

CURRENT STANDINGS

Team	PFL							OVERALL							PREVIOUS WEEK
	W-L	PCT	PF	PA	H	A	STR	W-L	PCT	PF	PA	H	A	STR	
Davidson	6-1	.857	282	189	3-0	3-1	L1	7-2	.778	334	260	4-0	3-2	L1	L, 29-38 at Dayton
San Diego	6-1	.857	208	128	4-0	2-1	W6	6-4	.600	242	261	4-2	2-2	W6	Off Week
Marist	5-2	.714	176	130	2-1	3-1	W1	5-4	.556	207	201	2-2	3-2	W2	W, 57-32 at Presbyterian
Morehead State	5-2	.714	202	174	3-1	2-1	W1	6-4	.600	309	310	4-1	2-3	W1	W, 36-35 vs. Stetson
St. Thomas	5-2	.714	175	110	3-0	2-2	W1	6-3	.667	190	163	3-0	3-3	W1	W, 21-14 at Drake
Dayton	5-3	.625	291	236	3-1	2-2	W3	6-4	.600	311	301	4-1	2-3	W3	W, 38-29 vs. Davidson
Valparaiso	4-3	.571	232	175	2-1	2-2	W2	4-6	.400	260	295	2-2	2-4	W2	W, 47-3 at Butler
Stetson	2-5	.286	142	190	0-3	2-2	L2	3-6	.333	245	283	2-3	1-3	L2	L, 35-36 at Morehead State
Drake	1-6	.143	61	96	0-3	1-3	L5	2-7	.222	113	182	1-3	1-4	L4	L, 14-21 at St. Thomas
Butler	0-7	.000	101	259	0-4	0-3	L14	2-8	.200	234	356	1-4	1-4	L7	L, 3-47 vs. Valparaiso
Presbyterian	0-7	.000	235	418	0-4	0-3	L7	2-8	.200	387	536	2-4	0-4	L8	L, 32-57 vs. Marist

Teams are sorted by PFL win percentage, league wins then, if tied, alphabetical order.
PFL tiebreaker only is used in a tie for first place to determine the league's automatic qualifier.

AHEAD IN WEEK 12

📍 **Butler at Marist, Noon**

Broadcast: GoRedFoxes.com/Watch
Location: Poughkeepsie, New York
Stadium: Tenney Stadium
Series: Marist leads, 4-1 **Streak:** Marist, 3 wins
Last Meeting: Marist def. Butler, 37-27 (11/2/19)

📍 **Drake at Davidson, 1 p.m.**

Broadcast: DavidsonWildcats.com/Watch
Location: Clinton, South Carolina
Stadium: Bailey Memorial Stadium
Series: Drake leads, 9-1 **Streak:** Drake, 7 wins
Last Meeting: Drake def. Davidson, 31-28 (11/23/19)

📍 **San Diego at Stetson, 1 p.m.**

Broadcast: ESPN3
Location: DeLand, Florida
Stadium: Spec Martin Memorial Stadium
Series: San Diego leads, 8-0
Last Meeting: San Diego def. Stetson, 34-10 (4/10/21)

📍 **Presbyterian at St. Thomas, 2 p.m.**

Broadcast: TommieSports.com/Watch
Location: Saint Paul, Minnesota
Stadium: O'Shaughnessy Stadium
Series: First Meeting

📍 **Morehead State at Valparaiso, 2 p.m.**

Broadcast: ESPN3
Location: Valparaiso, Indiana
Stadium: Brown Field
Series: Morehead State leads, 22-4 **Streak:** Morehead State, 3 wins
Last Meeting: Morehead State def. Valparaiso, 28-24 (4/10/21)

Off Week: Dayton

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PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Jake Chisholm, Dayton



Isaiah Hall, St. Thomas



Arthur Pinckney, Marist



Ian Holder, Morehead State

OFFENSIVE

Jake Chisholm, Dayton Junior, Running Back Union, Kentucky

Chisholm scored all five Dayton touchdowns – three rushing and two receiving – to help Dayton end its 2021 season with a 38-29 upset victory of league-leading Davidson. He finished the day with 34 carries for 226 yards, 3 receptions for 46 yards and 3 kick returns for another 62 yards. Chisholm's 334 all-purpose yards are second most in the FCS this season by just three yards. He opened the scoring with a 22-yard reception, added a 73-yard rush touchdown in the second quarter, and caught a 10-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter. It took his 2-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter to provide the winning points and he secured the win with a 32-yard touchdown run late in the fourth quarter. His five touchdowns scored tied the Dayton record.

OTHER PLAYERS NOMINATED

Austin Day (RSr., QB, MAR)
BJ Byrd (Sr., WR, MOR)
Hope Adebayo (So., RB, STT)
Jalen Leary (RSo., RB, STE)
Ben Nimz (RJR., QB, VAL)

CO-DEFENSIVE

Isaiah Hall, St. Thomas Senior, Defensive Back Burnsville, Minnesota

Hall's two-interception day led a St. Thomas defense that recorded a PFL-season best five interceptions to secure a 21-14 PFL victory against Drake, Saturday. He also had four tackles (all solo), a pass break up and blocked a field goal in the contest. Hall's first interception came in the first quarter with Drake's drive at midfield. He then blocked a field goal in the third quarter with St. Thomas leading 14-7 and the ensuing St. Thomas drive resulted in a touchdown. Hall's second interception came on a fourth-quarter Drake drive, helping maintain a 21-7 advantage.

Arthur Pinckney, Marist Junior (RS), Linebacker Union, New Jersey

Pinckney's two-interception day led a Marist defense that recorded a PFL-season best five interceptions to post a 57-32 PFL victory at Presbyterian, Saturday. He had six tackles (four solo), 1.5 tackles for loss, and a sack in the game. Pinckney's first pick halted a Presbyterian drive inside Marist territory and the Red Foxes scored a touchdown on the ensuing drive to take a 33-14 lead into halftime. His second interception came with under a minute left in the game and his 13-yard return helped the Red Foxes end the game. His 1.5 tackles for loss came in the game's opening 12 minutes.

OTHER PLAYERS NOMINATED

Ben Schmiesing (Grad., LB, DAY)
Vincent Winey (Sr. LB, MOR)
Austin Martins (RSr., DL, VAL)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Ian Holder, Morehead State Senior, Return Specialist Mt. Airy, North Carolina

Holder amassed a PFL season-best 144 kickoff return yards, including a key 66-yard return, to help Morehead State rally for a 36-35 PFL victory against Stetson, Saturday. His 66-yard return late in the fourth quarter set up the Morehead State offense at the Stetson 15-yard line and the ensuing drive resulted in a touchdown to narrow the deficit to 35-30. Four of his five returns went for 20-plus yards, Morehead State average starting position was its 41-yard line after his returns, and MSU scored two touchdowns on the ensuing drives.

OTHER PLAYERS NOMINATED

Sam Webster (So., K, DAY)
Brian Bartholomew (RJR., K, VAL)

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TEAM-BY-TEAM CAPSULES

BUTLER BULLDOGS

OVERALL: 2-8 PFL: 1-6 HOME: 1-4 AWAY: 1-4
HOME FACILITY: SELICK BOWL (5,500)

Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	Score	Attend
S04		at Illinois State	L	7-49	8148
S11		DePauw	W	29-24	5371
S18		at Taylor	W	77-24	2874
S25		at St. Thomas	L	0-36	5051
002		Drake	L	3-6	3398
009		San Diego	L	21-52	2855
016		at Morehead State	L	8-31	7885
023		Davidson	L	35-49	2586
030		at Dayton	L	31-38	2153
N06		- Off Week -			
N13		Valparaiso	L	3-47	2548
N20		at Marist	Noon		

DAVIDSON WILDCATS

OVERALL: 7-2 PFL: 6-1 HOME: 4-0 AWAY: 3-2
HOME FACILITY: RICHARDSON STADIUM (6,000)

Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	Score	Attend
S04		at VMI [17/19]	L	24-45	5009
S11		Shaw	W	28-26	4264
S18		- Off Week -			
S25		San Diego	W	28-16	4021
002		at Stetson	W	35-28	1011
009		- Off Week -			
016		Presbyterian	W	70-35	0
023		at Butler	W	49-35	2586
030	[-/RV]	at Morehead State	W	29-22	6683
N06	[-/RV]	St. Thomas	W	42-15	3912
N13	[-/RV]	at Dayton	L	29-38	2233
N20		Drake	1 p.m.		

