IDAHO VANDALS
2026 SPRING FOOTBALL

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2025 RESULTS
4-8 (2-6 BIG SKY)

AT WASHINGTON ST. AUG. 30 - PULLMAN, WASH.	L, 10-13
VS. ST. THOMAS SEPT. 6 - MOSCOW, IDAHO	W, 37-30
VS. UTAH TECH SEPT. 13 - MOSCOW, IDAHO	W, 20-6
AT SAN JOSE STATE SEPT. 20 - SAN JOSE, CALIF.	L, 28-31
AT #4 MONTANA* SEPT. 27 - MISSOULA, MONT.	L, 30-41
VS. NORTHERN COLO.* OCT. 11 - MOSCOW, IDAHO	L, 33-49
AT EASTERN WASH.* OCT. 18 - CHENEY, WASH.	L, 14-21
VS. PORTLAND ST.* OCT. 25 - MOSCOW, IDAHO	W, 45-6
AT NAU* OCT. 31 - FLAGSTAFF, ARIZ.	W, 35-32
VS. UC DAVIS* NOV. 8 - MOSCOW, IDAHO	L, 14-28
AT SACRAMENTO ST.* NOV. 15 - SACRAMENTO, CALIF.	L, 20-23
VS. IDAHO ST.* NOV. 22 - MOSCOW, IDAHO	L, 16-37

*Big Sky Conference games

2026 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location
Aug. 28	at Cal Poly	San Luis Obispo, Calif.
Sept. 3	at Utah	Salt Lake City, Utah
Sept. 12	**Lamar**	**Moscow, Idaho**
Sept. 19	**Abilene Christian**	**Moscow, Idaho**
Oct. 3	**Montana St.***	**Moscow, Idaho**
Oct. 10	at Weber State*	Ogden, Utah
Oct. 17	at Montana*	Missoula, Mont.
Oct. 24	**Southern Utah***	**Moscow, Idaho**
Oct. 31	at Portland St.*	Portland, Ore.
Nov. 7	**Eastern Wash.***	**Moscow, Idaho**
Nov. 14	**UC Davis***	**Moscow, Idaho**
Nov. 21	at Idaho State*	Pocatello, Idaho
Nov. 28	FCS Playoffs	TBD

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Practice 1 Tue. March 31 ..... 6:00 a.m.	**Practice 9** Sat. April 18 ..... 10:00 a.m.
Practice 2 Thurs. April 2 ..... 6:00 a.m.	**Practice 10** Tues. April 21 ..... 6:00 a.m.
Practice 3 Sat. April 4 ..... 10:00 a.m.	**Practice 11** Thurs. April 23 ..... 6:00 a.m.
Practice 4 Tues. April 7 ..... 6:00 a.m.	**Practice 12** Sat. April 25 ..... 10:00 a.m.
Practice 5 Thurs. April 9 ..... 6:00 a.m.	**Practice 13** Tues. April 28 ..... 6:00 a.m.
Practice 6 Sat. April 11 ..... 12 p.m.	**Practice 14** Thurs. April 30 ..... 6:00 a.m.
Practice 7 Tues. April 14 ..... 6:00 a.m.	**SPRING GAME** Fri. May 1 ..... 6:00 p.m.
Practice 8 Thurs. April 16 ..... 6:00 a.m.	

Practice Times Subject to Change

PREVIEW

On a crisp Tuesday morning on the East Practice Field outside the P1FCU Kibbie Dome, Idaho Football got the spring practice slate underway, kicking off the first of the fifteen opportunities the team will get to strap on helmets and play organized football for the first time since November.

Though the pads have yet to come on and the sun had yet to come up, the energy was palpable on the turf as the Vandals ran through position and team drills with new coordinators at all three phases of the game.

"It was amazing just to be playing football again," said head coach Thomas Ford after practice. "I think the guys have done a really good job of learning and understanding the new schemes, getting some of the nuance started, but being able to get some work was pretty awesome."

First-year offensive coordinator Ian Shoemaker got his first opportunity to see an offense loaded with returning experience, including starting quarterback Joshua Wood, receivers Tony Harste, Marquawn McCraney, and Nolan McWilliams, running back Carlos Matheney, and four of five starting offensive linemen. Defensive Coordinator Lee Stalker led the charge across the line of scrimmage, taking advantage of returners such as Cruz Hepburn, Tim Jackson, and Titus Ringor. Special Teams Coordinator Joe Begnal inherited a lot of familiarity in the kicking game with the likes of Dylan Fischer, Cameron Pope, Owen Forsman, and Owen Adams all returning with playing time under their belts.

