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2023 Weekly Report Week 2: Games of Sept. 9

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CURRENT STANDINGS

				PFL					OVERALL						
Team	W-L	PCT	PF	PA	Н	Α	STR	W-L	PCT	PF	PA	Н	Α	STR	PREVIOUS WEEK
Morehead State	0-0	_	0	0	0-0	0-0	L6	1-0	1.000	37	35	1-0	0-0	W1	W, 37-35 vs. West Virginia St.
St. Thomas	0-0	_	0	0	0-0	0-0	W10	1-0	1.000	36	26	1-0	0-0	W11	W, 36-26 vs. Black Hills St.
Stetson	0-0		0	0	0-0	0-0	W1	1-0	1.000	34	33	1-0	0-0	W2	W, 34-33 vs. St. Thomas (Fla.)
Butler	0-0	_	0	0	0-0	0-0	W1	0-1	.000	20	35	0-0	0-1	L3	L, 20-35 at Montana
Davidson	0-0	_	0	0	0-0	0-0	W1	0-1	.000	7	12	0-0	0-1	L2	L, 7-12 at VMI
Dayton	0-0	_	0	0	0-0	0-0	L1	0-1	.000	0	41	0-0	0-1	L2	L, 0-41 at Illinois State
Drake	0-0	_	0	0	0-0	0-0	W3	0-1	.000	7	55	0-0	0-1	L1	L, 7-55 at North Dakota
Marist	0-0	_	0	0	0-0	0-0	L1	0-1	.000	7	49	0-0	0-1	L3	L, 7-49 at Georgetown
Presbyterian	0-0	_	0	0	0-0	0-0	L16	0-1	.000	10	41	0-0	0-1	L10	L, 10-41 at Murray State
San Diego	0-0	_	0	0	0-0	0-02	W2	0-1	.000	10	27	0-0	0-1	L1	L, 10-27 at Cal Poly
Valparaiso	0-0	_	0	0	0-0	0-0	L1	0-1	.000	10	52	0-0	0-1	L2	L, 10-52 at Youngstown St.

Teams are sorted by PFL win percentage, league wins then, if tied, alphabetical order.

AHEAD IN WEEK 1

Taylor at Butler, 1 p.m.

 Broadcast: FloFootball
 Stadium: Sellick Bowl

 Location: Indianapolis, Ind.
 Stadium: Sellick Bowl

 Series: BUT leads, 9-1
 Streak: BUT, two wins

 Last Meeting: Butler def. Taylor, 45-10 (2022)

Central State at Dayton, 1 p.m.

Broadcast: Facebook LiveLocation: Dayton, OhioStadium: Welcome StadiumSeries: DAY leads, 7-1Streak: DAY, seven winsLast Meeting: Dayton def. Central State, 31-19 (2016)

Virginia-Lynchburg at Presbyterian, 1 p.m. Broadcast: ESPN+

Location: Clinton, S.C. Stadium: Bailey Stadium Series: PRE leads, 1-0 Streak: PRE, one win Last Meeting: Presbyterian def. Virginia-Lynchburg, 21-13 (2022)

St. Thomas at South Dakota, 2 p.m.

Broadcast: Midco Sports + Location: Vermillion, S.D. Series: First Meeting

Stadium: The DakotaDome

Colorado Mesa at San Diego, 4 p.m.

Broadcast: ESPN+ Location: San Diego, Calif. Series: First Meeting

Stadium: Torero Stadium

Valparaiso at Indiana Wesleyan, 6 p.m.

Broadcast: ESPN+Location: Marion, Ind.Stadium: Wildcat Football StadiumSeries: Series tied, 1-1Streak: VAL, one winLast Meeting: Valparaiso def. Indiana Wesleyan, 20-17 (2022)

Barton College at Davidson, 7 p.m.

Broadcast: Not Available Location: Davidson, N.C. Stadium: Richardson Stadium Series: DAV leads, 1-0 Streak: DAV, one win Last Meeting: Davidson def. Barton, 37-17 (2022)

Northwestern (lowa) at Drake, 7 p.m.

Broadcast: ESPN+ Location: Des Moines, Iowa Series: DRA leads, 2-1 Last Meeting: Drake def. Northwestern, 27-20 (1997)

Morehead State at #20 Mercer, 7 p.m.

 Broadcast: ESPN+

 Location: Macon, Ga.
 Stadium: Five Star Stadium

 Series: MER leads, 1-0
 Streak: MER, one win

 Last Meeting: Mercer def. Morehead State, 63-13 (2022)

Webber International at Stetson, 7 p.m.

Broadcast: ESPN+

Location: DeLand, Fla.Stadium: Spec Martin Memorial Stad.Series: STE leads, 1-0Streak: STE, one winLast Meeting: Stetson def. Webber International, 42-13 (2015)



PFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK







Offensive Player of the Week

Carter Cravens, Morehead State | Sophomore (RS) | Quarterback | Cypress, Texas

Cravens threw three touchdowns as Morehead State defeated West Virginia State, 37-35, in nonconference action Thursday. Making his debut as the Eagles starting quarterback, Cravens completed 21-of-32 passes for 236 yards and added another 82 yards on 11 carries. His three touchdown tosses went to three different receivers and accounted for Morehead State's first three touchdowns as they built a 24-7 lead they would hold on to. Cravens closed the game with an 18-yard rush on a 2nd-and-17 situation that gave MSU a first down and allowed them to kneel out the game for the win.

OTHER NOTABLES

Bret Bushka, Quarterback, Butler: Completed 24-of-35 passes for 263 yards and two touchdowns at Montana. Solomon Davis, Wide Receiver, Valparaiso: Caught four passes for 56 yards at Youngstown State. Colin Howard, Wide Receiver, Drake: Finished with 100 receiving yards on five catches at North Dakota. Shawn Shipman, Running Back, St. Thomas: Ran for 140 yards and a touchdown on 21 carries against Black Hills State.

Defensive Player of the Week

Johnson Fallah, St. Thomas | Senior (RS) | Defensive Back | Brooklyn Park, Minnesota Fallah kickstarted St. Thomas' 2023 season with a 37-yard interception return for a touchdown on the game's first possession as the Tommies defeated Black Hills State 36-26 in nonconference action Saturday. That win was Tommies head coach Glenn Caruso's 150th career win. In addition to his pick-six, Fallah had six tackles (five solo) as part of a St. Thomas defense that held Black Hills State to 41 rushing yards and recorded six sacks.

OTHER NOTABLES

Colin Graves, Defensive Back, Valparaiso: Finished with eight tackles (four solo) at Youngstown State. Lucas Kozlowski, Defensive Back, Butler: Had an interception along with six tackles (five solo) at Montana. Aiden McKinley, Linebacker, Dayton: Posted 15 tackles (three solo), forced and recovered a fumble at Illinois State. Andrew Nolan-White, Linebacker, Morehead State: Had 12 tackles (four solo), including a sack, against West Virginia State. Julian Rawlins, Defensive Lineman, Davidson: Recorded seven tackles, 2.0 tackles for loss, and a strip sack at VMI.

Special Teams Player of the Week

Tristan Shannon, Marist | Senior | Kick Returner | Bowie, Maryland

Shannon returned nine kickoffs for 151 yards in Marist's season-opening 49-7 loss at Georgetown Saturday. Shannon was the lone FCS kick returner to post more than 100 yards in kick returns through Saturday in Week 1 action. His 151 yards in kick returns was the second-most in Marist program history, averaging 25.2 yards per return. Shannon had four returns of 25-plus yards, two for 30-plus yards, and a 37-yard return on the day.

OTHER NOTABLES

Tristan Allen, Punter, Davidson: Averaged 44.2 yards on nine punts, including 63-yarder, at VMI. Evan Mathes, Punter, Valparaiso: Averaged 45.8 yards on five punts, including a 70-yarder, at Youngstown State. Luka Zurak, Kicker/Punter, Butler: Went 2-of-3 on field goals and averaged 39.5 yards on four punts at Montana.

NOTE: All individuals recognized on this page were nominated by the athletics communications staff at their respective schools.

