



BIG SKY FOOTBALL NOTES

2025 SEASON - WEEK 2



2025 BIG SKY FOOTBALL STANDINGS

	CONF	CONF%	OVR	OVR%	PF-PA	HOME	AWAY	STREAK
NR/RV Cal Poly	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000	41-17	0-0	1-0	Won 1
NR/RV Northern Colorado	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000	17-3	1-0	0-0	Won 1
#8/5 UC Davis	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000	31-24	0-0	1-0	Won 1
#6/10 Montana	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	N/A
NR/RV Eastern Washington	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	21-31	0-0	0-1	Lost 1
#10/11 Idaho	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	10-13	0-0	0-1	Lost 1
#3/t3 Montana State	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	13-59	0-0	0-1	Lost 1
#19/19 Northern Arizona	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	19-38	0-0	0-1	Lost 1
#18/16 Sacramento State	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	3-20	0-0	0-1	Lost 1
Weber State	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	10-45	0-0	0-1	Lost 1
NR/RV Idaho State	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	55-84	0-0	0-2	Lost 2
Portland State	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	0-111	0-1	0-1	Lost 2

Rankings are FCS Stats Perform/AFCA Coaches Poll

WEEKLY NEWS & NOTES

Montana State-South Dakota State Featured Game on "This Week in Big Sky Football"

The Top 3 showdown in Bozeman between No. 3 Montana State and No. 2 South Dakota State will be the featured game on "This Week in Big Sky Football" as the game will have major playoff implications for the 2025 season.

The Bobcats and Jackrabbits have only faced off seven times since 2004, with SDSU leading those matchups 6-1. The last and only win during that span for MSU came in the 2021 FCS Playoffs, where the Bobcats won 31-17 at home, leading to a run to the National Championship Game later that season.

MSU Series History vs. SDSU Since 2004

2023: SDSU 20, MSU 16 (Brookings, SD)
2022: SDSU 39, MSU 18 (Brookings, SD)*
2021: MSU 31, SDSU 17 (Bozeman, MT)*
2018: SDSU 45, MSU 14 (Brookings, SD)
2017: SDSU 31, MSU 27 (Bozeman, MT)
2014: SDSU 47, MSU 40 (Bozeman, MT)*
2004: SDSU 27, MSU 24 (Bozeman, MT)

The last regular-season non-conference FCS loss for SDSU came all the way back on Sept. 17, 2016, with Cal Poly downing the Jackrabbits in Brookings, 38-31.

Familiar Faces, New Teams Face Off in ABQ

Idaho State will face off against former Idaho head coach Jason Eck this Saturday, as the Bengals take on Eck's new team, New Mexico.

ISU has never defeated New Mexico in the three meetings between the two programs, with the last meeting coming in 1998. Montana State topped the Lobos 35-31 to open the 2024 season, while Portland State knocked off UNM to open the 2006 season, 17-6.

Overall, six of the Big Sky's 10 FBS upsets since 2021 have come against Mountain West teams.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS & UPCOMING BIG SKY GAMES

WEEK 1

Saturday, Aug. 30

Northern Colorado 17, Chadron State 3
Oregon 59, #2/2 Montana State 13
James Madison 45, Weber State 10
#5/4 Incarnate Word 31, NR/RV Eastern Washington 21
#3/3 South Dakota State 20, #15/14 Sac State 3
BYU 69, Portland State 0
Cal Poly 41, San Diego 17
RV/RV Southern Utah 46, Idaho State 24
Washington State 13, #12/12 Idaho 10
Arizona State 38, #19/18 Northern Arizona 19
#8/7 UC Davis 31, Utah Tech 24

TV/Stream (Time (MT))

ESPN+ (1:00 p.m.)
BTN (2:00 p.m.)
ESPN+ (4:00 p.m.)
ESPN+ (5:00 p.m.)
ESPN+ (5:00 p.m.)
ESPN+ (6:00 p.m.)
ESPN+ (6:00 p.m.)
ESPN+ (6:30 p.m.)
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ESPN+ (8:00 p.m.)
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WEEK 2

Friday, Sept. 5

NR/RV Eastern Washington at Boise State

TV/Stream (Time (MT))

FS1 (7:00 p.m.)

Saturday, Sept. 6

NR/RV Idaho State at New Mexico
St. Thomas at #10/11 Idaho
Utah Tech at #19/19 Northern Arizona
#18/16 Sac State at Nevada
NR/RV Cal Poly at Utah
Portland State at #20/22 North Dakota
NR/RV Northern Colorado at Colorado State
Central Washington at #6/10 Montana
#2/2 South Dakota State at #3/t3 Montana State
Weber State at Arizona
#8/5 UC Davis at Washington

TV/Stream (Time (MT))

MW Network (1:00 p.m.)
ESPN+/SWX (2:00 p.m.)
ESPN+ (3:00 p.m.)
MW Network (3:00 p.m.)
ESPN+ (4:00 p.m.)
ESPN+ (5:00 p.m.)
Altitude (5:00 p.m.)
ESPN+/Scripps (6:00 p.m.)
ESPN+/Scripps (6:00 p.m.)
ESPN+ (8:00 p.m.)
Big Ten Network (9:00 p.m.)

FCS Rankings: Stats Perform/AFCA Coaches Poll

* - Denotes Conference Game



THIS WEEK IN BIG SKY FOOTBALL



AIRS EACH WEEK ON SELECT SCRIPPS SPORTS STATIONS AND ON YOUTUBE (@BigSkyConf)

BIG SKY FOOTBALL WEEKLY NOTES

2025 BIG SKY FOOTBALL TEAM BY TEAM SCHEDULES



CAL POLY (1-0, 0-0 BIG SKY)

2024 Record: 3-8 (2-6 Big Sky)
Head Coach: Paul Wulff (3rd Season as HC at CP)
Home Stadium: Alex G. Spanos Stadium (11,075)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/30	at San Diego	TBA	W/41-17
9/6	at Utah	ESPN+	4:00 p.m.
9/13	WESTERN OREGON	ESPN+	6:00 p.m.
9/20	at Stephen F. Austin	ESPN+	6:00 p.m.
9/27	at Sacramento State*	ESPN+/KMAX	7:00 p.m.
10/4	UC DAVIS*	ESPN+	6:00 p.m.
10/11	at Montana*	ESPN+/Scripps	2:00 p.m.
10/25	MONTANA STATE*	ESPN+/Scripps	6:00 p.m.
11/1	PORTLAND STATE*	ESPN+	3:00 p.m.
11/8	at Idaho State*	ESPN+	4:00 p.m.
11/15	at Northern Arizona*	ESPN+	2:00 p.m.
11/22	EASTERN WASHINGTON*	ESPN+	3:00 p.m.

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EASTERN WASHINGTON (0-1, 0-0 BIG SKY)

2024 Record: 4-8 (3-5 Big Sky)
Head Coach: Aaron Best (8th Season as HC at EWU)
Home Stadium: Roos Field (8,600)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/30	at #5 Incarnate Word	ESPN+	L/21-31
9/5	at Boise State	FS1	7:00 p.m.
9/13	at Northern Iowa	ESPN+	3:00 p.m.
9/20	WESTERN ILLINOIS	ESPN+	5:00 p.m.
9/27	at Montana State*	ESPN+/Scripps	2:00 p.m.
10/4	PORTLAND STATE*	ESPN+/SWX	5:00 p.m.
10/18	IDAHO*	ESPN+/SWX	5:00 p.m.
10/25	at Weber State*	ESPN+	1:00 p.m.
11/1	SACRAMENTO STATE*	ESPN+/SWX	2:00 p.m.
11/8	at Montana*	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m.
11/16	NORTHERN COLORADO*	ESPN+/SWX	2:00 p.m.
11/22	at Cal Poly*	ESPN+	3:00 p.m.

