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2017 Valley Football Standings (thru Sept. 2)

Team	MVFC		Points		Overall	Points		H	A	Stk.
	W-L	Pct.	For	Opp		W-L	Pct.			
Illinois State	0-0	.000	0	0	1-0	1.000	45	0	1-0	0-0 W1
North Dakota State	0-0	.000	0	0	1-0	1.000	72	7	1-0	0-0 W1
South Dakota	0-0	.000	0	0	1-0	1.000	77	7	0-0	1-0 W1
South Dakota State	0-0	.000	0	0	1-0	1.000	51	13	1-0	0-0 W1
Western Illinois	0-0	.000	0	0	1-0	1.000	41	14	0-0	1-0 W1
Southern Illinois	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0 —
Indiana State	0-0	.000	0	0	0-1	.000	20	22	0-1	0-0 L1
Missouri State	0-0	.000	0	0	0-1	.000	43	72	0-0	0-1 L1
Northern Iowa	0-0	.000	0	0	0-1	.000	24	42	0-0	0-1 L1
Youngstown State	0-0	.000	0	0	0-1	.000	21	28	0-0	0-1 L1

Schedule/Results

Thursday, Aug. 31

Eastern Illinois 22, Indiana State 20
#25 Western Illinois 41, Tennessee Tech 14
#4 South Dakota State 51, Duquesne 13

Saturday, Sept. 2

Pittsburgh 28, #8 Youngstown State 21 (OT)
South Dakota 77, Drake 7
Iowa State 42, #18 UNI 24
Missouri 72, Missouri State 43
#2 North Dakota State 72, Mississippi Valley 7
#18 Illinois State 45, Butler 0

Saturday, Sept. 9

Indiana State at Tennessee, 4 pm ET
Knoxville, Tenn. • SEC Network
Missouri State at #11 North Dakota, 4 pm CT
Grand Forks, N.D. • MidcoSN
#2 NDSU at #6 Eastern Washington, 3 pm CT
Cheney, Wash. • NBC ND/ESPN3
Cal Poly at #21 UNI, 4 pm CT
Cedar Falls, Iowa • PSN/ESPN3
South Dakota at Bowling Green, 5 pm CT
Bowling Green, Ohio • ESPN3
#4 S. Dakota St. at Montana State, 7 pm CT
Bozeman, Mont. • PlutoTV
Mississippi Valley St. at S. Illinois, 6 pm CT
Carbondale, Ill. • ESPN3
#22 Western Illinois at N. Arizona, 6 pm CT
Flagstaff, Ariz. • PlutoTV
Robert Morris at #6 Youngstown State, 2 pm ET
Youngstown, Ohio • ESPN3

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Players of the Week

Each week a panel will select players of the week for offense, defense, newcomer, offensive line and special teams.

MVFC Media Vault

By Tuesday of each week, the league will collect school weekly coach press conferences (audio/video links) and PDF links to weekly notes in the MVFC Media Vault.

Statistics

Interactive school and league statistics are available, courtesy of the league's partnership with SIDEARM.

Weekly Features

The league produces weekly video segments (Two Minute Drill and The Extra Point) and a bimonthly audio podcast (First and Goal). Each is available by visiting the league's web site (valleyfootball.org) - under the Multimedia tab on the main menu bar.

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Noteworthy

National Honor

South Dakota's Brady Schutt earned STATS FCS National Special Teams Player of the Week after pinning all four of his punts inside the 20-yard line against Drake Saturday in a 77-7 win.

Salukis Open Season This Week

Southern Illinois was the lone MVFC team to not play this past week. SIU hosts Mississippi Valley State on Saturday (Sept. 9). Since 2002, the Salukis are 12-3 against their first non-FBS opponent of the season.

Against the FBS

MVFC schools set a league record with four wins against FBS schools last year. The Conference has had at least one FBS win in each of the last seven seasons. Indiana State (at Tennessee) and South Dakota (at Bowling Green) take on FBS teams this Saturday.

Bison Tackle Eastern Washington

This week's game at Eastern Washington will mark the ninth time NDSU has faced an FCS Top 10 team on the road since 2004. The Bison are 4-4 in the previous eight games with wins in the last two at No. 5 South Dakota State in 2015 (28-7) and No. 6 South Dakota State in 2013 (20-0). Eastern Washington was the last Top 10 team the Bison have lost to on the road, a 38-31 OT decision in the 2010 playoffs.

Week 1 Takeaways

- MVFC schools combined for a 5-4 record in the first week, which included an 0-3 record against FBS programs.
- Three schools (North Dakota State, South Dakota, South Dakota State) amassed 600+ yards of total offense.
- Four schools (Illinois State, North Dakota State, South Dakota, Western Illinois) held their opponents to zero (or minus) net rushing yards.



Players of the Week

Offense

QB Chris Streveler, South Dakota Sr., 6-3, 215, Crystal Lake (Ill.)