A handful of newcomers made some big plays in the first spring practice of the year. Ferrari Miller is slated to receive a lot of carries going forward as part of a stable of running backs needing to fill the departure of Eli Cummings. DB Tyrane Stewart was named the first winner of the battle axe of the year, earning props from his head coach in the process.

Of the players who were not on Idaho's roster last season, Ford and the Vandals welcome 14 new transfers to the squad:

Jamarion Augustus (DE; Northern Iowa)
Javen Augustus (DE; Coastal Carolina)
Damonte Bias (RB; El Camino College)
P.J. Blanchard (DB; Antelope Valley College)
Ishaan Daniels (DB; Weber State)
Davon Donaldson (LB; Sacramento City College)
Jayden Fernandez (LS; Riverside CC)
Darrell Gipson Jr. (LB; Cincinnati),
J.J. Homurth (TE; Rochester Community and Technical College)
Ferarri Miller (RB; Diablo Valley College)
Mika Roberson (DB; Central Washington)
Tyrane Stewart (DB; North Texas)
Luke Teskey (DE; New Hampshire), RB Wilson V (DE; Texas Southern)
Jackson Weng (WR; Mt. San Jacinto)

IDAHO VANDALS FOOTBALL

SPRING 2026 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown / Previous School
0	Davon Donaldson	LB	6-2	225	R-Jr.	Elk Grove, Calif. / Sacramento City Coll.
0	Marquawn McCraney	WR	6-0	208	R-So.	SeaTac, Wash. / Highline HS
1	P.J. Blanchard	DB	6-3	175	So.	Palmdale, Calif. / Antelope Valley Coll.
1	Jackson Weng	WR	6-2	210	R-Jr.	Orange, Calif. / Orange Lutheran / Mt. San Jacinto
2	Lonyatta Alexander Jr.	WR	6-3	210	Gr.	Auburn, Wash. / Montana St.
2	Ishaan Daniels	DB	5-10	175	Jr.	Bellvue, Wash. / Weber St.
3	Hysan Dalton	DB	6-2	190	R-Jr.	Athens, Ga. / Furman
3	Joshua Wood	QB	6-2	202	R-Jr.	Graham, Wash. / Fresno State
4	Tony Harste	WR	5-11	175	Jr.	Puyallup, Wash. / Emerald Ridge HS
4	Khaled Rawls	DB	5-10	185	R-Jr.	Walls Miss. / NE Mississippi CC
5	Holden Bea	QB	6-2	215	R-So.	Washougal, Wash. / Washougal HS
5	Mika Roberson	DB	5-11	175	R-So.	Graham, Wash. / Central Washington
6	Trais Higgins	WR	5-11	200	R-Sr.	Nampa, Idaho / Nampa HS
6	Tyrane Stewart	DB	5-11	190	Gr.	Osyka, Miss. / North Texas
7	Damonte Bias	RB	5-11	180	Jr.	Lawndale, Calif. / El Camino Coll.
7	Aaron Kinsey	DB	5-11	180	R-So.	Spokane, Wash. / John R. Rogers HS
8	Tim Jackson	S	6-5	200	Gr.	Van Nuys, Calif. / College of the Canyons
10	Jamarion Augustus	DE	6-3	235	Sr.	Montgomergy, Ala. / Northern Iowa
10	Jack Wagner	QB	6-4	190	R-Jr.	Tualatin, Ore. / Tualatin HS
11	Darrell Gipson Jr.	LB	6-1	242	R-So.	Lacey, Wash. / Cincinnati
