



2022 SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE FOOTBALL WEEKLY RELEASE WEEK 12 • NOVEMBER 15, 2022

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2022 SOUTHLAND FOOTBALL STANDINGS

	SOUTHLAND		ALL GAMES					
	W-L	PCT	W-L	PCT	HOME	AWAY	NEU	STK
UIW	4-1	.800	9-1	.900	5-0	4-1	0-0	W6
Southeastern	4-1	.800	7-3	.700	4-1	3-2	0-0	W4
Northwestern State	4-1	.800	4-6	.400	2-1	2-4	0-1	L1
Nicholls	3-2	.600	3-7	.300	2-2	1-5	0-0	W1
Texas A&M-Commerce	3-3	.500	5-5	.500	3-2	2-3	0-0	L3
McNeese	1-4	.200	3-7	.300	2-3	1-4	0-0	W2
Lamar	1-4	.200	1-9	.100	1-4	0-5	0-0	L2
HCU	1-5	.167	2-8	.200	0-5	2-3	0-0	L6

! Southland Regular Season Champion. ^ FCS Championship Participant.

THIS WEEK IN THE SOUTHLAND

Thursday, November 17

Southeastern at Nicholls *

ESPN+

6 p.m.
Series tied • 16-16

Saturday, November 19

UIW at Northwestern State *

ESPN+

1 p.m.
Series tied • 3-3

Tennessee State at Texas A&M-Commerce

ESPN+

2 p.m.
TSU leads series • 1-0

HCU at Tarleton

ESPN+

2 p.m.
First meeting

Lamar at McNeese *

ESPN3

7 p.m.
McNeese leads series • 27-11-1

All Times Central

LAST WEEK IN THE SOUTHLAND

Saturday, November 12

at New Mexico State 51, Lamar 14

McNeese 21, at HCU 10 *

at Nicholls 12, Texas A&M-Commerce 10 *

at Southeastern 23, Northwestern State 7 *

SOUTHLAND TITLE SCENARIOS

• The two games that have implications on the conference championship and the NCAA Playoff automatic qualifier are Thursday night's River Bell Classic between Southeastern and Nicholls, and the Saturday matinee between UIW and Northwestern State.

• *If Southeastern beats Nicholls*, there will be a two-way tie for the Southland championship for the first time since 2019, when Nicholls and Central Arkansas tied for the title. In this scenario, Southeastern receives the AQ to the playoffs, having wins over both UIW and Northwestern State.

• *The winner of the UIW/Northwestern State game will be a Southland champion*. If SLU wins, they will be co-champions. If SLU loses, the winner of this game is outright champion and the AQ to the playoffs.

• Southeastern has qualified for the playoffs four times (3-4 record), Northwestern State has qualified six times (3-6 record), and UIW has qualified for the playoffs twice (1-2 record).

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	Donnell 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

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

FOOTBALL HEAD COACHES



HCU

HEAD COACH..... Vic Shealy
Overall: 45-88-1 (13 Seasons)
School: 18-74 (9 Seasons)
SLC at School: 7-57 (8 Seasons)



UIW

HEAD COACH..... G.J. Kinne
Overall: 9-1 (1st Season)
School: 9-1 (1st Season)
SLC at School: 4-1 (1st Season)



LAMAR

HEAD COACH..... Blane Morgan
Overall: 4-22 (3 Seasons)
School: 4-22 (3 Seasons)
SLC at School: 3-8 (2 Seasons)



MCNEESE

HEAD COACH..... Gary Goff
Overall: 63-60 (11 Seasons)
School: 3-7 (1st Season)
SLC at School: 1-4 (1st Season)



NICHOLLS

HEAD COACH..... Tim Rebowe
Overall: 47-42 (8 Seasons)
School: 47-42 (8 Seasons)
SLC at School: 40-24 (8 Seasons)



NORTHWESTERN STATE

HEAD COACH..... Brad Laird
Overall: 16-34 (5 Seasons)
School: 16-34 (5 Seasons)
SLC at School: 15-22 (5 Seasons)



SOUTHEASTERN

HEAD COACH..... Frank Scelfo
Overall: 32-22 (5 Seasons)
School: 32-22 (5 Seasons)
SLC at School: 24-13 (5 Seasons)



TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE

HEAD COACH..... David Bailiff
Overall: 101-107 (17 Seasons)
School: 23-12 (3 Seasons)
SLC at School: 3-3 (1st Season)

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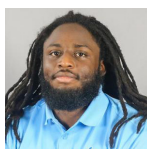
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SOUTHLAND FOOTBALL

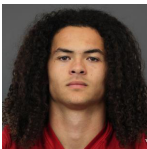
2022 SOUTHLAND PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Marcus McElroy, Jr. • RB • McNeese

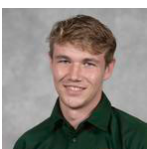
McElroy came off the bench to rush for a career-high 136 yards on 12 carries and two touchdowns in a 21-10 win over HCU. He averaged 11.3 yards per carry and had five rushes of 10 yards or more, with four of those going for 20 yards or more. His long run of 30 yards came on his first carry of the game and he scored on runs of 16 and 11 yards.



DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Eli Ennis • LB • Nicholls

Ennis earns defensive player of the week honors for the second time this season after recording eight tackles, one pass break up, four quarterback hurries and the game-winning sack for a safety in the victory over A&M-Commerce. With the game tied in the fourth quarter, Ennis blitzed and forced the Lion quarterback to run out of the back of the end zone for a 12-10 Colonel lead. Nicholls held on to the victory as Ennis and the defense allowed less than 300 yards of total offense.



SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Riley Callaghan • K • Southeastern

Callaghan was a perfect 3-for-3 on field goals (46, 39, 28) and made his lone PAT in SLU's 23-7 win over Northwestern State. In his debut season in Hammond, the freshman has connected on 12-of-14 field goals. This is his second SLC special teams player of the week award.

SOUTHLAND VS. NONCONFERENCE

FCS7-15

A-SUN.....1-1

Jacksonville State.....1-1

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.....2-6

Eastern Illinois.....1-1

Lindenwood.....0-1

Murray State.....1-0

SEMO.....0-2

Tennessee-Martin.....0-1

Tennessee State.....0-0

Tennessee Tech.....0-1

SWAC.....1-3

Alcorn State.....0-1

Grambling.....0-1

Prairie View A&M.....1-1

WAC.....0-2

Abilene Christian.....0-1

Sam Houston.....0-1

Tarleton.....0-0

FBS1-9

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.....0-1

New Mexico State.....0-1

DIVISION II.....1-0

Mississippi College.....1-0

NAIA.....1-0

Faulkner.....1-0

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 Cephus Johnson III (2) QB Southeastern

Oct. 31 Marcus Cooper RB UIW

Nov. 7 Lindsey Scott, Jr. (3) QB UIW

Nov. 14 Marcus McElroy, Jr. RB McNeese

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 Eli Ennis LB Nicholls

Oct. 31 Donte' Daniels (2) LB Southeastern

Nov. 7 PJ Herrington S Northwestern State

Nov. 14 Eli Ennis (2) LB Nicholls

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 Kole Wilson RS UIW

Oct. 31 Austin Dunlap (2) P Southeastern

Nov. 7 Gage Larvadain RS Southeastern

Nov. 14 Riley Callaghan (2) K Southeastern

Nov. 21

STATS PERFORM FCS POLL NOV. 14

Rank	Team	Rec	Pts	Prev
1.	South Dakota State (47)	10-1	1343	1
2.	Sacramento State (7)	10-0	1297	2
3.	Montana State	9-1	1237	3
4.	North Dakota State	8-2	1190	4
5.	UIW	9-1	1047	6
6.	Holy Cross	10-0	1030	5
7.	Weber State	8-2	996	7
8.	William & Mary	9-1	989	8
9.	Samford	9-1	947	10
10.	Jackson State	10-0	873	9
11.	Richmond	8-2	786	12
12.	Furman	8-2	783	13
13.	Montana	7-3	625	16
14.	Elon	8-2	566	18
15.	Chattanooga	7-3	550	11
16.	North Dakota	7-3	458	19
17.	Southeast Missouri	8-2	446	20
18.	New Hampshire	7-3	426	21
19.	Mercer	7-3	402	14
20.	Delaware	7-3	313	17
21.	Fordham	8-2	275	23
	Idaho	6-4	275	15
23.	Southeastern	7-3	223	25
24.	UC Davis	6-4	217	NR
25.	UT Martin	6-4	46	NR

