Football Championship Series
Second Round

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2026 NAIA FCS SCHEDULE & RESULTS

First Round, November 21
Friends (Kan.) 28, Northwestern (Iowa) 16
Ottawa (Kan.) 31, Baker (Kan.) 28 (OT)
Louisiana Christian 76, Reinhardt (Ga.) 28
Eastern Oregon 28, Midland (Neb.) 20

Second Round, November 28
Louisiana Christian (11-1) at St. Thomas (Fla.) (11-0), Noon ET
Campbellsville (Ky.), (8-1) at Indiana Wesleyan (10-1), Noon ET
Friends (Kan.) (11-1) at Benedictine (Kan.) (10-1), Noon CT
Dordt (Iowa) (9-2) at Morningside (Iowa) (10-1), Noon CT
Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) (9-2) at Grand View (Iowa) (10-1), Noon CT
Southwestern (Kan.) (10-1) at Marian (Ind.) (10-1), 1:05 p.m. ET
Ottawa (Kan.) (9-3) at College of Idaho (10-0), Noon MT
Eastern Oregon (9-2) at Montana Tech (10-1), 1 p.m. MT

Winners from Saturday's second round will be paired Nov. 28, in the evening, for four games in the Dec. 5 Quarterfinal Round. The Semifinal Round will follow, Dec. 12.

2026 NAIA Football Championship Game
Dec. 19, 2026 | Noon CT
Crowley ISD Multipurpose Stadium (Fort Worth, Texas)

2026 SECOND ROUND PREVIEW

Nine of the NAIA's 10 highest-scoring offenses and seven of its eight leading scoring defenses will be in action Saturday in the Second Round of the NAIA Football Championship Series, live on the NAIA Network at www.naianetwork.com.

The nation's four leading rushing offenses remain in contention, paced by Friends (Kan.) at 442.6 yards per game, as do the three leading rushers – Indiana Wesleyan's Ryan Whitwell (1,678 yards), Lindsey Wilson's Davontaye Saunders (1,566) and St. Thomas (Fla.) back Isaiah Lopez (1,373).

Four of the NAIA's five most efficient passers and its three leading receivers by both receptions and touchdown catches will play Saturday. St. Thomas leads the NAIA in scoring and rushing defense, while Montana Tech ranks second in total defense.

All five national leaders in kicking points and six of the top eight in all-purpose yardage remain in contention. Friends' Michael Lopez leads the NAIA in kickoff return average (40.6) and is second in punt return average (19.5) behind Morningside's Max Hough (21.9).

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2026 NAIA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES - SECOND ROUND

THE RIGHT WAY TO PLAY

APPALACHIAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

TEAM	OVERALL	PCT	CONF	PCT
Reinhardt	7-5	0.583	6-0	1.000
Pikeville	8-3	0.727	5-1	0.833
Union Commonwealth	4-6	0.400	4-2	0.667
Kentucky Christian	4-7	0.364	3-3	0.500
Bluefield	4-7	0.364	2-4	0.333
Point	1-8	0.111	1-5	0.167
Rio Grande	0-11	0.000	0-6	0.000

FRONTIER CONFERENCE - EAST

TEAM	OVERALL	PCT	CONF	PCT
Montana Tech	10-1	0.909	6-0	1.000
Rocky Mountain	5-5	0.500	4-2	0.667
Dickinson State	5-6	0.455	4-2	0.667
Dakota State	7-4	0.636	3-3	0.500
Mayville State	7-4	0.636	3-3	0.500
Valley City State	2-8	0.200	1-5	0.167
Mont. St.-Northern	0-11	0.000	0-6	0.000

FRONTIER CONFERENCE - WEST

TEAM	OVERALL	PCT	CONF	PCT
College of Idaho	10-0	1.000	6-0	1.000
Eastern Oregon	9-2	0.818	5-1	0.833
Carroll (Mont.)	7-3	0.700	4-2	0.667
Montana Western	4-6	0.400	2-4	0.333
Simpson (Calif.)	4-6	0.400	2-4	0.333
Southern Oregon	3-7	0.300	2-4	0.333
Arizona Christian	0-10	0.000	0-6	0.000

GREAT PLAINS ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

TEAM	OVERALL	PCT	CONF	PCT
Morningside	10-1	0.909	9-1	0.900
Dordt	9-2	0.818	9-1	0.900
Midland	9-3	0.750	8-2	0.800
Northwestern	8-4	0.667	8-2	0.800
Concordia (Neb.)	5-5	0.500	5-5	0.500
Mount Marty	5-6	0.455	4-6	0.400
Hastings	4-6	0.400	4-6	0.400
Dakota Wesleyan	4-7	0.364	4-6	0.400
Doane	4-7	0.364	3-7	0.300
Briar Cliff	1-10	0.091	1-9	0.100
Waldorf	0-10	0.000	0-10	0.000