11	Nolan McWilliams	WR	5-10	180	So.	Auburn, Wash. / Roosevelt HS
12	Kage Repenn	WR	6-1	205	R-So.	Ravensdale, Wash. / Tahoma HS
12	R.B. Wilson V	DE	6-4	250	R-Sr.	Henderson, Nev. / Texas Southern
13	Chance Bogan	TE	6-3	235	Gr.	Tacoma, Wash. / Lincoln HS
14	Kai Richardson	DE	6-4	255	R-So.	Puyallup, Wash. / Oregon State
14	Sawyer Teeney	QB	5-11	192	R-Fr.	Silverton, Ore. / Silverton HS
15	Daveon Superales	WR	6-1	190	So.	Graham, Wash. / Graham-Kapowsin HS
15	Zach Wusstig	S	6-1	195	R-Jr.	Jefferson, Ore. / Portland St.
16	Javen Augustus	DE	6-4	230	Sr.	Montgomergy, Ala. / Coastal Carolina
16	Blitz McCarty	QB	6-3	200	Fr.	Denver, Colo. / Grandview HS
18	J.J. Homuth	TE	6-7	230	R-Jr.	Burnsville, Minn. / Rochester Community Coll.
19	Orion Peters	WR	5-8	177	R-Sr.	Inglewood, Calif. / Washington State
19	Brayden Rice	S	6-0	195	R-Jr.	Lewiston, Idaho / Lewiston HS
21	Aiden Nixon	TE	6-5	225	R-So.	Boise, Idaho / Timberline HS
22	Wyatt Mickleberry	RB	5-11	198	R-Fr.	Bothell, Wash. / Bothell HS
23	Art Williams	RB	5-11	205	R-Jr.	Meridian, Idaho / Rocky Mountain HS
24	Kenny Golston	RB	6-0	216	Fr.	Valliant, Okla. / Valliant HS
24	Jayden Rice-Claiborne	DB	6-0	180	R-Fr.	Tacoma, Wash. / Curtis HS
25	Braxton Lawrence	DL	6-4	212	R-So.	Madison, Tenn. / Goodpasture Christian HS
25	Carlos Matheney	RB	5-10	212	R-Jr.	Olympia, Wash. / Tumwater HS
26	Tsiyown Lowery	DB	6-1	196	R-Fr.	Maple Valley, Wash. / Tahoma HS
27	Brody Michael	S	6-0	205	R-Fr.	Queen Creek, Ariz. / American Leadership Acad.
28	Ferrari Miller	RB	5-10	220	Jr.	Oakland, Calif. / Diablo Valley College
29	Owen Adams	K/P	6-0	200	Jr.	Laurel, Mont. / Laurel HS
30	Taeshaun Reese	RB	5-10	200	R-Fr.	Meridian, Idaho / Rocky Mountain HS
31	Martin Rhyne	LB	6-1	215	R-Fr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. / Western HS
33	Julian Lee	DL	6-6	292	R-Jr.	Lacey, Wash. / North Thurston HS
35	Isiah Bivins	DB	6-1	200	R-So.	Monterey, Calif. / Monterey HS
37	Hayden Kincheloe	RB	5-10	235	R-Sr.	Homedale, Idaho / Homedale HS
37	Ocean Taufa	DL	6-3	265	Fr.	St. George, Utah / Bishop Gorman HS
39	Jacob Skobis	DB	5-8	174	Gr.	Downey, Calif. / Washington State
40	Harrison Deshazer	DL	6-5	230	R-Fr.	Washougal, Wash. / Washougal HS
41	Mason Krahn	DL	6-2	220	R-Fr.	Nampa, Idaho / Skyview HS
42	Ryder Bordner	LB	6-1	210	R-Jr.	Boise, Idaho / Bishop Kelly HS
43	Nikko Speer	LB	6-2	225	R-Fr.	Camas, Wash. / Camas HS
44	Cruz Hepburn	LB	6-1	218	R-Sr.	Lewiston, Idaho / Lewis-Clark State
45	Mitchel Jaskowiak	DL	6-3	265	R-Sr.	Glencoe, Minn. / Glencoe-Silver Lake HS