Dropped Out: Rhode Island (22), Princeton (24)

Others Receiving Votes (schools listed on two or more ballots): Rhode Island 38; Saint Francis (37); Austin Peay 36; Eastern Kentucky 27; Princeton 26; Abilene Christian 16; North Carolina Central 7; St. Thomas 6; Yale 6; Florida A&M 5

AFCA COACHES POLL NOV. 14

Rank	Team	Rec	Pts	Prev
1.	South Dakota St. (23)	10-1	695	1
2.	Sacramento St. (5)	10-0	673	2
3.	Montana St.	9-1	642	3
4.	North Dakota St.	8-2	602	4
5.	Jackson St.	10-0	575	5
6.	Holy Cross	10-0	531	6
7.	UIW	9-1	527	7
8.	William & Mary	9-1	514	8
9.	Samford	9-1	496	9
10.	Weber St.	8-2	462	10
11.	Richmond	8-2	410	13
12.	Montana	7-3	375	14
13.	Furman	8-2	360	16t
14.	Fordham	8-2	290	18
15.	Southeast Missouri St.	8-2	289	19
16.	Mercer	7-3	275	11
17.	Chattanooga	7-3	262	12
18.	Elon	8-3	225	21
19.	Delaware	7-3	165	15
20.	New Hampshire	7-3	147	25
21.	St. Thomas (Minn.)	9-1	114	23
22.	Princeton	8-1	86	16t
23.	North Dakota	7-3	75	NR
24.	Florida A&M	8-2	67	NR
25.	North Carolina Central	8-2	56	NR

Dropped Out: Idaho (20), Rhode Island (22), Eastern Kentucky (24)

Others Receiving Votes: Austin Peay, 43; Idaho, 27; Rhode Island, 21; UC Davis, 19; UT Martin, 19; St. Francis (Pa.), 18; North Carolina A&T, 13; **Southeastern**, 10; Yale, 9; Davidson, 4; Eastern Kentucky, 4.

SOUTHLAND FOOTBALL



HCU

2-8, 1-5 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 * L3-31
29 ... UT MARTIN L28-52

NOVEMBER

5at UIW * L20-73
12 ... McNEESE * L10-21
19at Tarleton 2 p.m.



UIW

9-1, 4-1 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 W70-0
29at Texas A&M-Commerce * W35-7

NOVEMBER

5 HCU * W73-20
12OPEN
19at Northwestern State * 1 p.m.



LAMAR

1-9, 1-4 Southland

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

1 HCU * L34-37
8at UIW * L17-56
15OPEN
22 ... PRAIRIE VIEW A&M L21-54
29 ... NICHOLLS * W24-17

NOVEMBER

5 SOUTHEASTERN * L31-47
12at New Mexico State L14-51
19at McNeese * 7 p.m.



McNEESE

3-7, 1-4 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 * L35-40
29 ... SOUTHEASTERN * L27-28

NOVEMBER

5 EASTERN ILLINOIS W29-15
19at HCU * W21-10
19 ... LAMAR * 7 p.m.



NICHOLLS

3-7, 3-2 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 * W40-35
29at Lamar * L17-24

NOVEMBER

5OPEN
12 ... TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE * W12-10
17 ... SOUTHEASTERN * (Thur.) 6 p.m.



NORTHWESTERN STATE

4-6, 4-1 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 ... SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE L16-51
29OPEN

NOVEMBER

5at Texas A&M-Commerce * W41-14
12at Southeastern * L7-23
19 ... UIW * 1 p.m.



SOUTHEASTERN

7-3, 4-1 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 W31-14
29at McNeese * W28-27

NOVEMBER

5at Lamar * W47-31
12 ... NORTHWESTERN STATE * W23-7
17at Nicholls * (Thur.) 6 p.m.



TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE

5-5, 3-3 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 * W31-3
29 ... UIW * L7-35

NOVEMBER

5 NORTHWESTERN STATE * L14-41
12at Nicholls * L10-12
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

NATIONAL PRESEASON HONORS

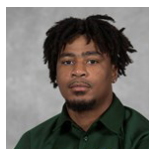
2022 PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS



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.

