



2022 SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE FOOTBALL WEEKLY RELEASE WEEK 1 • AUGUST 30, 2022

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2021 FINAL SOUTHLAND STANDINGS

	SOUTHLAND		ALL GAMES					
	W-L	PCT	W-L	PCT	HOME	AWAY	NEU	STK
UIW [!]	7-1	.875	10-3	.769	6-0	4-3	0-0	LI
Southeastern [^]	6-2	.750	9-4	.692	4-1	5-3	0-0	LI
Nicholls	5-3	.625	6-5	.545	3-2	3-3	0-0	WI
McNeese	3-5	.375	4-7	.364	1-4	3-3	0-0	LI
Northwestern State	3-5	.375	3-8	.273	1-4	2-4	0-0	WI
HBU	0-8	.000	0-11	.000	0-5	0-6	0-0	LI

[!] Southland Regular Season Champion. [^] FCS Championship Participant.

THIS WEEK IN THE SOUTHLAND

Thursday, September 1

Lamar at Abilene Christian 7 p.m.

Lincoln (Calif.) at Texas A&M-Commerce 7 p.m.

Saturday, September 3

Northwestern State at No. 3/2 Montana 2 p.m.

HBU at Northern Colorado 3 p.m.

Nicholls at South Alabama 4 p.m.

No. 9/9 Southern Illinois at No. 14/14 UIW 6 p.m.

No. 17/16 Southeastern at Louisiana 6 p.m.

McNeese at No. 4/4 Montana State 7 p.m.

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.	HBU	24

**ALL GAMES BROADCAST
ON ESPN+**



All Times Central

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*	HBU	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*	HBU	So.
LB	Isaiah Paul*	UIW	R-Jr.
LB	Hayden Shaheen*	Nicholls	So.
LB	Brennan Young	HBU	Sr.
DB	Elliott Davison	UIW	Jr.
DB	Jordan Jackson	Nicholls	Jr.
DB	Isaiah Cash	HBU	So.
DB	Brandon Richard	UIW	Sr.
DB	Coi Miller	HBU	Sr.
KR	Ce'Cori Tolds	UIW	Gr.
PR	Gage Larvadain	Southeastern	So.

* Automatic selection; returning all-conference player

FOOTBALL HEAD COACHES



HBU

HEAD COACH..... Vic Shealy
Overall: 43-80-1 (12 Seasons)
School: 16-66 (8 Seasons)
SLC at School: 6-52 (7 Seasons)



UIW

HEAD COACH..... G.J. Kinne
Overall: 0-0 (1st Season)
School: 0-0 (1st Season)
SLC at School: 0-0 (1st Season)



LAMAR

HEAD COACH..... Blane Morgan
Overall: 3-13 (2 Seasons)
School: 3-13 (2 Seasons)
SLC at School: 2-4 (1 Season)



MCNEESE

HEAD COACH..... Gary Goff
Overall: 60-53 (11 Seasons)
School: 0-0 (1st Season)
SLC at School: 0-0 (1st Season)



NICHOLLS

HEAD COACH..... Tim Rebowe
Overall: 44-35 (7 Seasons)
School: 44-35 (7 Seasons)
SLC at School: 37-22 (7 Seasons)



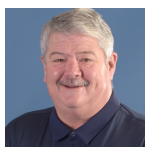
NORTHWESTERN STATE

HEAD COACH..... Brad Laird
Overall: 12-28 (4 Seasons)
School: 12-28 (4 Seasons)
SLC at School: 11-21 (4 Seasons)



SOUTHEASTERN

HEAD COACH..... Frank Scelfo
Overall: 25-19 (4 Seasons)
School: 25-19 (4 Seasons)
SLC at School: 20-12 (4 Seasons)



TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE

HEAD COACH..... David Bailiff
Overall: 96-102 (16 Seasons)
School: 18-7 (2 Seasons)
SLC at School: 0-0 (1st Season)

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SOUTHLAND FOOTBALL

2022 SOUTHLAND PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

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DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

