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## 2017 Valley Football Standings (thru Nov. 25)

Team	MVFC		Points		Overall		Points		H	A	Stk.
	W-L	Pct.	For	Opp	W-L	Pct.	For	Opp			
North Dakota State	7-1	.875	261	115	10-1	.909	429	135	6-0	4-1	W2
South Dakota State	6-2	.750	279	198	9-2	.818	412	248	5-1	4-1	W5
Northern Iowa	6-2	.750	224	159	8-4	.667	360	270	5-1	3-3	W4
Western Illinois	5-3	.625	260	201	8-4	.667	410	266	2-2	6-2	L1
South Dakota	4-4	.500	259	218	8-4	.667	454	290	4-1	4-3	W1
Youngstown State	4-4	.500	217	173	6-5	.545	327	210	4-2	2-3	W3
Illinois State	4-4	.500	182	163	6-5	.545	287	213	3-2	3-3	L3
Southern Illinois	2-6	.250	180	238	4-7	.364	301	302	2-3	2-4	L4
Missouri State	2-6	.250	195	294	3-8	.273	266	421	2-3	1-5	L2
Indiana State	0-8	.000	90	388	0-11	.000	158	494	0-5	0-6	L11

## Against Each Other

The UNI-SDSU game this Saturday will mark the 10th intraconference playoff game for the MVFC. It's the fourth for SDSU, the second for UNI, and the first time that pair will face one another in the post-season.

Previous MVFC vs. MVFC Playoff Meetings

2002 – \*Western Kentucky 31, Western Illinois 28  
2006 – #Youngstown State 28, Illinois State 21  
2012 – \*North Dakota State 28, South Dakota State 3  
2014 – \*North Dakota State 27, South Dakota State 24  
2014 – ~Illinois State 41, Northern Iowa 21  
2014 – \*North Dakota State 29, Illinois State 27  
2015 – Illinois State 36, Western Illinois 19  
2015 – \*North Dakota State 23, UNI 13  
2016 – North Dakota State 36, South Dakota State 10

\*won FCS title; ~lost in title game; #lost in semifinals

Three other matchups this weekend will feature intraconference games.

Weber State faces Southern Utah (Big Sky). SUU won the regular-season meeting. James Madison hosts Stony Brook (CAA). The two did not face one another in the regular season. And Wofford hosts Furman (SoCon) - the first time they've faced one another in the post-season. Wofford won the regular-season meeting.

## Against Other Leagues

Of the 16 remaining teams in the NCAA Division I Championship, here's what remains:

### MVFC – 4 (NDSU, UNI, USD, SDSU)

CAA Football – 3 (JMU, UNH, Stony Brook)  
Big Sky – 2 (Southern Utah, Weber State)  
Southern – 2 (Furman, Wofford)  
Southland – 2 (UCA, Sam Houston State)  
Big South – 1 (Kennesaw State)  
Ohio Valley – 1 (Jacksonville State)  
PFL – 1 (San Diego)

The league is 94-64 in the NCAA FCS playoffs. Included in that overall record is a .500 or better performance against nine of the 11 conferences it has faced.

### vs. Other Leagues in the Playoffs

vs. Mid-Eastern Athletic	4	0	1.000
vs. Big South	4	0	1.000
vs. Pioneer Football League	2	0	1.000
vs. Southwestern Athletic	1	0	1.000
vs. Northeast Conference	1	0	1.000
vs. Ohio Valley Conference	17	2	.895
vs. CAA Football	16	12	.571
vs. Southland Football League	9	7	.563
vs. Big Sky Conference	17	14	.548
vs. Independents	3	3	.500
vs. Intra-conference	9	9	.500
vs. Patriot League	2	3	.400
vs. Southern Conference	9	14	.391

**TOTAL 94 64 .595**

## Schedule/Results

### FIRST-ROUND GAMES (Saturday, Nov. 25)

Stony Brook 59, Lehigh 29  
**Weber State 21, Western Illinois 19**  
**UNI 46, Monmouth 7**  
New Hampshire 14, Central Connecticut State 0  
Kennesaw State 28, Samford 17  
**South Dakota 38, Nicholls 31**  
Furman 28, Elon 27  
San Diego 41, Northern Arizona 10

### SECOND-ROUND GAMES (Saturday, Dec. 2)

Stony Brook at #1 James Madison, 1 pm CT  
Weber State at #8 Southern Utah, 7 pm CT  
**UNI at #5 South Dakota State, 2 pm CT**  
New Hampshire at #4 Central Arkansas 2 pm CT  
Kennesaw St. at #3 Jacksonville State, 1 pm CT  
**South Dakota at #6 Sam Houston St., 2 pm CT**  
Furman at #7 Wofford, 1 pm CT  
**San Diego at #2 N. Dakota State, 2:30 pm CT**

### QUARTERFINAL GAMES (Fri./Sat., Dec. 8/9)

TBD, Games on ESPN2 / ESPN3

### SEMIFINAL GAMES (Fri./Sat., Dec. 15/16)

TBD, Games on ESPN2 / ESPNU

### TITLE GAME (Saturday, Jan. 6)

**Frisco, Texas (Toyota Stadium)**  
**11 am CT (ESPN2)**

2017 Playoffs	Teams	W	L	Pct.
Pioneer	1	1	0	1.000
<b>Missouri Valley</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.667</b>
CAA Football	4	2	1	.667
Big Sky	3	1	1	.500
Big South	2	1	1	.500
Southern	3	1	1	.500
Ohio Valley	1	0	0	.000
Southland	3	0	1	.000
Northeast	1	0	1	.000
Patriot	1	0	1	.000

includes intra-conference games



## vs. Non-Conference (22-11)

Home: 12-1 / Away: 10-10 / Neut: 0-0

### NCAA FCS Teams (20-6)

Big Sky .....	5-4
Cal Poly .....	1-0
Eastern Washington .....	1-0
Montana State .....	1-0
North Dakota .....	1-1
Northern Arizona .....	1-1
Southern Utah .....	0-1
Weber State .....	0-1
Big South .....	1-1
Liberty .....	0-1
Monmouth .....	1-0
Northeast .....	4-0
Central Connecticut .....	1-0
Duquesne .....	1-0
Robert Morris .....	2-0
Ohio Valley .....	4-1
Eastern Illinois .....	1-1
Murray State .....	1-0
Southeast Missouri State .....	1-0
Tennessee Tech .....	1-0
Pioneer Football .....	3-0
Butler .....	1-0
Drake .....	2-0
Southland .....	1-0
Nicholls .....	1-0
SWAC .....	2-0
Mississippi Valley State .....	2-0

