



2022 SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE FOOTBALL WEEKLY RELEASE WEEK 8 • OCTOBER 18, 2022

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2022 SOUTHLAND FOOTBALL STANDINGS

	SOUTHLAND		ALL GAMES					
	W-L	PCT	W-L	PCT	HOME	AWAY	NEU	STK
Northwestern State	3-0	1.000	3-4	.429	2-0	1-3	0-1	W1
Texas A&M-Commerce	2-0	1.000	4-2	.667	2-0	2-2	0-0	W3
UIW	2-1	.667	6-1	.857	3-0	3-1	0-0	W3
Southeastern	1-1	.500	3-3	.500	3-1	0-2	0-0	L1
Nicholls	1-1	.500	1-6	.143	0-2	1-4	0-0	L1
HCU	1-2	.333	2-4	.333	0-3	2-1	0-0	L2
McNeese	0-2	.000	1-5	.167	1-2	0-3	0-0	L2
Lamar	0-3	.000	0-6	.000	0-2	0-4	0-0	L6

! Southland Regular Season Champion. ^ FCS Championship Participant.

THIS WEEK IN THE SOUTHLAND

Saturday, October 22

Southeast Missouri at Northwestern State 1 p.m.
First meeting between schools

ESPN+

Southeastern at Jacksonville State 1 p.m.
JSU leads series • 6-5-1

ESPN+

HCU at Texas A&M-Commerce * 2 p.m.
TAMUC leads series • 1-0

ESPN+

Faulkner at UIW 2 p.m.
First meeting between schools

ESPN+

McNeese at Nicholls * 3 p.m.
McNeese leads series • 32-14

ESPN+

Prairie View A&M at Lamar 4 p.m.
Lamar leads series • 2-0

ESPN 3

All Times Central

LAST WEEK IN THE SOUTHLAND

Saturday, October 15

UIW 49, at Nicholls 14 non-conf

Northwestern State 37, at HCU 10 *

Texas A&M-Commerce 40, at McNeese 15 *

2022 SOUTHLAND PRESEASON POLL

Pl	School (1st)	Total
1.	Southeastern (7)	90
2.	UIW (7)	86
3.	Nicholls (2)	79
4.	McNeese	61
5.	Northwestern State	44
6.	Texas A&M-Commerce	39
7.	Lamar	25
8.	HCU	24

SOUTHLAND FOOTBALL

PRESEASON ALL-SOUTHLAND

FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Class
QB	Lindsey Scott Jr.	UIW	Sr.
RB	Collin Guggenheim*	Nicholls	So.
RB	Deonta McMahon*	McNeese	Sr.
TE/HB	Lee NeGrotto*	Nicholls	So.
WR	Taylor Grimes*	UIW	Sr.
WR	K.J. Franklin*	Nicholls	Jr.
WR	Gage Larvadain*	Southeastern	So.
OL	Caron Coleman*	McNeese	Sr.
OL	Nash Jones*	UIW	Jr.
OL	John Allen*	Southeastern	Jr.
OL	Jalen Bell*	Southeastern	Sr.
OL	Evan Roussel*	Nicholls	So.
PK	Gavin Lasseigne*	Nicholls	Jr.
P	Brady Buell*	HCU	Sr.
DL	Perry Ganci*	Nicholls	Jr.
DL	Mason Kinsey*	McNeese	Sr.
DL	Cameron Preston*	UIW	Gr.
DL	Garrett Crawford*	Southeastern	Jr.
DL	Accord Green*	McNeese	Sr.
LB	Kelechi Anyalebechi*	UIW	Gr.
LB	Kordell Williams*	McNeese	R-Sr.
DB	Zy Alexander*	Southeastern	So.
DB	Kaleb Culp*	UIW	Jr.
DB	Shemar Bartholomew*	Northwestern State	Sr.
DB	Donniel Ward-McGee*	Southeastern	Sr.
DB	PJ Herrington	Northwestern State	Sr.
KR	Gage Larvadain*	Southeastern	So.
PR	Mason Pierce*	McNeese	R-So.

