

CURRENT STANDINGS

Team	PFL							OVERALL							PREVIOUS WEEK
	W-L	PCT	PF	PA	H	A	STR	W-L	PCT	PF	PA	H	A	STR	
Davidson	7-1	.875	327	203	4-0	3-1	W1	8-2	.800	379	274	5-0	3-2	W1	W, 45-14 vs. Drake
San Diego	7-1	.875	249	144	4-0	3-1	W7	7-4	.636	283	277	4-2	3-2	W7	W, 41-16 at Stetson
Morehead State	6-2	.750	253	212	3-1	3-1	W2	7-4	.636	360	348	4-1	3-3	W2	W, 51-38 at Valparaiso
St. Thomas	6-2	.750	229	125	4-0	2-2	W2	7-3	.700	244	178	4-0	3-3	W1	W, 45-15 vs. Presbyterian
Dayton	5-3	.625	291	236	3-1	2-2	W3	6-4	.600	311	301	4-1	2-3	W3	Season Concluded
Marist	5-3	.625	197	158	2-2	3-1	L1	5-5	.500	228	229	2-3	3-2	L1	L, 21-28 vs. Butler
Valparaiso	4-4	.500	270	226	2-2	2-2	L1	4-7	.364	298	346	2-3	2-4	L1	L, 38-51 vs. Morehead State
Stetson	2-6	.250	158	231	0-4	2-2	L2	3-7	.300	261	324	2-4	1-3	L3	L, 16-41 vs. San Diego
Butler	1-7	.125	129	280	0-4	1-3	W1	3-8	.273	262	377	1-4	2-4	W1	W, 28-21 at Marist
Drake	1-7	.125	75	141	0-4	1-3	L6	2-8	.200	127	227	1-3	1-5	L5	L, 14-45 at Davidson
Presbyterian	0-8	.000	250	472	0-4	0-4	L8	2-9	.182	402	590	2-4	0-5	L9	L, 15-45 at St. Thomas

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 ROUND 1

Davidson at Kennesaw State, 2 p.m.
Broadcast: ESPN+
Location: Kennesaw, Georgia
Stadium: Fifth Third Bank Stadium
Series: First Meeting

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**
- 2021:** Davidson at Kennesaw State

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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PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



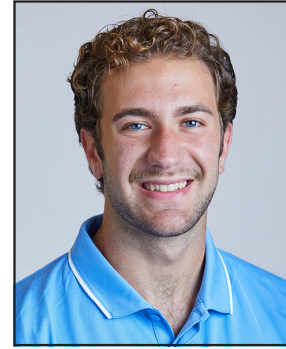
Mason Randall, San Diego



Mark Pappas, Morehead State



Vincent Winey, Morehead State



Brandon Eickert, San Diego

CO-OFFENSIVE

Mason Randall, San Diego

Graduate, Quarterback
Menlo Park, California

Randall threw three touchdown passes as San Diego clinched a share of its record-tying 12th PFL title courtesy a 41-16 victory at Stetson, Saturday. He completed 21-of-31 passes for 337 yards in the victory with his three touchdown passes going to different receivers. In the first quarter, Randall completed 8-of-11 passes for 196 yards and a touchdown to Vance Jefferson. He followed that with a 9-for-13, 108-yard effort in the second quarter that included touchdowns to Christian Brown (21 yards) and Jaseem Reed (39 yards).

Mark Pappas, Morehead State

Senior, Quarterback
Avon Lake, Ohio

Pappas tossed a trio of touchdown passes to DeVonte Adams in Morehead State's 51-38 PFL victory at Valparaiso, Saturday. He opened the game going 6-for-7 for 91 yards in the first quarter with a 33-yard touchdown to Adams. Pappas added a 6-for-8, 119-yard second quarter outing. He then helped break the game open with an 8-for-10, 175-yard, two-touchdown third quarter with touchdown passes of 12 and 57 yards to Adams.

