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## 2024 Valley Football Standings (thru Nov. 9)

Team	Overall	Pct.	Conference	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Away	Neut	Streak
North Dakota St.	9-1	.900	6-0	1.000	378	157	5-0	4-1	0-0	W 9
Missouri St.	8-2	.800	6-0	1.000	388	258	4-0	4-2	0-0	W 8
South Dakota St.	8-2	.800	5-1	.833	353	130	5-0	3-2	0-0	W 3
South Dakota	7-2	.778	5-1	.833	336	100	5-0	2-2	0-0	W 1
Illinois St.	7-3	.700	4-2	.667	262	248	3-2	4-1	0-0	W 3
Indiana St.	4-6	.400	3-3	.500	189	307	4-1	0-5	0-0	L 1
North Dakota	5-5	.500	2-4	.333	321	294	5-1	0-4	0-0	L 3
Youngstown St.	3-8	.273	2-5	.286	290	392	3-2	0-6	0-0	L 2
Southern Ill.	3-7	.300	1-5	.167	197	326	2-3	1-4	0-0	W 1
UNI	2-8	.200	0-6	.000	159	323	1-3	1-5	0-0	L 8
Murray St.	1-9	.100	0-7	.000	213	450	1-5	0-4	0-0	L 7

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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.

#### 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).

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## What's On Tap

### Saturday, Nov. 16

\*UNI at Youngstown State (ESPN+) 11 am CT  
\*#17/16 Illinois State at Indiana State (ESPN+) 12 pm CT  
\*#5/5 S. Dakota at #11/11 N. Dakota (Midco/E+) 12 pm CT  
Murray State at Kentucky (SECN+/ESPN+) 12:30 pm CT  
\*Southern Illinois at #3/3 SDSU (Midco/ESPN+) 2 pm CT  
\*-/#14 MoState at #1/1 NDSU (ABC ND/ESPN+) 2:30 pm CT

### Saturday, Nov. 23

\*North Dakota at Illinois State (ESPN+) 12 pm CT  
\*Murray State at Southern Illinois (ESPN+) 12 pm CT  
\*NDSU at South Dakota (ABC ND/Midco/E+) 1 pm CT  
\*Indiana State at UNI (PSN/ESPN+) 1 pm CT  
\*SDSU at Missouri State (MC22/ESPN+) 2 pm CT

FCS rankings are Stats Perform Top 25/AFCA Coaches poll;  
\*denotes MVFC game

## MVFC in Select Company

NDSU, SDSU, and USD are the only FCS teams to rank in the Top 15 of four major metrics (MoState not included below as the Bears are not eligible for FCS playoffs):

### Wins Against Top 25 (Massey rated)

3 - North Dakota State  
3 - South Dakota State  
3 - Montana State

### Wins Against Top 50 (Massey rated)

6 - North Dakota State  
6 - Montana State  
5 - South Dakota State  
5 - UC Davis

### Teams in Top 15 (Massey, KPI, Sagarin, SOS)

NDSU (1-Massey, 1-KPI, 2-Sagarin, 8-SOS)  
SDSU (2-Massey, 4-KPI, 1-Sagarin, 4-SOS)  
South Dakota (4-Massey, 13-KPI, 4-Sagarin, 14-SOS)

## MVFC in the Metrics

Six of the Missouri Valley Football Conference's 11 programs rank in the top 18 of the Massey FCS Ratings. In Massey, UNI's strength of schedule leads the MVFC and is No. 2 nationally (behind Portland State). South Dakota State (3), Southern Illinois (4), North Dakota State (8), Youngstown State (10), North Dakota (9), South Dakota (14), and Illinois State (15) also have SOS in the FCS Top 15.

MVFC Leaders	Massey	SOS	Stats	AFCA	Sagarin	KPI
N. Dakota State	1	8	1	1	55 (2)	1
S. Dakota State	2	3	3	3	38 (1)	4
South Dakota	4	14	5	5	69 (4)	13
Missouri State	7	23	*	14	108 (6)	10
Illinois State	13	15	17	16	126 (11)	44
North Dakota	18	9	RV	RV	131 (14)	41

Strength of Schedule (SOS) is taken from Massey ratings; Stats is Stats Perform FCS poll; AFCA is Coaches poll. \*Stats Perform doesn't permit votes for teams transitioning to FBS. Sagarin rankings are overall DI football with FCS rank.