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Class
QB	Kohen Granier	Nicholls	Sr.
RB	Taron Jones*	Southeastern	Sr.
RB	Scooter Adams	Northwestern State	R-Jr.
TE/HB	Roger McCuller	UIW	Gr.
WR	Darion Chafin	UIW	Gr.
WR	Mason Pierce	McNeese	R-So.
WR	CJ Turner	Southeastern	R-Sr.
OL	Mark Barthelemy	Nicholls	Sr.
OL	Reid Francis	UIW	Sr.
OL	Caleb Johnson	UIW	Gr.
OL	Calvin Barkat	McNeese	Sr.
OL	Brennan Lanclos	Southeastern	R-Jr.
PK	Carson Mohr	UIW	Sr.
P	Keven Nguyen*	UIW	Gr.
DL	Isaiah Longino	Northwestern State	Sr.
DL	Jomard Valsin	Northwestern State	Sr.
DL	Bryce Cage	Southeastern	So.
LB	Rodney Dansby*	HCU	So.
LB	Isaiah Paul*	UIW	R-Jr.
LB	Hayden Shaheen*	Nicholls	So.
LB	Brennan Young	HCU	Sr.
DB	Elliott Davison	UIW	Jr.
DB	Jordan Jackson	Nicholls	Jr.
DB	Isaiah Cash	HCU	So.
DB	Brandon Richard	UIW	Sr.
DB	Coi Miller	HCU	Sr.
KR	Ce'Cori Tolds	UIW	Gr.
PR	Gage Larvadain	Southeastern	So.

* Automatic selection; returning all-conference player

FOOTBALL HEAD COACHES



HCU

HEAD COACH.....Vic Shealy
Overall:45-84-1 (13 Seasons)
School:18-70 (9 Seasons)
SLC at School:7-54 (8 Seasons)



UIW

HEAD COACH.....G.J. Kinne
Overall:6-1 (1st Season)
School:6-1 (1st Season)
SLC at School:2-1 (1st Season)



LAMAR

HEAD COACH.....Blane Morgan
Overall:3-19 (3 Seasons)
School:3-19 (3 Seasons)
SLC at School:2-7 (2 Seasons)



MCNEESE

HEAD COACH.....Gary Goff
Overall:61-58 (11 Seasons)
School:1-5 (1st Season)
SLC at School:0-2 (1st Season)



NICHOLLS

HEAD COACH.....Tim Rebowe
Overall:45-41 (8 Seasons)
School:45-41 (8 Seasons)
SLC at School:38-23 (8 Seasons)



NORTHWESTERN STATE

HEAD COACH.....Brad Laird
Overall:15-32 (5 Seasons)
School:15-32 (5 Seasons)
SLC at School:14-21 (5 Seasons)



SOUTHEASTERN

HEAD COACH.....Frank Scelfo
Overall:28-22 (5 Seasons)
School:28-22 (5 Seasons)
SLC at School:21-13 (5 Seasons)



TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE

HEAD COACH.....David Bailiff
Overall:100-104 (17 Seasons)
School:22-9 (3 Seasons)
SLC at School:2-0 (1st Season)

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SOUTHLAND FOOTBALL

2022 SOUTHLAND PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Andrew Armstrong • WR • Texas A&M-Commerce

Armstrong had nine receptions for 113 yards and added two more touchdown catches on Saturday evening in the Lions' 40-15 win over McNeese. Both of his touchdown catches were of significance as his first touchdown gave A&M-Commerce its first points of the game and his second touchdown started a run of 33 unanswered points. He leads all FCS receivers with 11 touchdown catches and is second among all receivers in all three NCAA Divisions.



DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Kendall Paul • DB • Texas A&M-Commerce

Paul made his impact felt in all facets of the Lions' win at McNeese. He totaled seven tackles, including one for loss and had an interception with a 32-yard return to help the Lions remain undefeated in Southland play.



SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Brady Buell • P • HCU

Buell had six punts, averaging 49.8 yards. He had three punts of more than 50 yards, with kicks of 67, 60 and 52 yards. Buell landed two inside the 20, including his 67-yarder that was downed at the Northwestern State 5-yard line.

