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Players of the Week

Each week a panel will select players of the week for offense, defense, newcomer, offensive line and special teams.

Valley Football Radio Report

Each week's games are previewed on the Missouri Valley Football Conference Radio Report, produced by Jim Powers. The report can be heard on most schools' network affiliate station.

Weekly Coaches Call

Teleconferences featuring the league's head coaches are each Tuesday at 10 a.m. CT. Replays are accessible on the league web site by visiting www.valley-football.org

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- 10:00 a.m. CT - Eric Wolford, YSU
- 10:06 a.m. CT - Mark Farley, UNI
- 10:12 a.m. CT - Mike Sanford, INS
- 10:18 a.m. CT - Brock Spack, ILS
- 10:24 a.m. CT - Bob Nielson, WIU
- 10:30 a.m. CT - Dale Lennon, SIU
- 10:36 a.m. CT - Joe Glenn, USD
- 10:42 a.m. CT - John Stiegelmeier, SDSU
- 10:48 a.m. CT - Chris Klieman, NDSU
- 10:54 a.m. CT - Terry Allen, MSU

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IN THE TOP 25 THIS WEEK

FCS Coaches Poll (Nov. 3)

1. North Dakota State
12. Illinois State
13. Youngstown State
19. Indiana State
20. UNI
22. South Dakota State
24. Southern Illinois

Sports Network Poll (Nov. 3)

1. North Dakota State
10. Youngstown State
12. Illinois State
17. Indiana State
19. UNI
22. South Dakota State
- RV -- Southern Illinois, Missouri State

2014 Valley Football Standings (thru Nov. 1)

Team	MVFC		Points			Overall		Points			Stk.
	W	L	For	Opp	Pct.	W	L	For	Opp	Pct.	
North Dakota St.	5	0	173	61	1.000	9	0	311	92	1.000	W33
Illinois State	4	1	151	111	.800	7	1	302	132	.875	L1
Youngstown State	4	1	122	95	.800	7	2	269	182	.778	W3
Indiana State	3	2	116	117	.600	6	3	240	198	.667	W2
Northern Iowa	3	2	143	108	.600	5	4	286	180	.556	W2
South Dakota St.	2	3	117	168	.400	5	4	246	233	.556	L2
Southern Illinois	2	3	125	132	.400	5	4	271	211	.556	L3
Missouri State	1	4	91	99	.200	4	5	219	197	.444	L2
Western Illinois	1	4	104	139	.200	3	6	197	219	.333	L2
South Dakota	0	5	62	174	.000	2	7	164	301	.222	L5

What's On Tap

THIS WEEK (SATURDAY, NOV. 8)

*#22/22 South Dakota State (5-4, 2-3)
at #19/17 Indiana State (6-3, 3-2)
Terre Haute, IN • 12:00 p.m. CT
TV: None

*#13/10 Youngstown State (7-2, 4-1)
at #12/12 Illinois State (7-1, 4-1)
Normal, IL • 1:00 p.m. CT
Mediacom / WBCB-TV / ESPN3

*#24/RV Southern Illinois (5-4, 2-3)
at NR/RV Missouri State (4-5, 1-4)
Springfield, MO • 2:00 p.m. CT
TV: None

*#1/1 North Dakota State (9-0, 5-0)
at #20/19 UNI (5-4, 3-2)
Cedar Falls, IA • 4:00 p.m. CT
Panther Sports Network / NBC ND

Western Illinois (3-6, 1-4)
at South Dakota (2-7, 0-5)
Vermillion, SD • 4:00 p.m. CT
TV: None

Note: FCS top-25 rankings list coaches poll first, followed by Sports Network poll.
*denotes MVFC game

RECORD-SETTING SEASON

Valley Football teams combined for a 23-1 non-conference regular-season slate against FCS teams. The 23 wins are a record, and the winning percentage of .958 (23-1) is also a record. The previous records were 18 wins (18-4 in 1999) and .867 (13-2 record in 2003).

LAST WEEK'S GAMES (Nov. 1)

Missouri St. at #19 Indiana St. ISU 20-18
S. Dakota at #11 Youngstown YSU 28-17
#18 SDSU at #1 NDSU NDSU 37-17
#6 Illinois State at #22 UNI UNI 42-28

By The Numbers

7 It's the number of league teams ranked in the Top 25 this week. It marks the seventh-straight week the league has had 7 or more ranked teams.

30 Happy Birthday to us. The league is celebrating its 30th season this year, having started in 1985 as the Gateway Conference.

23 It's the number of FCS non-league wins for the MVFC this year, against just one loss. The 23 wins are a league regular-season record and the winning percentage (.958) is also a record.

15 It's the number of games this year featuring a ranked vs. ranked MVFC team. This weekend, North Dakota St. travels to UNI; Illinois St. hosts Youngstown St.; and Indiana State hosts SDSU.

3 It's the total number of undefeated teams in the FCS. Harvard and Coastal Carolina join MVFC members North Dakota State (9-0) as the only FCS perfect teams. Three FBS schools also remain perfect heading into Nov. 8.

6.5 It's Indiana State's current "improvement" from last year's 1-11 record. The league's record for one-year turnaround is +6 (Western Illinois and Southern Illinois share the record.)

55 It's the number of career TDs by Zach Zenner of South Dakota State, tying a league record. He's followed closely by UNI's David Johnson, who as 54 career TDs.

0 It's the number of misses by PK Miles Bergner of South Dakota. He's 13-of-13 this season, which included a long of 50 last weekend at Youngstown State. Six FCS kickers are perfect, but Bergner has the most makes.

Players of the Week

Offense

RB David Johnson, UNI

6-1, 229, Sr., Clinton (Iowa) High

Johnson racked up 129 rushing yards in UNI's 42-28 win over No. 6 and previously unbeaten Illinois State. He scored three times, including a career-long 98-yard kick return. He led both teams in all-purpose yards with 255 (129 rush, 5 rcv, 121 KR).

Defense

DE Kyle Emanuel, North Dakota State

6-3, 251, Sr., Schuyler (Neb.) Central

Emanuel had a career-high 10 tackles, 4.0 sacks and 4.5 tackles for loss in No. 1-ranked North Dakota State's 37-17 victory over No. 18 South Dakota State. He had three sacks and eight tackles by halftime and also had a forced fumble and quarterback hurry in the game. His strip sack with 4 minutes left in the game gave NDSU the ball at the SDSU 23 and led to a touchdown five plays later for the final score.

Special Teams (Co)

RS Aaron Killebrew, Indiana State

5-10, 165, Fr., Evansville (Ind.) Harrison High

Killebrew had a 32-yard kickoff return which set up an eventual game winning field goal. Trailing by a point with 42 seconds remaining against the Bears, the Sycamore kickoff return team fielded a squib kick and six players formed a group huddle where they appeared to kneel down the ball to conserve time. Suddenly, the huddle broke with six players breaking in two different directions and all six Sycamores appeared to have the ball. Killebrew eluded a pair of Bear defenders and raced 32 yards to set up Heidorn's game winning field goal.