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COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

Week 1: Aug. 31, 2023

Morehead State 37, West Virginia State 35 Youngstown State 52, Valparaiso 10

Week 1: Sept. 2, 2023

St. Thomas 36, Black Hills State 26
Stetson 34, St. Thomas (Fla.) 33
Georgetown 49, Marist 7
Illinois State 41, Dayton 0
VMI 12, Davidson 7
Montana 35, Butler 20
North Dakota 55, Drake 7
Cal Poly 27, San Diego 10
Murray State 41, Presbyterian 10

Week 2: Sept. 9, 2023

Taylor at Butler, 1 p.m.
Central State at Dayton, 1 p.m.
Virginia-Lynchburg at Presbyterian, 1 p.m.
St. Thomas at South Dakota, 2 p.m.
Colorado Mesa at San Diego, 4 p.m.
Valparaiso at Indiana Wesleyan, 6 p.m.
Barton College at Davidson, 7 p.m.
Northwestern (Iowa) at Drake, 7 p.m.
Morehead State at Mercer, 7 p.m.
Webber International at Stetson, 7 p.m.

Week 3: Sept. 16, 2023

Taylor at Dayton, 1 p.m.
St. Thomas at Harvard, 1 p.m.
Davidson at Marist, 1 p.m.
Stetson at Montana State, 3 p.m.
Drake at South Dakota State, 3:30 p.m.
Princeton at San Diego, 4 p.m.
Wabash at Butler, 6 p.m.
Presbyterian at Wofford, 6 p.m.

Week 4: Sept. 23, 2023

Butler at Stetson, Noon Marist at Valparaiso, 1 p.m. Morehead State at St. Thomas, 2 p.m. Dayton at San Diego, 5 p.m. St. Andrews at Davidson, 7 p.m.

Week 5: Sept. 30, 2023

Stetson at Marist, Noon	
Presbyterian at Butler, 1 p.m.	
San Diego at Davidson, 1 p.m.	
St. Thomas at Dayton, 1 p.m.	
Drake at Morehead State, 2 p.m.	-
Southwest Minnesota State at Valparaiso, 2 p.m.	

Week 6: Oct. 7, 2023

Marist at Columbia, 12:30 p.m.
Dayton at Morehead State, 1 p.m.
Stetson at Presbyterian, 1 p.m.
Butler at St. Thomas, 1 p.m.
Valparaiso at Drake, 2 p.m.

Week 7: Oct. 14, 2022

San Diego at Marist, Noon	
Davidson at Butler, 1 p.m.	
Presbyterian at Dayton, 1 p.m.	
St. Thomas at Drake, 1 p.m.	
Morehead State at Valparaiso, 2 p.m.	

2023 PIONEER FOOTBALL LEAGUE WEEKLY REPORT

All times Eastern. PFL Contests in bold.

Week 8: Oct. 21, 2022

Valparaiso at Davidson, 1 p.m.	
Butler at Dayton, 1 p.m.	
Marist at Presbyterian, 1 p.m.	
St. Thomas at Stetson, 1 p.m.	
Drake at San Diego, 5 p.m.	
Morehead State at Tarleton State, 7 p.m.	

Week 9: Oct. 28, 2022

Valparaiso at Butler, 1 p.m. Stetson at Drake, 1 p.m. Morehead State at San Diego, 5 p.m. Presbyterian at Davidson, 7 p.m. Marist at St. Thomas, 2 p.m.

Week 10: Nov. 4, 2023

Drake at Marist, Noon	
San Diego at Presbyterian, 1 p.m.	
Davidson at Stetson, 1 p.m.	
Butler at Morehead State, 2 p.m.	
Dayton at Valparaiso, 2 p.m.	

Week 11: Nov. 11, 2023

Marist at Dayton, 1 p.m. Davidson at Morehead State, 1 p.m. Stetson at Valparaiso, 1 p.m. Presbyterian at Drake, 2 p.m. St. Thomas at San Diego, 4 p.m.

Week 12: Nov. 18, 2023

Drake at Butler, Noon Bucknell at Marist, Noon San Diego at Stetson, Noon Morehead State at Presbyterian, 1 p.m.

Dayton at Davidson, 7 p.m.

Valparaiso at St. Thomas, 2 p.m. NCAA Division I FCS Championship POSTSEASON WEEK 1: Nov. 25, 2022

First Round

POSTSEASON WEEK 2: Dec. 2, 2022 Second Round

POSTSEASON WEEK 2: Dec. 9, 2022 Quarterfinals

POSTSEASON WEEK 4: Dec. 16, 2022 Semifinals

POSTSEASON WEEK 5: Jan. 6, 2023

National Championship at Frisco, Texas

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PREFERRED NOMENCLATURE

The league's full name is the **Pioneer Football** League. Please use the league's full name when possible or use PFL as an abbreviation. Please, <u>DO</u> <u>NOT</u> use Pioneer League in any case.

PIONEER-FOOTBALL.ORG

The PFL's website features the latest news and stories around the league. Standings along with team-by-team and composite results are updated following the conclusion of each day's action.

PFL ON TWITTER @PFLNews

The PFL also maintains an official twitter feed @PFLNews which will provide release and award notifications and score updates throughout the season.

WEEKLY RELEASE AND STATISTICS

Each week the PFL produces a weekly release in two versions, an initial Sunday Release and a final Weekly Release sent each Monday:

- The league's Sunday Release contains updated standings, the upcoming week's schedule as well as the players of the week.
- The PFL Weekly Release is released each Monday and contains all the information from the Sunday release along with news and notes from around the league and up-to-date statistics.

Both versions are provided by e-mail and on the league's website in PDF and may be reproduced as necessary. Weekly releases also will be sent via e-mail to media outlets around the league. Please contact Cody Bush at the PFL Media Relations Office to be added to the league's e-mail list.

WEEKLY AWARDS

The PFL names Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week each Sunday during the season. Winners are selected from nominations provided by each PFL team's Football Media Relations personnel. The information will be available from the PFL via the league's Sunday Release, the league's website, official Twitter feed and Facebook page.

ANNUAL AWARDS

The league will announce the following awards at the conclusion of the regular season:

- All-PFL First and Second teams;
- Honorable Mention All-PFL;
- Academic All-PFL First and Second teams;
- Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Year;
- · Offensive and Defensive Freshmen of the Year
- Scholar-Athlete of the Year;
- Coach of the Year.

The awards will be announced by the PFL via release as well as on the league's website.

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TEAM-BY-TEAM CAPSULES

OVERALL: 0-1

Date [TM RANK] Opponent [RANK]

Date [TM RANK] Opponent [RANK]

S02

S09

S16

S23

S30

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N04

N11

N18

S02

S16

S23

S30

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N04

N11

N18

BUTLER BULLDOGS

OVERALL: 0-1 PFL: 0-0 HOME: 0-0 AWAY: 0-1 HOME FACILITY: SELLICK BOWL (5,500)

Date [TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	Score	Attend
S02	at Montana [14/14]	L	20-35	25430
Date [TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	Kickoff		Broadcast
S09	Taylor	1 p.m.		FloSports
S16	Wabash	6 p.m.		FloSports
S23	at Stetson	Noon		
S30	Presbyterian	1 p.m.		FloSports
007	at St. Thomas	1 p.m.	M	dCoSports+
014	Davidson	1 p.m.		FloSports
021	at Dayton	1 p.m.	Fa	cebook Live
028	Valparaiso	1 p.m.		FloSports
N04	at Morehead St.	2 p.m.		ESPN+
N18	Drake	Noon		FloSports

DAYTON FLYERS

HOME FACILITY: WELCOME STADIUM (11,000)

MARIST RED FOXES

HOME FACILITY: TENNEY STADIUM (5,000)

HOME: 0-0

W/L

L

Kickoff

1 p.m.

1 p.m.

5 p.m.

1 p.m.

1 p.m.

1 p.m.

1 p.m.

2 p.m.

1 p.m.

7 p.m.

HOME: 0-0

W/L

L.

Kickoff

1 p.m.

1 p.m.

Noon

Noon

1 p.m.

2 p.m.

1 p.m.

Noon

Noon

12:30 p.m.

AWAY: 0-1

Attend

1687

ESPN+

ESPN+

MidCoSports+

Broadcast

Score

7-49

PFL: 0-0

at Illinois St. [-/RV]

Central St.

at San Diego

Presbyterian

at Valparaiso

at Davidson

OVERALL: 0-1 PFL: 0-0

at Georgetown

Davidson

Stetson

at Valparaiso

at Columbia

at Presbyterian

at St. Thomas

San Diego

Drake

at Dayton

Bucknell

Date [TM RANK] Opponent [RANK]

Date [TM RANK] Opponent [RANK]

at Morehead St.