HEART OF AMERICA ATHLETIC CONFERENCE - NORTH

TEAM	OVERALL	PCT	CONF	PCT
Grand View	10-1	0.909	7-0	1.000
William Penn	8-3	0.727	5-2	0.714
St. Ambrose	6-4	0.600	5-2	0.714
Culver-Stockton	5-6	0.455	4-3	0.571
Graceland	4-7	0.364	3-4	0.429
Peru State	3-7	0.300	3-4	0.429
Mount Mercy	1-10	0.091	1-6	0.143
Clarke	0-11	0.000	0-7	0.000

HEART OF AMERICA ATHLETIC CONFERENCE - SOUTH

TEAM	OVERALL	PCT	CONF	PCT
Benedictine (Kan.)	10-1	0.909	6-0	1.000
Baker	9-2	0.818	5-1	0.833
MidAmerica Nazarene	7-4	0.636	4-2	0.667
Missouri Valley	5-5	0.500	3-3	0.500
William Woods	5-6	0.455	2-4	0.333
Central Methodist	3-8	0.273	1-5	0.167
Missouri Baptist	2-8	0.200	0-6	0.000

INDEPENDENTS

TEAM	OVERALL	PCT
Andrew (Ga.)	0-9	0.000
Faulkner	6-4	0.600

KANSAS COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE - BISSELL

TEAM	OVERALL	PCT	CONF	PCT
Southwestern	10-1	0.909	5-0	1.000
Friends	11-1	0.917	4-1	0.800
McPherson	9-2	0.818	3-2	0.600
Kansas Wesleyan	6-5	0.545	2-3	0.400
Sterling	3-8	0.273	1-4	0.200
Saint Mary (Kan.)	0-11	0.000	0-6	0.000

KANSAS COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONF. - KESSINGER

TEAM	OVERALL	PCT	CONF	PCT
Ottawa (Kan.)	9-3	0.750	5-0	1.000
Evangel	8-3	0.727	4-1	0.800
Tabor	5-6	0.455	3-2	0.600
Avila	4-7	0.364	2-3	0.400
Bethel (Kan.)	2-9	0.182	2-4	0.333
Bethany	1-10	0.091	0-5	0.000

MID-SOUTH CONFERENCE

TEAM	OVERALL	PCT	CONF	PCT
Campbellsville	8-1	0.889	4-1	0.800
Lindsey Wilson	9-2	0.818	4-1	0.800
Georgetown (Ky.)	6-4	0.600	3-2	0.600
Cumberland (Tenn.)	7-4	0.636	2-3	0.400
Cumberlands (Ky.)	6-4	0.600	2-3	0.400
Bethel (Tenn.)	2-8	0.200	0-5	0.000

MID-STATES FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION - MIDEAST

TEAM	OVERALL	PCT	CONF	PCT
Indiana Wesleyan	10-1	0.909	5-0	1.000
Taylor	9-2	0.818	4-1	0.800
Saint Francis (Ind.)	7-4	0.636	3-2	0.600
Lawrence Tech	5-6	0.455	2-3	0.400
Madonna	4-7	0.364	1-4	0.200
Defiance	3-8	0.273	0-5	0.000

MID-STATES FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION - MIDWEST

TEAM	OVERALL	PCT	CONF	PCT
Marian (Ind.)	10-1	0.909	5-0	1.000
Olivet Nazarene	7-3	0.700	4-1	0.800
Saint Xavier	5-6	0.455	3-2	0.600
St. Francis (Ill.)	3-8	0.273	2-3	0.400
St. Mary-of-the-Woods	1-9	0.100	1-4	0.200
Judson	0-11	0.000	0-5	0.000

SOONER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

TEAM	OVERALL	PCT	CONF	PCT
Louisiana Christian	11-1	0.917	8-0	1.000
OUAZ	7-3	0.700	6-2	0.750
Wayland Baptist	7-3	0.700	6-2	0.750
Texas Wesleyan	6-5	0.545	6-2	0.750
Oklahoma Panhandle St.	6-5	0.545	4-4	0.500
Nelson (Texas)	3-8	0.273	3-5	0.375
Arkansas Baptist	2-9	0.182	2-6	0.250
Langston	2-8	0.200	1-7	0.125
Texas College	0-9	0.000	0-8	0.000

THE SUN CONFERENCE

TEAM	OVERALL	PCT	CONF	PCT
St. Thomas (Fla.)	11-0	1.000	7-0	1.000
Keiser (Fla.)	7-3	0.700	5-2	0.714
Ave Maria	7-4	0.636	5-2	0.714
Southeastern (Fla.)	7-3	0.700	4-3	0.571
Florida Memorial	5-6	0.455	3-4	0.429
Warner	4-7	0.364	3-4	0.429
Webber International	3-8	0.273	1-6	0.143
Thomas (Ga.)	1-10	0.091	0-7	0.000