PK Eric Heidorn, Indiana State

5-8, 185, Jr., Avon (Ind.) High

Heidorn hit at 30-yard field goal with 2:06 remaining to push the Sycamores ahead of Missouri State 17-15. But the Bears would answer with a 41-yard field goal with less than a minute to go. Heidorn then responded with a 38-yard field goal with just six seconds left to give Indiana State an improbable 20-18 win.

Newcomer

QB Hunter Wells, Youngstown State

6-5, 195, Fr., Navarre (Ohio) Fairless High

Wells helped lead the Penguins to a 28-17 win over South Dakota. He completed 12 of his final 17 passes for 244 yards and a score rallying the Guins from a 10-point fourth-quarter deficit. Wells improves to 4-0 as a starter with three wins coming in MVFC play. It was the first fourth-quarter comeback of his career.

Offensive Lineman

LT Jack Rummells, UNI

6-5, 300, Sr., West Branch (Iowa) High

Rummells graded out at a 90 percent in UNI's 42-28 win over No. 6 ranked Illinois State. Rummells was an integral part in creating holes for RB David Johnson, who gained 129 yards on the ground against the Redbirds.

This Week in @ValleyFootball

All 10 league teams are in action for the next three weeks (the MVFC regular-season concludes on Nov. 22.) The winner of the Illinois State-Youngstown State game could find itself in a first-place tie with North Dakota State by Saturday night. ISU and YSU trail the Bison by a game, and NDSU plays at UNI.

On the Tube This Week

ESPN 3 Two league games are on television this week, including UNI-NDSU (Panther Sports Network and NBC ND) and Illinois State-Youngstown State (MVFC TV Network).

Youngstown State at Illinois State, 1 pm CT

► *Scott Warmann (PBP), Danan Hughes (analyst)*
Teryn Schaefer (sidelines)

WBCB (Youngstown), Mediacom, ESPN3

Playing the Spoiler

UNI defeated Illinois State last Saturday, 42-28, in the UNI-Dome. The Redbirds were 7-0 for the first time as a league member (and first time since 1932). In the league's 30-year history, 12 teams have started a season 6-0 or better. Of those 12, UNI ended a team's streak four times. The Panthers host North Dakota State this Saturday.

Consecutive Victories to start a season

15, North Dakota State, 2013 (did not lose a game)
12, UNI, 2007 (lost to Delaware in the FCS playoffs)
10, Southern Illinois, 2003 (lost at UNI)
9, North Dakota State, 2014 (next: at UNI)
9, North Dakota St., 2011 (lost to Youngstown St.)
9, Western Illinois, 1988 (lost at Northern Illinois)
8, UNI, 1992 (lost at Eastern Illinois)
7, Illinois State, 2014 (lost at UNI)
6, Youngstown State, 2000 (lost at Western Illinois)
6, Youngstown State, 1997 (lost at UNI)
6, Missouri State, 1989 (lost at Western Kentucky)
6, Southern Illinois, 2007 (lost at UNI)

Longest Streaks to Start a Year

In 2013, North Dakota State became the league's first perfect team (15-0). Only three teams in 29 MVFC seasons have won 10 or more in a row to start a year, and only eight teams have started a season 7-0 or better (including Illinois State and North Dakota State this season).

Bison Set the Standard

North Dakota State holds the league record for consecutive conference wins. The Bison have won 18-straight league games dating back to a 2012 loss to Indiana State.

League Record for Consecutive MVFC wins

18 - North Dakota State (2012 - present)
14 - Southern Illinois (2008-09)
13 - UNI (1993-95)
11 - Western Illinois (1997-98)

7 Teams Ranked This Week

Seven different MVFC schools are ranked in top-25 polls this week. The league has had 7 or more ranked teams for seven-straight weeks, establishing a record on Sept. 29 as 8 of 10 teams were ranked. The MVFC has had six teams ranked in a poll five previous occasions. CAA Football holds the FCS record, at nine, in 2011.

MVFC's Ranked Teams (Nov. 3)

	Sports Network	FCS Coaches
North Dakota State	1	1
Illinois State	12	12
Youngstown State	10	13
Indiana State	17	19
UNI	19	20
South Dakota State	22	22
Southern Illinois	RV	24
Missouri State	RV	NR

Ranked vs. Ranked

Including two times last week, there have been 117 games featuring ranked vs. ranked MVFC teams. This week there are three-such games on the docket. In the previous 117 matchups, the home team is 69-48, and the higher-ranked team is 66-51. There have been 15 ranked vs. ranked MVFC games already this season (including the three games this coming Saturday).

Winning Against No. 1

A Valley Football school has 12 wins vs. a No. 1-ranked team. Seven times a league team has knocked another league team from the top spot - the last to do it was Indiana State (in 2012 vs. NDSU).

1992 - Eastern Illinois 21, #1 UNI 15
1993 - Illinois State 13, #1 Youngstown State 10
1997 - UNI 35, #1 Youngstown State 32
1997 - Youngstown State 37, #1 Villanova 34
1998 - Western Illinois 14, #1 Youngstown State 0
2002 - Western Kentucky 34, #1 McNeese St. 14
2005 - Illinois State 61, #1 Southern Illinois 35
2005 - S. Illinois 31, #1 Western Kentucky 20
2005 - UNI 24, #1 New Hampshire 21
2011 - Youngstown State 27, #1 N. Dakota State 24
2011 - North Dakota State 17, #1 Sam Houston 6
2012 - Indiana State 17, #1 North Dakota State 14

Follow The Leader

Several student-athletes in the MVFC rank No. 1 among active career players in the FCS in a variety of statistics. Below is a listing of the NCAA leaders from the MVFC.

Active NCAA FCS Leaders - MVFC Players

Rushing Yards - Zach Zenner, SDSU	5,762 yards*
Rushing Yards/Game - Zach Zenner, SDSU	122.6 ypg
All-Purpose Yards - Zach Zenner, SDSU	7,241 yards
Assisted Tackles - Caleb Schaffitzel, MSU	201 assists
Total TDs Scored - Zach Zenner, SDSU	55 TDs*
FG Percentage - Michael Schmadeke, UNI	.909
FG Made/Game - Thomas Kinney, SIU	1.29

*UNI's David Johnson ranks No. 2 behind Zenner

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Two Start 7-0 -- First Time Ever

The 2014 season marks the first time in the league's 30-year history that two MVFC teams have reached 7-0 in the same year. Only once previously in the league's 29-year history have two teams started 6-0 or better the same season.

