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2023 Valley Football Standings (thru Dec. 9)

Team	Overall	Pct.	Conference	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Away	Neut	Streak
South Dakota St.	13-0	1.000	8-0	1.000	478	136	8-0	4-0	1-0	W 13
South Dakota	10-3	.769	7-2	.778	312	230	6-2	4-1	0-0	L 1
North Dakota St.	11-3	.786	6-3	.667	543	268	6-1	4-2	1-0	W 5
Youngstown St.	8-5	.615	5-3	.625	416	330	6-1	2-4	0-0	L 1
North Dakota	7-5	.583	5-3	.625	377	315	6-1	1-4	0-0	L 1
UNI	6-5	.545	5-3	.625	288	293	3-2	3-3	0-0	L 2
Southern Ill.	8-5	.615	4-4	.500	332	210	4-2	4-3	0-0	L 1
Illinois St.	6-5	.545	4-4	.500	361	225	4-2	2-3	0-0	L 1
Missouri St.	4-7	.364	3-5	.375	328	333	3-2	1-5	0-0	L 1
Murray St.	2-9	.182	1-7	.125	183	383	2-3	0-6	0-0	L 7
Indiana St.	1-10	.091	1-7	.125	148	330	1-4	0-6	0-0	L 1
Western Ill.	0-11	.000	0-8	.000	138	509	0-5	0-6	0-0	L 11

Playoff Schedule/Results

Saturday, Nov. 25

Sacramento St. (7-4) at North Dakota (7-4)	SAC, 42-35
N.C. Central (9-2) at Richmond (8-3)	RICH, 49-27
Lafayette (9-2) at Delaware (8-3)	DEL, 36-34
Gardner-Webb (7-4) at Mercer (8-3)	MER, 17-7
Duquesne (7-4) at Youngstown State (7-4)	YSU, 40-7
Nicholls (6-4) at Southern Illinois (7-4)	SIU, 35-0
Drake (8-3) at North Dakota State (8-3)	NDSU, 66-3
Chattanooga (7-4) at Austin Peay (9-2)	UTC, 24-21

Saturday, Dec. 2

Youngstown St. at #8 Villanova (9-2)	VIL, 45-28
Richmond at #5 UAlbany (9-3)	ALB, 41-13
Chattanooga at #7 Furman (9-2)	FUR, 26-7
Mercer at #1 SDSU (11-0)	SDSU, 41-0
Sac. State at #3 South Dakota (9-2)	USD, 34-24
NDSU at #6 Montana State (8-3) [OT]	NDSU, 35-34
Delaware at #2 Montana (10-1)	UM, 49-19
Southern Illinois at #4 Idaho (9-3) [OT]	Idaho, 20-17

Friday, Dec. 8 [QUARTERFINAL]

#7 Furman at #2 Montana [OT]	UM, 35-28
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Saturday, Dec. 9 [QUARTERFINALS]

#8 Villanova at #1 SDSU	SDSU, 23-12
NDSU at #3 South Dakota	NDSU, 45-17
#5 UAlbany at #4 Idaho	ALB, 30-22

Friday, Dec. 15 [SEMIFINAL]

#5 UAlbany at #1 SDSU [ESPN2/ESPN+]	6:00 pm
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Saturday, Dec. 16 [SEMIFINAL]

NDSU at #2 Montana [ESPN2/ESPN+]	3:30 pm
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*Number indicates playoff seed, and not national ranking

2023 Playoff Records, By Conference

Missouri Valley (6)	8-4	.667
CAA Football (4)	5-3	.625
Big Sky Conference (4)	4-3	.571
Southern Conference (3)	3-3	.500
Big South/OVC (1)	0-1	.000
Mid-Eastern Athletic (1)	0-1	.000
Pioneer Football League (1)	0-1	.000
Northeast Conference (1)	0-1	.000
Patriot League (1)	0-1	.000
Southland Conference (1)	0-1	.000
United Athletic (1)	0-1	.000

MVFC Earns 2 of Top 3 Seeds

Since 1985 and counting 2023, a league member has been seeded No. 1-4 in the FCS Championship a total of 32 times (nine different league members have been seeded in the Top 4 in league history.) **Only three times previously have two MVFC teams been seeded in the Top 4 in the same tournament.**

Years w/Two Top 4 MVFC Seeds in the Playoffs

2007 - #1 UNI, L, quarters; #4 SIU, L, semis
2014 - #2 ILS, L, title game; #3 NDSU, won title
2022 - #1 SDSU, won title; #3 NDSU, L, title game
2023 - #1 SDSU, TBD; #3 USD, L, quarters

In the Round of 8

Since the bracket expanded to 20 teams in 2010 (3 years) and 24 in 2013 (11 years), the MVFC has had a minimum of two teams in the quarterfinals 12 times.

4 - 2020-21
3 - 2015, 2016, 2019, **2023**
2 - 2011, 2012, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2021, 2022
1 - 2010, 2013

Against the Rest

Counting this year, the MVFC is 144-88 in the NCAA FCS playoffs. Included in that overall record is a .500 or better performance against 10 of the 11 conferences faced.

MVFC vs. Other Leagues in the Playoffs

vs. Big South	5-0	1.000
vs. Pioneer Football League	5-0	1.000
vs. Mid-Eastern Athletic	4-0	1.000
vs. Northeast Conference	3-0	1.000
vs. SWAC	1-0	1.000
vs. Ohio Valley Conference	18-3	.857
vs. Patriot League	5-3	.625
vs. CAA Football	24-16	.600
vs. Southland Conference	15-10	.600
vs. Big Sky Conference	29-20	.592
vs. Independents	3-3	.500
vs. Intra-conference	19-19	.500
vs. Southern Conference	13-14	.481

TOTAL 144-88 .621

Same-Season Semifinalists

Only six leagues have sent two teams to the semifinals in the same season, including the MVFC this year. The MVFC has had two semifinalists in the same tournament in seven of the past 10 playoffs (including 2023), including the last three, and the league has done it an FCS-best eight times.