SOUTHLAND VS. NONCONFERENCE

FCS 5-12

A-SUN 0-1

Jacksonville State 0-1

BIG SKY 1-3

Montana 0-1

Montana State 0-1

Northern Colorado 1-1

MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL CONF. ... 1-0

Southern Illinois 1-0

NORTHEAST 1-0

Central Connecticut State 1-0

OHIO VALLEY 1-4

Eastern Illinois 0-1

Lindenwood 0-1

Murray State 1-0

SEMO 0-1

Tennessee-Martin 0-0

Tennessee State 0-0

Tennessee Tech 0-1

SWAC 1-2

Alcorn State 0-1

Grambling 0-1

Prairie View A&M 1-0

WAC 0-2

Abilene Christian 0-1

Sam Houston 0-1

Tarleton 0-0

FBS 1-8

AMERICAN 0-1

SMU 0-1

CONFERENCE USA 0-2

FAU 0-1

Rice 0-1

MOUNTAIN WEST 1-0

Nevada 1-0

SUN BELT 0-5

Louisiana 0-1

Louisiana-Monroe 0-1

South Alabama 0-1

Southern Miss 0-1

Texas State 0-1

INDEPENDENT 0-0

New Mexico State 0-0

DIVISION II 1-0

Mississippi College 1-0

NAIA 0-0

Faulkner 0-0

OTHER 2-0

Lincoln (Calif.) 1-0

North American 1-0

OFFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Sept. 5 Ismail Mahdi RB HCU

Sept. 12 Darion Chafin WR UIW

Sept. 19 Cephus Johnson III QB Southeastern

Lindsey Scott, Jr. QB UIW

Sept. 26 CJ Turner WR Southeastern

Oct. 3 Javon Antonio WR Northwestern State

Oct. 10 Lindsey Scott, Jr. (2) QB UIW

Oct. 17 Andrew Armstrong WR A&M-Commerce

Oct. 24

Oct. 31

Nov. 7

Nov. 14

Nov. 21

DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Sept. 5 Jalyx Hunt LB HCU

Sept. 12 Chris Whittaker DL UIW

Sept. 19 Jack Henderson DB Southeastern

Sept. 26 Donte' Daniels LB Southeastern

Oct. 3 Rodney Dansby LB HCU

Oct. 10 Alex Villavaso LB Nicholls

Oct. 17 Kendall Paul DB A&M-Commerce

Oct. 24

Oct. 31

Nov. 7

Nov. 14

Nov. 21

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Sept. 5 Austin Dunlap P Southeastern

Sept. 12 Chris Esqueda K Lamar

Sept. 19 Jack McCarthy DL Lamar

Sept. 26 Riley Callaghan K Southeastern

Oct. 3 Damashja Harris RS Lamar

Oct. 10 Gavin Lasseigne K Nicholls

Oct. 17 Brady Buell P HCU

Oct. 24

Oct. 31

Nov. 7

Nov. 14

Nov. 21

STATS PERFORM FCS POLL

OCT. 17

Rank	Team	Rec	Pts	Prev
1.	South Dakota State (51)	6-1	1346	2
2.	Sacramento State (1)	6-0	1243	5
3.	Montana State	6-1	1225	4
4.	North Dakota State	5-2	1208	1
5.	Weber State	6-0	1145	6
6.	Holy Cross	6-0	983	7
7.	Montana	5-1	945	3
8.	UIW	6-1	940	t8
9.	Jackson State (2)	6-0	907	t8
10.	Chattanooga	5-1	859	10
11.	Mercer	6-1	785	12
12.	William & Mary	5-1	784	11
13.	Delaware	5-1	713	13
14.	Southern Illinois	5-2	602	16
15.	Samford	5-1	588	15
16.	Southeast Missouri	5-1	441	18
17.	Idaho	4-2	424	RV
18.	UT Martin	4-2	380	19
19.	Richmond	4-2	364	21
20.	North Dakota	4-2	354	20
21.	Elon	5-2	285	14
22.	Rhode Island	4-2	246	t25
23.	Fordham	6-1	231	22
24.	Austin Peay	5-2	153	24
25.	New Hampshire	5-2	87	RV

Dropped Out: Villanova (17), Eastern Kentucky (23), Southeastern Louisiana (25-tie)

Others Receiving Votes (schools listed on two or more ballots): Villanova 74, Furman 52, **Southeastern 43**, Stephen F. Austin 36, Princeton 20, Campbell 19, Missouri State 18, North Carolina Central 13, Illinois State 12, Eastern Kentucky 11, Abilene Christian 9