2026 NAIA FCS LEADERS - OFFENSE

PASS COMPLETIONS
28 ..... Luke Edwards, Ottawa
22 ..... Colby Duncan, Northwestern
13 ..... Bryce Perkins, La. Christian
12 ..... Sam Heggemann, Baker
12 ..... Stephin Craig, Reinhardt
6 ..... Armar Gordon, Reinhardt
2 ..... Matthew Cates Jr., La. Christian
1 ..... Walker Overman, Friends

PASS ATTEMPTS
46 ..... Luke Edwards, Ottawa
37 ..... Colby Duncan, Northwestern
23 ..... Sam Heggemann, Baker
21 ..... Stephin Craig, Reinhardt
18 ..... Bryce Perkins, La. Christian
10 ..... Armar Gordon, Reinhardt
3 ..... Matthew Cates Jr., La. Christian
2 ..... Walker Overman, Friends
1 ..... Phillip Jones II, La. Christian

COMPLETION PERCENTAGE
72.2% . Bryce Perkins, La. Christian
66.7% . Matthew Cates Jr., La. Christian
60.9% . Luke Edwards, Ottawa
60.0% . Armar Gordon, Reinhardt
59.5% . Colby Duncan, Northwestern
57.1% Stephin Craig, Reinhardt
52.2% . Sam Heggemann, Baker
50.0% . Walker Overman, Friends
0.0% . Phillip Jones II, La. Christian

PASSING YARDS
251 ... Colby Duncan, Northwestern
243 ... Luke Edwards, Ottawa
235 ... Bryce Perkins, La. Christian
226 ... Sam Heggemann, Baker
177 ... Stephin Craig, Reinhardt
107 ... Armar Gordon, Reinhardt
46 ..... Matthew Cates Jr., La. Christian
21 ..... Walker Overman, Friends

PASSING EFFICIENCY
255.2 Bryce Perkins, La. Christian
215.9 Armar Gordon, Reinhardt
195.5 Matthew Cates Jr., La. Christian
154.7 Sam Heggemann, Baker
140.3 Stephin Craig, Reinhardt
138.2 Walker Overman, Friends
134.3 Colby Duncan, Northwestern
105.2 Luke Edwards, Ottawa
0.0 .... Phillip Jones II, La. Christian

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS
4 ..... Bryce Perkins, La. Christian
2 ..... Colby Duncan, Northwestern
2 ..... Sam Heggemann, Baker
2 ..... Stephin Craig, Reinhardt
2 ..... Armar Gordon, Reinhardt

RUSHING ATTEMPTS
31 ..... Malakai Hudson, Ottawa
23 ..... Colby Duncan, Northwestern
21 ..... E'derian Sykes, Friends
19 ..... Jaterrius Johnson, La. Christian
16 ..... Caleb Perry, Baker
12 ..... Armar Gordon, Reinhardt
9 ..... Stephin Craig, Reinhardt
8 ..... Sam Heggemann, Baker
8 ..... Kimbriq Minnis, Ottawa
7 ..... Datlan Cunningham, La. Christian

RUSHING YARDS
231 ... Malakai Hudson, Ottawa
210 ... Jaterrius Johnson, La. Christian
139 ... Michael Lopez, Friends
100 ... Caleb Perry, Baker
97 ..... Datlan Cunningham, La. Christian
80 ..... Armar Gordon, Reinhardt
77 ..... E'derian Sykes, Friends
69 ..... Ashontis Brooks Jr., La. Christian
68 ..... Dewayne Roberts, Ottawa
53 ..... Darius Washington, La. Christian

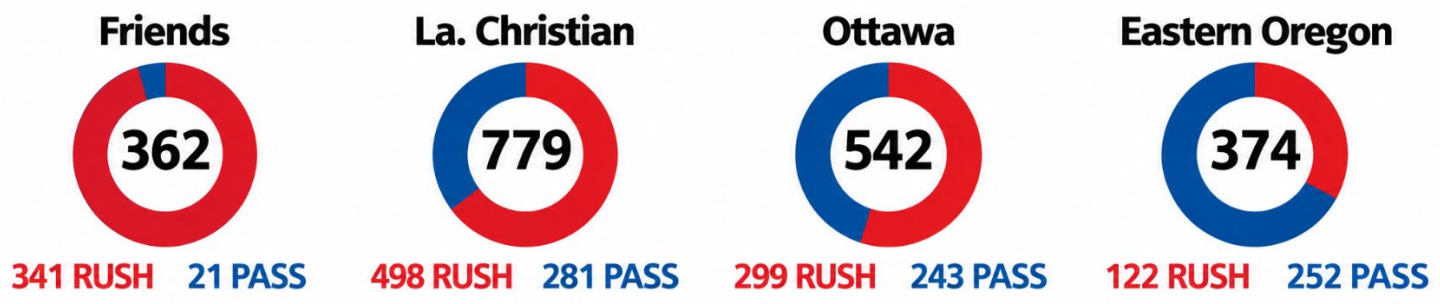
RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS
2 ..... Malakai Hudson, Ottawa
2 ..... Jaterrius Johnson, La. Christian
2 ..... Michael Lopez, Friends
2 ..... Datlan Cunningham, La. Christian
2 ..... Taylor Wilson, Baker
1 ..... E'derian Sykes, Friends
1 ..... Ashontis Brooks Jr., La. Christian
1 ..... Dewayne Roberts, Ottawa
1 ..... Darius Washington, La. Christian
1 ..... Nick Cordova, Friends

