	ESPN+/RCSN	L/23-47
9/18	at Oregon	BTN	L/0-84
9/26	at Weber State*	ESPN+	W/44-41
10/10	UTAH TECH*	ESPN+/RCSN	W/30-14
10/17	at #8 Northern Arizona*	ESPN+	5:00 p.m.
10/24	at #21 Idaho State*	ESPN+	4:00 p.m.
10/31	IDAHO*	ESPN+/RCSN	2:00 p.m.
11/7	at #7 Montana*	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m.
11/13	SOUTHERN UTAH*	ESPN+/RCSN	8:00 p.m.
11/21	at Eastern Washington*	ESPN+/SWX	2:00 p.m.

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**SOUTHERN UTAH (2-4, 1-2 BIG SKY)****2025 Record:** 7-5 (6-2 UAC)**Head Coach:** DeLane Fitzgerald (5th Season as HC at SUU)**Home Stadium:** Eccles Coliseum (8,500)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/29	at #2 Montana*	ESPN+/Scripps	L/21-28
9/5	WEBER STATE%	ESPN+	W/47-42
9/12	at Colorado State	CBSSN	L/24-58
9/19	at St. Thomas	MidCoSports+	L/26-28
9/26	#14 IDAHO STATE*	ESPN+	L/24-28
10/3	at Utah Tech*	ESPN+	W/46-33
10/17	#14 UC DAVIS*	ESPN+	6:00 p.m.
10/24	at Idaho*	ESPN+/SWX	3:00 p.m.
10/31	#8 NORTHERN ARIZONA*	ESPN+	1:00 p.m.
11/7	NORTHERN COLORADO*	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m.
11/13	at Portland State*	ESPN+/RCSN	8:00 p.m.
11/21	Chicago State*	ESPN+	12:00 p.m.

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**#14 UC DAVIS (4-2, 2-1 BIG SKY)****2025 Record:** 9-4 (6-2 Big Sky)**Head Coach:** Tim Plough (3rd Season as HC at UC Davis)**Home Stadium:** UC Davis Health Stadium (10,849)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/29	at Portland State*	ESPN+/RCSN	W/31-24
9/5	at San Diego	ESPN+	W/49-17
9/12	at SMU	ACCNX	L/10-56
9/19	STETSON	ESPN+/KMAX	W/45-7
9/26	#5 MONTANA*	ESPN+/Scripps	L/22-62
10/3	EASTERN WASHINGTON*	ESPN2	W/49-38
10/17	at Southern Utah*	ESPN+	6:00 p.m.
10/24	NORTHERN COLORADO*	ESPN+/KMAX	5:00 p.m.
10/31	at #RV Weber State*	ESPN+	1:00 p.m.
11/7	UTAH TECH*	ESPN+/KMAX	5:00 p.m.
11/14	at Idaho*	ESPN+/SWX	2:00 p.m.
11/21	#RV CAL POLY*	ESPN+/KMAX	2:00 p.m.

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2026 BIG SKY FOOTBALL TEAM BY TEAM SCHEDULES

**UTAH TECH (0-7, 0-4 BIG SKY)****2025 Record:** 2-10 (1-7 Big Sky)**Head Coach:** Lance Anderson (3rd Season as HC at UTU)**Home Stadium:** Greater Zion Stadium (8,291)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/29	#1 Montana State*	ESPN+/Scripps	L/0-54
9/5	at BYU	ESPN+	L/7-63
9/12	at #3 Montana%	ESPN+/Scripps	L/14-35
9/19	#20 NORTHERN ARIZONA%	ESPN+	L/23-35
9/26	at Northern Colorado*	ESPN+	L/13-37
10/3	SOUTHERN UTAH*	ESPN+	L/33-46
10/10	at Portland State*	ESPN+/RCSN	L/14-30
10/24	at #RV Cal Poly*	ESPN+	3:00 p.m.
10/31	#21 IDAHO STATE*	ESPN+	1:00 p.m.
11/7	at #14 UC Davis*	ESPN+/KMAX	5:00 p.m.
11/14	EASTERN WASHINGTON*	ESPN+	2:00 p.m.
11/21	at #RV Weber State*	ESPN+	1:00 p.m.

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**#RV WEBER STATE (4-3, 3-1 BIG SKY)****2025 Record:** 4-8 (2-6 Big Sky)**Head Coach:** Eric Kjar (1st Season as HC at WSU)**Home Stadium:** Stewart Stadium (13,411)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/28	at Northern Colorado*	ESPN+	W/30-29
9/5	at #RV Southern Utah	ESPN+	L/42-47
9/12	at Colorado	ESPN+	L/21-52
9/19	NORTHWESTERN STATE	ESPN+	W/49-20
9/26	PORTLAND STATE*	ESPN+	L/41-44
10/3	at #RV Cal Poly*	ESPN+	W/42-34 (20T)
10/10	IDAHO*	ESPN+	W/38-27
10/17	#21 IDAHO STATE*	ESPN+	1:00 p.m.
10/24	at #5 Montana State*	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m.
10/31	#14 UC DAVIS*	ESPN+	1:00 p.m.
11/14	at #8 Northern Arizona*	ESPN+	2:00 p.m.
11/21	UTAH TECH*	ESPN+	1:00 p.m.

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2026 BIG SKY HOME ATTENDANCE NUMBERS

SCHOOL (STADIUM NAME)	AVERAGE	TOTAL	GAMES	CAPACITY	NAT. RANK
Montana (Washington-Grizzly Stadium)	26,323	105,293	4	25,217	2nd
Montana State (Bobcat Stadium)	21,897	65,691	3	18,037	4th
UC Davis (UC Davis Health Stadium)	11,728	35,185	3	10,849	16th
Cal Poly (Alex G. Spanos Stadium)	10,166	40,665	4	11,075	21st
Northern Arizona (Walkup Skydome)	8,698	26,094	3	10,000	37th
Idaho (PIFCU Kibbie Dome)	8,164	24,492	3	15,250	41st
Idaho State (ICCU Dome)	7,115	28,461	4	10,150	48th
Weber State (Stewart Stadium)	7,000	21,001	3	13,441	50th
Southern Utah (Eccles Coliseum)	6,030	12,060	2	8,500	60th
Utah Tech (Greater Zion Stadium)	5,299	15,897	3	8,291	70th
Eastern Washington (Roos Field)	4,900	14,699	3	8,600	79th
Northern Colorado (Nottingham Field)	4,690	18,761	4	8,500	82nd
Portland State (Hillsboro Stadium)	1,929	5,786	3	7,600	124th

THIS WEEK IN BIG SKY FOOTBALL "GAME OF THE WEEK"

WEEK	GAME (DATE)	RESULT
Week 0	Montana State at Utah Tech (Sat., Aug. 29)	MSU 54, UTU 0
Week 1	Weber State at Southern Utah (Sat., Sept. 5)	SUU 47, WSU 42
Week 2	Eastern Washington at South Dakota (Sat., Sept. 12)	USD 41, EWU 23
Week 3	Northern Arizona at Utah Tech (Sat. Sept. 19)	NAU 35, UTU 23
Week 4	Montana at UC Davis (Sat., Sept. 26)	UM 66, UCD 22
Week 5	Northern Arizona at Idaho State (Sat., Oct. 3)	NAU 38, ISU 31
Week 6	Montana at Northern Arizona (Sat., Oct. 10)	NAU 49, UM 44
Week 7	UC Davis at Southern Utah (Sat., Oct. 17)	
Week 8		
Week 9		
Week 10		
Week 11		
Week 12		

2026 BIG SKY FOOTBALL TEAM BY TEAM SCHEDULES



Preseason	--	--	--	RV/RV	2/2	1/1	25/24	--/RV	--	RV/--	6/6	--	--
8/31	RV/RV	--	--/RV	23/RV	3/3	1/1	22/20	--	--	RV/RV	7/6	--	--
9/7	RV/RV	--/RV	--	17/24	3/2	1/1	24/23	--	--/RV	RV/RV	7/6	--	--
9/14	RV/RV	--	--	16/18	3/2	1/1	20/19	--	--	RV/RV	11/11	--	--
9/21	--	--	--	14/16	5/T4	1/1	18/17	--	--	--	10/9	--	--
9/28	--/RV	--	--	12/14	3/4	1/1	19/19	--	--	--	16/15	--	--
10/5	--	--	--/RV	16/17	2/3	6/6	13/14	--	--	--	14/11	--	--
10/12	RV/RV	--	--	21/21	7/7	5/5	8/10	--	--	--	14/12	--	RV/--
10/19	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
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STATS PERFORM FCS MEDIA POLL (WEEK 7)