Seasons with 2 MVFC Teams 4-0 or better

2007	UNI (12-0); Southern Illinois (6-0)
2012	Illinois State (5-0); North Dakota State (5-0); Youngstown State (4-0)
2013	North Dakota State (15-0); UNI (4-0)
2014	North Dakota State (9-0); Illinois State (7-0)

Perfect FCS Teams in 2014 (this week's game)

Coastal Carolina (Big South)	9-0	at Charlotte
North Dakota State (MVFC)	9-0	at UNI
Harvard (Ivy)	7-0	Columbia

Perfect FBS Teams in 2014 (this week's game)

Marshall (C-USA)	8-0	at Southern Miss
Florida State (ACC)	8-0	Virginia
Mississippi State (SEC)	8-0	Tenn.-Martin

Bison Put Win Streak On Line

North Dakota State has won 33-straight games spanning the past three seasons, which is an FCS record for consecutive wins. Penn set the FCS record of 24 from 1992-95, and Montana tied it over two seasons from 2001-02. Oklahoma (1953-57) holds the Division I record with 47-straight wins. NDSU's streak is the 3rd-longest in Division I in the past 50 years and 8th-best all time.

Stk	Team	Years	Ended by, Score
47	Oklahoma	1953-57	Notre Dame, 7-0
39	Washington	1908-14	Oregon State, 0-0
37	Yale	1890-93	Princeton, 6-0
37	Yale	1887-89	Princeton, 10-0
35	Toledo	1969-71	Tampa, 21-0
34	Miami (FL)	2000-03	Ohio St., *31-24 (2 ot)
34	Penn	1894-96	Lafayette, 6-4
33	NDSU	2012-pres.	
31	Oklahoma	1948-50	Kentucky, *13-7
31	Pittsburgh	1914-18	Cle. Naval Reserve, 10-9
31	Penn	1896-98	Harvard, 10-0
30	Texas	1968-70	Notre Dame, *24-11

*streak ended in bowl game

Eight is Great

In 2003, four MVFC teams (UNI, Southern Illinois, Western Illinois and Western Kentucky) had eight-win seasons -- that's the only time that's ever happened. In fact, the league has only had three eight-game winners in the same year eight times in 29 previous league seasons, including each of the past two years (1989, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2012 and 2013).

The Zenner Watch

Zach Zenner of South Dakota State became the league's all-time leading rusher on Sept. 6, surpassing Herb Donaldson of Western Illinois. Zenner is the only player in MVFC history to eclipse 2,000 yards in a season twice (2012 and 2013).

Rushing Yards, Career (MVFC History)

1 Zach Zenner, SDSU (2011-present)	5,762
2 Herb Donaldson, Western Illinois (2005-08)	4,746
3 Tom Koutsos, Southern Illinois (1999-03)	4,715

Zenner is 69 yards away from overtaking 4th place on the all-time FCS list. Only three players in FCS history have eclipsed 6,000 rushing yards in a career. Zenner needs 238 yards to reach 6,000 with a minimum of three games remaining this year.

Rushing Yards, Career (FCS History)

1. Adrian Peterson, Ga. Southern (1998-01)	6,559
2. Charles Roberts, Sacramento St (1997-00)	6,553
3. Jerry Azumah, New Hampshire (1995-98)	6,193
4. Scott Phaydavong, Drake (2004-07)	5,830
5. Zach Zenner, SDSU (2011-present)	5,762
6. Eric Breitenstein, Wofford (2008-12)	5,730
7. Tim Flanders, Sam Houston St (2010-13)	5,664

Active FCS Rushing Leaders, Career

1. Zach Zenner, SDSU, Sr.	5,762
2. David Johnson, UNI, Sr.	4,046
3. Keshaudas Spence, Sacred Heart, Sr.	3,651
4. Rob Hollomon, Central Conn. State, Sr.	3,493
5. Gus Johnson, Stephen F. Austin, Sr.	3,459
6. John Crockett, North Dakota State, Sr.	3,354
7. Ross Scheuerman, Lafayette, Sr.	3,166

#Hashtags

@YSUsports · Derek Rivers has tied a YSU single-game record with 4 sacks. Pat Danko (1991) and Chris Stec (1984) were the only other players to do so.

@NDSUfootball · Marcus Williams had a team-high 7 tackles and 1 pass breakup in his first start for the Jets. #ProBison

@SIU_Football · MyCole Pruitt has at least one catch in 40 of his 41 career games. The only game he was shut out was 2012 at Missouri State.

@TribStarTodd · If you didn't already know, the Memorial Miracle was No. 3 on SportsCenter's Top 10 tonight.

@Sullyside73 · David Johnson, weaving run to the left, 18 yd touchdown. UNI 35, ISU 21, 4:12 left 4th. Remember: Redbirds scored 24 in 4th to beat W. Ill.

@DomlzzoWDAY · Next Saturday marks 7th time #NDSU and #UNI have met as @Valley-Football rivals; #UNI won first three; #NDSU last three #FCSFootball

On This Date

N8

Nov. 8, 1997

Western Illinois improved to 9-1 with a 37-23 win at Illinois State.

RB Aaron Stecker scored four TDs for the Leathernecks and QB Kevin Glenn threw for 446 yards in a losing effort.

Nov. 8, 1986

QB Mike Smith of UNI earned league Offensive Player of the Week honors after throwing for a school-record 413 yards and six TD passes in a 55-38 win against McNeese State. The 413 yards has since been surpassed in league play, but only one MVFC player has more than 6 TDs since (QB Ryan Berry of SDSU, vs. Illinois State, 2008).

Nov. 8, 1986

Eastern Illinois defeated Indiana State, 31-14, to claim the league (Gateway Conference at the time) title and automatic playoff berth. It represents the only outright title for Eastern, which competed in the league from 1985-95.

Nov. 8, 2008

QB Ryan Berry of South Dakota State completed just 17 passes, but 7 of them were TDs (a league record) as SDSU beat Illinois State, 52-21. Berry established SDSU career completions and TDs in the game.

Nov. 8, 2003

Western Illinois trailed Indiana State 28-17 at half, but a 17-point third-quarter lifted the Leathernecks to a 34-28 win and kept WIU's playoff hopes alive.

2014 Valley Football Teams in the Top 25

Team	Pre	S1	S8	S15	S22	S29	O6	O13	O20	O27	N3	N10	N17	N24	END
Illinois State	rv	rv	rv	24	22	22	15	9	9	6	12				
Indiana St.	rv	rv	--	rv	rv	25	20	22	22	19	17				
MSU	rv	rv	rv	rv	24	23	rv	rv	rv	rv	rv				
NDSU	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
UNI	9	8	10	11	10	10	21	20	23	22	19				
USD	--	--	--	rv	rv	rv	rv	--	--	--	--				
SDSU	10	11	10	11	9	9	19	16	13	18	22				
S. Illinois	rv	25	14	13	16	15	12	14	19	25	24				
W. Illinois	rv	rv	rv	rv	rv	--	rv	rv	rv	--	--				
Youngstown	21	21	16	15	12	12	10	19	16	11	10				

*Rank represents highest position in either of two polls (Sports Network or FCS Coaches polls)

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2014 Vs. Non-League (28-11)

Home: 21-0 / Away: 7-11 / Neut: 0-0

NCAA FCS Teams (23-1)