RECEPTIONS
10 ..... Jayden Johnson, Ottawa
9 ..... Adrion Seals, Baker
6 ..... Ty Jones, Reinhardt
6 ..... EJ Scott, La. Christian
6 ..... Hagan Johnson, Ottawa
5 ..... Caleb Moore, Northwestern
5 ..... AJ Moore, Ottawa
5 ..... Carson Ness, Northwestern
4 ..... Ahman Langton, Northwestern
4 ..... Omarius Davis, La. Christian

RECEIVING YARDS
202 ... Adrion Seals, Baker
133 ... Ty Jones, Reinhardt
102 ... Ahman Langton, Northwestern
93 ..... Jayden Johnson, Ottawa
88 ..... Omarius Davis, La. Christian
68 ..... EJ Scott, La. Christian
66 ..... Xavion Butler, La. Christian
58 ..... Caleb Moore, Northwestern
51 ..... AJ Moore, Ottawa
50 ..... Hagan Johnson, Ottawa

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS
2 ..... Adrion Seals, Baker
2 ..... Omarius Davis, La. Christian
2 ..... Xavier Brantley, Reinhardt
1 ..... Ty Jones, Reinhardt
1 ..... Ahman Langton, Northwestern
1 ..... EJ Scott, La. Christian
1 ..... Xavion Butler, La. Christian
1 ..... Carson Ness, Northwestern
1 ..... Cam Curtis, Reinhardt

2026 NAIA FCS TEAM TOTAL OFFENSE



2026 NAIA FCS LEADERS - KICK RETURNS

PLAYER	TEAM	KR	YARDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Xavier Brantley	Reinhardt	7	166	23.7	0	46
De'Anthony Curtis	Ottawa	4	100	25.0	0	43
Travis Adams	La. Christian	2	95	47.5	0	50
Hagan Johnson	Ottawa	2	66	33.0	0	49
Tate Connell	Northwestern	3	66	22.0	0	26
Ty Jones	Reinhardt	3	55	18.3	0	20
Cam Curtis	Reinhardt	2	24	12.0	0	12
Joshua Herrmann	Baker	1	23	23.0	0	23
Kolby Heemskerk	Northwestern	1	17	17.0	0	17
Taylor Wilson	Baker	1	16	16.0	0	16
Adrion Seals	Baker	1	16	16.0	0	16

2026 NAIA FCS LEADERS - PUNT RETURNS

PLAYER	TEAM	PR	YARDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Adrion Seals	Baker	1	10	10.0	0	10
Darius Washington	La. Christian	2	4	2.0	0	4
Alic Salazar	Northwestern	1	2	2.0	0	2
De'Anthony Curtis	Ottawa	1	1	1.0	0	1
Tate Connell	Northwestern	2	1	0.5	0	1

2026 NAIA FCS LEADERS - ALL-PURPOSE YARDS

PLAYER	TEAM	RUSH	REC	PR	KR	TOTAL
Malakai Hudson	Ottawa (Kan.)	231	4	-	-	235
Adrion Seals	Baker (Kan.)	-	202	10	16	228
Jaterrius Johnson	Louisiana Christian	210	-	-	0	210
Xavier Brantley	Reinhardt (Ga.)	-	26	-	166	192
Ty Jones	Reinhardt (Ga.)	3	133	-	55	191
Michael Lopez	Friends (Kan.)	139	-	-	-	139
De'Anthony Curtis	Ottawa (Kan.)	-	35	1	100	136
Hagan Johnson	Ottawa (Kan.)	-	50	-	66	116
Travis Adams	Louisiana Christian	21	-	-	95	116
Ahman Langton	Northwestern (Iowa)	-	102	-	-	102