Marian Central Catholic High / Minnesota

Streveler accounted for six touchdowns in one half of play in leading South Dakota to a 77-7 win against Drake Saturday in Des Moines. Streveler completed 17 of 24 passes for 248 yards and five touchdowns. He was also the game's leading rusher at halftime, carrying 11 times for 53 yards and a touchdown. The 56 points South Dakota scored in the first half were the most since 2005. The Coyote offense scored touchdowns on seven of its eight first-half possessions.

Defense

LB Quentin Moon, Western Illinois Jr., 6-2, 232, Indianapolis (Ind.) Pike

Moon set a career-high making 3.5 tackles for a loss, part of his 10 tackles at Tennessee Tech. Moon recorded an 11-yard sack, forced a fumble and returned it six yards. In the first three quarters, Moon recorded all 10 of his tackles and Tech managed just 89 total yards.

Special Teams

P Brady Schutt, South Dakota

R-Fr., 6-1, 205, Orange City (Iowa) MOC/FV HS

Schutt pinned all four of his punts inside the 20 while making his collegiate debut against Drake in Des Moines Saturday. He averaged 38.5 yards while pinning the Bulldogs on their 3-, 14-, 16- and 18-yard lines. Drake threw interceptions, including a pick-six, on two of those four possessions.

Newcomer

QB Peyton Huslig, Missouri State So., 6-3, 205, Andover (Kan.)

Andover Central High / Garden City (Kan.) CC

Huslig completed 24-of-35 passes for 353 yards while accounting for three of Missouri State's six touchdowns (2 pass/1 rush). He guided the MSU offense to touchdowns in each of its first three possessions, as the Bears converted their first five third-down tries and ran up their best-ever point total (43) against an FBS foe. He added a 10-yard rushing TD in the fourth quarter, and his 353 passing yards mark the most for a Bears quarterback since Ashton Glaser threw for 357 against Murray State on Sept. 15, 2012.

Offensive Lineman

C Tanner Volson, North Dakota State

6-4, 301, Jr., Balfour (N.D.) Drake-Anamoose HS

Made his third career start at center in North Dakota State's 72-7 win over Mississippi Valley State...Graded at 100 percent assignment and 87 percent technique with zero sacks allowed...NDSU averaged 17.5 yards per carry while he was in the game...The Bison rolled up 175 rushing yards and went 5 of 5 passing for 100 yards while building a 30-0 lead in the first quarter.

The Week Ahead

Nine of 10 league schools are in action this Saturday (Sept. 9). Southern Illinois opens its season as it hosts Mississippi Valley State. Two league schools are on the road against FBS opponents as Indiana State travels to Tennessee and South Dakota is at Bowling Green. (Illinois State is idle.)

Against the FBS

The MVFC has an 0-3 record this year against FBS schools. MVFC schools set a league record with four wins against FBS schools last year. The Conference has had at least one FBS win in each of the last seven seasons.

Big Sky-MVFC Challenge Series -- 5 of 8 Games This Saturday



In an effort to publicize current matchups and promote future non-conference scheduling between two of the premier FCS conferences, the Missouri Valley Football Conference and the Big Sky Conference have announced a Challenge Series between the two leagues.

2017 Challenge Series Games

S9 - NDSU at Eastern Washington, 4 pm ET

S9 - Cal Poly at UNI, 5 pm ET

S9 - South Dakota St. at Montana State, 8 pm ET

S9 - Western Illinois at Northern Arizona, 7 pm ET

S9 - Missouri State at North Dakota, 5 pm ET

S16 - North Dakota at South Dakota, 3 pm ET

S16 - UNI at Southern Utah, 8 pm ET

O7 - Illinois State at Northern Arizona, Time TBD

Tough Against the Run

Four league schools allowed zero (or minus) rushing yards in the first week of play. All four rank in the Top 6 of the FCS for rushing yards allowed. North Dakota State, which held Mississippi Valley State to minus-31 yards on 27 carries, leads the FCS.

FCS Leaders - Fewest Rushing Yards Allowed

Rank, Team (Conf.)	Rush	Yards
1. North Dakota St. (MVFC)	27	-31
2. Davidson (Pioneer)	34	-4
3. Idaho State (Big Sky)	25	-3
4. South Dakota (MVFC)	34	-1
4. Monmouth (Big South)	24	-1
6. Western Illinois (MVFC)	21	0
6. Illinois State (MVFC)	21	0
8. Morgan State (Mid-Eastern)	23	17
9. Campbell (Pioneer)	36	18
9. Sacred Heart (Northeast)	34	18

Wieneke Extends Records

WR Jake Wieneke tied an MVFC single-game record with four TD receptions as South Dakota State defeated Duquesne in the season-opening tilt on Sept. 2.

Notable Chart Busters for Jake

- 229 career receptions (MVFC record) and new SDSU mark Josh Davis (225, 2002-05)
- Now 6th on FCS career receiving yards chart, with an MVFC-record 4,267 yards in 40 games
- Now 7th in career touchdown receptions at the FCS level with an MVFC-record 47
- One of eight players in MVFC history with four TD receptions in a game

Running Away With It

Five MVFC schools rank among the Top 14 in the FCS in rushing yards per game, led by North Dakota State's 498-yard figure.