## Sagarin Ranks MVFC No. 1

Six MVFC football programs rank among the Top 14 in Jeff Sagarin's football ratings (see above), which includes four of the top six FCS teams. The MVFC is the highest-rated FCS conference in Sagarin:

### Sagarin FCS Conference Ratings (Sagarin)

1. Missouri Valley Football
2. Big Sky
3. Coastal
4. United Athletic
5. Ivy



## MVFC Digital Home

All MVFC home games will be available on ESPN+

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## vs. Non-Conference (23-19)

FCS: Home: 15-4 / Away: 6-3 / Neut: 0-0  
 NDI: Home: 2-0 | FBS: Away: 0-12

### NCAA FCS Teams (21-7)

<b>Big Sky</b> .....	<b>2-1</b>
Idaho State .....	1-0
Montana .....	1-1
<b>Big South-OVC Association</b> .....	<b>5-2</b>
Eastern Illinois .....	1-1
Lindenwood .....	1-0
SE Missouri State .....	0-1
Tennessee State .....	1-0
UT Martin .....	1-0
Western Illinois .....	1-0
<b>CAA</b> .....	<b>1-1</b>
Towson .....	1-0
Villanova .....	0-1
<b>PFL</b> .....	<b>6-1</b>
Butler .....	0-1
Dayton .....	1-0
Drake .....	1-0
San Diego .....	1-0
St. Thomas .....	1-0
Valparaiso .....	2-0
<b>NEC</b> .....	<b>0-1</b>
Duquesne .....	0-1
<b>Southern</b> .....	<b>1-0</b>
East Tennessee State .....	1-0
<b>Southland</b> .....	<b>3-1</b>
Houston Christian .....	0-1
Incarnate Word .....	2-0
Southeastern Louisiana .....	1-0
<b>SWAC</b> .....	<b>1-0</b>
Mississippi Valley State .....	1-0
<b>United Athletic</b> .....	<b>2-0</b>
Austin Peay .....	1-0
North Alabama .....	1-0

### NCAA FBS Teams (0-12)

<b>ACC</b> .....	<b>0-1</b>
Pittsburgh .....	0-1
<b>Big 12</b> .....	<b>0-4</b>
BYU .....	0-1
Colorado .....	0-1
Iowa State .....	0-1
Oklahoma State .....	0-1
<b>Big Ten</b> .....	<b>0-4</b>
Iowa .....	0-1
Nebraska .....	0-1
Purdue .....	0-1
Wisconsin .....	0-1
<b>Mid-American</b> .....	<b>0-1</b>
Ball State .....	0-1
<b>Mountain West</b> .....	<b>0-1</b>
Hawaii .....	0-1
<b>SEC</b> .....	<b>0-1</b>
Kentucky .....	0-0
Missouri .....	0-1

### Non-Division I Teams (2-0)

Augustana .....	1-0
Northern State .....	1-0

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

A29 - #25 Youngstown St. at #6 Villanova .....	L, 17-24
A31 - Missouri State at #3 Montana .....	L, 24-29
S7 - #1 SDSU vs. #11 UIW .....	W, 45-24
S7 - #20 North Dakota vs. #4 Montana .....	W, 27-24
S14 - #8 S. Illinois vs. #12 UIW .....	W, 35-28
S21 - #7 S. Illinois vs. #21 SEMO .....	L, 21-38

### vs. Ranked (FBS) Teams (0-4)

A29 - Murray State at #11 Missouri .....	L, 0-51
A31 - #17 Illinois State at #25 Iowa .....	L, 0-40
A31 - #1 SDSU at #17 Oklahoma State .....	L, 20-44
S14 - #21 UNI at #23 Nebraska .....	L, 3-34

## Ranked vs. Ranked

This week, Missouri State and NDSU face one another in a matchup of two top-25 MVFC programs. In Conference history, there have been 240 games in which two league teams ranked in the top 25 played one another. Of those 240 games, 69 times the meeting involved teams that were both ranked in the Top 10 at the same time. Nineteen meetings have occurred in the playoffs. The home team is 134-104 in those games; the higher-ranked team is 152-87. Those figures include two neutral-site games, and one game in which the teams were both No. 25.

