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2017 Valley Football Standings (thru Dec. 2)

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	11-1	.917	467	138	7-0	4-1	W3
South Dakota State	6-2	.750	279	198	10-2	.833	449	270	6-1	4-1	W6
Northern Iowa	6-2	.750	224	159	8-5	.615	382	307	5-1	3-4	L1
Western Illinois	5-3	.625	260	201	8-4	.667	410	266	2-2	6-2	L1
South Dakota	4-4	.500	259	218	8-5	.615	496	344	4-1	4-4	L1
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 on Dec. 2 marked the 10th intraconference playoff game for the Missouri Valley Football Conference.

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
2017 – South Dakota State 37, UNI 22

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

2017 Playoffs	Teams	W	L	Pct.
CAA Football	4	4	2	.667
Big South	2	2	1	.667
Missouri Valley	5	4	3	.571
Big Sky	3	2	2	.500
Southern	3	2	2	.500
Pioneer	1	1	1	.500
Southland	3	1	2	.333
Northeast	1	0	1	.000
Ohio Valley	1	0	1	.000
Patriot	1	0	1	.000

includes intra-conference games

Against Other Leagues

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

MVFC – 2 (N. Dakota State, S. Dakota State)

CAA Football – 2 (James Madison, N. Hampshire)

Big Sky – 1 (Weber State)

Southern – 1 (Wofford)

Southland – 1 (Sam Houston State)

Big South – 1 (Kennesaw State)

The league is 96-66 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	3	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. Big Sky Conference	17	14	.548
vs. Southland Football League	9	8	.529
vs. Independents	3	3	.500
vs. Intra-conference	10	10	.500
vs. Patriot League	2	3	.400
vs. Southern Conference	9	14	.391

TOTAL 96 66 .593

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)

#1 James Madison 26, Stony Brook 7

Weber State 30, #8 Southern Utah 13

#5 South Dakota State 37, UNI 22

New Hampshire 21, #4 Central Arkansas 15

Kennesaw State 17, #3 Jacksonville State 7

#6 Sam Houston State 54, South Dakota 42

#7 Wofford 28, Furman 10

#2 North Dakota State 38, San Diego 3

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

Weber State at #1 James Madison

Friday, Dec. 8 – 6 pm CT (ESPN2)

#7 Wofford at #2 North Dakota State

Saturday, Dec. 9 – 11 am CT (ESPN2)

New Hampshire at #5 South Dakota State

Saturday, Dec. 9 – 2 pm CT (ESPN3)

Kennesaw State at #6 Sam Houston State

Saturday, Dec. 9 – 7:30 pm CT (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)



vs. Non-Conference (23-12)

Home: 13-1 / Away: 10-11 / Neut: 0-0

NCAA FCS Teams (21-7)

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	4-0
Butler	1-0
Drake	2-0
San Diego	1-0
Southland	1-1
Nicholls	1-0
Sam Houston State	0-1
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 (4-4)

#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, 42-41
 #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
 #16 South Dakota at #5 Sam Houston, L, 54-42

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 139 of 165 total games. The MVFC has 48 of those wins (35 percent).

Dominance By Decade

The Missouri Valley Football Conference has recorded a 48-22 record since 2010 in the playoffs – better than any other league. Over the last three-plus years the MVFC has a 29-15 record in the playoffs, which includes seven intraconference games, meaning the league is 22-8 vs. the rest.

By Decade*	85-89	90-99	00-09	10-pres.	ALL
MVFC	6-6	18-16	24-22	48-22	96-66
Big Sky	8-11	23-20	24-21	19-22	86-79
Big South	0-0	0-0	0-1	10-11	10-12
CAA	2-8	16-23	47-29	35-28	104-94
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	7-14	31-59
Patriot	0-0	1-5	6-12	6-10	13-27
Pioneer	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-5	2-5
Southern	14-9	36-20	35-19	19-20	108-72
Southland	13-6	16-20	9-17	18-17	61-64
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 21-7 against FCS schools this year, which includes four road losses to ranked FCS teams, one of which (Liberty) is transitioning to FBS. The MVFC is 4-4 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	6
South Dakota	18	16	9	7
UNI	21	20	7	4
Illinois State	rv	23	24	12
Youngstown State	–	rv	14	8
Southern Illinois	–	–	40	31