Big Sky	7-1
Cal Poly	1-0
Montana	1-1
North Dakota	1-0
Northern Arizona	1-0
Northern Colorado	1-0
Southern Utah	1-0
Weber State	1-0
Big South	1-0
Liberty	1-0
Northeast	2-0
Duquesne	1-0
St. Francis (Pa.)	1-0
Ohio Valley	6-0
Austin Peay	1-0
Eastern Illinois	2-0
Southeast Missouri State	1-0
Tennessee Tech	2-0
Pioneer Football League	3-0
Butler	1-0
Drake	1-0
Valparaiso	1-0
Southland	3-0
Central Arkansas	1-0
Incarnate Word	1-0
Northwestern State	1-0
Southwestern Athletic	1-0
Mississippi Valley State	1-0

NCAA FBS Teams (2-10)

Big Ten	0-6
Illinois	0-1
Indiana	0-1
Iowa	0-1
Northwestern	0-1
Purdue	0-1
Wisconsin	0-1
Big 12	1-1
Iowa State	1-0
Oklahoma State	0-1
Mid-American	1-0
Ball State	1-0
Mountain West	0-1
Hawaii	0-1
Pac-12	0-1
Oregon	0-1
SEC	0-1
Missouri	0-1

Non-Division I Teams (3-0)

Taylor	1-0
William Penn	1-0
Wis.-Oshkosh	1-0

vs. Ranked (FCS) Teams (5-1)

S6 - S. Illinois at #16 E. Illinois, W, 38-21
S13 - #24 Eastern Illinois at Illinois State, W, 34-15
S13 - South Dakota at #4 Montana, L, 20-28
S20 - North Dakota State vs. #3 Montana, W, 22-10
S20 - South Dakota vs. #22 N. Arizona, W, 28-21
S27 - Indiana State vs. #22 Liberty, W, 38-19

vs. Ranked (FBS) Teams (0-3)

A30 - South Dakota at #3 Oregon, L, 13-62
A30 - S. Dakota State at #24 Mizzou, L, 18-38
S6 - Western Illinois at #18 Wisconsin, L, 3-37

Against the FCS | Breakdowns

Here's a breakdown of what MVFC schools have done vs. FCS schools (league and non-league), vs. FBS schools, and vs. the Top 25 (league and non-league FCS schools).

Team	All	vs. FCS	vs. FBS	Top 25
Illinois State	7-1	7-1	0-0	3-1
Indiana State	6-3	5-2	1-1	3-2
Missouri State	4-5	4-4	0-1	0-4
North Dakota State	9-0	8-0	1-0	4-0
UNI	5-4	5-2	0-2	1-2
South Dakota	2-7	2-6	0-1	1-5
South Dakota State	5-4	4-3	0-1	1-3
Southern Illinois	5-4	4-3	0-1	1-3
Western Illinois	3-6	3-4	0-2	1-4
Youngstown State	7-2	7-1	0-1	3-0

Top-25 games do NOT include FBS top-25 opponents.

Toughest FCS Schedules

The FCS toughest-schedule program, which began in 1982, is based on what all FCS foes did against other FCS and FBS teams (when not playing the team in question).

Based On Cumulative Opposition

Team	W-L	Pct.
1. Liberty (Big South)	43-15	.741
2. South Dakota (MVFC)	46-21	.687
2. Indiana State (MVFC)	46-21	.687
4. Elon (CAA)	47-23	.671
5. South Dakota St. (MVFC)	45-23	.662

Based On Past Opposition

1. South Dakota St. (MVFC)	36-11	.766
2. Saint Francis (Pa.) (NEC)	33-11	.750
3. Liberty (Big South)	26-10	.722
4. South Dakota (MVFC)	32-13	.711
4. Indiana State (MVFC)	32-13	.711

Based On Future Opposition

1. Youngstown St. (MVFC)	20-3	.870
2. Delaware (CAA)	20-4	.833
3. Missouri St. (MVFC)	17-5	.773
3. Liberty (Big South)	17-5	.773

*NDSU had the nation's 2nd-toughest in 2013

On the Road Again

North Dakota State last lost a road game in the season finale at Eastern Washington in the 2010 playoffs. Here are the national leaders (FCS+FBS) in road winning percentage over the past two-plus seasons:

Team	G	W	L	Pct.
North Dakota State	19*	19	0	1.000
Alabama (FBS)	16	14	2	.875
Oregon (FBS)	15	13	2	.867
Northern Illinois (FBS)	21	18	3	.857
Florida State (FBS)	18	15	3	.833
Harvard (FCS)	18	15	3	.833

MVFC (2011-pres.)	G	W	L	Pct.
North Dakota State	19*	19	0	1.000
South Dakota State	26	13	13	.500
Youngstown State	18	9	9	.500
Illinois State	21	10	11	.476
Southern Illinois	21	10	11	.476

*includes 2012 game vs. South Dakota in Sioux Falls

Two in MVFC Over 50

Zach Zenner of South Dakota State and David Johnson of UNI currently rank 1-2 in the FCS among active players for career TDs. Zenner tied the league record, notching No. 55 this past week against North Dakota State. There have been six players in league history who have eclipsed 50 career TDs.

All-Time TD Leaders in the MVFC, Career

55 - Zach Zenner, South Dakota State (2011-pres.)
55 - Travis Glasford, Western Illinois (2002-05)
54 - David Johnson, UNI (2011-present)
52 - Tom Koutsos, Southern Illinois (1999-03)
52 - Arkee Whitlock, Southern Illinois (2004-06)
51 - Herb Donaldson, Western Illinois (2005-08)

Pruitt in Select Company

TE MyCole Pruitt of SIU leads all Division I players in receiving yards by a tight end, with 694. He's also the active career leader, with 201 catches and 2,434 yards. He is the only TE in MVFC history with 2,000 plus yards and ranks No. 8 all-time in league history. He is 125 yards away from climbing into 7th.

All-Time Receiving Leaders in the Missouri Valley

1. 3,876 - Detric, Ward, UNI (1993-96)
7. 2,558 - Rickey Garrett, Illinois State (1996-99)
8. 2,434 - MyCole Pruitt, SIU (2011-present)

Wieneke Leads FCS

WR Jake Wieneke of South Dakota State is one of two MVFC freshmen on the Jerry Rice Award Watch List (QB Hunter Wells of Youngstown State the other). Wieneke is a runaway leader in the FCS for freshman receivers (ranked by total receiving yards). He is 12th-best among all FCS players.

National Leaders (FCS) - Freshman Receiving Yards

1. Jake Wieneke, SDSU, 44 rec., 810 yards
2. Josh Gontarek, Albany, 45 rec., 498 yards
3. Yedidiah Louis, Sam Houston St., 42 rec., 488 yds.
4. Chandler Curtis, Mercer, 23 rec., 455 yards
5. Brandon Norwood, Florida A&M, 29 rec., 373 yards
6. RJ Urzendowski, NDSU, 30 rec., 355 yards

Margin for Error

Indiana State leads the FCS in turnover margin this season (+14). ISU has lost just seven turnovers in 2014, while forcing 21. South Dakota State led the league last year at +15. Notably, the Sycamores were -3 last year (ranking 9th in the MVFC).