OTHER PLAYERS NOMINATED

Joey Suchy (Fr., RB, BUT)
Aris Hilliard (Jr. SLOT, DAV)
Austin Day (RSr., QB, MAR)
Robert Washington (Sr., RB, VAL)

DEFENSIVE

Vincent Winey, Morehead State

Senior, Linebacker
Lindenhurst, New York

Winey posted a game-best 14 tackles and a game-securing pick-six as Morehead State claimed a 51-38 PFL victory at Valparaiso, Saturday. His 24-yard interception return for a touchdown with 1:22 left in the fourth quarter put Morehead State up 51-30. Twelve of Winey's 14 tackles were solo stops and five were stops at or behind the line of scrimmage, including a tackle for loss.

OTHER PLAYERS NOMINATED

Jordan Castleberry (Rjr., DE, BUT)
Cade Vela (Sr., SAF, DAV)
Clayborne Fields (Rjr., SAF, MAR)
Joe Hird (Sr., LB, STT)
Cassius Johnson (Sr., CB, SAN)
Trejuan Purty (RSr., DL, VAL)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Brandon Eickert, San Diego

Junior, Kicker
St. Charles, Illinois

Eickert connected on a pair of field goals and three PATs in San Diego's 41-16 victory at Stetson, Saturday, to secure its record-tying 12th PFL title. He hit on field goals of 35 and 37 yards to open the day's scoring as San Diego broke out to a 34-0 lead. Eickert also made all three PATs in the victory.

OTHER PLAYERS NOMINATED

Ben Niesner (RSr., P, VAL)

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TEAM-BY-TEAM CAPSULES

BUTLER BULLDOGS

OVERALL: 3-8 PFL: 1-7 HOME: 1-4 AWAY: 2-4

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
O02		Drake	L	3-6	3398
O09		San Diego	L	21-52	2855
O16		at Morehead State	L	8-31	7885
O23		Davidson	L	35-49	2586
O30		at Dayton	L	31-38	2153
N06		- Off Week -			
N13		Valparaiso	L	3-47	2548
N20		at Marist	W	28-21	1325

DAVIDSON WILDCATS

OVERALL: 8-2 PFL: 7-1 HOME: 5-0 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
O02		at Stetson	W	35-28	1011
O09		- Off Week -			
O16		Presbyterian	W	70-35	0
O23		at Butler	W	49-35	2586
O30	[-/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	W	45-14	4207
N27	[RV/RV]	at Kennesaw State [10/4]	2 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
O02		at Morehead State	L	38-45	6145
O09		at Drake	W	28-10	2116
O16		Marist	L	17-20	2299
O23		at Valparaiso	L	28-45	2950
O30		Butler	W	38-31	2153
N06		at Stetson	W	41-13	-
N13		Davidson [-/RV]	W	38-29	2233
N20		- Off Week -			

DRAKE BULLDOGS

OVERALL: 2-8 PFL: 1-7 HOME: 1-3 AWAY: 1-5

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
O02		at Butler	W	6-3	3398
O09		Dayton	L	10-28	2116
O16		at San Diego	L	10-13	3358
O23		Stetson	L †	0-2	-
O30		- Off Week -			
N06		at Marist	L	0-7	1357
N13		St. Thomas	L	14-24	1878
N20		at Davidson	L	14-45	4207

MARIST RED FOXES

OVERALL: 5-5 PFL: 5-3 HOME: 2-3 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
O02		at Valparaiso	W	27-24	3079
O09		Stetson	W	34-3	1292
O16		at Dayton	W	20-17	2299
O23		Morehead State	L	24-27	1682
O30		at St. Thomas	L	7-27	3215
N06		Drake	W	7-0	1357
N13		at Presbyterian	W	57-32	1778
N20		Butler	L	21-28	1325

MOREHEAD STATE EAGLES

OVERALL: 7-4 PFL: 6-2 HOME: 4-1 AWAY: 3-3

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 -			
O02		Dayton	W	45-38	6145
O09		at Presbyterian	W	38-30	2118
O16		Butler	W	31-8	7885
O23		at Marist	W	27-24	1682
O30		Davidson [-/RV]	L	22-29	6683
N06		at San Diego	L	3-10	1763
N13		Stetson	W	36-35	6214
N20		at Valparaiso	W	51-38	1294