46	Dylan Fischer	LS	6-1	220	R-Sr.	Burnsville, Minn. / Alcorn State
48	Owen Forsman	K	6-0	200	R-So.	Rathrdrum, Idaho / Lakeland HS
50	Niu Meyers	DL	6-3	220	Fr.	Hai'ula, Hawaii / Kahuku HS
50	Layton Vining	OL	6-2	285	Sr.	Peoria, Ariz. / Liberty HS
51	Leon Evans	OL	6-4	270	R-So.	Eagle, Idaho / Eagle HS
51	Shepard Fish	DL	6-4	240	R-Fr.	Meridian, Idaho / Capital HS
52	Jack Giannini	LB	6-0	205	R-Fr.	Eagle, Idaho / Eagle HS
52	Kiegan Henson	OL	6-5	290	R-Jr.	Meridian, Idaho / Mountain View HS
54	Alex Green	OL	6-6	290	R-Jr.	Coeur d'Alene, Idaho / Lake City HS
54	Titus Ringor	DL	6-3	305	R-So.	Wahiawa, Hawai'i / James Campbell HS
55	Ma'ake Apo	DL	6-4	340	R-Fr.	Orem, Utah / Orem HS
55	Austin Leykam	OL	6-2	285	R-Sr.	Lake Oswego, Ore. / Linfield
57	Jayden Fernandez	LS	6-2	205	So.	Temecula, Calif. / Riverside CC
62	Cameron Glenn	OL	6-4	274	R-Fr.	Springfield, Ore. / Sheldon HS
63	Ryan Holmes	OL	6-1	266	R-Fr.	West Linn, Ore. / West Linn HS
65	Carter Paul	OL	6-7	310	Fr.	Portland, Ore. / Lakeridge HS
66	Ryan Kawalek	OL	6-3	292	R-So.	La Center, Wash. / La Center HS
67	Tyler Skinner	OL	6-4	306	R-Jr.	Moscow, Idaho / Moscow HS
68	Charlie Vliem	OL	6-8	295	R-Jr.	Duvall, Wash / Cedarcrest HS
70	Zach Penner	OL	6-4	298	R-Jr.	Eagle, Idaho / Rocky Mountain HS
71	Howard Stedford	OL	6-4	285	R-Jr.	Meriden, Conn. / Pace
72	Gabe Staszak	OL	6-6	280	R-So.	Medford, Ore. / South Medford HS
73	Nathan Pritchard	OL	6-5	317	R-Jr.	Auburn, Wash. / Washington St.
75	LeRonn Nelson	OL	6-5	300	R-Fr.	Sacramento, Calif. / Destiny Christian Acad.
77	Kaden Haeckel	OL	6-5	310	R-So.	Peoria, Ariz. / Arizona State
81	Noah West-Baranco	WR	6-4	210	R-So.	Nampa, Idaho / Melba HS
83	Sawyer Hewett	WR	6-0	170	R-Fr.	Juliaetta, Idaho / Kendrick HS
84	Joseph Vinup	WR	5-11	175	R-Fr.	Oceanside, Calif./Oceanside HS
85	Mason Culmer	TE	6-4	240	R-Fr.	Chandler, Ariz. / Basha HS
87	Gabe Hoffmann	TE	6-6	250	R-Jr.	Bellvue, Wash. / Eastern Michigan
88	Gus Donnerberg	TE	6-3	225	R-So.	West Linn, Ore. / West Linn HS
89	Ryan Jezioro	WR	6-3	202	R-So.	Peoria, Ariz. / Liberty HS
90	Divine Ibe	DE	6-2	240	R-So.	South Salem, Ore. / South Salem HS
91	Cameron Pope	K	5-10	175	Gr.	East Wenatchee, Wash. / Eastmont HS
91	Malakai Railton-Stewart	Dl	6-4	270	R-Jr.	Brisbane, Australia / Indooroopilly State HS
97	Frederick Lujan III	DL	6-1	280	R-Jr.	Chino Hills, Calif. / Laney Coll.
98	Hikifo'Ou Maile	DL	6-3	330	R-Sr.	Oakland, Calif. / San Leandro HS
99	Luke Teskey	DE	6-2	245	Gr.	New Westminster, BC / New Hampshire

