



2022 SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE FOOTBALL WEEKLY RELEASE WEEK 10 • NOVEMBER 1, 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	3-5	.375	2-1	1-3	0-1	L1
UIW	3-1	.750	8-1	.889	4-0	4-1	0-0	W5
Texas A&M-Commerce	3-1	.750	5-3	.625	3-1	2-2	0-0	L1
Southeastern	2-1	.667	5-3	.625	3-1	2-2	0-0	W2
Nicholls	2-2	.500	2-7	.222	1-2	1-5	0-0	L1
HCU	1-3	.250	2-6	.250	0-4	2-2	0-0	L4
Lamar	1-3	.250	1-7	.125	1-3	0-4	0-0	W1
McNeese	0-4	.000	1-7	.125	1-3	0-4	0-0	L4

! Southland Regular Season Champion. ^ FCS Championship Participant.

THIS WEEK IN THE SOUTHLAND

Saturday, November 5

Northwestern State at Texas A&M-Commerce * 2 p.m.
Northwestern State leads series • 17-10-2

ESPN+

HCU at UIW * 2 p.m.
UIW leads series • 7-0

ESPN+

Southeastern at Lamar * 3 p.m.
Southeastern leads series • 9-4

ESPN3

Eastern Illinois at McNeese 7 p.m.
McNeese leads series • 2-0

ESPN+

All Times Central

LAST WEEK IN THE SOUTHLAND

Saturday, October 29

UIW 35, at Texas A&M-Commerce 7 *

at Lamar 24, Nicholls 17 *

Southeastern 28, at McNeese 27 *

UT Martin 52, at HCU 28

2022 SOUTHLAND PRESEASON POLL

PI	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:45-86-1 (13 Seasons)
School:18-72 (9 Seasons)
SLC at School:7-55 (8 Seasons)



UIW

HEAD COACH.....G.J. Kinne
Overall:8-1 (1st Season)
School:8-1 (1st Season)
SLC at School:3-1 (1st Season)



LAMAR

HEAD COACH.....Blane Morgan
Overall:4-20 (3 Seasons)
School:4-20 (3 Seasons)
SLC at School:3-7 (2 Seasons)



MCNEESE

HEAD COACH.....Gary Goff
Overall:61-60 (11 Seasons)
School:1-7 (1st Season)
SLC at School:0-4 (1st Season)



NICHOLLS

HEAD COACH.....Tim Rebowe
Overall:46-42 (8 Seasons)
School:46-42 (8 Seasons)
SLC at School:39-24 (8 Seasons)



NORTHWESTERN STATE

HEAD COACH.....Brad Laird
Overall:15-33 (5 Seasons)
School:15-33 (5 Seasons)
SLC at School:14-21 (5 Seasons)



SOUTHEASTERN

HEAD COACH.....Frank Scelfo
Overall:30-22 (5 Seasons)
School:30-22 (5 Seasons)
SLC at School:22-13 (5 Seasons)



TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE

HEAD COACH.....David Bailiff
Overall:101-105 (17 Seasons)
School:23-10 (3 Seasons)
SLC at School:3-1 (1st Season)

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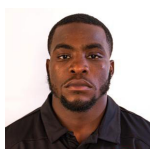
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SOUTHLAND FOOTBALL

2022 SOUTHLAND PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Marcus Cooper • RB • UIW

Cooper finished with a career-high three rushing touchdowns on 22 carries for 183 yards as the Cardinals handed Texas A&M-Commerce its first Southland loss of the season. Cooper's 410 rushing yards for 102.5 yards per game in conference play leads the league.



DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Donte' Daniels • LB • Southeastern

Daniels' interception late in the fourth quarter clinched Southeastern's 28-27 win at McNeese. The interception capped a big night for the SLU sophomore, who finished with a team-high 10 tackles and a sack in the win. In his first year as a starter, Daniels leads the Lions with 59 tackles from his linebacker position. This is his second Defensive Player of the Week award this season.



SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Austin Dunlap • P • Southeastern

Dunlap continued his All-American caliber 2022 in Southeastern's 28-27 win at McNeese. The junior averaged 47.8 yards per punt with two 50-plus punts, while three of his four punts were downed inside the Cowboy 10-yard line. Dunlap is averaging 44.9 yards per punt on the season, which is good for fifth in the FCS and leads the Southland. This is his second Special Teams Player of the Week award of the season.