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#10 IDAHO (0-1, 0-0 BIG SKY)

2024 Record: 10-4 (6-2 Big Sky) - FCS Playoff berth
Head Coach: Thomas Ford (1st Season as HC at Idaho)
Home Stadium: P1FCU Kibbie Dome (16,000)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/30	at Washington State	CW	L/10-13
9/6	ST. THOMAS	ESPN+/SWX	2:00 p.m.
9/13	UTAH TECH	ESPN+/SWX	2:00 p.m.
9/20	at San Jose State	MW Network	3:00 p.m.
9/27	at Montana*	ESPN2/ESPN+	8:15 p.m.
10/11	NORTHERN COLORADO*	ESPN+/SWX	3:00 p.m.
10/18	at Eastern Washington*	ESPN+/SWX	5:00 p.m.
10/25	PORTLAND STATE*	ESPN+/SWX	2:00 p.m.
10/31	at Northern Arizona*	ESPN2/ESPN+	8:30 p.m.
11/8	UC DAVIS*	ESPN+/SWX	5:00 p.m.
11/15	at Sacramento State*	ESPN+/KMAX	7:00 p.m.
11/23	IDAHO STATE*	ESPN+/SWX	2:00 p.m.

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IDAHO STATE (0-2, 0-0 BIG SKY)

2024 Record: 5-7 (3-5 Big Sky)
Head Coach: Cody Hawkins (3rd Season as HC at ISU)
Home Stadium: ICCU Dome (12,000)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/30	at UNLV	MW Network	L/31-38
9/6	at Southern Utah	ESPN+	L/24-46
9/13	at New Mexico	TBA	1:00 p.m.
9/20	LINCOLN	ESPN+	4:00 p.m.
9/27	at Northern Colorado*	ESPN+	1:00 p.m.
10/4	MONTANA*	ESPN+/Scripps	6:00 p.m.
10/11	at Montana State*	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m.
10/25	NORTHERN ARIZONA*	ESPN+	4:00 p.m.
11/1	at UC Davis*	ESPN+/CW	2:00 p.m.
11/8	CAL POLY*	ESPN+	4:00 p.m.
11/15	WEBER STATE*	ESPN+	4:00 p.m.
11/22	at Idaho*	ESPN+/SWX	2:00 p.m.

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#6 MONTANA (0-0, 0-0 BIG SKY)

2024 Record: 9-5 (5-3 Big Sky) - FCS Playoff berth
Head Coach: Bobby Hauck (14th Season as HC at UM)
Home Stadium: Washington-Grizzly Stadium (25,217)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
9/6	CENTRAL WASHINGTON	ESPN+/Scripps	6:00 p.m.
9/13	NORTH DAKOTA	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m.
9/20	INDIANA STATE	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m.
9/27	IDAHO*	ESPN2/ESPN+	8:15 p.m.
10/4	at Idaho State*	ESPN+/Scripps	6:00 p.m.
10/11	CAL POLY*	ESPN+/Scripps	2:00 p.m.
10/18	SACRED HEART	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m.
10/24	at Sacramento State*	ESPN2/ESPN+	8:30 p.m.
11/1	at Weber State*	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m.
11/8	EASTERN WASHINGTON*	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m.
11/15	at Portland State*	ESPN+/Scripps	3:00 p.m.
11/22	MONTANA STATE*	ESPN+/Scripps	12:00 p.m.

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#3 MONTANA STATE (0-1, 0-0 BIG SKY)

2024 Record: 15-1 (8-0 Big Sky) - FCS Playoff berth
Head Coach: Brent Vigen (5th Season as HC at MSU)
Home Stadium: Bobcat Stadium (17,777)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/30	at Oregon	BIG Network	L/13-59
9/6	#2 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	ESPN+/Scripps	6:00 p.m.
9/13	SAN DIEGO	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m.
9/20	MERCYHURST	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m.
9/27	EASTERN WASHINGTON*	ESPN+/Scripps	2:00 p.m.
10/4	at Northern Arizona*	ESPN+/Scripps	3:00 p.m.
10/11	IDAHO STATE*	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m.
10/25	at Cal Poly*	ESPN+/Scripps	6:00 p.m.
11/1	at Northern Colorado*	ESPN+/Scripps	12:00 p.m.
11/8	WEBER STATE*	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m.
11/15	UC DAVIS*	ESPN2/ESPN+	8:15 p.m.
11/22	at Montana	ESPN+/Scripps	12:00 p.m.

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#19 NORTHERN ARIZONA (0-1, 0-0 BIG SKY)

2024 Record: 8-5 (6-2 Big Sky) - FCS Playoff berth
Head Coach: Brian Wright (2nd Season as HC at NAU)
Home Stadium: Walkup Skydome (10,500)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/30	at Arizona State	ESPN+	L/19-38
9/6	UTAH TECH	ESPN+	3:00 p.m.
9/13	at Southern Utah	ESPN+	6:30 p.m.
9/20	INCARNATE WORD	ESPN+	3:00 p.m.
9/27	at Portland State*	ESPN+	3:00 p.m.
10/4	MONTANA STATE*	ESPN+/Scripps	3:00 p.m.
10/11	at UC Davis*	ESPN+/CW	5:00 p.m.
10/25	at Idaho State*	ESPN+	4:00 p.m.
10/31	IDAHO*	ESPN2/ESPN+	8:30 p.m.
11/8	NORTHERN COLORADO*	ESPN+	4:00 p.m.
11/15	CAL POLY*	ESPN+	2:00 p.m.
11/22	at Weber State*	ESPN+	1:00 p.m.

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NORTHERN COLORADO (1-0, 0-0 BIG SKY)

2024 Record: 1-11 (1-7 Big Sky)
Head Coach: Ed Lamb (3rd Season as HC at UNC)
Home Stadium: Nottingham Field (8,533)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/30	CHADRON STATE	ESPN+	W/17-3
9/6	at Colorado State	Altitude	5:00 p.m.
9/13	at South Dakota	ESPN+	12:00 p.m.
9/20	at Houston Christian	ESPN+	5:00 p.m.
9/27	IDAHO STATE*	ESPN+	1:00 p.m.
10/11	at Idaho*	ESPN+/SWX	3:00 p.m.
10/18	at Sacramento State*	ESPN+/KMAX	7:00 p.m.
10/25	UC DAVIS*	ESPN+	1:00 p.m.
11/1	MONTANA STATE*	ESPN+/Scripps	12:00 p.m.
11/8	at Northern Arizona*	ESPN+	4:00 p.m.
11/15	at Eastern Washington*	ESPN+/SWX	2:00 p.m.
11/22	PORTLAND STATE*	ESPN+	12:00 p.m.

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PORTLAND STATE (0-2, 0-0 BIG SKY)

2024 Record: 3-8 (3-5 Big Sky)
Head Coach: Bruce Barnum (11th Season as HC at PSU)
Home Stadium: Hillsboro Stadium (7,600)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/23	#10 TARLETON STATE	ESPN2/ESPN+	L/0-42
8/30	at Brigham Young	ESPN+	L/0-69
9/6	at #20 North Dakota	ESPN+	5:00 p.m.
9/13	at Hawaii	Spectrum Sports	10:00 p.m.
9/27	NORTHERN ARIZONA*	ESPN+	3:00 p.m.
10/4	at Eastern Washington*	ESPN+/SWX	5:00 p.m.
10/18	WEBER STATE*	ESPN+	3:00 p.m.
10/25	at Idaho*	ESPN+/SWX	2:00 p.m.
11/1	at Cal Poly*	ESPN+	3:00 p.m.
11/8	SACRAMENTO STATE*	ESPN+	3:00 p.m.
11/15	MONTANA*	ESPN+/Scripps	3:00 p.m.
11/22	at Northern Colorado*	ESPN+	12:00 p.m.