## Against the FCS | Breakdowns

Here's a breakdown of what MVFC schools have done vs. FCS schools (league and non-league), vs. FBS schools, and vs. the Top 25.

Team	All	vs. FCS	vs. FBS	Top 25
Illinois State	7-3	7-2	0-1	1-2*
Indiana State	4-6	4-5	0-1	1-2
Missouri State	8-2	8-1	0-1	1-1
Murray State	1-9	1-8	0-1	0-6*
North Dakota	5-5	5-4	0-1	1-2
North Dakota State	9-1	9-0	0-1	3-0
UNI	2-8	2-6	0-2	0-6
South Dakota	7-2	6-1	0-1	1-1
South Dakota State	8-2	7-1	0-1	4-1
Southern Illinois	3-7	3-6	0-1	1-5
Youngstown State	3-8	3-7	0-1	1-4
NON-MVFC ONLY	23-19	21-7	0-12	3-3
MVFC GAMES	34-34	34-34	---	11-27
ALL GAMES	57-53	55-41	0-12	14-30

\*not included are games vs. FBS Top 25

## Winning Against No. 1

On Nov. 16, Missouri State will be looking to post the league's 21st all-time win vs. a No. 1-ranked team when it faces top-ranked NDSU. Eleven of the previous 20 MVFC wins against a No. 1 team have been league games. MoState is 0-9 all-time against No. 1 ranked FCS teams.

Year	Team	Opponent
1992	Eastern Illinois	UNI~
1993	Illinois State	Youngstown State
1997	UNI	Youngstown State~
1997	Youngstown St.	Villanova*
1998	Western Illinois	Youngstown State~
2002	Western Kentucky	McNeese State#
2005	Illinois State	Southern Illinois~
2005	Southern Illinois	Western Kentucky~
2005	UNI	New Hampshire*
2011	Youngstown St.	North Dakota State~
2011	North Dakota St.	Sam Houston State#
2012	Indiana State	North Dakota State~
2014	UNI	North Dakota State~
2014	Illinois State	New Hampshire*
2015	North Dakota St.	Jacksonville State#
2016	South Dakota St.	North Dakota State~
2017	North Dakota St.	James Madison#
20-21	Southern Illinois	North Dakota State~
2022	South Dakota State	North Dakota State~
2024	North Dakota State	South Dakota State~

\*denotes playoffs; #FCS Championship Game  
 ~denotes conference game

## 5 MVFC Teams Ranked

Five league teams are ranked the Coaches poll and four are ranked in the Stats Perform poll this week.

The league has three of the Top 5 in both the Stats Perform and AFCA Coaches poll.

All FCS ranked teams are in action on Saturday, which features three games that have two top-25 teams facing one another. There were three new ranked teams in the Stats Perform poll and four in the AFCA rankings.

### FCS Top-25 vs. Top 25 Matchups This Week (N16)

~#14 MoState at #1/1 NDSU (ABC ND/ESPN+)	2:30 pm CT
#2/#2 Montana State at #4/4 UC Davis (ESPN+)	7:00 pm CT
#14/#15 Abilene Christian at #13/12 Tarleton St. (E+)	6:00 pm CT

### Stats Perform Top 25 (Nov. 11)

School (first-place votes)	Rec.	Pts.
1 North Dakota State (42)	9-1	1386
2 Montana State (14)	10-0	1354
3 South Dakota State	8-2	1286
4 UC Davis	9-1	1229
5 South Dakota	7-2	1183
6 UIW	8-2	1059
7 Mercer	9-1	1027
8 Idaho	7-3	1014
9 Villanova	8-2	864
10 Montana	7-3	840
11 Richmond	8-2	818
12 Southeast Missouri	8-2	747
13 Tarleton State	8-2	735
14 Abilene Christian	7-3	684
15 Rhode Island	8-2	678
16 Stony Brook	8-2	554
17 Illinois State	7-3	500
18 UT Martin	7-3	480
19 Chattanooga	6-4	298
20 Harvard	7-1	259
21 ETSU	6-4	189
22 Duquesne	7-2	185
23 Jackson State	8-2	145
24 Central Arkansas	6-4	116
25 Northern Arizona	6-4	86