Most Improved?

In league history, two teams have notched 6-game improvements: Western Illinois (2010) and Southern Illinois (2003). Indiana State, currently is 6-3 (after going 1-11 last year). That's a +6.5 improvement.

\$To determine games improved, add the difference in victories between the two seasons to the difference in losses, then divide by two; ties not counted.

Notable Player of the Week Submissions (Nov. 1)

OFFENSE

TB Martin Ruiz, YSU -- Rushed for a season-high 185 yards on 28 attempts and scored a touchdown in the Penguins' 28-17 come-from-behind win over South Dakota. Through three quarters, Ruiz had 83 yards on 19 carries, but in the fourth, he had nine rushes for 102 yards and a game-clinching touchdown.

QB Carson Wentz, NDSU -- Accounted for 215 yards of total offense in No. 1-ranked North Dakota State's 37-17 victory over 18th-ranked South Dakota State. He had career highs of 16 rushes and 100 yards with one touchdown, and went 12 of 20 passing for 115 yards and one touchdown.

RB Marshaun Coprich, ILS -- Rushed for 166 yards on 27 carries and rushed for three touchdowns. His career-long of 76-yards tied the game with less than ten minutes remaining in the fourth quarter.

QB Kierra Harris, MSU -- Accounted for 256 yards of total offense, gained a career-high 97 rushing yards and passed for two scores for the Bears at Indiana State.

RB LeMonte Booker, INS -- Recorded a career-high 116 rushing yards on 12 carries as he averaged 9.7 yards per attempt. He set up ISU's first score with an 87-yard rush. Added two catches for 16 yards.

DEFENSE

Tim Kilfoy, UNI -- turned in a career-high performance Saturday, sealing UNI's 42-28 victory over No. 6 Illinois State. He finished with a career-high 10 tackles against the Redbirds, including a tackle for a loss of two yards. He also grabbed his first and second career interceptions against Illinois State during pivotal moments in the game.

DE Derek Rivers, YSU -- Tied a school record with four sacks in the Penguins' 28-17 win over South Dakota. His final sack came with YSU leading 21-17 in the fourth quarter on a third-and-8 --play by USD. He had six total tackles for the game, including five solo stops.

TJ Lally, SDSU-- Had a game-high 20 tackles, including six solo stops and one TFL, in SDSU's loss at No. 1 North Dakota State. The 20 tackles are a league season-best -- four more than the previous MVFC high.

LB Connor Underwood, INS -- Broke the Sycamore career record for QB sacks in just his 32nd game as he now has 26 for his career as part of the 20-18 victory over Missouri State. Underwood recorded nine total tackles, including 1.5 quarterback sacks and 2.5 tackles for a loss and PBU and a QB hurry vs. MSU.

OLB Dylan Cole, MSU -- Racked up 8 total tackles, 6 solo stops, a sack, 2 tackles for loss and a pair of quarterback hurries to orchestrate MSU's defensive efforts. He also had an interception overturned due to an unnecessary roughness penalty against a teammate.

DE Teddy Corwin, ILS -- His second career interception in the fourth quarter set up the game-tying touchdown. Corwin recorded 2.0 tackles-for-loss and combined for half of a sack. He also had 5 solo tackles, and finished with 8 total tackles on the day.

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK/P Miles Bergner, USD -- Made a career-long 50-yard field goal to stay perfect on the year at 13-for-13. It was his 15th consecutive field goal dating back to last season, which set a USD record. He averaged 45.7 yards on 10 punts with a net of 43.6 yards. Bergner placed a career-high five punts inside the 20. He had punts of 52, 59, 68 and 69 yards to set a new career long in that category. Youngstown's average starting field position was its own 20. The team started two drives outside its own 25 (own 27, own 35).

P/K Ben LeCompte, NDSU -- Averaged 64.5 yards on two punts (63, 66) and got touchbacks on 6 of 8 kickoffs in No. 1-ranked North Dakota State's 37-17 victory over 18th-ranked South Dakota State. He helped limit SDSU to an average starting position of its own 24-yard line on 10 kicks.

PK Marcelo Bonani, MSU -- Despite suffering a first-half injury to his kicking leg, Bonani converted a pair of fourth-quarter field goals, including what appeared to be a game-winning 41-yarder with 42 seconds left in the game. His 3-pointers gave MSU the lead twice in the final period.

NEWCOMER

CB Eric Phillips, MSU - In his eighth start of the season, the true freshman snagged his third interception of the season deep in MSU territory to halt a pivotal Sycamores drive. The pick was MSU's only take-away of the afternoon. Phillips also contributed 6 total tackles, 2 solo stops and a tackle for loss.

RS Aaron Killebrew, INS -- *shared Special Teams honors with teammate PK Eric Heidorn*

2014 Players of the Week

Aug. 28/30

*Offense -- RB John Crockett, North Dakota State
 *Defense -- DE Kyle Emanuel, North Dakota State
 Special Teams -- P/PK Joey Cejudo, Youngstown St.
 *Newcomer -- DE Colby Isbell, Missouri State

Offensive Lineman -- LT Joe Haeg, N. Dakota State
Sept. 6

*Offense -- RB Zach Zenner, South Dakota State
 Defense -- OLB Tyler Williamson, Southern Illinois
 Special Teams -- PK Thomas Kinney, S. Illinois
 Newcomer -- WR Gary Owens, Indiana State

Offensive Lineman -- OG Dylan Seiter, S. Dakota St.
Sept. 13

*Offense -- QB Mike Perish, Indiana State

*Defense -- LB Pat Meehan, Illinois State
 Special Teams -- P Chris Sullens, Missouri State

Newcomer -- QB Mark Iannotti, Southern Illinois
 Offensive Lineman -- OC Tanner Crum, S. Illinois
Sept. 20

*Offense -- WR Julian Burton, Missouri State

Defense -- DE Drew Iddings, South Dakota

*Special Teams -- PK Adam Keller, N. Dakota State
 Newcomer -- ILB Alexz Jones, Missouri State

Offensive Lineman -- LG Nile Banks, South Dakota
Sept. 27

*Offense -- QB Mike Perish, Indiana State

Defense -- LB Connor Underwood, Indiana State

*Special Teams -- PK Michael Schmadeke, UNI

Newcomer -- WR Gary Owens, Indiana State
 Offensive Lineman -- OG Rocco Ammons, Illinois St.
Oct. 4

*Offense -- RB Marshaun Coprich, Illinois State

*Defense -- SS Tre' Moore, Youngstown State

Special Teams -- PK Michael Schmadeke, UNI

Newcomer -- QB Tre Roberson, Illinois State

Offensive Lineman -- OT Matt Zobrist, W. Illinois
Oct. 11

*Offense -- QB Trenton Norvell, Western Illinois

*Defense -- LB Brett McMakin, UNI

Special Teams -- PK Nick Aussieker, Illinois State

*Newcomer -- WR Jake Wieneke, South Dakota St.