St. Thomas

Taylor

Butler

Marist

DAVIDSON WILDCATS

OVERALL: 0-1 PFL: 0-0 HOME: 0-0 AWAY: 0-1 HOME FACILITY: RICHARDSON STADIUM (6,000)

Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	Score	Attend
S02	[RV/]	at VMI	L	7-12	5622
Date	[TM ANK]	Opponent [RANK]	Kickoff		Broadcast
S09		Barton College	7 p.m.	DavidsonW	ildcats.com
S16		at Marist	1 p.m.		
S23		St. Andrews	7 p.m.	DavidsonW	ildcats.com
S30		San Diego	1 p.m.	DavidsonWildcats.com	
014		at Butler	1 p.m.	FloSports	
021		Valparaiso	1 p.m.		
028		Presbyterian	7 p.m.	DavidsonW	ildcats.com
N04		at Stetson	1 p.m.		
N11		at Morehead St.	1 p.m.		ESPN+
N18		Dayton	7 p.m.	DavidsonW	ildcats.com

				[DRAKE BL	ILLDOGS		
AWAY: 0)-1		OVERA	LL: 0-1	PFL: 0-0	HOME: 0-0	AWAY: (0-1
l (11,000)				HOME FA	CILITY: DRAK	E STADIUM (14	1,557)	
Score	Attend	Date	[TM RANK]	Opponen	t [RANK]	W/L	Score	Attend
0-41	6740	S02		at North	Dakota [17/18]	L	7-55	8503
	Broadcast	Date	[TM RANK]	Opponen	t [RANK]	Kickoff		Broadcast
Fac	cebook Live	S09		Northwes	stern (Iowa)	7 p.m.		ESPN+
Fac	cebook Live	S16		at South	Dakota St.	3:30 p.m.		ESPN+
		S30		at Moreh	ead St.	2 p.m.		ESPN+
Fac	cebook Live	007		Valparais	0	2 p.m.		
	ESPN+	014		St. Thom	as	1 p.m.		ESPN+
Fac	cebook Live	021		at San Di	ego	5 p.m.		
Fac	cebook Live	028		Stetson		1 p.m.		ESPN+
	ESPN+	N04		at Marist		Noon		
		N11		Presbyter	ian	2 p.m.		ESPN+
DavidsonW	ildcats.com	N18		at Butler		Noon		FloSports

MOREHEAD STATE EAGLES OVERALL: 1-0 PFL: 0-0 HOME: 1-0 AWAY: 0-0

	HOME FACILITY: JAYNE STADIUM (10,000)				
Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	Score	Attend
A31		West Virginia St.	W	37-35	7147
Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	Kickoff		Broadcast
S09		at Mercer [20/24]	7 p.m.		ESPN+
S23		at St. Thomas	2 p.m.	Mi	dCoSports+
S30		Drake	2 p.m.		ESPN+
007		Dayton	1 p.m.		ESPN+
014		at Valparaiso	2 p.m.		ESPN+
021		at Tarleton St.	7 p.m.		
028		at San Diego	5 p.m.		
N04		Butler	2 p.m.		ESPN+
N11		Davidson	1 p.m.		ESPN+
N18		at Presbyterian	1 p.m.		ESPN+

PFL ACTIVE V	VIN STREAKS
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C	Consecutive Overall Wins						
	11	St. Thomas (2nd in FCS)					
	2	2 Stetson					

Consecutive PFL Wins						
10	St. Thomas (3rd in FCS					
3	Drake					
2	San Diego					

Consecutive Home Wins					
13	Davidson (3rd in FCS)				
13	St. Thomas† (3rd in FCS)				
7	Dayton (9th in FCS)				
2	Stetson				

Consecutive Road Wins

† St. Thomas' home win streak is since it joined Division I. It has a 27-game home win streak dating back to the 2016 season.

TEAM-BY-TEAM CAPSULES

PRESBYTERIAN BLUE HOSE

OVERALL: 0-1 PFL: 0-0 HOME: 0-0 AWAY: 0-1 HOME FACILITY: BAILEY MEMORIAL STADIUM (6,500)

Date	ITM RANKI	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	Score	Attend
S02		at Murray St.	Ĺ	10-41	6953
Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	Kickoff		Broadcast
S09		Virginia-Lynchburg	1 p.m.		ESPN+
S16		at Wofford	6 p.m.		ESPN+
S30		at Butler	1 p.m.		FloSports
007		Stetson	1 p.m.		
014		at Dayton	1 p.m.	Fac	ebook Live
021		Marist	1 p.m.		ESPN+
028		at Davidson	7 p.m.	Side	arm Sports
N04		San Diego	1 p.m.		
N11		at Drake	2 p.m.		ESPN+
N18		Morehead St.	1 p.m.		ESPN+

ST. THOMAS TOMMIES

OVERALL: 1-0 PFL: 0-0 HOME: 0-0 AWAY: 1-0

	HOME FACILITY: O'SHAUGHNESSY STADIUM (5,000)					
Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	Score	Attend	
S02	[RV/RV]	Black Hills St.	W	36-26	3793	
Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	Kickoff		Broadcast	
S09		at South Dakota	2 p.m.			
S16		at Harvard	1 p.m.			
S23		Morehead St.	2 p.m.	Mid	CoSports+	
S30		at Dayton	1 p.m.	Face	ebook Live	
007		Butler	1 p.m.	Mid	CoSports+	
014		at Drake	1 p.m.		ESPN+	
021		at Stetson	1 p.m.		ESPN+	
028		Marist	2 p.m.	Mid	CoSports+	
N11		at San Diego	4 p.m.			
N18		Valparaiso	2 p.m.	Mid	CoSports+	

SAN DIEGO TOREROS							
OVERALL: 0-1 PFL: 0-0 HOME: 0-0 AWAY: 0-1							
	Н	OME FACILITY: WELC	OME STADIUM (6,000)		Н	
Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	Score	Attend	Date [
S02		at Cal Poly	L	10-27	6248	S02	
Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	Kickoff		Broadcast	Date [
S09		Colorado Mesa	4 p.m.			S09	
S16		Princeton	4 p.m.			S16	
S23		Dayton	5 p.m.			S23	
S30		at Davidson	1 p.m.	Sidea	arm Sports	S30	
014		at Marist	Noon			007	
021		Drake	5 p.m.			021	
028		Morehead St.	5 p.m.			028	
N04		at Presbyterian	1 p.m.			N04	
N11		St. Thomas	4 p.m.			N11	
N18		at Stetson	Noon		ESPN+	N18	

VA	LPARAISC	BEACONS	
I : 0-0	PFI:0-0	HOME: 0-0	

	OVERA	LL: 0-0 PFL:	0-0 HOME: 0	-0 AWAY:	0-0
		HOME FACILIT	Y: BROWN FIELD	(5,000)	
Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	Score	Attend
A31		at Youngstown St	t. [RV/RV] L	10-52	8593
Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	Kickof	f	Broadcast
S09		at Indiana Wesle	yan 6 p.m		
S23		Marist	1 p.m		ESPN+
S30		Southwest Minn.	St. 2 p.m		ESPN+
007		at Drake	2 p.m		
014		Morehead St.	2 p.m		ESPN+
021		at Davidson	1 p.m		
028		at Butler	1 p.m		FloSports
N04		Dayton	2 p.m		ESPN+
N11		Stetson	1 p.m	-	ESPN+
N18		at St. Thomas	2 p.m	. N	1idCoSports+

STETSON HATTERS					
OVERA	LL: 1-0 PFL: 0-0	HOME: 1-0	AWAY: (0-0	
HOME FA	CILITY: SPEC MARTIN	I MEMORIAL S	TADIUM (6	,000)	
Date [TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	Score	Attend	
S02	St. Thomas (Fla.)	W [от] 34-33	1609	
Date [TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	Kickoff		Broadcast	
S09	Webber International	7 p.m.		ESPN+	
S16	at Montana St.	3 p.m.		ESPN+	
S23	Butler	Noon			
S30	at Marist	Noon			
007	at Presbyterian	1 p.m.			
021	St. Thomas	1 p.m.		ESPN+	
028	at Drake	1 p.m.		ESPN+	
N04	Davidson	1 p.m.			
N11	at Valparaiso	1 p.m.		ESPN+	
N18	San Diego	Noon		ESPN+	