### AFCA Coaches Top 25 (Nov. 11)

School (first-place votes)	Rec.	Pts.
1 North Dakota State (24)	9-1	648
2 Montana State (2)	10-0	622
3 South Dakota State	8-2	598
4 UC Davis	9-1	570
5 South Dakota	7-2	527
6 UIW	8-2	500
7 Richmond	8-2	479
8 Villanova	8-2	433
9 Mercer	9-1	416
10 Idaho	7-3	393
11 Montana	7-3	348
12 Tarleton State	8-2	342
13 Southeast Missouri	8-2	334
14 Missouri State	8-2	310
15 Abilene Christian	7-3	283
16 Illinois State	7-3	270
17 Stony Brook	8-2	251
18 Rhode Island	8-2	239
19 UT Martin	7-3	186
20 Jackson State	8-2	181
21 Duquesne	7-2	146
22 Harvard	7-1	88
23 South Carolina State	7-2	66
24 Dartmouth	7-1	35
t25 Butler	8-2	31
t25 Chattanooga	6-4	31

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## Players of the Week

### Offense

**QB Jacob Clark, Missouri State**

6-5, 220, Sr., Rockwall, Texas (Rockwall HS)  
Clark passed for a career-high 431 yards and tossed four TD passes to lead Missouri State to season highs in total yards (579) and points (59) in Saturday's win at Murray State. His effort moved him past Jay Rodgers (1999) for the Bears' single-season touchdown record with his 25th of the campaign. He also moved into second place on MSU's single-season passing yards list, just 176 behind Jason Shelley's (2021) season standard (3,347), and completions (230), just five behind Shelley.

### Defense

**DL Mi'Quise Grace, South Dakota**

6-4, 255, So., Cincinnati, Ohio (Princeton HS)  
Grace was the biggest reason on the defensive line that Indiana State was held to a whopping (-3) rushing yards and just 129 total yards on the day. The 129 total yards allowed was a league-best in 2024 as was the 2.4 yards per play allowed and the minus-3 yards rushing. Indiana State did not have a rush longer than six yards in the contest -- also a league best by USD. Grace set a new career-best with his 3.0 tackles for loss, along with 1.5 sacks coming early in the second half. He also forced a fumble on a strip-sack and was credited with three quarterback hurries, living in the Sycamore backfield all day.

### Newcomer

**QB Jake Curry, Southern Illinois**

5-11, 185, Fr., Edwardsville, Ill. (Edwardsville)  
Curry rallied SIU from a 28-0 deficit to beat Youngstown State, 37-33. It was the largest comeback in school history and tied for the largest in conference history. Curry completed 19-of-26 passes for 322 yards and three touchdowns and also led the team in rushing with 10 carries for 78 yards and one TD. He threw two touchdown passes in the final three minutes -- an 18-yard fade route to TE Colton Hoag, and a 20-yard seam route to Bradley Clark for the game-winner with 1:09 remaining.

### Special Teams

**K/P Hunter Dustman, South Dakota State**

6-4, 225, Sr., East Bethel, Minn. (St. Francis)  
Dustman scored eight points and averaged 44.5 yards on four punts as part of an all-around solid performance by South Dakota State in a 38-7 road win at North Dakota on Nov. 9. He put the first Jackrabbit points on the board with a 32-yard field goal late in the first quarter, then kicked five extra points in the middle two quarters. Dustman landed two of his four punts inside the UND 20-yard line with a long of 51.