FCS Leaders - Fewest Rushing Yards Allowed

Rank, Team (Conf.)	Rush	Yards
1. North Dakota St. (MVFC)	53	498
2. James Madison (Colonial)	44	422
3. The Citadel (Southern)	63	374
4. Southeastern La. (Southland)	54	343
5. South Dakota (MVFC)	58	321
6. Illinois State (MVFC)	48	320
7. Weber St. (Big Sky)	59	317
8. Alcorn (Southwestern)	36	314
9. Morehead St. (Pioneer)	51	311
10. Howard (Mid-Eastern)	61	309
11. Davidson (Pioneer)	55	307
12. South Dakota St. (MVFC)	38	301
12. Sacred Heart (Northeast)	56	301
14. Western Illinois (MVFC)	56	298

Defensive Dominance

Illinois State held Butler to just 41 yards of total offense in the game, which set a Hancock Stadium record for fewest total yards allowed to an opponent. The ISU defense also did not allow a yard rushing to Butler, which only picked up three first downs all evening. Three MVFC schools rank among the Top 10 in the FCS in total defense, including Illinois State (1), North Dakota State (2), and South Dakota (t9).

FCS Leaders, Total Defense

Rank, Team (Conf.)	Plays	Yards
1. Illinois State (MVFC)	44	41
2. North Dakota State (MVFC)	49	58
3. Campbell (Pioneer)	55	62
4. Morgan State (Mid-Eastern)	54	102
5. N.C. A&T (Mid-Eastern)	51	114
6. Wagner (Northeast)	55	139
7. Sacred Heart (Northeast)	59	145
8. UT Martin (OVC)	59	146
9. South Dakota (MVFC)	66	147
9. Weber State (Big Sky)	49	147

vs. Non-Conference (5-4)

Home: 3-1 / Away: 2-3 / Neut: 0-0

NCAA FCS Teams (5-1)

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

NCAA FBS Teams (0-3)

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

vs. Ranked (FCS) Teams (0-0)

No Games thru 9/2

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

No Games thru 9/2

Bears' Offense Stars in Loss

Despite a standout performance from an offense that totaled 492 yards, Missouri State came up on the short end of a 72-43 opening day shootout against Missouri. The 43 points rank fifth-best for an MVFC member against an FBS opponent.

Most Points by MVFC School vs. FBS Foe

47 - Southern Illinois (at Indiana, 9-15-15, L, 48-47)
45 - Southern Illinois (at E. Mich, 9-8-02, L, 48-45)
44 - Indiana St. (at W. Kentucky, 9-17-11, W, 44-16)
44 - YSU (vs. Kent State, 9-6-97, W, 44-23)
43 - Missouri State (at Mizzou, 9-2-17, L, 72-43)
42 - UNI (at Wyoming, 9-11-93, L, 45-42)

Leading the Nation

South Dakota QB Chris Streveler accounted for six touchdowns as the Coyotes rolled past Drake, 77-7, in Des Moines. His day was done at halftime. By then, he had completed 17 of 24 passes for 248 yards and five touchdowns. He was also the game's leading rusher in the first half, carrying 11 times for 53 yards and a score. It was the second time in 11 games at USD that Streveler has accounted for six TDs in one game.

Working Overtime

Youngstown State forced overtime, but eventually lost, at Pitt in the opening week of the season. The MVFC had six overtime games last season, including YSU's win against Wofford in the FCS playoffs.

MVFC Records in OT - Last OT game

Illinois State	8-6	won, vs. EIU, 2015
Indiana State	8-7	lost, vs. USD, 2016
Missouri State	1-10	lost, vs. SDSU, 2011
N. Dakota State	2-1	won, vs. EWU, 2016
UNI	5-8	lost, vs. SDSU, 2013
USD	3-1	won, vs. INS, 2016
S. Dakota State	2-2	lost, vs. WIU, 2015
S. Illinois	6-4	won, vs. YSU, 2015
W. Illinois	7-2	won, vs. SDSU, 2015
Western Ky.	1-1	lost, vs. UNI, 2005
Youngstown St.	6-4	lost, vs. Pitt, 2017

Two Teams Reach 70 Points

South Dakota (77) and North Dakota State (72) poured on the points in their first games of 2017. The 77 points by USD tied a league record for points against an FCS opponent and rank 5th-best in league history. NDSU's 72 points tie for 15th-most all-time in MVFC history.

98, Western Illinois, vs. Cheyney, 2004
86, Western Illinois, vs. Iowa Wesleyan, 1995
82, Southern Illinois, vs. Union (Ky.), 2005
78, Southern Illinois, vs. Kentucky Wesleyan, 2002
77, South Dakota, vs. Drake, 2017
77, UNI, vs. Wayne State, 1988
77, Western Illinois, vs. Mississippi Valley St., 1999
77, Youngstown State, vs. Valparaiso, 2011

6 MVFC Teams in Top 25

Six MVFC are ranked in STATS top-25 poll this week (tops in the FCS). CAA Football and the SoCon are tied for next best with four teams each. HERO Sports' BennettRank is also listed and is a computer predictive metric that ranks all FCS teams. The Sagarin ranking ranks all Division I teams, but the number listed is each team's position within the FCS.