8 - MVFC (99) (14) (16) (17) (18) (21) (22) (23)
7 - CAA (2004) (2007) (2008) (2009) (2010) (13) (20)
5 - SoCon (1983) (1987) (2000) (2001) (2005)
4 - Big Sky (1981) (1990) (1994) (2019)
1 - OVC (1979)
1 - Southland (1995)

2023 Missouri Valley Football Conference Weekly Release

vs. Non-Conference (27-19)

FCS: Home: 20-4 / Away: 3-5 / Neut: 2-0
NDI: Home: 1-0 | FBS: Away: 1-10

NCAA FCS Teams (25-9)

Big Sky	6-3
Eastern Washington	1-0
Idaho	0-1
Idaho State	1-0
Montana State	2-0
Northern Arizona	1-0
Sacramento State	1-1
Weber State	0-1
Big South-OVC Association	3-4
Eastern Illinois	0-2
Lindenwood	1-1
Robert Morris	1-0
Southeast Missouri State	1-0
UT Martin	0-1
CAA	2-1
Maine	1-0
Villanova	1-1
PFL	7-0
Dayton	1-0
Drake	3-0
Presbyterian	1-0
Saint Thomas	1-0
Valparaiso	1-0
NEC	1-0
Duquesne	1-0
Southern	1-0
Mercer	1-0
Southland	2-0
Lamar	1-0
Nicholls	1-0
United Athletic	3-1
Austin Peay	1-0
Central Arkansas	1-0
Southern Utah	0-1
Utah Tech	1-0

NCAA FBS Teams (1-10)

ACC	0-1
Louisville	0-1
Big 12	0-2
Iowa State	0-1
Kansas	0-1
Big Ten	0-2
Indiana	0-1
Ohio State	0-1
C-USA	0-2
Middle Tennessee	0-1
New Mexico State	0-1
Mid-American	1-1
Ball State	0-1
Northern Illinois	1-0
Mountain West	0-1
Boise State	0-1
SEC	0-1
Missouri	0-1

Non-Division I Teams (1-0)

Western Oregon	1-0
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vs. Ranked (FCS) Teams (6-4)

S9 - #9 Weber State at #20 UNI	L, 34-17
S9 - #3 Montana State at #1 SDSU	W, 20-16
S16 - #15 S. Illinois at #13 SEMO	W, 26-25
N25 - #15 Sacramento State at #12 UND	L, 42-35
D2 - #21 Youngstown St. at #6 Villanova	L, 45-28
D2 - #17 Mercer at #1 SDSU	W, 41-0
D2 - #7 NDSU at #5 Montana State	W, 35-34 (ot)
D2 - #15 Sacramento State at #3 USD	W, 34-24
D2 - #14 S. Illinois at #4 Idaho	L, 20-17 (ot)
D9 - #6 Villanova at #1 SDSU	W, 23-12

MVFC members have 25 total wins against a Top-25 team this season, which includes 19 wins within Conference play (plus NDSU at USD in the playoffs).

vs. Ranked (FBS) Teams (0-1)

S9 - #23 Youngstown State at #4 Ohio St.	L, 35-7
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All-Time Semifinal Trips

Here's a look at the leaders, by conference, since 1978 (first year of the playoffs).

35 - Big Sky Conference
34 - Missouri Valley Football Conference
32 - CAA Football
29 - Southern Conference
20 - Southland Conference
17 - Independents
10 - Ohio Valley Conference

Title Town

At least one MVFC school has appeared in an FCS-record 12-straight title game appearances; the league has 14 total title-game appearances in that span (no other league has more than four total appearances).

Title Games, Consecutive Years

An MVFC school has appeared in an FCS-record 12-straight title game appearances for the league. The CAA (5 in a row), OVC (4-straight) and SoCon (4 appearances in a row) are next on the list.

12 -- MVFC (11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22)
5 -- CAA (2006, 07, 08, 09, 10)
4 -- OVC (1979, 80, 81, 82)
4 -- SoCon (1998, 99, 00, 01)
3 -- Big Sky (1994, 95, 96)
3 -- Big Sky (2008, 09, 10)
3 -- Southern (1991, 92, 93)
3 -- SoCon (2005, 06, 07)

Title Town

Breakdown of conference member appearances in FCS title game since 2011 -- last 12 seasons, including 2022):

14 -- Missouri Valley Football Conference
4 -- CAA
3 -- Southland
2 -- Big Sky
1 -- OVC

In the Round of 16

Since the playoff bracket expanded to 20 teams in 2010 (3 years) and 24 in 2013 (11 years), the MVFC has had a minimum of two teams in the Round of 16 every year, which includes a record-tying five teams in 2023. Five MVFC teams made the Round of 16 in 2014 and in 2020 (i.e. Spring 2021, when the bracket was only 16 teams), plus this season.

5 - 2014, 2020, 2023
4 - 2015, 2017, 2019
3 - 2012, 2016, 2018, 2021
2 - 2010, 2011, 2013, 2022

MVFC Ties FCS Record

Only one other conference in NCAA history has received six bids in a single playoff (CAA in 2018, and the MVFC in 2021 and 2023).

6 MVFC Teams Ranked

Six MVFC teams were ranked in final regular-season Top-25 polls as South Dakota State, South Dakota, North Dakota State, North Dakota, Southern Illinois, and Youngstown State represented the league. Illinois State and UNI were among those receiving votes.

It marks the 69th time in league history that six or more MVFC teams have been ranked in the same poll, including the last eight polls of the 2023 campaign.

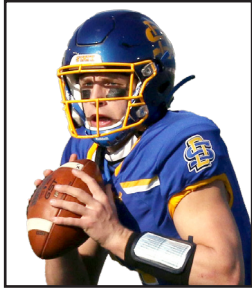
The MVFC (8) and the Big Sky (3) dominate the pre-playoff Sagarin rankings - with 11 of the Top 12 spots.