SOUTHLAND VS. NONCONFERENCE

FCS 6-15

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 1-6

Eastern Illinois 0-1

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

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 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

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 DB Nicholls

Oct. 17 Kendall Paul DB A&M-Commerce

Oct. 24 Eli Ellis LB Nicholls

Oct. 31 Donte' Daniels (2) LB Southeastern

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 Kole Wilson RS UIW

Oct. 31 Austin Dunlap (2) P Southeastern

Nov. 7

Nov. 14

Nov. 21

STATS PERFORM FCS POLL

OCT. 31

Rank	Team	Rec	Pts	Prev
1.	South Dakota State (53)	8-1	1349	1
2.	Sacramento State (1)	8-0	1281	2
3.	Montana State	7-1	1236	3
4.	North Dakota State	6-2	1196	4
5.	Weber State	7-1	1103	t5
6.	Holy Cross	8-0	1052	t5
7.	UIW	8-1	1012	8
8.	William & Mary	7-1	949	10
9.	Jackson State	8-0	940	9
10.	Samford	7-1	855	13
11.	Chattanooga	6-2	674	7
12.	Mercer	7-2	665	16
13.	Furman	7-2	631	24
14.	Richmond	6-2	590	17
15.	Idaho	5-3	599	14
16.	Montana	5-3	537	11
17.	New Hampshire	6-2	471	19
18.	Delaware	6-2	457	12
19.	Elon	6-3	322	NR
20.	UT Martin	5-3	308	21
21.	North Dakota	5-3	268	23
22.	Southeast Missouri	6-2	248	15
23.	Rhode Island	5-3	223	18
24.	Fordham	6-2	181	22
25.	Princeton	7-0	154	NR

Dropped Out: Southern Illinois (20), Austin Peay (25)

Others Receiving Votes (schools listed on two or more ballots): Eastern Kentucky 87; Southeastern 86; Villanova 34; Southern Illinois 28; Northern Iowa 15; UC Davis 13; Austin Peay 6; Saint Francis 6

AFCA COACHES POLL

OCT. 31

Rank	Team	Rec	Pts	Prev
1.	South Dakota St. (25)	8-1	673	1
2.	Montana St.	7-1	638	2
3.	Sacramento St. (2)	8-0	624	3
4.	North Dakota St.	6-2	566	4
5.	Jackson St.	8-0	553	5
6.	Weber St.	7-1	542	7
7.	Holy Cross	8-0	509	8
8.	UIW	8-1	497	9
9.	William & Mary	7-1	464	12
10.	Samford	7-1	431	13
11.	Mercer	7-2	372	16
12.	Chattanooga	6-2	327	6
13.	Montana	5-3	297	10
14.	Richmond	6-2	285	20
15.	UT Martin	5-3	245	18
16.	Delaware	6-2	230	11
17.	Princeton	7-0	228	22
18.	Fordham	6-2	210	15
19.	Furman	7-2	193	NR
20.	Southeast Missouri St.	6-2	165	14
21.	New Hampshire	6-2	132	25
22.	Rhode Island	5-3	110	17
23.	Elon	6-3	98	NR
24.	Idaho	5-3	93	23
25.	St. Thomas (Minn.)	7-1	69	NR

Dropped Out: Stephen F. Austin (19), Austin Peay (21), Southern Illinois (24)

Others Receiving Votes: Eastern Kentucky 44; Florida A&M 37; Merrimack 26; Stephen F. Austin 21; Austin Peay 18; Villanova 15; Southern Illinois 13; Pennsylvania 11; North Carolina Central 9; Northern Iowa 8; Lindenwood 7; Davidson 5; North Dakota 5; Dayton 3; St. Francis (Pa.) 2.

SOUTHLAND FOOTBALL



HCU

2-6, 1-3 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 * 2 p.m.
12 ... McNEESE * 2 p.m.
19at Tarleton 2 p.m.



UIW

8-1, 3-1 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 * 2 p.m.
12OPEN
19at Northwestern State * 1 p.m.



LAMAR

1-7, 1-3 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 L21-54
29 ... NICHOLLS * W24-17

NOVEMBER

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



McNEESE

1-7, 0-4 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 7 p.m.
19at HCU * 2 p.m.
19 ... LAMAR * 7 p.m.



NICHOLLS

2-7, 2-2 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 * 3 p.m.
17 ... SOUTHEASTERN * (Thur.) 6 p.m.



NORTHWESTERN STATE

3-5, 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 ... SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE L16-51
29OPEN

NOVEMBER

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



SOUTHEASTERN

5-3, 2-1 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 * 3 p.m.
12 ... NORTHWESTERN STATE * 6 p.m.
17at Nicholls * (Thur.) 6 p.m.



TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE

5-3, 3-1 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 * 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

NATIONAL PRESEASON HONORS

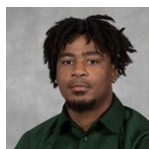
2022 PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS



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.

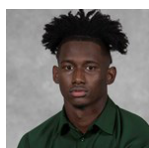
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HERO Sports • Second Team



Kelechi Anyalebechi

UIW • LB • 6-0, 240, Gr.