2026 NAIA FCS LEADERS - DEFENSE, KICKING, AND PUNTING

TACKLES
14 ..... Cooper Skrobecki, Friends
14 ..... Alex Gunderson, Baker
13 ..... Karter Gonzalez, Baker
12 ..... Cooper Negron, Reinhardt
11 ..... Elijah Porter, Baker
10 ..... Errol Siemon, Baker
10 ..... Trace McHugh, La. Christian
9 ..... Brock Zerger, Friends
9 ..... Ethan Yinger, Ottawa
9 ..... Brodie Van Regenmorter, NWC
9 ..... Cameron Porter, Baker

TACKLES FOR LOSS
2.5 .... Cooper Clark, Baker
2.0 .... Tyson Wallace, Friends
2.0 .... Kristian Doyle, La. Christian
2.0 .... Blake Allen, Friends
1.5 .... Gabe Watson, Ottawa
1.5 .... Cooper Skrobecki, Friends
1.5 .... Kevin Myers, Friends
1.5 .... Cade Monroe, Ottawa
1.5 .... Judson Mixon, La. Christian
1.5 .... Cale Milleson, Friends
1.5 .... Eli'Sha Malveaux, Baker
1.5 .... Jermarian Jackson, La. Christian
1.5 .... Karter Gonzalez, Baker

SACKS
2.0 .... Blake Allen, Friends
1.5 .... Tyson Wallace, Friends
1.5 .... Jermarian Jackson, La. Christian
1.0 .... Jaden Smith, Baker
1.0 .... Kevin Myers, Friends
1.0 .... Eli'Sha Malveaux, Baker
1.0 .... Kristian Doyle, La. Christian
1.0 .... Leshaon Davis, Friends
1.0 .... Kage Castling, Ottawa
0.5 .... Xzavier White, La. Christian
0.5 .... Cooper Skrobecki, Friends
0.5 .... Cale Milleson, Friends
0.5 .... Jake Lucky, Friends

PASS BREAKUPS
1 ..... Ethan Yinger, Ottawa

QUARTERBACK HURRIES
1 ..... Zeke Rubinstein, Baker
1 ..... Cade Monroe, Ottawa
1 ..... Eli'Sha Malveaux, Baker
1 ..... Ibrahimi Mahdi, Ottawa
1 ..... Brady Kelley, Friends
1 ..... Jaxson Fields, La. Christian
1 ..... Kaleb Dewey, Baker
1 ..... Leshaon Davis, Friends

INTERCEPTIONS
1 ..... Ethan Yinger, Ottawa
1 ..... Brandon Johnson II, La. Christian
1 ..... Jason Coleman Jr., La. Christian

FIELD GOALS MADE
3 ..... Ike Prengel, Ottawa
2 ..... Preston Baker, La. Christian
1 ..... Gianna Bennett, Northwestern

FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED
3 ..... Ike Prengel, Ottawa
2 ..... Preston Baker, La. Christian
1 ..... Jovany Kabongo, Northwestern
1 ..... Cody Gast, Baker
1 ..... Gianna Bennett, Northwestern

PATs MADE
10 ..... Preston Baker, La. Christian
4 ..... Connor Tillman, Friends
4 ..... Alex Hanson, Reinhardt
4 ..... Cody Gast, Baker
2 ..... Ike Prengel, Ottawa
1 ..... Gianna Bennett, Northwestern

PATs ATTEMPTED
10 ..... Preston Baker, La. Christian
4 ..... Connor Tillman, Friends
4 ..... Alex Hanson, Reinhardt
4 ..... Cody Gast, Baker
2 ..... Ike Prengel, Ottawa
1 ..... Gianna Bennett, Northwestern

KICKOFFS
13 ..... Preston Baker, La. Christian
6 ..... Ike Prengel, Ottawa
5 ..... Alex Hanson, Reinhardt
5 ..... Cody Gast, Baker
4 ..... Connor Tillman, Friends
3 ..... Jovany Kabongo, Northwestern
1 ..... Garrett Metcalfe, Baker
1 ..... Gianna Bennett, Northwestern

KICKOFF YARDS
690 ... Preston Baker, La. Christian
332 ... Ike Prengel, Ottawa
307 ... Cody Gast, Baker
252 ... Alex Hanson, Reinhardt
232 ... Connor Tillman, Friends
173 ... Jovany Kabongo, Northwestern
48 ..... Garrett Metcalfe, Baker
11 ..... Gianna Bennett, Northwestern

KICKOFF AVERAGE
61.4 .. Cody Gast, Baker
58.0 .. Connor Tillman, Friends
57.7 .. Jovany Kabongo, Northwestern
55.3 .. Ike Prengel, Ottawa
53.1 .. Preston Baker, La. Christian
50.4 .. Alex Hanson, Reinhardt
48.0 .. Garrett Metcalfe, Baker
11.0 .. Gianna Bennett, Northwestern