Rk.	Team (1st)	Record	Points	LW
1	South Dakota State (52)	5-1	1420	1
2	Tarleton State (5)	6-0	1371	3
3	Stephen F. Austin	6-0	1202	7
4	Lehigh	6-0	1201	5
5	Montana State	5-1	1195	6
6	Youngstown State	5-2	1178	8
7	Montana	5-2	1052	2
8	Northern Arizona	5-2	1026	13
9	South Dakota	5-2	986	10
10	Lamar	5-1	890	11
11	North Dakota	5-2	800	4
12	Austin Peay	5-2	755	9
13	Illinois State	4-2	722	12
14	UC Davis	4-2	670	14
15	Tennessee Tech	5-1	644	15
16	Campbell	5-1	596	17
17	Harvard	4-0	529	18
18	Mercer	5-2	402	20
19	Northern Iowa	3-2	380	24
20	ETSU	5-2	312	24
21	Idaho State	4-2	253	16
22	Colgate	4-2	251	23
23	Monmouth	4-2	121	NR
24	Morgan State	5-1	116	NR
25	Yale	3-1	104	NR

Others Receiving Votes: Stony Brook (4-2, 2-0 CAA): 102; Richmond (5-2, 3-1 Patriot): 68; Jackson State (5-1, 2-1 SWAC): 39; South Carolina State (5-2): 24; West Florida (3-2, 1-2 UAC): 24; **Cal Poly (4-3, 3-1 Big Sky): 22**; Southern Illinois (3-4, 1-2 MVFC): 17; Abilene Christian (3-4, 2-0 UAC): 14; North Alabama (4-2, 1-0 UAC): 10; Grambling State (4-2, 2-1 SWAC): 8; Southeastern Louisiana (3-3, 1-2 Southland): 6; **Weber State (4-3, 3-1 Big Sky): 6**; Princeton (3-1, 1-0 Ivy): 2

AFCA FCS COACHES POLL (WEEK 7)

Rk.	Team (1st)	Record	Points	LW
1	South Dakota State (23)	5-1	647	1
2	Tarleton State (3)	6-0	626	2
3	Stephen F. Austin	6-0	588	4
4	Lehigh	6-0	558	5
5	Montana State	5-1	539	6
6	Youngstown State	5-2	517	9
7	Montana	5-2	461	3
8	Lamar	5-1	458	10
9	South Dakota	5-2	407	12
10	Northern Arizona	5-2	398	14
11	Austin Peay	5-2	397	8
12	UC Davis	4-2	396	11
13	Illinois State	4-2	333	13
14	Tennessee Tech	5-1	319	16
15	North Dakota	5-2	293	7
16	Mercer	5-2	253	18
17	Harvard	4-0	242	19
18	Campbell	5-1	227	20
19	Colgate	4-2	153	23
20	Monmouth (N.J.)	4-2	125	24
21	Idaho State	4-2	106	17
22	Richmond	5-2	96	15
23	Yale	3-1	61	NR
24	East Tennessee State	5-2	49	NR
25	Northern Iowa	3-2	38	NR

Others Receiving Votes: Jackson St., 32; West Florida, 25; Morgan St., 24; South Carolina St., 18; Stony Brook, 18; ACU, 11; Southern Illinois, 11; **Cal Poly, 7**; Charleston Southern, 4; Delaware St., 4; North Alabama, 4; Southeastern Louisiana, 2; Wofford, 2; Central Connecticut St., 1.



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Idaho State

WEEK 4

Idaho

WEEK 5

Portland State

WEEK 6

Montana State
Southern Utah
UC Davis

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Utah Tech

WEEK 8

Eastern Washington
Montana
Northern Arizona

WEEK 9

Northern Colorado

WEEK 10

Weber State

WEEK 11

Cal Poly

2026 BIG SKY FOOTBALL COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

Week 0

Friday, Aug. 28

Weber State 30, Northern Colorado 29*
Cal Poly 38, Idaho 34*

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

ESPN+
ESPN

Saturday, Aug. 29

UC Davis 31, Portland State 24*
Northern Arizona 34, Eastern Washington 27*
Idaho State 38, VMI 10
Montana 28, Southern Utah 21*
Montana State 54, Utah Tech 0*

1:00 p.m. MT
3:00 p.m. MT
4:00 p.m. MT
7:00 p.m. MT
8:00 p.m. MT

ESPN+/RCSN
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ESPN+/Scripps Sports
ESPN+/Scripps Sports

Week 1

Thursday, Sept. 3

Utah 66, Idaho 14

7:00 p.m. MT

ESPNU

Saturday, Sept. 5

Montana 45, Drake 10
Idaho State 29, Utah State 17
Eastern Washington 34, Northern Iowa 24
BYU 63, Utah Tech 7
Cal Poly 24, Central Washington 17
South Dakota 38, Northern Colorado 23
Southern Utah 47, Weber State 42%
Montana State 51, Butler 24
Arizona 35, Northern Arizona 7
San Diego State 53, Portland State 20
UC Davis 49, San Diego 17

1:00 p.m. MT
5:00 p.m. MT
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6:30 p.m. MT
7:30 p.m. MT
7:30 p.m. MT
8:00 p.m. MT

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CBSSN
ESPN+/SWX
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ESPN+
ESPN+
ESPN+/Scripps Sports
ESPN+
USA
ESPN+

Week 2

Saturday, Sept. 12

South Dakota 41, Eastern Washington 23
Montana 35, Utah Tech 14%
Colorado 52, Weber State 21
Lamar 23, Idaho 17
Wyoming 21, Northern Colorado 13
SMU 56, UC Davis 10
Northern Arizona 38, UIW 28
Idaho State 59, San Diego 17
Colorado State 58, Southern Utah 24
San Jose State 30, Cal Poly 20
North Dakota 47, Portland State 23
Montana State 20, Nevada 7

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ESPN+/RCSN
The CW

Week 3

Friday, Sept. 18

Oregon 84, Portland State 0

8:30 p.m. MT

BTN

Saturday, Sept. 19

St. Thomas 28, Southern Utah 26
Montana State 35, CCSU 30
Abilene Christian 41, Idaho 39
Washington 48, Eastern Washington 16
Weber State 49, Northwestern State 20
Northern Arizona 35, Utah Tech 23%
Northern Colorado 23, Northeastern State 17 (OT)
San Diego 38, Cal Poly 35
UC Davis 45, Stetson 7
Oregon State 52, Montana 17

12:00 p.m. MT
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9:00 p.m. MT

MidCoSports+
ESPN+/Scripps Sports
ESPN+/SWX
BTN
ESPN+
ESPN+
ESPN+
ESPN+
ESPN+/KMAX
USA

Week 4

Saturday, Sept. 26

Cal Poly 31, Eastern Washington 27*
Idaho State 28, Southern Utah 24*
Portland State 44, Weber State 41*
Northern Colorado 37, Utah Tech 13*
Montana 66, UC Davis 22*
Montana State 28, Northern Arizona 14*

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

ESPN+/SWX
ESPN+
ESPN+
ESPN+
ESPN+/Scripps Sports
ESPN2

% - Non-Conf. Game vs. Big Sky Team

Games in **BLUE** are conference game results

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FCS PLAYOFF SCHEDULE



PLAYOFF SELECTION SHOW

Sunday, Nov. 22
TBA Time // TBA ESPN Network

FIRST ROUND

Saturday, Nov. 28
TBA Times // ESPN+
TBD Locations

SECOND ROUND

Saturday, Dec. 5
TBA Times // ESPN+
TBD Locations

QUARTERFINALS

Friday, Dec. 11
TBA Times // TBA ESPN Network
TBD Location
or
Saturday, Dec. 12
TBA Times // TBA ESPN Network
TBD Location