PFL ACTIVE WIN STREAKS

Consecutive Overall Wins

7	San Diego
3	Dayton
2	Morehead State
2	St. Thomas

Consecutive PFL Wins

7	San Diego
3	Dayton
2	Morehead State
2	St. Thomas

Consecutive Home Wins

7	Davidson
6	St. Thomas
4	San Diego
2	Dayton

Consecutive Road Wins

3	San Diego
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TEAM-BY-TEAM CAPSULES

PRESBYTERIAN BLUE HOSE

OVERALL: 2-9 PFL: 0-8 HOME: 2-4 AWAY: 0-5
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	L	15-54	3245

ST. THOMAS TOMMIES

OVERALL: 7-3 PFL: 6-2 HOME: 4-0 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	W	54-15	3245

SAN DIEGO TOREROS

OVERALL: 7-4 PFL: 7-1 HOME: 4-2 AWAY: 3-2
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	W	41-16	1040

STETSON HATTERS

OVERALL: 3-7 PFL: 2-6 HOME: 2-4 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	L	16-41	1040

VALPARAISO BEACONS

OVERALL: 4-7 PFL: 4-4 HOME: 2-3 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	L	38-51	1294



† - 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."

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

🏈 Davidson 45, Drake 14
 🏈 San Diego 41, Stetson 16
 🏈 Butler 28, Marist 21
 🏈 Morehead State 51, Valparaiso 38
 🏈 St. Thomas 54, Presbyterian 15

NCAA Division I FCS Championship POSTSEASON WEEK 1: Nov. 27, 2021

Davidson at Kennesaw State 2 p.m.

POSTSEASON WEEK 2: Dec. 4, 2021

TBD at East Tennessee, 2 p.m.

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
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- 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

DAVIDSON BACK-TO-BACK

Seven months after winning its first Pioneer Football League title, Davidson clinched its second-straight championship with a home victory against Drake in the regular season's final week. Davidson becomes the fifth different PFL program to win back-to-back titles, and it is the 16th time overall a team has claimed consecutive championships.

SAN DIEGO TIES PFL RECORD

With its victory at Stetson in its regular-season finale, San Diego clinched its 12th PFL trophy. The Toreros' dozen titles ties the record set by Dayton. Since 2010, San Diego has won nine PFL championships, including a streak of six straight (2014-19).

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.

WEEK 12 LEADS AND LEADERS

Davidson claimed its second consecutive PFL title with a 45-14 victory against Drake. Davidson scored the game's first 24 points, including three touchdowns in the first quarter by three different players and never looked back. Davidson's Aris Hilliard ran for 133 yards and two touchdowns on 10 carries. Drake quarterback Ian Corwin threw for a touchdown as part of a 10-for-22, 117-yard passing day... San Diego nabbed a share of its PFL-record 12th regular-season title with a 41-16 victory at Stetson, Saturday. San Diego raced out to a 27-0 halftime lead as Mason Randall threw all three of his touchdowns in a seven-minute span. Stetson broke up the shutout bid with a pair of Jordan Younge-Humphrey runs as part of his 8-carry, 20-yard outing. Randall completed 21-of-31 passes for 337 yards... Butler scored 21 unanswered points and snapped a 14-game PFL losing streak with a 28-21 victory at Marist. Butler's Trey Mason provided what proved to be the game-winning score with his 12-yard interception return at the 5:22 mark. Butler's Joey Suchy ran for two touchdowns on a 19-carry, 75-yard performance. Marist's Austin Day completed 20-of-27 passes for 208 yards and two touchdowns... Morehead State scored the game's first two touchdowns and made the early lead stand up in a 51-38 PFL victory at Valparaiso. Morehead State's Mark Pappas completed 21-of-32 passes for 389 yards and three touchdowns, all three scoring throws going to Adams. Valparaiso quarterback Ben Nimz threw for two touchdowns as part of a 19-of-32, 230-yard passing outing... St. Thomas closed its inaugural season as a Division I member with a 54-15 PFL victory against Presbyterian. St. Thomas' Hope Adebayo scored twice in the decisive second frame and Nick Rice added two more touchdowns while rushing for 101 yards on nine carries to pace St. Thomas. Presbyterian's Ren Hefley completed 16-of-28 passes for 116 yards and a touchdown.