Team	FCS	STATS	HERO	SAG.
North Dakota State	2	2	2	1
South Dakota State	4	4	1	3
Youngstown State	6	8	4	4
Illinois State	15	18	14	8
UNI	21	21	17	7
Western Illinois	RV	22	22	9
South Dakota	RV	RV	19	13
Southern Illinois	-	RV	33	24
Indiana State	-	-	50	55
Missouri State	-	-	70	47

Sagarin Rankings, Conference Leaders (FCS)

1. MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL

2. Southern
3. CAA Football
4. Big Sky
5. Ohio Valley
6. Big South

2017 Valley Football Teams in the Top 25

Team	Pre	S4
Illinois State	18	15
Indiana St.	rv	-
Missouri St.	-	-
NDSU	2	2
UNI	18	21
S. Dakota	rv	rv
SDSU	4	4
S. Illinois	rv	rv
W. Illinois	25	22
Youngstown	8	6

*Rank represents highest position in the two polls (STATS or FCS Coaches polls)



ILLINOIS STATE **REDBIRDS** (1-0, 0-0 MVFC)

S2	Butler	W, 45-0	1-0, 0-0
S16	at Eastern Illinois	TV TBD	2:00 p.m.
S23	*at Missouri State	ESPN3	2:00 p.m.
S30	*Indiana State	ESPN3	6:30 p.m.
O7	at Northern Arizona	TV TBD	TBA
O14	*at Southern Illinois	ESPN3	2:00 p.m.
O21	*South Dakota (HC)	CSN / ESPN3	2:00 p.m.
O28	*at Youngstown State	ESPN3	1:00 p.m.
N4	*Western Illinois	ESPN3	Noon
N11	*at South Dakota State	ESPN3	2:00 p.m.
N18	*North Dakota State	CSN / ESPN3	Noon

*MVFC game

Defense Befuddles Bulldogs

The veteran Redbird defense made things very difficult for the Butler Bulldogs in the season opener. ISU held Butler to just 41 yards of total offense in the game and did not allow a single rushing yard. The 41 total yards allowed were the second fewest for the Redbirds in program history and set a Hancock Stadium record, topping the previous mark of 86 given up to Eastern Illinois in 1963. The Bulldogs ran just 44 plays during the game and picked up just three first downs against the Redbirds, who earned their second shutout in their last three games.

Four-Headed Monster

For the majority of the offseason, ISU head coach Brock Spack has lauded his stable of running backs. On Saturday, the young group showed they all deserve to play as the group helped the Redbirds rush for 320 yards in a 45-0 win over Butler. Sophomore transfer Markel Smith led the way with 88 yards and a touchdown and redshirt freshmen Artiss Henderson had the long run of the night at 28 yards while finishing with 56 yards total. Sophomore James Robinson scored the first touchdown of the game and finished with 39 yards and redshirt freshman Jordan Birch added 37 yards and a highlight-reel 26-yard touchdown of his own to cap off the stellar effort from the Redbird ball-carriers.

Unblemished in Openers

For the past nine seasons, Illinois State fans have been welcomed with a win by the Redbirds in their home openers. Since ISU head coach Brock Spack took over, the Redbirds are a perfect 9-0 in their opening contests at Hancock Stadium. That streak continued with the dominant 45-0 shutout win over Butler in the 2017 season opener and the Redbirds are now 24-3 in their home nest since the stadium was renovated in 2013.



INDIANA STATE **SYCAMORES** (0-1, 0-0 MVFC)

A31	Eastern Illinois	L, 20-22	0-1, 0-0
S9	at Tennessee	SEC Network	4:00 p.m. ET
S16	at Liberty	Big South Net	6:00 p.m. ET
S30	*at Illinois State	ESPN3	7:30 p.m. ET
O7	*North Dakota State	ESPN3	1:00 p.m. ET
O14	*South Dakota	ESPN3	3:00 p.m. ET
O21	*Southern Illinois (HC)	ESPN3	3:00 p.m. ET
O28	*at Missouri State	ESPN3	3:00 p.m. ET
N4	*Youngstown State	ESPN3	1:00 p.m. ET
N11	*Western Illinois	ESPN3	1:00 p.m. ET
N18	*at UNI	ESPN3	5:00 p.m. ET

*MVFC game

Sycamores Against the FBS

Indiana State makes a trip down to Rocky Top this upcoming week to take on the Tennessee Volunteers, the first matchup against an SEC team for the Sycamores since 1995. All-time against current FBS teams the Sycamores are 58-138-3, which includes a handful of teams that ISU used to meet either in conference play or non-conference Division I-AA/FCS competition. Since joining the Valley, the Sycamores have tallied five FBS/I-A victories.