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 (96-66) • Home: 62-17 • Away: 27-45 • 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
at #6 Sam Houston St. 54, S. Dakota 42
at #5 S. Dakota State 37, UNI 22
at #2 N. Dakota State 38, San Diego 3

*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)

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South Dakota senior quarterback Chris Streveler is one of three finalists for the Walter Payton Award given annually to the top offensive player in FCS football. Streveler, along with Sam Houston State senior quarterback Jeremiah Briscoe and UC Davis junior wide receiver Keelan Doss, are invited to attend the STATS FCS Awards Banquet Jan. 5 in Frisco, Texas, where the winner will be announced.

Streveler would be the first player from the Missouri Valley Football Conference (MVFC) to win the award and the first Coyote to officially be named national player of the year. Streveler, Briscoe and Doss emerged from a field of 25 finalists in voting by a national panel of 151 sports information directors, broadcasters, writers and other dignitaries following the regular season.

It didn't affect the voting, but certainly worth mentioning is Streveler's postseason performance. He passed for 378 yards and four touchdowns in a 38-31 road win at Nicholls in the Coyotes' FCS playoffs debut. In the round of 16 in Texas Saturday, he passed for a USD and FCS playoff record 520 yards and accounted for six touchdowns (5 pass, 1 run) in a 54-42 defeat at fifth-ranked Sam Houston State. His 571 yards of total offense in that game is also an FCS playoff game record.

The results for fourth through 25th place were as follows:

4. Devlin Hodges, QB, Samford: 5-16-20-11-8-179
5. Kyle Lauletta, QB, Richmond: 14-5-10-19-8-166
- 6. Taryn Christian, QB, South Dakota State: 6-12-7-10-7-126**
7. Dominick Bragalone, RB, Lehigh: 3-9-9-8-13-116
8. Bryan Schor, QB, James Madison: 7-6-8-8-7-106
9. Hayden Hildebrand, QB, Central Arkansas: 8-6-4-6-5-93
10. Brandon Parker, OT, North Carolina A&T: 5-9-7-1-8-92
11. Josh Mack, RB, Maine: 0-7-8-6-8-72
- 12. Dallas Goedert, TE, South Dakota State: 3-5-4-3-4-57**
13. Gage Gubrud, QB, Eastern Washington: 1-4-4-8-6-55
14. (Tie) Lamar Raynard, QB, North Carolina A&T: 5-2-2-2-3-46
14. (Tie) Roc Thomas, RB, Jacksonville State: 1-3-8-2-1-46
16. Anthony Lawrence, QB, San Diego: 0-5-3-3-10-45
17. Chad Kanoff, QB, Princeton: 0-3-2-9-7-43
18. Chandler Burks, QB, Kennesaw State: 2-2-3-3-6-39
19. Case Cookus, QB, Northern Arizona: 1-3-5-1-4-38
20. Justin Watson, WR, Penn: 2-1-0-5-3-27
21. DeVante Kincade, QB, Grambling State: 2-2-0-2-2-24
22. (Tie) Neil O'Connor, WR, New Hampshire: 0-2-2-1-2-18
22. (Tie) Troy Pelletier, WR, Lehigh: 0-2-1-2-3-18
24. Detrez Newsome, RB, Western Carolina: 0-1-2-2-2-16
25. Tommy Stuart, QB, Duquesne: 0-0-1-0-1-4

A first-place vote was worth five points, a second-place vote four points, a third-place vote three points, a fourth-place vote two points and a fifth-place vote one point.



Western Illinois senior linebacker Brett Taylor is one of three finalists for the STATS FCS Buck Buchanan Award, which honors the FCS Defensive Player of the Year, the organization announced Tuesday (Dec. 5). Taylor is invited to the STATS FCS Awards Banquet on Jan. 5, where the Buchanan Award winner will be announced. James Madison's Andrew Ankrah and Jacksonville State's Darius Jackson are the other two finalists.