31ST SEASON

NOTING WEEK 1 IN THE PFL

The three PFL teams opening their 2023 seasons at home defended their home turf with victories. Morehead State opened the season Thursday by defeating Division II West Virginia State at Jayne Stadium thanks to quarterback Carter Cravens three-touchdown outing in his first start as an Eagle. In early action Saturday, St. Thomas picked up its 13th consecutive home victory, defeating Division II Black Hills State at O'Shaughnessy Stadium. Tommies defensive back Johnson Fallah set the tone early in St. Paul, Minnesota, return a pass on the second play of the game 37 yards for a touchdown. In Saturday night action, Stetson won a thrilling outing against NAIA #14 St. Thomas (Florida) by an extra point. Hatters running back Kaderris Roberts ran for 124 yards and two touchdowns for his first career 100-yard rushing performance. Butler gave FCS #14 Montana all it could handle, closing to within a point in the third guarter after guarterback Bret Bushka tossed his second touchdown of the afternoon. Drake also was on the road to face FCS #17 North Dakota and saw wide receiver Colin Howard haul in five passes for 100 yards, including 39 yards after the catch. Valparaiso also opened its season Thursday at Youngstown State with Ryan Mann scoring the Beacons lone touchdown in a season-opening loss. Marist traded early touchdowns with Georgetown but could not keep pace with the Hoyas in Washington, D.C. Davidson grabbed a one-point lead in the third quarter of its game at VMI but saw the hosts score a touchdown with 51 seconds remaining to escape the Wildcats upset bid. San Diego got a 48-yard pick-six from Ruben Lopez, but it was the Toreros lone touchdown in a loss at Cal Poly. Presbyterian scored on consecutive possessions in the second guarter to tie its game at Murray State, but the host Racers scored before halftime to take a lead they did not relinquish in the PFL's Week 1 finale.

WEEK 1 INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

100-YARD RUSHERS

- St. Thomas' Shawn Shipman (21 carries, 140 yards)
- Stetson's Kaderris Roberts (24 carries, 124 yards)
- 100-YARD RECEIVERS

Drake's Colin Howard (5 receptions, 100 yards).

100-YARD KICK RETURNERS

- Marist's Tristan Shannon (6 returns, 151 yards)
- Drake's Davion Cherwin (4 returns, 107 yards)

PICK-SIXES

- St. Thomas' Johnson Fallah (37 yards)
- San Diego's Ruben Lopez (48 yards)

15-TACKLE DAYS

- Stetson's Argjent Ismaili (16)
- Dayton's Aiden McKinley (15)

PFL'S 31ST CAMPAIGN

The 2023 season marks the 31st year for the Pioneer Football League – the nation's only non-scholarship, football-only NCAA Football Championship Subdivision conference. The league will feature 11 teams – tied for most in league history – each playing an eight-game schedule to determine the league champion and recipient of the automatic bid to the 2023 NCAA FCS Championship.

DEFENDING CHAMPION ST. THOMAS PICKED TO WIN PFL

St. Thomas, the defending Pioneer Football League champion, was the choice to win the league's 2023 title as selected in the league's Preseason Coaches' poll released Tuesday and voted upon by the league's head coaches.

St. Thomas received 98 of the maximum 100 points available, with coaches unable to vote for their teams. Davidson followed closely with 92 points – putting the Tommies and Wildcats as the league's clear frontrunners entering the 2023 season. Dayton and San Diego, perennial league favorites, were picked to finish third and fourth, respectively.

PFL SEES FOUR 2022 MAJOR AWARD WINNERS RETURN FOR 2023

Four of the PFL's five major award winners from 2022 return for the 2023 season, led by reigning PFL Offensive Player of the Year quarterback Bret Bushka of Butler. He is joined by Butler's punter and kicker Luka Zurak, who returns after claiming PFL Special Teams Player of the Year last season. Drake defensive lineman Finn Claypool also returns after earning Freshman Defensive Player of the Year recognition in 2022. Stetson quarterback Brady Meitz also returns after claiming Freshman Offensive Player of the Year honors.

WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE RETURNS ACROSS THE PFL

Eighty-six student-athletes recognized on the 2022 All-PFL Teams and honorable mention lists return for the 2023 season, including 12 returning First Team All-PFL selections and 15 returning Second Team All-PFL honorees.

GREG WALTER NAMED SECOND PFL COMMISSIONER

The Pioneer Football League's Presidents Council named Greg Walter the league's second commissioner, effective August 1. Walter, who served as the PFL's associate commissioner since 2013, brings two decades of collegiate athletics experience, including an extensive background in leadership roles within the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS), into his new role with the league. In addition, Patty Viverito will remain an advisor to the Pioneer Football League after serving as commissioner since the league's found-ing in 1993.



PRESEASON TEAMS

The Pioneer Football League named 30 studentathletes to its Preseason All-Pioneer Football League Team Tuesday, including 12 returning First Team All-PFL selections.

Returning players named to the league's 2022 All-PFL Teams were placed automatically on the 2023 Preseason All-PFL team, in order of head coaches voting.

OFFENSE

OFFE	INSE	
WR	Solomon Davis (1)	Valparaiso
WR	Dominic Kibby (2)	Presbyterian
WR	Andrew McElroy (1)	St. Thomas
QB	Bret Bushka (1, PotY)	Butler
RB	James Louis (2)	Morehead St.
RB	Shawn Shipman (2)	St. Thomas
FB	Eli Stewart (H)	Drake
A-P	Re-al Mitchell (1)	San Diego
TE	Evan Jernegan (H)	Valparaiso
OL	Gilbert Deglau (2)	Davidson
OL	Beck Kipperman (2)	Davidson
OL	Alec Rasmussen (2)	St. Thomas
OL	Jimmy Poremba (2)	Drake
OL	David Tkatch (1)	Dayton
DEFE	INSE	
DL	Will Buck (2)	San Diego
DL	Finn Claypool (1, FRotY)	Drake
DL	Jonathan Hammond (2)	Davidson
DL	Sam Schadek (1)	Dayton
LB	Mike Arrington (1)	Marist
LB	Nate Arthur (2)	Dayton
LB	Jonathan Bunce (1)	St. Thomas
LB	Chase Lyons (2)	San Diego
DB	Rassie Littlejohn (1)	Stetson
DB	Yusef Leak (2)	St. Thomas
DB	Cole Hildebrand (H)	Dayton
DB	Cooper Krezek (H)	Morehead St.
SPEC	CIAL TEAMS	
PK	Luka Zurak (1, PotY)	Butler

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PK	Luka Zurak (1, PotY)	Butler
Р	Luka Zurak (1, PotY)	Butler
RS	Andrew McElroy (2)	St. Thomas
LS	Justin laccio (1)	Marist

Previous season's honor(s) received in parentheses:

1 – First Team All-PFL selection; 2 – Second Team All-PFL selection:

- Second learn All-PFL selection;

H – Honorable Mention selection;

PotY – Player of the Year (Offense, Defense, or Special Teams);

FRotY - Freshman of the Year (Offense of Defense).

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PFL PRESEASON COACHES POLL

Rk	Team	Pts
1.	St. Thomas (8)	98
2.	Davidson (2)	92
3.	Dayton	75
4.	San Diego (1)	73
5.	Butler	68
6.	Valparaiso	52
7.	Marist	45
8.	Drake	38
9.	Stetson	31
10.	Morehead State	22
11.	Presbyterian	11

· First-place votes in parentheses.

 10 points awarded for a first-place vote, with one point less for each succeeding place. (Maximum score = 100)

Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own team.



COACHES WITH 150 FCS WINS

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School	Yrs	Wins
Jimmye Laycock, William & Mary	39	242
Roy Kidd, Eastern Kentucky	39	223
Andy Talley, Villanova	37	217
Jerry Moore, Appalachain State	31	215
Tim Murphy, Harvard	34	206
Rob Ash, Drake/Montana St.	36	195
Al Bagnoli, Columbia	39	187
Tubby Raymond, Delaware	36	181
Kevin Callahan, Monmouth	30	175
Mike Ayers, ETSU/Wofford	33	171
Mark Farley, Northern Iowa	22	173
K.C. Keeler, Sam Houston	29	171
Sean McDonnell, New Hampshire	22	157
Eddie Robinson, Grambling	55	154
Jim Parady, Marist	30	147
Buddy Pough, South Carolina St.	21	146

The win totals above only count for those seasons when a head coach was at a school that was a Division I FCS member. Data from NCAA Statistics.

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MARIST'S PARADY GETS 150TH MARIST VICTORY, ON HUNT FOR 150TH FCS WIN

Marist head coach James Parady picked up his 150th Marist victory in the Red Foxes' Week 9 home victory against Presbyterian last season. He enters the 2023 season four wins away from his 150th career FCS victory. Since the NCAA created the FCS in 1978, only 14 head coaches have won 150 or more FCS games, including five active head coaches (see list, page 7). FCS wins are only counted for head coaches when the NCAA lists their program as a Division I FCS program.