DAYTON FLYERS

OVERALL: 6-4 PFL: 5-3 HOME: 4-1 AWAY: 2-3
HOME FACILITY: WELCOME STADIUM (11,000)

Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	Score	Attend
S04		Robert Morris	CCLD		
S11		Eastern Illinois	W	17-10	2008
S18		at Southern Illinois [8/9]	L	3-55	7338
S25		Presbyterian	W	63-43	4766
002		at Morehead State	L ^{OT2}	38-45	6145
009		at Drake	W	28-10	2116
016		Marist	L	17-20	2299
023		at Valparaiso	L	28-45	2950
030		Butler	W	38-31	2153
N06		at Stetson	W	41-13	-
N13		Davidson [-/RV]	W	38-29	2233
N20		- Off Week -			

DRAKE BULLDOGS

OVERALL: 2-7 PFL: 1-6 HOME: 1-3 AWAY: 1-4
HOME FACILITY: DRAKE STADIUM (14,557)

Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	Score	Attend
S02		West Virginia Wesleyan	W	45-3	2671
S11		at Montana State [11/13]	L	7-45	19797
S18		at North Dakota	L	0-38	10143
S25		Valparaiso	L	21-24	6039
002		at Butler	W	6-3	3398
009		Dayton	L	10-28	2116
016		at San Diego	L	10-13	3358
023		Stetson	L †	0-2	-
030		- Off Week -			
N06		at Marist	L	0-7	1357
N13		St. Thomas	L	14-24	1878
N20		at Davidson	1 p.m.		

MARIST RED FOXES

OVERALL: 5-4 PFL: 5-2 HOME: 2-2 AWAY: 3-2
HOME FACILITY: TENNEY STADIUM (5,000)

Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	Score	Attend
S04		at Georgetown	CCLD		
S11		- Off Week -			
S18		at Columbia	L	14-37	3479
S25		Bryant	L	17-34	6154
002		at Valparaiso	W ^{OT}	27-24	3079
009		Stetson	W	34-3	1292
016		at Dayton	W	20-17	2299
023		Morehead State	L	24-27	1682
030		at St. Thomas	L	7-27	3215
N06		Drake	W	7-0	1357
N13		at Presbyterian	W	57-32	1778
N20		Butler	Noon		

MOREHEAD STATE EAGLES

OVERALL: 6-4 PFL: 5-2 HOME: 4-1 AWAY: 2-3
HOME FACILITY: JAYNE STADIUM (10,000)

Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	Score	Attend
S04		at James Madison [2/2]	L	10-68	22229
S11		Union (Ky.)	W	62-9	6607
S18		at Austin Peay [19/21]	L	35-59	4821
S25		- Off Week -			
002		Dayton	W ^{OT2}	45-38	6145
009		at Presbyterian	W	38-30	2118
016		Butler	W	31-8	7885
023		at Marist	W	27-24	1682
030		Davidson [-/RV]	L	22-29	6683
N06		at San Diego	L	3-10	1763
N13		Stetson	W	36-35	6214
N20		at Valparaiso	2 p.m.		

PFL ACTIVE WIN STREAKS

Consecutive Overall Wins

6	San Diego
3	Dayton
2	Marist
2	Valparaiso

Consecutive PFL Wins

6	San Diego
3	Dayton
2	Marist
2	Valparaiso

Consecutive Home Wins

6	Davidson
5	St. Thomas
4	San Diego
2	Dayton
2	Valparaiso

Consecutive Road Wins

2	San Diego
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TEAM-BY-TEAM CAPSULES

PRESBYTERIAN BLUE HOSE

OVERALL: 2-8 PFL: 0-7 HOME: 2-4 AWAY: 0-4
HOME FACILITY: BAILEY MEMORIAL STADIUM (6,500)

Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	Score	Attend
S04		St. Andrews	W	84-43	3238
S11		Fort Lauderdale	W	68-3	1647
S18		at Campbell	L	0-72	4978
S25		at Dayton	L	43-63	4766
002		- Off Week -			
009		Morehead State	L	30-38	2118
016		at Davidson	L	35-70	0
023		San Diego	L	28-69	3561
030		Stetson	L	12-56	1762
N06		at Valparaiso	L	55-65	1223
N13		Marist	L	32-57	1778
N20		at St. Thomas	2 p.m.		

ST. THOMAS TOMMIES

OVERALL: 6-3 PFL: 5-2 HOME: 3-0 AWAY: 3-3
HOME FACILITY: O'SHAUGHNESSY STADIUM (5,000)

Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	Score	Attend
S04		St. Francis (Ill.)	CCLD		
S11		at Michigan Tech	W	12-9	1660
S18		at Northern Iowa [18/15]	L	3-44	-
S25		Butler	W	36-0	5051
002		at San Diego	L	24-27	1097
009		Valparaiso	W	20-13	7443
016		at Stetson	W	38-7	1169
023		- Off Week -			
030		Marist	W	27-7	3215
N06		at Davidson [-/RV]	L	15-42	3912
N13		at Drake	W	21-14	1878
N20		Presbyterian	2 p.m.		

SAN DIEGO TOREROS

OVERALL: 6-4 PFL: 6-1 HOME: 4-2 AWAY: 2-2
HOME FACILITY: WELCOME STADIUM (6,000)

Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	Score	Attend
S04		Cal Poly	L	17-28	2966
S11		UC Davis [14/12]	L	7-53	1712
S18		at Montana State [4/5]	L	10-52	19107
S25		at Davidson	L	16-28	4021
002		St. Thomas	W	27-24	1097
009		at Butler	W	52-21	2855
016		Drake	W	13-10	3358
023		at Presbyterian	W	69-28	3561
030		Valparaiso	W	21-14	1024
N06		Morehead State	W	10-3	1763
N13		- Off Week -			
N20		at Stetson	1 p.m.		

STETSON HATTERS

OVERALL: 3-6 PFL: 2-5 HOME: 2-3 AWAY: 1-3
HOME FACILITY: SPEC MARTIN MEMORIAL STADIUM (6,000)

Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	Score	Attend
S04		Warner	W	54-14	1503
S11		Ave Maria	W	49-16	1291
S18		- Off Week -			
S25		at Princeton	L	0-63	4429
002		Davidson	L	28-35	1011
009		at Marist	L	3-34	1292
016		St. Thomas	L	7-38	1169
023		at Drake	W †	2-0	-
030		at Presbyterian	W	56-12	1762
N06		Dayton	L	13-41	-
N13		at Morehead State	L	35-36	6214
N20		San Diego	1 p.m.		

VALPARAISO BEACONS

OVERALL: 4-6 PFL: 4-3 HOME: 2-2 AWAY: 2-4
HOME FACILITY: BROWN FIELD (5,000)

Date	[TM RANK]	Opponent [RANK]	W/L	Score	Attend
S04		at Indiana Wesleyan	L	10-28	3000
S11		at North Dakota State [5/4]	L	0-64	15118
S18		Dartmouth	L	18-28	3856
S25		at Drake	W	24-21	6039
002		Marist	L OT	24-27	3079
009		at St. Thomas	L	13-20	7443
016		- Off Week -			
023		Dayton	W	45-28	2950
030		at San Diego	L	14-21	1024
N06		Presbyterian	W	65-55	1223
N13		at Butler	W	47-3	2548
N20		Morehead State	2 p.m.		



† - The Oct. 23 Stetson-Drake contest was canceled. The PFL standings reflect the game as a forfeit as required by league policy. However, the overall record for both teams is unchanged in accordance with NCAA policies which consider it "no contest."

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COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

All times Eastern. 🏠 - PFL Contest

Week 1: Sept. 2, 2021

Drake 45, West Virginia Wesleyan 3

Week 1: Sept. 4, 2021

VMI 45, Davidson 24

Presbyterian 84, St. Andrews 43

Cal Poly 28, San Diego 17

Indiana Wesleyan 28, Valparaiso 10

James Madison 68, Morehead State 10

Stetson 54, Warner 14

Illinois State 49, Butler 7

Robert Morris at Dayton, canceled

Marist at Georgetown, canceled

St. Francis (Ill.) at St. Thomas, canceled

Week 2: Sept. 11, 2021

Dayton 17, Eastern Illinois 10

St. Thomas 12, Michigan Tech 9

Morehead State 62, Point (Ga.) 9

North Dakota State 64, Valparaiso 0

Presbyterian 68, Fort Lauderdale 3

UC Davis 53, San Diego 7

Butler 49, DePauw 24

Stetson 49, Ave Maria 16

Davidson 28, Shaw 26

Montana State 45, Drake 7

Week 3: Sept. 18, 2021

Columbia 37, Marist 14

Dartmouth 28, Valparaiso 18

Austin Peay 59, Morehead State 35

Montana State 52, San Diego 10

Northern Iowa 44, St. Thomas 3

North Dakota 38, Drake 0

Campbell 72, Presbyterian 0

Southern Illinois 55, Dayton 3

Butler 77, Taylor 24

Week 4: Sept. 25, 2021

🏠 Davidson 28, San Diego 16

🏠 Dayton 63, Presbyterian 43

🏠 Valparaiso 24, Drake 21

Princeton 63, Stetson 0

🏠 St. Thomas 36, Butler 0

Bryant 34, Marist 17

Week 5: Oct. 2, 2021

🏠 Drake 6, Butler 3

🏠 Marist 27, Valparaiso 24 (OT)