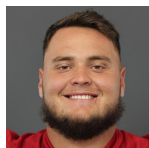
Stats Perform • Second Team
HERO Sports • Third Team



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

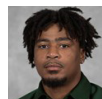
Nicholls • RB • 5-10, 230, Sr.

BUCK BUCHANAN AWARD WATCH LIST



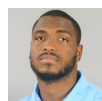
Kelechi Anyalebechi

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

SOUTHLAND SLATE FEATURES FOUR GAMES THIS WEEK

• Action around the Southland is featured by a key contest in the conference title race, with three other intriguing contests.

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

• Saturday's key game in league action will have major implications on the Southland title race, as 3-0 Northwestern State visit 3-1 A&M-Commerce.

• These teams are meeting for the 30th time, with the Demons holding a 17-10-2 record in the series. The series in Commerce is tied at 4-4-2, dating back to 1926.

• NSU has won the last four meetings and 10 of the last 11, and will visit Commerce for the first time since 1999.

HCU at UIW • 2 p.m. • ESPN+

• Two teams with opposite trends will meet in the Alamo City, as UIW has won five straight and HCU has lost four straight.

• UIW is 7-0 all-time against HCU, including 4-0 in games at Benson Stadium

• This is UIW's Homecoming contest.

SOUTHEASTERN at LAMAR • 3 p.m. • ESPN3

• The Cardinals will play in Beaumont for the final time this season when they welcome the Lions in from Hammond, America.

• Field position will be key in this game, as these teams both rank highly nationally in punting and can flip the field when pinned.

• Southeastern has a 9-4 lead in the all-time series and a 3-2 lead in Beaumont.

• The Lions have won the last four straight in the series and 8 of the last 9.

EASTERN ILLINOIS at McNEESE • 7 p.m. • ESPN+

• A Southland/Ohio Valley matchup will be the conference nightcap, with McNeese hosting Eastern Illinois.

• The Cowboys and Panthers are meeting for the first time in 29 years.

• McNeese has won both previous meetings against EIU, at home in 1993 and on the road in 1990.

• The Panthers are 2-6 overall and 1-2 in the OVC this season.

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

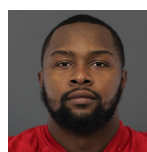


- The UIW Cardinals' scoring average still ranks second in the nation after their 35-7 win over A&M-Commerce last week.
- This puts the Cardinals at 443 total points through nine games for an average of 49.2 points, and are still the only FCS team to score over 400 points this season.
- The Southland 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	8	396	49.5
2	UIW	9	443	49.2
3	Sacramento St.	8	352	44.0
4	Montana St.	8	327	40.9
5	Mercer	9	363	40.3
6	Jackson St.	8	321	40.1
7	Monmouth	9	359	39.9
8	Holy Cross	8	305	38.1
9	N.C. Central	8	302	37.8
	SFA	8	302	37.8

- The Cardinals also rank second nationally in total offensive yards per game. They are the only team over 5,000 yards so far this season.

Rk.	School	GP	Total Yds	Yds/Gm
1	Fordham	8	4,846	605.8
2	UIW	9	5,100	566.7
3	Western Carolina	8	4,033	504.1
4	Sacramento St.	8	3,990	498.8
5	UC Davis	8	3,931	491.4
6	Monmouth	9	4,328	480.9
7	Montana St.	8	3,837	479.6
8	Southeast Mo. St.	8	3,835	479.4
9	Jackson St.	8	3,829	478.6
10	Davidson	8	3,827	478.4



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 sixth nationally in FCS in career rushing yards.
- Entering this week's action, the senior Walter Payton Award Watch List member has 3,205 career yards, and needs **141** yards to enter the top 10 in the Southland record books.

Rk.	Player	School	GP	Carries	TDs	Yds
1	Jaleel McLaughlin	Youngstown St.	53	1,188	75	7,760
2	Ulonzo Gilliam	UC Davis	48	816	38	4,271
3	Jacob Saylor	ETSU	49	562	32	3,646
4	Josh Davis	Weber St.	46	634	25	3,503
5	Geno Hess	Southeast Mo. St.	41	584	41	3,338
6	Julien Gums	Nicholls	42	585	35	3,205
7	Ontario Douglas	Tarleton St.	36	609	35	3,117
8	Ailym Ford	Chattanooga	30	584	28	3,063
9	Asher O'Hara	Sacramento St.	43	682	40	3,020
10	Jake Chisholm	Dayton	39	550	28	2,825

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Armstrong

FINDING PAYDIRT

- Texas A&M-Commerce wide receiver Andrew Armstrong is still the unofficial FCS national leader with **12** 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.