## Pitching a Shutout

South Dakota shut out Indiana State on Nov. 9 for its second league shutout of the season (Murray State was the other). Counting those two shutouts, there have been 53 total shutouts in MVFC games in the league's 40-year history. **Only six teams have recorded two shutouts during Conference play during the same season. Western Illinois, in 2002, had three league shutouts.**

### MVFC Teams with 2 Shutouts, Same Season

North Dakota State (2013, vs. USD & vs. SDSU)  
UNI (2008, vs. INS & vs. MoState)  
**South Dakota (2024, vs. MUR & vs. INS)**  
Southern Illinois (2012, vs. ILS & vs. YSU)  
Western Illinois (2002, vs. WKU, vs. ILS, vs. YSU)  
Youngstown State (1997, vs. ILS & vs. INS)

### MVFC Leaders, Shutouts Recorded in League Play

- 11 - UNI
- 8 - North Dakota State
- 6 - Illinois State, Southern Illinois
- 5 - South Dakota State, Western Illinois
- 4 - South Dakota, Youngstown State

## QB Accuracy

**Several league QBs have had streaks of 10 or more consecutive completions this season. Elijah Owens of Indiana State had 18-straight completions against Houston Baptist on Sept. 28. NDSU's Cam Miller holds the MVFC record (23 over a two-game span last year).**

### Consecutive QB Completions, MVFC 2024

- 18 - Elijah Owens, INS (vs. Houston Christian), 9/28
- 17 - Cam Miller, NDSU (vs. SDSU-8, 10/19 & at Murray State-5, 10/26 & UNI-4, 11/2)
- 16 - Cam Miller, NDSU (at ETSU-2, 9/1 & vs. Towson-14, 9/21)
- 14 - Cam Miller, NDSU (vs. Towson-1, 9/21 & vs. Illinois State-13, 9/28)
- 13 - Aidan Bouman, USD (vs. UNI), 10/12
- 12 - Tommy Rittenhouse, ILS (vs. YSU), 11/2
- 11 - Jacob Clark, MOST (vs. Lindenwood), 9/14
- 11 - Jacob Clark, MOST (at Murray State), 11/9
- 10 - Jacob Clark, MOST (vs. Youngstown St.), 9/28
- 10 - Elijah Owens, INS (at Eastern Illinois), 9/7
- 10 - Simon Romfo, UND (at Indiana State), 11/2

## Monumental Matchup

**North Dakota State (6-0) hosts Missouri State (6-0) on Nov. 16 with sole possession of first place in the league race on the line. There has only been one previous meeting in MVFC history between two teams with 6-0 league records. On Nov. 7, 2009, Southern Illinois beat South Dakota State to claim the league's AQ.**

## Getting to 7-0

**The NDSU-MoState matchup at 6-0 in MVFC play guarantees one school will be 7-0 after Saturday in Fargo. Here are the previous MVFC teams to start a league season with six-straight wins. Seven MVFC programs have started 7-0; each of those teams won the league with an unbeaten record.**

### MVFC Teams To Start League Play 6-0

- 1987 - UNI (won league with 6-0 mark)
- 1988 - Western Illinois (won league with 6-0 mark)
- 1994 - UNI (won league with 6-0 mark)
- 1997 - Western Illinois (won league with 6-0 mark)
- 1999 - Illinois State (won league with 6-0 mark)
- 2003 - S. Illinois (won league with 6-1 mark)
- \*2004 - S. Illinois (won league with 7-0 mark)
- 2007 - UNI (won league with 6-0 mark)
- \*2009 - S. Illinois (won league with 8-0 mark)
- 2009 - SDSU (finished second with 7-1 mark)
- 2011 - NDSU (won league with 7-1 mark)
- \*2013 - NDSU (won league with 8-0 mark)
- \*2018 - NDSU (won league with 8-0 mark)
- \*2019 - NDSU (won league with 8-0 mark)
- \*2022 - SDSU (won league with 8-0 mark)
- \*2023 - SDSU (won league with 8-0 mark)

\*denotes 7-0 league starts



## In the NFL

**A total of 31 former MVFC players earned a spot on NFL Opening Day rosters this year. Those numbers do not include additional players who were signed to the practice squad or those on reserve.**