🏠 Davidson 35, Stetson 28

🏠 Morehead State 45, Dayton 38 (OT2)

🏠 San Diego 27, St. Thomas 24

Week 6: Oct. 9, 2021

🏠 San Diego 52, Butler 21

🏠 Marist 34, Stetson 3

🏠 Dayton 28, Drake 10

🏠 Morehead State 38, Presbyterian 30

🏠 St. Thomas 20, Valparaiso 13

Week 7: Oct. 16, 2021

🏠 Marist 20, Dayton 17

🏠 St. Thomas 38, Stetson 7

🏠 Morehead State 31, Butler 8

🏠 San Diego 13, Drake 10

🏠 Davidson 70, Presbyterian 35

Week 8: Oct. 23, 2021

🏠 Morehead State 27, Marist 24

🏠 Davidson 49, Butler 35

🏠 Stetson 2, Drake 0

🏠 San Diego 69, Presbyterian 28

🏠 Valparaiso 45, Dayton 28

Week 9: Oct. 30, 2021

🏠 Dayton 38, Butler 31

🏠 Stetson 56, Presbyterian 14

🏠 Davidson 29, Morehead State 22

🏠 St. Thomas 27, Marist 7

🏠 San Diego 21, Valparaiso 14

Week 10: Nov. 6, 2021

🏠 Marist 7, Drake 0

🏠 Davidson 42, St. Thomas 15

🏠 Dayton 41, Stetson 13

🏠 Valparaiso 65, Presbyterian 55

🏠 San Diego 10, Morehead State 3

Week 11: Nov. 13, 2021

🏠 Valparaiso 47, Butler 3

🏠 Dayton 38, Davidson 29

🏠 Marist 57, Presbyterian 32

🏠 Morehead State 36, Stetson 35

🏠 St. Thomas 21, Drake 14

Week 12: Nov. 20, 2021

🏠 Butler at Marist, Noon

🏠 Drake at Davidson, 1 p.m.

🏠 San Diego at Stetson, 1 p.m.

🏠 Presbyterian at St. Thomas, 2 p.m.

🏠 Morehead State at Valparaiso, 2 p.m.

NCAA Division I FCS Championship

POSTSEASON WEEK 1: Nov. 27, 2021

First Round

POSTSEASON WEEK 2: Dec. 4, 2021

Second Round

POSTSEASON WEEK 2: Dec. 11, 2021

Quarterfinals

POSTSEASON WEEK 4: Dec. 18, 2021

Semifinals

POSTSEASON WEEK 5: Jan. 8, 2022

National Championship

at Frisco, Texas



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, **DO NOT** 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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2021 PIONEER FOOTBALL LEAGUE WEEKLY REPORT

WEEK 12 PREVIEW

- The AQ Race: Davidson continues to control the race for the PFL automatic qualifier to the NCAA Division I Football Championship, needing a win to clinch the berth. San Diego needs a Davidson loss and a win in its final game to earn the AQ spot. If both Davidson and San Diego lose, then the group of two-loss teams trailing them enter the conversation, with both Marist and Morehead State still holding outside chances of claiming the spot. As a reminder, St. Thomas is ineligible for the PFL's automatic qualifying spot as it is still reclassifying to Division I. In addition, the tiebreakers only affect which team will earn the league's automatic qualifying spot. Any teams tied for the best PFL win percentage at the season's end will be declared co-champions.
- Butler at Marist: Coming off its best scoring performance of the season, Marist returns home to face Butler, seeking to bounce back from its lowest-scoring performance of 2021. Marist scored nearly one-third of its PFL-point total last week with 57 points at Presbyterian and is now averaging 25.1 points per game (No. 7 in the PFL). Butler was held to three points in its home finale and seeks a rebound similar to earlier in the season when they followed a three-point performance by scoring 21 points against San Diego.
- Drake at Davidson: After seeing a potential championship delayed by a road loss, Davidson, searching for its second consecutive PFL title, returns to Richardson Stadium and hosts Drake. Davidson brings the league's top-rated offense into the fray, averaging 40.3 points per game thanks to a run game averaging a league-best 349.1 yards per game. Drake is the league's No. 2 scoring defense (16.0 ppg) and is ranked No. 7 against the run, allowing only 138.8 rushing yards per game.
- San Diego at Stetson: San Diego travels to the opposite coast seeking its PFL-record-tying 12th regular-season crown when it faces Stetson. San Diego returns to action after an off week to give its No. 3 defense a rest after it allowed only 18.3 points per game in the first seven games, holding opponents to under 300 yards to rank No. 3 in defensive yardage. After nearly knocking off Morehead State last week, Stetson returns home and is averaging 23.7 points per game (No. 9 in the PFL) and 373.5 offensive yards per game.
- Presbyterian at St. Thomas: The league's newest members finally meet with Presbyterian trekking northwest to face St. Thomas. It promises to be an intriguing battle between two teams at opposite ends of the league's offensive and defensive rankings. St. Thomas boasts the league's top-rated defense, allowing just 15.7 points per game, and backed up that ranking with a five-interception day at Drake last weekend. Presbyterian is ranked No. 3 in scoring offense during PFL play at 33.6 points per game and leads the league with 520.3 yards per game.
- Morehead State at Valparaiso: A surging Valparaiso, which has won three of its last four games, hosts a Morehead State squad that snapped a two-game losing streak with a come-from-behind win last week. Valparaiso has climbed up the league's scoring offense list the past four weeks with 171 points scoring in its previous four games and now is averaging 33.1 points per PFL game (4th in the league). Morehead State has scored just 88 points in its last four games and has settled back to No. 6 in the league scoring chart with 28.9 points per PFL game. Defensively the two teams are right next to each other, with Morehead State narrowly edging out Valparaiso 24.9 to 25.0 points per game.

WEEK 11 LEADS AND LEADERS

Davidson suffered its first PFL loss of 2021, extending the regular-season title race into the season's final weekend... Ben Nimz threw three touchdowns, and Robert Washington ran for two more as Valparaiso won the Hoosier Helmet with a 47-3 PFL victory at Butler. Nimz completed 19-of-24 passes for 241 yards and three touchdowns and ran for another. Washington had 102 rushing yards and two touchdowns on his 14 carries. Butler's Bret Bushka passed for 82 yards and ran for 39 more... Jake Chisholm ran for three touchdowns and caught two more as Dayton denied Davidson an opportunity to clinch the PFL title with a 38-29 victory. Chisholm tacked on a 32-yard touchdown run to seal the victory. Chisholm amassed 226 yards on 34 carries - Dayton's four other ball carriers finished minus-24 yards - and had 46 yards on three receptions. Davidson had four different runners score a touchdown in a 57-carry, 372-yard team rushing performance... Marist scored 20 unanswered points in the second quarter and tacked another 17 unanswered in the third frame to down Presbyterian, 57-32. Marist quarterback Austin Day completed 15-of-26 passes for 265 yards with touchdown passes to four different receivers to lead Marist. Presbyterian quarterback Ren Hefley completed 36-of-56 passes for 348 yards and three touchdowns... Mark Pappas capped an 11-play, 93-yard drive with a four-yard pass to BJ Byrd to stun Stetson, 36-35. Pappas and wide receiver BJ Byrd connected on four touchdown passes, Pappas ending the day 26-of-54 for 395 yards while Byrd caught 12 passes for 223 yards. Jalen Leary led Stetson with 159 rushing yards and three touchdowns... St. Thomas intercepted five passes, blocked a punt and blocked a field goal, and ultimately held on for a 21-14 victory at Drake. Hope Adebayo finished with 105 yards on 21 carries to lead St. Thomas. Drake's Ian Corwin completed 17-of-31 passes for 166 yards and a touchdown.

PFL AWARD CALENDAR

The 2021 Pioneer Football League awards will be announced Nov. 29-Dec. 1. The 2021 PFL Major Award winners will be released Monday, Nov. 29, followed the next day by its 29th All-PFL Teams. The league's 29th Academic All-PFL team and its Scholar-Athlete of the Year will be announced Wednesday, Dec. 1.



PRESEASON TEAMS

The Pioneer Football League named 38 student-athletes to its Preseason All-PFL Teams, including 29 returning First Team All-PFL selections.

Returning players named to the league's 2020-21 All-PFL Teams were placed automatically on the 2021 Preseason All-PFL team in order of head coaches voting. In addition, the 2021 preseason team includes student-athletes from the University of Dayton and Marist College who would have appeared on the 2020 Preseason All-PFL Team.