SEMIFINALS

Saturday, Dec. 19
TBA Times // TBA ESPN Network
TBD Location

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Monday, Jan. 11
TBA Times // ESPN
Nashville, TN

2026 BIG SKY FOOTBALL COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

Week 5

Friday, Oct. 2

Idaho 35, Montana State 34*	8:30 p.m. MT	ESPN
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Saturday, Oct. 3

Montana 36, Northern Colorado 14*	2:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+/Scripps Sports
Northern Arizona 38, Idaho State 31*	6:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+
Southern Utah 46, Utah Tech 33*	6:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+
Weber State 42, Cal Poly 34*	6:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+
UC Davis 49, Eastern Washington 38*	8:30 p.m. MT	ESPN2

Week 6

Saturday, Oct. 10

Weber State 38, Idaho 27*	1:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+/KJZZ/KMYU
Portland State 30, Utah Tech 14*	2:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+/RCSN
Northern Arizona 49, Montana 44*	3:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+/Scripps Sports
Cal Poly 25, Idaho State 24*	4:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+
Eastern Washington 31, Northern Colorado 22*	5:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+/SWX

Week 7

Saturday, Oct. 17

Idaho at Montana*	1:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+/Scripps Sports/SWX
Idaho State at Weber State*	1:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+/KJZZ/KMYU
Montana State at Eastern Washington*	5:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+/Scripps Sports/SWX
Portland State at Northern Arizona*	5:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+
Cal Poly at Northern Colorado*	6:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+
UC Davis at Southern Utah*	6:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+

Week 8

Saturday, Oct. 24

Weber State at Montana State*	1:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+/Scripps Sports
Southern Utah at Idaho*	3:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+/SWX
Utah Tech at Cal Poly*	3:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+
Portland State at Idaho State*	4:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+
Northern Colorado at UC Davis*	5:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+/KMAX

Week 9

Saturday, Oct. 31

Cal Poly at Montana State*	1:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+/Scripps Sports
Idaho State at Utah Tech*	1:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+
Northern Arizona at Southern Utah*	1:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+
UC Davis at Weber State*	1:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+/KJZZ/KMYU
Idaho at Portland State*	2:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+/RCSN
Montana at Eastern Washington*	2:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+/Scripps Sports

Week 10

Saturday, Nov. 7

Northern Colorado at Southern Utah*	1:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+
Portland State at Montana*	1:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+/Scripps Sports
Eastern Washington at Idaho*	3:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+/SWX
Northern Arizona at Cal Poly*	3:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+
Montana State at Idaho State*	4:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+/Scripps Sports
Utah Tech at UC Davis*	5:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+/KMAX

Week 11

Friday, Nov. 13

Southern Utah at Portland State*	8:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+/RCSN
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Saturday, Nov. 14

Montana State at Northern Colorado*	12:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+/Scripps Sports
Eastern Washington at Utah Tech*	2:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+
UC Davis at Idaho*	2:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+/SWX
Weber State at Northern Arizona*	2:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+
Idaho State at Montana*	8:30 p.m. MT	ESPN TBA

Week 12

Saturday, Nov. 21

Montana at Montana State*	12:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+/Scripps Sports
Chicago State at Southern Utah	12:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+
Utah Tech at Weber State*	1:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+/KJZZ/KMYU
Cal Poly at UC Davis*	2:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+/KMAX
Northern Colorado at Northern Arizona*	2:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+
Portland State at Eastern Washington*	2:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+/SWX
Idaho at Idaho State*	4:00 p.m. MT	ESPN+

* - denotes Big Sky Conference game

PAST PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Offensive Players of the Week

Aug. 31	Anthony Grigsby Jr., QB, CP
Sept. 7	Nate Bell, QB, EWU
Sept. 14	Eli Gillman, RB, UM
Sept. 21	Samuel Gbatu Jr., WR, UCD
Sept. 28	Eli Gillman, RB, UM*
Oct. 5	Joshua Wood, QB, UI
Oct. 12	Ty Pennington, QB, NAU*
Oct. 19	
Oct. 26	
Nov. 2	
Nov. 9	
Nov. 16	
Nov. 23	

Defensive Players of the Week

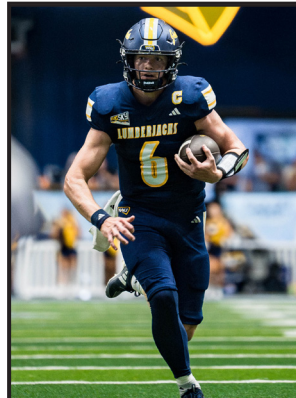
Aug. 31	Trehsyn Fesili, DL, ISU
Sept. 7	Tre Shorty, ISU
Sept. 14	Deliyon Freeman, DB, NAU
	Colter Petre, DB, MSU
Sept. 21	Porter Connors, LB, UCD
Sept. 28	Jackson Irwin, LB, ISU
Oct. 5	Porter Small, DL, WSU
Oct. 12	Trevian Tribble, DB, WSU
	JoJo Maxey-Johnson, DB, EWU
Oct. 19	
Oct. 26	
Nov. 2	
Nov. 9	
Nov. 16	
Nov. 23	

Special Teams Players of the Week

Aug. 31	Lindsey Graves, KR, NAU
	Jake Mason, DL, UM
Sept. 7	Mason Lindberg, K, ISU*
Sept. 14	Everett O'Donnell, P, UM
Sept. 21	Zach Jones, PR, UCD
Sept. 28	Joshua Hossmann Lees, K, PSU*
Oct. 5	Ran Sawyer, KR, SUU
Oct. 12	Mason Lindberg, K, ISU
	Lindsey Graves, KR, NAU
Oct. 19	
Oct. 26	
Nov. 2	
Nov. 9	
Nov. 16	
Nov. 23	

* - FCS National Player of the Week

BIG SKY WEEKLY HONORS



Ty Pennington, QB
Northern Arizona



Trevian Tribble, DB/JoJo Maxey-Johnson, DB
Weber State/Eastern Washington



Lindsey Graves, KR/Mason Lindberg, K
Northern Arizona/Idaho State

BIG SKY PLAYER OF THE WEEK HONOREES FOR WEEK 6

Offensive Player of the Week

#6 Ty Pennington, Northern Arizona (QB, Sr., Sand Springs, Okla.)

Ty Pennington scored six touchdowns in Northern Arizona's 49-44 upset of No. 2 Montana on Saturday, as the quarterback did a little bit of everything in the upset win at home. Pennington threw for 322 yards and a touchdown, led the team with a career-high 16 rushes for 52 yards and four touchdowns and caught a 7-yard touchdown reception. The honor was the first of the season for Pennington and also earned him national recognition from FCS Stats Perform.

Others Nominated:

Anthony Grigsby Jr. (CP), Nate Bell (EWU), Trey Olsen (UNC), Tyrese Smith (PSU), Spencer Ferguson (WSU)

Co-Defensive Players of the Week

#3 Trevian Tribble, Weber State (DB, 5th Year, Fontana, Calif.)

Trevian Tribble had two interceptions and five tackles in Weber State's 38-27 win over Idaho. Tribble returned the two interceptions for a combined 50 yards, including a return of 31 yards. Both interceptions led to Wildcat touchdowns on the next drive and were his first career interceptions in 41 games.

#34 JoJo Maxey-Johnson, Eastern Washington (DB, R-Jr., Tacoma, Wash.)

JoJo Maxey-Johnson had two interceptions and five tackles in Eastern Washington's 31-22 win over Northern Colorado. Maxey-Johnson's two picks came in the final quarter of Saturday's win, including one under two minutes to seal the victory.

Others Nominated: RL Miller (CP), Hudson Voggeser (UNC), Jaxton Helmstetler (PSU)

Co-Special Teams Players of the Week

#13 Lindsey Graves, Northern Arizona (KR, Fr., Clovis, Calif.)

Lindsey Graves returned a kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown, his second of the season, in the 49-44 victory for Northern Arizona over No. 2 Montana. Graves' kickoff return came immediately after Montana closed within 35-32 early in the fourth quarter and pushed NAU's lead back to 10 points in an eventual 49-44 victory. Graves is one of two players in the FCS with two kickoff returns for touchdowns this season and the first Lumberjack with multiple 100-yard kickoff returns for touchdowns in his career.