## 2024 Valley Football Teams in the Top 25

Team	Pre	S2	S9	S16	S23	S30	07	014	021	028	N4	N11
Illinois State	19	21	18	15	15	18	16	21	20	19	17	16
Indiana St.	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	--	--	RV	--	--	RV	--
Missouri St.	RV	RV	RV	--	RV	RV	25	20	18	17	15	14
Murray St.	RV	RV	--	RV	RV	RV	--	--	--	--	--	--
UND	22	20	10	9	8	6	9	9	7	15	21	RV
NDSU	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
UNI	RV	RV	21	19	19	18	RV	--	--	--	--	--
S. Dakota	5	6	6	6	5	4	4	4	4	5	5	5
SDSU	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3
S. Illinois	10	10	8	7	17	19	RV	--	--	--	--	--
Youngstown	23	23	20	25	RV	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

\*Rank represents highest position in the two polls (Stats Perform or AFCA FCS Coaches polls)

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## Record-Setting Comeback

Southern Illinois established a school record and tied a league record with its 28-point comeback 37-33 win against Youngstown State on Nov. 9. The Salukis trailed 28-0 before scoring with 2:12 remaining before halftime. SIU trailed 33-18 entering the fourth quarter.

### Largest Comebacks, MVFC History

(28) 35-7 W. Illinois 38, Youngstown St. 35 (2021)  
(28) 34-6 SDSU 50, S.F. Austin 48 (2008)  
**(28) 28-0 S. Illinois 37, Youngstown St. 33 (2024)**  
(23) 31-8 W. Illinois 35, Missouri State 31 (1988)  
(21) 21-0 Youngstown State 37, Villanova 34 (1997)  
(21) 21-0 UNI 31, Indiana State 28 (1998)  
(21) 21-0 Illinois St. 55, Southern Illinois 48 (1999)  
(21) 21-0 YSU 28, Western Illinois 24 (1999)  
(21) 28-7 UNI 43, Southern Illinois 40 (2003)  
(21) 28-7 Southern Illinois 34, N. Illinois 31 (2007)  
(21) 28-7 Illinois St. 35, Youngstown St. 28 (2012)  
(21) 28-7 South Dakota 38, UNI 31 (2013)  
(21) 27-6 Illinois St. 37, Western Illinois 34 (2014)  
(21) 21-0 USD 52, Weber State 49 2ot (2016)  
(21) 42-21 USD 52, Weber State 49 2ot (2016)

## Against the FCS Top 25

The MVFC is 3-3 against ranked FCS non-conference teams in 2024, and including 11 wins against Top-25 opponents in league play, MVFC schools have earned 14 top-25 wins in 2024. **MVFC schools are 21-7 against FCS opponents this year, with three of those seven losses to ranked FCS non-league teams. The 21-7 mark against peer FCS programs is the best of any FCS league.**

## What's the Rush?

YSU Sophomore QB Beau Brungard has set the school single-season record for rushing yards by a quarterback. Brungard has rushed for 920 yards on 143 carries and scored 14 touchdowns this year. He is averaging 83.6 yards per game. He broke Jeff Ryan's (1999) previous mark of 638 yards.

### MVFC Single-Season Rushing Yards by a QB

1,334 - Aaron Bailey, UNI, 2015 (14 games)  
1,291 - Tirrell Rennie, UNI, 2010 (12 games)  
1,100 - Trey Lance, NDSU, 2019 (16 games)  
1,034 - Sheraton Fox, Indiana State, 1999  
1,029 - Tre Roberson, Illinois St., 2014 (15 games)

## MOST's Clark Leads MVFC

MoState QB Jacob Clark leads MVFC signal callers in a host of statistical categories. He became the 28th MVFC QB to eclipse 3,000 pass yards in a season and currently ranks 15th-best for a single season.