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#18 SACRAMENTO STATE (0-1, 0-0 BIG SKY)

2024 Record: 3-9 (1-7 Big Sky)
Head Coach: Brennan Marion (1st Season as HC at SAC)
Home Stadium: Hornet Stadium (21,195)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/30	at #3 South Dakota State	ESPN+	L/3-20
9/6	at Nevada	MW Network	3:00 p.m.
9/13	MERCYHURST	ESPN+/KMAX	7:00 p.m.
9/20	CENTRAL ARKANSAS	ESPN+/KMAX	6:00 p.m.
9/27	CAL POLY*	ESPN+/KMAX	7:00 p.m.
10/11	at Weber State*	ESPN+	6:00 p.m.
10/18	NORTHERN COLORADO*	ESPN+/KMAX	7:00 p.m.
10/24	MONTANA*	ESPN2/ESPN+	8:30 p.m.
11/1	at Eastern Washington*	ESPN+/SWX	2:00 p.m.
11/8	at Portland State*	ESPN+	3:00 p.m.
11/15	IDAHO*	ESPN+/KMAX	7:00 p.m.
11/22	at UC Davis*	ESPN+/CW	2:00 p.m.

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#8 UC DAVIS (1-0, 0-0 BIG SKY)

2024 Record: 11-3 (7-1 Big Sky) - FCS Playoff berth
Head Coach: Tim Plough (2nd Season as HC at UCD)
Home Stadium: UC Davis Health Stadium (10,849)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/23	vs #11 Mercer	ESPN/ESPN+	No Contest
8/30	at Utah Tech	ESPN+	W/31-24
9/6	at Washington	BIG Network	9:00 p.m.
9/20	SOUTHERN UTAH	ESPN+/KCRA	8:00 p.m.
9/27	WEBER STATE*	ESPN+/KCRA	8:00 p.m.
10/4	at Cal Poly*	ESPN+	6:00 p.m.
10/11	NORTHERN ARIZONA*	ESPN+/KCRA	5:00 p.m.
10/25	at Northern Colorado*	ESPN+	1:00 p.m.
11/1	IDAHO STATE*	ESPN+/KCRA	2:00 p.m.
11/8	at Idaho*	ESPN+/SWX	5:00 p.m.
11/15	at Montana State*	ESPN2	8:15 p.m.
11/22	SACRAMENTO STATE*	ESPN+/KCRA	2:00 p.m.

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WEBER STATE (0-1, 0-0 BIG SKY)

2024 Record: 4-8 (3-5 Big Sky)
Head Coach: Mickey Mental (3rd Season as HC at WSU)
Home Stadium: Stewart Stadium (16,373)

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME (MT)/RESULT
8/30	at James Madison	ESPN+	L/10-45
9/6	at Arizona	ESPN+	8:00 p.m.
9/13	at McNeese	ESPN+	5:00 p.m.
9/20	BUTLER	ESPN+	6:00 p.m.
9/27	at UC Davis*	ESPN+/CW	8:00 p.m.
10/11	SACRAMENTO STATE*	ESPN+/KMAX	6:00 p.m.
10/18	at Portland State*	ESPN+	3:00 p.m.
10/25	EASTERN WASHINGTON*	ESPN+	1:00 p.m.
11/1	MONTANA*	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m.
11/8	at Montana State*	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m.
11/15	at Idaho State*	ESPN+	4:00 p.m.
11/22	NORTHERN ARIZONA*	ESPN+	1:00 p.m.

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BIG SKY FOOTBALL WEEKLY NOTES

2025 BIG SKY FOOTBALL WEEKLY NATIONAL RANKINGS (FCS STATS PERFORM/AFCA)



Preseason	--	--/RV	12/12	--	8/9	2/2	19/18	--	--	15/14	8/7	--
9/1	--/RV	--/RV	10/11	--/RV	6/10	3/T3	19/19	--/RV	--	18/16	8/5	--
9/8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
9/15	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
9/22	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
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2025 FCS NATIONAL TOP 25 POLLS

STATS PERFORM FCS MEDIA POLL (SEPT. 1, 2025)

Rk.	Team (1st)	Record	Points	LW
1	North Dakota State (53)	1-0	1,397	1
2	South Dakota State (2)	1-0	1,333	3
3	Montana State (1)	0-1	1,274	2
4	South Dakota	0-1	1,171	4
5	Tarleton State	2-0	1,164	10
6	Montana	0-0	1,027	7
7	Illinois State	0-1	961	6
8	UC Davis	1-0	958	8
9	Rhode Island	1-0	953	9
10	Idaho	0-1	879	12
11	Lehigh	1-0	745	14
12	UIW	1-1	730	5
13	Villanova	0-0	718	13
14	Southern Illinois	1-0	423	20
15	Jackson State	1-0	422	16
16	Abilene Christian	0-1	396	16
17	Tennessee Tech	1-0	371	21
18	Sacramento State	0-1	351	15
19	Northern Arizona	0-1	349	19
20	North Dakota	0-1	325	NR
21	Monmouth	1-0	323	22
22	Nicholls	1-1	265	NR
23	Mercer	0-1	229	11
24	Southern Utah	1-0	226	NR
25	Stephen F. Austin	0-1	146	23

Others Receiving Votes: Austin Peay (1-0), 145; ETSU (1-0), 116; Harvard (0-0), 105; New Hampshire (1-0), 100; UT Martin (0-1), 93; SEMO (0-1), 71; Gardner-Webb (1-0), 54; Stony Brook (0-1), 54; Richmond (0-1, 0-1 Patriot), 53; Western Carolina (0-1), 45; Eastern Kentucky (0-1), 37; Chattanooga (0-1), 35; Tennessee State (1-0), 31; South Carolina State (1-0), 30; Presbyterian (1-0), 24; Youngstown State (1-0), 20; North Carolina Central (1-1), 11

AFCA FCS COACHES POLL (SEPT. 1, 2025)

Rk.	Team (1st)	Record	Points	LW
1	North Dakota State (25)	1-0	649	1
2	South Dakota State	1-0	586	3
T3	Montana State	0-1	567	2
T3	Tarleton State (1)	2-0	567	8
5	UC Davis	1-0	469	7
6	South Dakota	0-1	465	5
7	Illinois State	0-1	446	6
8	Rhode Island	1-0	440	10
9	UIW	1-1	412	4
10	Montana	0-0	402	9
11	Idaho	0-1	384	12
12	Villanova	0-0	338	13
13	Lehigh	1-0	291	15
14	Jackson State	1-0	268	17
15	Southern Illinois	1-0	239	20
16	Sacramento State	0-1	213	14
17	Abilene Christian	0-1	211	16
18	Monmouth (N.J.)	1-0	184	21
19	Northern Arizona	0-1	167	18
20	Tennessee Tech	1-0	159	22t
21	Mercer	0-1	156	11
22	North Dakota	0-1	95	NR
23	Stephen F. Austin	0-1	60	24
24	ETSU	1--0	58	NR
T25	Nicholls	1-1	57	NR
T25	Western Carolina	0-1	57	19

Others Receiving Votes: Austin Peay, 55; Richmond, 44; Furman, 41; South Carolina St., 40; Southern Utah, 36; New Hampshire, 30; Stony Brook, 30; UT Martin, 22; Northern Iowa, 21; **Northern Colorado, 17**; Youngstown St., 17; **Cal Poly, 16**; North Carolina Central, 15; Harvard, 14; Dartmouth, 13; **Eastern Washington, 12**; **Idaho St., 12**; Chattanooga, 10; Lafayette, 10; Tennessee St., 10; Southeastern Louisiana, 8; Holy Cross, 7; Albany, 6; Central Arkansas, 5; Princeton, 4; William & Mary, 4; Gardner-Webb, 3; Presbyterian, 3; Indiana St., 2; McNeese, 2; West Georgia, 1.

