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2018 Valley Football Standings (thru Saturday, Dec. 8)

Team	MVFC		Points		Overall	Points		H	A	Stk.
	W-L	Pct.	For	Opp		W-L	Pct.			
North Dakota St.	8-0	1.000	328	114	13-0	1.000	540	144	9-0	4-0 W19
South Dakota St.	6-2	.750	319	203	10-2	.833	532	246	7-0	3-2 W6
Indiana State	5-3	.625	238	238	7-4	.636	349	310	3-2	4-2 W5
Northern Iowa	5-3	.625	220	177	7-6	.538	333	277	5-1	2-5 L1
Western Illinois	4-4	.500	195	199	5-6	.455	263	286	3-2	2-4 L2
Illinois State	3-5	.375	221	191	6-5	.545	350	220	5-1	1-4 W1
South Dakota	3-5	.375	217	294	4-7	.364	294	376	3-2	1-5 L1
Youngstown State	3-5	.375	174	217	4-7	.364	254	299	4-2	0-5 L1
Missouri State	2-6	.250	144	306	4-7	.364	253	396	3-3	1-4 L5
Southern Illinois	1-7	.125	197	314	2-9	.182	331	448	0-5	2-4 L3

Playoff Results/Schedule

FIRST-ROUND GAMES - NOV. 24

Montana State 35, Incarnate Word 14
James Madison 20, Delaware 6
Duquesne 31, Towson 10
Wofford 19, Elon 7
Nicholls 49, San Diego 30
UNI 16, Lamar 13
Jacksonville State 34, ETSU 27
SE Missouri State 28, Stony Brook 14

SECOND-ROUND GAMES - DEC. 1

#1 North Dakota State 52, Montana State 10
#8 Colgate 23, James Madison 20
#5 South Dakota State 51, Duquesne 6
#4 Kennesaw State 13, Wofford 10
#3 Eastern Washington 42, Nicholls 21
#6 UC Davis 23, UNI 16
#7 Maine 55, Jacksonville State 27
#2 Weber State 48, Southeast Missouri State 23

QUARTERFINAL GAMES - DEC. 7/8

#7 Maine 23, #2 Weber State 18
#1 North Dakota State 35, #8 Colgate 0
#5 South Dakota State 27, #4 Kennesaw State 17
#3 Eastern Washington 34, #6 UC Davis 29

SEMIFINAL GAMES - DEC. 14/15

(FRI.) #5 SDSU (10-2) at #1 NDSU (13-0)
at Fargo, N.D., 7 p.m. CT (ESPN2)
(SAT.) #7 Maine (10-3) at #3 E. Washington (11-2)
at Cheney, Wash., 1 p.m. CT (ESPN2)

indicates playoff seed

Playoff Tidbits

MVFC - vs. Other Leagues

Here's how the MVFC stacks up in playoff meetings against other FCS leagues:

vs. Mid-Eastern Athletic	4	0	1.000
vs. Big South	5	0	1.000
vs. Pioneer Football League	3	0	1.000
vs. Northeast Conference	2	0	1.000
vs. Southwestern Athletic	1	0	1.000
vs. Ohio Valley Conference	17	2	.895
vs. CAA Football	18	13	.581
vs. Southland Conference	11	8	.579
vs. Big Sky Conference	18	15	.545
vs. Independents	3	3	.500
vs. Patriot League	3	3	.500
vs. Intra-conference	10	10	.500
vs. Southern Conference	10	14	.417

TOTAL 105 68 .607

2018 Playoffs	Teams	W	L	Pct.
Missouri Valley	3	5	1	.833
Big Sky	4	5	3	.625
Ohio Valley	2	2	2	.500
Big South	1	1	1	.500
Northeast	1	1	1	.500
Patriot	1	1	1	.500
CAA Football	6	3	5	.375
Southern	2	1	2	.333
Southland	3	1	3	.250
Pioneer	1	0	1	.000

The Power 5

In the past eight+ playoffs (2010-18), five leagues (Big Sky, CAA Football, MVFC, Southern and Southland) have combined to win 161 of 192 total games. The MVFC has 57 of those wins (35 percent).

MVFC vs. MVFC in Playoffs

Friday's game features the 11th matchup of two MVFC schools in playoff action, but the first in a semifinal. NDSU and SDSU have had three previous Division I playoff meetings as MVFC members, with NDSU winning all three games in Fargo.

In 2014, Illinois State and North Dakota State played an all-MVFC championship game – the only time that's happened in FCS Championship history.