### Season (has been 28 3,000-yard passing seasons)

9. 3,347, Jason Shelley, MOST, 2021 (12g)  
10. 3,246, Nic Baker, SIU, 2021 (13 games)  
11. 3,221, Tre Roberson, ILS, 2014 (15 games)  
12. 3,195, Mark Iannotti, SIU, 2015 (11g)  
13.3,182, Connor Sampson, WIU, 2021 (11 games)  
14. 3,175, Nick Hill, SIU, 2007 (14 games)  
**15. 3,171, Jacob Clark, MOST, 2014 (10 games)**

## Passing Fancy

Cam Miller of North Dakota State leads the FCS in completion percentage (77.6) this season. That figure would surpass the league's all-time single-season mark and would also set an FCS record. The FCS single-season record was established by Michael Hiers of Samford in 2022 (76.6, 353-of-461). Three MVFC QBs are among the Top 11 in the FCS this season.

### FCS Leaders, 2024 (Completion Percentage)

1. Cam Miller, North Dakota St.	.776
3. Jacob Clark, Missouri State	.730
11. Elijah Owens, Indiana State	.687

### MVFC Single-Season Leaders (Completion Pct.)

.7523, Eric Sanders, UNI, 2007 (237-of-315)  
.7237, Stone Labanowitz, SIU, 2020 (110-of-152)  
.7197, Cam Miller, NDSU, 2023 (208-of-289)  
.7146, Nick Hill, S. Illinois, 2007 (258-of-361)

## Streaking

With its win against South Dakota State on Oct. 19, North Dakota State snapped SDSU's 19-game win streak in MVFC games. **SDSU's 26-game home win streak is the best active streak in the FCS. North Dakota State's nine-game active win streak is tied for second-best in the FCS. Missouri State's eight-game win streak is tied for fourth-best among active FCS streaks.**

### Active FCS Leaders (home win streaks):

**26, South Dakota State (MVFC)**  
23, Florida A&M (SWAC)  
14, Villanova (CAA)  
11, Harvard (Ivy)  
**9, North Dakota State (MVFC)**

### Active FCS Leaders (overall win streaks):

10, Montana State (Big Sky)  
**9, North Dakota State (MVFC)**  
9, UC Davis (Big Sky)  
**8, Missouri State (MVFC)**  
8, Richmond (CAA)

## Miller Time

North Dakota State's Cam Miller rushed for a TD and threw for two more in the Bison's 41-17 win against North Dakota. **The rushing TD was the 42nd in Cam Miller's career -- a league record for a QB, surpassing former NDSU signal caller Easton Stick.**

### Career Rushing TDs, for a QB

**42, Cam Miller, North Dakota State, 2020-present**  
41, Easton Stick, North Dakota State, 2015-18  
36, DeAndre Smith, Missouri State, 1987-90

## MVFC Teams To Be No. 1

Seven different league members have achieved a No. 1 national ranking while in the MVFC. North Dakota State has been ranked No. 1 for more weeks than any other league school at 81 total weeks.

## Players of the Week

### Sept. 2

Offense: QB Cam Miller, North Dakota State  
Defense: S Todric McGee, Missouri State  
Special Teams: RS Keyondray Jones-Logan, USD  
Newcomer: RB Ethan Wright, Youngstown State  
Lineman: OL Blake Anderson, UNI

### Sept. 9

Offense: QB Beau Brungard, Youngstown State  
\*Defense: LB Ben Bogle, Southern Illinois  
Special Teams: PK C.J. Elrichs, North Dakota  
Newcomer: QB Elijah Owens, Indiana State  
Lineman: OL Evan Beerntsen, South Dakota State

### Sept. 16

Co-Offense: QB DJ Williams, Southern Illinois  
Co-Offense: QB Jacob Clark, Missouri State  
Defense: LB Garret Ollendieck, Indiana State  
Special Teams: P Hayden Futch, Illinois State  
Newcomer: WR Keontez Lewis, Southern Illinois  
Lineman: C Chase Evans, Southern Illinois

### Sept. 23

\*Offense: RB Kirby Vorhees, South Dakota State  
Defense: LB Josh Navratil, North Dakota  
Special Teams: WR/RS Jackson Williams, NDSU  
Newcomer: RB CharMar Brown, North Dakota State  
Lineman: OL JJ Guedet, Illinois State

### Sept. 30

Offense: QB Jacob Clark, Missouri State  
Defense: DT Eli Mostaert, North Dakota State  
Special Teams: DB Tyler Erkman, North Dakota  
Newcomer: RB CharMar Brown, North Dakota State  
Lineman: OL Seth Anderson, North Dakota