ST. THOMAS' CARUSO NOTCHES 150TH WIN IN SEASON OPENER

St. Thomas head coach Glenn Caruso secured his 150th career victory in the Tommies' season-opening victory against Black Hills State. Now he turns his attention to his 150th victory as St. Thomas head coach, entering this week with 144 wins in St. Paul.

LAST TURN FOR DAVIDSON'S RICHARDSON STADIUM

When Davidson hosts Barton College to open its 2023 home schedule, it will be Richardson Stadium's final football home opener. The facility opened in 1923 and is scheduled to be replaced by a new on-campus home for the football team. Construction on the new football facility began in April and it is scheduled to be completed in time for Davidson's 2024 home opener.

SAN DIEGO'S SCORING STREAK PASSES 250 GAMES

Last season, San Diego saw its scoring streak take over as the longest in the PFL after Dayton's streak ended at 501 games. Entering the 2023 season, Toreros have scored in 252 consecutive games, with their last shutout loss coming at the hands of Dayton during the 1999 season.

MARIST, STETSON, & VALPARAISO NEAR PROGRAM MILESTONES

Three PFL programs enter 2023 looking ahead to program victory milestones. Valparaiso begins the year with 398 wins, two shy of the 400-win milestone. Marist and Stetson each begin to work toward 200 program victory, with the Hatters needing one wins in 2023 while the Red Foxes are five wins away.

DAYTON & SAN DIEGO HELMED BY NEW HEAD COACHES

San Diego and Dayton each made changes at head coach during the offseason, marking the second consecutive year two league members have made changes at the top of their programs. Dayton turns to Trevor Andrews, a former Flyer safety who has coached at the collegiate level for 25 years. Andrews returns to Dayton from Western Michigan, where he coached the Bronco linebackers for four seasons. Before that, he was at William & Mary for 18 years in various capacities. San Diego hired Brandon Moore from the Colorado School of Mines, where he took the Orediggers to their first-ever appearance in the NCAA Division II Championship Game. Moore was a linebacker at Oklahoma and a Sooners' 2001 National Championship team member. Moore then spent seven years in the NFL, including six with the San Francisco 49ers.

VALPARAISO'S MATTHES, BUTLER'S ZURAK ON PUNTER OF THE YEAR WATCH LIST

PFL punters Evan Matthes of Valparaiso and Luka Zurak of Butler were among 17 candidates named by The Augusta Sports Council to its 2023 FCS Punter of the Year Award Watch List. Zurak is the reigning PFL Special Teams Player of the Year after earning First Team All-PFL recognition as a punter and placekicker. He averaged 41.8 yards on 37 punts to lead the league while also booting a league-best 67-yard punt – one of his seven punts of 50-plus yards. Matthes, the Second Team All-PFL punter, averaged 41.4 yards on his 57 punts and had 10 punts of 50-plus yards, including a 67-yarder to match Zurak for longest punt of the 2022 season.

BUTLER'S BUSHKA LANDS ON PAYTON AWARD WATCH LIST

Butler quarterback Bret Bushka was one of 35 players named to the 2023 Walter Payton Award Preseason Watch List, presented by FedEx Ground. The 2022 Pioneer Football League Offensive Player of the Year threw for 2,377 yards and 20 touchdowns while leading Butler with 627 rushing yards and five rushing touchdowns. Bushka led the PFL in completion percentage (64%), passing efficiency, passing touchdowns, total offense, and yards per pass attempt. Butler also led all FCS teams in red zone offense with Bushka under center.

DRAKE'S CLAYPOOL NAMED TO BUCK BUCHANAN AWARD WATCH LIST

Drake sophomore linebacker Finn Claypool, the reigning Pioneer Football League Freshman Defensive Player of the Year, was one of 35 athletes named to the preseason watch list for the 2023 Buck Buchanan Award, presented by FedEx Ground and given annually to the National Defensive Player of the Year in Division I FCS college football. Claypool was a Preseason All-PFL selection this season after earning First Team All-PFL honors in 2022 as a freshman. Claypool finished third among PFL tacklers in both tackles for loss (14.5) and sacks (8.0) while also ranking among the FCS' top 25 in each category last season.

UST'S MCELROY NAMED TO PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA SQUAD

St. Thomas wide receiver Andrew McElroy was named to the 2023 Stats Perform FCS Preseason All-America Team, presented by FedEx Ground. McElroy garnered Third Team Preseason All-America honors as an all-purpose back after a breakout sophomore season in 2022, where he earned First Team All-PFL honors. In 11 games, he accumulated 1,162 all-purpose yards between receptions and kick returns, including 717 receiving yards with seven touchdowns.

PFL TRIO NOMINATED TO AFCA ALLSTATE GOOD WORKS TEAM

Davidson's Malik McDaniel, Marist's Kolbe Benham, and St. Thomas' Will Burke were among the 136 student-athletes named to the 2023 Allstate American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Good Works Team. Established in 1992, the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team is one of college football's most coveted community service awards. From the 135 nominees, the final roster of 23 award recipients will bring together 11 FBS players, 11 FCS players, Divisions II, III, and the NAIA, and one honorary head coach. To be considered for a spot on the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team, each player must be actively involved with a charitable organization or service group while maintaining strong academic standing.

42 PFL STUDENT-ATHLETES NAMED TO 2023 NFF HAMPSHIRE HONOR SOCIETY

In April, the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame (NFF) announced the 2023 NFF Hampshire Honor Society members, with 42 Pioneer Football League student-athletes among the 1,762 qualified for membership. Dayton and St. Thomas each had 14 student-athletes recognized, with Valparaiso (8), Marist (2), Morehead State (2), Davidson (1), and Stetson (1) also seeing student-athletes recognized in the list. Members of the NFF Hampshire Society must be a senior or graduate college football player from all divisions of the NCAA, NAIA, and Spring Football who maintained a cumulative 3.2 GPA or better during their college careers.

RECORD-BREAKING 725 ATHLETES NAMED TO 2022 PFL ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

The PFL named over 700 student-athletes to its PFL Academic Honor Roll for the first time in Pioneer Football League history. The league recognized 725 studentathletes from its 11 member institutions to the 2022 PFL Academic Honor Roll. The 725 student-athletes recognized broke the previous record of 663 set during the Fall 2021 season. Four PFL member schools set records for student-athletes recognized on the Academic Honor Roll: St. Thomas (79), Davidson (75), Valparaiso (64), and Morehead State (62). In addition to St. Thomas and Davidson, Dayton (77), Drake (76), and Butler (70) saw at least 70 of their student-athletes named to the honor roll.

PFL ALL-TIME SERIES RECORDS

Team	BUT	DAV	DAY	DRA	MAR	MOR	PRE	STT	SAN	STE	VAL	
Butler	_	6-7	7-22	8-22	4-4	8-10	0-0	0-2	6-21	3-1	15-16	
Davidson	7-6	_	2-11	3-8	1-10	9-13	2-0	1-1	3-12	5-5	6-4	
Dayton	22-7	11-2	_	20-9	10-3	11-5	2-0	0-0	16-11	5-1	25-4	
Drake	22-8	8-3	9-20	_	8-2	9-2	0-0	0-2	11-19	3-2	26-5	
Marist	4-3	10-1	3-10	2-8	_	5-3	2-0	0-2	0-11	7-2	9-2	
Morehead State	10-8	13-9	5-11	2-8	3-5	_	2-0	0-0	0-14	4-3	14-3	
Presbyterian	0-0	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-2	0-0	_	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	
St. Thomas	2-0	1-1	0-0	2-0	2-0	0-0	2-0	_	1-1	2-0	2-0	
San Diego†	20-6	12-3	11-16	18-11	10-0	13-0	2-0	1-1	_	8-0	20-7	
Stetson	1-4	5-5	1-5	2-4	2-7	3-4	2-0	0-2	0-9	_	2-3	
Valparaiso	16-15	4-6	4-25	5-26	2-9	3-14	2-0	0-2	7-21	3-2	_	

ALL-TIME PFL STANDINGS

Regular-season PF	Regular-season PFL contests only, by win percentage						
Team	Yrs	Gms	W-L	Pct.			
St. Thomas	2	16	14-2	.875			
Dayton	29	183	136-47	.743			
San Diego†	30	187	129-51	.717			
Drake	30	187	119-68	.636			
Marist	13	104	54-50	.519			
Morehead State	22	146	68-78	.466			
Butler	30	189	72-117	.381			
Davidson	22	144	53-91	.368			
Stetson	10	134	22-52	.297			
Valparaiso	30	189	55-134	.291			
Presbyterian	2	16	0-16	.000			

Dayton and Marist did not play during the Spring 2021 PFL season.