BYRD ENDS SEASON AS FCS' TOP RECEIVER, PAYTON AWARD FINALIST

Morehead State senior receiver BJ Byrd ended the season as the FCS' top receiver. He led the subdivision with 1,313 receiving yards, 90 receptions, and 8.2 receptions per game in 2021. Byrd also ranked second in touchdown receptions (13) and receiving yards per game (119.4 ypg) during the season. He had eight 100-yard receiving performances in 11 games, including a 223-yard, four-touchdown day against Stetson. Byrd was named one of 25 finalists for the Stats Perform FCS Walter Payton Award.

CHISHOLM ALSO A PAYTON AWARD FINALIST

Dayton all-purpose back Jake Chisholm also earned a nod on the Stats Perform FCS Walter Payton Award Watch List. He is the FCS' No. 2 all-purpose runner in 2021 averaging 163.90 all-purpose yards per game. Chisholm was ranked among the FCS Top 12 in rushing yards (1,033), rushing touchdowns (an FCS best 14), and rushing yards per game (103.3). He also tacked on 245 yards in kick returns, averaging 20.4 yards per return (54th in the FCS).

MOREHEAD STATE'S TAYLOR GETS BUCHANAN AWARD NOD

Morehead State defensive lineman Vaughn Taylor Jr. is one of 25 finalists for the Stats Perform Buck Buchanan Award. The senior ranked second among FCS defenders with 2.1 tackles for loss per game in 2021, finishing the season with 23.0 tackles for loss. Taylor Jr. also had 9.5 sacks (six solo) during the season and 71 tackles (30 solo).

WITCHER, FCS' NO. 3 RECEIVER, ON RICE AWARD LIST

Presbyterian freshman wide receiver Jalyn Witcher finished the season as one of the nation's top receivers and earned a spot on the Stats Perform FCS Jerry Rice Award list. He finished 2021 ranked among the FCS top five in receiving yards (1,121), receptions per game (7.3), receiving yards per game (101.9), and touchdown receptions (12). Witcher was the only FCS freshman to record 1,000 receiving yards during the regular season and one of two freshmen to post double-digit touchdown receptions.

CARUSO ON ROBINSON AWARD LIST

St. Thomas Glenn Caruso was named one of 17 finalists for the Stats Perform FCS Eddie Robinson Award. The Tommies head coach led his team through a reclassification from Division III to Division I, while also dealing with a year off due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Upon their return to the field, St. Thomas posted a 7-3 record and finished tied for third in the PFL race with a 6-2 record.



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	Khalil 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
476	Mount Union	III	1981-now
421	Florida	FBS	1988-now
419	Montana	FCS	1989-now
366	TCU	FBS	1992-now
365	Michigan	FBS	1984-14
361	BYU	FBS	1975-03
352	Valdosta State	II	1991-now
344	Virginia Tech	FBS	1995-now
339	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

TWO COACHES JOIN PFL'S 50-WIN GROUP IN 2021

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. San Diego's Dale Lindsey picked up win No. 50 with the Torero's win at Butler, Oct. 9. The trio joins Dayton's Rich Chamberlin (74), Dayton's Mike Kelley (55), and Jacksonville's Kerwin Bell (51) as coaches with 50-plus wins. Butler's Jeff Voris looks to become the next member of the PFL's 50-win club after recording his 49th career PFL win in the Bolldogs' 2021 regular season finale.