### NCAA FBS Teams (2-5)

ACC .....	0-1
Pittsburgh .....	0-1
American .....	0-1
Memphis .....	0-1
Big 12 .....	0-1
Iowa State .....	0-1
Mid-American .....	1-0
Bowling Green .....	1-0
SEC .....	0-2
Missouri .....	0-1
Tennessee .....	0-1
Sun Belt .....	1-0
Coastal Carolina .....	1-0

## vs. Ranked (FCS) Teams (4-3)

#2 NDSU at #6 Eastern Washington, W, 40-13  
 Missouri State at #11 North Dakota, L, 34-0  
 #10 North Dakota at #23 South Dakota, W, 45-7  
 Indiana State at #19 Liberty, L, 42-11  
 #20 UNI vs. #23 Monmouth, W, 46-7  
 #18 South Dakota at #22 Nicholls, W, 38-31  
 #9 Western Illinois at #11 Weber State, L, 19-21

## vs. Ranked (FBS) Teams (0-1)

Indiana State at #21 Tennessee, L, 42-7

## Playoff Bids - MVFC History

The MVFC has had a league-record five teams selected to the playoffs three times (2014, 2015, 2017). In the past four seasons, the MVFC has had a total of 19 bids. Only CAA Football has had as many as 5 bids in the same season (also three times).

### Playoff Selections - MVFC History

5 – 3x (2014, 2015, 2017)  
 4 – twice (2003, 2016)  
 3 or more – 7 times (03, 06, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16)  
 2 or more – 26 times (in 33 seasons)  
*2 or more playoff bids every year since 1995*

## The Power 5

In the past seven+ playoffs (2010-17), five leagues (Big Sky, CAA Football, MVFC, Southern and Southland) have combined to win 132 of 157 total games. The MVFC has 46 of those wins (35 percent).

## Dominance By Decade

The Missouri Valley Football Conference has recorded a 46-20 record since 2010 in the playoffs – better than any other league. Over the last three-plus years the MVFC has a 27-13 record in the playoffs, which includes six intraconference games, meaning the league is 21-7 vs. the rest.

By Decade*	85-89	90-99	00-09	10-pres.	ALL
<b>MVFC</b>	<b>6-6</b>	<b>18-16</b>	<b>24-22</b>	<b>46-20</b>	<b>94-64</b>
Big Sky	8-11	23-20	24-21	18-21	85-78
Big South	0-0	0-0	0-1	9-11	9-12
CAA	2-8	16-23	47-29	33-27	102-93
MEAC	0-2	4-9	0-11	0-8	8-32
Northeast	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-8	1-8
Ohio Valley	6-9	7-16	1-14	7-13	31-58
Patriot	0-0	1-5	6-12	6-10	13-27
Pioneer	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-4	2-4
Southern	14-9	36-20	35-19	18-19	107-71
Southland	13-6	16-20	9-17	17-16	60-63
Great West	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0	1-2
SWAC	0-6	0-6	0-0	0-0	0-18
Ind.	22-14	29-13	3-2	0-0	64-45

*\*does not include pre-MVFC seasons (1978-84)*

## How Seed It Is

For the sixth time in league history, two MVFC teams are seeded in the Top 8. North Dakota State (2) and South Dakota State (5) are the league's seeded teams this year. The last time the league had those two positions (2/5) – the teams met one another in the title game (2014).

### Years in Which MVFC Had 2 of Top 8 Seeds

2007 – UNI (1), SIU (4) – both lost to Delaware\*  
 2011 – NDSU (2), UNI (5) – NDSU won title  
 2014 – NDSU (2), ILS (5) – NDSU won title  
 2015 – NDSU (2), ILS (3) – NDSU beat ILS for title  
 2016 – NDSU (1), SDSU (8) – NDSU lost to JMU\*

*\*denotes national champion that year*

## Everybody's In

With South Dakota's first-ever trip to the FCS playoffs, every Missouri Valley Football team (past and current member) has qualified for the FCS playoffs.

## Against the FCS

The MVFC is 20-6 against FCS schools this year, which includes three road losses to ranked FCS teams, one of which (Liberty) is transitioning to FBS. The MVFC is 4-3 against non-league FCS ranked teams.

## 23rd-Straight Year with Two+

In 2017, the league had two (or more) representatives in the FCS playoffs for the 23rd-straight season:

### 2017 FCS Playoff Participation

MVFC (5) – North Dakota State, South Dakota, South Dakota State, UNI, Western Illinois  
 CAA (4) – James Madison, Stony Brook, Elon, New Hampshire  
 Big Sky (3) – Southern Utah, Northern Arizona, Weber State  
 SoCon (3) – Samford, Wofford, Furman  
 Southland (3) – Central Arkansas, Nicholls State, Sam Houston State  
 Big South (2) – Kennesaw State, Monmouth  
 Northeast (1) – Central Connecticut State  
 Patriot (1) – Lehigh  
 Pioneer (1) – San Diego  
 Ohio Valley (1) – Jacksonville State

## 6 MVFC Teams in Top 25

The MVFC had six teams in the final regular-season STATS poll (more than any other league). Three league schools are in the Top 10 (North Dakota State, South Dakota State, Western Illinois). HERO Sports' BennettRank is also listed below and is a computer predictive metric that ranks all FCS teams. The Sagarin ranking ranks all 254 DI teams, but the number listed is each team's position in the FCS.