OFFENSE

WR	BJ Byrd (1)
WR	Michael Carner (1)
WR	Yogi Flager (2)
QB	Mark Pappas (1)
QB	Jack Cook (1)
TE	Derek Kline (1)
RB	Jake Chisholm (1)
RB	Dylan Sparks (1)
RB	Robert Washington (1, PotY)
FB	Coy Williams (1)
A-P	BJ Byrd (2)
OL	Billy Corte (1)
OL	Antonio Derry (1)
OL	Cam Marriott (1)
OL	Khaili Miller (1)
OL	DJ Wright (1)

DEFENSE

DL	Jonathan Hammond (2, FRotY)
DL	Jake Hoper (2)
DL	Vaughn Taylor Jr. (1)
DL	Fermon Reid (1)
DL	Aaron Acosta (H)
LB	Jake Alexander (1)
LB	Kyle Bilchik (1)
LB	Kama Kamaka (1)
LB	Jaxon Peifer (1)
LB	Zach Rumpke (H)
LB	Vincent Winey (1)
DB	Brandon Easterling (1)
DB	Kyle Fleitman (2)
DB	Michael Hawkins (1)
DB	Danny Morales (2)
DB	Hunter Nichols (1, PotY)
DB	Keyon Turner (1)

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK	Brian Bartholomew (1)
PK	Sam Webster (2)
P	Ben Niesner (1, PotY)
RS	Jaylon Johnson (1)
LS	Ryan Kriceri (1)

Notes: (1) was a first-team selection; (2) was a second-team selection; (H) was an honorable mention selection in previous year of competition. (PotY)-Player of the Year (Offensive, Defensive or Special Teams), (FRotY) Freshman of the Year (Offensive or Defensive). Dayton and Marist student-athletes are from 2019 All-PFL Teams, all others from 2020 All-PFL Teams.

CONSECUTIVE GAMES SCORING

GM	School	NCAA Div	Years
497	Dayton	III/FCS	1976-now
475	Mount Union	III	1981-now
420	Florida	FBS	1988-now
418	Montana	FCS	1989-now
365	Michigan	FBS	1984-14
361	BYU	FBS	1975-03
365	TCU	FBS	1992-now
352	Valdosta State	II	1991-now
343	Virginia Tech	FBS	1995-now
338	Georgia	FBS	1995-now
306	Air Force	FBS	1992-17

Dayton was a member of Division III until 1993 when it moved to Division I-AA (now FCS).



PFL ALUMNI IN THE NFL

Six PFL alumni were on NFL active rosters during the 2021 NFL season with two more listed on practice squad rosters.

- Donald Parham (Stetson) – L.A. Chargers
 - Adam Trautman (Dayton) – New Orleans
 - Jamal Agnew (San Diego) – Detroit
 - Ross Dwelley (San Diego) – San Francisco
 - Jason Myers (Marist) – Seattle
 - Eric Saubert (Drake) – Denver
 - Reid Sinnett (San Diego) – Philadelphia
 - Josh Johnson (San Diego) – New York Jets
 - Michael Bandy (San Diego) – LA Chargers*
- † -injured reserve
* - practice squad



PFL ALUMNI IN THE CFL

In addition to the PFL alumni playing in the NFL, two alumni are continuing their playing careers in the Canadian Football League this season.

- Matthew Shiltz (Butler) – Montreal
- Grant Kraemer (Drake) – BC

PFL ALUMNI IN THE NFL: WEEK 10

- **Jamal Agnew, Wide Receiver, Jacksonville Jaguars (San Diego)** | Agnew rushed for a touchdown and 79 yards in Jacksonville's loss at Indianapolis. He also had five kick returns for 101 yards and four punt returns for 30 yards in the game.
- **Ross Dwelley, Tight End, San Francisco 49ers (San Diego)** | Dwelley saw 18 snaps (nine on offense) during San Francisco's win against the Los Angeles Rams.
- **Josh Johnson, Quarterback, New York Jets (San Diego)** | Johnson did not see action in the Jets loss to Buffalo.
- **Jason Myers, Kicker, Seattle Seahawks (Marist)** | Myers did not attempt a kick in Seattle's shutout loss at Green Bay.
- **Donald Parham Jr., Tight End, Los Angeles Chargers (Stetson)** | Parham had a 17-yard reception in the Chargers' loss to Minnesota.
- **Eric Saubert, Tight End, Denver Broncos (Drake)** | Saubert saw action on 22 special teams snaps in Denver's loss to Philadelphia.
- **Reid Sinnett, Quarterback, Philadelphia Eagles (San Diego)** | Sinnett did not see action in Philadelphia's victory at Denver.
- **Adam Trautman, Tight End, New Orleans Saints (Dayton)** | Trautman had five receptions for 32 yards in New Orleans' loss at Tennessee.

MARIST'S PARADY, SAN DIEGO'S LINDSEY JOIN PFL'S 50-WIN GROUP

Marist head coach Jim Parady became the fifth head coach to record 50 career PFL victories with the Red Foxes' Nov. 6 victory against Drake. He is the second PFL head coach to reach the milestone this season, joining San Diego's Dale Lindsey, who picked up win No. 50 with the Torero's win at Butler, Oct. 9. The duo joins Dayton's Rich Chamberlin (74), Dayton's Mike Kelley (55), and Jacksonville's Kerwin Bell (51) as coaches with 50-plus wins. That group still could grow this season with Butler's Jeff Voris (48) two wins away from joining the exclusive group.

1,000-YARD WATCH

Two weeks remain in the 2021 season and three PFL athletes have moved past the 1,000 yard mark with one running back looking to reach the milestone this weekend.

- BJ Byrd (Morehead State), 1,214 receiving yards
- Jalyn Witcher (Presbyterian), 1,074 receiving yards
- Jake Chisholm (Dayton), 1,033 rushing yards
- Robert Washington (Valparaiso), 946 rushing yards

WHEW! PFL OFFENSES CHURNING

With Valparaiso's 65-point performance in a league victory against Presbyterian, eight of the FCS's games with 60-plus points have been put forth by PFL teams. The FCS' top two are Presbyterian with 84 points against St. Andrews and Butler with 77 points against Taylor University. Davidson's 70 points against Presbyterian is fifth, followed by San Diego in sixth with its 69-point outing. Presbyterian is eighth with a 68-point effort, Valparaiso is slotted 12th with last week's 65-point effort, Dayton is 14th with 63 points, and Morehead State is 21st with a 62-point affair.

MORE ON THOSE OFFENSES

Furthering the league's offensive credentials, four of the league's 11 members are ranked in the FCS' Top 50 in scoring offense. Presbyterian (4th, 38.7 ppg) stayed ahead of Davidson (10th, 37.1 ppg). Meanwhile, Dayton (29th, 31.1 ppg) and Morehead State (32nd, 30.9) remain among the FCS' Top 50.

HEFLEY, PAPPAS AMONG FCS' TOP 10 PASSERS

Presbyterian's Ren Hefley and Morehead State's Mark Pappas remained ranked among the FCS Top 10 in passing entering the final weekend. Hefley is third in the FCS with 3,818 passing yards (381.8 ypg, 3rd), including an FCS-best 38 touchdown tosses. Pappas is seventh nationally with 3,060 yards (306.0 ypg, 8th) and has thrown 25 touchdown passes.

BYRD, WITCHER AMONG FCS' TOP 5 RECEIVERS

Morehead State senior receiver BJ Byrd and Presbyterian freshman wideout Jalyn Witcher are second and fifth, respectively, in FCS receiving yardage. Byrd has 85 receptions (1st in FCS) for 1,214 yards (1st) and an FCS-best 13 touchdowns (2nd) for the Eagles. Witcher has caught 74 passes (3rd in FCS) for 1,074 yards (4th) and 11 touchdowns (4th) for the Blue Hose.

VALPARAISO A BEACON FOR BLOCKING KICKS

Valparaiso blocked a PFL record-tying three kicks – two punts and a field goal – in its Oct. 30 loss to San Diego. This season, the Beacons have blocked an FCS best eight kicks, with Brett Bittner blocking an FCS-leading three kicks, including a blocked punt at San Diego.

DEFENSIVE SCORING THREATS

Nine PFL teams have scored a defensive touchdown this season, and six have scored two or more touchdowns defensively. San Diego leads the league and is seventh among FCS teams with three defensive scores in 2021. Butler, Dayton, Morehead State, Presbyterian, and Valparaiso each have two defensive touchdowns.

HEFLEY, TAYLOR JR. JOIN STATS FCS AWARD WATCH LISTS

Presbyterian quarterback Ren Hefley and Morehead State defensive lineman Vaughn Taylor Jr. were named to the STATS Perform Watch Lists, Nov. 10. One of the nation's top passes (see below), Hefley is now one

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PFL ALL-TIME SERIES RECORDS

Regular-season PFL contests, current league members.