BIG SKY FOOTBALL WEEKLY NOTES

2025 BIG SKY FOOTBALL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Week	OFFENSIVE	DEFENSIVE	SPECIAL TEAMS
0	Dason Brooks, RB, ISU	Rylan Leathers, DB, ISU	Trajan Sinatra, K, ISU
1	Ty Dieffenback, QB, CP	Rex Connors, DB, UCD	Landon Ogles, P, EWU
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NATIONAL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Week 1: Caden Pinnick, QB, UC Davis (FCS National Freshman of the Week)

BIG SKY FOOTBALL WEEKLY NOTES

BYE WEEKS

WEEK 1

AUG. 30
MONTANA

WEEK 3

SEPT. 13
IDAHO STATE
UC DAVIS

WEEK 4

SEPT. 20
PORTLAND STATE

WEEK 6

OCT. 4
IDAHO
NORTHERN COLORADO
SACRAMENTO STATE
WEBER STATE

WEEK 7

OCT. 11
EASTERN WASHINGTON
PORTLAND STATE

WEEK 8

OCT. 18
CAL POLY
IDAHO STATE
MONTANA STATE
NORTHERN ARIZONA
UC DAVIS

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2025 COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

Week 0 - Saturday, Aug. 23

UNLV 38, Idaho State 31
Tarleton State 42, Portland State 0
UC Davis vs. Mercer^ (No Contest/Lightning)
^ - *FCS Kickoff Classic in Montgomery, Ala.*

MW Network
ESPN2
ESPN

Las Vegas, NV
Portland, OR
Mobile, AL

Week 1 - Saturday, Aug. 30

Northern Colorado 17, Chadron State 3
Oregon 59, Montana State 13
James Madison 45, Weber State 10
Incarnate Word 31, Eastern Washington 21
South Dakota State 20, Sacramento State 3
BYU 69, Portland State 0
Cal Poly 41, San Diego 17
Southern Utah 46, Idaho State 24
Washington State 13, Idaho 10
Arizona State 38, Northern Arizona 19
UC Davis 31, Utah Tech 24

ESPN+
BTN
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Greeley, CO
Eugene, OR
Harrisburg, VA
San Antonio, TX
Brookings, SD
Provo, UT
San Diego, CA
Cedar City, UT
Pullman, WA
Tempe, AZ
St. George, UT

Week 2 - Friday, Sept. 5

Eastern Washington at Boise State

FS1

7:00 p.m. MT

Week 2 - Saturday, Sept. 6

Idaho State at New Mexico
St. Thomas at Idaho
Utah Tech at Northern Arizona
Sacramento State at Nevada
Cal Poly at Utah
Portland State at North Dakota
Northern Colorado at Colorado State
South Dakota State at Montana State
Central Washington at Montana
Weber State at Arizona
UC Davis at Washington

TBA
ESPN+/SWX
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MW Network
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Altitude
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Week 3 - Saturday, Sept. 13

Northern Colorado at South Dakota
San Diego at Montana State
North Dakota at Montana
Utah Tech at Idaho
Eastern Washington at Northern Iowa
Weber State at McNeese
Western Oregon at Cal Poly
Northern Arizona at Southern Utah
Mercyhurst at Sacramento State
Portland State at Hawaii

ESPN+
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ESPN+/SWX
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ESPN+/KMAX
Spectrum Sports

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7:00 p.m. MT
10:00 p.m. MT

Week 4 - Saturday, Sept. 20

Indiana State at Montana
Mercyhurst at Montana State
Idaho at San Jose State
Incarnate Word at Northern Arizona
Lincoln (CA) at Idaho State
Western Illinois at Eastern Washington
Northern Colorado at Houston Christian
Cal Poly at Stephen F. Austin
Central Arkansas at Sacramento State
Butler at Weber State
Southern Utah at UC Davis

ESPN+/Scripps
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MW Network
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Week 5 - Saturday, Sept. 27

Idaho State at Northern Colorado*
Eastern Washington at Montana State*
Northern Arizona at Portland State*
Cal Poly at Sacramento State*
Weber State at UC Davis*
Idaho at Montana*

ESPN+
ESPN+/Scripps
ESPN+
ESPN+/KMAX
ESPN+/KCRA
ESPN2/ESPN+

1:00 p.m. MT
2:00 p.m. MT
3:00 p.m. MT
7:00 p.m. MT
8:00 p.m. MT
8:15 p.m. MT

BIG SKY FOOTBALL WEEKLY NOTES

BIG SKY VS. EVERYONE

FCS OPPONENTS.....	2-4
MVFC.....	0-1
Indiana State.....	0-0
North Dakota.....	0-0
Northern Iowa.....	0-0
South Dakota.....	0-0
South Dakota State.....	0-1
NEC.....	0-0
Mercyhurst.....	0-0
OVC/BIG SOUTH.....	0-0
Western Illinois.....	0-0
PIONEER.....	1-0
Butler.....	0-0
San Diego.....	1-0
St. Thomas.....	0-0
SOUTHLAND.....	0-1
Houston Christian.....	0-0
Incarinate Word.....	0-1
McNeese.....	0-0
Stephen F. Austin.....	0-0
UAC.....	1-2
Central Arkansas.....	0-0
Southern Utah.....	0-1
Tarleton State.....	0-1
Utah Tech.....	1-0
FCS INDEPENDENT.....	0-0
Sacred Heart.....	0-0

FBS OPPONENTS.....0-5

BIG 10.....	0-1
Oregon.....	0-1
Washington.....	0-0
BIG 12.....	0-2
Arizona.....	0-0
Arizona State.....	0-1
BYU.....	0-1
Utah.....	0-0
MOUNTAIN WEST.....	0-2
Boise State.....	0-0
Colorado State.....	0-0
Hawaii.....	0-0
Nevada.....	0-0
New Mexico.....	0-0
San Jose State.....	0-0
UNLV.....	0-1
Washington State.....	0-1
SUN BELT.....	0-1
James Madison.....	0-1

DIV-II OPPONENTS.....1-0

Central Washington.....	0-0
Chadron State.....	1-0
Lincoln (CA).....	0-0
Western Oregon.....	0-0

2025 COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

Week 6 - Saturday, Oct. 4

Montana State at Northern Arizona*	ESPN+/Scripps	3:00 p.m. MT
Portland State at Eastern Washington*	ESPN+/SWX	5:00 p.m. MT
UC Davis at Cal Poly*	ESPN+	6:00 p.m. MT
Montana at Idaho State*	ESPN+	6:00 p.m. MT

Week 7 - Saturday, Oct. 11

Idaho State at Montana State*	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m. MT
Cal Poly at Montana*	ESPN+/Scripps	2:00 p.m. MT
Northern Colorado at Idaho*	ESPN+/SWX	3:00 p.m. MT
Northern Arizona at UC Davis*	ESPN+/KCRA	5:00 p.m. MT
Sacramento State at Weber State*	ESPN+/KMAX	6:00 p.m. MT

Week 8 - Saturday, Oct. 18

Sacred Heart at Montana	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m. MT
Weber State at Portland State*	ESPN+	3:00 p.m. MT
Idaho at Eastern Washington*	ESPN+/SWX	5:00 p.m. MT
Northern Colorado at Sacramento State*	ESPN+/KMAX	7:00 p.m. MT

Week 9 - Friday, Oct. 24

Montana at Sacramento State*	ESPN2/ESPN+	8:30 p.m. MT
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Week 9 - Saturday, Oct. 25

Eastern Washington at Weber State*	ESPN+	1:00 p.m. MT
UC Davis at Northern Colorado*	ESPN+	1:00 p.m. MT
Portland State at Idaho*	ESPN+/SWX	2:00 p.m. MT
Northern Arizona at Idaho State*	ESPN+	4:00 p.m. MT
Montana State at Cal Poly*	ESPN+/Scripps	6:00 p.m. MT

Week 10 - Friday, Oct. 31

Idaho at Northern Arizona	ESPN2/ESPN+	8:30 p.m. MT
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Week 10 - Saturday, Nov. 1

Montana State at Northern Colorado*	ESPN+/Scripps	12:00 p.m. MT
Montana at Weber State*	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m. MT
Idaho State at UC Davis*	ESPN+/KCRA	2:00 p.m. MT
Sacramento State at Eastern Washington*	ESPN+/SWX	2:00 p.m. MT
Portland State at Cal Poly*	ESPN+	3:00 p.m. MT