Offensive Lineman -- LT Joe Haeg, N. Dakota State
Oct. 18

Offense -- WR Lance Lenoir, Western Illinois

*Defense -- DE Kyle Emanuel, North Dakota State

Special Teams -- P Chris Sullens, Missouri State

Newcomer -- QB Hunter Wells, Youngstown State

Offensive Lineman -- RT Justin Spencer, YSU
Oct. 25

*Offense -- QB Mike Perish, Indiana State

Defense -- DE Derek Rivers, Youngstown State

*Special Teams -- P/PK Joey Cejudo, YSU

Newcomer -- QB Tre Roberson, Illinois State

Offensive Lineman -- OL Dakota Vermillion, INS
Nov. 1

*Offense -- RB David Johnson, UNI

*Defense -- DE Kyle Emanuel, North Dakota State

Special Teams -- RS Aaron Killebrew, Indiana State

*Special Teams -- PK Eric Heidorn, Indiana State

Newcomer -- QB Hunter Wells, Youngstown State

Offensive Lineman -- LT Jack Rummells, UNI
Nov. 8

Offense --

Defense --

Special Teams --

Newcomer --

Offensive Lineman --

Nov. 15

Offense --

Defense --

Special Teams --

Newcomer --

Offensive Lineman --

Nov. 22

Offense --

Defense --

Special Teams --

Newcomer --

Offensive Lineman --

Nov. 22

Offense --

Defense --

Special Teams --

Newcomer --

Offensive Lineman --

* - denotes National Player of the Week



ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS (7-1, 4-1 MVFC)

S6	Mississippi Valley State	W	62-0
S13	#24 Eastern Illinois	W	34-15
S27	Austin Peay	W	55-6
O4	*#9 South Dakota St.	W	45-10
O11	*at #20 Indiana State	W	20-18
O18	*at Western Illinois	W	37-34
O25	*Missouri State	W	21-7
N1	*at #22 UNI	L	28-42
N8	*Youngstown State (MVFC)		1 pm
N15	*at South Dakota		1 pm
N22	*Southern Illinois (Comcast)		1 pm

*MVFC game; Times Central

Coprich Rushes Up Season, Career Lists

With his 166 yards rushing, Marshaun Coprich moved into a tie with Quincy Washington (2002) for sixth place on the ISU's single-season rushing yards list with a total of 1,158 yards. The Walter Payton Award Watch List member also became the 13th Redbird to top 1,000 rushing yards in a season, and the 11th player to go over 2,000 career rushing yards. He also set a school record for most-consecutive 100-plus yard rushing performances with his eighth straight to start the 2014 season. Coprich scored three TDs against UNI, and is now third in school history for single-season rushing touchdowns (15) and is tied for fourth on the career rushing TDs list (24).

Coming Out Hot

For the fourth time this season, the Redbirds scored a TD on their first series of the game when junior running back Marshaun Coprich scored a 28-yard rushing touchdown on the team's first play from scrimmage. It was the second-consecutive week that ISU scored a touchdown on their opening drive, and fifth time they have come away with points on their opening drive.

Take Your Pick

The Redbird defense came up big with two interceptions that led to touchdowns. Junior outside linebacker Alex Donnelly returned his second interception of the season 56 yards to the Panther's 13-yard line after senior defensive tackle Bradon Prate tipped the Panthers' pass attempt. DE Teddy Corwin came up with his second interception on the season after tipping a pass in the air, and hauling the ball in while lying on his back. It is the third game this season that the Redbirds have recorded multiple interceptions, and the team's total of 11 is its highest since 2012, when they recorded 17.



INDIANA STATE SYCAMORES (6-3, 3-2 MVFC)

A30	at Indiana	L	10-28
S6	Tennessee Tech	W	49-14
S13	at Ball State	W	27-20
S27	#22 Liberty	W	38-19
O4	*#10 UNI	W	20-19
O11	*#15 Illinois State	L	18-20
O18	*at #1 North Dakota St.	L	17-34
O25	*at #19 Southern Illinois	W	41-26
N1	*Missouri State	W	20-18
N8	*South Dakota State		1 pm
N15	*at Youngstown State (ESPN3)		2 pm
N22	*at Western Illinois (ESPN3)		2 pm

*MVFC game; Times Eastern

Sack Master

LB Connor Underwood recorded 1.5 sacks against Missouri State to set a new Sycamore career record in that category with 26. He passed Kyle Mitchell's mark of 25.5 for the new school standard. Underwood is averaging 7.4 tackles per game to rank tied for 11th in the league. He is third in the league in sacks per game with a 1.11 average, a mark which ranks eighth nationally. He has 11 total sacks for a loss of 47 yards. He also has 19.5 tackles for a loss this year which is tops in the MVFC and fifth in the FCS.

Perish One TD Away

Mike Perish is second all-time at ISU in career passing yards with 5,267. For his career he is 583-of-826 for 5,267 yards and 39 touchdowns. Perish needs just one more touchdown pass to tie Jeff Miller (1982-85) for career touchdowns thrown at 40 and will need 1,181 more through the remainder of his senior season to top Miller's current mark of 6,448 passing yards.

Milestones Approaching

Indiana State currently stand at 6-3 with a 3-2 record in Missouri Valley Football play. With one more victory the Sycamores will have their seventh victory of the season – a mark just twice (1995 & 2012) in 29 seasons of MVFC play. The Sycamores would also have their fourth league win – a mark achieved just four times (1988, 2010, 2011, 2012 since joining the conference. Indiana State won a school record five MVFC games in 2012.



**MISSOURI STATE
BEARS
(4-5, 1-4 MVFC)**

A28	at Northwestern State	W	34-27
S6	at Oklahoma State	L	23-40
S13	North Dakota	W	38-0
S20	at Central Arkansas	W	33-31
O4	*#12 Youngstown State	L	7-14
O11	*at #19 South Dakota St.	L	28-32
O18	*South Dakota	W	31-12
O25	*at #9 Illinois State	L	7-21
N1	*at #19 Indiana State	L	18-20
N8	*Southern Illinois		2 pm
N15	*North Dakota State (NBC ND)		2 pm
N22	*at UNI (PSN)		4 pm

*MVFC game; Times Central

Passing the Greats

Kierra Harris threw his 16th and 17th TD passes of the season in Saturday's game at Indiana State, tying him with Trevor Wooden (2011) for second place on the Bears' single-season chart. He now trails only Jay Rogers who tossed 24 scoring throws in 1999. Including his seven rushing scores, Harris has been responsible for 24 of MSU's 27 offensive touchdowns this season and sits fifth on MSU's career list for touchdown passes with 31.