Team	FCS	STATS	HERO	SAG.
North Dakota State	4	4	2	1
South Dakota State	6	6	4	3
Western Illinois	10	9	8	5
South Dakota	18	16	9	6
UNI	21	20	7	4
Illinois State	rv	23	23	12
Youngstown State	–	rv	15	10
Southern Illinois	–	–	40	30

Among conferences, the MVFC is the top-rated league in the FCS, but also ranks ahead of a number of FBS leagues, including the Mountain West (West Division), the C-USA (both the East and West divisions), the MAC (East Division), and the Sun Belt.

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**Playoffs (94-64) • Home: 60-17 • Away: 27-43 • Neutral: 7-4**

## 1985

at **#4 UNI 17**, Eastern Washington 14  
Georgia Southern 40, at **#4 UNI 33**

## 1986

at **#3 E. Illinois 28**, Murray State 21  
E. Kentucky 24, at **#3 E. Illinois 22**

## 1987

at **#3 UNI 31**, Youngstown State 28  
at **#3 UNI 49**, Arkansas State 28  
at NE Louisiana 44, **#3 UNI 41** (2ot)

## 1988

Western Ky. 35, at **#4 W. Illinois 32**

## 1989

**Eastern Illinois 38**, at #4 Idaho 21  
at **Missouri State 38**, Maine 35  
at #3 S.F. Austin 55, **Missouri St. 25**  
at Montana 25, **Eastern Illinois 19**

## 1990

at Boise State 20, **UNI 3**  
Idaho 41, at **Missouri State 35**

## 1991

at **#3 UNI 38**, Weber State 21  
at #4 Marshall 20, **W. Illinois 17** (ot)  
at #4 Marshall 41, **#3 UNI 13**

## 1992

at **#3 UNI 17**, Eastern Washington 14  
at **#3 UNI 29**, McNeese State 7  
Youngstown State 19, at **#3 UNI 7**

## 1993

at Boston 27, **UNI 21** (2ot)

## 1994

at Montana 23, **UNI 20**

## 1995

**UNI 35**, at #4 Murray State 34  
at S.F. Austin 34, **Eastern Illinois 29**  
at Marshall 41, **UNI 24**

## 1996

at **#3 UNI 21**, #14 Eastern Illinois 14  
at #7 Murray St. 34, **#10 W. Illinois 6**  
at **#3 UNI 38**, #6 William & Mary 35  
at #2 Marshall 31, **#3 UNI 14**

## 1997

at **#2 WIU 31**, #15 Jackson St. 24  
at **#8 Youngstown 28**, #9 Hampton 13  
#6 McNeese State 14, at **#2 WIU 12**  
**#8 Youngstown 37**, at #1 Villanova 34  
**#8 Youngstown 25**, at #3 E. Wash. 14  
**#8 Youngstown 10**, #6 McNeese 9

## 1998

at **#4 W. Illinois 52**, #13 Montana 9  
at #2 NW State 48, **#15 Illinois St. 28**  
at **#4 W. Illinois 24**, #5 Florida A&M 21  
at #1 Ga. Southern 42, **#4 WIU 14**

## 1999

at **#6 Illinois State 56**, #11 Colgate 13  
**#9 Youngstown 30**, at #8 Montana 27  
at **#9 YSU 41**, #16 N. C. A&T 3  
**#6 Illinois State 37**, at #3 Hofstra 20  
at **#9 YSU 27**, #13 Florida A&M 24  
at #2 Ga. Southern 28, **#6 ILS 17**  
at #2 Ga. Southern 59, **#9 YSU 24**

## 2000

#10 Lehigh 37, at **#7 W. Illinois 7**  
at #8 Richmond 10, **#9 Youngstown 3**

## 2001

**UNI 49**, at #4 Eastern Illinois 43  
at #3 Furman 24, **Western Ky. 20**  
**UNI 56**, Maine 28  
at #1 Montana 38, **UNI 0**

## 2002

at **#2 W. Illinois 49**, Eastern Illinois 9  
at **Western Ky. 59**, Murray State 20  
**Western Ky. 31**, at **#2 W. Illinois 28**  
**Western Ky. 31**, at #3 Ga. Southern 28  
**Western Ky. 34**, #1 McNeese State 14

## 2003

**W. Illinois 43**, at Montana 40 (2ot)  
at **Western Ky. 45**, Jacksonville St. 7  
at #2 Delaware 48, **Southern Illinois 7**  
**UNI 35**, Montana State 14  
at #4 Colgate 28, **Western Illinois 27**  
at #3 Wofford 34, **Western Ky. 17**  
at #2 Delaware 37, **UNI 7**

## 2004

E. Washington 35, at **#1 S. Illinois 31**  
at Sam Houston 54, **Western Ky. 24**

## 2005

at **UNI 41**, Eastern Washington 38  
**S. Illinois 21**, at Eastern Illinois 6  
**UNI 24**, at #1 New Hampshire 21  
at #2 Appalachian State 38, **SIU 24**  
**UNI 40**, at #4 Texas State 37 (ot)  
#2 Appalachian State 21, **UNI 16**

## 2006

at **S. Illinois 36**, Tennessee-Martin 30  
**Illinois State 24**, at Eastern Illinois 13  
at **#4 YSU 35**, James Madison 31  
at #2 Montana 20, **Southern Illinois 3**  
at **#4 YSU 28**, **Illinois State 21**  
at #1 Appalachian St. 49, **#4 YSU 24**

## 2007

at **#1 UNI 38**, New Hampshire  
at **#4 S. Illinois 30**, Eastern Illinois 11  
Delaware 39, at **#1 UNI 27**  
at **#4 Southern Illinois 34**, UMass 27  
Delaware 20, at **#4 S. Illinois 17**

## 2008

at **#3 UNI 40**, Maine 15  
New Hampshire 29, at **S. Illinois 20**  
at **#3 UNI**, New Hampshire 36-34  
Richmond 21, at **#3 UNI 20**

## 2009

at **#3 Southern Illinois 48**, E. Illinois 7  
William & Mary 24, at **S. Illinois 3**  
at #1 Montana 61, **S. Dakota State 48**