Stats Perform Top 25 (Nov. 20)

	School (first-place votes)	Rec.	Pts.	
1	South Dakota State (56)	11-0	1,400	1
2	Montana	10-1	1,344	3
3	South Dakota	9-2	1,280	5
4	Idaho	8-3	1,191	6
5	Montana State	8-3	1,088	4
6	Villanova	9-2	1,052	10
7	Furman	9-2	1,000	2
8	North Dakota State	8-3	995	9
9	UAlbany	9-3	963	12
10	Florida A&M	10-1	828	11
11	Delaware	8-3	802	7
12	North Dakota	7-4	754	13
13	Austin Peay	9-2	751	15
14	Southern Illinois	7-4	588	16
15	Sacramento State	7-4	574	8
16	North Carolina Central	9-2	547	17
17	Mercer	8-3	427	21
18	Chattanooga	7-4	410	18
19	UIW	8-2	396	20
20	Lafayette	9-2	268	24
21	Youngstown State	7-4	266	25
22	Richmond	8-3	263	NR
23	Western Carolina	7-4	230	14
24	UT Martin	8-3	194	19
25	UC Davis	7-4	179	NR

AFCA Coaches Top 25 (Nov. 20)

	School (first-place votes)	Rec.	Pts.	
1	South Dakota State	11-0	600	1
2	Montana	10-1	570	3
3	South Dakota	9-2	552	5
4	Idaho	8-3	479	8
5	Florida A&M	10-1	454	7
6	Furman	9-2	447	2
7	North Dakota State	8-3	443	9
8	Montana State	8-3	413	4
9	Villanova	9-2	399	15
10	Austin Peay	9-2	382	12
11	UIW	8-2	317	11
12	Delaware	8-3	310	6
13	North Carolina Central	9-2	290	14
14	North Dakota	7-4	260	17
15	Albany	9-3	257	23
16	Sacramento State	7-4	209	10
17	Southern Illinois	7-4	204	T-20
18	Lafayette	9-2	186	22
19	Chattanooga	7-4	182	16
20	Mercer	8-3	169	24
21	UT Martin	8-3	162	13
22	Holy Cross	7-4	75	25
23	Youngstown State	7-4	68	NR
24	Eastern Illinois	8-3	59	NR
25	Richmond	8-3	57	NR



MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL -- 2023 ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS

MVFC TOP AWARD WINNERS (announced Nov. 27)

Bios include regular-season statistics only

CO-OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

QB Mark Gronowski, South Dakota State | 6-3, 225, Jr., Naperville, Ill. (Neuqua Valley High)

Leads FCS in passing efficiency (184.08) ... completed 68.5 percent (159-of-232) of his passes for 2,359 yards and 23 touchdowns against only three interceptions ... averaging 234.5 yards of total offense per game ... rushed and passed for touchdowns in seven games this season ... threw a TD pass in 10 of 11 games ... first-team all-MVFC in 2020-21 spring season, second-team selection in 2022 ... two-time team captain (2022, 2023)



CO-OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

RB Isaiah Davis, South Dakota State | 6-1, 220, Sr., Joplin, Mo. (Joplin High)

Leads league in rushing with 1,075 yards (second with 97.7 ypg) ... lone back in the MVFC to top 1,000 yards during the regular season... averaging 6.6 yards per carry and leads the league in all-purpose yards (112.2 ypg) ... topped the 100-yard mark five times this season ... scored 11 rushing TDs, including three in league opener against North Dakota ... named MVFC Offensive Player of the Week after rushing for season-high 197 yards Oct. 7 at Illinois State ... added 18 receptions for 159 yards (8.8 ypr) with a TD ... crossed the 4,000-yard mark for career rushing in regular season finale ... all-MVFC First Team in 2022 ... team captain



DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

LB Brock Mogensen, South Dakota | 6-2, 235, Sr., Farmington, Minn. (Farmington High)

Two-time all-Valley honoree ... preseason all-American ... led the Valley with 85 tackles in conference play ... has 103 tackles on the season which ranks 20th nationally ... 389 career tackles ranks fourth in program history and are third-most among active FCS players ... leader of a defense that held seven of 10 FCS opposing offenses to seven points or fewer ... had one sack, one interception and 2.5 tackles-for-loss.



NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

RB Mason Blakemore, Illinois State | 6-1, 215, Jr., Centralia, Ill. (Centralia HS/Northern Illinois)

Played in 10 games for the Redbirds, leading the team with 983 and 14 rushing touchdowns on 150 carries ... led the MVFC with 14 touchdowns and 98.3 yards per game ... averaged 6.6 yards per carry which ranked him in the top 10 in the FCS ... tallied 5 games with over 100 yards rushing, including a season-high 170 with three touchdowns in a win over Western Illinois ... also ran for 169 yards and three scores in a win over Murray State ... led the team in scoring with 84 points ... earned MVFC weekly honors twice, once as offensive player of the week and once as newcomer of the week.



FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

LB Tye Niekamp, Illinois State | 6-3, 230, R-Fr., Normal, Ill. (Normal Community High)

Started all 11 games at middle linebacker as a redshirt freshman, tying for second on the team with 74 tackles (42 solo) ... only league player to be named to the Jerry Rice Award watch list ... was fourth on the team with 9.0 TFLs on the season and was also credited with 1.5 sacks, seven pass breakups and seven quarterback hurries ... had nine tackles, a half sack and 2.0 TFLs in first career start vs. Dayton ... posted a career-high 11 tackles with two pass breakups at Eastern Illinois ... tallied a sack and six tackles in a win over Lindenwood ... recorded 10 tackles and 1.5 TFLs against UNI.



'BRUCE CRADDOCK' COACH OF THE YEAR

Bob Nielson, South Dakota

Nielson has orchestrated the best turnaround in FCS football this season. He took a Coyote team picked to finish ninth in the MVFC to the No. 3 overall seed in the FCS playoffs. The Coyotes' No. 3 ranking in this week's polls are their highest at the FCS level. South Dakota has won a program-record nine FCS games (+6 from last year). Included in the wins are three against top-10 teams and four against nationally ranked foes. A three-time national coach of the year (1998--Wisconsin-Eau Claire; 2008 & 2010--Minnesota Duluth), Nielson is the 14th coach to win MVFC Coach of the Year multiple times, and is the first to do so at South Dakota. He's also the first to be named Coach of the Year at two different league schools (2015--WIU, 2023--USD).