Head Coach: Thomas Ford

8 BIG SKY CHAMPIONSHIPS | 13 NCAA PLAYOFF APPEARANCES

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SPRING 2026 NEWCOMERS

#	FULL NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YR.	HOMETOWN / HIGH SCHOOL	PREVIOUS SCHOOL
0	Davon Donaldson	LB	6-2	225	R-Jr.	Elk Grove, Calif.	Sacramento City College
1	P.J. Blanchard	DB	6-3	175	So.	Palmdale, Calif.	Antelope Valley College
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24	Kenny Golston	RB	6-0	216	Fr.	Valliant, Okla. / Valliant HS	
28	Ferrari Miller	RB	5-10	220	Jr.	Oakland, Calif. / McClymonds HS	Diablo Valley College
37	Ocean Taufa	DL	6-3	265	Fr.	St. George, Utah / Bishop Gorman HS	
50	Nui Meyers	DL	6-3	220	Fr.	Hai'ula, Hawaii / Kahuku HS	
57	Jayden Fernandez	LS	6-2	205	So.	Temecula, Calif.	Riverside Community College

STATS AND NOTES

NEW TRANSFERS

The Vandals added 15 transfers that will take part in spring ball. Damonte Bias (RB; El Camino College), J.J. Homurth (TE; Rochester Community and Technical College), and Ferarri Miller (RB; Diablo Valley College), Jackson Weng (WR; Mt. San Jacinto) will be on offense. Jamarion Augustus (DE; Northern Iowa), Javen Augustus (DE; Coastal Carolina), P.J. Blanchard (DB; Antelope Valley College), Ishaan Daniels (DB; Weber State), Davon Donaldson (LB; Sacramento City College), Darrell Gipson Jr. (LB; Cincinnati), Mika Roberson (DB; Central Washington), Tyrane Stewart (DB; North Texas), Luke Teskey (DE; New Hampshire), RB Wilson V (DE; Texas Southern) will be playing defense. Jayden Fernandez (LS; Riverside CC) will contribute on special teams.

DOME FIELD ADVANTAGE

For the second straight year, Idaho will play six games inside the confines of the P1FCU Kibbie Dome.

Montana State highlights the slate, as the 2025 FCS national title winners will visit Moscow on October 3. UI has been tough to beat at the legendary venue over the past five seasons, totalling a 20-8 record in front of the Vandal Family since 2021.

Idaho will hold many of its 14 spring practices inside the dome, including the annual spring game which will take place on Friday, May 1 at 6 p.m.

All weekday practices will take place at 6:00 a.m., Saturday practices and scrimmages will be held at 10:00 a.m., except for April 11, which will be held at noon.

VANDAL QB ROOM

Joshua Wood enters 2026 as the most experienced signal caller in Idaho's QB room. The 2025 starter played in nine games last season, totaling nearly 600 yards on the ground and 1900 passing yards. Sophomore Sawyer Teeney earned second-string minutes late in the year, appearing in two contests where he went 10-16 and threw for a touchdown. Jack Wagner played in 11 games during the 2024 season, throwing for 1389 yards and 12 touchdowns, including a breakout 347-yard performance in a victory against Cal Poly. Early enrollee Blitz McCarty is one of two freshman gunslingers Coach Ford and his staff signed for 2026 and joins the Vandals as a three-star prospect out of Denver, Colo.

KEY DEFENSIVE RETURNERS

Cruz Hepburn and Zach Wusstig lead the returners for the Vandals on defense. Both finished top-five in tackles on the 2025 team and bring multiple years of Big Sky experience to Idaho's second-level defense.

OFFENSIVE LINE

Four of the five offensive line starters from a year ago remain for Idaho in 2026: Charlie Vliem, Layton Vining, Leon Evans, and Kiegan Henson. Each of the four started all 12 games for the Black and Gold during the 2025 campaign and bring a combined 98 games worth of DI experience into the new year.

CROWDED RECIEVERS ROOM

78.8% of Idaho's recieving yards from 2025 return for the Vandals in 2026. Ryan Jezioro, Marquawn McCraney, and Emmerson Cortez-Menjivar lead the pack after being three of UI's quarterbacks' four favorite targets last season, combining for 71 total grabs.

QUICK FACTS

Starters	Returned/Lost
Total	8/10
Offense	6/2
Defense	2/8
Redshirt Freshmen	19
Incoming Transfers	14
Early Enrollees	4
Grayshirts	0
Mid-Year Additions	0

Head Coach Thomas Ford

Season	Second
Record	4-8
Big Sky	2-6
Playoff	0-0

PICK SIX

1. QB PERFORMANCE: Joshua Wood returns for his second season in Black and Gold. After being named the starter before Idaho's season opener, the dual-threat quarterback lit up the statsheet in 2025, cashing in 14 passing and seven rushing touchdowns in his 10 starts. The Graham, Wash., native became the first Vandal signal caller to run for north of 100 yards in a game since 2021 in the season opener at Washington State, before carrying over this momentum for the remainder of the campaign to total 589 yards and seven touchdowns on the ground, solidifying the best rushing season by a UI quarterback since Doug Nussmayer in 1993.

2. RECORD RECRUITING CLASS: In his first full recruiting cycle at Idaho, head coach Thomas Ford Jr and his staff delivered the highest-rated high school recruiting class among FCS teams, according to 247 Sports. The 22-member class puts Idaho ahead of nine FBS programs and just one spot behind rivals Washington State. A Seattle native, Ford leveraged his Pacific Northwest connections to land 10 signees from the region, including six from the head man's native Evergreen State. Four of UI's signees held offers from Power Four programs, like running back **Kenny Golston**, who joins the Vandals in the spring after fielding offers from reigning FBS national champions Indiana, Big Ten member Oregon, and SEC school Missouri, among others.