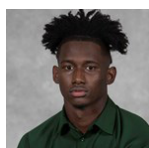
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Kelechi Anyalebechi

UIW • LB • 6-0, 240, Gr.

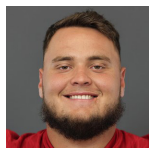
Stats Perform • Second Team
HERO Sports • Third Team



Zy Alexander

Southeastern • DB • 6-3, 185, Soph.

Stats Perform • Second Team



Evan Roussel

Nicholls • OL • 6-2, 290, Soph.

Stats Perform • Third Team

WALTER PAYTON AWARD WATCH LIST



Andrew Armstrong

Texas A&M-Commerce • WR • 6-6, 190, So.



Lindsey Scott, Jr.

UIW • QB • 5-11, 220, Sr.



Taylor Grimes

UIW • WR • 5-11, 190, Sr.



Julien Gums

Nicholls • RB • 5-10, 230, Sr.

BUCK BUCHANAN AWARD WATCH LIST



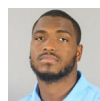
Kelechi Anyalebechi

UIW • LB • 6-0, 240, Gr.



Ferlando Jordan

Southeastern • DB • 6-0, 180, R-Sr.



Kordell Williams

McNeese • LB • 5-10, 205, R-Sr.

JERRY RICE AWARD WATCH LIST



Kaiden Jones

Nicholls • LB • 6-0, 215, Fr.

NEWS & NOTES

SOUTHEASTERN at NICHOLLS • 6 p.m. Thursday • ESPN+

- The River Bell Classic will help decide the title race this season. If SLU wins, the Lions are conference champions. If Nicholls wins, there's a three-way tie for second.
- This series will play its 33rd game, with the record tied at 16 wins apiece. Nicholls won last year's meeting, 45-42.
- SLU has won the last two meetings in Thibodaux, where the series is tied 7-7.
- This game will have the eyes of the FCS nation, as it's the only game on the Thursday calendar in the entire nation.

HCU at TARLETON • 2 p.m. • ESPN+

- The Huskies head to Stephenville for an out-of-conference game to end the season.
- This is HCU's first-ever meeting with the Texans.
- Tarleton is 5-5 on the season (1-3 in conference) and is on a three-game losing skid.

TENNESSEE STATE at A&M-COMMERCE • 2 p.m. • ESPN+

- The Lions and Tigers will tangle for the first time in 36 years as A&M-Commerce looks to snap a three-game skid and finish over .500 in its first season in Division I.
- TSU was a 15-6 winner in the only prior meeting in 1986 when TSU was ranked No. 5 in I-AA and TAMUC had just moved to Division II.
- Tennessee State is 3-7 on the year and 2-3 in the OVC, having lost its last three games.

LAMAR at McNEESE • 7 p.m. • ESPN+

- The regular season closes out under the lights in Lake Charles for the 40th playing of the Battle of the Border.
- The teams last met in the Spring 2021 season with Lamar taking a 27-26 overtime win.
- McNeese is 12-7 in this series at home and has won 7 of the last 10.
- Lamar's last win in Lake Charles came in 2016.

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



THRIVE GLOBAL

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• 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

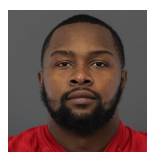


- The UIW Cardinals jumped back to the top of the scoring charts after putting up 73 points against HCU last week.
- This puts the Cardinals at 516 total points through nine games for an average of 51.6 points, and the only FCS team to score over 500 points this season and one of two over 450.
- The 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	UIW	10	516	51.6
2	Fordham	10	500	50.0
3	Montana St.	10	440	44.0
4	Sacramento St.	10	430	43.0
5	N.C. Central	10	400	40.0
6	Jackson St.	10	389	38.9
6	Montana	10	389	38.9
8	Holy Cross	10	383	38.3
9	Mercer	10	376	37.6
9	Monmouth	10	376	37.6

- The Cardinals also rank second nationally in total offensive yards per game. They are one of four teams over 5,000 yards so far this season.