PFL ALUMNI IN THE NFL: WEEK 11

- **Jamal Agnew, Wide Receiver, Jacksonville Jaguars (San Diego)** | Agnew caught three passes for 18 yards, rushed for two yards and had two kick returns for 51 yards in Jacksonville's loss to San Francisco. He is ranked No. 3 in kick returns (22) and No. 5 in kick return yards (525) this season.
- **Ross Dwelley, Tight End, San Francisco 49ers (San Diego)** | Dwelley saw 16 snaps (seven on offense) during San Francisco's win against Jacksonville.
- **Josh Johnson, Quarterback, New York Jets (San Diego)** | Johnson did not see action in the Jets loss to Miami.
- **Jason Myers, Kicker, Seattle Seahawks (Marist)** | Myers connected on two field goals and PAT in Seattle's loss to Arizona.
- **Donald Parham Jr., Tight End, Los Angeles Chargers (Stetson)** | Parham caught a season-best four passes for 38 yards in Los Angeles' victory against Pittsburgh.
- **Eric Saubert, Tight End, Denver Broncos (Drake)** | Saubert and the Broncos were off in Week 11.
- **Reid Sinnett, Quarterback, Philadelphia Eagles (San Diego)** | Sinnett did not see action in Philadelphia's win against New Orleans.
- **Adam Trautman, Tight End, New Orleans Saints (Dayton)** | For the second-straight week, Trautman caught five passes, but amassed a season-high 58 receiving yards and scored his season's first touchdown in New Orleans' loss at Philadelphia.

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), 1,313 receiving yards
- Jalyn Witcher (Presbyterian), 1,121 receiving yards
- Robert Washington (Valparaiso), 1,105 rushing yards
- Jake Chisholm (Dayton), 1,033 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. Davidson (7th, 37.9 ppg) moved back ahead of Presbyterian (10th, 36.5 ppg). Meanwhile, Morehead State (22nd, 32.7) and Dayton (33rd, 31.1 ppg) remained 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 3,934 passing yards (357.6 ypg, 3rd), including 39 touchdown tosses (2nd). Pappas is sixth nationally with 3,449 yards (313.5 ypg, 6th) and threw 28 touchdown passes (8th).

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.

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.

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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	3-4	7-10	0-0	0-1	5-21	3-1	14-16
Davidson	6-6	—	1-11	2-8	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	8-2	9-19	—	8-1	9-2	0-0	0-1	11-18	2-2	25-5
Marist	4-2	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	14-2
Presbyterian	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	—	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1
St. Thomas	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	—	0-1	1-0	1-0
San Diego†	20-5	11-3	11-16	17-11	10-0	12-0	1-0	1-0	—	8-0	20-6
Stetson	1-4	5-4	1-4	2-3	2-6	2-4	1-0	0-1	0-9	—	2-3
Valparaiso	16-14	4-6	4-24	5-25	1-9	3-13	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.
St. Thomas	1	8	6-2	.750
Dayton	28	175	130-45	.743
San Diego†	29	180	125-48	.723
Drake	29	179	116-63	.648
Marist	12	96	50-46	.521
Morehead State	21	138	67-71	.486
Butler	29	181	67-114	.370
Davidson	21	136	47-89	.346
Stetson	9	67	20-47	.299
Valparaiso	29	181	52-129	.287
Presbyterian	1	8	0-8	.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	85-129-0	.397	16th	80-95-0	.457	49-65	.430
Scott Abell (DAV)	10th	65-38-0	.631	4th	26-14-0	.650	18-10	.643
Rich Chamberlin (DAY)	13th	99-45-0	.688	13th	99-45-0	.688	75-29	.721
Jeff Stepsis (DRA)	3rd	10-16-0	.385	3rd	10-16-0	.385	9-10	.474
Jim Parady (MAR)	29th	147-157-1	.484	29th	147-157-1	.484	51-45	.531
Rob Tenyer (MOR)	9th	41-57-0	.418	9th	41-57-0	.418	34-37	.479
Kevin Kelley (PRE)	1st	2-9-0	.182	1st	2-9-0	.182	0-8	.000
Glenn Caruso (STT)	15th	139-36-0	.794	12th	133-24-0	.847	6-2	.750
Dale Lindsey (SAN)	9th	75-25-0	.750	9th	75-25-0	.750	55-7	.887
Brian Young (STE)	1st	3-7-0	.300	1st	3-7-0	.300	1-6	.143
Landon Fox (VAL)	3rd	9-20-0	.310	3rd	9-20-0	.310	9-13	.409