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SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

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SOUTHLAND VS. NONCONFERENCE

FBS 0-0

AMERICAN 0-0

SMU 0-0

CONFERENCE USA 0-0

FAU 0-0

Rice 0-0

MOUNTAIN WEST 0-0

Nevada 0-0

SUN BELT 0-0

Louisiana 0-0

Louisiana-Monroe 0-0

South Alabama 0-0

Southern Miss 0-0

Texas State 0-0

INDEPENDENT 0-0

New Mexico State 0-0

FCS 0-0

A-SUN 0-0

Jacksonville State 0-0

BIG SKY 0-0

Montana 0-0

Montana State 0-0

Northern Colorado 0-0

MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL CONF. ... 0-0

Southern Illinois 0-0

NORTHEAST 0-0

Central Connecticut State 0-0

OHIO VALLEY 0-0

Eastern Illinois 0-0

Lindenwood 0-0

Murray State 0-0

SEMO 0-0

Tennessee-Martin 0-0

Tennessee State 0-0

Tennessee Tech 0-0

SWAC 0-0

Alcorn State 0-0

Grambling 0-0

Prairie View A&M 0-0

WAC 0-0

Abilene Christian 0-0

Sam Houston 0-0

Tarleton 0-0

DIVISION II 0-0

Mississippi College 0-0

NAIA 0-0

Faulkner 0-0

OTHER 0-0

Lincoln (Calif.) 0-0

North American 0-0

OFFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Sept. 5

Sept. 12

Sept. 19

Sept. 26

Oct. 3

Oct. 10

Oct. 17

Oct. 24

Oct. 31

Nov. 7

Nov. 14

Nov. 21

DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Sept. 5

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SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

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STATS PERFORM FCS POLL PRESEASON

Rank	Team	Rec	Pts	Prev
1	North Dakota State (52)	14-1	1,348	
2	South Dakota State (2)	11-4	1,285	
3	Montana	10-3	1,218	
4	Montana State	12-3	1,203	
5	Missouri State	8-4	1,066	
6	Villanova	10-3	997	
7	Sacramento State	9-3	991	
8	Kennesaw State	11-2	959	
9	Southern Illinois	8-5	915	
10	Stephen F. Austin	8-4	813	
11	ETSU	11-2	750	
12	Chattanooga	6-5	562	
13	Eastern Washington	10-3	538	
14	UIW	10-3	533	
15	Jackson State	11-2	515	
16	Holy Cross	10-3	503	
17	Southeastern	9-4	440	
18	UT Martin	10-3	404	
19	Delaware	5-6	401	
20	Weber State	6-5	391	
21	Northern Iowa	6-6	289	
22	Rhode Island	7-4	242	
23	Mercer	7-3	215	
24	Richmond	6-5	166	
25	UC Davis	8-4	153	

Others Receiving Votes (schools listed on two or more ballots): South Dakota 151, Eastern Kentucky 129, Florida A&M 78, William & Mary 66, Dartmouth 59, Monmouth 23, Harvard 19, Princeton 18, Central Arkansas 14, Furman 14, South Carolina State 13, Sacred Heart 12, Elon 8, North Carolina A&T 4

AFCA COACHES POLL PRESEASON

Rank	Team	Rec	Pts	Prev
1	North Dakota State (24)	14-1	624	1
2	Montana	10-3	567	6
3	South Dakota State (1)	11-4	566	5
4	Montana State	12-3	560	2
5	Villanova	10-3	493	8
6	Kennesaw State	11-2	453	10
7	Sacramento State	9-3	452	11
8	Missouri State	8-4	405	14
9	Southern Illinois	8-5	379	17
10	Stephen F. Austin	8-4	362	18
11	ETSU	11-2	352	7
12	Eastern Washington	10-3	337	9
13	Chattanooga	6-5	294	NR
14	UIW	10-3	277	13
15	UT Martin	10-3	257	12
16	Southeastern	9-4	254	15
17	Jackson State	11-2	245	19
18	Holy Cross	10-3	184	22
19	Delaware	5-6	172	NR
20	Weber State	6-5	141	NR
21	Northern Iowa	6-6	119	25
22	UC Davis	8-4	101	16
23	Mercer	7-3	78	NR
T-24	Rhode Island	7-4	66	NR
T-24	Richmond	6-5	66	NR