ALL-TIME OVERALL RECORDS

134	601-497-35
126	457-641-45
115	701-385-25
130	634-540-29
45	195-244-3
94	366-502-22
111	514-546-35
117	641-354-32
57	334-229-6
59	199-189-27
103	398-528-27
	126 115 130 45 94 111 117 57 59

PFL COACHING RECORDS

	CA	REER RECO	RD	CUF	RRENT SCHO	OL	PFL (ONLY
Coach, School	Seasons	W-L-T	Pct.	Seasons	W-L-T	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Mike Uremovich (BUT)	2nd	7-5-0	.583	2nd	7-5-0	.583	5-3	.625
Scott Abell (DAV)	12th	73-44-0	.624	6th	34-20-0	.630	24-12	.667
Trevor Andrews (DAY)	1st	0-1-0	.000	1st	0-1-0	.000	0-0	.000
Jeff Stepsis (DRA)	5th	13-25-0	.342	5th	13-25-0	.342	12-15	.444
James Parady (MAR)	31st	151-165-1	.478	31st	151-165-1	.478	55-49	.529
Rob Tenyer (MOR)	11th	44-66-0	.400	11th	44-66-0	.400	35-43	.449
Steve Englehard (PRE)	13th	71-60-0	.542	2nd	1-11-0	.083	0-7	.000
Glenn Caruso (STT)	18th	150-37-0	.802	14th	144-25-0	.852	13-2	.867
Brandon Moore (SAN)	2nd	13-4-0	.765	1st	0-1-0	.000	0-0	.000
Brian Young (STE)	3rd	8-13-0	.381	3rd	8-13-0	.381	3-11	.214
Landon Fox (VAL)	5th	14-27-0	.341	5th	14-27-0	.341	13-17	.433

PFL CHAMPIONSHIPS

12	Dayton	1993, 1994c, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2000c, 2001, 2002, 2007c, 2009c, 2010, 2015c
12	San Diego	2005, 2006, 2007c, 2011c, 2012c, 2014, 2015c, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021c
6	Drake	1995, 1998, 2000c, 2004, 2011c, 2012c
4	Butler	1994c, 2009c, 2012c, 2013c
2	Valparaiso	2000c, 2003
2	Davidson	2020s, 2021c
1	Jacksonville#	2008
1	Marist	2013c
1	St. Thomas	2022

Notes on PFL Championship: From 1993-2000 – and returning to the format in 2005 – the PFL was composed of one division and the championship was awarded to the team with the best conference record. From 2001-2005, the league expanded and split into two divisions with the divisional winners, who were the teams with the best record against divisional opponents, facing off in a championship game, the winner of that game was awarded the league's championship.

c - co-champions

s - The 2020 PFL regular-season was delayed until spring 2021 due to COVID-19

- Jacksonville vacated its 2010 co-championship as part of penalties for PFL rules violations.

NOTES: The PFL records on this page reflect PFL penalties imposed against San Diego (% - vacated 7 wins during the 2013 season). In accordance with NCAA policy, the wins and ties, but not the losses, of the penalized team are dropped from its PFL record only. The won-lost records for each of the opposing teams are not changed when games are vacated. In addition, the overall records for both teams were not changed.

Team	Last SH	O Win	Gms Ago	Last SH	10 Loss	Gms Ago
BUT	48-0	at Valparaiso (2010)	130	0-36	at St. Thomas (2021)	19
DAV	31-0	vs. Butler (2022)	7	0-41	at Richmond (2022)	1
DAY	13-0	vs. Robert Morris (2016)	103	0-31	at Butler (2022)	0
DRA	24-0	vs. Valparaiso (2022)	1	0-7	at Marist (2021)	14
MAR	7-0	at Drake (2021)	14	0-17	at Bucknell (2015)	74
MOR	34-0	vs. Davidson (2015)	82	0-54	at James Madison (2021)	29
PRE	10-0	vs. Lindsey Wilson (2018)	50	0-63	at Austin Peay (2022)	11
STT	36-0	vs. Butler (2021)	2	0-20	at Wisconsin-Whitewater (2011)	121
SAN	58-0	vs. La Verne (2022)	11	0-41	at Dayton (1999)	253
STE	_		102	0-63	at Princeton (2021)	2
VAL	54-0	at Wisconsin Lutheran (2006)	182	0-64	vs. Drake (2022)	1

OVERTIME HISTORY

Team	Record	Last OT Game
BUT	4-4	(W) 30-27 vs. Indiana Wesleyan (2019)
CAM	2-5	(L) 48-54 [30T] vs. Jacksonville (2017)
DAV	5-7	(W) 56-48 [20T] vs. Stetson (2022)
DAY	4-2	(L) 38-45 [20T] at Morehead State (2021)
DRA	4-3	(L) 14-17 [OT] vs. Missouri S&T (2022)
MAR	5-5	(W) 27-24 [OT] at Valparaiso (2021)
MOR	4-3	(W) 45-38 [OT] vs. Dayton (2021)
PRE	0-2	(L) 24-31 at Gardner-Webb (2020-21)
STT	0-0	
SAN	1-2	(L) 38-45 [20T] at Dayton (2013)
STE	2-1	(W) 34-33 [OT] vs. St. Thomas (Fla.) (2023)
VAL	4-2	(L) 24-27 vs. Marist (2021)

LAST PFL WIN VS. FCS CONFERENCE MEMBER

Big Sky	San Diego def. Northern Arizona, 41-10 (11/25/17)
Big South	Dayton def. Robert Morris, 22-20 (9/3/22)
Colonial	Jacksonville def. Delaware, 20-14 (9/4/15)
lvy	Stetson def. Brown, 17-13 (10/7/17)
MEAC	_
MVFC	Dayton def. Indiana State, 42-35 (9/7/19)
Northeast	Dayton def. Robert Morris, 49-28 (9/1/18)
Ohio Valley	Dayton def. Eastern Illinois, 17-10 (9/11/21)
Patriot	Davidson def. Georgetown, 27-20 (8/31/19)
Southern	_
Southland	_
SWAC	_
United	_

PFL POSTSEASON HISTORY

FCS PLAYOFFS

2018: at Nicholls 49, San Diego 30 2019: at Northern Iowa 17, San Diego 3 2020-21: at Jacksonville State 49, Davidson 14 2021: at Kennesaw State 48, Davidson 21 2022: at Richmond 41, Davidson 0

GRIDIRON CLASSIC

The Gridiron Classic matched the champions of the Pioneer Football League and Northeast Conference in an exempted postseason football contest. The inaugural Gridiron Classic took place Dec. 2, 2006 with PFL Champion San Diego traveling to NEC Champion Monmouth.

2006: San Diego 27, at Monmouth 7
2007: at Dayton 42, Albany 21
2008: at Albany 28, Jacksonville 0
2009: at Butler 28, Central Connecticut 23

PFL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

The Pioneer Football League hosted a championship game between the winners of the north and south divisions from 2001-04. 2001: at Dayton 46, Jacksonville 14 2002: Dayton 28, at Morehead State 0 2003: at Valparaiso 54, Morehead State 42 2004: Drake 20, at Morehead State 17

PFL INDIVIDUAL OFFENSIVE SUPERLATIVES: LAST 25

OCCURRENCES SINCE 2002 LISTED IN REVERSE CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER (MOST RECENT FIRST). PFL RECORD ALWAYS INCLUDED IN BOLD.