Stuffed

Despite the final drive of the game, the Indiana State defense put on a show in a superb opening against Eastern Illinois on Thursday night. Eight different Sycamores had their hand in a tackle for loss, while seven had their hand in at least half a sack, giving ISU 5.0 sacks for a loss of 35 yards (which would have been a season-high in 2016). ISU currently sits ranked tied for the NCAA and Valley lead with those five sacks and 13th in the FCS in TFL. Two separate Sycamore linebackers – redshirt sophomore Jonas Griffith and redshirt junior Katrell Moss – each tallied 13 total tackles, the most since Jameer Thurman recorded 14 against Missouri State in 2016.

Return of the Book

After missing the entire 2016 season due to injury, redshirt senior and Preseason Honorable Mention All-MVFC running back LeMonte Booker returned to the field on a mission Thursday night against Eastern Illinois. Booker tallied 158 all-purpose yards and two touchdowns (one rushing, one receiving), accounting for 53.9 percent of ISU's offense in the 22-20 loss to EIU. Most notable was his return in the ground game, where he recorded 154 yards on 31 carries (5.0 YPC), a career-high in yards and his fourth-career 100-yard game. Booker also eclipsed the 1,000-yard mark for his career in rushing yards, now sitting at 1,133 yards.



MISSOURI STATE **BEARS** (0-1, 0-0 MVFC)

S2	at Missouri	L, 43-72	0-1, 0-0
S9	at North Dakota	Midco SN	4:00 p.m.
S16	Murray State	KOZL / ESPN3	2:00 p.m.
S23	*Illinois State	ESPN3	2:00 p.m.
S30	*at North Dakota State	ESPN3	1:00 p.m.
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N4	*at Southern Illinois	ESPN3	1:00 p.m.
N11	*UNI	ESPN3	2:00 p.m.
N18	*at Youngstown State	ESPN3	11:00 a.m.

*MVFC game

Show-Me Showdown

Missouri State's season-opening setback at Missouri not only marked the first meeting of the two Show-Me State institutions on the gridiron in 94 years, but also provided a number of notable achievements by Bears. MSU's offense turned in a banner first-half performance, logging five different scoring drives of at least 65 yards while giving the Tigers all they could handle. The Bears led on five different occasions, as the two teams combined to total 888 yards of offense over the first 30 minutes of play. The Bears also eclipsed their top single-game point total in 34 total contests against NCAA Division I FBS opponents, topping their 30-point output at UNLV in 1990—their last victory against an FBS foe.

Welcome Wagon

Led by quarterback Peyton Huslig's passing day, the Bears received significant contributions from several new faces making their Missouri State debuts Saturday in Columbia. Huslig's passing total marked the top single-game performance by an MSU signal-caller since Ashton Glaser's 357 yards vs. Murray State in 2012, while freshman line-backer Titus Wall led all defenders with nine tackles. In all, 16 Bears saw their first game action against the Tigers, including two starters (Huslig and Jordan Frazier).

Seniors Shine

The MSU newcomers weren't the only ones factoring prominently in the Bears' first game of 2017, as senior standouts Calan Crowder and Malik Earl registered big opening day performances as well. Crowder ripped off scoring runs of 75 (a career long) and 34 yards in a shootout of a first half, totaling 121 of his 124 rushing yards in the game's first 30 minutes. Fellow senior Malik Earl fueled the Bears' passing game, hauling in eight catches for a career-best 163 yards, including an 89-yard touchdown reception from Peyton Huslig that gave MSU a 35-34 lead with just over five minutes left in the first half. Tight end Erik Furmanek also notched a career high with 91 yards, as four MSU seniors combined to account for 303 of the Bears' 353 receiving yards.



NORTH DAKOTA STATE **BISON** (1-0, 0-0 MVFC)

S2	Mississippi Valley State	W, 72-7	1-0, 0-0
S9	at Eastern Washington	NBC ND / ESPN3	3:00 p.m.
S23	Robert Morris	NBC ND / ESPN3	2:30 p.m.
S30	*Missouri State (HC)	NBC ND / ESPN3	1:00 p.m.
O7	*at Indiana State	NBC ND / ESPN3	Noon
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O28	*UNI	NBC ND / ESPN3	2:30 p.m.
N4	*at South Dakota State	NBC ND / ESPN3	2:00 p.m.
N11	*South Dakota	NBC ND / ESPN3	2:30 p.m.
N18	*at Illinois State	NBC ND / ESPN3	Noon

*MVFC game

Record Day for Bison Offense

North Dakota State put up record offensive numbers in the 72-7 season-opening win over Mississippi Valley State. The Bison set highs for points, rushing yards and total offense in 14 years of Division I football. The 683 yards of total offense were the most for the Bison in 29 years and the fourth highest in school single-game history. NDSU's 498 rushing yards ranked seventh in school history. North Dakota State scored touchdowns on its first five possessions with only one drive longer than three plays, and the Bison built a 44-0 lead early in the second quarter.