Week 11 - Saturday, Nov. 8

Eastern Washington at Montana*	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m. MT
Weber State at Montana State*	ESPN+/Scripps	1:00 p.m. MT
Sacramento State at Portland State*	ESPN+	3:00 p.m. MT
Cal Poly at Idaho State*	ESPN+	4:00 p.m. MT
Northern Colorado at Northern Arizona*	ESPN+	4:00 p.m. MT
UC Davis at Idaho*	ESPN+/SWX	5:00 p.m. MT

Week 12 - Saturday, Nov. 15

Northern Colorado at Eastern Washington*	ESPN+/SWX	2:00 p.m. MT
Cal Poly at Northern Arizona*	ESPN+	2:00 p.m. MT
Montana at Portland State*	ESPN+/Scripps	3:00 p.m. MT
Weber State at Idaho State*	ESPN+	4:00 p.m. MT
Idaho at Sacramento State*	ESPN+/KMAX	7:00 p.m. MT
UC Davis at Montana State*	ESPN2/ESPN+	8:15 p.m. MT

Week 13 - Saturday, Nov. 22

Montana State at Montana*	ESPN+/Scripps	12:00 p.m. MT
Portland State at Northern Colorado*	ESPN+	12:00 p.m. MT
Northern Arizona at Weber State*	ESPN+	1:00 p.m. MT
Idaho State at Idaho*	ESPN+/SWX	2:00 p.m. MT
Sacramento State at UC Davis*	ESPN+/KCRA	2:00 p.m. MT
Eastern Washington at Cal Poly*	ESPN+	3:00 p.m. MT

* - denotes Big Sky Conference game

FCS Playoff 1st Round - Saturday, Nov. 29

FCS Playoff 2nd Round - Saturday, Dec. 6

FCS Playoff Quarterfinal Round - Friday, Dec. 12/Saturday, Dec. 13

FCS Playoff Semifinal Round - Saturday, Dec. 20

FCS National Championship Game - Monday, Jan. 5 (Nashville, TN)

BIG SKY FOOTBALL WEEKLY NOTES

BIG SKY PLAYERS IN THE NFL



*All Players Finished Their Playing Careers at Big Sky Schools
As of Aug. 27, 2025*

Atlanta Falcons

Troy Andersen, LB (Montana State)
Kaden Elliss, LB (Idaho)

Baltimore Ravens

Teddy Buchanan*, LB (UC Davis)

Buffalo Bills

Taron Johnson, DB (Weber State)

Chicago Bears

Daniel Hardy, DL (Montana State)
Braxton Jones, OL (Southern Utah)

Cleveland Browns

DeAndre Carter, WR (Sac State)
Winston Reid, DL (Weber State)

Denver Broncos

Alex Singleton, LB (Montana State)

Detroit Lions

Khalil Dorsey, DB (Northern Arizona)
Hogan Hatten, LS (Idaho)

Green Bay Packers

Daniel Whelan, P (UC Davis)

Indianapolis Colts

Samson Ebukam, DL (EWU)

Las Vegas Raiders

Jacob Bobenmoyer, LS (UNC)

Miami Dolphins

Tanner Conner, TE (Idaho State)

New England Patriots

Christian Elliss, LB (Idaho)
Marte Mapu, LB (Sac State)
Efton Chism III, WR (EWU)
Elijah Ponder, DL (Cal Poly)
Lan Larison, RB (UC Davis)

New Orleans Saints

Rashid Shaheed, WR (Weber State)

Pittsburgh Steelers

Miles Killebrew, DB (Southern Utah)

Seattle Seahawks

Cooper Kupp, WR (EWU)
Ty Okada, DB (Montana State)

Tennessee Titans

Jackson Slater, OL (Sac State)
Marcus Harris*, DB (Idaho)

* - EARNED A DEGREE FROM A BIG SKY SCHOOL,
BUT FINISHED PLAYING CAREER ELSEWHERE

WEEKLY NOTES FROM AROUND THE LEAGUE

Big Sky Present vs. Big Sky Future

Effective July 1, 2026, Southern Utah and Utah Tech will join the league as full members and compete in the Big Sky starting with the 2026-27 academic year, the conference office announced this past June.

Overall, both Southern Utah and Utah Tech will face three Big Sky foes each during the 2025 regular season, as the two gear up to join the league in 2026.

Southern Utah vs. Big Sky Foes in 2025

8/30: vs. Idaho State (W/46-24)
9/13: vs. Northern Arizona
9/20: at UC Davis

Utah Tech vs. Big Sky Foes in 2025

8/30: vs. UC Davis (L/24-31)
9/6: at Northern Arizona
9/13: at Idaho

Big Sky Poised to Add More FBS Upsets in 2025

The Big Sky will face seven FBS foes in Week 2, with another chance to add to its growing total of upsets over the past few years. Since 2021, Big Sky teams have earned 10 upsets over FBS foes, which is the most of any other FCS conference during that same timespan.

Big Sky Wins Over FBS Foes Since 2021

2024

Idaho 17, Wyoming 13 (Mountain West)
Montana State 35, New Mexico 31 (Mountain West)

2023

Sacramento State 30, Stanford 23 (Pac-12)
Idaho 33, Nevada 6 (Mountain West)

2022

Sacramento State 41, Colorado State 10 (Mountain West)
Weber State 35, Utah State 7 (Mountain West)

2021

Northern Arizona 21, Arizona 19 (Pac-12)
Montana 13, #20 Washington 7 (Pac-12)
UC Davis 19, Tulsa 17 (American)
Eastern Washington 35, UNLV 33 (Mountain West)

Over 20 Former Big Sky Players Make 53-Man NFL Roster

With the 2025 NFL season starting this week there are over 20 players who finished their collegiate playing careers in the Big Sky that are currently on NFL rosters. The New England Patriots are Big Sky East, with the club sport five former Big Sky players on their roster heading into the 2025 season.

Montana State and Idaho are tied for the most former players on NFL rosters with four each. Eastern Washington, Sacramento State, UC Davis, Weber State are not far behind with three each on NFL rosters.

UC Davis Freshman Pinnick Wins National Honors

UC Davis Quarterback Caden Pinnick was named the Stats Perform National Freshman Player of the Week following his outstanding play in the Week 1 win over Utah Tech. Pinnick went 21-for-31 on Saturday, finishing with 253 total passing yards, three passing touchdowns and 14 yards rushing. His long of the game was a 60-yard go ahead touchdown toss to Samuel Gbatu Jr., the third passing touchdown of the second half for the Aggie quarterback.

The Aggies needed Pinnick to step up big to help lead them to victory on Saturday and he did, throwing for 159 yards and three touchdowns in the second half. His confident running of the offense led to four-straight scoring drives leading to 24 unanswered points scored by the Aggies to come away with the win.

Pinnick becomes the first Aggie to earn Stats Perform FCS National Freshman of the Week honors since Nick Eaton got the nod during the 2019 season.

BIG SKY FOOTBALL WEEKLY NOTES

WEEKLY NOTES FROM AROUND THE LEAGUE

Future Vegas Kickoff Classic to Feature Montana, Montana State

ESPN Events announced a pair of future Vegas Kickoff Classic games at Allegiant Stadium that will feature matchups of top FCS programs from the Big Sky Conference and Missouri Valley Football Conference.

Labor Day Weekend Vegas Games

2027: Montana State vs. North Dakota State

2029: Montana vs. South Dakota State

Both games will be played during Labor Day weekend at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas, with the game dates, times and networks to be announced at a later date.

The last four FCS National Championship Games have featured Montana, Montana State, North Dakota State or South Dakota State playing one another, while every title game since 2017 has featured at least one of those four teams in the championship game.

Six Big Sky Standouts Named to Preseason Award Watchlists

Six Big Sky standouts were named to the preseason watchlists for the Walter Payton Award and Buck Buchanan Award, as the league garners more national recognitions.