#26 Mason Lindberg, Idaho State (K, So., Mesa, Ariz.)

Mason Lindberg connected on all five of his field goal attempts in a 25-24 loss to Cal Poly on Saturday, while adding a PAT to account for 16 of the Bengals' 24 points. Lindberg connected from 27, 45, 50, 43 and 30 yards, including a 45-yarder as time expired in the first half and a 50-yarder in the third quarter that gave Idaho State an 18-10 lead. The sophomore also put five of his six kickoffs into the end zone for touchbacks. It is the second time this season Lindberg has gone 5-for-5 on field goals, with the last coming in the 29-17 Week 1 win at Utah State.

Others Nominated: Soren McKee (EWU), Landon Richardson (UNC), Zui Shelton (PSU), David Dellenbach (WSU)



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 State/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	5-0
2021	Sacramento State	8-0
2022	Sac State/Montana State	8-0
2023	Montana	7-1
2024	Montana State	8-0
2025	Montana State	8-0

* - 2021 spring season

WEEKLY NOTES FROM AROUND THE BIG SKY

SEVERAL BIG SKY PLAYERS RANK HIGH NATIONALLY FOR INDIVIDUAL STATS

The Big Sky has 12 players ranking in the Top 10 for the six major stat categories below, with the top area being rushing yards per game and receiving yards per game, as five conference standouts rank in the Top 5 for those two categories.

Big Sky Passing Leaders

Name, School (FCS Rank)	YPG
1. Joshua Wood (6th)	283.8
2. Keali'i Ah Yat, UM (10th)	277.4
3. Nate Bell, EWU (12th)	275.9

Big Sky Tackles Leaders

Name, School (FCS Rank)	TPG
1. Kenny Olson, CP (13th)	9.9
2. Cruz Hepburn, UI (T25th)	9.2
3. Myles Mayovsky, EWU (27th)	9.1

Big Sky Rushing Leaders

Name, School (FCS Rank)	YPG
1. Floyd Chalk, SUU (1st)	137.2
2. Eli Gillman, UM (4th)	125.3
3. Jaden Green, CP (5th)	118.7

Big Sky Sack Leaders

Name, School (FCS Rank)	Sacks
1. Tyler King, UM (T11th)	5.5
T2. Kaleb Pleis, CP (T28th)	4.0
T2. Myles Amey, SUU (T28th)	4.0

Big Sky Receiving Leaders

Name, School (FCS Rank)	YPG
1. Brooks Davis, UM (2nd)	115.7
2. Samuel Gbatu Jr., UCD (3rd)	110.5
3. Noah Kjar, WSU (7th)	95.9

Big Sky Interception Leaders

Name, School (FCS Rank)	INTs
1. Parker Vance, SUU (T2nd)	4
T2. RL Miller, CP (T6th)	3
T2. Jaylon Jenkins, EWU (T6th)	3
T2. Jahaad Fort, NAU (T6th)	3

BIG SKY TEAMS DOMINATE FCS TEAM OFFENSIVE RANKINGS

The Big Sky features some of the best offenses in the nation, with six of the Top 20 for total yards per game in the FCS hailing from the league. The next closest is the SWAC with four, followed by the MVFC with three teams each for yards per game.

Big Sky Top Offenses

School (FCS Rank)	YPG
1. Montana (6th)	467.9
2. Southern Utah (12th)	457.5
3. Weber State (15th)	445.9
4. UC Davis (17th)	443.5
5. Montana State (18th)	441.3
6. Idaho State (20th)	436.7

NORTHERN ARIZONA LEADS FCS WITH 18 TAKEAWAYS

The Northern Arizona defense has been on an impressive run this season with the Lumberjacks topping the FCS in takeaways after forcing 18 turnovers. NAU has earned 10 interceptions and eight fumble recoveries to total their 18 takeaways this year. Portland State has 13 takeaways, which is second in the league and tied for 11th in the FCS.





FCS PLAYOFF HISTORY

Cal Poly

Last App: 2016 // Record: 1-4
Last Result: Lost RD1 at San Diego (35-21)
Best Finish: Quarterfinals (2005)

Eastern Washington

Last App: 2021 // Record: 20-14
Last Result: Lost RD2 at Montana (57-41)
Best Finish: National Champs (2010)

Idaho

Last App: 2024 // Record: 8-14
Last Result: Lost QF at Montana State (52-19)
Best Finish: Semifinals (1988, 1993)

Idaho State

Last App: 1983 // Record: 3-1
Last Result: Lost RD1 at Nevada (27-20)
Best Finish: National Champs (1981)

Montana

Last App: 2025 // Record: 41-27
Last Result: Lost QF at Montana State (48-23)
Best Finish: National Champs (1995, 2001)

Montana State

Last App: 2025 // Record: 21-13
Last Result: Won NC vs. Illinois State (35-34)
Best Finish: National Champs (1984, 2025)

Northern Arizona

Last App: 2024 // Record: 1-6
Last Result: Lost RD1 at Abilene Christian (24-0)
Best Finish: Quarterfinals (2003)

Northern Colorado

Last App: Never // Record: N/A
Last Result: N/A
Best Finish: N/A

Portland State

Last App: 2015 // Record: 0-2
Last Result: Lost RD2 vs. Northern Iowa (29-17)
Best Finish: Second Round (2015)

Southern Utah

Last App: 2017 // Record: 0-3
Last Result: Lost RD2 vs. Weber State (30-13)
Best Finish: Second Round (2017)

UC Davis

Last App: 2025 // Record: 3-4
Last Result: Lost QF vs. Illinois State (42-31)
Best Finish: Quarterfinals (2018, 2024, 2025)

Utah Tech

Last App: Never // Record: N/A
Last Result: N/A
Best Finish: N/A

Weber State

Last App: 2022 // Record: 8-10
Last Result: Lost RD2 at Montana State (33-25)
Best Finish: Semifinals (2019)

WEEKLY NOTES FROM AROUND THE BIG SKY

IDAHO NAMED FCS NATIONAL TEAM OF THE WEEK FOR WEEK 5

Idaho's thrilling 35-34 upset over No. 1 Montana State earned the Vandals "FCS National Team of the Week" honors from Stats Perform FCS. The Vandals trailed the defending national champions 34-20 in the fourth quarter, before rallying to score with one second remaining and converting a two-point conversion to complete the upset. The victory, seen by a national audience on ESPN, was the first-ever for Idaho over a No. 1 ranked team and snapped Montana State's 19-game winning streak.

GILLMAN BREAKS BIG SKY RUSHING TD RECORD

Eli Gillman scored four touchdowns on the ground in the Week 4 win at UC Davis, becoming the Big Sky's all-time leader in rushing TDs. Gillman now sits at 62 career rushing TDs, which officially surpasses the previous record of 56 set by Charles Roberts of Sacramento State in 2000. Gillman now has his sights set on a record thought impossible to break, the Big Sky record for most total TDs, set by Cooper Kupp after he scored 77 during his career.

Most Career Rushing TDs in Big Sky History

1.	Eli Gillman, UM (2022-26)	62
2.	Charles Roberts, SAC (1997-00)	56
3.	Charles Dunn, PSU (1997-00)	54

Most Career Total TDs in Big Sky History

1.	Cooper Kupp, EWU (2013-16)	77
2.	Eli Gillman, UM (2022-26)	70
T3.	Charles Dunn, PSU (1997-00)	61
T3.	Sherriden May, UI (1991-94)	61

BIG SKY LINEAR GAMES FOR 2026

The Big Sky has five scheduled ESPN linear games for regular-season conference games this season, with four of those already in the books. The final regular-season game left on the slate is the Nov. 14 matchup between Idaho State and Montana in Missoula. The network designation for that contest will be announced at a later date.

Big Sky ESPN Linear Games for 2026

8/28: Idaho at Cal Poly - 8:00 p.m. MT (ESPN)
9/26: NAU at Montana State - 8:30 p.m. MT (ESPN2)
10/2: Montana State at Idaho - 8:30 p.m. MT (ESPN)
10/3: EWU at UC Davis - 8:30 p.m. MT (ESPN2)
11/14: Idaho State at Montana - 8:30 p.m. MT (TBD)

NON-CONFERENCE GAMES FOR BIG SKY FOES

New members Southern Utah and Utah Tech will both play Big Sky foes in non-conference action this season, due to previously contracted games dating back to previous years. The final non-conference game between Big Sky foes for the regular season concluded in Week 3, as Northern Arizona defeated Utah Tech, 35-23.