KICKOFF TOUCHBACKS
2 ..... Ike Prengel, Ottawa
1 ..... Alex Hanson, Reinhardt
1 ..... Jovany Kabongo, Northwestern

PUNTS
7 ..... Cody Gast, Baker
5 ..... Connor Tillman, Friends
5 ..... Alex Hanson, Reinhardt
5 ..... Jack Sadusky, Northwestern
5 ..... Mason Williams, Ottawa

PUNTING YARDS
356 ... Cody Gast, Baker
173 ... Connor Tillman, Friends
172 ... Alex Hanson, Reinhardt
170 ... Jack Sadusky, Northwestern
164 ... Mason Williams, Ottawa

PUNTING AVERAGE
50.9 .. Cody Gast, Baker
34.6 .. Connor Tillman, Friends
34.4 .. Alex Hanson, Reinhardt
34.0 .. Jack Sadusky, Northwestern
32.8 .. Mason Williams, Ottawa

LONGEST PUNT
54 ..... Cody Gast, Baker
46 ..... Jack Sadusky, Northwestern
44 ..... Connor Tillman, Friends
42 ..... Alex Hanson, Reinhardt
41 ..... Mason Williams, Ottawa

PUNTS INSIDE THE 20
6 ..... Cody Gast, Baker
2 ..... Alex Hanson, Reinhardt
1 ..... Connor Tillman, Friends
1 ..... Jack Sadusky, Northwestern

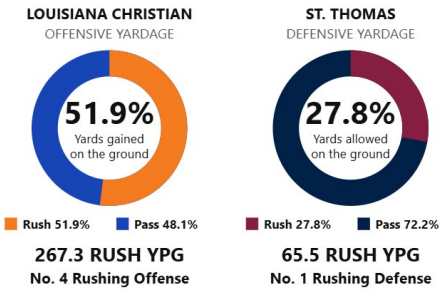
PUNTING TOUCHBACKS
2 ..... Cody Gast, Baker

PUNTING FAIR CATCHES
3 ..... Alex Hanson, Reinhardt
2 ..... Connor Tillman, Friends
1 ..... Cody Gast, Baker
1 ..... Jack Sadusky, Northwestern
1 ..... Mason Williams, Ottawa

Louisiana Christian (11-1) at St. Thomas (Fla.) (11-0), Noon ET

STRENGTH MEETS STRENGTH

Louisiana Christian brings the NAIA's third-ranked scoring offense (52.6 points per game) into a matchup with the nation's leading scoring defense (11.7). St. Thomas ranks eighth nationally in scoring offense (44.6). St. Thomas ranks third nationally in total defense, allowing 235.5 yards per game. The Bobcats surrender an average of 170.0 passing yards per game, compared to 260.4 for Louisiana Christian.



NEAR-RECORD PERFORMANCE

Louisiana Christian rolled up 779 yards of total offense in its First Round victory over Reinhardt, just 51 yards shy of the NAIA postseason single-game record. The Wildcats rushed for 498 yards and added 281 through the air. LCU's Jaterrius Johnson led all First Round rushers with 210 yards.

STRENGTH ON BOTH SIDES OF THE LINE

Louisiana Christian ranks fourth in rushing offense (267.3 yards per game), while St. Thomas is ninth (244.6). Both boast nationally ranked rushing defenses, with the Bobcats leading the NAIA (65.5) and the Wildcats sixth (90.0).

FOURTH-DOWN EFFICIENCY

Louisiana Christian has converted 71% of its fourth-down opportunities, tied for third nationally. St. Thomas has converted 50% of its fourth-down attempts.

BOTH TEAMS CREATE TAKEAWAYS

St. Thomas leads the NAIA with 35 takeaways, including a national-best 18 interceptions and 16 fumble recoveries, the latter ranking second nationally. Louisiana Christian has recorded 21 takeaways, and both teams have scored four defensive touchdowns.

LOPEZ AMONG NATIONAL LEADERS

St. Thomas RB Isaiah Lopez ranks third in the NAIA with 1,373 rushing yards and fourth with 21 rushing touchdowns. Lopez is also seventh nationally in all-purpose yardage (1,598), averaging 145.3 yards per game.

MAKING PLAYS BEHIND THE LINE

LCU leads the NAIA with 107 tackles for loss, while STU ranks fourth with 94.

GETTING TO THE QUARTERBACK

Louisiana Christian leads the NAIA with 38 sacks and boasts two of the nation's top five individuals in the category in Jermarian Jackson and Johnathan Moore-LeDay. St. Thomas has recorded 28 sacks.

WILDCATS FEATURE TWO BREAKUP ARTISTS

St. Thomas' Keyon Martin and Louisiana Christian's David Voorhies III are tied for third nationally with 16 pass breakups apiece. The Wildcats have recorded 70 pass breakups as a team, compared to 68 for the Bobcats.