Brooks Posts First 100-Yard Game

Sophomore RB Ty Brooks posted his first 100-yard rushing game with a career-high 11 carries for 127 yards and two TDs vs. Mississippi Valley State. Brooks finished with 199 all-purpose yards including one pass reception and two kickoff returns. Junior running back Lance Dunn had seven carries for 142 yards and two scores including a career-long 73-yard TD run. It was the first time since October 2015 at Southern Illinois that NDSU has had dual 100-yard rushers.

Pair of Freshmen Play

Two true freshmen played for North Dakota State in the season opener. Defensive end Logan McCormick from Appleton, Wis., was in on a tackle for loss and cornerback Josh Hayes from Lakeland, Fla., had one pass breakup and two tackles. They were the first true freshmen to play for NDSU since 2015 when safety Robbie Grimsley, running back Bruce Anderson and wide receiver Dimitri Williams all played in the season opener at Montana. NDSU redshirted its entire freshman class in 2016, the only time that has happened in 14 years of Division I football.



NORTHERN IOWA **PANTHERS**

(0-1, 0-0 MVFC)

S2	at Iowa State	L, 24-42	0-1, 0-0
S9	Cal Poly	PSN / ESPN3	4:00 p.m.
S16	at Southern Utah	PlutoTV	7:00 p.m.
S30	*at Southern Illinois	ESPN3	6:00 p.m.
07	*Western Illinois (HC)	PSN / ESPN3	4:00 p.m.
014	*at South Dakota State	ESPN3	2:00 p.m.
021	*Youngstown State	PSN / ESPN3	1:00 p.m.
028	*at North Dakota State	ESPN3	2:30 p.m.
N4	*South Dakota	PSN / ESPN3	1:00 p.m.
N11	*at Missouri State	ESPN3	2:00 p.m.
N18	*Indiana State	ESPN3	4:00 p.m.

*MVFC game

Need to Know for Week Two

UNI (0-1) looks to bounce back against this Saturday when it hosts Cal Poly (0-2). The last time the Panthers hosted the Mustangs at the UNI-Dome was in head coach Mark Farley's first season. UNI won that 2001 contest, 31-13. Since opening the series with a loss in 1997, UNI has won the last six meetings against CP.

Against the Big Sky

UNI has had success against the current members of the Big Sky Conference, racking up an all-time record of 52-24-1. UNI holds a winning record over 10 of the 13 schools, with Montana being the only series with a Big Sky opponent holds the edge in.

Another Multi-TD Day for Dunne

Junior signal caller Eli Dunne earned three touchdowns through the air against Iowa State in Saturday's season opener, earning a career-high mark for the Panther quarterback. Dunne has earned four multi-touchdown games for his career, with three coming in 2016. The junior threw a pair of touchdowns against Missouri State, North Dakota State and Western Illinois. Dunne found nine different targets during Saturday's season opener against Iowa State, with three of those catching touchdowns.

Newbies Make Splash in Opener

UNI had its fair share of newcomers making a significant impact in the season opener against Iowa State, with two redshirt freshmen starting and 11 seeing playing time against the Cyclones. Redshirt freshman Isaiah Weston made the biggest splash for Panther newcomers, as the 6-8, 207-pound wideout caught four passes for 72 yards and a touchdown. Fellow redshirt freshman Alfonzo Lambert II turned in a stellar performance at linebacker, making 10 tackles to rank second behind senior Jared Farley's 14 against the Cyclones.



SOUTH DAKOTA **COYOTES**

(1-0, 0-0 MVFC)

S2	at Drake	W, 77-7	1-0, 0-0
S9	at Bowling Green	ESPN3	5:00 p.m.
S16	North Dakota	Midco / ESPN3	2:00 p.m.
S30	*at Western Illinois	ESPN3	3:00 p.m.
07	*Youngstown State (HC)	Midco / ESPN3	2:00 p.m.
014	*Indiana State	Midco / ESPN3	2:00 p.m.
021	*at Illinois State	ESPN3	2:00 p.m.
028	*Southern Illinois	Midco / ESPN3	3:00 p.m.
N4	*at UNI	ESPN3	1:00 p.m.
N11	*at North Dakota State	ESPN3	2:30 p.m.
N18	*South Dakota State	Midco / ESPN3	2:00 p.m.

*MVFC game

Drubbing of Drake

South Dakota's offense scored TDs on seven of eight first-half possessions during the Coyotes' 77-7 win at Drake Saturday. Defensively, the Coyotes forced four turnovers and held Drake a minus-7 yards rushing and 143 yards of total offense, fewest on record since 2000.

Streveler's First Half

South Dakota quarterback Chris Streveler earned MVFC Offensive Player of the Week honors after accounting for six touchdowns in the first half against Drake. He completed 17 of 24 passes for 244 yards and five touchdowns in the first half. He also ran 11 times for 45 yards and a score. It was the second time in 11 career games at USD that Streveler has accounted for six touchdowns in one game.