Non-Conference Games Featuring Big Sky Foes

9/5 Weber State at Southern Utah
9/12 Utah Tech at Montana
9/19 Northern Arizona at Utah Tech



WEEKLY NOTES FROM AROUND THE BIG SKY

BIG SKY ADDS TWO MORE FBS WINS FOR 2026

Montana State upset FBS foe Nevada 20-7 in Week 2, leading for nearly 57 minutes of the game. The win for MSU was its second over an FBS foe in the last three years, with its last coming in 2024 against New Mexico, also from the Mountain West.

Idaho State defeated FBS foe and PAC-12 member Utah State, 29-17, in Week 1, as the Bengals picked off four passes and led for the majority of Saturday's game in Logan. The victory for Idaho State was its first over an FBS foe since 2017 and the Big Sky's eighth overall against Utah State.

The Big Sky has defeated 12 FBS foes since 2021, which is the most of any FCS conference during that same timespan.

FBS Wins for FCS Conferences Since 2021

Big Sky	12
CAA, UAC	6
MVFC	4
NEC, Patriot, Southland	3
OVC	1

BIG SKY LANDS 13 PLAYERS ON NATIONAL WATCH LISTS

The nation's best players reside in the Big Sky Conference, and that is evident each year with the list of standouts on national award watch lists. The league had eight players make the cut for the Walter on Award Watch List, while five were named to the Buck Buchanan Award Watch List.

The Walter Payton Award, affectionately known as the Heisman of the FCS, is named for legendary running back Walter Payton, who starred at Jackson State as part of his Hall of Fame career. The Big Sky has won the award 11 times, with the most recent winner being Tommy Mellott of Montana State following the 2024 season.

The Buck Buchanan Award, in its 32nd season, is named for legendary defensive lineman Junious "Buck" Buchanan, who starred at Grambling State as part of his Hall of Fame career. The Big Sky has won the award seven times, with the most recent being Dante Olson of Montana following the 2019 season.

Walter Payton Award Watch List (July 14, 2026)

Keali'i Ah Yat, QB, Montana
Justin Lamson, QB, Montana State
Ty Pennington, QB, Northern Arizona
Dason Brooks, RB, Idaho State
Eli Gillman, RB, Montana
Adam Jones, RB, Montana State
Taco Dowler, WR, Montana State
Samuel Gbatu Jr., WR, UC Davis

Buck Buchanan Award Watch List (July 14, 2026)

Mikey D'Amato, LB, Cal Poly
Peyton Wing, LB, Montana
Rex Connors, DB, UC Davis
Caden Dowler, DB, Montana State
Jaylon Jenkins, DB, Eastern Washington

MSU, BIG SKY LOOK TO REPEAT AS NATIONAL CHAMPS IN 2026

Montana State will have a tall task in 2026 as the defending national champions will be attempting to accomplish a feat that has never been done by a Big Sky team and that is repeating as a national champion.

Overall, South Dakota State and North Dakota State are the only teams to repeat as champions since 2007. Overall, there have been five schools that have repeated as FCS national champions since 1978. South Dakota State, North Dakota State, Appalachian State, Georgia Southern, and Youngstown State.

Teams Who Have Won At Least 2-Straight FCS National Titles

South Dakota State (2022-2023)
North Dakota State (2017-2019 & 2011-2015)
Appalachian State (2005-2007)
Georgia Southern (1999-2000, 1989-90, 1985-86)
Youngstown State (1993-1994)

The Big Sky Conference has had seven FCS national champions overall, but only once did the league have a winner in back-to-back seasons, as Boise State and Idaho State marked the first and only time back in 1980 and 1981.

Big Sky FCS National Champions

2025	Montana State (W/35-34 vs. Illinois State)
2010	Eastern Washington (W/20-19 vs. Delaware)
2001	Montana (W/13-6 vs. Furman)
1995	Montana (W/22-20 vs. Marshall)
1984	Montana State (W/19-6 vs. Louisiana Tech)
1981	Idaho State (W/34-23 vs. Eastern Kentucky)
1980	Boise State (W/31-29 vs. Eastern Kentucky)



BIG SKY PLAYERS IN THE NFL

ARIZONA CARDINALS

Kendrick Bourne, WR (EWU)

ATLANTA FALCONS

Samson Ebukam, DL (EWU)

CHICAGO BEARS

Daniel Hardy, DL (MSU)
Braxton Jones, OL (SUU)

CLEVELAND BROWNS

Winston Reid, LB (WSU)

DENVER BRONCOS

Alex Singleton, LB (MSU)
Kolbe Katsis, WR (NAU)*
Gavin Ortega, OL (WSU)*

DETROIT LIONS

Khalil Dorsey, DB (NAU)
Hogan Hatten, LS (UI)

GREEN BAY PACKERS

Daniel Whelan, P (UCD)

HOUSTON TEXANS

Marte Mapu, LB (SAC)

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

Michael Wortham, WR (UM/EWU)*

LAS VEGAS RAIDERS

Taron Johnson, DB (WSU)

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Michael Briscoe, WR (CP)*

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

Efton Chism III, WR (EWU)
Christian Elliss, LB (UI)
Elijah Ponder, DL (CP)
Lan Larison, RB (UCD)*

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Kaden Elliss, LB (UI)

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Dylan Cook, OL (UM)

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

Cooper Kupp, WR (EWU)
Patrick O'Connell, LB (UM)
Ty Okada, DB (MSU)
Rashid Shaheed (WSU)

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

Miles Killebrew, DB (SUU)

TENNESSEE TITANS

Jackson Slater, OL (SAC)

* - Practice Squad Member

BIG SKY VS. OTHER CONFERENCES

COMBINED RECORDS

FCS Opponents.....10-7
FBS Opponents.....2-12
DII Opponents.....2-0
FCS Top 25 Opponents.....0-4

MISSOURI VALLEY (1-3)

9/5: Northern Iowa at EWU (W/34-24)
9/5: South Dakota at Northern Colorado (L/23-38)
9/12: EWU at South Dakota (L/23-41)
9/12: North Dakota at Portland State (L/23-47)

NEC (1-0)

9/19: CCSU at Montana State (W/35-30)

PIONEER LEAGUE (5-2)

9/5: Drake at Montana (W/45-10)
9/5: Butler at Montana State (W/51-24)
9/5: UC Davis at San Diego (W/49-17)
9/12: San Diego at Idaho State (W/59-17)
9/19: Southern Utah at St. Thomas (L/26-28)
9/19: San Diego at Cal Poly (L/35-38)
9/19: Stetson at UC Davis (W/45-7)

SOCON (1-0)

8/29: VMI at Idaho State (W/38-10)

SOUTHLAND (2-1)

9/12: Lamar at Idaho (L/17-23)
9/12: UIW at Northern Arizona (W/38-28)
9/19: NW State at Weber State (W/49-20)

UAC (0-1)

9/19: Abilene Christian at Idaho (L/39-41)

FCS INDEPENDENT (0-0)

Chicago State at Southern Utah (11/21)

DIVISION II (2-0)

9/5: Central Washington at Cal Poly (W/24-17)
9/19: NE State at Northern Colorado (W/23-17 OT)

ACC (0-1)

9/12: UC Davis at SMU (L/10-56)

BIG TEN (0-2)

9/18: Portland State at Oregon (L/0-84)
9/19: Eastern Washington at Washington (L/16-48)

BIG 12 (0-4)

9/3: Idaho at Utah (L/14-66)
9/5: Utah Tech at BYU (L/10-63)
9/5: Northern Arizona at Arizona (L/7-35)
9/12: Weber State at Colorado (L/21-52)

MOUNTAIN WEST (1-2)

9/12: Northern Colorado at Wyoming (L/13-21)
9/12: Montana State at Nevada (W/20-7)
9/12: Cal Poly at San Jose State (L/20-30)

PAC 12 (1-3)

9/5: Idaho State at Utah State (W/29-17)
9/5: Portland State at San Diego State (L/20-53)
9/12: Southern Utah at Colorado State (L/24-58)
9/19: Montana at Oregon State (L/17-52)