NATIONAL LEADERS IN THE KICKING GAME

Louisiana Christian's Preston Baker leads the NAIA in kicking points with 115, while St. Thomas' Jay Giunta is tied for third with 97. Giunta is also tied for second nationally with 14 made field goals.

2026 Schedules & Results

LA CHRISTIAN WILDCATS (11-1)

8/27	at Northwestern State	W, 42-37
9/5	Langston	W, 70-14
9/12	at Wayland Baptist	W, 44-27
9/19	at Southern University	L, 31-50
9/26	Oklahoma Panhandle	W, 69-24
10/3	East Texas Baptist	W, 50-36
10/10	Texas Wesleyan	W, 42-27
10/17	at Nelson	W, 31-23
10/24	at Texas College	W, 69-6
11/7	at Arkansas Baptist	W, 62-13
11/14	OUAZ	W, 45-14
11/21	Reinhardt	W, 76-28

ST. THOMAS BOBCATS (11-0)

9/5	Fort Lauderdale	W, 58-14
9/12	at Georgetown (Ky.)	W, 34-18
9/19	Lindsey Wilson	W, 17-7
10/3	at Ave Maria	W, 46-13
10/10	Warner	W, 54-10
10/17	Keiser	W, 52-7
10/24	at Southeastern (Fla.)	W, 48-13
10/31	at Thomas (Ga.)	W, 76-0
11/7	Webber International	W, 44-21
11/14	at Florida Memorial	W, 35-20
11/28	Louisiana Christian	Noon ET

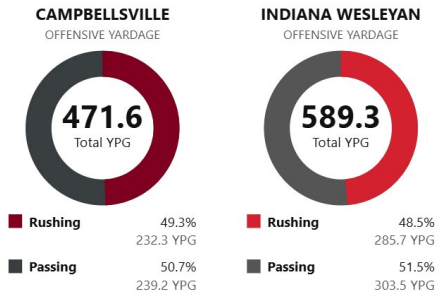
Team Comparison

LCU		STU
52.6	Points/Game	44.6
515.0	Total Yards/Game	453.9
267.3	Rush Yards/Game	244.6
247.7	Pass Yards/Game	209.3
606.3	All-Purpose Yards/Game	520.6
45%	3rd Down %	38%
71%	4th Down %	50%
33-39 (84%)	Red Zone	47-57 (82%)
24.9	Points Allowed/Game	11.7
350.4	Yards Allowed/Game	235.5
90.0	Rush Yards Allowed	65.5
260.4	Pass Yards Allowed	170.0
12/9	INT / INT Thrown	17/10
9/10	Fumbles Rec/Lost	18/8
21/19	Takeaways/Giveaways	35/18
11-16 (68.8%)	Field Goals	15-18 (83.3%)
82-84 (97.6%)	PATs	60-62 (96.8%)0

Campbellsville (Ky.) (8-1) at Indiana Wesleyan (10-1), Noon ET

PICK YOUR POISON

Indiana Wesleyan ranks among the nation's top five in both rushing (third, 285.7 yards per game) and passing (fifth, 303.5). Campbellsville has a nearly even distribution of offensive yardage, averaging 232.3 yards on the ground and 239.2 through the air. The Tigers rank 12th nationally in rushing.



NEARLY 600 YARDS A GAME

IWU leads the NAIA in total offense, averaging 589.3 yards per game, and trails only Friends in scoring (54.7 points per game). The Wildcats gain 8.2 yards per play, second nationally, while Campbellsville averages 471.6 yards per game and 7.1 yards per snap.

A 1,600-YARD SEASON AND COUNTING

IWU's Ryan Whitwell has rushed for an NAIA-best 1,678 yards, averaging 7.5 yards per carry, fourth nationally. His 23 rushing TDs are tied for second in the nation, and he ranks third in all-purpose yards (1,787), at 162.5 per game.

LOTHE ATOP THE EFFICIENCY CHART

With a passing efficiency rating of 199.4, Indiana Wesleyan QB Arjun Lothe leads the NAIA and ranks fourth nationally with 32 touchdown passes. Collectively, Wildcat quarterbacks have thrown 38 touchdown passes against just six interceptions, posting the nation's third-best efficiency rating (188.1).

POINTS AT A PREMIUM

Less than a point separates Indiana Wesleyan and Campbellsville in scoring defense, with the Wildcats ninth nationally (14.2) and the Tigers 12th (15.1). Both allow fewer than 290 yards of total offense per game, with Campbellsville holding opponents to 107.8 rushing yards and Indiana Wesleyan 114.1.

333 FIRST DOWNS

Only Morningside (345) has moved the chains more often than IWU this season. The Wildcats have converted 53% of their third-down opportunities and 67% on fourth down, compared to 46% and 50%, respectively, for Campbellsville.