Greenfield's Game

Sophomore defensive end Darrin Greenfield, making his first collegiate start, led South Dakota with seven tackles Saturday. Of those stops, three were sacks for 28 yards and he totaled 5.5 tackles-for-loss for 35. Those 5.5 TFLs are the most on record by a Coyote in records dating back to 2000.

Coyotes' Youth

Fifteen redshirt freshmen and five true freshman competed in Saturday's game at Drake. Three (WR Levi Falck, C Mason Scheidegger, DT Nathan Schultz) were in the starting lineup. Amongst the group, safety Phillip Powell intercepted two passes and returned one nine yards for a touchdown. Mark Collins Jr. intercepted a pass on the second play of his collegiate career. Kai Henry ran for a game-high 75 yards and a touchdown. Ben Klett ran for 48 yards and a score. Cody Kase, on his second play of collegiate ball, caught a 23-yard touchdown pass from Chris Streveler.



SOUTH DAKOTA ST. JACKRABBITS

(1-0, 0-0 MVFC)

A31	Duquesne	W, 51-13	1-0, 0-0
S9	at Montana State	TV TBD	7:00 p.m.
S16	Drake	Midco / ESPN3	6:00 p.m.
S30	*at Youngstown State	ESPN3	6:00 p.m.
07	*Southern Illinois	ESPN3	6:00 p.m.
014	*UNI (HC)	Midco / ESPN3	2:00 p.m.
021	*at Missouri State	ESPN3	2:00 p.m.
028	*at Western Illinois	ESPN3	1:00 p.m.
N4	*North Dakota State	Midco / ESPN3	2:00 p.m.
N11	*Illinois State	Midco / ESPN3	2:00 p.m.
N18	*at South Dakota	Midco / ESPN3	2:00 p.m.

*MVFC game

Wieneke Moves to the Top

South Dakota State wide receiver Jake Wieneke set one school record and tied another in the Jackrabbits' 51-13 season-opening win over Duquesne on Aug. 31. A senior from Maple Grove, Minnesota, Wieneke upped his career receptions total to 229 (previous record 225 by Josh Davis from 2002-05) and tied the SDSU mark of four touchdown receptions in a game, which was first set by Don Bartlett in 1949 and tied last season by teammate Dallas Goedert. Wieneke also vaulted five spots to sixth place on the FCS career receiving yards chart with 4,267 and stands seventh in FCS career touchdown receptions with 47 in 40 career games.

Youth Movement

Seven different true freshmen saw action for the Jackrabbits in the Aug. 31 season opener against Duquesne. Most of the newcomers to make their collegiate debuts were linemen as Jack Domandle, Eagan Lickiss and Edward Miller played on the offensive line and Xavier Ward and Daniel Callender played on the defensive line. Linebackers Noah Urbanek and Seven Wilson also made their collegiate debuts. In addition, redshirt freshmen Austin Barrett (defensive tackle) and Logan Backhaus (linebacker) drew starting assignments in their first action as Jackrabbits.

Rankings Streak

With its top-10 rankings in this week's STATS and coaches' polls, South Dakota State has now appeared in 66 consecutive polls dating back to October 2012. The Jackrabbits are one of four FCS programs to reach the playoffs each of the last five seasons, joining North Dakota State, Sam Houston State and New Hampshire.



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SALUKIS

(0-0, 0-0 MVFC)

S9	Mississippi Valley State	ESPN3	6:00 p.m.
S16	at SE Missouri State	TV TBD	6:00 p.m.
S23	at Memphis	WMC / ESPN3	7:00 p.m.
S30	*UNI	ESPN3	6:00 p.m.
07	*at South Dakota State	ESPN3	6:00 p.m.
014	*Illinois State (HC)	ESPN3	2:00 p.m.
021	*at Indiana State	ESPN3	2:00 p.m.
028	*at South Dakota	ESPN3	3:00 p.m.
N4	*Missouri State	ESPN3	1:00 p.m.
N11	*Youngstown State	ESPN3	1:00 p.m.
N18	*at Western Illinois	ESPN3	1:00 p.m.

*MVFC game

Vs. Mississippi Valley State

SIU opens the 2017 season against Mississippi Valley State. The Delta Devils (0-1) opened the season with a loss at North Dakota State last weekend, 72-7. SIU and MVSU are meeting for the first time in football. The Salukis have lost four of their last five season openers, but three of those losses were against FBS programs. Since 2002, the Salukis are 12-3 against their first non-FBS opponent of the season, including a 30-22 win over Southeast Missouri last season. Southern Illinois is 14-1 in its last 15 home openers, with the lone loss coming in overtime against Jimmy Garoppolo and 14th-ranked Eastern Illinois in 2013.

Second Season of Nick Hill Era

SIU head coach Nick Hill is in his second season as the head coach of the Salukis. Southern also returns both coordinators, Kraig Paulson and John Van Dam. SIU has continuity at both coordinator spots for the first time since the 2012 and 2013 seasons. Paulson has coached in five FCS national championship games while at Montana, and Van Dam has worked with some of the best coaches in the nation, including Nick Saban and Jim McElwain.