2023 All-Missouri Valley Football Conference Team

FIRST TEAM

QB Mark Gronowski, South Dakota State	6-3	225	Jr.	Naperville, Ill. / Neuqua Valley High
RB Mason Blakemore, Illinois State	6-1	215	Jr.	Centralia, Ill. / Centralia High [Northern Illinois]
RB Isaiah Davis, South Dakota State	6-1	220	Sr.	Joplin, Mo. / Joplin High
FB Hunter Brozio, North Dakota State	6-1	233	Sr.	Lakeland, Fla. / Lake Gibson High
TE Cam Grandy, Illinois State	6-5	260	Sr.	Benson, Ill. / Fieldcrest High [Missouri Western]
WR Jadon Janke, South Dakota State	6-3	210	Sr.	Madison, S.D. / Madison High
WR Sam Schnee, Northern Iowa	5-10	195	R-Sr.	Dubuque, Iowa / Senior High
WR Raylen Sharpe, Missouri State	5-9	172	Jr.	Allen, Texas / Allen High [Houston]
OL Garret Greenfield, South Dakota State	6-7	320	Sr.	Rock Valley, Iowa / Rock Valley High
OL Jake Kubas, North Dakota State	6-4	308	Sr.	Dickinson, N.D. / Trinity High
OL Mason McCormick, South Dakota State	6-5	315	Sr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. / Roosevelt High
OL Jared Penning, Northern Iowa	6-6	338	R-Jr.	Clear Lake, Iowa / Clear Lake High
OL Jalen Sundell, North Dakota State	6-5	300	Sr.	Maryville, Mo. / Maryville High
DL Khristian Boyd, Northern Iowa	6-4	317	R-Sr.	Kansas City, Mo. / Blue Springs High
DL Dylan Hendricks, North Dakota State	6-3	245	Sr.	Pulaski, Wis. / Pulaski High
DL Cade Terveer, South Dakota State	6-3	255	Sr.	Brandon, S.D. / Brandon Valley High
DL Brendan Webb, South Dakota	6-4	260	Sr.	Buhler, Kan. / Buhler High
LB Amir Abdullah, Illinois State	6-3	215	Jr.	Chicago, Ill. / Whitney Young High [Nebraska-Kearney]
LB Jason Freeman, South Dakota State	5-9	215	Sr.	Zion, Ill. / Olivet Nazarene
LB Logan Kopp, North Dakota State	6-1	222	So.	St. Louis, Mo. / Lindbergh High
LB Brock Mogensen, South Dakota	6-2	235	Sr.	Farmington, Minn. / Farmington High
DB Woo Governor, Northern Iowa	6-0	190	Sr.	Plant City, Fla. / Durant High
DB PJ Jules, Southern Illinois	6-1	209	Sr.	Orlando, Fla. / Jones High
DB Myles Harden, South Dakota	6-0	200	Jr.	Miami Gardens, Fla. / Miramar High
DB Tucker Large, South Dakota State	5-10	180	So.	Sioux Falls, S.D. / Roosevelt High
DB Cole Wisniewski, North Dakota State	6-4	217	Sr.	Sparta, Wis. / Sparta High
PK Matthew Cook, Northern Iowa	5-11	199	Sr.	Cedar Falls, Iowa / Cedar Falls High
P Grant Burkett, Missouri State	6-1	180	Jr.	Joplin, Mo. / Webb City High
LS Hunter Brozio, North Dakota State	6-1	233	Sr.	Lakeland, Fla. / Lake Gibson High
RS Luke Skokna, North Dakota	5-9	180	Sr.	Hinsdale, Ill. / Hinsdale Central High
AP Amar Johnson, South Dakota State	5-10	200	Jr.	O'Fallon, Mo. / Chaminade College Prep

SECOND TEAM

QB Cam Miller, North Dakota State	6-1	213	Sr.	Solon, Iowa / Solon High
RB Tyshon King, Youngstown State	5-11	210	Sr.	Kankakee, Ill. / Bishop McNamara High [Northern Michigan]
RB Jacardia Wright, Missouri State	6-0	220	Jr.	Decatur, Ill. / St. Teresa High [Kansas State]
FB Mike Morgan, South Dakota State	6-3	240	Sr.	New Lenox, Ill. / Lincoln-Way Central High
FB Travis Theis, South Dakota	5-11	210	Jr.	Pratt, Kan. / Pratt High
TE Zach Heins, South Dakota State	6-7	260	Sr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. / Washington High
WR Bo Belquist, North Dakota	6-1	185	Sr.	New Rockford, N.D. / New Rockford-Sheyenne High
WR Bryce Oliver, Youngstown State	6-1	212	Sr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. / Dillard High [Kentucky]
WR Daniel Sobkowicz, Illinois State	6-3	200	So.	Arlington Heights, Ill. / Rolling Meadows High
OL Joey Lombard, South Dakota	6-5	315	Jr.	Anoka, Minn. / Anoka High
OL Gus Miller, South Dakota State	6-3	295	Jr.	Brookings, S.D. / Brookings High
OL Donny Ventrelli, North Dakota	6-4	300	5th	St. Paul, Minn. / Como Park High
OL Jaison Williams, Youngstown State	6-4	298	Jr.	Trotwood, Ohio / Trotwood-Madison High
OL Hunter Zambrano, Illinois State	6-5	300	Jr.	Weston, Fla. / University High
DL Josh Dinga, Illinois State	6-6	265	R-Sr.	Sun Prairie, Wis. / Sun Prairie High
DL Eli Mostaert, North Dakota State	6-3	287	Sr.	Lakeville, Minn. / Lakeville North High
DL Ryan Van Marel, South Dakota State	6-4	295	Sr.	Sheldon, Iowa / Sheldon High
DL Dylan Wudke, Youngstown State	6-4	265	Sr.	Miamisburg, Ohio / Miamisburg High
LB Branson Combs, Southern Illinois	6-3	222	Jr.	Evansville, Ind. / Reitz Memorial High
LB Garret Ollendieck, Indiana State	6-2	230	Jr.	Cresco, Iowa / Crestwood [Iowa Central Community College]
LB Wyatt Pedigo, North Dakota	6-0	230	Jr.	Hoisington, Kan. / Hoisington High
LB Isaiah Stalbird, South Dakota State	6-1	215	Sr.	Kearney, Neb. / Nebraska
DB Maddix Blackwell, Indiana State	5-10	190	R-So.	Bloomington, Ind. / Bloomington South High
DB Dyshawn Gales, South Dakota State	5-11	190	Sr.	North Chicago, Ill. / North Chicago Community High
DB Troy Jakubec, Youngstown State	6-1	186	Jr.	Warren, Ohio / Warren Harding High
DB Todric McGee, Missouri State	6-1	198	So.	Wichita, Kan. / Wichita Northwest High
DB C.J. Siegel, North Dakota	6-0	180	5th	La Crosse, Wis. / Logan High
PK Will Leyland, South Dakota	5-11	205	So.	Souderton, Pa. / Souderton High
P Hunter Dustman, South Dakota State	6-4	225	Sr.	East Bethel, Minn. / St. Francis High
LS Kaydon Olivia, South Dakota State	5-11	215	So.	Schertz, Texas / Texas State
RS Tucker Large, South Dakota State	5-10	180	So.	Sioux Falls, S.D. / Roosevelt High
AP Carter Bell, South Dakota	5-11	180	Jr.	Bettendorf, Iowa / Bettendorf High