Grimes

- This puts UIW wide receiver Taylor Grimes as the official national leader at this point in the season with **11** touchdowns..
- 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 (212.5) and passing TDs (38), ranks second in point responsibility (30.0 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	8	205-313-4	38	3,279	409.9
2	Lindsey Scott.....	UIW	9	201-272-4	38	3,090	343.3
3	Parker McKinney.....	Eastern Ky.....	8	208-301-5	20	2,513	314.1
4	Shedeur Sanders.....	Jackson St.....	8	228-320-5	24	2,425	303.1
5	Brady Meitz.....	Stetson	7	169-276-8	11	2,094	299.1
6	Reese Poffenbarger	UAlbany.....	8	171-256-1	20	2,316	289.5
7	Zevi Eckhaus.....	Bryant.....	8	182-297-11	15	2,304	288.0
8	Reece Udinski.....	Richmond	8	239-310-3	19	2,287	285.9
9	Miles Hastings.....	UC Davis	8	195-280-4	18	2,279	284.9
10	Paxton DeLaurent.....	Southeast Mo. St.	8	172-281-5	18	2,269	283.6

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

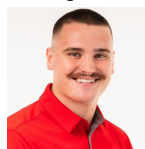
- The Southland features two of the nation's top passing offenses in UIW (ranked 2nd in yards per game) and Northwestern State (9th in yards per game).
- UIW leads the nation in passing efficiency (212.19).

Rk..	School	GP.....	C-A-I.....	Yds.....	TDs	YPG
1	Fordham	8	208-316-4	3,314	39	414.2
2	UIW	9	222-307-5	3,427	40	380.8
3	Cal Poly	8	203-351-14	2,560	18	320.0
4	Western Carolina	8	202-300-16	2,552	24	319.0
5	Bryant.....	8	199-323-11	2,523	18	315.4
6	Eastern Ky.....	8	208-301-5	2,513	20	314.1
7	Jackson St.	8	234-329-5	2,504	26	313.0
8	Stetson.....	7	175-284-8	2,128	11	304.0
9	UC Davis	8	209-303-5	2,412	20	301.5
10	Northwestern St.	8	211-376-13	2,388	15	298.5

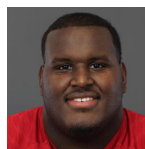
FIVE SOUTHLAND SCHOLAR-ATHLETES RECOGNIZED AS CAMPBELL TROPHY SEMIFINALISTS



Young - HCU



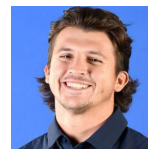
Wallis - Lamar



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.

DEMONS HOT START ON THE LINE AGAINST UPSTART



- 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 league newcomer 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.
- A&M-Commerce's 31-3 win over HCU gave the league newcomer Lions a 3-0 start.
- The Lions became only the fourth school to have a 3-0 start to conference play in their first year in FCS play after transitioning.
- That winning streak came to an end against UIW.



Yr	Team	Conference	Start Streak	Rec that year	Came from
1999	UAlbany	Northeast	won first 5	6-1	D2
1983	Dayton	Pioneer	won first 6	6-0	D3
2002	Gardner-Webb	Big South	won all 3	3-0	D2
2022	A&M-Commerce	Southland	won first 3	TBA	D2

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BIG BOOTS



Dunlap

- Southeastern's Austin Dunlap moved up to fifth in the nation in punting average after his second Southland Special Teams Player of the Week performance.
- In the team category, Lamar ranks fifth nationally in net punting at 40.35 yards per punt, and Southeastern is seventh at 40.08 yards per punt

Rk.	Player	School	GP	Punts	Yds	Avg
1	Jake Gerardi	Southern Utah	8	38	1,854	48.8
2	Patrick Rohrbach	Montana	8	37	1,723	46.6
3	David Gelb	Charleston So.	7	45	2,029	45.1
4	Riley Williams	Towson	8	33	1,482	44.9
5	Austin Dunlap	Southeastern	8	38	1,701	44.8
6	Tyler Larco	UT Martin	8	33	1,474	44.7
7	Grant Burkett	Missouri St.	8	33	1,470	44.5
8	Trey Wilhoit	Eastern Ill.	8	38	1,687	44.4
9	Tyler Pastula	UAlbany	8	31	1,357	43.8
10	Nick Kokich	Eastern Wash.	8	36	1,570	43.6

TOP TACKLERS

- HCU linebacker Rodney Dansby has moved up to second in the nation in total tackles, averaging 11.9 tackles per contest. He has 95 tackles entering the UIW game this weekend.
- McNeese lineback Kordell Williams moved up to fourth in total tackles with 11.0 tackles per game, with a total of 88 stops in eight games.

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 398.
- HCU's Rodney Dansby's 11.84 career tackles per game leads all active players in FCS.
- Southeastern's Ferlando Jordan's 40 passes defended ranks second and his 11 career interceptions ranks fifth.

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.