Rk.	School	GP	Total Yds	Yds/Gm
1	Fordham	10	6,005	600.5
2	UIW	10	5,620	562.0
3	Montana St.	10	5,052	505.2
4	Western Carolina	10	5,023	502.3
5	UC Davis	10	4,931	493.1
6	Sacramento St.	10	4,867	486.7
7	Davidson	10	4,772	477.2
8	Southeast Mo. St.	10	4,754	475.4
9	Jackson St.	10	4,673	467.3
10	Monmouth	10	4,660	466.0



Gums

MR. 3000 IN THIBODAUX

- Nicholls running back Julien Gums went over the 3,000-yard career rushing mark in the Colonels' 40-35 victory over McNeese.
- Gums currently ranks eighth nationally in FCS in career rushing yards.
- Entering his final game, the senior Walter Payton Award Watch List member has 3,334 career yards, and needs **13** yards to enter the top 10 in the Southland record books.
- He can also enter the top 10 in rushing touchdowns with one more against Southeastern.

Player	School	Years	Carries	YPC	TDs	Yds
Timothy Flanders	SHSU	2010-13	999	5.6	66	5,664
Claude Mathis	TXST	1994-97	882	5.3	45	4,694
Henry Fields	MCN	1992-95	839	5.2	30	4,358
Kade Harrington	LU	2013-16	724	6.0	44	4,348
Buford Jordan	MCN	1980-83	750	5.5	43	4,106
Tony Taylor	NSU	1998-00	724	5.6	33	4,039
Gus Johnson	SFA	2011-14	631	6.2	51	3,892
Leonard Harris	SFA	1992-95	741	5.1	28	3,771
Corey Avery	SHSU	2015-17	506	6.6	39	3,348
Derrick Jensen	UTA	1974-77	676	4.9	14	3,346
Julien Gums	NICH	2018-22	607	5.5	35	3,334

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FINDING PAYDIRT



Armstrong

- Texas A&M-Commerce wide receiver Andrew Armstrong is the conference leader and unofficially second nationally with **13** receiving touchdowns, 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.



Grimes

- This puts UIW wide receiver Taylor Grimes as the official national runner-up at this point in the season with **12** touchdowns... To behind Idaho's Hayden Hatten.
- 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.

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 (220.2) and ranks second in passing TDs (45) and point responsibility (31.2 per game), and ranks in the top ten yards per completion.

Rk..	Player.....	School.....	GP....	C-A-I....	TD..	Yds....	YPG
1	Tim DeMorat.....	Fordham	10	268-407-6	47	4,107	410.7
2	Lindsey Scott.....	UIW	10	216-292-4	45	3,409	340.9
3	Parker McKinney.....	Eastern Ky.....	10	253-367-7	23	3,075	307.5
4	Zevi Eckhaus.....	Bryant.....	10	230-381-13	22	2,887	288.7
5	Reece Udinski.....	Richmond.....	10	297-395-4	22	2,875	287.5
6	Shedeur Sanders.....	Jackson St.....	10	264-374-5	31	2,860	286.0
7	Michael Hiers.....	Samford.....	10	286-373-3	31	2,836	283.6
8	Brady Meitz.....	Stetson.....	9	203-345-10	17	2,548	283.1
9	Blake Stenstrom.....	Princeton	9	218-316-4	15	2,490	276.7
10	Miles Hastings.....	UC Davis.....	10	236-332-5	20	2,755	275.5

- Scott also became the first QB in FCS history to record seven passing touchdowns in a half two times. The feat has only been recorded four times in the history of the division.

SEVEN PASSING TOUCHDOWNS IN A HALF

Neil Lomax, Portland St. vs. Delaware St., Nov. 8, 1980 (1st)
 Ren Hefley, Presbyterian vs. St. Andrews, Sept. 4, 2021 (1st)
Lindsey Scott, Jr., UIW vs. Lamar, Oct. 8, 2022 (1st)
Lindsey Scott, Jr., UIW vs. HCU, Nov. 5, 2022 (1st)

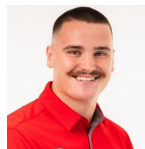
- His 45 passing touchdowns currently ranks fourth in SLC history and is two behind Cameron Ward last season for the UIW school record.