Team	BUT	DAV	DAY	DRA	MAR	MOR	PRE	STT	SAN	STE	VAL
Butler	—	6-6	6-22	8-21	2-4	7-10	0-0	0-1	5-21	3-1	14-16
Davidson	6-6	—	1-11	1-8	1-10	8-13	1-0	1-0	3-11	4-5	6-4
Dayton	22-6	11-1	—	19-9	9-3	10-5	1-0	0-0	16-11	4-1	24-4
Drake	21-8	8-1	9-19	—	8-1	9-2	0-0	0-1	11-18	2-2	25-5
Marist	4-1	10-1	3-9	1-8	—	4-3	1-0	0-1	0-11	6-2	9-1
Morehead State	10-7	13-8	5-10	2-8	3-4	—	1-0	0-0	0-13	4-2	13-2
Presbyterian	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	—	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1
St. Thomas	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	—	0-1	1-0	1-0
San Diego†	20-5	11-3	11-16	17-11	10-0	12-0	1-0	1-0	—	7-0	20-6
Stetson	1-4	5-4	1-4	2-3	2-6	2-4	1-0	0-1	0-8	—	2-3
Valparaiso	16-14	4-6	4-24	5-25	1-9	3-12	1-0	0-1	6-21	3-2	—

ALL-TIME PFL STANDINGS

Regular-season PFL contests only, by win percentage

Team	Yrs	Gms	W-L	Pct.
Dayton	28	175	130-45	.743
San Diego†	29	179	124-48	.721
St. Thomas	1	7	5-2	.714
Drake	29	178	116-62	.652
Marist	12	95	50-45	.526
Morehead State	21	137	66-71	.482
Butler	29	180	66-114	.367
Davidson	21	135	46-89	.341
Stetson	9	66	20-46	.303
Valparaiso	29	180	52-128	.289
Presbyterian	1	7	0-7	.000

PFL COACHING RECORDS

Coach, School	CAREER RECORD			RECORD AT CURRENT SCHOOL				
	Seasons	W-L-T	Pct.	Seasons	W-L-T	Pct.	PFL	Pct.
Jeff Voris (BUT)	21st	94-129-0	.422	16th	79-95-0	.454	48-65	.425
Scott Abell (DAV)	10th	64-38-0	.627	4th	25-14-0	.641	17-10	.630
Rich Chamberlin (DAY)	13th	99-45-0	.688	13th	99-45-0	.688	75-29	.721
Jeff Stepsis (DRA)	3rd	10-15-0	.400	3rd	10-15-0	.400	9-9	.500
Jim Parady (MAR)	29th	147-156-1	.485	29th	147-156-1	.485	51-44	.537
Rob Tenyer (MOR)	9th	40-57-0	.412	9th	40-57-0	.412	33-37	.471
Kevin Kelley (PRE)	1st	2-8-0	.200	1st	2-8-0	.200	0-7	.000
Glenn Caruso (STT)	15th	138-36-0	.793	12th	132-24-0	.846	5-2	.714
Dale Lindsey (SAN)	9th	74-25-0	.747	9th	74-25-0	.747	54-7	.885
Brian Young (STE)	1st	3-6-0	.333	1st	3-6-0	.333	1-5	.167
Landon Fox (VAL)	3rd	9-19-0	.321	3rd	9-19-0	.321	9-12	.429

ALL-TIME OVERALL RECORDS

School	Seasons	W-L-T
Butler	130	593-486-35
Davidson	122	444-632-45
Dayton	112	693-381-25
Drake	126	629-527-29
Marist	42	191-235-3
Morehead State	90	358-490-22
Presbyterian	107	509-531-35
St. Thomas	115	638-355-34
San Diego	53	324-221-6
Stetson	55	194-178-27
Valparaiso	99	389-517-27

PFL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

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.

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SHUTOUT HISTORY

Team	Last SHO Win	Gms Ago	Last SHO Loss	Gms Ago
BUT	48-0 at Valparaiso (2010)	117	0-36 at St. Thomas (2021)	6
DAV	41-0 vs. West Virginia Wesleyan (2019)	25	0-34 at Campbell (2016)	51
DAY	13-0 vs. Robert Morris (2016)	91	0-9 vs. Marshall (1976)	497
DRA	50-0 vs. Valparaiso (2011)	104	0-7 at Marist (2021)	1
MAR	7-0 vs. Drake (2021)	1	0-17 at Bucknell (2015)	61
MOR	34-0 vs. Davidson (2015)	69	0-54 at James Madison (2021)	16
PRE	10-0 vs. Lindsey Wilson (2018)	37	0-45 at Campbell (2021)	7
STT	36-0 vs. Butler (2021)	6	0-20 at Wisconsin-Whitewater (2011)	107
SAN	27-0 vs. Western New Mexico (2016)	62	0-41 at Dayton (1999)	241
STE	—	91	0-63 at Princeton (2021)	6
VAL	54-0 at Wisconsin Lutheran (2006)	170	0-64 at North Dakota State (2021)	8

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	4-7	(L) 41-48 [20T] at Marist (2018)
DAY	4-2	(L) 38-45 [20T] at Morehead State (2021)
DRA	4-2	(L) 35-38 [30T] at Morehead State (2015)
MAR	5-5	(W) 27-24 [0T] at Valparaiso (2021)
MOR	4-3	(W) 45-38 [0T] 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	1-0	(W) 30-26 at Campbell (2016)
VAL	4-2	(L) 24-27 vs. Marist (2021)

LAST PFL WIN VS. CONFERENCE MEMBER

Big Sky	San Diego def. Northern Arizona, 41-10 (11/25/17)
Big South	Jacksonville def. Charleston Southern, 31-10 (9/8/12)
Colonial	Jacksonville def. Delaware, 20-14 (9/4/15)
Ivy	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)
Southland	—
Southern	—
SWAC	—

of 46 individuals on the Walter Payton Award Watch List for the FCS National Offensive Player of the Year. Taylor Jr. leads all FCS defenders with 2.2 tackles for loss per game and is 27th in sacks per game (0.78), and now is one of 46 players named on the Buck Buchanan Award Watch List for the FCS National Defensive Player of the Year.

WITCHER ON RICE AWARD WATCH LIST

Presbyterian wide receiver Jalyn Witcher, one of the nation's top receivers as a freshman, was one of 22 freshmen named to the Stats Perform FCS Jerry Rice Award Watch List, Oct. 27. Witcher is ranked among the FCS Top six in receptions, receiving yards, and receiving touchdowns entering the season's final two weeks. A freshman can't have surpassed four games played in one previous academic year to be eligible for the Rice Award – similar to the NCAA's regular redshirt rule. More players can join the watch list before a 50-member national media panel selects the winner following the regular season.

STETSON-DRAKE PFL OUTING, OCTOBER 23, CANCELED

The Pioneer Football League canceled the Drake-Stetson football game scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 23 in Des Moines, Iowa, due to COVID-19 issues within Drake's Tier 1 personnel. Per PFL policies, the game was declared a forfeit. The PFL standings reflect the game as a forfeit as required by league policy. However, the overall record for both teams is unchanged per NCAA policies which consider it "no contest."

FOUR PFL ATHLETES NAMED CAMPBELL TROPHY SEMIFINALISTS

Davidson slot back Eli Turner, Marist safety Kyle Fleitman, Stetson defensive lineman Fermon Reid and Dayton safety Brandon Easterling were each named as semifinalists for the 2021 NFF William V. Campbell Trophy, Sept. 29. The Campbell Trophy is college football's premier scholar-athlete award, recognizing an individual as the absolute best football scholar-athlete in the nation for his combined academic success, football performance and exemplary leadership. The NFF will announce 12-14 finalists on Oct. 27, and each of them will receive an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship as a member of the 2021 NFF National Scholar-Athlete Class Presented by Fidelity Investments.

STETSON'S SAMUELS NAMED MAYO CLINIC COMEBACK PLAYER NOMINEE

Avery Samuels, a redshirt sophomore offensive lineman for Stetson, was one of three college football student-athletes named to the Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year Watch List, Sept. 28. Samuels sat out the 2020-21 season as seven members of his family perished from COVID-19. Following the death of his uncle last April and six other family members in the months that followed, he made the decision to opt-out of the season and spend the time with his family. Remarkably, despite the family tragedy, the psychology major returned to the Hatters this summer and has been working his way back onto the field more each week. Ten times during the 2021 college football season, three inspiring student-athletes from all levels of college football who have overcome injury, illness, or other challenges, are recognized as Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year Nominees by a panel of writers, editors, and sports information directors from CoSIDA, AP and Touchdown Illustrated.

OPENING IN FRONT OF A HUNGRY RED FOX DEN

Marist played its Week 4 home opener in front of a record crowd. The Tenney Stadium attendance of 6,154 was the largest in the stadium's 15 years, and broke the previous record by over 1,500. The Red Foxes went 679 days between home games, last playing at home on Nov. 16, 2019 against Jacksonville.

WELCOME BACK FLYERS, TOMMIES, & RED FOXES

Dayton, St. Thomas and Marist saw their 2020 seasons wiped out in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and all three saw their Week 1 contests canceled as the pandemic continued to affect schedules into the 2021 season. Dayton finally took the field in Week 2 for their first game in 658 days while St. Thomas ended a 665-day break from the field with its Week 2 road game. Marist got back on the field in Week 3 bringing an end to its own 665-day hiatus.