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BIG SKY HEAD COACHES

	CAL POLY Head Coach.....Tim Skipper Overall Record.....14-16 (4 Seasons) Record at School.....4-3 (1st Season) Conf. Record at School.....3-1 (1st Season) Alma Mater.....Fresno State ('01)
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	EASTERN WASHINGTON Head Coach.....Aaron Best Overall Record.....59-52 (10 Seasons) Record at School.....Same Conf. Record at School.....43-31 (10 Seasons) Alma Mater.....Eastern Washington ('01)
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	IDAHO Head Coach.....Thomas Ford, Jr. Overall Record.....7-31 (4 Seasons) Record at School.....5-13 (2 Seasons) Conf. Record at School.....3-8 (2 Seasons) Alma Mater.....Linfield ('04)
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	IDAHO STATE Head Coach.....Cody Hawkins Overall Record.....18-23 (4 Seasons) Record at School.....Same Conf. Record at School.....12-15 (4 Seasons) Alma Mater.....Colorado ('10)
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	MONTANA Head Coach.....Bobby Kennedy Overall Record.....5-2 (1st Season) Record at School.....Same Conf. Record at School.....3-1 (1st Season) Alma Mater.....Northern Colorado ('89)
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	MONTANA STATE Head Coach.....Brent Vigen Overall Record.....66-13 (6 Seasons) Record at School.....Same Conf. Record at School.....39-4 (6 Seasons) Alma Mater.....North Dakota State ('98)
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	NORTHERN ARIZONA Head Coach.....Brian Wright Overall Record.....57-20 (8 Seasons) Record at School.....20-12 (3 Seasons) Conf. Record at School.....13-7 (3 Seasons) Alma Mater.....Wooster ('94)
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	NORTHERN COLORADO Head Coach.....Ed Lamb Overall Record.....52-82 (12 Seasons) Record at School.....7-35 (4 Seasons) Conf. Record at School.....4-24 (4 Seasons) Alma Mater.....BYU ('96)
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	PORTLAND STATE Head Coach.....Chris Fisk Overall Record.....50-26 (8 Seasons) Record at School.....2-4 (1st Season) Conf. Record at School.....2-1 (1st Season) Alma Mater.....Jamestown ('01)
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	SOUTHERN UTAH Head Coach.....DeLane Fitzgerald Overall Record.....113-74 (18 Seasons) Record at School.....27-25 (5 Seasons) Conf. Record at School.....18-11 (5 Seasons) Alma Mater.....James Madison ('99)
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	UC DAVIS Head Coach.....Tim Plough Overall Record.....24-9 (3 Seasons) Record at School.....Same Conf. Record at School.....15-4 (3 Seasons) Alma Mater.....UC Davis ('08)
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	UTAH TECH Head Coach.....Lance Anderson Overall Record.....3-28 (3 Seasons) Record at School.....Same Conf. Record at School.....2-18 (3 Seasons) Alma Mater.....Idaho State ('97)
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	WEBER STATE Head Coach.....Eric Kjar Overall Record.....4-3 (1st Season) Record at School.....Same Conf. Record at School.....3-1 (1st Season) Alma Mater.....Wayne State ('03)
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BIG SKY COACHING RECORDS & HISTORY

Active Overall Wins Leaders for Big Sky Coaches

Coach, Big Sky School(s)	Record at Big Sky School(s)	Seasons (Years)
1. Brent Vigen, Montana State	66-13	6 (2021-26)
2. Aaron Best, Eastern Washington	59-52	10 (2017-26)
3. Ed Lamb, SUU/UNC	31-59	8 (2012-15, 23-26)
4. Tim Plough, UC Davis	24-9	3 (2024-26)
5. Brian Wright, Northern Arizona	20-12	3 (2024-26)
6. Cody Hawkins, Idaho State	18-23	4 (2023-26)
T7. Thomas Ford, Idaho	5-13	2 (2025-26)
T7. Bobby Kennedy, Montana	5-2	1 (2026)
T9. Tim Skipper, Cal Poly	4-3	1 (2026)
T9. Eric Kjar, Weber State	4-3	1 (2026)
T11. DeLane Fitzgerald, Southern Utah	2-4	1 (2026)
T11. Chris Fisk, Portland State	2-4	1 (2026)
13. Lance Anderson, Utah Tech	0-7	1 (2026)

Active Conference Wins Leaders for Big Sky Coaches

Coach, Big Sky School(s)	Record at Big Sky School(s)	Seasons (Years)
1. Aaron Best, Eastern Washington	43-31	10 (2017-26)
2. Brent Vigen, Montana State	39-4	6 (2021-26)
3. Ed Lamb, SUU/UNC	23-37	8 (2012-15, 23-26)
4. Tim Plough, UC Davis	15-4	3 (2024-26)
5. Brian Wright, Northern Arizona	13-7	3 (2024-26)
6. Cody Hawkins, Idaho State	12-15	4 (2023-26)
T7. Bobby Kennedy, Montana	3-1	1 (2026)
T7. Tim Skipper, Cal Poly	3-1	1 (2026)
T7. Eric Kjar, Weber State	3-1	1 (2026)
T7. Thomas Ford, Idaho	3-8	2 (2025-26)
11. Chris Fisk, Portland State	2-1	1 (2026)
12. DeLane Fitzgerald, Southern Utah	1-2	1 (2026)
13. Lance Anderson, Utah Tech	0-4	1 (2026)

Most Overall Wins Leaders for Big Sky Coaches

Coach, Big Sky School(s)	Record at Big Sky School(s)	Seasons (Years)
1. Bobby Hauck, Montana	151-43 (77.8%)	12 (2003-09, 18-25)
2. Jerome Souers, NAU	123-114 (51.9%)	21 (1998-18)
3. Chris Ault, Nevada	111-46-1 (70.7%)	13 (1979-91)
4. Tim Walsh, PSU/CP	107-107 (50.0%)	19 (1996-06, 12-19)
5. Mike Kramer, EWU/MSU/ISU	95-125 (43.2%)	19 (1994-06, 11-16)
6. Beau Baldwin, EWU/CP	89-53 (62.7%)	12 (2008-16, 19-22)
7. Don Read, Montana	85-34 (71.4%)	10 (1986-95)
8. Rob Ash, Montana State	70-38 (64.8%)	9 (2007-15)
9. Jay Hill, Weber State	68-39 (63.6%)	9 (2014-22)
10. Brent Vigen, Montana State	66-13 (84.2%)	6 (2021-26)

Most Conference Wins Leaders for Big Sky Coaches

Coach, Big Sky School(s)	Record at School(s)	Seasons (Years)
1. Bobby Hauck, Montana	86-23 (78.9%)	12 (2003-09, 18-25)
2. Jerome Souers, NAU	85-77 (52.5%)	21 (1998-18)
3. Tim Walsh, PSU/CP	74-73 (50.3%)	19 (1996-06, 12-19)
4. Chris Ault, Nevada	68-28 (70.8%)	13 (1979-91)
5. Mike Kramer, EWU/MSU/ISU	63-82 (43.4%)	19 (1994-06, 11-16)
6. Beau Baldwin, EWU/CP	60-31 (65.9%)	12 (2008-16, 19-22)
7. Don Read, Montana	54-22 (71.1%)	10 (1986-95)
8. Jay Hill, Weber State	50-19 (72.5%)	9 (2014-22)
9. Rob Ash, Montana State	49-23 (68.1%)	9 (2007-15)
10. Aaron Best, Eastern Washington	43-31 (60.0%)	10 (2017-26)





BIG SKY WINS OVER FBS OPPONENTS SINCE 1978

MOST BIG SKY WINS OVER FBS CONFERENCES

FBS Conference (FBS Years Active)	# Wins	Last Big Sky Win
Big West (BWC) (1969-2000)	44	2000 (Montana 45, Idaho 38)
PAC-12 (PAC) (1968-Pres.)	19	2026 (Idaho State 29, Utah State 17)
Mountain West (MWC) (1999-Pres.)	13	2026 (Montana State 20, Nevada 7)
Western Athletic (WAC) (1962-2012)	7	2012 (EWU 20, Idaho 3)
Sun Belt (SBC) (2001-Pres.)	5	2013 (Southern Utah 22, South Alabama 21)
Conference USA (C-USA) (1996-Pres.)	2	2018 (Northern Arizona 30, UTEP 10)
FBS Independent (INDEP)	2	2001 (EWU 35, UConn 17)
American (AAC) (2013-Pres.)	1	2021 (UC Davis 19, Tulsa 17)
Big 12 (B12) (1996-Pres.)	1	2006 (Montana State 19, Colorado 10)