ALL-TIME OVERALL RECORDS

School	Seasons	W-L-T
Butler	130	594-486-35
Davidson	122	445-632-45
Dayton	112	693-381-25
Drake	126	629-528-29
Marist	42	191-236-3
Morehead State	90	359-490-22
Presbyterian	107	509-532-35
St. Thomas	115	639-355-34
San Diego	53	325-221-6
Stetson	55	194-179-27
Valparaiso	99	389-518-27

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, 2021
6	Drake	1995, 1998, 2000c, 2004, 2011c, 2012c
4	Butler	1994c, 2009c, 2012c, 2013c
2	Valparaiso	2000c, 2003
2	Davidson	2020s, 2021
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.

SHUTOUT HISTORY

Team	Last SHO Win	Gms Ago	Last SHO Loss	Gms Ago
BUT	48-0 at Valparaiso (2010)	118	0-36 at St. Thomas (2021)	7
DAV	41-0 vs. West Virginia Wesleyan (2019)	26	0-34 at Campbell (2016)	52
DAY	13-0 vs. Robert Morris (2016)	91	0-9 vs. Marshall (1976)	497
DRA	50-0 vs. Valparaiso (2011)	105	0-7 at Marist (2021)	2
MAR	7-0 vs. Drake (2021)	2	0-17 at Bucknell (2015)	62
MOR	34-0 vs. Davidson (2015)	70	0-54 at James Madison (2021)	17
PRE	10-0 vs. Lindsey Wilson (2018)	38	0-45 at Campbell (2021)	8
STT	36-0 vs. Butler (2021)	7	0-20 at Wisconsin-Whitewater (2011)	108
SAN	27-0 vs. Western New Mexico (2016)	63	0-41 at Dayton (1999)	242
STE	—	92	0-63 at Princeton (2021)	7
VAL	54-0 at Wisconsin Lutheran (2006)	171	0-64 at North Dakota State (2021)	9

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 [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	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	—

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.

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 NAIA 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.

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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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 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
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	9/15/15
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 Guzinski	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 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

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

DAVIDSON PICKED TO WIN PFL

Defending champion Davidson College was the choice to win the league's 2021 title in the league's Preseason Coaches' Poll, voted by each of the league's head coaches. Davidson, which won its first PFL title last season, received eight of the 11 first-place votes and received both a second-place and third-place vote. San Diego, the preseason pick each of the past nine preseason coaches' polls, received the three remaining first-place votes and was picked second on each of the other seven ballots.

Drake and Dayton rounded out the top four with 67 and 62 points, respectively. Presbyterian, which will make its first run at the league title this season, got 59 points and a fifth-place nod from the league's head coaches. Valparaiso (55 points) and Morehead State (51) followed in sixth and seventh place. St. Thomas was picked to finish eighth (36 points) in its first PFL season. Marist and Stetson followed in a tie for ninth place (35 points each) with Butler (15) rounding out the 11-team poll.

36 PFL STUDENT-ATHLETES NAMED TO 2021 NFF HAMPSHIRE HONOR SOCIETY

The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame (NFF) announced the members of the 2021 NFF Hampshire Honor Society, which is comprised of college football players from all divisions of play who each maintained a cumulative 3.2 GPA or better throughout their college careers. Thirty-six Pioneer Football League student-athletes, representing six schools, qualified for membership in the society's 15th year.