Others Receiving Votes: South Dakota, 49; Florida A&M, 44; Harvard, 38; South Carolina State, 38; Princeton, 29; Central Arkansas, 23; Eastern Kentucky, 18; Dartmouth, 17; Nicholls, 8; Furman, 6; North Carolina A&T, 6; William & Mary, 6; Murray State, 5; Davidson, 3; Fordham, 3; Southeast Missouri State, 3; North Dakota, 2; Utah Tech, 2; Austin Peay, 1; Elon, 1.

SOUTHLAND FOOTBALL



HBU

0-0, 0-0 Southland

SEPTEMBER

3.....at Northern Colorado	3 p.m.
10 ... LINDENWOOD	6 p.m.
17OPEN	
24.....at Texas State	6 p.m.

OCTOBER

1at Lamar *	3 p.m.
8 NICHOLLS *	6 p.m.
15 ... NORTHWESTERN STATE *	6 p.m.
22.....at Texas A&M-Commerce *	2 p.m.
29 ... UT MARTIN	2 p.m.

NOVEMBER

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



UIW

0-0, 0-0 Southland

SEPTEMBER

3 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	6 p.m.
10.....at Nevada	4:30 p.m.
17.....at Prairie View A&M	6 p.m.
24.....at Southeastern *	6 p.m.

OCTOBER

1 McNEESE*	6 p.m.
8 LAMAR *	4 p.m.
15.....at Nicholls *	3 p.m.
22 ... FAULKNER	2 p.m.
29.....at Texas A&M-Commerce *	2 p.m.

NOVEMBER

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



LAMAR

0-0, 0-0 Southland

SEPTEMBER

1at Abilene Christian (Thur.)	7 p.m.
10.....at SMU	6 p.m.
17 ... NORTHWESTERN COLORADO	6 p.m.
24.....at Northwestern State *	3:30 p.m.

OCTOBER

1 HBU *	3 p.m.
8at UIW *	4 p.m.
15OPEN	
22 ... PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	4 p.m.
29 ... NICHOLLS *	3 p.m.

NOVEMBER

5 SOUTHEASTERN *	3 p.m.
12.....at New Mexico State	6 p.m.
19.....at McNeese *	7 p.m.



McNEESE

0-0, 0-0 Southland

SEPTEMBER

3.....at Montana State	7 p.m.
10.....at Rice	6:30 p.m.
17 ... ALCORN STATE	7 p.m.
24.....MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE	7 p.m.

OCTOBER

1at UIW *	6 p.m.
8OPEN	
15 ... TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE *	7 p.m.
22.....at Nicholls *	3 p.m.
29 ... SOUTHEASTERN *	7 p.m.

NOVEMBER

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



NICHOLLS

0-0, 0-0 Southland

SEPTEMBER

3at South Alabama	4 p.m.
10.....at Louisiana-Monroe	7 p.m.
17.....at SEMO	2 p.m.
24 ... JACKSONVILLE STATE	3 p.m.

OCTOBER

1at Northwestern State *	3:30 p.m.
8at HBU *	6 p.m.
15 ... UIW Non-Conf	3 p.m.
22 ... McNEESE *	3 p.m.
29.....at Lamar *	3 p.m.

NOVEMBER

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



NORTHWESTERN STATE

0-0, 0-0 Southland

SEPTEMBER

3at Montana	2 p.m.
10.....vs. Grambling (at Shreveport)	6 p.m.
17.....at Southern Mississippi	6 p.m.
24 ... LAMAR *	3:30 p.m.