The nation's leader in tackles (162), stops per game (13.5) and assistant tackles (96), Taylor recently became the fourth-ever Leatherneck to win a conference Defensive Player of the Year award. The native of Macomb, Ill., also logged four MVFC Defensive Player of the Week honors and totaled 13.0 tackles for a loss, 1.5 sacks, four breakups, two forced fumbles and one quarterback hurry on the season.

A 2016 STATS FCS All-American and three-time All-MVFC honoree, Taylor concluded his Western Illinois career with 469 tackles and 266 solo stops, which are each the third-most in school history, respectively. His 203 career assisted tackles rank fourth in program history.

Taylor finished seventh in the Buchanan Award voting a year ago, and seeks to become the third Leatherneck to ever be named FCS Defensive Player of the Year. James Milton earned the honor in 1998 and Edgerton Hartwell won the award in 2000.

The results for fourth through 25th place were as follows:

4. Jonathan Petersen, DE, San Diego: 7-8-18-11-4-147
5. Darius Leonard, LB, South Carolina State: 9-12-6-11-10-143
6. Mike Basile, S, Monmouth: 6-10-9-13-6-129
7. Ahmad Gooden, DE, Samford: 2-11-10-13-9-119
8. P.J. Hall, DL, Sam Houston State: 7-8-6-6-11-108
9. Anthony Ellis, DE, Charleston Southern: 4-5-8-8-9-89
10. Warren Messer, LB, Elon: 5-4-6-4-9-76
11. Sione Teuhema, LB, Southeastern Louisiana: 7-3-3-5-1-67
- 12. Nick DeLuca, LB, North Dakota State: 5-2-6-5-2-63**
13. Tremon Smith, CB, Central Arkansas: 3-5-2-6-7-60
14. Matthew Oplinger, LB, Yale: 3-4-2-5-8-55
15. Brandon Bryant, LB, Lafayette: 2-2-5-5-5-48
- 16. Jared Farley, LB, Northern Iowa: 2-1-5-7-4-47**
17. Marlon Bridges, S, Jacksonville State: 0-6-3-4-5-46
18. Garrett Dolan, LB, Houston Baptist: 1-2-1-5-16-42
19. Jaison Williams, DE, Austin Peay: 0-2-3-6-7-36
- 20. Christian Rozeboom, LB, South Dakota State: 1-2-3-2-7-33**
21. Josh Buss, LB, Montana: 1-1-2-1-8-25
22. (Tie) De'Arius Christmas, LB, Grambling State: 1-1-3-0-3-21
- 22. (Tie) Devontae Harris, CB, Illinois State: 0-1-4-2-1-21**
24. Mario Jenkins, LB, Idaho State: 1-1-1-3-0-18
25. Malik Duncan, CB, Saint Francis: 0-0-1-1-1-6

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Missouri Valley Football Salutes its 2017 STATS Award Finalists



Illinois State • Indiana State • Missouri State • North Dakota State
UNI • South Dakota • South Dakota State • Southern Illinois
Western Illinois • Youngstown State

Walter Payton Award Finalists

QB Taryn Christion, South Dakota State
TE Dallas Goedert, South Dakota State
QB Chris Streveler, South Dakota

Buck Buchanan Award Finalists

LB Nick DeLuca, North Dakota State
LB Jared Farley, UNI
DB Davontae Harris, Illinois State
LB Christian Rozeboom, South Dakota State
LB Brett Taylor, Western Illinois

Jerry Rice Award Finalists

LB Jabril Cox, North Dakota State
DL Anthony Knighton, Southern Illinois

Eddie Robinson Award Finalists

Charlie Fisher, Western Illinois
Chris Klieman, North Dakota State

Doris Robinson Scholar-Athlete Award Finalist

WR Jake Wieneke, South Dakota State

QB Chris Streveler
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2017 all-Missouri Valley Football Conference Team

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'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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Missouri Valley Football Conference Announces 2016 All-Academic Team

ST. LOUIS -- Thirty-three student-athletes, including 12 who earned first-team honors, highlight the 2016 all-Missouri Valley Football Conference all-academic team, announced by the league office today.