Year Score (Round)

2002	WKU 31, at #2 W. Illinois 28 (Quarters)
2006	at YSU 28, Illinois State 21 (Quarters)
2012	at #1 NDSU 28, SDSU 3 (2nd Round)
2014	at #5 Illinois State 41, UNI 21 (2nd Round)
2014	at #2 NDSU 27, SDSU 24 (2nd Round)
2014	#2 NDSU 29, #5 Illinois State 27 (Finals)
2015	at #2 Illinois State 36, WIU 19 (2nd Round)
2015	at #3 NDSU 23, UNI 13 (Quarters)
2016	at #1 NDSU 36, #8 SDSU 10 (Quarters)
2017	at #5 SDSU 37, UNI 22 (2nd Round)
2018	#5 SDSU at #1 NDSU (Semis)

Advancing to the Semifinals

Since the playoff bracket expanded to 20 teams in 2010 (3 years) and 24 in 2013 (5+ years), an MVFC team has reached the semifinals 12 times. Notably, only six leagues have had a semifinal team in the past eight tournaments (below). (*Only 7 leagues have had a semifinal team since 2000, as Colgate represented the Patriot League in 2003.*)

12 - MVFC (NDSU 8x, SDSU 2x, ILS 1, YSU 1)

9 - CAA (JMU 2x, UNH 2x, Delaware 1, Towson 1, Villanova 1, Richmond 1, Maine 1)
6 - Big Sky (Eastern Washington 5x, Montana)
5 - Southland (Sam Houston State 5x)
3 - SoCon (Ga. Southern 3x)
1 - OVC (Jacksonville State)

All-Time Semifinal Trips

Here's a look at the leaders, by conference, since 1978.

30 - Big Sky Conference
29 - Southern Conference
27 - CAA Football
26 - Missouri Valley Football Conference
18 - Southland Conference
17 - Independents
10 - Ohio Valley Conference

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vs. Non-Conference (22-13)

Home: 18-2 / Away: 4-11 / Neut: 0-0

NCAA FCS Teams (18-6)

Big Sky	6-4
Cal Poly	1-0
UC Davis.....	0-1
Montana	1-1
Montana State.....	2-1
Northern Arizona.....	1-0
Northern Colorado	1-0
Weber State.....	0-1
Big South	1-0
Kennesaw State	1-0
CAA Football.....	1-0
Delaware.....	1-0
Independents	2-0
Hampton	1-0
North Alabama	1-0
Northeast.....	1-0
Duquesne	1-0
Ohio Valley	3-1
Eastern Illinois.....	2-0
Murray State.....	1-0
SE Missouri State.....	0-1
Patriot	1-0
Colgate.....	1-0
Pioneer Football	1-1
Butler	0-1
Valparaiso	1-0
Southland	1-0
Lamar.....	1-0
SWAC.....	1-0
Arkansas-Pine Bluff.....	1-0

NCAA FBS Teams (1-7)

ACC.....	0-1
Louisville.....	0-1
Big Ten	0-2
Illinois.....	0-1
Iowa.....	0-1
Big 12.....	0-3
Iowa State.....	0-0
Kansas State.....	0-1
Oklahoma State.....	0-1
West Virginia.....	0-1
Mountain West.....	1-0
Colorado State.....	1-0
SEC.....	0-1
Ole Miss	0-1

Non Division I Teams (3-0)

Lincoln	1-0
St. Xavier.....	1-0
Quincy	1-0

vs. Ranked (FCS) Teams (5-3)

UNI at #24 Montana, L, 23-26
 South Dakota at #11 Weber St., L, 10-27
 #15 Montana at Western Illinois, W, 31-27
 #20 N. Arizona at Missouri State, W, 40-8
 #23 Montana St. at NDSU, W, 52-10
 UNI at #7 UC Davis, L, 16-23
 #7 Colgate at North Dakota State, W, 35-0
 SDSU at #2 Kennesaw State, W, 27-17

vs. Ranked (FBS) Teams (0-2)

Missouri St. at #25 Okla. State, L, 17-58
 Youngstown St. at #14 W. Virginia, L, 17-52

Dominance By Decade

The MVFC is 57-24 since 2010 in the play-offs -- better than any other league. Since 2014, the MVFC has a 38-17 record in the playoffs, which includes seven intraconference games, meaning the league is 31-10 vs. other leagues in that span.