Player	School	Year	TDs
Jeremiah Briscoe	SHSU	2016	57
Todd Hammel	SFA	1989	48
Cameron Ward,	UIW	2021	47
Jeremiah Briscoe	SHSU	2017	45
Lindsey Scott, Jr.	UIW	2022	45

FIVE SOUTHLAND SCHOLAR-ATHLETES RECOGNIZED AS CAMPBELL TROPHY SEMIFINALISTS



Young - HCU



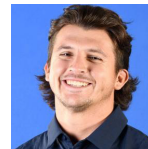
Wallis - Lamar



Thurmond - Nicholls



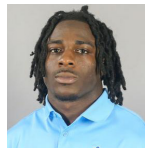
Fletcher - NSU



Noble - TAMUC

- 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.

McMAHON MOVES INTO TOP 10



McMahon

- McNeese running back Deonta McMahon had a big game against HCU and has rolled into the top 10 nationally in rushing yards per game entering the final game of the season.
- He's the first McNeese Cowboy to rush for over 1,000 yards in a season since Marcus Wiltz in 2015. He's also on pace to become the first Cowboy to win the SLC rushing title since 2008.

Rk..	Player.....	School.....	GP....	C-A-I....	TD..	Yds....	YPG
1	Jaden Shirden.....	Monmouth	10	183	1,567	12	156.7
2	Jaleel McLaughlin.....	Youngstown St.	10	206	1,504	11	150.4
3	ShunDerrick Powell.....	North Alabama	10	201	1,468	18	146.8
4	Jacob Saylor.....	ETSU	10	211	1,274	15	127.4
5	Bhayshul Tuten.....	N.C.A&T	10	191	1,255	12	125.5
6	Geno Hess.....	Southeast Mo. St.	10	180	1,252	15	125.2
7	Aidan Borguet.....	Harvard	9	188	1,120	10	124.4
8	Ailym Ford.....	Chattanooga.....	9	203	1,093	12	121.4
9	Jarveon Howard.....	Alcorn.....	10	225	1,177	11	117.7
10	Deonta McMahon.....	McNeese.....	10	171	1,169	10	116.9

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DISCIPLINE OF A COLONEL

- Two SLC teams are near the top of the charts in fewest penalties.
- Nicholls only accrues 30.3 penalty yards per game on 36 total penalties, which are the second-fewest in the nation.
- McNeese has only committed 41 penalties this year, which ranks 11th in the nation.

TOP TACKLERS

- HCU linebacker Rodney Dansby leads the nation in total tackles, averaging 12.2 tackles per contest.
- McNeese linebacker Kordell Williams ranks fifth in total tackles with 10.7 tackles per game.

THREE PLAYERS ADDED TO NATIONAL WATCH LISTS

- Three Southland football players were named as mid-season additions to national award watch lists.
- A&M-Commerce wide receiver Andrew Armstrong was named to the Walter Payton Award Watch List.
- McNeese linebacker Kordell Williams was named to the Buck Buchanan Award Watch List. Williams ranks fourth nationally in total tackles per game at 11.0 per game.
- Nicholls freshman linebacker Kaiden Jones was named to the Jerry Rice Award Watch List for top freshman in the nation. He has 40 tackles in seven games played in his first season.

RUN IT BACK!



Wilson

- UIW return man Kole Wilson took two punt returns for touchdowns in the win over Faulkner, as part of a 7 return for 179-yard game. Both touchdowns came on 48-yard returns.
- His total punt return yardage is the second-highest single game total in Southland history, the highest single-game total in FCS this season, and most in an FCS game since 2018.
- He is the first Southland player to return two punts for touchdowns in the same game since Sam Houston's Tony Jones vs. Ouachita Baptist in 2004.
- The season record for the league is three, which has happened five times.
- The career record is held by McNeese's Richard Ellender, who housed four punts from 1975-78, with three coming in his final season.

ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS

- HCU's Brennan Young ranks second in total tackles among active leaders with 410.
- HCU's Rodney Dansby's 12.0 career tackles per game leads all active players in FCS.
- Southeastern's Ferlando Jordan's 40 passes defended ranks second.

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.

*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.

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.