OCTOBER

1 NICHOLLS *	3:30 p.m.
8at Eastern Illinois	2 p.m.
15.....at HBU *	6 p.m.
22 ... SEMO	1 p.m.
29OPEN	

NOVEMBER

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



SOUTHEASTERN

0-0, 0-0 Southland

SEPTEMBER

3at Louisiana	6 p.m.
10.....at FAU	5 p.m.
17 ... CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE	6 p.m.
24 ... UIW *	6 p.m.

OCTOBER

1 MURRAY STATE	6 p.m.
8 TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE *	4 p.m.
15OPEN	
22.....at Jacksonville State	1 p.m.
29.....at McNeese *	7 p.m.

NOVEMBER

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



TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE

0-0, 0-0 Southland

SEPTEMBER

1 LINCOLN (Calif.) (Thur.)	7 p.m.
10.....at Tennessee Tech	6 p.m.
17.....at Sam Houston	6 p.m.
24 ... NORTH AMERICAN	6 p.m.

OCTOBER

1OPEN	
8at Southeastern *	4 p.m.
15.....at McNeese *	7 p.m.
22 ... HBU *	2 p.m.
29 ... UIW *	2 p.m.

NOVEMBER

5 NORTHWESTERN STATE *	2 p.m.
12.....at 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 **SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2023**

SOUTHLAND FOOTBALL

NATIONAL PRESEASON HONORS

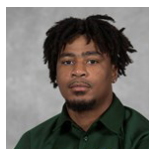
2022 PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS



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.

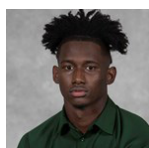
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Kelechi Anyalebechi

UIW • LB • 6-0, 240, Gr.

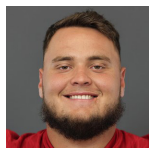
Stats Perform • Second Team
HERO Sports • Third Team



Zy Alexander

Southeastern • DB • 6-3, 185, Soph.

Stats Perform • Second Team



Evan Roussel

Nicholls • OL • 6-2, 290, Soph.

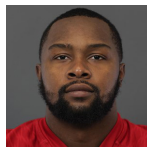
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WALTER PAYTON AWARD WATCH LIST



Lindsey Scott, Jr.

UIW • QB • 5-11, 220, Sr.



Julien Gums

Nicholls • RB • 5-10, 230, Sr.



Taylor Grimes

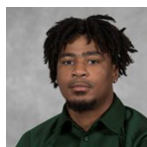
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BUCK BUCHANAN AWARD WATCH LIST



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UIW • LB • 6-0, 240, Gr.



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Southeastern • DB • 6-0, 180, R-Sr.

NEWS & NOTES

PREMIER NON-CONFERENCE MATCHUP

- UIW will host Southern Illinois this Saturday in one of the top non-conference matchups of the season.
- The Cardinals are ranked 14th nationally in both the Stats Perform FCS Poll and the AFCA Coaches' Poll.
- The Salukis are ranked 9th nationally in both the Stats Perform FCS Poll and the AFCA Coaches' Poll.

WELCOME IN AND WELCOME BACK

- This week will mark the return of Lamar University to the Southland Conference after one year with other affiliation.
- Texas A&M University-Commerce joins the Southland this season, and the Lions host their first Division II football game on Thursday vs. Lincoln.

NEW FACES IN THE COACHING RANKS

- Two Southland schools have new head coaches making their Division I debuts, while one more returns to the league.
- UIW's G.J. Kinne takes the reins of the Cardinal program for his first head coaching job after most recently serving as co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at UCF.
- McNeese welcomes head coach Gary Goff to the lead spot on the Cowboys' sideline. This is his first Division I head coaching job after winning 60 games in 11 years at Tiffin and Valdosta State in Division II. He went 22-3 in two seasons at VSU with a national final appearance.
- David Bailiff at Texas A&M-Commerce makes his second stint in the Southland after serving as head coach at Texas State from 2004-06, taking the Bobcats to the FCS semifinals in 2005.