2025 Walter Payton Award Preseason Watch List

Big Sky honors only

RB – Adam Jones, Montana State

RB – Eli Gillman, Montana

RB – Jamar Curtis, Sacramento State

2025 Buck Buchanan Award Preseason Watch List

Big Sky honors only

DL – Paul Brott, Montana State

LB – Peyton Wing, Montana

DB – Rex Connors, UC Davis

Six Big Sky Teams Ranked in the Preseason Top 25 Polls

Half of the Big Sky is currently ranked in Top 25 preseason polls, which is becoming common place with each passing year. Montana State, Montana, UC Davis, Idaho, Sacramento State, and Northern Arizona have all been tabbed in multiple Top 25 polls entering the 2025 season.

AFCA FCS Top 25 (Big Sky Teams)

No. 2: Montana State

No. 7: UC Davis

No. 9: Montana

No. 12: Idaho

No. 14: Sacramento State

No. 18: Northern Arizona

RV: Eastern Washington

Stats Perform FCS Top 25 (Big Sky Teams)

No. 2: Montana State

No. 7: Montana

No. 8: UC Davis

No. 12: Idaho

No. 15: Sacramento State

No. 19: Northern Arizona

Record-High Four Big Sky Conference Games to be Nationally Televised by ESPN Linear Networks This Fall

For the first time in league history, four regular-season Big Sky football conference games have been selected for national linear distribution by ESPN's family of networks. The four matchups selected by ESPN will feature Idaho, Montana, Montana State, Northern Arizona, Sacramento State, and UC Davis.

The full national TV schedule includes:

Saturday, Sept. 27: Idaho at Montana (8:15 p.m. MT // ESPN2)

Friday, Oct. 24: Montana at Sac State (8:30 p.m. MT // ESPN2)

Friday, Oct. 31: Idaho at Northern Arizona (8:30 p.m. MT // ESPN2)

Saturday, Nov. 15: UC Davis at Montana State (8:15 p.m. MT // ESPN2)

The ESPN network designations are part of its new deal with the Big Sky Conference, which begins in the 2025-26 athletic year and goes through 2029-30. The new contract doubles the Big Sky's exposure for nationally televised football games, with a minimum of four regular-season contests televised on a Friday or Saturday. A minimum of two of those games will air on ESPN or ESPN2.

Since the Big Sky's latest partnership with ESPN began in 2021, the league has had eight of its football teams (more than half of the league) featured on linear network conference games on ESPN2 or ESPN.

BIG SKY FOOTBALL WEEKLY NOTES

HEAD COACHING BIOS/RECORDS



CAL POLY
Head Coach.....Paul Wulff
Overall Record.....69-96 (14 Seasons)
Record at School.....7-16 (2 Seasons)
Conference Record at School.....3-13 (2 Seasons)
Alma Mater.....Washington State ('90)



EASTERN WASHINGTON
Head Coach.....Aaron Best
Overall Record.....52-41 (8 Seasons)
Record at School.....Same
Conference Record at School.....38-24 (8 Seasons)
Alma Mater.....Eastern Washington ('01)



IDAHO
Head Coach.....Thomas Ford, Jr.
Overall Record.....2-19 (3 Seasons)
Record at School.....0-1 (1st Year)
Conference Record at School.....0-0 (1st Year)
Alma Mater.....Linfield ('04)



IDAHO STATE
Head Coach.....Cody Hawkins
Overall Record.....8-17 (3 Seasons)
Record at School.....Same
Conference Record at School.....6-13 (3 Seasons)
Alma Mater.....Colorado ('10)



MONTANA
Head Coach.....Bobby Hauck
Overall Record.....153-90 (19 Seasons)
Record at School.....138-41 (14 Seasons)
Conference Record at School.....79-22 (14 Seasons)
Alma Mater.....Montana ('88)



MONTANA STATE
Head Coach.....Brent Vigen
Overall Record.....47-11 (5 Seasons)
Record at School.....Same
Conference Record at School.....29-3 (4 Seasons)
Alma Mater.....North Dakota State ('98)



NORTHERN ARIZONA
Head Coach.....Brian Wright
Overall Record.....45-14 (7 Seasons)
Record at School.....8-6 (2 Season)
Conference Record at School.....6-2 (1 Season)
Alma Mater.....Wooster ('94)



NORTHERN COLORADO
Head Coach.....Ed Lamb
Overall Record.....47-69 (11 Seasons)
Record at School.....2-22 (3 Seasons)
Conference Record at School.....1-15 (2 Seasons)
Alma Mater.....BYU ('96)



PORTLAND STATE
Head Coach.....Bruce Barnum
Overall Record.....38-66 (12 Seasons)
Record at School.....Same
Conference Record at School.....28-44 (11 Seasons)
Alma Mater.....Eastern Washington ('87)



SACRAMENTO STATE
Head Coach.....Brennan Marion
Overall Record.....0-1 (1st Season)
Record at School.....Same
Conference Record at School.....0-0 (1st Season)
Alma Mater.....Tulsa ('09)



UC DAVIS
Head Coach.....Tim Plough
Overall Record.....11-3 (2 Seasons)
Record at School.....Same
Conference Record at School.....7-1 (2 Seasons)
Alma Mater.....UC Davis ('08)



WEBER STATE
Head Coach.....Mickey Mental
Overall Record.....26-16 (5 Seasons)
Record at School.....10-14 (3 Seasons)
Conference Record at School.....7-9 (2 Seasons)
Alma Mater.....Baldwin Wallace ('08)

BIG SKY FOOTBALL WEEKLY NOTES

PAST BIG SKY CHAMPIONS

Year	Champion	Record
1963	Idaho State	3-1
1964	Montana State	3-0
1965	Weber State/Idaho	3-1
1966	Montana State	4-0
1967	Montana State	4-0
1968	Weber St/MSU/Idaho	3-1
1969	Montana	4-0
1970	Montana	5-0
1971	Idaho	4-1
1972	Montana State	5-1
1973	Boise State	6-0
1974	Boise State	6-0
1975	Boise State	5-0-1
1976	Montana State	6-0
1977	Boise State	6-0
1978	Northern Arizona	6-0
1979	Montana State	6-1
1980	Boise State	6-1
1981	Idaho State	6-1
1982	Idaho/Montana/MSU	5-2
1983	Nevada	6-1
1984	Montana State	6-1
1985	Idaho	6-1
1986	Nevada	7-0
1987	Idaho	7-1
1988	Idaho	7-1
1989	Idaho	8-0
1990	Nevada	7-1
1991	Nevada	8-0
1992	Idaho	6-1
1993	Montana	7-0
1994	Boise State	6-1
1995	Montana	6-1
1996	Montana	8-0
1997	Eastern Washington	7-1
1998	Montana	6-2
1999	Montana	7-1
2000	Montana	8-0
2001	Montana	7-0
2002	MSU/Montana/Idaho State	5-2
2003	MSU/Montana/NAU	5-2
2004	Montana/EWU	6-1
2005	EWU/MSU/Montana	5-2
2006	Montana	8-0
2007	Montana	8-0
2008	Montana/Weber State	7-1
2009	Montana	8-0
2010	EWU/Montana State	7-1
2011	Montana State	7-1
2012	EWU/MSU/Cal Poly	7-1
2013	Eastern Washington	8-0
2014	Eastern Washington	7-1
2015	Southern Utah	7-1
2016	EWU/North Dakota	8-0
2017	Southern Utah/Weber State	7-1
2018	Weber State/EWU/UC Davis	7-1
2019	Weber State/Sac State	7-1
2021*	Weber State	5-1
2021	Sacramento State	8-0
2022	Sac State/Montana State	8-0
2023	Montana	7-1
2024	Montana State	8-0