By Decade*	85-89	90-99	00-09	10-pres.	ALL
MVFC	6-6	18-16	24-22	57-24	105-68
Big Sky	8-11	23-20	24-21	24-26	91-83
Big South	0-0	0-0	0-1	11-13	11-14
CAA	2-8	16-23	47-29	40-35	109-101
MEAC	0-2	4-9	0-11	0-8	8-32
Northeast	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-9	2-9
Ohio Valley	6-9	7-16	1-14	9-16	33-61
Patriot	0-0	1-5	6-12	7-11	14-28
Pioneer	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-6	2-6
Southern	14-9	36-20	35-19	20-23	109-75
Southland	13-6	16-20	9-17	20-21	63-68
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)

Valley Football in the Semis

Counting this year, an MVFC member has reached the FCS playoff semifinals 23 times in the past 23 years and 26 times overall. The conference is 12-12 in previous FCS semifinal games (7-5 at home):

Year	Team Result - Opponent
1985	UNI L - Ga. Southern
1987	UNI L - at NE Louisiana
1992	UNI L - Youngstown State
1996	UNI L - at Marshall
1997	Youngstown St. W - at E. Washington
1998	Western Illinois L - at Ga. Southern
1999	Illinois State L - at Ga. Southern Youngstown St. W - Florida A&M
2001	UNI L - at Montana
2002	Western Ky. W - at Ga. Southern
2005	UNI W - at Texas State
2006	Youngstown St. L - at Appalachian
2007	S. Illinois L - vs. Delaware
2008	UNI L - vs. Richmond
2011	North Dakota State W - vs. Ga. Southern
2012	North Dakota State W - vs. Ga. Southern
2013	North Dakota State W - vs. N. Hampshire
2014	North Dakota State W - Sam Houston St. Illinois State W - at N. Hampshire
2015	North Dakota State W - Richmond
2016	North Dakota State L - James Madison Youngstown State W - at E. Washington
2017	South Dakota State L - at James Madison North Dakota State W - Sam Houston State
2018	South Dakota State North Dakota State

Semifinal Appearances By MVFC School:

8 - NDSU (2011, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18)
7 - UNI (1985, 87, 1992, 96, 2001, 05, 08)
4 - Youngstown State (1997, 1999, 2006, 2016)
2 - Illinois State (1999, 2014)
2 - South Dakota State (2017, 2018)
1 - S. Illinois (2007); WIU (1998), WKU (2002)

Title Contenders

The 2017 season marked the 12th title appearance for a league team. The league is 8-4 in title games, although YSU and SIU both played in the championship prior to joining the league.

Illinois State (0-1): 2014-L
NDSU (6-0): 2011-W, 12-W, 13-W, 14-W, 15-W, 17-W
UNI (0-1): 2005-L
Southern Illinois (1-0): 1983-W
Western Kentucky (1-0): 2002-W
Youngstown (4-3): 1991-W, 1992-L, 1993-W, 1994-W, 1997-W, 1999-L, 2016-L

Valley Football in the Finals

An MVFC member has reached the FCS playoff championship game in 11 of the past 21 years. Saturday's winner will make it 12 title trips in the past 22 years and will extend the MVFC's record for having a title-game participant to eight-straight seasons. The league is 8-4 in previous NCAA Division I Football Championship games.

Year	Team Result - Opponent
1997	Youngstown State W - McNeese State
1999	Youngstown State L - Ga. Southern
2002	Western Kentucky W - McNeese State
2005	UNI L - Appalachian St.
2011	N. Dakota State W - Sam Houston
2012	N. Dakota State W - Sam Houston
2013	N. Dakota State W - Towson
2014	N. Dakota State W - Illinois State Illinois State L - N. Dakota State
2015	N. Dakota State W - Jacksonville St.
2016	Youngstown State L - James Madison
2017	North Dakota State W - James Madison

Title Games, Consecutive Years

The NDSU-SDSU winner will give the MVFC a title-game team for an FCS-record eighth-straight year. The CAA is looking to extend its current streak to three in a row.

8 - MVFC (2011, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18)
5 - CAA (2006, 07, 08, 09, 10)
4 - OVC (1979, 80, 81, 82)
4 - SoCon (1998, 99, 00, 01)
3 - Big Sky (1994, 95, 96)
3 - Big Sky (2008, 09, 10)
3 - Southern (1991, 92, 93)
3 - SoCon (2005, 06, 07)

All-Time Title Game Trips

Here's a look at the leaders, by conference, since 1978. The totals below count the MVFC's guaranteed trip in 2018.

16 - Southern Conference (8 titles)
13 - Missouri Valley Football Conference (8 titles)
13 - Big Sky Conference (6 titles)
12 - CAA Football (6 titles)
12 - Independents (9 titles)*
8 - Southland Conference (1 title)
4 - Ohio Valley Conference (2 titles)

*includes 5 combined trips by YSU (4) and SIU (1), with 4 FCS titles when they played as independents.