When More is Less

Missouri State's 20-18 loss at Indiana State last week marked the first time since Sept. 14, 2013 the Bears had lost a game in which they out-gained their opponent. MSU accounted for 323 yards compared to 288 for the Sycamores on Saturday, which ended a stretch of seven straight games in which they were victorious when rolling up more yards than its foe. The last team to overcome a yardage deficit against the Bears was Murray State in last year's home opener in another narrow defeat. In that game, the Racers accounted for 364 total yards, compared to 578 by MSU in a 41-38 loss.

Maroon Madness

In this week's game vs. SIU, the Bears will look to regain the all-time series lead in a contentious history that dates back to 1965. The Salukis won the first six meetings between the teams. The Bears then turned the tables in 1984 and reeled off 10 wins in 11 years before an overtime loss in Carbondale in 1995. Missouri State recovered with six of the next eight wins, before another SIU stretch from 2003-2012 in which the Salukis won nine of 10. Last year's 37-27 win by Missouri State in Carbondale was its first there since 2001 and tied the rivalry at 18 games apiece.



**NORTH DAKOTA STATE
BISON
(9-0, 5-0 MVFC)**

A30	at Iowa State	W	34-14
S6	at Weber State	W	24-7
S13	Incarnate Word	W	58-0
S20	#3 Montana	W	22-10
O4	*at Western Illinois	W	17-10
O11	*#12 Southern Illinois	W	38-10
O18	*#22 Indiana State	W	34-17
O25	*at South Dakota	W	47-7
N1	*#18 South Dakota St.	W	37-17
N8	*at UNI (PSN/NBC ND)		4 pm
N15	*at Missouri State (NBC ND)		2 pm
N22	*Youngstown State (NBC ND)		2:30 pm

*MVFC game; Times Central

Bison Rebound From First-Half Deficit

North Dakota State scored 31 second-half points to come back from its first halftime deficit in 17 games and beat South Dakota State 37-17 last week in Fargo. The Bison scored on all five second-half possessions and controlled the ball for more than 21 of 30 minutes after halftime, finishing with a 38:20 to 21:40 edge in time of possession.

Crockett Moves Into Fifth

RB John Crockett has vaulted into fifth place on North Dakota State's all-time rushing list with 3,354 yards in just his third season with the Bison. Crockett is tied for seventh in NDSU history with 15 career 100-yard games including a season-high 152 against South Dakota State and a career-high 195 yards in last year's NCAA semifinal win over New Hampshire. This is Crockett's third straight 1,000-yard season.

Top Two Kickers Meet This Weekend

Senior Adam Keller has an NDSU single-season record 20 field goals made and is the FCS co-leader with Northern Iowa's Michael Schmadeke, six shy of the Valley Football record 26 field goals by UNI's Brian Mitchell in 1990. Keller made a school-record five field goals in the win over Montana. His 47 career field goals rank second in school history and third among FCS active career leaders.



NORTHERN IOWA PANTHERS (5-4, 3-2 MVFC)

A30	at Iowa	L	23-31
S13	at Hawaii	L	24-27
S20	Northern Colorado	W	46-7
S27	Tennessee Tech	W	50-7
O4	*at #25 Indiana State	L	19-20
O11	*at South Dakota	W	27-16
O18	*#16 South Dakota St.	L	28-31
O25	*at Western Illinois	W	27-13
N1	*#6 Illinois State	W	42-28
N8	*North Dakota State (PSN)		4 pm
N15	*at Southern Illinois (MVFC)		2 pm
N22	*Missouri State (PSN)		4 pm

*MVFC game; Times Central

Career Night

Senior running back David Johnson broke the school record for career rushing yards against Illinois State (11/1) with his 129-yard performance. He now holds the record with 4,051 total yards while in a Panther uniform, passing the previous record held by Corey Lewis (2005-08, 4,003 yards). It was the third school record that the Clinton, Iowa native has broken this season, also leading UNI in career total touchdowns and all-purpose yards. Johnson moved up a few more lists in UNI's 42-28 win over No. 6 Illinois State, moving into third all-time in rushing attempts and second all-time in career rushing touchdowns.

Block That Kick

Charles Brown scored his first-career touchdown against Illinois State (11/1), picking up a blocked punt and returned it seven yards to the end zone in the second quarter. It marked the second time this season that UNI has scored points off a blocked punt. Deiondre' Hall blocked a punt against Northern Colorado (9/2), resulting in a team safety.

Quality Opponent, Quality Win

After UNI's 42-28 win over then undefeated and No. 6 ranked Illinois State Saturday, the Panthers have won 72 games over Top 25 ranked opponents. In the past two seasons, UNI has also picked up three of those wins against Top 10 ranked foes with wins over No. 9 McNeese State (9/28/13), No. 9 Youngstown State (11/9/13) and now No. 6 Illinois State (11/1/14).



SOUTH DAKOTA COYOTES (2-7, 0-5 MVFC)

A30	at #3 Oregon	L	13-62
S6	William Penn	W	41-16
S13	at #4 Montana	L	20-28
S20	#22 Northern Arizona	W	28-21
O4	*at #15 Southern Illinois	L	10-41
O11	*#21 UNI	L	16-27
O18	*at Missouri State	L	12-31
O25	*#1 North Dakota State	L	7-47
N1	*at #11 Youngstown St.	L	17-28
N8	*Western Illinois (Midco)		4 pm
N15	*Illinois State		1 pm
N22	*at South Dakota State (Midco)		2 pm

*MVFC game; Times Central

Home Sweet Home

South Dakota (2-7, 0-5 MVFC) will play its final three games in the state of South Dakota. The Coyotes host Western Illinois and Illinois State before wrapping up at South Dakota State.

Bergner Special Again

Last week at Youngstown State, PK/P Miles Bergner had a career day. In addition to his 50-yard field goal, he netted 43 yards on 10 punts, pinning five inside the 20. He had punts of 52, 59, 68 and 69 yards to set a new career long. All four of his kickoffs went for touchbacks.

Tough Sked

South Dakota has played six ranked FCS teams and one (Oregon) FBS ranked team. According to data compiled by the NCAA, the Coyotes have the nation's second-toughest schedule (based on cumulative opposition), trailing only Liberty from the Big South.

Sanders Breaks Century Mark

Jasper Sanders ran three times for 40 yards and caught three passes for 20 yards on a touchdown drive that he capped with a seven-yard touchdown catch at YSU. For the game, Sanders carried 20 times for 105 yards. It was his second 100-yard effort as a Coyote. He also led South Dakota with four catches and 47 yards.