AFCA COACHES POLL

OCT. 17

Rank	Team	Rec	Pts	Prev
1.	South Dakota St. (26)	6-1	671	3
2.	Montana St.	6-1	621	4
3.	Sacramento St. (1)	6-0	616	5
4.	North Dakota St.	5-2	593	1
5.	Weber St.	6-0	573	6
6.	Jackson St.	6-0	513	7
7.	Montana	5-1	482	2
8.	Chattanooga	5-1	468	9
9.	Holy Cross	6-0	467	8
10.	UIW	6-1	438	10
11.	Mercer	6-1	403	11
12.	Delaware	5-1	371	12
13.	William & Mary	5-1	343	13
14.	UT Martin	4-2	295	14
15.	Samford	5-1	286	15
16.	Fordham	6-1	278	17
17.	Southern Illinois	5-2	237	19
18.	Southeast Missouri St.	5-1	171	21
19.	Rhode Island	4-2	170	22
20.	Stephen F. Austin	4-3	147	20
21.	Richmond	4-2	124	25
22.	Austin Peay	5-2	93	24
23.	Princeton	5-0	87	23
24.	Idaho	4-2	57	NR
25.	Elon	5-2	56	18

Dropped Out: Villanova (16)

Others Receiving Votes: North Carolina Central, 48; Furman, 39; Villanova, 31; North Dakota, 23; New Hampshire, 18; Pennsylvania, 14; Florida A&M, 11; Abilene Christian, 10; St. Thomas (Minn.), 7; Merrimack, 5; Eastern Kentucky, 4; Illinois St., 2; Campbell, 1; Hampton, 1; Stetson, 1.

SOUTHLAND FOOTBALL



HCU

2-4, 1-2 Southland

SEPTEMBER

3at Northern Colorado W46-34
10 ... LINDENWOOD L20-21
17OPEN
24at Texas State L0-34

OCTOBER

1at Lamar * W37-34
8 NICHOLLS * L17-19
15 ... NORTHWESTERN STATE * L10-37
22at Texas A&M-Commerce * 2 p.m.
29 ... UT MARTIN 2 p.m.

NOVEMBER

5at UIW * 2 p.m.
12 ... McNEESE * 2 p.m.
19at Tarleton 2 p.m.



UIW

6-1, 2-1 Southland

SEPTEMBER

3 No. 9/9 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS W64-29
10at Nevada W55-41
17at Prairie View A&M W31-14
24at Southeastern * L35-41

OCTOBER

1 McNEESE* W48-20
8 LAMAR * W56-17
15at Nicholls Non-Conf W49-14
22 ... FAULKNER 2 p.m.
29at Texas A&M-Commerce * 2 p.m.

NOVEMBER

5 HCU * 2 p.m.
12OPEN
19at Northwestern State * 1 p.m.



LAMAR

0-6, 0-3 Southland

SEPTEMBER

1at Abilene Christian (Thur.) L14-28
10at SMU L16-45
17 ... NORTHERN COLORADO L14-21
24at Northwestern State * L27-35

OCTOBER

1 HCU * L34-37
8at UIW * L17-56
15OPEN
22 ... PRAIRIE VIEW A&M 4 p.m.
29 ... NICHOLLS * 3 p.m.

NOVEMBER

5 SOUTHEASTERN * 3 p.m.
12at New Mexico State 3 p.m.
19at McNeese * 7 p.m.



McNEESE

1-5, 0-2 Southland

SEPTEMBER

3at No. 4/4 Montana State L17-40
10at Rice L10-52
17 ... ALCORN STATE L19-30
24 ... MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE W32-17

OCTOBER

1at UIW * L20-48
8OPEN
15 ... TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE * L15-40
22at Nicholls * 3 p.m.
29 ... SOUTHEASTERN * 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER

5 EASTERN ILLINOIS 7 p.m.
19at HCU * 2 p.m.
19 ... LAMAR * 7 p.m.



NICHOLLS

1-6, 1-1 Southland

SEPTEMBER

3at South Alabama L7-48
10at Louisiana-Monroe L7-35
17at SEMO L16-42
24 ... JACKSONVILLE STATE L21-52

OCTOBER

1at Northwestern State * L33-36
8at HCU * W19-17
15 ... UIW Non-Conf L14-49
22 ... McNEESE * 3 p.m.
29at Lamar * 3 p.m.