MOST BIG SKY WINS OVER FBS OPPONENTS

FBS Foe	# Wins	Last Big Sky Win
Cal State Fullerton (BWC)	11	1986 (Nevada 49, CS Fullerton 3)
Utah State (MWC/BWC)	8	2026 (Idaho State 29, Utah State 17)
UNLV (MWC/WAC/BWC)	7	2021 (EWU 35, UNLV 33)
Idaho (WAC/SBC/BWC)	7	2012 (EWU 20, Idaho 3)
Pacific (BWC)	7	1992 (Boise State 17, Pacific 7)
Nevada (MWC/BWC)	6	2026 (Montana State 20, Nevada 7)
Oregon State (PAC)	5	2013 (EWU 49, #25 Oregon State 46)

BIG SKY OVER FBS SUPERLATIVES

Big Sky School	# Wins	Last Win
Cal Poly	1	2012 (Wyoming 24-22)
Eastern Washington	9	2021 (UNLV, 35-33)
Idaho	11	2024 (Wyoming 17-13)
Idaho State	6	2026 (Utah State 29-17)
Montana	8	2021 (Washington 13-7)
Montana State	6	2026 (Nevada 20-7)
Northern Arizona	4	2021 (Arizona, 21-19)
Northern Colorado	0	Never
Portland State	4	2015 (Wash. St., 24-17)
Southern Utah	1	2013 (South Ala. 22-21)
UC Davis	2	2021 (Tulsa, 19-17)
Utah Tech	0	Never
Weber State	4	2022 (Utah State 35-7)

Largest Win.....Portland State 66, North Texas 7 (2015)
 Shutout.....CSUN 33, New Mexico State 0 (1996)
 Highest Score.....95 pts, EWU 49, Oregon St. 46 (2013)
 Lowest Score.....13 pts, EWU 8, Idaho 5 (2003)

87 ALL-TIME WINS

ALL-TIME BIG SKY WINS OVER FBS OPPONENTS SINCE 1978

Date	Big Sky Team	Opponent (Conf)	Score	Date	Big Sky Team	Opponent (Conf)	Score
9/12/26	Montana State	Nevada (MWC)	20-7	10/23/93	Weber State	Nevada (BWC%)	47-30
9/5/26	Idaho State	Utah State (PAC)	29-17	10/2/93	Idaho	Utah (WAC%)	28-17
9/7/24	Idaho	Wyoming (MWC)	17-13	9/12/92	Idaho	Colorado State (WAC%)	37-34
8/24/24	Montana State	New Mexico (MWC)	35-31	9/19/92	Boise State*	Pacific^ (BWC%)	17-7
9/16/23	Sacramento State	Stanford (PAC)	30-23	10/31/92	Weber State	Nevada (BWC%)	23-21
9/9/23	Idaho	Nevada (MWC)	33-6	9/7/91	Nevada*	UNLV (BWC%)	50-8
9/24/22	Sacramento State	Colorado State (MWC)	41-10	9/14/91	Boise State*	Long Beach St.^ (BWC%)	48-14
9/10/22	Weber State	Utah State (MWC)	35-7	9/1/90	Montana	Oregon State (PAC)	22-15
9/18/21	Northern Arizona	Arizona (PAC)	21-19	10/20/90	Nevada*	UNLV (BWC%)	26-14
9/4/21	Montana	#20 Washington (PAC)	13-7	11/11/89	Nevada*	UNLV (BWC%)	45-7
9/2/21	UC Davis	Tulsa (AAC)	19-17	9/3/88	Boise State*	Long Beach State^ (BWC%)	29-10
9/2/21	Eastern Washington	UNLV (MWC)	35-33	9/17/88	Idaho	Pacific^ (BWC%)	36-26
8/30/18	UC Davis	San Jose State (MWC)	44-38	11/7/87	Northern Arizona	Tulsa (INDEP)	24-20
9/1/18	Northern Arizona	UTEP (C-USA)	30-10	8/30/86	Nevada*	CS Fullerton^ (BWC%)	49-3
9/16/17	Idaho State	Nevada (MWC)	30-28	9/20/86	Idaho	CS Fullerton^ (BWC%)	25-17
9/3/16	Eastern Washington	Washington State (PAC)	45-42	9/7/85	Montana	CS Fullerton^ (BWC%)	31-30
9/5/15	North Dakota*	Wyoming (MWC)	24-13	9/14/85	Nevada*	CS Fullerton^ (BWC%)	30-3
10/10/15	Portland State	North Texas (C-USA)	66-7	11/9/85	Nevada*	UNLV (BWC%)	48-7
9/5/15	Portland State	Washington State (PAC)	24-17	9/29/84	Idaho	Oregon State (PAC)	41-22
8/29/13	Southern Utah*	South Alabama (SBC)	22-21	11/17/84	Montana State	Fresno State (BWC%)	35-31
8/31/13	Eastern Washington	#25 Oregon State (PAC)	49-46	9/10/83	Idaho State	UTEP (WAC%)	12-10
8/30/12	Eastern Washington	Idaho^ (WAC%)	20-3	10/29/83	Idaho	Pacific^ (BWC%)	31-19
9/8/12	Northern Arizona	UNLV (MWC)	17-14	10/29/83	Idaho State	CS Fullerton^ (BWC%)	43-10
9/8/12	Sacramento State	Colorado (PAC)	30-28	11/5/83	Nevada*	Pacific^ (BWC%)	34-24
9/15/12	Cal Poly	Wyoming (MWC)	24-22	9/11/82	Boise State*	CS Fullerton^ (BWC%)	20-9
9/3/11	Sacramento State	Oregon State (PAC)	29-28	9/18/82	Idaho	Pacific^ (BWC%)	36-17
9/2/06	Montana State	Colorado (B12)	19-10	9/25/82	Boise State*	Pacific^ (BWC%)	22-15
9/2/06	Portland State	New Mexico (MWC)	17-6	10/16/82	Nevada*	Fresno State (BWC%)	40-26
9/6/03	Eastern Washington	Idaho^ (SBC)	8-5	10/23/82	Nevada*	CS Fullerton^ (BWC%)	17-7
9/27/03	Montana	Idaho^ (SBC)	41-38	11/13/82	Boise State*	Utah State (BWC%)	30-10
10/5/02	Montana	Idaho^ (SBC)	38-31	9/19/81	Montana State	Fresno State (BWC%)	30-26
9/8/01	Eastern Washington	UConn (INDEP)	35-17	11/14/81	Idaho State	Utah State (BWC%)	50-24
11/24/01	Montana	Idaho^ (SBC)	33-27	11/21/81	Nevada*	CS Fullerton^ (BWC%)	36-34
9/9/00	Montana	Idaho^ (BWC%)	45-38	9/6/80	Boise State*	Utah (WAC%)	28-7
9/9/00	Portland State	Hawaii (WAC%)	45-20	10/18/80	Boise State*	CS Fullerton^ (BWC%)	26-11
11/18/00	Idaho State	Utah State (BWC%)	27-24	9/22/79	Boise State*	CS Fullerton^ (BWC%)	22-3
8/30/97	Cal State Northridge*	Boise State (BWC%)	63-23	9/22/79	Idaho	Pacific^ (BWC%)	17-13
11/1/97	Eastern Washington	Idaho^ (BWC%)	24-21	9/9/78	Boise State*	CS Fullerton^ (BWC%)	42-12
9/7/96	Montana	Oregon State (PAC)	35-14	9/16/78	Boise State*	Long Beach St.^ (BWC%)	19-13
9/14/96	Eastern Washington	Boise State (BWC%)	27-21	10/14/78	Boise State*	San Jose State (BWC%)	30-15
9/21/96	Cal State Northridge*	New Mexico State (BWC%)	33-0	11/11/78	Montana State	Fresno State (BWC%)	35-14
9/9/95	Boise State*	Utah State (BWC%)	38-14	11/11/78	Weber State	Utah State (BWC%)	44-25
9/17/94	Boise State*	Nevada (BWC%)	37-27				
9/17/94	Idaho	UNLV (WAC%)	48-38				
11/5/94	Eastern Washington	Utah State (BWC%)	49-31				