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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
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 Karamer	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
405	Kade Bell	Jacksonville	at Mercer	11/9/13

200+ RECEIVING YARDS

YDS	Player	Team	Opponent	Date
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	10/6/18
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 Lutheran	9/2/06
218	Michael Gasperson	San Diego	vs Dayton	11/6/04
203	Ryan Wroblewski	Dayton	vs Morehead St.	9/11/04
209	Adam Hannula	San Diego	vs Marist	10/25/03
205	Kevin Knutson	Valparaiso	vs Drake	10/25/03
275	Rob Giancola	Valparaiso	at Dayton	10/11/03

200+ RUSHING YARDS

YDS	Player	Team	Opponent	Date
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	10/27/18
202	Calvin Turner Jr.	Jacksonville	at Davidson	10/6/18
201	Calvin Turner Jr.	Jacksonville	vs. St. Augustine'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	10/31/15
229	Connor Kacsor	Dayton	vs. Kennesaw State	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
301	Connor Kacsor	Dayton	vs. Georgetown	9/6/14
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 Pembroke	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

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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	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 Guzanski	San Diego	vs Dayton	11/16/02
20	Eric Papp	Drake	vs San Diego	11/2/02

4+ SACKS

SACK	Player	Team	Opponent	Date
4.0	Trejuan Purty	Valparaiso	vs. Presbyterian	11/6/21
4.5	Emmanuel Olonga	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

5+ TACKLES FOR LOSS

TFL	Player	Team	Opponent	Date
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

STETSON, PRESBYTERIAN NEW COACHES WIN DEBUTS

Both Presbyterian and Stetson underwent coaching changes during the summer. Stetson named former defensive coordinator Brian Young as its 10th head coach and he led the Hatters to a season-opening win against Wagner. Meanwhile, Presbyterian turned to Kevin Kelley as its 16th head coach following an 18-year career at Pulaski Academy in Little Rock and he promptly took Presbyterian to a smashing season-opening win against St. Andrews.

PRESBYTERIAN'S HEFLEY SETS FCS, & PFL RECORDS, EARNS NATIONAL AWARD

Blue Hose quarterback Ren Hefley began the 2021 season in rarefied air, completing 38-of-50 passes for a PFL-record 576 yards and an FCS record 10 touchdowns, leading Presbyterian to an 84-43 victory against NIAA foe St. Andrews. He earned Stats Perform FCS National Offensive Player of the Week honors for his performance.

THIRTY-SEVEN PFL ATHLETES WITH A DIPLOMA IN HAND AS SEASON STARTS

The National Football Foundation (NFF) & College Hall of Fame released a list of 3,284 student-athletes who have already earned their undergraduate degrees and will be playing college football this fall while pursuing second diplomas, including 37 Pioneer Football League student-athletes. This season marks the fourth year the NFF has compiled the list of graduated players.

DAYTON'S EASTERLING NAMED TO BUCHANAN AWARD WATCH LIST

Dayton defensive back Brandon Easterling was one of 35 FCS athletes named to the initial Buck Buchanan Award Watch List in August. Easterling, who was a 2019 FCS All-American by HERO Sports, the Walter Camp Foundation, the Associated Press and STATS FCS. He led FCS in solo tackles (7.5) and was second in total tackles (12.7) while also nabbing nine turnovers (six interceptions, three fumbles) were the most in FCS football in 2019. Easterling also was named to the Stats Perform Preseason All-American teams as a third-team selection.

DAYTON'S COOK NAMED TO PAYTON AWARD WATCH LIST

Dayton running back Jack Cook was one of 35 FCS offensive players named to the initial Walter Payton Award Watch List in August. A First Team All-PFL selection in 2019 after finishing second in rushing (112.9), he also led qualified PFL rushers in yards per carry (7.4). Cook led the FCS in all-purpose yardage (204.3 yards a game). Cook is a two-time CoSIDA Academic All-American, and a 2021 team captain.

FOSTER, NIESNER NAMED TO FCS PUNTER OF THE YEAR WATCH LIST

The Augusta Sports Council named Valparaiso's Ben Niesner and Morehead State's Andrew Foster to the FCS Punter of the Year Watch List in August. Niesner nearly set the PFL punting average record last season, averaging 43.58 yards per punt. Foster averaged 41.4 yards per punt last season, the third consecutive year he has averaged more than 40 yards per punt.

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FCS ALL-IN

Each Saturday during the 2021 football season, "FCS All-In" will debut a new episode at 10 a.m. (ET) on-demand via YouTube. The program is a collaborative effort of the NCAA's 15 Division I FCS Conferences, bringing weekly segments from each league.

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FCS NATIONAL POLLS

STATS PERFORM MEDIA

RK	TEAM (1STS)	W-L	PTS	PVS
1.	Sam Houston (50)	9-0	1,250	1
2.	James Madison	9-1	1,182	2
3.	Montana State	9-1	1,163	3
4.	North Dakota State	9-1	1,096	5
5.	Eastern Washington	8-2	1,013	7
6.	Villanova	8-2	938	8
7.	Montana	8-2	889	9
8.	ETSU	9-1	811	11
9.	Kennesaw State	9-1	802	10
10.	UC Davis	8-2	749	6
11.	Sacramento State	8-2	721	12
12.	South Dakota State	7-3	701	4
13.	UT Martin	9-1	686	13
14.	Missouri State	7-3	600	16
15.	Southeastern Louisiana	8-2	577	14
16.	South Dakota	7-3	552	19
17.	Southern Illinois	7-3	546	15
18.	UIW	8-2	479	17
19.	Jackson State	9-1	373	18
20.	Dartmouth	8-1	252	T-22
21.	Mercer	7-2	228	NR
22.	Stephen F. Austin	7-3	105	NR
23.	Florida A&M	8-2	96	NR
24.	Princeton	8-1	93	NR
25.	Rhode Island	7-3	76	NR

Receiving Votes: Northern Iowa 64, Monmouth 61, Holy Cross 37, VMI 25, Chattanooga 21, William & Mary 17, Prairie View A&M 14, North Dakota 11, Eastern Kentucky 7, Sacred Heart 7, Harvard 4.

AFCA COACHES

RK	TEAM (1STS)	W-L	PTS	PVS
1.	Sam Houston (27)	9-0	698	1
2.	James Madison	9-1	665	2
3.	Montana St. (1)	9-1	644	3
4.	North Dakota St.	9-1	575	6
5.	Kennesaw St.	9-1	563	5
6.	Eastern Washington	8-2	559	8
7.	Montana	8-2	510	9
8.	UT Martin	9-1	486	10
9.	Villanova	8-2	465	11
10.	East Tennessee St.	9-1	444	12
11.	UC Davis	8-2	413	4
12.	Southeastern Louisiana	8-2	381	13
13.	South Dakota St.	7-3	352	7
14.	Missouri St.	7-3	326	14
15.	Southern Illinois	7-3	294	16
16.	South Dakota	7-3	278	17
17.	Jackson St.	9-1	277	15
18.	Sacramento St.	8-2	246	18
19.	UIW	8-2	187	21
20.	Princeton	8-1	147	22
21.	Dartmouth	8-1	136	23
22.	Stephen F. Austin	7-3	99	NR
23.	Mercer	7-2	88	NR
24.	Monmouth (N.J.)	7-3	86	NR
25.	Florida A&M	8-2	53	NR

Receiving Votes: Holy Cross 35, Rhode Island 33, Chattanooga 18, Eastern Kentucky 17, Northern Iowa 5, VMI 4, Weber St. 4, Central Arkansas 3, William & Mary 3, Jacksonville St. 2, Maine 2, Harvard 1, Sacred Heart 1.

PFL POSTSEASON HISTORY

FCS PLAYOFFS

The NCAA Football Championship began in 1978 with a four-team field. It has expanded over the years to its current 24-team format. The Pioneer Football League first received an automatic bid during the 2013 expansion.