NOVEMBER

5OPEN
12 ... TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE * 3 p.m.
17 ... SOUTHEASTERN * (Thur.) 6 p.m.



NORTHWESTERN STATE

3-4, 3-0 Southland

SEPTEMBER

3at No. 2/2 Montana L0-47
10vs. Grambling (at Shreveport) L21-47
17at Southern Mississippi L10-64
24 ... LAMAR * W35-27

OCTOBER

1 NICHOLLS * W36-33
8at Eastern Illinois L27-35
15at HCU * W37-10
22 ... SEMO 1 p.m.
29OPEN

NOVEMBER

5at Texas A&M-Commerce * 2 p.m.
12at Southeastern * 6 p.m.
19 ... UIW * 1 p.m.



SOUTHEASTERN

3-3, 1-1 Southland

SEPTEMBER

3at Louisiana L7-24
10at FAU L9-42
17 ... CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE W70-6
24 ... No. 4/4 UIW * W41-35

OCTOBER

1 MURRAY STATE W48-14
8 TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE * L28-31
15OPEN
22at Jacksonville State 1 p.m.
29at McNeese * 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER

5at Lamar * 3 p.m.
12 ... NORTHWESTERN STATE * 6 p.m.
17at Nicholls * (Thur.) 6 p.m.



TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE

4-2, 2-0 Southland

SEPTEMBER

1 LINCOLN (Calif.) (Thur.) W52-7
10at Tennessee Tech L25-26
17at Sam Houston L17-27
24 ... NORTH AMERICAN W63-3

OCTOBER

1OPEN
8at Southeastern * W31-28
15at McNeese * W40-15
22 ... HCU * 2 p.m.
29 ... UIW * 2 p.m.

NOVEMBER

5 NORTHWESTERN STATE * 2 p.m.
12at Nicholls * 3 p.m.
19 ... TENNESSEE STATE 2 p.m.



The Southland Conference will host the Division I Football Championship Game for the 13th consecutive season at Toyota Stadium in Frisco, Texas, on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023**

SOUTHLAND FOOTBALL

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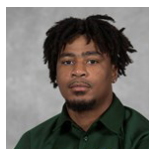
2022 PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS



Taylor Grimes

UIW • WR • 5-11, 190, Sr.

Stats Perform • First Team
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Ferlando Jordan

Southeastern • DB • 6-0, 180, R-Sr.

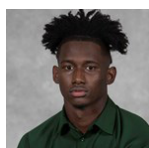
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Kelechi Anyalebechi

UIW • LB • 6-0, 240, Gr.

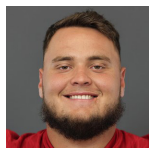
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Zy Alexander

Southeastern • DB • 6-3, 185, Soph.

Stats Perform • Second Team



Evan Roussel

Nicholls • OL • 6-2, 290, Soph.

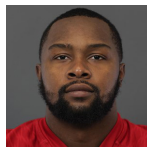
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WALTER PAYTON AWARD WATCH LIST



Lindsey Scott, Jr.

UIW • QB • 5-11, 220, Sr.



Julien Gums

Nicholls • RB • 5-10, 230, Sr.



Taylor Grimes

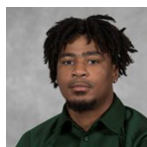
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BUCK BUCHANAN AWARD WATCH LIST



Kelechi Anyalebechi

UIW • LB • 6-0, 240, Gr.



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Southeastern • DB • 6-0, 180, R-Sr.

NEWS & NOTES

SIX GAMES ON THE SCHEDULE, TWO IN THE LEAGUE

• Two conference matchups and four non-league games highlight this week's slate of conference games.

HCU at TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE • 2 p.m. • ESPN+

• The Lions from Commerce have their first home Southland game since joining the league and have a chance to move into a tie for first place (on wins) with a victory over HCU.
• TAMUC won the only previous meeting between the schools back in 2013.

McNEESE at NICHOLLS • 3 p.m. • ESPN+

• The Cowboys head to Thibodaux in search of their first conference win of the season in one of the longest-played rivalries on this year's conference schedule.
• McNeese holds a 32-14 lead in the all-time series and is 22-7 in Thibodaux.

NON-CONFERENCE ACTION

SEMO at NORTHWESTERN STATE • 1 p.m. • ESPN+

• The Demons are riding high with their best conference start in 20 years and will attempt to take down the nationally-ranked Redhawks (5-1, 2-0 OVC) in the first meeting between the teams.