## 2010

Lehigh 14, at **UNI 7**  
**Western Illinois 17**, at C. Carolina 10  
at **NDSU 43**, Robert Morris 17  
at #1 Appalachian St. 42, **WIU 14**  
**NDSU 42**, at #4 Montana State 17  
at #5 E. Washington 38, **NDSU 31** (ot)

## 2011

at **#5 UNI 28**, Wofford 21  
at **#2 NDSU 26**, James Madison 14  
at #4 Montana 48, **UNI 10**  
at **#2 NDSU 24**, Lehigh 0  
at **#2 NDSU 35**, #3 Ga. Southern 7  
**#2 NDSU 17**, #1 Sam Houston State 6

## 2012

at **SDSU 58**, Eastern Illinois 10  
**Illinois State 38**, at App. State 37 (ot)  
at **#1 NDSU 28**, **S. Dakota State 3**  
at #2 E. Washington 51, **Illinois St. 35**  
at **#1 NDSU 14**, Wofford 7  
at **#1 NDSU 23**, #5 Ga. Southern 20  
**#1 NDSU 39**, Sam Houston State 13

## 2013

**SDSU 26**, at Northern Arizona 7  
at #3 E. Washington 41, **SDSU 17**  
at **#1 NDSU 38**, Furman 7  
at **#1 NDSU 48**, Coastal Carolina 18  
at **#1 NDSU 52**, New Hampshire 14  
**#1 NDSU 35**, #7 Towson 7

## 2014

**Indiana State 36**, at E. Kentucky 16  
at **UNI 44**, Stephen F. Austin 10  
**SDSU 47**, at Montana State 40  
at #8 Chattanooga 35, **Indiana St. 14**  
at **#5 Illinois State 41**, **UNI 21**  
at **#2 NDSU 27**, **SDSU 24**  
at **#2 NDSU 39**, Coastal Carolina 32  
**#5 Illinois State 59**, at #4 E. Wash 46  
at **#2 NDSU 35**, Sam Houston State 3  
**#5 Illinois State 21**, at #1 UNH 18  
**#2 NDSU 29**, **#5 Illinois State 27**

## 2015

**Western Illinois 24**, at Dayton 7  
at Montana 24, **South Dakota State 17**  
at **UNI 53**, Eastern Illinois 17  
at **#2 Illinois State 36**, **W. Illinois 19**  
at **#3 NDSU 37**, Montana 6  
**UNI 29**, at #6 Portland State 17  
#7 Richmond 39, at **#2 Illinois State 27**  
at **#3 NDSU 23**, **UNI 13**  
at **#3 NDSU 33**, #7 Richmond 7  
**#3 NDSU 37**, #1 Jacksonville State 10

## 2016

at **Youngstown State 38**, Samford 24  
at Central Arkansas 31, **Illinois St. 24**  
at **#1 NDSU 45**, San Diego 7  
at **#8 SDSU 10**, Villanova 7  
**YSU 40**, at #3 Jacksonville State 24  
at **#1 NDSU 36**, **#8 SDSU 10**  
at **Youngstown St. 30**, Wofford 23 (2ot)  
#4 James Madison 27, at **#1 NDSU 17**  
**YSU 40**, at #2 Eastern Washington 38  
#4 James Madison 28, **YSU 14**

## 2017

at **UNI 46**, Monmouth 7  
at Weber State 21, **Western Illinois 19**  
South Dakota 38, at Nicholls 31

*Note: Numbers indicate playoff seed.  
NCAA only seeded beyond the top  
four seeds from 1996-2000 and from  
2012-present.*

## SEMIFINAL TEAMS (22)

1985 - UNI  
1987 - UNI  
1992 - UNI  
1996 - UNI  
1997 - Youngstown State  
1998 - Western Illinois  
1999 - Illinois State, Youngstown State  
2001 - UNI  
2002 - Western Kentucky  
2005 - UNI  
2006 - Youngstown State  
2007 - Southern Illinois  
2008 - UNI  
2011 - North Dakota State  
2012 - North Dakota State  
2013 - North Dakota State  
2014 - North Dakota State, Illinois State  
2015 - North Dakota State  
2016 - North Dakota State, Youngstown St.

## TITLE GAME APPEARANCES (11)

1997 - Youngstown State (W)  
1999 - Youngstown State (L)  
2002 - Western Kentucky (W)  
2005 - UNI (L)  
2011 - North Dakota State (W)  
2012 - North Dakota State (W)  
2013 - North Dakota State (W)  
2014 - NDSU (W), Illinois State (L)  
2015 - North Dakota State (W)  
2016 - Youngstown State (L)



## MVFC TOP AWARD WINNERS (announced Nov. 22)

Notes below also include playoff games



### OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**QB Chris Streveler, South Dakota, Sr.**

Team captain ... finalist for National Player of the Year ... broke USD single-season records for total offense (4,283 yds) and passing yards (3,614) ... accounted for 37 touchdowns against six turnovers in 11 games ... stands with a league-record 4,283 yards of offense this season, 33 yards more than Illinois State's Tre Roberson had in 15 games in 2014 .. is also the 10th-leading rusher in the league (yards per game) with the third-most rushing TDs ... attempted 195 passes before throwing an interception ... twice passed for more than 400 yards ... passed for 306, ran for 119, and had four touchdowns in a win vs. Bowling Green



### DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**LB Brett Taylor, Western Illinois, Sr.**

Team captain ... Leads FCS with 162 tackles, 13.5 per game and 96 assisted stops... also had 13.0 TFLs, 1.5 sacks, four breakups, two FF and a QB hurry... MVFC Defensive Player of the Week after matching program-record with 28 tackles (fifth in MVFC history) vs. USD. His 18 assisted stops were the second-most in a single game in program history... Recorded double-digit tackles in all but three games in 2017 ... Has led Western Illinois in stops in 16 of the last 17 games, including all but one contest this year... Has made 39 straight starts ... Finished his four-year career with 469 total tackles in 48 career games ... He ranks third all-time in school history in total tackles, third in solo tackles (266) and fourth in assisted tackles (203).



### NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

#### FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

**LB Jabril Cox, North Dakota State**

Jerry Rice Award finalist...Two-time MVFC Newcomer of the Week...Leads NDSU with 52 tackles and 9.0 tackles for loss...Also has 4.0 sacks, one interception, two breakups, three QB hurries, one forced fumble and one recovery...NDSU's leading tackler on special teams...Played all 11 games and made four of the last five starts after being thrust into the lineup for the second half at Youngstown State...STATS FCS National Freshman of the Week after making a season-high eight tackles including two sacks and a key TFL in overtime of the win at YSU...His 32-yard INT return at Illinois State set up a four-play scoring drive.



### 'BRUCE CRADDOCK' COACH OF THE YEAR

**Chris Klieman, North Dakota State**

Klieman, who won his 50th game as NDSU head coach last week at Illinois State, is just the fifth Bison coach to reach that mark and the second fastest to 50 wins behind Ron Erhardt. He has a 50-6 record at NDSU and has guided the Bison to their seventh straight Missouri Valley Football Conference championship. Klieman has been a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Award in 2014, 2016 and this year. The Bison are 28-4 in the Missouri Valley Football Conference the past four seasons, have gone 30-5 against FCS Top 25 teams, and have an FBS Top 25 win over No. 11 Iowa. North Dakota State is 10-1 this season and has an FCS-best six Top 25 victories.

## 2017 Players of the Week

Sept. 2

Offense -- QB Chris Streveler, South Dakota  
Defense -- LB Quentin Moon, Western Illinois  
\*Special Teams -- P Brady Schutt, South Dakota  
Newcomer -- QB Peyton Huslig, Missouri State  
Offensive Lineman -- OC Tanner Volson, NDSU

Sept. 9

\*Offense -- QB Chris Streveler, South Dakota  
Defense -- SS Robbie Grimsley, North Dakota State  
Defense -- LB Jared Farley, UNI  
\*Special Teams -- PK Chase Vinatieri, SDSU  
Newcomer -- DE Justus Reed, Youngstown State  
Offensive Lineman -- LT Nick Jensen, South Dakota

Sept. 16

\*Offense -- WR Bob Pugh, Indiana State  
Defense -- S Ryan Neal, Southern Illinois  
Special Teams -- RS Deion Holliman, Missouri State  
Newcomer -- QB Cade Sparks, Indiana State  
Offensive Lineman -- C Jacob Ohnesorge, SDSU

Sept. 23

Offense -- RB Lance Dunn, North Dakota State  
Offense -- QB Sean McGuire, Western Illinois  
Defense -- LB Brett Taylor, Western Illinois  
Special Teams -- P/K Sean Slattery, Illinois State  
Newcomer -- LB Jabril Cox, North Dakota State  
Offensive Lineman -- OL Austin Olsen, S. Illinois

Sept. 30

\*Offense -- WR Jaelon Acklin, Western Illinois  
Defense -- LB Brett Taylor, Western Illinois  
Defense -- LB Armand Dellovade, Youngstown State  
Special Teams -- RS Deion Holliman, Missouri State  
Newcomer -- FS Suni Lane, UNI  
Offensive Lineman -- YSU Offensive Line

Oct. 7

Offense -- QB Sean McGuire, Western Illinois  
Defense -- DE Darin Greenfield, South Dakota  
Special Teams -- PK Ryan Weese, South Dakota  
Newcomer -- TE Skyler Cavanaugh, South Dakota St.  
Offensive Lineman -- C Jacob Ohnesorge, SDSU

Oct. 14

Offense -- QB Sam Straub, Southern Illinois  
Offense -- QB Chris Streveler, South Dakota  
Defense -- LB Brett Taylor, Western Illinois  
Special Teams -- K Cam Pedersen, North Dakota St.  
\*Newcomer -- LB Jabril Cox, North Dakota State  
Offensive Lineman -- LG Jackson Scott-Brown, UNI

Oct. 21

Offense -- WR Spencer Schnell, Illinois State  
Defense -- DE Rickey Neal, UNI  
Special Teams -- PK Sean Slattery, Illinois State  
Newcomer -- WR/KR Cade Johnson, S. Dakota State  
Offensive Lineman -- C Dean Helt, Illinois State

Oct. 28

\*Offense -- QB Taryn Christion, South Dakota State  
Defense -- LB Christian Rozeboom, S. Dakota State  
Special Teams -- PK Zach Drake, Missouri State  
Newcomer -- QB Peyton Huslig, Missouri State  
Offensive Lineman -- RG Marquis Prophete, MSU

Nov. 4

Offense -- QB Ricky Davis, Youngstown State  
Defense -- LB Keelon Brookins, UNI  
Special Teams -- RS Matt Rush, Missouri State  
Newcomer -- LB Keelon Brookins, UNI  
Offensive Lineman -- RT James Torgerson, WIU

Nov. 11

Offense -- QB Easton Stick, North Dakota State  
Defense -- CB Jalen Allison, North Dakota State  
Special Teams -- PK Chase Vinatieri, S. Dakota St.  
Newcomer -- LB Angelo Garbutt, Missouri State  
Offensive Lineman -- C Tanner Volson, N. Dakota St.

Nov. 18

Offense -- QB Taryn Christion, South Dakota State  
Defense -- LB Brett Taylor, Western Illinois  
Special Teams -- WR Samuel St. Surin, Youngstown  
Newcomer -- WR/KR Cade Johnson, SDSU  
Offensive Lineman -- OT Justin Spencer, YSU

\* - denotes National Player of the Week

# 2017 all-Missouri Valley Football Conference Team

**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:** QB Chris Streveler, South Dakota | **DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:** LB Brett Taylor, Western Illinois  
**NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR:** LB Jabril Cox, North Dakota State | **FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR:** LB Jabril Cox, North Dakota State  
**'BRUCE CRADDOCK' VALLEY FOOTBALL COACH OF THE YEAR:** Chris Klieman, North Dakota State