* - 2021 spring season

BIG SKY OVER FBS WINS SINCE 1978

Date	Big Sky Team	Opponent	Conference	Score
9/7/24	Idaho	Wyoming	Mountain West	17-13
8/24/24	Montana State	New Mexico	Mountain West	35-31
9/16/23	Sacramento State	Stanford	Pac-12	30-23
9/9/23	Idaho	Nevada	Mountain West	33-6
9/24/22	Sacramento State	Colorado State	Mountain West	41-10
9/10/22	Weber State	Utah State	Mountain West	35-7
9/18/21	Northern Arizona	Arizona	Pac-12	21-19
9/4/21	Montana	No. 20 Washington	Pac-12	13-7
9/2/21	UC Davis	Tulsa	American	19-17
9/2/21	Eastern Washington	UNLV	Mountain West	35-33
8/30/18	UC Davis	San Jose State	Mountain West	44-38
9/1/18	Northern Arizona	UTEP	C-USA	30-10
9/16/17	Idaho State	Nevada	Mountain West	30-28
9/3/16	Eastern Washington	Washington State	Pac-12	45-42
9/5/15	North Dakota*	Wyoming	Mountain West	24-13
9/5/15	Portland State	Washington State	Pac-12	24-17
10/10/15	Portland State	North Texas	C-USA	66-7
8/29/13	Southern Utah*	South Alabama	Sun Belt	22-21
8/31/13	Eastern Washington	No. 25 Oregon State	Pac-12	49-46
8/30/12	Eastern Washington	Idaho^	WAC%	20-3
9/8/12	Northern Arizona	UNLV	Mountain West	17-14
9/8/12	Sacramento State	Colorado	Pac-12	30-28
9/15/12	Cal Poly	Wyoming	Mountain West	24-22
9/3/11	Sacramento State	Oregon State	Pac-12	29-28
9/2/06	Montana State	Colorado	Big-12	19-10
9/2/06	Portland State	New Mexico	Mountain West	17-6
9/6/03	Eastern Washington	Idaho^	Sun Belt	8-5
9/27/03	Montana	Idaho^	Sun Belt	41-38
10/5/02	Montana	Idaho^	Sun Belt	38-31
9/8/01	Eastern Washington	UConn	1A-Independent	35-17
11/24/01	Montana	Idaho^	Sun Belt	33-27
9/9/00	Montana	Idaho^	Big West%	45-38
9/9/00	Portland State	Hawaii	WAC%	45-20
11/18/00	Idaho State	Utah State	Big West%	27-24
8/30/97	Cal State Northridge*	Boise State	Big West%	63-23
11/1/97	Eastern Washington	Idaho^	Big West%	24-21
9/7/96	Montana	Oregon State	Pac-12	35-14
9/14/96	Eastern Washington	Boise State	Big West%	27-21
9/21/96	Cal State Northridge*	New Mexico State	Big West%	33-0
9/9/95	Boise State*	Utah State	Big West%	38-14
9/17/94	Boise State*	Nevada	Big West%	37-27
9/17/94	Idaho	UNLV	WAC%	48-38
11/5/94	Eastern Washington	Utah State	Big West%	49-31
10/23/93	Weber State	Nevada	Big West%	47-30
9/12/92	Idaho	Colorado State	WAC%	37-34
9/19/92	Boise State*	Pacific^	Big West%	17-7
10/31/92	Weber State	Nevada	Big West%	23-21
9/7/91	Nevada*	UNLV	Big West%	50-8
9/14/91	Boise State*	Long Beach State^	Big West%	48-14
9/1/90	Montana	Oregon State	Pac-12	22-15
10/20/90	Nevada*	UNLV	Big West%	26-14
11/11/89	Nevada*	UNLV	Big West%	45-7
9/3/88	Boise State*	Long Beach State^	Big West%	29-10
9/17/88	Idaho	Pacific^	Big West%	36-26
11/7/87	Northern Arizona	Tulsa	Independent	24-20
8/30/86	Nevada*	Cal State Fullerton^	Big West%	49-3
9/20/86	Idaho	Cal State Fullerton^	Big West%	25-17
9/7/85	Montana	Cal State Fullerton^	Big West%	31-30
9/14/85	Nevada*	Cal State Fullerton^	Big West%	30-3
11/9/85	Nevada*	UNLV	Big West%	48-7
9/29/84	Idaho	Oregon State	Pac-12	41-22
11/17/84	Montana State	Fresno State	Big West%	35-31
9/10/83	Idaho State	UTEP	WAC%	12-10
10/29/83	Idaho	Pacific^	Big West%	31-19
10/29/83	Idaho State	Cal State Fullerton^	Big West%	43-10
11/5/83	Nevada*	Pacific^	Big West%	34-24
9/11/82	Boise State*	Cal State Fullerton^	Big West%	20-9
9/11/82	Idaho State	Drake^	MVC%	41-21
9/18/82	Idaho	Pacific^	Big West%	36-17
9/25/82	Boise State*	Pacific^	Big West%	22-15
10/16/82	Nevada*	Fresno State	Big West%	40-26
10/23/82	Nevada*	Cal State Fullerton^	Big West%	17-7
11/13/82	Boise State*	Utah State	Big West%	30-10
9/19/81	Montana State	Fresno State	Big West%	30-26
11/14/81	Idaho State	Utah State	Big West%	50-24
11/21/81	Nevada*	Cal State Fullerton^	Big West%	36-34
9/6/80	Boise State*	Utah	WAC%	28-7
10/18/80	Boise State*	Cal State Fullerton^	Big West%	26-11
9/22/79	Boise State*	Cal State Fullerton^	Big West%	22-3
9/22/79	Idaho	Pacific^	Big West%	17-13
9/9/78	Boise State*	Cal State Fullerton^	Big West%	42-12
9/16/78	Boise State*	Long Beach State^	Big West%	19-13
10/14/78	Boise State*	San Jose State	Big West%	30-15
11/11/78	Montana State	Fresno State	Big West%	35-14
11/11/78	Weber State	Utah State	Big West%	44-25

* - Former Big Sky member ^ - Former FBS member % - Former FBS/1A Conference

BIG SKY FOOTBALL WEEKLY NOTES

BIG SKY-MVFC CHALLENGE



2025 BIG SKY/MVFC CHALLENGE

MVFC 1, Big Sky 0

8/30: South Dakota State 20, Sac State 3
9/6: South Dakota State at Montana State
9/6: Portland State at North Dakota
9/13: Northern Colorado at South Dakota
9/13: Eastern Washington at Northern Iowa
9/20: Indiana State at Montana

2024 BIG SKY/MVFC CHALLENGE

MVFC 2, Big Sky 1

8/31: Montana 29, Missouri State 25
9/7: North Dakota 27, Montana 24
9/14: North Dakota 52, Idaho State 28
9/14: South Dakota vs. Portland State (Cancelled)

2023 BIG SKY/MVFC CHALLENGE

MVFC 4, Big Sky 1

9/2: NDSU 35, EWU 10
9/9: North Dakota 37, NAU 22
9/9: Weber State 34, UNI 17
9/9: SDSU 20, Montana State 16
9/16: UNI 41, Idaho State 17

2022 BIG SKY/MVFC CHALLENGE

MVFC 3, Big Sky 3

9/10: Montana 24, South Dakota 7
9/10: South Dakota State 24, UC Davis 22
9/17: Montana 49, Indiana State 14
9/17: South Dakota 38, Cal Poly 21
9/17: North Dakota 27, NAU 21
9/17: Sacramento State 37, UNI 21

2021 BIG SKY/MVFC CHALLENGE

MVFC 4, Big Sky 2

9/4: North Dakota 35, Idaho State 14
9/11: Montana 42, Western Illinois 7
9/11: South Dakota 34, NAU 7
9/11: UNI 34, Sac State 16
9/18: South Dakota 48, Cal Poly 14
9/18: EWU 62, Western Illinois 56

2019 BIG SKY/MVFC CHALLENGE

MVFC 6, Big Sky 4

NAU 37, Missouri State 23
Montana 31, South Dakota 17
UNI 34, Southern Utah 14
Montana State 23, Western Ill. 14
UNI 13, Idaho State 6
Illinois State 40, NAU 27
South Dakota 14, UNC 6
North Dakota State 27, UC Davis 16
South Dakota State 43, SUU 7
Weber State 29, UNI 17