SOUTHEASTERN at JACKSONVILLE STATE • 1 p.m. • ESPN+

• The Lions had a week off to rebound after a tight loss to A&M-Commerce.
• Jacksonville State (6-1, 2-0 ASUN) leads this series 6-5-1 all-time.

FAULKNER at UIW • 2 p.m. • ESPN+

• The Cardinals will look to tune up any loose parts in this game against NAIA Faulkner (3-4, 2-3 Mid-South Conference) from Montgomery, Ala.

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M at LAMAR • 4 p.m. • ESPN3

• The Cardinals will try to pick up their first win of the year, hosting Prairie View (3-3, 3-1 SWAC) in the last game of the day.
• Lamar is 2-0 all-time against the Panthers and is playing the first of three straight home games.

NEWS & NOTES (CONTINUED)

SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE PARTNERS WITH THRIVE GLOBAL TO IMPROVE STUDENT-ATHLETE MENTAL HEALTH



THRIVE GLOBAL

Click the logo or visit www.Southland.org for more information

• As part of its ongoing commitment to enhancing the student-athlete experience, the Southland Conference announced a partnership with Thrive Global to address the unique mental health challenges arising from the rigors of modern-day athletic competition. The conference regards the partnership as an example of its desire to use the best tools available when it comes to student-athlete support.



Grant

• “Because the challenges of athletic competition can intensify the social stresses that have multiplied for collegiate student-athletes over the past several years, we owe our athletes the mental health support they need to excel,” said Commissioner Chris Grant. “In Arianna Huffington’s Thrive Global, we have found a partner who not only understands the student-athlete experience, but also delivers cutting edge technology that adapts to the needs of each individual student. I sincerely hope that all Southland athletes will take advantage of this resource.”

• In forging this partnership, the Southland is breaking new ground as the first athletic conference to partner with Thrive Global, and to take Thrive and SHRM’s #MentalHealthPledge. In honor of World Mental Health Day, the partnership kicked off with a Mental Health Webinar on Wednesday, October 12 featuring Thrive’s Chief Training Officer, Joey Hubbard. In addition, the Thrive behavior change platform will be made available by the Thrive Global Foundation to all Southland student-athletes, coaching staff, administrators, and conference staff.

2023 FCS CHAMPIONSHIP GAME MOVES TO ABC AND SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

- The NCAA and ESPN announced that the NCAA Division I FCS Championship will move to Sunday in 2023, airing live on ABC on January 8 at 1 p.m. CST. from Toyota Stadium in Frisco.
- The Southland Conference will host the game in Frisco for the 13th consecutive season.
- FCS Championship tickets will go on sale to the public Friday, Sept. 16, at 11 a.m. ET at NCAA.com/FCS.

UIW CARDINALS' SOARING OFFENSE



- The UIW Cardinals have remained near the top of the national scoring charts after another strong performance at Nicholls.
- This puts the Cardinals at 338 total points through five games for an average of 48.1

points. This is a jump of 0.1 points per game from last week.

- Fordham’s average fell by 0.7 points, and the gap between the two now stands at 0.8 points per game. Fordham is off this week and next plays nationally-ranked Holy Cross.
- The Southland record book notes the most total points scored in a season, with Sam Houston scoring 616 points in 15 games in 2015 - an average of 41.1 points per game.

Rk.	School	GP	Pts.	Pts/Gm
1	Fordham	7	344	49.1
2	Sacramento St.	6	290	48.3
3	UIW	7	338	48.3
4	Jackson St.	6	264	44.0
5	N.C. Central	6	250	41.7
6	Mercer	7	287	41.0
7	Montana St.	7	284	40.6
8	Holy Cross	6	228	38.0
8	Southern U.	6	228	38.0
10	Monmouth	7	265	37.9

- The Cardinals also rank second nationally in total offensive yards per game.