2013: Tennessee State 31, at **Butler 0**

2014: at Montana 52, **San Diego 14**

2015: Western Illinois 24, at **Dayton 7**

2016: **San Diego 35**, at Cal Poly 21

at North Dakota State 45, **San Diego 7**

2017: **San Diego 41**, at Northern Arizona 10

at North Dakota State 38, **San Diego 3**

2018: at Nicholls 49, **San Diego 30**

2019: at Northern Iowa 17, **San Diego 3**

2020-21: at Jacksonville State 49, **Davidson 14**

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

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WEEK-BY-WEEK LEADS, LEADERS, STANDINGS AND AWARDS

WEEK 11

PFL STANDINGS | DAV 6-1 | SAN 6-1 | MAR 5-2 | MOR 5-2 | STT 5-2 | DAY 5-3 | VAL 4-3 | STE 2-5 | DRA 1-6 | BUT 0-7 | PRE 0-7

WEEKLY AWARDS | OFFENSIVE: Jake Chisholm, Dayton | CO-DEFENSIVE: Isaiah Hall, St. Thomas & Arthur Pinckney, Marist | SPECIAL TEAMS: Ian Holder, Morehead State

WEEK 10

Davidson tightened its grip on first place with a 42-15 PFL victory against second-place St. Thomas. Davidson ran the ball 65 times for 392 yards and four touchdowns, including Aris Hilliard's eight-carry, 89-yard, two-touchdown effort. Hope Adebayo carried the ball 12 times for 44 yards and a touchdown as St. Thomas was held to 236 offensive yards... Hunter Cobb caught a 10-yard pass from Austin Day with 50 seconds in the third quarter, and Marist held on for a 7-0 PFL victory against Drake. Day completed 21-of-28 passes for 186 yards and a touchdown. His counterpart, Ian Corwin, completed 13-of-27 passes for 144 yards to pace Drake's offense... Dayton scored the game's first 14 points, fended off a Stetson second-quarter rally, and closed with the final 20 points in a 41-13 PFL victory. Dayton's Jake Chisholm ran for four touchdowns and 119 yards, including the game's first two touchdowns. Stetson's Alex Piccirilli passed for 193 yards and ran for 114 yards and a touchdown... Nick Orekoya ran for four touchdowns, and Robert Washington ran for three more as Valparaiso held on for a 65-55 PFL victory against Presbyterian. Ren Hefley completed 44-of-68 passes for 544 yards and seven touchdowns to lead Presbyterian, with Jalen Jones catching five touchdowns as part of his 6-reception, 239-yard outing. Washington ran for three touchdowns on his 26-carry, 234-yard day, while Orekoya needed just 15 carries and 54 yards to post four touchdowns... Terrence Smith capped an 85-yard drive with a one-yard touchdown run with 4:20 left in the third quarter to lead San Diego past Morehead State, 10-3. San Diego's Mason Randall completed 19-of-32 passes for 247 yards, with Emilio Martinez rushing for 104 yards and Vance Jefferson posting 120 receiving yards. Morehead State's Mark Pappas completed 22-of-44 passes for 243 yards, finding BJ Byrd six times for 100 receiving yards.

PFL STANDINGS | DAV 6-0 | SAN 6-1 | MAR 4-2 | MOR 4-2 | STT 4-2 | DAY 4-3 | VAL 3-3 | STE 2-4 | DRA 1-5 | BUT 0-6 | PRE 0-6

WEEKLY AWARDS | OFFENSIVE: Robert Washington, Valparaiso | CO-DEFENSIVE: Brian Jacobs, Davidson & Isaac Haney, San Diego | SPECIAL TEAMS: Brian Bartholomew, Valparaiso

WEEK 9

Davidson sits alone atop the PFL standings after Week 9 of the 2021 campaign. San Diego and St. Thomas won to stay in sight of the lead, along with Morehead State, with three weeks remaining... Zach Rumpke intercepted a pass a pass with 27 seconds remaining to help Dayton hold on for a 38-31 PFL victory against Butler. Dayton's Jake Chisholm ran 24 times for 157 yards and three touchdowns and caught two passes for 55 yards and another touchdown. Butler's Bret Bushka completed 29-of-48 passes for a touchdown and 392 yards then tacked on 58 yards and two touchdowns on 13 carries... Stetson scored the game's first 42 points en route to a 56-14 PFL victory against Presbyterian. Stetson's Alex Piccirilli threw for 217 yards and three touchdowns on 20-of-32 passing and had 37 yards and a touchdown on the ground. Presbyterian's Ren Hefley completed 25-of-40 passes for 197 yards and a touchdown... Cade Sexauer threw for two touchdowns and Hope Adebayo ran for two more as St Thomas downed Marist, 21-7. St. Thomas running back Hope Adebayo ran for 191 yards and two touchdowns on 27 carries to pace St. Thomas. Marist quarterback Austin Day completed 9-of-16 passes for 101 yards to pace Marist... Davidson secured a 29-22 victory at Morehead State in a Week 9 battle of PFL unbeatens. Davidson's Dylan Sparks ran for 122 yards and two touchdowns to pace a Davidson run game that finished with 397 yards and three touchdowns. Morehead State Mark Pappas paced Morehead State with his 24-of-44 passing outing that amassed 262 yards and two touchdowns... Mason Randall dashed into the end zone from 15 yards out with 1:15 remaining, leading San Diego to a come-from-behind 21-14 PFL victory against Valparaiso. Randall completed 24-of-38 passes for 265 yards with a touchdown both running and passing. The San Diego defense held Valparaiso 57 offensive yards, including only two passing yards, four first downs, and did not allow a drive to last more than five plays. Will Buck led that defensive effort with six tackles, 3.5 tackles for loss and three sacks

PFL STANDINGS | DAV 5-0 | SAN 5-1 | MOR 4-1 | STT 4-1 | MAR 3-2 | DAY 3-3 | STE 2-3 | VAL 2-3 | DRA 1-4 | PRE 0-5 | BUT 0-6

WEEKLY AWARDS | OFFENSIVE: Jake Chisholm, Dayton | DEFENSIVE: Will Buck, San Diego | SPECIAL TEAMS: Ben Niesner, Valparaiso

WEEK 8

Morehead State is off to its first 4-0 PFL start since 2002 thanks to Mark Pappas' touchdown throw to Matt Guilfoil with 62 seconds remaining for a 27-24 victory at Marist. Morehead State's Mark Pappas completed 32-of-52 passes for 396 yards and three touchdowns. Austin Day led Marist with 202 yards passing and 54 yards rushing... Davidson used 21 points in both the third and fourth quarters to build a 28-point lead and held on for a 49-35 PFL victory at Butler. The Wildcats ran for five touchdowns and 363 yards, Aris Hilliard rushing for 105 yards and two touchdowns on four carries. Bret Bushka led Butler with a 21-for-32 passing, 166-yard outing that included a pair of touchdown throws... Valparaiso scored 17 unanswered points in the third quarter to defeat Dayton, 45-28, for its first victory in the series since 2017. Valparaiso's Robert Washington ran for three touchdowns as part of his 20-carry, 91-yard outing. Dayton quarterback Jack Cook completed 16-of-36 passes for 247 yards and a touchdown but threw two interceptions... San Diego scored the game's first 23 points and broke the game open with a 27-point third quarter to post a 69-28 victory at Presbyterian. The Toreros ran for 240 yards and six touchdowns with five different runners finding the end zone. Presbyterian quarterback Ren Hefley threw for 390 yards and four touchdowns as part of a 31-for-43 passing effort... The Pioneer Football League canceled the Drake-Stetson football game scheduled for Week 8 due to COVID-19 issues within Drake's Tier I personnel. In accordance with PFL policies, the game was declared a forfeit.

PFL STANDINGS | DAV 4-0 | MOR 4-0 | SAN 4-1 | MAR 3-1 | STT 3-1 | DAY 2-3 | VAL 2-2 | STE 1-3 | DRA 1-4 | PRE 0-4 | BUT 0-5

WEEKLY AWARDS | OFFENSIVE: Mason Randall, San Diego | DEFENSIVE: Austin Chilton, Valparaiso | SPECIAL TEAMS: David Ambagtsheer, San Diego

WEEK 7

Mekhai Johnson had a 91-yard kickoff return and Luke Paladino hit a 29-yard field goal in the third quarter to lead Marist past Dayton, 20-17. Johnson finished the game with 183 all-purpose yards and two touchdowns, adding a 33-yard score for the game's first touchdown. Dayton's Jack Cook completed 20-of-28 passes for 214 yards and a touchdown... On the first play from scrimmage, Hope Adebayo broke loose for a 78-yard touchdown run - the first of his three first quarter touchdown runs - to lead St. Thomas past Stetson, 38-7. Adebayo, making his first collegiate start, finished with 20 carries for 182 yards and four touchdowns. Stetson's Alex Piccirilli passed for 94 yards and ran for another 77 yards... BJ Byrd caught two touchdown passes and Morehead State's defense allowed just 189 yards in a 31-8 victory against Butler. Byrd ended the day with nine receptions for 121 yards, with touchdown catches of 17 and 16 yards... Brandon Eickert's 44-yard field goal with 9:50 left in the game broke a 10-10 tie and proved to be the game-winner as San Diego downed Drake, 13-10. Drake and San Diego combined for just 524 offensive yards. San Diego's Mason Randall completed 19-of-30 passes for 180 yards and a touchdown. Caden Meis had 12 carries for 58 yards and a touchdown to lead Drake... Davidson scored 28 points in the second quarter and another 21 in the third frame to scamper past Presbyterian, 70-35. Davidson scored six touchdowns as part of its 42-carry, 351-yard rushing performance. Ren Hefley completed 32-of-56 passes for 298 yards and two touchdowns to pace Presbyterian.