Honorable Mention

Illinois State: QB Zack Annexstad; LB Tye Niekamp; DB Keondre Jackson. Indiana State: WR Harry Van Dyne; OL Jose Vazquez IV; DL Lucas Hunter. Missouri State: LS Caden Bolz; DL Devin Goree; OL Hutson Lillibridge. Murray State: P Orion Phillips; OL Jacob Frye; TE Cole Rusk. North Dakota: OL Easton Kilty; LB Ted Mullin; AP Luke Skokna. North Dakota State: TE Joe Stoffel; PK Griffin Crosa; RS Jayden Price; AP Raja Nelson. Northern Iowa: TE Layne Pryor; DL Cordarrius Bailey; P Noah Penning. South Dakota: RB Travis Theis; TE J.J. Galbreath; WR Carter Bell; OL Isaac Erbes; DL Nick Gaes; LB Stephen Hillis; DB Dennis Shorter. South Dakota State: WR Jaxon Janke; OL Evan Beerntsen; DB Dalys Beanum. Southern Illinois: DL Kam Bowdry; DB Mark Davis; DB DJ Johnson; AP Vinson Davis III. Western Illinois: QB Matt Morrissey; LB Juan Delacruz; RS Jay Parker. Youngstown State: QB Mitch Davidson; FB Jake Benio; OL Ryan Johnson; LB Alex Howard; LS Sam Merryman.



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Missouri Valley Football Conference All-Newcomer Team; Illinois State's Blakemore, Niekamp Take Top Honors

ST. LOUIS — RB Mason Blakemore of Illinois State has been named the Missouri Valley Football Conference Newcomer of the Year, and LB Tye Niekamp has been tabbed the league's Freshman of the Year. They head a list of 26 student-athletes named to the 2023 Missouri Valley Football Conference All-Newcomer Team. League coaches, sports information directors and a media panel selected the team.

In 10 games, Blakemore led the team with 983 and 14 rushing touchdowns on 150 carries. He led the MVFC with 14 touchdowns and 98.3 yards per game, while averaging 6.6 yards per carry which ranked him in the top 10 in the FCS. Blakemore had five games with over 100 yards rushing, including a season-high 170 with three touchdowns in a win over Western Illinois.

Niekamp started all 11 games at middle linebacker as a redshirt freshman, tying for second on the team with 74 tackles (42 solo). He's the only league player on the Jerry Rice Award finalist list announced last week. Niekamp was fourth on the team with 9.0 TFLs on the season and was also credited with 1.5 sacks, seven pass breakups and seven QB hurries.

OFFENSE	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous Schools)
RB Mason Blakemore, Illinois State	6-1	215	Jr.	Centralia, Ill. / Centralia HS / Northern Illinois
OL Cade Borud, North Dakota	6-2	315	R-Fr.	Pleasant Hill, Iowa / Southeast Polk HS
OL Joe Cotton, South Dakota	6-7	310	R-Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. / Roosevelt HS
WR Vinson Davis III, Southern Illinois	5-8	168	So.	Miramar, Fla. / American Heritage Plantation / Chas. Southern
RB Tye Edwards, Northern Iowa	6-4	230	Sr.	Palatka, Fla. / Menendez HS / Hutchinson CC / UTSA
TE Cam Grandy, Illinois State	6-5	260	Sr.	Benson, Ill. / Fieldcrest HS / Missouri Western
RB Tyshon King, Youngstown State	5-11	210	Sr.	Kankakee, Ill. / Bishop McNamara / Northern Michigan
RB Plez Lawrence, Indiana State	5-9	180	R-Fr.	Kokomo, Ind. / Kokomo HS
QB Jordan Pachot, Missouri State	6-2	203	Jr.	Highland, Calif. / San Geronio JS / Ventura (Calif.) College
RB Charles Pierre Jr., South Dakota	5-10	195	R-Fr.	Orlando, Fla. / Ocoee HS
TE Cole Rusk, Murray State	6-6	252	So.	Rock Island, Ill. / Rock Island HS / Eastern Michigan
WR Griffin Wilde, South Dakota State	6-2	190	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. / Jefferson HS

DEFENSE	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous Schools)
LB Amir Abdullah, Illinois State	6-3	215	Jr.	Chicago, Ill. / Whitney Young HS / Nebraska-Kearney
LB Colin Bohanek, Southern Illinois	6-0	236	Jr.	Chicago, Ill. / Marist / Eastern Illinois
DE Devin Cowan, Southern Illinois	6-3	222	Sr.	Fayetteville, N.C. / Gray's Creek / Fayetteville State
LB Parker Fryar, South Dakota	6-3	225	Jr.	Waukegan, Iowa / Van Meter HS
LB Jahshah Galvan, Northern Iowa	6-3	202	R-Fr.	West Liberty, Iowa / West Liberty HS
LB Marcus Gulley, North Dakota State	6-2	227	Jr.	West Fargo, N.D. / West Fargo HS / Minnesota State Moorhead
DT Mosai Newsom, South Dakota	6-5	310	Jr.	Waverly, Iowa / Waverly-Shell Rock HS
LB Tye Niekamp, Illinois State	6-3	230	R-Fr.	Normal, Ill. / Normal Community HS
P Orion Phillips, Murray State	6-0	180	Fr.	Sandringham, Australia / Sandringham College School
CB Avery Powell, Missouri State	5-10	175	R-Fr.	East Orange, N.J. / Saint Peter's Prep / Holy Cross
CB Marcus Sheppard, North Dakota State	5-10	190	Sr.	Novi, Mich. / Detroit Country Day HS / Bowling Green
DB Dalesean Staley, Northern Iowa	6-1	178	R-Fr.	Kansas City, Mo. / Blue Springs HS
S Ubayd Steed, Southern Illinois	5-11	188	Jr.	Philadelphia, Pa. / Neumann-Goretti / Towson State
DE Tim Varga, Southern Illinois	6-4	247	Sr.	Newton, N.C. / Elk Grove Village HS (IL) / Eastern Illinois