Preseason Salukis

Offensive lineman Austin Olsen was named to the preseason All-MVFC team and five others earned honorable mention honors. Hans Carmien, Jeremy Chinn, D.J. Davis, Connor Iwema, and Craig James all earned the honorable mention nod. The Salukis have 15 returning starters from 2016 and 33 players who have started at least one game in their SIU career. The Dawgs were picked eighth in the preseason MVFC poll of coaches, sports information directors and media. This year, the Salukis are receiving votes in the preseason top-25 poll.



WESTERN ILLINOIS **LEATHERNECKS** (1-0, 0-0 MVFC)

A31	at Tennessee Tech	W, 41-14	1-0, 0-0
S9	at Northern Arizona	Pluto TV	6:00 p.m.
S30	at Coastal Carolina	TV TBD	TBA
S30	*South Dakota (HC)	ESPN3	3:00 p.m.
07	*at UNI	ESPN3	4:00 p.m.
014	*Missouri State	ESPN3	3:00 p.m.
021	*at North Dakota State	ESPN3	2:30 p.m.
028	*South Dakota State	ESPN3	1:00 p.m.
N4	*at Illinois State	ESPN3	Noon
N11	*at Indiana State	ESPN3	Noon
N18	*Southern Illinois	ESPN3	1:00 p.m.

*MVFC game

Norris Makes an Impact

Sophomore Max Norris saw his first collegiate rushing carries at Tennessee Tech, and he responded in a big way. Norris rushed for a game-high 133 yards on 19 carries, averaging 7.0 yards per carry. During the third quarter he broke off a 45-yard run.

Takeaways in Bunches

Western's defense recorded three turnovers in the game, and all three came on consecutive drives in the third quarter to blow the game wide open. Western scored a touchdown then took advantage of a fumble to eventually score another TD. After a punt off an interception, Mike Viti recorded his first collegiate score on a 45-yard interception return for a score. For the 11th time in the last 19 games, Western recorded at least two takeaways.

Zero Rushing

The Leathernecks took advantage of the line of scrimmage to hold Tennessee Tech to zero net rushing yards on 21 attempts. It marked the first time since 2014 holding a team to under 50 net rushing yards, and nearly became the seventh time in program history to finish with negative rushing yards.

Acklin Shines

Senior WR Jaelon Acklin matched his career-high of two touchdowns, accounting for a score through the air and on the ground at Tennessee Tech. He rushed for a 21-yard touchdown and caught a 17-yard strike early in the fourth quarter. Acklin rushed twice for 37 yards and caught a game-high five passes for 79 yards.



YOUNGSTOWN STATE **PENGUINS** (0-1, 0-0 MVFC)

S2	at Pittsburgh	L, 21-28 (ot)	0-1, 0-0
S9	Robert Morris	ESPN3	2:00 p.m. ET
S16	Central Connecticut St.	ESPN3	2:00 p.m. ET
S30	*South Dakota State	ESPN3	7:00 p.m. ET
07	*at South Dakota	ESPN3	3:00 p.m. ET
014	*North Dakota State	ESPN3	7:00 p.m. ET
021	*at UNI	ESPN3	2:00 p.m. ET
028	*Illinois State (HC)	ESPN3	2:00 p.m. ET
N4	*at Indiana State	ESPN3	1:00 p.m. ET
N11	*at Southern Illinois	ESPN3	2:00 p.m. ET
N18	*Missouri State	ESPN3	Noon ET

*MVFC game

First-Time Sackers

Against Pittsburgh the Penguins had three players record their first career sacks in the game. DE Fazson Chapman, DE Justus Reed and DT Wesley Thompson all had the first sacks of their YSU careers. It was the first YSU appearances for Reed and Thompson and the first career YSU start for Chapman. Reed had a sack-fumble that set up the game-tying touchdown in the fourth quarter. Thompson's sack came on a third-and-goal and forced Pitt to try a field goal, which it missed.

Turner Turns Heads

All fall camp a freshman wearing No. 20 had been turning heads and in the opener against Pittsburgh, Christian Turner did not disappoint. Replacing a key player who wore No. 20 for the past four seasons – Jody Webb – Turner showed some Webb-like qualities in his first career game. Turner caught five passes for 124 yards and two touchdowns vs. Pitt. Turner caught fourth-quarter scores of 25 and 42 as YSU rallied to tie the game and force overtime. He also had three rushes for 32 yards. He had 189 all-purpose yards in the contest.

True Freshmen See Action

Last year YSU played two true freshmen, one was kickoff specialist and the other a special teams/reserve linebacker. After one game, YSU has played three and all are in key roles. TB Christian Turner finished with 189 all-purpose yards, including 124 receiving. CB Bryce Gibson started in his debut game and Jake Coates was YSU's punt returner and one of three kickoff returners used during the game.