### Oct. 7

Offense: QB Cam Miller, North Dakota State  
\*Defense: LB Tye Niekamp, Illinois State  
Special Teams: P Brendon Kilpatrick, Youngstown State  
Newcomer: WR Quaron Adams, South Dakota  
Lineman: LT Grey Zabel, North Dakota State

### Oct. 14

Offense: QB Jacob Clark, Missouri State  
Defense: LB Gary Bryant III, South Dakota  
Special Teams: RB/KR Angel Johnson, SDSU  
\*Newcomer: QB Elijah Owens, Indiana State  
Lineman: C Gus Miller, South Dakota State

### Oct. 21

Offense: QB Tommy Rittenhouse, Illinois State  
Defense: LB Logan Kopp, North Dakota State  
Special Teams: P Kaedin Steindorf, North Dakota State  
Newcomer: WR Xavier Loyd, Illinois State  
Lineman: OL Jack Kuntz, North Dakota

### Oct. 28

Offense: QB Beau Brungard, Youngstown State  
Defense: LB Geoffrey Brown, Indiana State  
Special Teams: PK Andrew Lastovka, Youngstown State  
Newcomer: RB CharMar Brown, North Dakota State  
Lineman: OC Cash Hudson, Missouri State

### Nov. 4

Offense: RB Jayden Becks, Missouri State  
Defense: DE Joey Shew, Indiana State  
Special Teams: PK James London, Murray State  
Newcomer: RB CharMar Brown, North Dakota State  
Lineman: LT Grey Zabel, North Dakota State

### Nov. 11

Offense: QB Jacob Clark, Missouri State  
Defense: DL Mi'Quise Grace, South Dakota  
Special Teams: K/P Hunter Dustman, S. Dakota State  
\*Newcomer: QB Jake Curry, Southern Illinois

\*indicates National Player of the Week

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## 3RD DOWN PCT.

MVFC LEADERS IN NCAA STATS

2. NORTH DAKOTA STATE	57.5
6. YOUNGSTOWN STATE	50.6
9. SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	49.2
10. NORTH DAKOTA	47.8
14. MISSOURI STATE	46.4

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## KICKOFF RETURNS

MVFC LEADERS IN NCAA STATS

1. SOUTH DAKOTA	37.3
4. NORTH DAKOTA ST.	27.5
7. MISSOURI STATE	25.8
20. INDIANA STATE	23.0

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## PASS EFFICIENCY

MVFC LEADERS IN NCAA STATS

1. CAM MILLER, NDSU	186.3
3. JACOB CLARK, MOST	180.0
7. AIDAN BOUMAN, USD	163.6

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## COMPLETION PCT.

MVFC LEADERS IN NCAA STATS

1. CAM MILLER, NDSU	77.6
3. JACOB CLARK, MOST	73.0
11. ELIJAH OWENS, INS	68.7
12. AIDAN BOUMAN, USD	68.6

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## TIME OF POSSESSION

MVFC LEADERS IN NCAA STATS

1. YOUNGSTOWN ST.	36:02
3. NORTH DAKOTA ST.	34:24
12. NORTH DAKOTA	32:33

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## RUSHING OFFENSE

MVFC LEADERS IN NCAA STATS

4. SOUTH DAKOTA ST.	245.9
6. SOUTH DAKOTA	225.1
12. YOUNGSTOWN ST.	206.8
18. NORTH DAKOTA ST.	197.7
19. NORTH DAKOTA	196.9

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## SCORING OFFENSE

MVFC LEADERS IN NCAA STATS

2. MISSOURI STATE	38.8
4. NORTH DAKOTA ST.	37.8
7. SOUTH DAKOTA	37.3
13. SOUTH DAKOTA ST.	35.3
25. NORTH DAKOTA	32.1

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## RED ZONE DEFENSE

MVFC Leaders in NCAA Stats

2. SOUTH DAKOTA ST.	60.7
5. NORTH DAKOTA ST.	66.7
9. SOUTH DAKOTA	68.4

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