NEWCOMERS OF THE YEAR

1994	Buck Phillips, CB, WIU
1995	Jason Cannon, WR, MSU
1996	Vince Bruno, LB, WIU
1997	Aaron Stecker, RB, WIU
1998	David Bowers, DL, WIU
1999	Charles Tharp, RB, WIU
2000	Teddy Sims, LB, SIU
2001	Julian Reese, QB, INS
2002	M. Abdulqadir, RB, SIU
2003	Terrance Freaney, RB, UNI
2004	Brandon Jacobs, RB, SIU
2005	Marcus Mason, RB, YSU
2006	Darian Williams, RB, UNI
2007	Ferlando Williams, WR, YSU
2008	Brandon Summers, QB, YSU
2009	Antoine Wilkinson, LB, MSU
2010	Tirrell Rennie, QB, UNI
2011	Jewel Hampton, RB, SIU
2012	Sawyer Kollmorgen, QB, UNI
2013	Martin Ruiz, RB, YSU
2014	Tre Roberson, QB, ILS
2015	Aaron Bailey, QB, UNI
2016	Chris Streveler, QB, USD
2017	Jabril Cox, LB, NDSU
2018	Ryan Boyle, QB, INS
2019	Trey Lance, QB, NDSU
20-21	Mark Gronowski, QB, SDSU
2021	Jason Shelley, QB, MSU
2022	Naseim Brantley, WR, WIU
2023	Mason Blakemore, RB, ILS

FRESHMEN OF THE YEAR

1999	Dusty Burk, QB, ILS
2000	Lee Russell, OLB, WIU
2001	Tom Petrie, QB, UNI
2002	Joel Sambursky, QB, SIU
2003	Justin Haddix, QB, WKU
2004	Eric Sanders, QB, UNI
2005	Tom Nelson, DB, ILS
2006	Brandin Jordan, LB, SIU
2007	Cody Kirby, QB, MSU
2008	Kamryn Keys, RB, YSU
2009	Matt Brown, QB, ILS
2010	Kurt Hess, QB, YSU
2011	Austin Sumner, QB, SDSU
2012	Sawyer Kollmorgen, QB, UNI
2013	Martin Ruiz, RB, YSU
2014	Jake Wieneke, WR, SDSU
2015	Andrew Van Ginkel, DE, USD
2016	Christian Rozeboom, LB, SDSU
2017	Jabril Cox, LB, NDSU
2018	Pierre Strong Jr., RB, SDSU
2019	Trey Lance, QB, NDSU
20-21	Mark Gronowski, QB, SDSU
2021	Demeatric Crenshaw, QB, YSU
2022	Cade Chambers, QB, INS
2023	Tye Niekamp, LB, ILS



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Missouri Valley Football Conference Announces 2023 Scholar-Athlete Team

ST. LOUIS -- Safety Cole Wisniewski of North Dakota State highlights a list of 43 student-athletes named today to the 2023 all-Missouri Valley Football Conference Scholar-Athlete Team. Wisniewski was voted MVFC Scholar-Athlete of the Year by league sports information directors. He carries a 4.00 cumulative GPA while majoring in Business Administration & Marketing.

Nominees must be starters or important reserves; must have participated in at least 50 percent of his team's games and carry a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.50 (on a 4.0 scale). Nominees in graduate school must have a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or better both as an undergrad AND in graduate school.

Additionally, nominees must have reached sophomore athletic and academic standing at their institution and must have completed at least one calendar year at their institution. True freshmen, red-shirt freshmen and ineligible athletic transfers are not eligible. Graduate students who are competing at a different institution than the one from which they earned their undergraduate degree are eligible even if they are in their first semester at the graduate institution. League sports information directors voted on the team by designating 11 players for first-team honors and 11 players for second-team honors.

2023 Missouri Valley Football Conference Scholar-Athlete Team

FIRST TEAM

Student-Athlete, School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	GPA*	Major	Hometown/High School
QB Zack Annexstad, Illinois State	6-3	220	Gr.	3.90	Sport Management	Norseland, Minn. / IMG Academy
DB Maddix Blackwell, Indiana State	5-10	190	So.	3.99	Intelligence Analysis	Bloomington, Ind. / Bloomington South
LB Adam Bock, South Dakota State	6-1	225	Sr.	3.84	Mechanical Engineering	Solon, Iowa / Solon HS
OL Jacob Caughell, Southern Illinois	6-0	267	Jr.	4.00	Business Admin. (4.0 Finance undergrad)	Apopka, Fla. / Apopka HS
DL Josh Dinga, Illinois State	6-6	265	Gr.	3.83	Business Administration	Sun Prairie, Wis. / Sun Prairie HS
G Chase Evans, Southern Illinois	6-4	292	Jr.	4.00	Business Admin. (3.74 Mgmt. undergrad)	Mason, Ohio / William Mason HS
QB Mark Gronowski, South Dakota State	6-3	225	Jr.	3.71	Mechanical Engineering	Naperville, Ill. / Neuqua Valley HS
S Sam Jung, North Dakota State	5-11	192	Sr.	4.00	Civil Engineering	Neenah, Wis. / Neenah HS
DL Ben McNaboe, North Dakota	6-3	245	Sr.	3.917	Kinesiology	Rogers, Minn. / Rogers
OL David Metzler, Youngstown State	6-5	310	Jr.	3.93	Biology/Pre-Med	Hilliard, Ohio / Hilliard Bradley HS
LB Brock Mogensen, South Dakota	6-2	235	Sr.	4.00	Educ. Admin. & Leadership (3.70 undergrad)	Farmington, Minn. / Farmington HS
LB Garret Ollendieck, Indiana State	6-2	230	Jr.	3.98	Finance	Cresco, Iowa / Crestwood
S Cole Wisniewski, North Dakota State	6-4	217	Sr.	4.00	Business Admin & Marketing	Sparta, Wis. / Sparta HS