* - Former Big Sky member ^ - Former FBS member % - Former FBS/IA Conference





BIG SKY PRESEASON POLLS

2026 PRESEASON COACHES POLL

School (1st Votes)	Total Pts
1. Montana State (11)	143
2. Montana	130
3. UC Davis (2)	121
4. Northern Arizona	108
5. Idaho State	99
6. Southern Utah	82
7. Idaho	77
8. Eastern Washington	70
9. Weber State	48
10. Northern Colorado	47
11. Cal Poly	46
12. Portland State	24
13. Utah Tech	19

2026 PRESEASON MEDIA POLL

School (1st Votes)	Total Pts
1. Montana State (35)	490
2. Montana (1)	448
3. UC Davis (2)	421
4. Idaho State	349
5. Northern Arizona	339
6. Idaho	283
7. Southern Utah	273
8. Eastern Washington	246
9. Cal Poly	168
10. Weber State	155
11. Northern Colorado	153
12. Portland State	68
13. Utah Tech	65

Coaches could not vote for their own team

BIG SKY PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM (VOTED BY MEDIA)

QB: Justin Lamson, Montana State%
 RB: Eli Gillman, Montana*%
 RB: Adam Jones, Montana State*%
 WR: Sam Gbatu, Jr., UC Davis*%
 WR: Taco Dowler, Montana State*%
 WR: Chedon James, Idaho State
 TE: Winston Williams, UC Davis*
 TE: Jeter Purdy, Northern Arizona
 OL: Titan Fleischmann, Montana State*%
 OL: Stryker Rashid, Idaho State*%
 OL: Zaire Collier, UC Davis%
 OL: Jack Ziebell, Northern Colorado%
 OL: Braden Zimmer, Montana State
 OL: Burke Mastel, Montana State%
 DL: Zac Crews, Montana State
 DL: Isaiah Perez, Eastern Washington%
 DL: Bronson Childs, Idaho State
 DL: Jake Mason, Montana%
 DL: Ezra Ekuban, Northern Colorado
 DL: Rayne Mayo Jr., UC Davis
 LB: Mikey D'Amato, Cal Poly%
 LB: Peyton Wing, Montana*%
 LB: Kenny Olson, Cal Poly%
 LB: Cole Taylor, Montana State%
 LB: Porter Connors, UC Davis*
 DB: Rex Connors, UC Davis*
 DB: Caden Dowler, Montana State%
 DB: Jaylon Jenkins, Eastern Washington%
 DB: Tayden Gray, Montana State%
 DB: Drew Cofield, UC Davis%
 DB: Shoes Brinkley, Northern Arizona
 PK: Myles Sansted, Montana State
 P: Ryan Marks, Utah Tech
 KR: Jabez Woods, Montana State
 PR: Taco Dowler, Montana State*%
 LS: Maddox Broughton, Northern Colorado%
 ST: Brayden Rice, Idaho%
 AP: Taco Dowler, Montana State



OFFENSIVE MVP
 Eli Gillman, RB
 Montana



DEFENSIVE MVP
 Caden Dowler, DB
 Montana State

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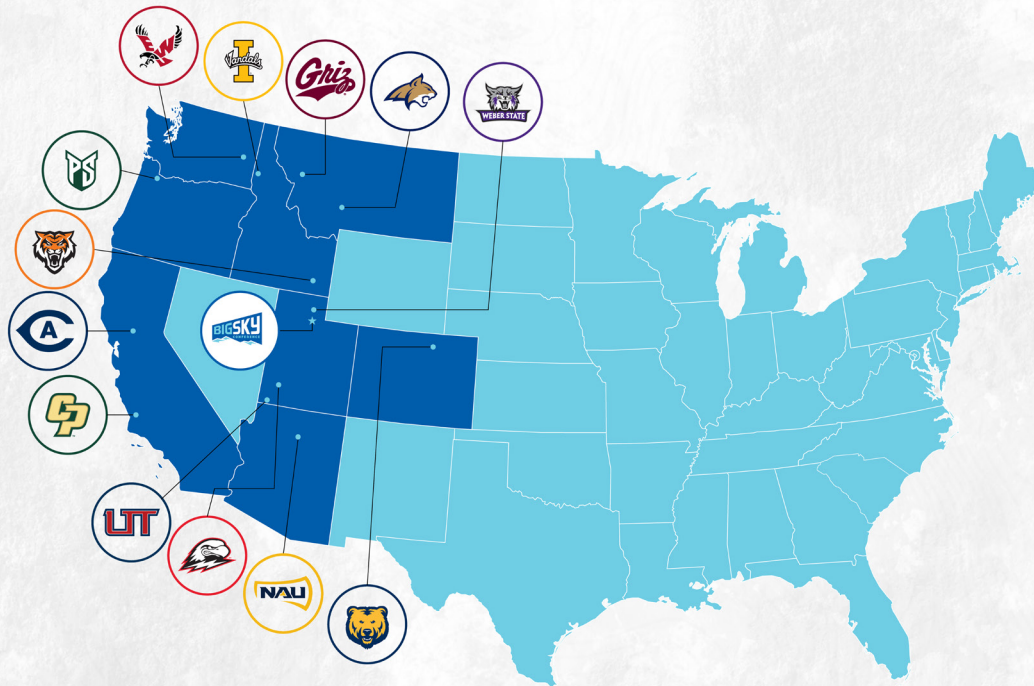
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THE NEW BIG SKY CONFERENCE



FULL MEMBERS

EASTERN WASHINGTON

CHENEY, WA

IDAHO

MOSCOW, ID

IDAHO STATE

POCATELLO, ID

MONTANA

MISSOULA, MT

MONTANA STATE

BOZEMAN, MT

NORTHERN ARIZONA

FLAGSTAFF, AZ

NORTHERN COLORADO

GREELEY, CO

PORTLAND STATE

PORTLAND, OR

SOUTHERN UTAH

CEDAR CITY, UT

UTAH TECH

ST. GEORGE, UT

WEBER STATE

OGDEN, UT

FOOTBALL AFFILIATE MEMBERS

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The Big Sky Conference enters its 64th year overall and 39th year of women's competition during the 2026-27 academic year.

Founded in 1963, the Big Sky Conference is an NCAA Division I conference competing in the Football Championship Subdivision. With a league that in 2026-27 will include 161 teams representing 14 institutions in 16 sports (seven men's and nine women's), the Big Sky prides itself on its "Up Here, It's Different" platform that emphasizes the unique traits and lifelong benefits that the conference and its member institutions provide to more than 3,000 student-athletes each year.

As of July 1, 2026, the conference has 11 full members (Eastern Washington University, University of Idaho, Idaho State University, University of Montana, Montana State University, Northern Arizona University, University of Northern Colorado, Portland State University, Southern Utah University, Utah Tech University, and Weber State University) located in seven states across the western United States, plus two football affiliate members in California (California Polytechnic State University and the University of California, Davis) and one men's golf affiliate member (Francis Marion University). Conference members have won 13 NCAA team championships, including seven in football by five different members as well as six men's cross country titles by NAU.

Full-Time Members

Eastern Washington (1987-Present)
Idaho (1963-96; 2014-Present)
Idaho State (1963-Present)
Montana (1963-Present)
Montana State (1963-Present)
Northern Arizona (1970-Present)
Northern Colorado (2006-Present)
Portland State (1996-Present)
Southern Utah (2012-22; 2026-Present)
Utah Tech (2026-Present)
Weber State (1963-Present)

Affiliate Members

Football

Cal Poly (2012-Present)
UC Davis (2012-Present)

Men's Golf

Francis Marion (2025-Present)

Former Full-Time Members

Boise State (1970-96)
Cal State Northridge (1996-2001)
Gonzaga (1963-79)
Nevada (1979-92)
North Dakota (2012-18)
Sacramento State (1996-2026)