**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
JACKRABBITS
(5-4, 2-3 MVFC)**

A30	at #24 Missouri	L	18-38
S6	Cal Poly	W	44-18
S13	at Southern Utah	W	26-6
S20	Wis.-Oshkosh	W	41-3
O4	*at #22 Illinois State	L	10-45
O11	*Missouri State	W	32-28
O18	*at #20 UNI	W	31-28
O25	*#16 Youngstown State	L	27-30
N1	*at #1 North Dakota St.	L	17-37
N8	*at Indiana State		12 pm
N15	*Western Illinois		2 pm
N22	*South Dakota (Midco)		2 pm

*MVFC game; Times Central

Sumner Returns

Jackrabbit QB Austin Sumner returned to the Jackrabbit starting lineup Nov. 1 at North Dakota for his first action since suffering a broken foot in the season opener at Missouri. He completed 14-of-28 passes for 187 yards and a TD in his return. The career passing leader at SDSU, Sumner hit the 8,000-yard mark for his career in the game and upped his career TD total to 51 — five shy of the school record set by Ryan Berry from 2005-08.

More Awards for Zenner

Zach Zenner was named last week as one of 17 student-athletes from all divisions of college football to be named to the 2014 National Football Foundation All-Scholar Class, meaning he also is a finalist for the William V. Campbell, which is awarded to the top scholar-athlete. Earlier this season, Zenner was one of 22 players selected to the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team. He again is on the official watch list for the Walter Payton Award after being a finalist in both 2012 and 2013.

Lally Racks Up the Tackles

Junior linebacker T.J. Lally established a new Jackrabbit standard for single-game tackles during the Division I era with 20 stops (6 solo, 14 assists) Nov. 1 at North Dakota State. One of Lally's solo stops was his first sack of the season. The previous Jackrabbit record for tackles in a game during the Division I era, which began in 2004, was shared by Mike Lien and Ross Shafrath with 18 tackles in 2010 and 2012, respectively. Both of their performances also came at the Fargodome.



**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
SALUKIS
(5-4, 2-3 MVFC)**

A28	Taylor	W	45-0
S6	at #16 Eastern Illinois	W	38-21
S13	SE Missouri State	W	50-23
S20	at Purdue	L	13-35
S27	*Western Illinois	W	34-17
O4	*South Dakota	W	41-10
O11	*at #1 North Dakota St.	L	10-38
O18	*at #19 Youngstown St.	L	14-26
O25	*#22 Indiana State	L	26-41
N8	*at Missouri State		2 pm
N15	*UNI (MVFC)		2 pm
N22	*at Illinois State (Comcast)		1 pm

*MVFC game; Times Central

Pruitt Catches No. 200

MyCole Pruitt caught his 200th career pass last Saturday, becoming just the fifth MVFC player to record at least 200 career catches. Pruitt now has 201 catches in his career, just six away from SIU's record holder, Cornell Craig. He has at least one catch in 40 of his 41 career games and at least two receptions in 26-straight games played.

Tough Schedule

SIU plays one of the hardest schedules in the country. SIU's has lost three-straight games but all were against top-25 opponents. Eight of the 10 FCS opponents on SIU's 2014 schedule are currently ranked or have been ranked at some point this season in the top 25. The cumulative record of SIU's opponents is 44-23 (.657), the sixth-stiffest in the nation.

Willis On Verge Of Kick Return Record

Tay Willis is just 25 yards away from breaking SIU's single-season record for kickoff return yardage. Willis has 732 kick return yards this year, behind only Craig Turner (756 yards in 2007) and Steve Strother (746 yards in 2011) on SIU's all-time list. Willis is averaging 26.1 yards per return this year, including returns of 43, 60, 75 and 86 yards.



WESTERN ILLINOIS LEATHERNECKS (3-6, 1-4 MVFC)

A28	Valparaiso	W	45-6
S6	at #18 Wisconsin	L	3-37
S13	Drake	W	38-13
S20	at Northwestern	L	7-24
S27	*at #16 Southern Illinois	L	17-34
O4	*#1 North Dakota State	L	10-17
O11	*at #10 Youngstown St.	W	30-24
O18	*#9 Illinois State	L	34-37
O25	*#23 UNI	L	13-27
N8	*at South Dakota (Midco)		4 pm
N15	*at South Dakota State		2 pm
N22	*Indiana State (WIU-TV3)		1 pm

*MVFC game; Times Central

Bye Week Been Good for WIU

Western will look to make it three consecutive wins when coming off a bye week when the Leathernecks travel to South Dakota... The 2012 team pulled out a 24-17 win at USD, and last year won 21-14 at Indiana State.

Lenoir Looking for More Records

Lance Lenoir, Jr. already owns a share of the WIU season mark for most 100-yard receiving games (5), but he's also on the verge of breaking the record for most receptions (14 shy) and yardage (336)... Lenoir needs five more receptions for 100 in his career.

With the Block

Senior David McDaniel tied former NFL Pro Bowler Bryan Cox (at Montana State, 1990) and Anthony D'Astice (Missouri State, 2007) for the WIU record with two blocked kicks in a game. With three blocks this season – all punts – McDaniel is tied for second among the season 'Top 10'. The senior defensive back moved into a tie for second place all-time with four career blocks... Two of his three blocked kicks, which leads the MVFC, led to a touchdown... His three blocks rank him fifth nationally.

Three at Nine

Western's defense recorded its third game this season with 9.0 tackles for a loss, matching the season-high total against Northern Iowa. WIU also recorded 9.0 TFL against Wisconsin and Drake this year.



YOUNGSTOWN STATE PENGUINS (7-2, 4-1 MVFC)

A30	at Illinois	L	17-28
S6	Duquesne	W	34-23
S13	Butler	W	44-13
S20	St. Francis (Pa.)	W	52-23
O4	*at #23 Missouri State	W	14-7
O11	*Western Illinois	L	24-30
O18	*#14 Southern Illinois	W	26-14
O25	*at #13 South Dakota St.	W	30-27
N1	*South Dakota	W	28-17
N8	*at Illinois State (MVFC)		2 pm
N15	*Indiana State (MyYTV-td / e3)		2 pm
N22	*at North Dakota State (TBD)		3:30 pm

*MVFC game; Times Eastern

Ruiz Over 1,000 and 2,000

Against South Dakota, TB Martin Ruiz rushed for a season-best 185 yards on 28 carries. During the game, Ruiz exceeded the 1,000-yard mark for the season and the 2,000-yard mark for his Penguins career. In nine games this year he has 1,039 yards on 202 attempts. In his 21-game career he has rushed for 2,133 yards on 394 yards and scored 23 touchdowns.

Williams, Berassa Pair of 100-Yard Games

This season senior WR Jelani Berassa and junior WR have each had back-to-back 100-yard receiving performances. Williams had 139 yards at South Dakota State and had a career-high 140 yards last week vs. South Dakota. Berassa had a career-best 167 against Butler after a 114-yard performance against Duquesne. It is the first time in school history that two different receivers had two-plus 100-yard games consecutively in the same season.

Rivers Excels in League Games

Sophomore DE Derek Rivers has 32 tackles and eight sacks in five league games. Of his 32 stops, 20 have been unassisted. In the past two games, he has seven sacks, including a school-record-tying four in the win over South Dakota. Rivers joins Pat Danko (1991 vs. Morgan State) and Chris Stec (1984 vs. Morehead State) as the only players in school history to register four sacks in a single game.