SECOND TEAM

QB Nic Baker, Southern Illinois	5-9	202	Sr.	3.75	Business Admin. (3.55 Finance undergrad)	Rochester, Ill. / Rochester HS
LB Ryan Batsch, Murray State	6-2	229	Sr.	4.00	Business Administration	Loveland, Ohio / Loveland HS
WR Jaxon Janke, South Dakota State	6-3	210	Sr.	3.54	General Studies	Madison, S.D. / Madison HS
DE Caden Johnson, South Dakota State	6-3	240	Sr.	3.82	Human Biology/Pre-Medicine	Wahoo, Neb. / Bishop Neumann HS
LB Logan Kopp, North Dakota State	6-1	222	So.	3.82	Mechanical Engineering	St. Louis, Mo. / Lindbergh HS
RG Jake Kubas, North Dakota State	6-4	308	Sr.	3.695	Business Admin (3.716 Sport Management)	Dickinson, N.D. / Trinity HS
K Will Leyland, South Dakota	5-11	205	So.	3.80	Operational Analytics	Souderton, Pa. / Souderton HS
OL Ryan Merklinger, Western Illinois	6-4	315	Jr.	3.94	Economics	Savannah, Ga. / Calvary Day HS
DT Eli Mostaert, North Dakota State	6-3	287	Sr.	3.65	Finance	Lakeville, Minn. / Lakeville North HS
S Cale Reeder, South Dakota State	6-0	185	Sr.	3.66	Human Biology/Pre-Medicine	Yorkville, Ill. / Yorkville HS
RB Luke Skokna, North Dakota	5-9	180	Sr.	3.855	Kinesiology	Hinsdale, Ill. / Hinsdale Central
WR Harry Van Dyne, Indiana State	6-5	220	Sr.	3.74	Sport Management	Overland Park, Kan. / Blue Valley
DT Ryan Van Marel, South Dakota State	6-4	295	Sr.	3.85	Mechanical Engineering (3.61 undergrad)	Sheldon, Iowa / Sheldon HS

*Graduate GPAs listed for qualifying student-athletes

HONORABLE MENTION

Indiana State: WR Ethan Chambers; DL Lucas Hunter. **North Dakota:** FB/TE Jaden Norby. **North Dakota State:** DT Jaxon Duttonhefer; LB Luke Weerts. **Murray State:** OL Jacob Frye. **South Dakota:** LG Sam Kohls. **South Dakota State:** CB DyShawn Gales. **Western Illinois:** LB Peyton Bradford; RB Ludovick Choquette; LB Noah Epley; QB Matt Morrissey; TE Ben Nauman; LS Kyle Wittenrich. **Youngstown State:** FB Jake Benio; OL Aidan Parker; DE Dylan Wudke.



2023 MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL CONFERENCE GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS

6 Illinois State (6-5, 4-4)

09/02/2023	Dayton	W 41-0	6740
09/09/2023	* at Western Illinois	W 34-18	3648
09/16/2023	at Eastern Illinois	L 13-14	6602
09/23/2023	Lindenwood	W 48-17	13391
10/07/2023	* #1 South Dakota State	L 21-40	8272
10/14/2023	* Indiana State	W 44-7	9135
10/21/2023	* at #25 Youngstown State	L 38-41	10022
10/28/2023	* #23 Northern Iowa	L 21-24	
11/04/2023	* at Missouri State	W 36-35	7700
11/11/2023	* Murray State	W 44-7	5623
11/18/2023	* at #13 North Dakota	L 21-22	9238

Murray State (2-9, 1-7)

09/02/2023	Presbyterian	W 41-10	6953
09/07/2023	at Louisville	L 0-56	45273
09/16/2023	at Middle Tennessee	L 14-35	16605
09/30/2023	* Indiana State	W 30-28	13213
10/07/2023	* at #15 South Dakota	L 7-38	7907
10/14/2023	* #13 Southern Illinois	L 6-27	15868
10/21/2023	* at Missouri State	L 24-28	11386
10/28/2023	* at #11 North Dakota State	L 6-38	13876
11/04/2023	* #13 North Dakota	L 31-45	6217
11/11/2023	* at Illinois State	L 7-44	5623
11/18/2023	* #25 Youngstown State	L 17-34	5954

Indiana State (1-10, 1-7)

08/31/2023	Eastern Illinois	L 0-27	4355
09/08/2023	at Indiana	L 7-41	42775
09/16/2023	at Ball State	L 7-45	15054
09/30/2023	* at Murray State	L 28-30	13213
10/07/2023	* Northern Iowa	L 20-27	3228
10/14/2023	* at Illinois State	L 7-44	9135
10/21/2023	* #6 South Dakota	L 3-17	4908
10/28/2023	* at #15 North Dakota	L 33-36 ^(ot)	11125
11/04/2023	* #22 Youngstown State	L 7-19	4798
11/11/2023	* Western Illinois	W 27-6	3151
11/18/2023	* at #16 Southern Illinois	L 9-38	

North Dakota (7-5, 5-3)

09/02/2023	Drake	W 55-7	8504
09/09/2023	Northern Arizona	W 37-22	10009
09/16/2023	at Boise State	L 18-42	35610
09/30/2023	* at #1 South Dakota State	L 21-42	19231
10/07/2023	* Western Illinois	W 49-10	9758
10/14/2023	* #6 North Dakota State	W 49-24	13091
10/21/2023	* at Northern Iowa	L 0-27	10677
10/28/2023	* Indiana State	W 36-33 ^(ot)	11125
11/04/2023	* at Murray State	W 45-31	6217
11/11/2023	* at #6 South Dakota	L 10-14	6834
11/18/2023	* Illinois State	W 22-21	9238
11/25/2023	^ #15 Sacramento State	L 35-42	6522

Missouri State (4-7, 3-5)

09/01/2023	at Kansas	L 17-48	41091
09/09/2023	at UT Martin	L 31-38	6104
09/23/2023	Utah Tech	W 59-14	11002
09/30/2023	* at #10 Southern Illinois	L 20-33	10359
10/07/2023	* #7 North Dakota State	L 10-38	8727
10/14/2023	* at Western Illinois	W 48-7	2809
10/21/2023	* Murray State	W 28-24	11386
10/28/2023	* at #24 Youngstown State	L 28-44	9880
11/04/2023	* Illinois State	L 35-36	7700
11/11/2023	* #15 UNI	W 35-16	6898
11/18/2023	* at #1 South Dakota St.	L 17-35	15637