3. HOME SWEET DOME: For the second straight year, Idaho will play six regular season games inside the confines of the P1FCU Kibbie Dome. Montana State highlights the slate, as the 2025 FCS national title winners will visit Moscow on October 3. UI has been tough to beat at the legendary venue over the past five seasons, totalling a 20-8 record in front of the Vandal Family since 2021.

4. IMPACT TRANSFERS: 14 transfers have arrived on campus for spring ball, headlined by former Weber State corner **Ishaan Daniels**. The 5-10 junior snagged three picks in his 22 games with the Wildcats and is coming off a strong 2025 season where he totaled 41 tackles and three pass breakups. **Jamarion Augustus** is another key addition to UI's defense and looks to help strengthen the Vandals' front seven after totalling 28 tackles and three sacks last season at Northern Iowa. 6'2" wideout **Jackson Weng** arrives on campus looking to make an impact in Idaho's receiver room. Weng tallied 50 catches for 823 yards and eight touchdowns at Mt. San Jacinto College and joins a receiver pool that returns nine. **Ferrari Miller** will take snaps in the backfield for Idaho, coming off a strong 2025 for Diablo Valley College that saw him post 1,123 yards and six 100-yard games.

5. STRONG RETURNS: After dealing with the injury bug in 2025, Idaho's wide receivers room enters the spring with six of its top eight receivers from a year ago. **Ryan Jezioro** and **Marquawn McCraney** each missed a handful of games, but hauled in more than 300 yards apiece. Three-year Vandal **Emmerson Corez-Menjivar** appeared in 10 contests last year, posting 40 or more yards in three different games. **Nolan McWilliams** became a favored target for **Joshua Wood** during the second half of his freshman season, snagging 16 catches and a touchdown in the final six games of 2025.

6. NEW SEASON, NEW COACHES: Idaho enters the second year of the Ford era with a new look coaching staff, headlined by two new coordinators. Offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach **Ian Shoemaker** is a familiar name in the Big Sky, due to his role in building one of the most electric offenses in conference history during a two-year stint at Eastern Washington. In addition to his background against Big Sky competition, Shoemaker brings nearly 30 years of experience at all levels of college football to Moscow. **Lee Stalker** takes over as the Vandals' defensive coordinator and linebackers coach after three seasons at Iowa State. During his time in Ames, Stalker helped transform the Cyclones defense into one of the best in the nation. **Joe Begnal** returns to Idaho as special teams coordinator with P4 experience under his belt. Coaches **Spencer Treadwell** (running backs) and **VJ Malo** (defensive line) bring more FCS experience to the Vandals.

QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location	Moscow, Idaho
Founded	1889
Enrollment	12,213
Nickname	Vandals
Colors	Silver and Pride Gold
Affiliation	Division I - FCS
Conference	Big Sky
President	C. Scott Green
Athletics Director	Terry Gawlik
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FOOTBALL INFORMATION

2025 Record	4-8
2025 BSC Record	2-6
2025 BSC Finish	9th
2025 Postseason	N/A
All-Time Record	510-656-28

STADIUM INFORMATION

Home Facility	P1FCU Kibbie Dome
Capacity	16,000
Surface	Field Turf
Stadium Opening	9/20/1975
All-Time Record	158-101-1

HEAD COACH AT A GLANCE

Head Coach	Thomas Ford
Alma Mater:	Linfield, 2004
Career Record	4-8/ Second Year
Idaho Record	4-8
Big Sky Record	2-6

COACHING STAFF

Ian Shoemaker	Offensive Coord./QBs
Lee Stalker	Defensive Coord./LBs
Joe Begnal	Special Teams Coord.
Loren Endsley	Offensive Line/Run Game
Sheldon Cross	Recruiting Coor./TEs
Treston Decoud	Cornerbacks
Spencer Treadwell	Running Backs
VJ Malo.	Defensive Line
Tyler Paopao	Wide Receivers
Dom Anderson	Defensive Backs
Avery Roberts	Edge Rushers
JD Johnson	Asst. AD - General Manager
Jamel Cooper	Strength & Cond. Coach
Zio Tupuola-Fetui	Defensive Assistant
Ian Crocker	Defensive Quality Control
JJ Lemming	Offensive Quality Control

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HEAD COACH - THOMAS FORD



Thomas Ford was named the 37th head coach in Idaho Vandal History on Dec. 18, 2024.