400+ PASSING YARDS

YDS	Player	Team	Opponent	Date
444	Brady Meitz	Stetson	Louisiana Christia	n 9/10/22
544	Ren Hefley	Presbyterian	at Valparaiso	11/6/21
418	Bret Bushka	Butler	at Dayton	10/30/21
551	Ren Hefley	Presbyterian	vs. Morehead St.	10/9/21
428	Jack Cook	Dayton	at Morehead St.	10/2/21
481	Mark Pappas	Morehead St.	vs. Dayton	10/2/21
443	Ren Hefley	Presbyterian	at Dayton	9/25/21
576	Ren Hefley	Presbyterian	vs. St. Andrews	9/4/21
416	Reid Stinnett	San Diego	at Cal Poly	8/31/19
498	Colin McGovern	Stetson	vs. Valparaiso	11/17/18
556	Anthony Lawrence	San Diego	vs. Davidson	11/10/18
425	Will Marty	Butler	at Jacksonville	11/3/18
440	Austin Day	Marist	vs. Davidson	10/20/18
434	Anthony Lawrence	San Diego	vs. Dayton	10/13/18
432	Jack Cook	Dayton	at San Diego	10/13/18
425	Anthony Lawrence	San Diego	vs. Stetson	9/29/18
427	Lawson Page	Morehead St.	at Marist	11/11/17
403	Anthony Lawrence	San Diego	at Davidson	11/11/17
400	Mike White	Marist	at Dayton	11/4/17
445	Grant Karemer	Drake	vs. Valparaiso	9/23/17
424	Jimmy Seewald	Valparaiso	vs. Duquesne	9/9/17
465	Austin Gahafer	Morehead St.	at Butler	11/5/16
418	Austin Gahafer	Morehead St.	at Dayton	10/8/16
453	Anthony Lawrence	San Diego	at Stetson	10/31/15
447	Austin Gahafer	Morehead St.	at VMI	9/12/15
417	Kade Bell	Jacksonville	at Davidson	11/8/14
441	Kade Bell	Jacksonville	at Morehead St.	10/11/14
401	Kade Bell	Jacksonville	at Butler	9/27/14

200+ RECEIVING YARDS

YDS	Player	Team	Opponent	Date
212	Dominic Kibby	Dayton	vs. Dayton	11/5/22
200	Andrew McElroy	St. Thomas	vs. San Diego	10/29/22
223	BJ Byrd	Morehead St.	vs. Stetson	11/13/21
239	Jalen Jones	Presbyterian	at Valparaiso	11/6/21
257	Donald Parham	Stetson	vs. Valparaiso	11/17/18
224	Anthony Olivencia	Marist	vs. San Diego	11/17/18
324	Michael Bandy	San Diego	vs. Davidson	11/10/18
246	Juston Christian	Marist	vs. Davidson	10/20/18
201	Michael Bandy	San Diego	vs. Dayton	10/13/18
274	Juston Christian	Marist	at Columbia	10/6/18
202	Michael Bandy	San Diego	at Harvard	9/14/18
217	Juston Christian	Marist	at Morehead St.	10/15/16
208	William Morris	Davidson	at VMI	9/13/14
200	Tanner Kuramata	Valparaiso	vs Dayton	11/16/13
211	Reggie Bell	San Diego	at Morehead St.	11/9/13
246	Sam Hoekstra	San Diego	vs Dayton	10/27/12
246	Lanny Funsten	Davidson	vs Jacksonville	10/13/12
244	Mike Rios	Marist	vs Davidson	9/22/12
231	John Matthews	San Diego	vs Azusa Pacific	9/6/08
217	John Matthews	San Diego	at UC Davis	11/17/07
213	Nathan Conner	Jacksonville	vs Wagner	11/17/07
226	Steve Ogden	Valparaiso	vs Morehead St.	10/27/07
229	Geavon Tribble	Jacksonville	vs Morehead St.	10/13/07
202	Steve Ogden	Valparaiso	at Wisconsin Luth	neran9/2/06
218	Michael Gasperson	San Diego	vs Dayton	11/6/04
203	Ryan Wrobleski	Dayton	vs Morehead St.	9/11/04
209	Adam Hannula	San Diego	vs Marist	10/25/03

200+ RUSHING YARDS

200		105		
YDS	Player	Team	Opponent	Date
205	Jake Chisholm	Dayton	vs. Morehead St.	11/12/22
241	Aaron Dawson	Valparaiso	at Morehead St. 10/22/2	
226	Jake Chisholm	Dayton	vs. Davidson	11/13/21
234	Robert Washington	Valparaiso	vs. Presbyterian	11/6/21
227	JoJo Binda Jr.	San Diego	at Stetson	11/9/19
268	Jake Chisholm	Dayton	at Morehead St.	11/2/19
242	Drew Lauer	Drake	vs. Morehead St.	10/26/19
220	Jalen Leary	Stetson	vs. Dayton	10/19/19
203	Tucker Yinger	Dayton	at Jacksonville	11/17/18
264	Tucker Yinger	Dayton	vs. Morehead St.	11/10/18
231	Wesley Dugger	Davidson	at San Diego	11/10/18
222	Tucker Yinger	Dayton	at Butler	10/27/18
213	Jareem Westcott	Stetson	at Davidson	10/27/18
202	Calvin Turner Jr.	Jacksonville	at San Diego 10/27,	
202	Calvin Turner Jr.	Jacksonville	at Davidson 10/6/	
201	Calvin Turner Jr.	Jacksonville	vs. St. Augustine's	s 9/1/18
289	Daniel Smith	Campbell	at Davidson	11/4/17
284	Trevor Jones	Morehead St.	vs. Jacksonville	10/22/16
205	Conley WIlkins	Drake	at Valparaiso	10/8/16
237	Tucker Yinger	Dayton	vs. Marist	11/14/15
201	De'Shawn Jones	Campbell	at Davidson	10/31/15
205	Conley Wilkins	Drake	at Morehead State	e 10/31/15
229	Connor Kacsor	Dayton	vs. Kennesaw Sta	te 9/26/15
244	Connor Kacsor	Dayton	vs. Duquesne	9//15
215	Jeffrey Keil	Davidson	vs. Stetson	10/25/14
232	Connor Kacsor	Dayton	vs. Morehead St.	10/18/14
273	Jonah Hodges	San Diego	vs. Stetson 10/11/14	
213	Connor Kacsor	Dayton	at Davidson 10/4/14	
313	Sean Bennett	Evansville	vs San Diego	10/19/96

30+ POINTS

PTS	Player	Team	Opponent	Date
30	Jake Chisholm	Dayton	vs. Davidson	11/13/21
30	Jalen Jones	Presbyterian	at Valparaiso	11/6/21
30	Wesley Dugger	Davidson	at Jacksonville	10/19/19
30	Jareem Westcott	Stetson	at Davidson	10/27/18
30	Trae Heeter	Butler	at Morehead St.	11/16/13
30	Ben Shappie	Dayton	vs. Campbell	10/4/08
30	Rudell Small	Jacksonville	vs. UNC Pembrok	ke 9/22/07
30	Scott Gray	Butler	vs. Albion	9/1/07
30	Willie Cashmore	Drake	at Jacksonville	11/11/06
30	Jonathan Taylor	Drake	at Valparaiso	10/25/03
30	Michael Gasperson	San Diego	vs. Valparaiso	10/26/02

15+ POINTS KICKING

PTS	Player [FG/PAT]	Team	Opponent	Date
15	Brandon Eicker [3/6]	San Diego	at Stetson	11/9/19
15	Allan Waltz [5/0]	Dayton	vs. Marist	11/4/17
18	Matt Ward [3/6]	Morehead St.	at Butler	11/5/16
16	Brandon Behr [3/7]	Jacksonville	vs. Valparaiso	11/21/15
15	Dylan Lynch [2/9]	Jacksonville	vs. Warner	9/21/13
15	Dylan Lynch [2/9]	Jacksonville	vs. Morehead St.	9/14/13
19	Rainer Duzan [4/7]	Morehead St.	vs. Ky. Christian	9/1/11
16	Adam Jones [3/7]	Morehead St.	at Butler	10/1/05
16	Jason Resch [4/4]	Dayton	at Austin Peay	9/25/04

PFL INDIVIDUAL DEFENSIVE SUPERLATIVES

OCCURRENCES SINCE 2002 LISTED IN REVERSE CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER (MOST RECENT FIRST). PFL RECORD INCLUDED IN BOLD.