North Dakota State (11-3, 5-3)

09/02/2023	vs. E. Washington (neutral)	W 35-10	22546
09/09/2023	Maine	W 44-7	15044
09/16/2023	Central Arkansas	W 49-31	15016
09/30/2023	* South Dakota	L 19-24	18342
10/07/2023	* at Missouri State	W 38-10	8727
10/14/2023	* at #15 North Dakota	L 24-49	13091
10/21/2023	* Western Illinois	W 52-7	14255
10/28/2023	* Murray State	W 38-6	13876
11/04/2023	* at #1 South Dakota St.	L 16-33	19431
11/11/2023	* #11 Southern Illinois	W 34-10	14191
11/18/2023	* at #22 UNI	W 48-27	9852
11/25/2023	^ Drake	W 66-3	7798
12/02/2023	^ at #5 Montana State	W 35-34 ^(ot)	17247
12/09/2023	^ at #3 South Dakota	W 45-17	9141



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Northern Iowa (6-5, 5-3)

09/02/2023	at Iowa State	L 9-30	58248
09/09/2023	#9 Weber State	L 17-34	7967
09/16/2023	at Idaho State	W 41-17	
09/30/2023	* #19 Youngstown State	W 44-41	10346
10/07/2023	* at Indiana State	W 27-20	3228
10/14/2023	* at #1 South Dakota State	L 6-41	19357
10/21/2023	* #9 North Dakota	W 27-0	10677
10/28/2023	* at Illinois State	W 24-21	
11/04/2023	* Western Illinois	W 50-6	8051
11/11/2023	* at Missouri State	L 16-35	6898
11/18/2023	* #9 North Dakota State	L 27-48	9852

South Dakota (10-3, 7-1)

08/31/2023	at Missouri	L 10-35	50434
09/09/2023	St. Thomas	W 24-0	6126
09/16/2023	Lamar	W 35-6	5618
09/30/2023	* at #2 North Dakota State	W 24-19	18342
10/07/2023	* Murray State	W 38-7	7907
10/14/2023	* #20 Youngstown State	W 34-31	5397
10/21/2023	* at Indiana State	W 17-3	4908
10/28/2023	* #1 South Dakota State	L 3-37	9458
11/04/2023	* at #10 Southern Illinois	W 14-7	7106
11/11/2023	* #10 North Dakota	W 14-10	6834
11/18/2023	* at Western Illinois	W 48-6	1935
12/02/2023	^ #15 Sacramento St.	W 34-24	6288
12/09/2023	^ #7 North Dakota State	L 17-45	9141

South Dakota State (13-0, 8-0)

08/31/2023	Western Oregon	W 45-7	16258
09/09/2023	#3 Montana State	W 20-16	19332
09/16/2023	vs. Drake (neutral)	W 70-7	18174
09/30/2023	* #11 North Dakota	W 42-21	19231
10/07/2023	* at #22 Illinois State	W 40-21	8272
10/14/2023	* Northern Iowa	W 41-6	19357
10/21/2023	* at #12 Southern Illinois	W 17-10	11927
10/28/2023	* at #4 South Dakota	W 37-3	9458
11/04/2023	* #10 North Dakota State	W 33-16	19431
11/11/2023	* at #22 Youngstown State	W 34-0	9303
11/18/2023	* Missouri State	W 35-17	15637
12/02/2023	^ #17 Mercer	W 41-0	10171
12/09/2023	^ #6 Villanova	W 23-12	10216

Southern Illinois (8-5, 4-4)

09/02/2023	Austin Peay	W 49-23	8327
09/09/2023	at Northern Illinois	W 14-11	13114
09/16/2023	at #13 SE Missouri State	W 26-25	8613
09/30/2023	* Missouri State	W 33-20	10359
10/07/2023	* at Youngstown State	L 3-31	9767
10/14/2023	* at Murray State	W 27-6	15868
10/21/2023	* #1 South Dakota State	L 10-17	11927
10/28/2023	* at Western Illinois	W 63-0	2636
11/04/2023	* #9 South Dakota	L 7-14	7106
11/11/2023	* at #12 North Dakota St.	L 10-34	14191
11/18/2023	* Indiana State	W 38-9	
11/25/2023	^ Nicholls	W 35-0	4576
12/02/2023	^ at #4 Idaho	L 17-20 ^(ot)	9224

Western Illinois (0-11, 0-8)

09/02/2023	at New Mexico State	L 21-58	17943
09/09/2023	* Illinois State	L 18-34	3648
09/16/2023	Lindenwood	L 40-43	3548
09/23/2023	at Southern Utah	L 17-37	6504
10/07/2023	* at #15 North Dakota	L 10-49	9758
10/14/2023	* Missouri State	L 7-48	2809
10/21/2023	* at #14 North Dakota State	L 7-52	14255
10/28/2023	* #11 Southern Illinois	L 0-63	2636
11/04/2023	* at #18 Northern Iowa	L 6-50	8051
11/11/2023	* at Indiana State	L 6-27	3151
11/18/2023	* #5 South Dakota	L 6-48	1935

Youngstown State (8-5, 5-3)

08/31/2023	Valparaiso	W 52-10	8593
09/09/2023	at #4 Ohio State	L 7-35	102897
09/16/2023	Robert Morris	W 48-28	12826
09/30/2023	* at Northern Iowa	L 41-44	10346
10/07/2023	* #5 Southern Illinois	W 31-3	9767
10/14/2023	* at #10 South Dakota	L 31-34	5397
10/21/2023	* #25 Illinois State	W 41-38	10022
10/28/2023	* Missouri State	W 44-28	9880
11/04/2023	* at Indiana State	W 19-7	4798
11/11/2023	* #1 South Dakota St.	L 0-34	9303
11/18/2023	* at Murray State	W 34-17	5957
11/25/2023	^ Duquesne	W 40-7	3866
12/02/2023	^ at #6 Villanova	L 28-45	2105

* denotes Missouri Valley Football Conference game

^ denotes NCAA Division I Football Championship game