2018 BIG SKY/MVFC CHALLENGE

MVFC 5, Big Sky 3

Montana State 26, Western Ill. 23
North Dakota State 49, Cal Poly 3
Montana 26, UNI 23
South Dakota 43, UNC 28
South Dakota State 45, MSU 14
Missouri State 40, NAU 8
Weber State 27, South Dakota 10
Western Illinois 31, Montana 27

2017 BIG SKY/MVFC CHALLENGE

MVFC 5, Big Sky 3

North Dakota State 40, EWU 13
UNI 45, Cal Poly 38 (OT)
South Dakota State 31, Montana State 27
Western Illinois 38, NAU 20
North Dakota 34, Missouri State 0
South Dakota 45, North Dakota 7
Southern Utah 24, UNI 21
NAU 37, Illinois State 16

PRESEASON MEDIA POLL

Rank	Team (1st)	Pts
1.	Montana State (30)	488
2.	Montana (6)	434
3.	UC Davis (4)	399
4.	Idaho (1)	364
5.	Northern Arizona	354
6.	Sacramento State (1)	282
7.	Idaho State	247
8.	Eastern Washington	225
9.	Weber State	192
10.	Portland State	140
11.	Cal Poly	94
12.	Northern Colorado	57

PRESEASON COACHES' POLL

Rank	Team (1st)	Pts
1.	Montana State (7)	117
2.	UC Davis (1)	100
3.	Montana (2)	96
4.	Northern Arizona (1)	94
5.	Idaho	81
6.	Sacramento State (1)	73
7.	Idaho State	56
8.	Weber State	55
9.	Eastern Washington	48
10.	Portland State	32
11.	Cal Poly	25
12.	Northern Colorado	15

PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS (VOTED BY MEDIA)

OFF MVP: Adam Jones, Montana State

DEF MVP: Rex Connors, UC Davis

Pos.	Player, Team
QB:	Ty Pennington, Northern Arizona
RB:	Adam Jones, Montana State
RB:	Eli Gillman, Montana
FB:	Colter May, Weber State
WR:	Sam Gbatu, Jr., UC Davis
WR:	Taco Dowler, Montana State
TE:	Michael Briscoe, Cal Poly
TE:	Winston Williams, UC Davis
TE:	Tanner Beaman, Portland State
OL:	Titan Fleischmann, Montana State
OL:	Gavin Ortega, Weber State
OL:	Stryker Rashid, Idaho State
OL:	Nate Azzopardi, Idaho
OL:	Ernesto Nava, UC Davis
OL:	Eli Simonson, UC Davis
DL:	Paul Brott, Montana State
DL:	Kenneth Eiden IV, Montana State
DL:	Ethan Rodriguez, Cal Poly
DL:	Micah Carreon, Northern Arizona
DL:	Tylin Jackson, Eastern Washington
DL:	Zach Krotzer, Idaho
LB:	Peyton Wing, Montana
LB:	Porter Connors, UC Davis
LB:	Isiah King, Idaho
LB:	Brandon Wong, Northern Arizona

Pos.	Player, Team
LB:	Nathan Reynolds, Idaho State
DB:	Rex Connors, UC Davis
DB:	Mason Rivera, Cal Poly
DB:	Cam Chapa, Northern Colorado
DB:	DaJean Wells, Eastern Washington
DB:	Isaiah Green, Portland State
DB:	Mason Young, Idaho State
PK:	Hunter Ridley, UC Davis
P:	Ben D'Aquila, Northern Arizona
KR:	Michael Wortham, Montana
PR:	Taco Dowler, Montana State
LS:	Grayson Pibal, Montana
ST:	Trevor Thurman, Eastern Washington
AP:	Michael Wortham, Montana

* - Received most votes in position group

2024 Big Sky Football Standings

SCHOOL	CONF	CONF %	OVR	OVR %	PF-PA	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL	STREAK
Montana State %*	8-0	1.000	15-1	.938	652-292	9-0	6-0	W8	L1
UC Davis *	7-1	.875	11-3	.786	486-323	6-1	5-2	W1	L1
Idaho *	6-2	.750	10-4	.714	390-350	6-0	4-4	W5	L1
Northern Arizona *	6-2	.750	8-5	.615	368-244	5-0	3-5	W5	L1
Montana *	5-3	.625	9-5	.643	467-362	6-2	3-3	L1	L1
Eastern Washington	3-5	.375	4-8	.333	430-434	2-4	2-4	L1	L1
Weber State	3-5	.375	4-8	.333	340-334	2-3	2-5	W1	W1
Portland State	3-5	.375	3-8	.273	322-441	1-3	2-5	W1	W1
Idaho State	3-5	.375	5-7	.417	385-454	3-3	2-4	L2	L2
Cal Poly	2-6	.250	3-8	.273	228-344	2-3	1-5	L1	L1
Northern Colorado	1-7	.125	1-11	.083	136-453	0-5	1-6	L5	L5
Sacramento State	1-7	.125	3-9	.250	351-417	2-3	1-6	L5	L5

% - won Big Sky title outright & Big Sky's AQ

* - earned FCS Playoff berth

2024 Big Sky Conference Award Winners

**OFFENSIVE MVP**

Tommy Mellott, QB
Montana State

**DEFENSIVE MVP**

Brody Grebe, DL
Montana State

**NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR**

Ty Pennington, QB
Northern Arizona

**FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR**

Adam Jones, RB
Montana State

**COACH OF THE YEAR**

Brent Vigen
Montana State

2024 Big Sky Conference Players of the Week Honorees

Week	OFFENSIVE	DEFENSIVE	SPECIAL TEAMS
0	Adam Jones, Montana State (RB)	McCade O'Reilly, Montana State (LB)	Brendan Hall, Montana State (P/KO)
1	Efton Chism III, Eastern Wash. (WR)	Porter Connors, UC Davis (LB)	Ty Morrison, Montana (K/P)
2	D. Bankston, WSU (RB)/S. Humphrey, WSU (RB)	K. James-Newby, UI (DB)/D. Meyer, UCD (LB)	Gabe Panikowski, Idaho State (K)
3	Ty Pennington, Northern Arizona (QB)	Will Leota, Sacramento State (LB)	Andrew Marshall, Idaho (PR)
4	Eli Gillman, Montana (RB)	E. Mullican, SAC. (DB)/K. Munier-Bailey, WSU (DL)	Ross Bolger, Idaho State (P)
5	Logan Fife, Montana (QB)	Alex McLaughlin, NAU (DB)	Marcus Lye, Northern Arizona (K/KO)
6	Richie Munoz, Weber State (QB)	G. Beck, WSU (LB)/J. Eck, UI (LB)	Gabe Panikowski, Idaho State (K)
7	Dante Chachere, Portland State (QB)	Cam Chapa, Northern Colorado (DB)	Ross Bolger, Idaho State (P)
8	Lan Larison, UC Davis (RB)	I. King, UI (LB)/Z. Vedder, SAC. (DB)	Zach Schreiner, Sacramento State (K)
9	Christian Fredericksen, Idaho St. (WR)	Jaxon Lee, Montana (DB)	Ross Bolger, Idaho State (P)
10	Dante Chachere, Portland State (QB)	David Meyer, UC Davis (LB)	Junior Bergen, Montana (PR)
11	K. Tracy, ISU (QB), D. Buchanan, UI (RB)	Jackson Cloyd, Montana (DB)	Hunter Ridley, UC Davis (K)
12	K. Visperas, EWU (QB), M. Hamper, UI (WR)	Jace Kluczewich, Montana (DB)	Taco Dowler, Montana State (PR)
13	L. Larison, UCD (RB), A. Jones, MSU (RB)	R. Ortt, MSU (DB)/A. McLaughlin, NAU (DB)	K. Thompson, WSU (K)/A. Marshall, UI (KR)