20+ TACKLES

TACK	Player	Team	Opponent	Date
22	Luke Glenna	St. Thomas	vs. Davidson	10/8/22
22	Vincent Winey	Morehead St.	vs. Davidson	10/30/21
23	Vincent Winey	Morehead St.	vs. Butler	4/17/21
20	Colby Duncan	Stetson	at Morehead St.	11/23/19
21	Jamari Booker	Valparaiso	at Davidson	11/2/19
20	Jamari Booker	Valparaiso	vs. Davidson	9/29/18
20	Carlos Merritt	Campbell	vs. Jacksonville	10/28/17
20	Ryan Bennett	Morehead St.	vs. Jacksonville	10/22/16
20	John Hugunin	Drake	vs. Jacksonville	10/24/15
21	Donald Payne	Stetson	vs. Marist	11/8/14
30	Donald Payne	Stetson	at Campbell	11/1/14
21	Donald Payne	Stetson	vs. Jacksonville	10/18/14
22	Patrick Moynahan	Davidson	at Marist	9/22/12
20	Jordan Ridley	Butler	vs Valparaiso	10/15/11
20	Peter Bakke	Davidson	at Butler	10/27/07
20	Chris Haynes	Butler	at St. Francis (Ind	.) 10/9/04
20	Alex Arinsmier	Davidson	at Dayton	10/2/04
26	Andy Guzenski	San Diego	vs Dayton	11/16/02
20	Eric Papp	Drake	vs San Diego	11/2/02

5+ TACKLES FOR LOSS

5	IAUNELS I UN E	555		
TFL	Player	Team	Opponent	Date
5.0	Jonathan Hammond	Davidson	at Drake	10/22/22
5.0	Trejuan Purty	Valparaiso	vs. Presbyterian	11/6/21
6.0	Fermon Reid	Stetson	vs. Presbyterian	4/3/21
5.0	Bryce Perry-Martin	Davidson	vs. Brevard	9/2/17
5.0	Jonathan Petersen	San Diego	at Campbell	11/19/16
5.0	Donald Payne	Stetson	vs. Davidson	10/01/16
5.0	Davion Belk	Stetson	vs. Jacksonville	10/18/14
6.0	Pat Dowd	Dayton	at Drake	11/19/13
5.0	Landon Moore	Marist	vs. Mercer	11/16/13
7.5	Mario Kurn	San Diego	at Davidson	11/13/10
5.0	Mario Kurn	San Diego	at Southern Utah	9/11/10
5.0	Devon Langhorst	Dayton	at Drake	11/6/10
5.0	Wes McDermott	Morehead St.	at Dayton	11/15/08
6.0	Eric Bakhtiari	San Diego	vs. Drake	10/13/07
5.0	Scott Vossler	Dayton	vs. Central St.	9/15/07
5.0	Odi Anyanwu	Morehead St.	vs. Dayton	9/6/03

3+ INTERCEPTIONS

INT	Player	Team	Opponent	Date
3	Brandon Easterling	Dayton	at Drake	11/16/19
3	Will Warner	Drake	vs. Marist	11/10/18
3	Eric Martin	Stetson	at Drake	9/26/15
3	Derek Harkness	Morehead St.	vs. Butler	9/26/09
3	Milton Brown	Campbell	at Carthage	9/27/08
3	Bryan Gray	Morehead St.	vs. Drake	11/3/07
3	David Hyland	Morehead St.	at Jacksonville	10/13/07
3	Poul Collins	Drake	vs. Davidson	11/4/06
3	Alex Davis	Butler	vs. Hanover	9/9/06
3	Patrick Fitzgerald	Davidson	vs. Greenboro Coll	. 9/10/05
3	Andy Nelson	Butler	vs. Drake	10/16/04
3	B. Martin	Butler	vs. Davidson	9/20/03
3	Aaron Furman	Dayton	at Morehead St.	11/23/02
3	Mark Kasmer	Dayton	at St. Francis (Pa.)	9/7/02

4+ SACKS

SACK	Player	Team	Opponent	Date
4.0	Trejuan Purty	Valparaiso	vs. Presbyterian	11/6/21
4.5	Emmanuel Olenga	Campbell	vs. Methodist	8/31/17
6.0	Pat Dowd	Dayton	at Drake	11/19/13
4.0	Blake Oliaro	San Diego	at Marist	12/1/12
4.0	Black Oliaro	San Diego	at Valparaiso	10/8/11
4.5	Devon Langhorst	Dayton	vs. Drake	11/6/10
4.0	Mario Kurn	San Diego	at Southern Utah	9/11/10
4.0	Nikko Carson	Valparaiso	at Drake	10/3/09
4.0	Grant Hunter	Butler	vs. Dayton	11/8/08
4.0	Eric Bakhtiari	San Diego	vs. Drake	10/13/07
4.0	Scott Vossler	Dayton	vs. Central St.	9/15/07

31ST SEASON



FCS ALL-IN is back for the 2023 season on ESPN+ (at 11 a.m. CT). The show, produced by Big Sky Conference staff in collaboration with communications directors and video managers at all FCS Conferences, features Craig Haley (Stats Perform) and Sam Herder (HERO Sports) with host Alex Eschelman. It airs every Friday throughout the regular season.



PFL ALUMNI IN THE NFL

Seven PFL alumni are on NFL active rosters before the start of the 2023 NFL season with two listed on reserve/injured or practice rosters.

- Jamal Agnew (San Diego) Jacksonville
- Ross Dwelley (San Diego) San Francisco •
- Josh Johnson (San Diego) Baltimore
- Zion Johnson (Davidson) L.A. Chargers
- Jason Myers (Marist) Seattle
- Donald Parham (Stetson) L.A. Chargers •
- Adam Trautman (Dayton) Denver •
- Eric Saubert (Drake) Denver † •
- Michael Niese (Dayton) Chicago* •

+-injured reserve | * - practice squad



PFL ALUMNI IN THE CFL

• Matthew Shiltz (Butler) - Hamilton



- Donald Payne (Stetson) Arlington
- Jake Sutherland (Morehead St.) St. Louis

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FCS NATIONAL POLLS

STATS PERFORM MEDIA					
RK	TEAM (1STS)	W-L	PTS	PVS	
1.	South Dakota St. (55)	1-0	1,399	1	
2.	North Dakota St. (1)	1-0	1,330	2 3 4	
3.	Montana St.	1-0	1,298	3	
4.	William & Mary	1-0	1,184		
5.	Holy Cross	1-0	1,114	5 6	
6.	Furman	1-0	1,075		
7.	Idaho	1-0	991	8	
8.	Samford	1-0	958	9	
9.	Sacramento St.	1-0	925	10	
10.	UIW	0-1	888	7	
11.	New Hampshire	1-0	843	11	
12.	Weber St.	1-0	783	13	
13.	Montana	1-0	706	14	
14.	Southeast Missouri St.	0-1	667	12	
15.	UC Davis	1-0	617	16	
16.	Southeastern Louisiana	0-1	578	15	
17.	North Dakota	1-0	524	17	
18.	North Carolina Central	1-0	287	19	
19.	Delaware	1-0	317	22	
20.	Mercer	1-1	240	20	
21.	Northern Iowa	0-1	190	23	
22.	Rhode Island	0-1	167	21	
23.	Florida A&M	1-0	154	NR	
24.	Southern Illinois	1-0	152	NR	
25.	Youngstown St.	1-0	103	NR	

Receiving Votes: Eastern Kentucky 90; Richmond 89; Central Arkansas 78; Gardner-Webb 67; Villanova 66; Elon 40; UT Martin 38; Abilene Christian 32; Morgan St. 31; Albany 22; Yale 13; Jackson St. 12: Tarleton St. 9; St. Thomas (Minn.) 7; Saint Francis (Pa.) 3.

AFCA COACHES					
RK	TEAM (1STS)	W-L	PTS	PVS	
1.	South Dakota St. (25)	1-0	625	1	
2.	North Dakota St.	1-0	599	2	
3.	Montana St.	1-0	573	2 3 4	
4.	William & Mary	1-0	524		
5.	Holy Cross	1-0	503	5 6	
6.	Furman	1-0	500		
7.	Samford	1-0	449	9	
8.	Sacramento St.	1-0	444	8	
9.	Weber St.	1-0	388	10	
10.	UIW	0-1	376	7	
11.	New Hampshire	1-0	346	12	
12.	Idaho	1-0	334	13	
13.	Montana	1-0	293	14	
14.	UC Davis	1-0	286	17	
15.	North Dakota	1-0	258	18	
16.	Southeast Missouri St.	0-1	238	11	
17.	Southeastern Louisiana	0-1	224	15	
18.	North Carolina Central	1-0	191	19	
19.	Delaware	1-0	181	21	
20.	Northern Iowa	0-1	127	20	
21.	Florida A&M	1-0	124	25	
22.	Rhode Island	0-1	65	23	
23.	Southern Illinois	1-0	64	NR	
24.	Mercer	1-1	62	22	
25.	Youngstown St.	1-0	58	NR	

Receiving Votes: Richmond 50, Fordham 41, Gardner-Webb 32, Yale 30, Illinois St. 21, St. Thomas (Minn.) 19, Central Arkansas 16, North Carolina A&T 14, Eastern Kentucky 12, Morgan St. 12, Northern Arizona 12, Princeton 11, Harvard 7, Jackson St. 5, Elon 4, Hampton 4, Campbell 1, Southern Utah 1, Stephen F. Austin 1..