Ford spent the 2024 season as the running backs coach at Oregon State University. In 2024, the Oregon State rushing attack racked up 2,270 yards, led by Anthony Hankerson who had 1,082 yards and 15 touchdowns.

He spent the 2022 and 2023 seasons as Idaho's special teams coordinator and running backs coach. Under Ford, Idaho's special teams and running back units were among the best in the FCS.

In 2023, Anthony Woods ran for 1,155 yards and 16 touchdowns, leading an effort that saw Idaho rush for 2,077 total yards and 22 TDs and 2,057 yards and 22 TD in 2022.

Two players who played special teams under Ford, long snapper Hogan Hatten and returner Jermaine Jackson, earned NFL Roster spots in 2024.

Ford leveraged his connections in the Pacific Northwest to establish Idaho as a go-to destination for recruits in the I5 corridor. Dozens of players have come to Idaho from Western Washington and the Portland area from connections to the Idaho staff established by Ford.

"We are excited to welcome coach Ford, his wife Shannon and their children Zoey and Kingston back to Moscow," Gawlik said. "It was clear during our interview process that Thomas is the man to lead Vandal football into the future. He knows what it takes to win at Idaho. He is an elite recruiter who was instrumental in laying the foundation of our recent success. We are confident in the future of Vandal football as we look forward to working with coach Ford and his staff."

Prior to his time at Idaho, Ford was a quality control analyst for two years at the University of Washington

He spent the 2018 and 2019 seasons as the head coach at Simon Frasier University, an NCAA DII school in British Columbia. He led SFU to their first win in four seasons and was named the 2018 GNAC Coach of the Year.

Before his time at SFU, he was the head coach at Stadium High in Tacoma from 2014-2017. He took an 0-10 team that had not seen a winning season in over two decades and to the playoffs in 2016 and 2017.

He was the Defensive Coordinator at the University of Puget Sound during the 2013 season. Ford's defense improved in almost every statistical category and finished second in the Northwest Conference and ranked 35th nationally in fumble recoveries.

He served as the Wide Receivers Coach and Special Teams Coordinator at SE Oklahoma State from 2009-2012. He coached Running Backs at Linfield from 2007-2008.

He played running back and ran track at Linfield College in Oregon. Ford set the Wildcats' single-game rushing record (237 yards against Redlands) in 2003. Linfield was 41-4 during Ford's playing career. He ranks still ranks fifth all-time on the career rushing list with 2,333 yards. Ford was a two-time Northwest Conference all-star, a member of four straight Northwest Conference championship teams, and team captain of Linfield's 2004 NCAA Division III national title team that was inducted into the Linfield Athletics Hall of Fame in 2016.



COACHING EXPIERENCE
2025-Present – Idaho - Head Coach
2024 – Oregon State - Running Backs Coach
2022-23 – Idaho - ST Coor./Running Backs Coach
2020-21 – Washington - Quality Control Analyst
2018-19 – Simon Fraser – Head Coach
2014-17 – Stadium High School – Head Coach
2013 – Puget Sound – Defensive Coordinator
2009-12 – SE Oklahoma State – WRs Coach/ST Coor.
2007-08 – Linfield – Running Backs Coach

EDUCATION
Master's - SE Oklahoma State
B.A. – Linfield

PLAYING EXPERIENCE
Linfield - 2001-04
Tri-Cities Fever - 2005-06
2007 - Alaska Wild

PERSONAL
Ford and his wife Shannon have two children, Zoey and Kingston

2025 FOOTBALL STAFF



OFF. COORDINATOR/
QUARTERBACKS
IAN SHOEMAKER



DEF. COORDINATOR/
LINEBACKERS
LEE STALKER

S. T. COORDINATOR/
SAFETIES
JOE BEGNAL



RUN GAME COORD./
OFFENSIVE LINE
LOREN ENDSLEY



RECRUITING COORD
TIGHT ENDS
SHELDON CROSS



CORNERBACKS
TRESTON DECOUD



RUNNING BACKS
SPENCER TREADWELL



DEFENSIVE LINE
VJ MALO



RECEIVERS
TYLER PAOPAO

DEFENSIVE BACKS
DOM ANDERSON



EDGE RUSHERS
AVERY ROBERTS

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JJ LEMMING



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