## FIRST TEAM

QB --	Chris Streveler, South Dakota	6-3	215	Sr.	Crystal Lake (Ill.) Marian Central Catholic High / Minnesota
RB --	Tevin McCaster, Youngstown State	5-10	195	Jr.	New Castle (Pa.) High
	James Robinson, Illinois State	5-10	215	So.	Rockford (Ill.) Lutheran High
FB --	Connor Wentz, North Dakota State	6-3	250	Sr.	Dunnellon (Fla.) High
WR--	Jaelon Acklin, Western Illinois	6-2	190	Sr.	Mountain View (Mo.) Liberty
	Daurice Fountain, Northern Iowa	6-1	210	Sr.	Madison (Wis.) James Madison Memorial High
	Jake Wieneke, South Dakota State	6-4	215	Sr.	Maple Grove (Minn.) High
TE --	Dallas Goedert, South Dakota State	6-5	260	Sr.	Britton (S.D.) Britton-Hecla High
OL --	Stetson Dagel, South Dakota	6-5	280	Sr.	Cherokee (Iowa) Washington High
	Jacob Judd, Western Illinois	6-3	300	Sr.	Clinton (Iowa) High
	Austin Kuhnert, North Dakota State	6-4	304	Sr.	Sioux Falls (S.D.) Washington High
	Jacob Ohnesorge, South Dakota State	6-3	295	Sr.	Waunakee (Wis.) High
	Justin Spencer, Youngstown State	6-5	300	Sr.	Indiana (Pa.) High
PK --	Sean Slattery, Illinois State	6-0	230	Sr.	Rockford (Ill.) Boylan Central Cathloic
LS --	James Fisher, North Dakota State	6-2	225	Sr.	Bloomington (Minn.) Jefferson High
DL --	Darin Greenfield, South Dakota	6-3	235	So.	Sheldon (Iowa) High
	Dalton Keene, Illinois State	6-4	275	Sr.	Jacksonville (Ill.) High
	Adam Reth, Northern Iowa	6-3	270	Sr.	Manchester (Iowa) Manchester-West Delaware
	Khalen Saunders, Western Illinois	6-2	310	Jr.	St. Louis (Mo.) Parkway Central
LB --	Nick DeLuca, North Dakota State	6-3	245	Sr.	Omaha (Neb.) Millard North High
	Jared Farley, Northern Iowa	5-11	224	Sr.	Cedar Falls (Iowa) High
	Christian Rozeboom, South Dakota St.	6-2	225	So.	Sioux Center (Iowa) High
	Brett Taylor, Western Illinois	6-2	230	Sr.	Macomb (Ill.) High
DB--	Jordan Brown, South Dakota State	6-1	190	Jr.	Scottsdale (Ariz.) Paradise Valley High
	Elijah Campbell, Northern Iowa	5-11	193	Sr.	St. Paul (Minn.) St. Paul Central / Northern Illinois
	Tre Dempsey, North Dakota State	5-10	184	Sr.	Lakeland (Fla.) Lakeland High
	Robbie Grimsley, North Dakota State	6-0	191	Jr.	Hutchinson (Minn.) Hutchinson High
	Davontae Harris, Illinois State	6-0	205	Sr.	Wichita (Kan.) South High
P --	Lane Reazin, Southern Illinois	6-1	212	So.	Mooreland (Okla.) Woodward High / Oklahoma State
RS --	Deion Holliman, Missouri State	5-9	192	Sr.	Camden (Ark.) Fairview High

## SECOND TEAM

QB --	Taryn Christion, South Dakota State	6-2	220	Jr.	Sioux Falls (S.D.) Roosevelt High
RB --	Bruce Anderson, North Dakota State	5-11	216	Jr.	Ruskin (Fla.) Newsome High
	Steve McShane, Western Illinois	5-8	185	Jr.	Freeport (Ill.) High
FB --	Kane Louscher, South Dakota State	6-2	245	Sr.	Mason City (Iowa) Newman Catholic High
WR --	Malik Earl, Missouri State	6-3	217	Sr.	Oklahoma City (Okla.) Santa Fe High
	Spencer Schnell, Illinois State	5-9	180	Jr.	Elkhart (Ind.) High
	RJ Urzendowski, North Dakota State	6-0	200	Sr.	Omaha (Neb.) Creighton Prep High
TE --	Jacquet McClendon, Indiana State	6-1	235	Sr.	Evergreen Park (Ill.) Community High
OL --	Lee Carhart, Northern Iowa	6-3	301	Sr.	Omaha (Neb.) Creighton Prep
	Vitas Hryniewicz, Youngstown State	6-4	300	Jr.	Somerset (N.J.) Immaculata
	Austin Olsen, Southern Illinois	6-5	320	Sr.	Chicago (Ill.) Lincoln Way North High
	Tanner Volson, North Dakota State	6-4	301	Jr.	Balfour (N.D.) Drake-Anamoose High
	Gavin Wiggins, Youngstown State	6-4	300	Jr.	Philadelphia (Pa.) Roman Catholic
PK --	Chase Vinatieri, South Dakota State	6-1	210	So.	Sioux Falls (S.D.) Roosevelt High
LS --	Brandon Godsey, South Dakota	6-0	220	Sr.	Raymore (Mo.) Ray-Pec High
DL --	Colby Isbell, Missouri State	6-3	239	Sr.	Rogers (Ark.) Heritage High
	Rickey Neal, Northern Iowa	6-1	241	Jr.	Racine (Wis.) Horlick High
	Kellen Soulek, South Dakota State	6-5	315	Sr.	Yankton (S.D.) Yankton High
	Aaron Steidl, North Dakota State	6-2	288	Jr.	Carlos (Minn.) Alexandria Jefferson High
LB --	Jabril Cox, North Dakota State	6-3	227	Fr.	Kansas City (Mo.) Raytown South High
	Armand Dellovade, Youngstown State	6-0	215	Jr.	Imperial (Pa.) West Allegheny
	Angelo Garbutt, Missouri State	6-2	235	So.	Carrollton (Texas) Hebron High / University of Iowa
	Jonas Griffith, Indiana State	6-4	220	So.	Louisville (Ky.) Academy at Shawnee
DB --	Jeremy Chinn, Southern Illinois	6-2	202	So.	Fishers (Ind.) High
	Justin Fitzpatrick, Western Illinois	6-1	200	Jr.	O'Fallon (Mo.) Fort Zumwalt North
	Andrew Gray, South Dakota	6-2	215	Jr.	New Lenox (Ill.) Lincoln Way West High
	Billy Nicoe Hurst, Youngstown State	6-0	190	Sr.	San Pablo (Calif.) Vanden
	Alec Kocour, Illinois State	6-0	205	Sr.	Waukesha (Wis.) Catholic Memorial High
P --	Sam Kuhter, Northern Iowa	5-11	220	Sr.	Toledo (Iowa) South Tama
RS --	Steve McShane, Western Illinois	5-8	185	Jr.	Freeport (Ill.) High