RECORD-BREAKING 634 NAMED TO SPRING 2021 PFL ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

For the second time in Pioneer Football League history, it named more than 600 student-athletes to its annual academic honor roll. The league recognized a record-breaking 634 student-athletes to the Spring 2021 PFL Academic Honor Roll. Five PFL members set individual records for student-athletes recognized: Drake University (78), Marist College (61), Morehead State University (59), the University of San Diego (58), and Stetson University (70). In addition, the University of Dayton led all league members with 81 student-athletes recognized, the third time in its history more than 80 student-athletes were recognized.

PFL'S 29TH CAMPAIGN

The 2021 season marks the 29th 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 2021 NCAA FCS Championship.

QUICK FALL BITES

An exciting fall 2021 PFL campaign awaits with 11 league members scheduled to participate in the league's 29th year. New members Presbyterian and St. Thomas join as full members eligible for the 2021 title along with the nine existing league members. Perennial title favorites Dayton and Marist return after opting out from the spring 2021 season. Davidson will seek to retain its newly earned championship with Morehead State, San Diego, and Valparaiso looking to challenge for that title after finishing just one loss behind the champion last spring. Butler, Drake and Stetson also will look to use their spring experience to make a move forward this fall.

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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 (49)	10-0	1,248	1
2.	James Madison	10-1	1,190	2
3.	North Dakota State (1)	10-1	1,154	4
4.	Eastern Washington	9-2	1,027	5
5.	Montana	9-2	1,013	7
6.	Villanova	9-2	996	6
7.	Montana State	9-2	916	3
8.	Sacramento State	9-2	908	11
9.	ETSU	10-1	886	8
10.	Kennesaw State	10-1	826	9
11.	South Dakota State	8-3	721	12
12.	Missouri State	8-3	701	14
13.	UIW	9-2	629	18
14.	UC Davis	8-3	581	10
15.	Jackson State	10-1	512	19
16.	UT Martin	9-2	469	13
17.	South Dakota	7-4	372	16
18.	Southeastern Louisiana	8-3	366	15
19.	Dartmouth	9-1	365	20
20.	Stephen F. Austin	8-3	293	22
21.	Southern Illinois	7-4	286	17
22.	Florida A&M	9-2	239	23
23.	Princeton	9-1	157	24
24.	Holy Cross	9-2	103	NR
25.	Mercer	7-3	99	21

Receiving Votes: Northern Iowa 94, Sacred Heart 24, Eastern Kentucky 23, Harvard 17, Richmond 7, Monmouth 5, Rhode Island 4, Elon 3, **Davidson 2.**

AFCA COACHES

RK	TEAM (1STS)	W-L	PTS	PVS
1.	Sam Houston (27)	10-0	675	1
2.	James Madison	10-1	647	2
3.	North Dakota St.	10-1	619	4
4.	Kennesaw St.	10-1	561	5
5.	Montana	9-2	556	7
6.	Eastern Washington	9-2	543	6
7.	Villanova	9-2	496	9
8.	East Tennessee St.	10-1	477	10
9.	Montana St.	9-2	447	3
10.	Missouri St.	8-3	404	14
11.	South Dakota St.	8-3	401	13
12.	Sacramento St.	9-2	377	18
13.	UT Martin	9-2	304	8
14.	Jackson St.	10-1	301	17
15.	UIW	9-2	265	19
16.	UC Davis	8-3	261	11
17.	Southeastern Louisiana	8-3	197	12
18.	Princeton	9-1	191	20
19.	Stephen F. Austin	8-3	178	22
20.	Dartmouth	9-1	175	21
	South Dakota	7-4	175	16
22.	Florida A&M	9-2	156	25
23.	Southern Illinois	7-4	144	15
24.	Holy Cross	9-2	80	NR
25.	Northern Iowa	6-5	29	NR

Receiving Votes: Eastern Kentucky 26, Mercer 26, Chattanooga 14, Monmouth (N.J.) 12, **Davidson 8**, Harvard 8, Elon 5, Nicholls 5, Sacred Heart 4, Rhode Island 3, Maine 2, Weber St. 2, Austin Peay 1.

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

WEEK 11

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 touch-downs 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 recep-tions. 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 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

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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

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

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