PFL STANDINGS | DAV 3-0 | MAR 3-0 | MOR 3-0 | STT 3-1 | SAN 3-1 | DAY 2-2 | VAL 1-2 | DRA 1-3 | STE 0-3 | PRE 0-3 | BUT 0-4

WEEKLY AWARDS | OFFENSIVE: Hope Adebayo, St. Thomas | DEFENSIVE: Jonathan Hammond, Davidson | SPECIAL TEAMS: Mekhai Johnson, Marist

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WEEK 6

Morehead State and Marist each picked up wins to improved to 2-0 and join Davidson atop the PFL standings. Dayton, St. Thomas and San Diego also picked up victories in Week 6.... Trailing 14-7 after the first quarter, San Diego scored 45 unanswered points to secure a 52-21 PFL victory against Butler. Mason Randall threw three touchdown passes as part of a 24-for-29, 257-yard passing performance to lead San Diego. Nick Orlando passed for 145 yards and a touchdown and caught two passes for 45 yards to pace Butler.... Marist scored the game's first 24 points, in four different ways, and the defense surrendered only a field goal in a 34-3 PFL victory. Marist opened the game with a field goal, a rushing touchdown, a passing touchdown and an interception returned for a touchdown in the opening 23:21 to take a 24-0 lead... Dayton opened the game's scoring with Ca'Ron Coleman's four-yard fumble return for a touchdown and Jake Chisholm rushed for a pair of touchdowns in Dayton's 28-10 PFL victory against Drake. Chisholm finished with 144 yards on 34 carries. Drake's Blake Ellingson completed 19-of-33 passes for 244 yards and a touchdown.... Issah Aguero rushed for 113 yards and two touchdowns, leading Morehead State past Presbyterian, 38-30. Ren Hefley enjoyed a 551-yard passing performance on 50-of-80 pass with four touchdowns to lead Presbyterian... Tom Loeffler ran for a pair of touchdowns and St. Thomas fended off a late Valparaiso rally for a 20-13 PFL victory. Loeffler finished the day with 48 rushing yards and two touchdowns on 17 carries. Valparaiso's Ben Nimz went 17-of-25 for 177 yards and a touchdown.

PFL STANDINGS | DAV 2-0 | MAR 2-0 | MOR 2-0 | DAY 2-1 | STT 2-1 | SAN 2-1 | DRA 1-2 | VAL 1-2 | STE 0-2 | PRE 0-2 | BUT 0-3

WEEKLY AWARDS | OFFENSIVE: Jake Chisholm, Dayton | DEFENSIVE: Mike Arrington, Marist | SPECIAL TEAMS: Ben Niesner, Valparaiso

WEEK 5

All five PFL contests in Week 5 were decided by a touchdown or less and two games went into overtime... Davidson emerged atop the PFL standings with a 2-0 record with Marist and Morehead State right behind the Wildcats at 1-0... Cross Robinson scored on a six-yard burst into end zone, leading Drake to a 6-3 PFL victory at Butler... Austin Day found Max Mazzela for a 25-yard touchdown in overtime to fend off a late Valparaiso run in a 27-24 overtime victory... Dylan Sparks' one-yard touchdown run capped a seven-play, 75-yard drive with 3:31 remaining and Justin Agner notched a sack on the game's final play to help Davidson secure a 35-28 PFL victory at Stetson... Tyler Noble intercepted a Jack Cook pass in overtime, helping Morehead State upend Dayton, 45-38, in double overtime... San Diego's defense and special teams combined to score the game's final 13 points in a 27-24 PFL victory against St. Thomas.

PFL STANDINGS | DAV 2-0 | MAR 1-0 | MOR 1-0 | DAY 1-1 | DRA 1-1 | STT 1-1 | SAN 1-1 | VAL 1-1 | STE 0-1 | PRE 0-1 | BUT 0-2

WEEKLY AWARDS | OFFENSIVE: Mark Pappas, Morehead State | CO-DEFENSIVE: Jonathan Hammond, Davidson & Kama Kamaka, San Diego | SPECIAL TEAMS: Brandon Eickert, San Diego

WEEK 4

Trailing 9-7 at halftime, Davidson scored the second half's first 14 points to secure a 28-16 PFL-opening victory against San Diego... Dayton scored 28 points in both the second and third quarters to erase a 23-0 deficit and post a 63-43 PFL-opening victory against Presbyterian... Ben Nimz connected with Jordan Bingham for a 30-yard touchdown with 1:05 left and Austin Martins blocked a potential game-tying field goal, leading Valparaiso to a 24-21 PFL-opening victory at Drake... Princeton held Stetson to 199 offensive yards and scored at least 10 points in each quarter to post a 63-0 victory... St. Thomas made the most of its PFL debut, scoring a 36-0 victory against Butler... Bryant scored the game's first 17 points and then held on for a 34-17 victory against Marist.

PFL STANDINGS | DAV 1-0 | DAY 1-0 | STT 1-0 | VAL 1-0 | MAR 0-0 | MOR 0-0 | STE 0-0 | BUT 0-1 | DRA 0-1 | PRE 0-1 | SAN 0-1

WEEKLY AWARDS | OFFENSIVE: Jack Cook, Dayton | DEFENSIVE: Chris Pepe, Dayton | SPECIAL TEAMS: Austin Martins, Valparaiso

WEEK 3

In a tough Week 3 around the PFL, Butler broke its all-time single-game scoring record to highlight the week's action which saw the league post a 1-8 record in nonconference play... Butler used a 35-point second quarter and 602 offensive yards to upend Taylor, 77-24... Marist used two big plays to gain an early 14-0 lead but could not hold on in a 37-14 loss at Columbia... Valparaiso closed within three points late in the third quarter but could not regain the lead in a 28-18 loss to Dartmouth... After matching touchdowns in the first quarter, Morehead State could not keep pace with Austin Peay's 20-point second quarter in a 59-35 loss... San Diego had few answers as nationally-ranked Montana State amassed 540 offensive yards to down the Toreros, 52-10... Louis Hyde's 35-yard field goal late in the first half was St. Thomas' only points in a 44-3 loss at nationally-ranked Northern Iowa... Nationally-ranked North Dakota held Drake to 163 offensive yards in a 38-0 victory... Presbyterian could not overcome a 10-turnover outing in a 72-0 loss at Campbell... Nationally-ranked Southern Illinois scored the game's first 48 points en route to a 55-3 victory against Dayton.

WEEKLY AWARDS | OFFENSIVE: Nick Orlando, Butler | DEFENSIVE: Nick Cagnetto, Drake | CO-SPECIAL TEAMS: Dwayne Menders, Marist & Andrew Foster, Morehead State

WEEK 2

The PFL went 7-3 in Week 2 with the three losses coming on the road to nationally-ranked FCS foes... Dayton scored on each of its first three possessions to start the second half and downed Eastern Illinois, 17-10... Louis Hyde hit a 32-yard field goal with 59 seconds left, helping St. Thomas win in its Division I debut, 12-9 at Michigan Tech... Mark Pappas threw a career-high five touchdowns, including four to start the game, as Morehead State swamped Point University (Ga.), 62-9... Ren Hefley threw for four touchdowns and 309 yards, leading Presbyterian to a 68-3 victory against Fort Lauderdale... Butler broke out to a 28-7 halftime lead and never looked back en route to a 49-24 victory... Ave Maria scored the game's first touchdown but Stetson scored the next six touchdowns to post a 49-16 victory... Davidson fended off Shaw's fourth-quarter comeback bid, holding on for a 28-26 victory... North Dakota State used big plays and a stout defense to down Valparaiso, 64-0... UC Davis scored the first 36 points and downed San Diego, 53-7... Montana State scored the game's first 24 points to down Drake, 45-7.

WEEKLY AWARDS | OFFENSIVE: Mark Pappas, Morehead State | CO-DEFENSIVE: Brandon Easterling, Dayton & Johnson Fallah, St. Thoams | SPECIAL TEAMS: Louis Hyde, St. Thomas

WEEK 1

Three PFL teams picked up victories during the season's opening week, each claiming a home victory. Drake began the season with a Thursday victory against West Virginia Wesleyan, limiting the Bobcats to three points. Presbyterian had the most fantastic of starts as quarterback Ren Hefley set a NCAA FCS record with 10 touchdown passes and the Blue Hose scored 84 points against St. Andrews. Stetson also picked up a season-opening win with quarterback John Seeter passing for four touchdowns in his debut. Elsewhere, Morehead State BJ Byrd finished with 127 receiving yards at nationally-ranked James Madison, joining Presbyterian's Jalyn Watcher (156 yards) and Matthew Rivera (137) as 100-yard receivers in Week 1. On the ground, Stetson's Jalen Leary (103 yards) and Drake's Cross Robinson (100 yards) were the lone 100-yard rushing performances.

WEEKLY AWARDS | OFFENSIVE: Ren Hefley, Presbyterian | DEFENSIVE: Alex Rogers, Drake | SPECIAL TEAMS: Cameron Gillis, Stetson