## Honorable Mention

**ILS:** DL Adam Conley, OL Dean Helt, TE Tylor Petkovich • **INS:** RB LeMonte Booker, P Thomas Bouldin, LB Katrell Moss • **MSU:** QB Peyton Huslig, DB Darius Joseph, OL Marquis Prophete  
**NDSU:** OL Zack Johnson, PK Cam Pedersen, QB Easton Stick, DL Nate Tanguay • **UNI:** TE Briley Moore, DB Malcolm Washington, RB Marcus Weymiller • **USD:** WR Shamar Jackson, LB Jim Litrenta, WR Brandt Van Roekel • **SDSU:** DB Chris Balster, OL Charlie Harmon, RB Brady Mengarelli • **SJU:** FB Hans Carmien, RS D.J. Davis, WR Darrell James, DL Anthony Knighton, DB Ryan Neal • **WIU:** LT Josh Baldus, QB Sean McGuire, LB Quentin Moon, RB Max Norris • **YSU:** DB Jalyn Powell, TE Kevin Rader, LS Steven Wethli, LB Lee Wright



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## Missouri Valley Football Conference All-Newcomer Team; NDSU's Jabril Cox Sweeps Top Honors

ST. LOUIS — LB Jabril Cox of North Dakota State has been named the Missouri Valley Football Conference Newcomer and MVFC Freshman of the Year. He heads a list of 22 student-athletes named to the 2017 Missouri Valley Football Conference All-Newcomer Team. League coaches, sports information directors and a media panel selected the team.

Cox is the first North Dakota State student-athlete to win the league's Newcomer of the Year award and also the Bison's first Freshman of the Year winner. Cox is the third in league history to sweep both honors, joining QB Sawyer Kollmorgen of UNI (2012) and RB Martin Ruiz of Youngstown State (2013). It marks the first time since 2009 that a league Newcomer is a defensive player, while it's the second-straight year that a linebacker has been voted as the league's top freshman.

Cox, from Kansas City, Mo., is a finalist for the STATS FCS Jerry Rice Award presented to the FCS Freshman of the Year, and he is a two-time MVFC Newcomer of the Week. Cox leads NDSU with 52 tackles and 9.0 tackles for loss and has 4.0 sacks, one interception, two breakups, three QB hurries, one forced fumble and one recovery. He is NDSU's leading tackler on special teams. Cox played all 11 games and made four of the last five starts after being thrust into the lineup for the second half at Youngstown State. He was named STATS FCS National Freshman of the Week after making a season-high eight tackles including two sacks and a key TFL in overtime of the win at YSU. His 32-yard interception return at Illinois State set up a four-play scoring drive.

OFFENSE	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous Schools)
WR/RS Kody Case, South Dakota	5-10	165	Fr.	Lake City (Iowa) S. Central Calhoun
OL Tyler Ciurej, South Dakota	6-4	310	Fr.	Bellevue (Neb.) West High
OL Drew Himmelman, Illinois State	6-10	300	Fr.	Geneseo (Ill.) High
QB Peyton Huslig, Missouri State	6-3	205	So.	Andover (Kan.) Central High / Garden City (Kan.) Community College
WR/RS Cade Johnson, South Dakota State	5-10	175	Fr.	Papillion (Neb.) Bellevue High
WR Raphael Leonard, Southern Illinois	6-2	194	Jr.	Starkville (Miss.) High / East Mississippi Community College
RB Clint Ratkovich, Western Illinois	6-1	210	Fr.	Crete (Ill.) Crete-Monee High
OL Mason Scheidegger, South Dakota	6-5	310	Fr.	Fonda (Iowa) Newell Fonda High
RB Markel Smith, Illinois State	5-11	225	So.	St. Louis (Mo.) St. John Vianney High / Central Missouri
TB Christian Turner, Youngstown State	5-10	190	Fr.	Cincinnati (Ohio) LaSalle High
WR Isaiah Weston, Northern Iowa	6-4	207	Fr.	Albertville (Minn.) St. Michael-Albertville High

## DEFENSE

LG Logan Backhaus, South Dakota State	6-4	205	Fr.	Spirit Lake (Iowa) High
LB Keelon Brookins, Northern Iowa	5-11	206	Sr.	St. Paul (Minn.) Tartan High / Wisconsin
LB Jabril Cox, North Dakota State	6-3	227	Fr.	Kansas City (Mo.) Raytown South High
LB Angelo Garbutt, Missouri State	6-2	235	So.	Carrollton (Texas) Hebron High / Iowa
CB Bryce Gibson, Youngstown State	5-10	180	Fr.	Johnstown (Pa.) Johnstown Area High
DB Tyrin Holloway, Western Illinois	6-0	200	Sr.	Humble (Texas) Atascocita High / Liberty
LB Tyree Horton, Illinois State	6-0	230	Jr.	Miami (Fla.) South Dade High / TCU
DL Anthony Knighton, Southern Illinois	6-2	246	Fr.	Fort Pierce (Fla.) Central High
DE Justus Reed, Youngstown State	6-3	250	Jr.	Clearwater (Fla.) Central Catholic High / Florida
DL Nathan Schultz, South Dakota	6-4	270	Fr.	Hartland (Wis.) Arrowhead Union High
P Brady Schutt, South Dakota	6-1	205	Fr.	Orange City (Iowa) MOC/Floyd Valley High