Nominees must be starters or important reserves with at least a 3.20 cumulative grade point average (4.0 scale). Student-athletes must have reached sophomore academic and athletic standing at their institutions (freshmen are not eligible) and must have completed at least one full academic year at their institution. League sports information directors voted on the team by designating 11 players for first-team honors and 11 players for second-team honors.

2016 Missouri Valley Football Conference All-Academic Team

(voting by league SIDs)

FIRST TEAM						
Student-Athlete, School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	GPA	Major	Hometown/High School
QB Taryn Christion, S. Dakota St.	6-2	215	So.	3.87	Exercise Science	Sioux Falls (S.D.) Roosevelt High
LB Dylan Cole, Missouri State	6-1	240	Sr.	3.67	Marketing Sales Management	Rogersville (Mo.) Logan-Rogersville
OL Jacob Judd, Western Illinois	6-3	300	Jr.	3.89	Law Enforcement/Justice Admin.	Clinton (Iowa) High
			Gr.	4.00	<i>Master's</i>	
DB Nick Mears, S. Dakota State	5-11	205	Sr.	4.00	Economics	Milbank (S.D.) High
DE Greg Menard, N. Dakota State	6-2	239	Jr.	3.82	Civil Engineering	Lakeville (Minn.) Lakeville North
RB Chase Morlock, N. Dakota State	6-0	223	Sr.	3.81	Exercise Science	Moorhead (Minn.) High
OL Robert Rathje, UNI	6-2	300	Sr.	3.72	Movement & Exercise Science	Van Horne (Iowa) Benton Community
WR Billy Reed, Southern Illinois	6-1	207	Sr.	3.72	Finance	Lockport (Ill.) Lockport Township
DL Karter Schult, UNI	6-4	269	Sr.	3.87	Movement & Exercise Science	Tripoli (Iowa) High
QB Easton Stick, N. Dakota St.	6-2	222	So.	3.90	Sport Management	Omaha (Neb.) Creighton Prep
LB Brett Taylor, Western Illinois	6-2	230	Jr.	3.69	Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration	Macomb (Ill.) High
WR Jake Wieneke, S. Dakota State	6-4	215	Jr.	3.60	Physical Educ./Teacher Educ.	Maple Grove (Minn.) High
SECOND TEAM						
P/PK Miles Bergner, South Dakota	6-0	225	Sr.	3.53	Theatre Design/Technology	Longmont (Colo.) High
LB Jesse Bobbit, South Dakota St.	6-2	240	Sr.	3.80	Physical Educ./Teacher Educ.	Palatine (Ill.) High
DL Shayne Gottlob, S. Dakota St.	6-5	280	Sr.	3.92	Business Economics	Salem (S.D.) McCook Central High
SS Robbie Grimsley, N. Dakota St.	6-0	183	So.	3.58	Exercise Science	Hutchinson (Minn.) High
QB Isaac Harker, Indiana State	6-0	195	So.	3.70	Economics	Lebanon (Ind.) High
FB Kane Louscher, S. Dakota St.	6-2	245	Jr.	3.84	Psychology/Biology	Mason City (Iowa) Newman Catholic
RB Brady Megarelli, S. Dakota St.	5-10	190	Jr.	3.52	Exercise Science	Prescott (Ariz.) High
PK Luke Otto, Western Illinois	5-11	224	Jr.	4.00	Economics	Normal (Ill.) University High
OL Mark Spelman, Illinois State	6-3	280	Sr.	3.70	Accounting	Brookfield (Wis.) Marquette Univ. High
LB Jameer Thurman, Indiana St.	6-0	225	Sr.	3.59	Civil Engineering Technology	Bellwood (Ill.) Proviso West High
OL James Torgerson, W. Illinois	6-5	300	Jr.	3.91	Economics / Finance	Springfield (Ill.) High

HONORABLE MENTION

Indiana State: LS Joshua Appel (3.50 GPA Finance); WR Robert Tonyan Jr. (3.22 GPA Physical Education)

Missouri State: LB Jared Beshore (3.86 GPA Physical Education); TE Erik Furmanek (3.64 GPA Logistics & Supply Chain Management)