Rk.	School	GP	Total Yds	Yds/Gm
1	Fordham	7	4,347	621.0
2	UIW	7	3,951	564.4
3	Western Carolina	7	3,689	527.0
4	Sacramento St.	6	3,120	520.0
5	Jackson St.	6	3,056	509.3
6	UT Martin	6	2,911	485.2
7	Monmouth	7	3,358	479.7
8	Montana St.	7	3,350	478.6
9	Davidson	7	3,317	473.9
10	Mercer	7	3,275	467.9

FINDING PAYDIRT



Armstrong

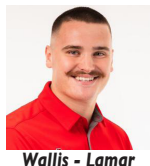
- Texas A&M-Commerce wide receiver Andrew Armstrong had another two touchdown receptions in the Lions’ win at McNeese, earning Offensive Player of the Week honors.
- This brings his total to 11 receiving touchdowns, which would lead the country, except...
- ...A&M-Commerce is ineligible to be listed in the NCAA statistical leaderboards as a reclassifying institution.
- The Lions’ stats will still count towards any applicable Southland records.
- This puts UIW wide receiver Taylor Grimes as the official national leader at this point in the season with 10 touchdowns, as he also had two scores last week.
- The Southland record for receiving touchdowns in a season is 18, set by SFA’s Dominique Edson in 2008 and Sam Houston’s Jonathon Cooper in 2018.

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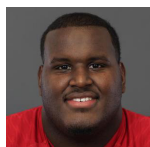
FIVE SOUTHLAND SCHOLAR-ATHLETES RECOGNIZED AS CAMPBELL TROPHY SEMIFINALISTS



Young - HCU



Wallis - Lamar



Thurmond - Nicholls

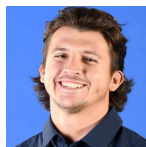
• The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame (NFF) announced that five scholar-athletes from the Southland Conference are among the 156 semifinalists for the 2022 William V. Campbell Trophy®, college football's premier scholar-athlete award.

• Representing the Southland on the semifinalist list are HCU's Brennan Young, Lamar's Luke Wallis, Nicholls' Glen Thurmond, Northwestern State's Kaleb Fletcher, and Texas A&M-Commerce's Michael Noble.

• The NFF will announce 12-14 finalists on Oct. 26, and each of them will receive an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship as a member of the 2022 NFF National Scholar-Athlete Class Presented by Fidelity Investments. The finalists will travel to Bellagio Resort & Casino in Las Vegas for the 64th NFF Annual Awards Dinner Presented by Las Vegas on Dec. 6, where their accomplishments will be highlighted in front of one of the most powerful audiences in all of sports.



Fletcher - NSU



Noble - TAMUC

SCOTT CONTINUES TO AIR SUPERIORITY



Scott, Jr.

• UIW quarterback Lindsey Scott, Jr., ranks second in the nation in passing yards per game.

• Scott also leads the nation in passing efficiency (210.5), point responsibility (32.6 per game) and ranks in the top ten in passing touchdowns and yards per completion.

Rk.	Player	School	GP	C-A-I	TD	Yds	YPG
1	Tim DeMorat	Fordham	7	186-275-4	33	3,023	431.9
2	Lindsey Scott	UIW	7	170-229-2	32	2,506	358.0
3	Shedeur Sanders	Jackson St.	6	187-256-4	22	1,998	333.0
4	Parker McKinney	Eastern Ky.	6	151-226-5	14	1,805	300.8
5	Brady Meitz	Stetson	5	123-202-7	8	1,490	298.0
6	Dresser Winn	UT Martin	6	133-210-2	11	1,759	293.2
7	Paxton DeLaurent	Southeast Mo. St.	6	132-211-3	14	1,693	282.2
8	Reese Poffenbarger	UAlbany	6	122-193-0	13	1,683	280.5
9	Jake Willcox	Brown	5	135-212-9	10	1,402	280.4
10	Spencer Brasch	Cal Poly	5	109-186-8	11	1,395	279.0

BEHIND THE LINE



Whittaker

• UIW defensive lineman Chris Whittaker has moved back into the top ten nationally at No. 7 in sacks, averaging 1.07 per game.

• The Cardinals also rank first nationally in tackles per loss at 9.6 per game, and sixth in sacks at 3.57 per game.

BIG BOOTS

• Southeastern's Austin Dunlap ranks seventh in the nation in punting average, and HCU's Brady Buell moved up to ninth after his Special Teams Player of the Week performance against NSU.