## NEWCOMERS OF THE YEAR

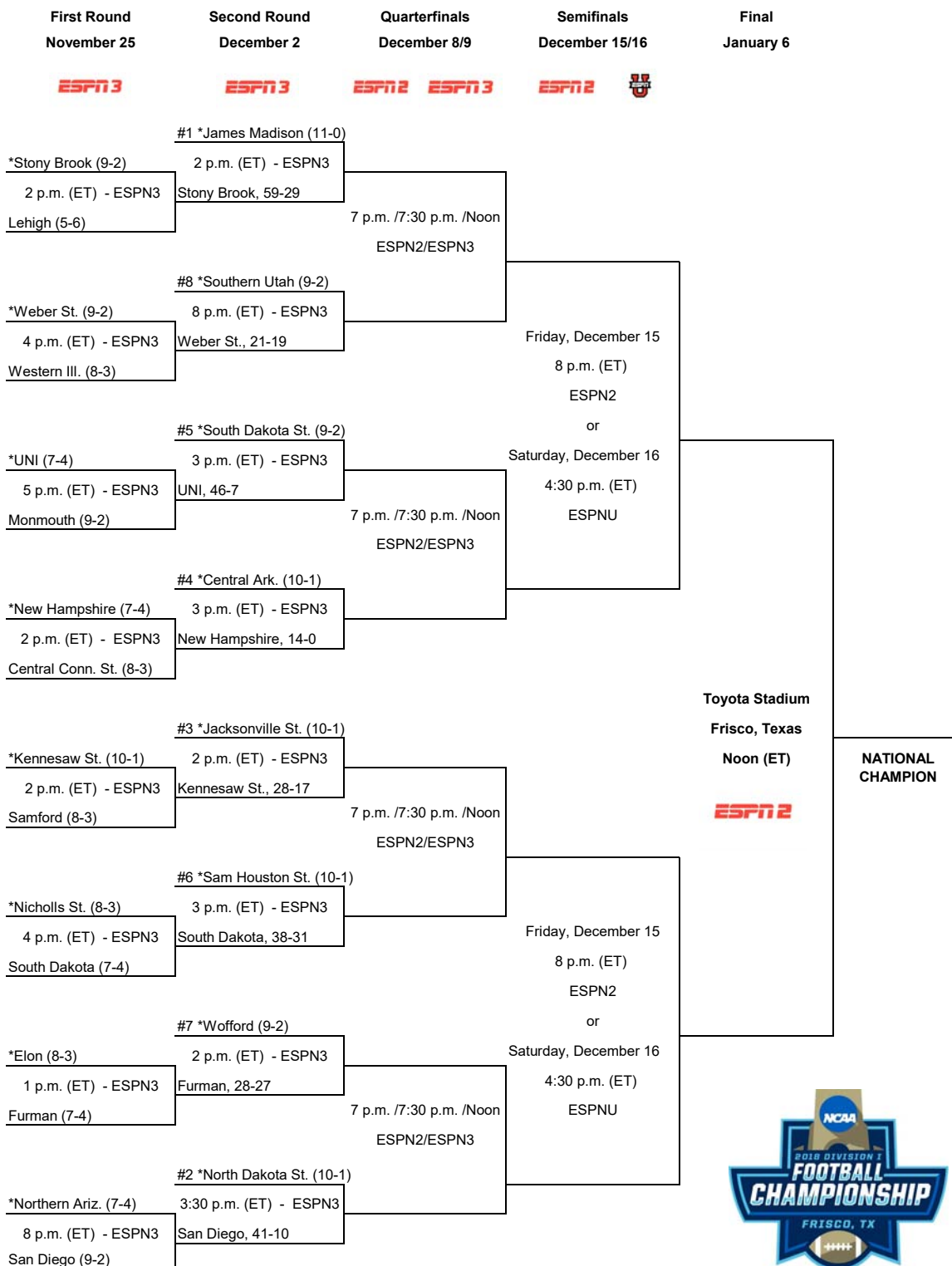
1994	Buck Phillips, CB, WIU
1995	Jason Cannon, WR, MSU
1996	Vince Bruno, LB, WIU
1997	Aaron Stecker, RB, WIU
1998	David Bowens, DL, WIU
1999	Charles Tharp, RB, WIU
2000	Teddy Sims, LB, SIU
2001	Julian Reese, QB, INS
2002	M. Abdulqaadir, RB, SIU
2003	Terrance Freney, RB, UNI
2004	Brandon Jacobs, RB, SIU
2005	Marcus Mason, RB, YSU
2006	Darian Williams, RB, UNI
2007	Ferlando Williams, WR, YSU
2008	Brandon Summers, QB, YSU
2009	Antoine Wilkinson, LB, MSU
2010	Tirrell Rennie, QB, UNI
2011	Jewel Hampton, RB, SIU
2012	Sawyer Kollmorgen, QB, UNI
2013	Martin Ruiz, RB, YSU
2014	Tre Roberson, QB, ILS
2015	Aaron Bailey, QB, UNI
2016	Chris Streveler, QB, USD
2017	Jabril Cox, LB, NDSU

## FRESHMEN OF THE YEAR

1999	Dusty Burk, QB, ILS
2000	Lee Russell, OLB, WIU
2001	Tom Petrie, QB, UNI
2002	Joel Sambursky, QB, SIU
2003	Justin Haddix, QB, WKU
2004	Eric Sanders, QB, UNI
2005	Tom Nelson, DB, ILS
2006	Brandin Jordan, LB, SIU
2007	Cody Kirby, QB, MSU
2008	Kamryn Keys, RB, YSU
2009	Matt Brown, QB, ILS
2010	Kurt Hess, QB, YSU
2011	Austin Sumner, QB, SDSU
2012	Sawyer Kollmorgen, QB, UNI
2013	Martin Ruiz, RB, YSU
2014	Jake Wieneke, WR, SDSU
2015	Andrew Van Ginkel, DE, USD
2016	Christian Rozeboom, LB, SDSU
2017	Jabril Cox, LB, NDSU



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