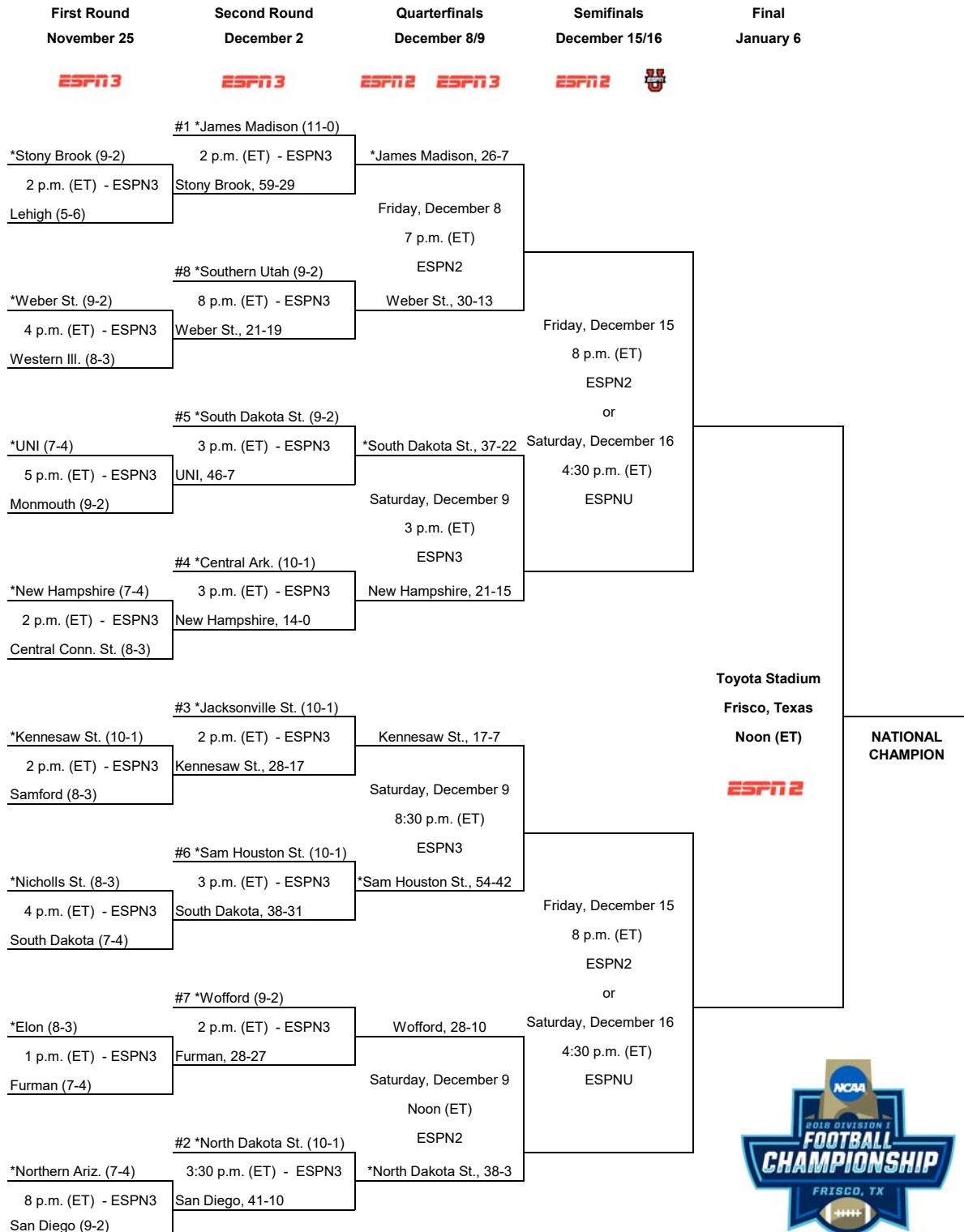
UNI: LB Jared Farley (3.32 GPA Business Administration); OL Cal Twait (3.78 GPA Physical Education)

Western Illinois: LB Riggs Baxter (3.87 GPA Engineering Technology); P/K Nathan Knuffman (3.63 GPA Exercise Science)

Youngstown State: LB Armond Dellovade (3.49 GPA Business Management); QB Hunter Wells (3.63 GPA Business).



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