Rk.	Player	School	GP	Punts	Yds	Avg
1	Jake Gerardi	Southern Utah	7	34	1,709	50.3
2	Tyler Larco	UT Martin	6	24	1,120	46.7
3	Trey Turk	Mercer	7	26	1,184	45.5
4	Grant Burkett	Missouri St.	6	28	1,258	44.9
5	Patrick Rohrbach	Montana	6	26	1,167	44.9
6	Riley Williams	Towson	6	28	1,242	44.4
7	Austin Dunlap	Southeastern	6	30	1,329	44.3
8	Max Quick	SFA	6	25	1,104	44.2
9	Brady Buell	HCU	6	35	1,537	43.9
10	Josh Sanchez	Ark-Pine Bluff	6	34	1,487	43.7

TACKLING MACHINES

• Three Southland players ranks in the top 10 nationally in total tackles per game.

• HCU's Rodney Dansby ranks third nationally with 11.5 stops per contest.

• McNeese's Kordell Williams is just behind him in fourth nationally at 10.7 stops per game.

• HCU's Brennan Young is in 10th at 10.0 tackles per game.

DISCIPLINE OF A COLONEL

• Nicholls is the most disciplined team in the nation statistically, averaging only 28.43 penalty yards per game.

LOOK! IN THE AIR! IT'S... A CARDINAL!... AND A DEMON!

• The Southland features two of the nation's top passing offenses in UIW (ranked 2nd in yards per game) and Northwestern State (8th in yards per game).

• UIW leads the nation in passing efficiency (208.40).

Rk.	School	GP	C-A-I	Yds	TDs	YPG
1	Fordham	7	189-278-4	3,058	34	436.9
2	UIW	7	179-247-3	2,694	33	384.9
3	Cal Poly	6	160-275-8	2,064	16	344.0
4	Jackson St.	6	192-264-4	2,063	23	343.8
5	Western Carolina	7	189-275-14	2,393	22	341.9
6	Stetson	5	129-210-7	1,524	8	304.8
7	Eastern Ky.	6	151-226-5	1,805	14	300.8
8	Northwestern St.	7	194-338-12	2,083	13	297.6
9	UT Martin	6	135-220-2	1,781	11	296.8
10	Bryant	7	165-264-8	2,073	15	296.1

DEMONS ON FIRE!



• After its 37-10 road win over HCU, Northwestern State is 3-0 to start Southland play for the first time since 2002.

• NSU's next opportunity for a Southland win is November 5 against the other current undefeated league team in Texas A&M-Commerce.

• Northwestern State's last conference start of four games without a loss was in 1989, when the Demons started 3-0-1.

• Their last 4-0 conference start was in 1988 on the way to an undefeated 6-0 Southland mark.

SOUTHLAND FOOTBALL

NEWS & NOTES (CONTINUED)

SOUTHLAND HAS SEVEN IN THE LEAGUE ON OPENING DAY



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- A total of seven Southland-related players were on active NFL rosters for opening week contests.
- This includes players from current Southland institutions, as well as players who played primarily in the Southland, but finished their careers elsewhere, or players whose institutions left the conference.

WHERE'S THE STATS

- Now that conference play has begun for all Southland teams, the statistical report pages have ballooned to nearly 60 pages.
- In an effort to save printing resources at our member institutions, these reports will now be emailed as a separate file, and will also be available at www.Southland.org/FBPDF.

*John Franklin-Myers (Stephen F. Austin) - New York Jets
Kader Kohou (Texas A&M-Commerce) - Miami Dolphins
Zyon McCollum (Sam Houston) - Tampa Bay Buccaneers
George Odum (Central Arkansas) - San Francisco 49ers
Robert Rochell (Central Arkansas) - Los Angeles Rams
Tremont Smith (Central Arkansas) - Houston Texans
Bailey Zappe (HCU) - New England Patriots*

UIW PICKS UP FBS VICTORY FOR SECOND STRAIGHT SEASON (WEEK 2)



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- UIW earned a 55-41 win over Nevada for the Southland's first win over an FBS opponent this season.
- Not counting the 2020-21 CoVID season (where not all conferences and divisions played at the same time), the Southland has had a win over an FBS team in the last four seasons.
- This is UIW's second consecutive season with a win over an FBS team after defeating Texas State 42-34 in 2021.
- The victory is the Southland's 56th win over an FBS/I-A team since the divisions split in 1978, according to NCAA.com's tracker.