INSIDE THE 20

The Wildcats have more than twice as many red-zone trips as the Tigers, scoring on 55 of 68 trips (81%). Campbellsville has scored on 22 of its 30 (73%).

TIGERS DISRUPT THE BACKFIELD

Despite playing two fewer games, Campbellsville has recorded just one fewer sack (23) than Indiana Wesleyan (24). The Tigers average 6.8 tackles for loss and 2.6 sacks per game, compared to 6.3 and 2.2, respectively, for the Wildcats.

FORCING TWO-PLUS TURNOVERS

Campbellsville averages more than two takeaways per game, collecting 13 interceptions and seven fumble recoveries in nine contests. Indiana Wesleyan has forced 22 turnovers in 11 games, including 14 interceptions.

BEYOND THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE

IWU averages 671.7 all-purpose yards per game, accumulating 7,389 through 11 contests. Campbellsville has amassed 4,821 all-purpose yards in nine games.

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CAMPBELLSVILLE TIGERS (8-1)

8/29	Saint Francis (Ind.)	W, 45-14
9/5	at Pikeville	W, 27-14
9/12	Webber International	W, 37-0
9/19	at Thomas (Ga.)	W, 80-10
10/3	at Lindsey Wilson	L, 21-30
10/10	at Cumberlands (Ky.)	W, 33-26
10/17	Cumberland (Tenn.)	W, 31-14
10/31	at Bethel (Tenn.)	W, 51-7
11/7	Georgetown (Ky.)	W, 24-21

INDIANA WESLEYAN WILDCATS (10-1)

8/28	Dordt	W, 38-31
9/5	at St. Francis (Ill.)	W, 58-6
9/12	St. Mary-of-the-Woods	W, 68-0
9/19	at Saint Xavier	W, 59-17
10/3	Judson	W, 90-0
10/10	at Marian (Ind.)	L, 28-30
10/17	at Defiance	W, 53-12
10/24	Madonna	W, 86-7
10/31	Taylor	W, 38-29
11/7	Saint Francis (Ind.)	W, 21-10
11/14	at Lawrence Tech	W, 63-14

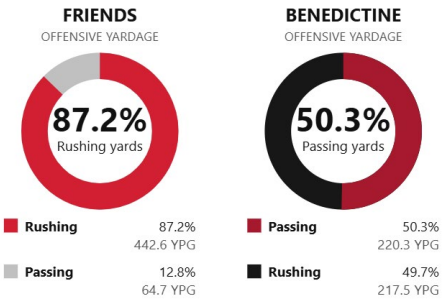
Team Comparison

C'Ville		IWU
38.8	Points/Game	54.7
471.6	Total Yards/Game	589.3
232.3	Rush Yards/Game	285.7
239.2	Pass Yards/Game	303.5
535.7	All-Purpose Yards/Game	671.7
46%	3rd Down %	53%
50%	4th Down %	67%
22-30 (73%)	Red Zone	55-68 (80%)
15.1	Points Allowed/Game	14.2
289.7	Yards Allowed/Game	278.4
107.8	Rush Yards Allowed	114.1
181.9	Pass Yards Allowed	164.3
13/5	INT / INT Thrown	14/6
7/4	Fumbles Rec/Lost	8/8
20/9	Takeaways/Giveaways	22/14
7-13 (53.8%)	Field Goals	6-10 (60.0%)
44-47 (93.6%)	PATs	74-80 (92.5%)

Friends (Kan.) (11-1) at Benedictine (Kan.) (10-1), NOON ct

GROUND CONTROL

Friends has rushed for an NAIA-leading 5,311 yards and 68 touchdowns this season, averaging 442.6 yards per game and 8.1 yards per carry. The Falcons also lead the nation in yards per offensive play (8.5) and rank sixth in total offense (507.3 yards per game). The Falcons don't throw much, but when they do they're efficient (210.0) with 13 TDs and only three interceptions.



AN OFFENSIVE BALANCE SEPARATED BY 30 YARDS

Benedictine has accumulated 2,423 passing yards and 2,393 rushing yards through 11 games, a difference of just 30 yards. The Ravens have scored 38 touchdowns on the ground and 20 through the air.

A FAMILIAR POSTSEASON FOE

Friends and Benedictine meet in the Football Championship Series for the second consecutive season, this time in Atchison. The Ravens won last year's Quarterfinal matchup in Wichita. Benedictine returns to the field following a two-week layoff, while Friends advanced through last Saturday's First Round. Friends won its way into the Second Round, 28-16, over Northwestern (Iowa). Benedictine closed its season with shutouts in two of its last three games.

ANOTHER STRENGTH ON STRENGTH COMPARISON

The nation's highest-scoring offense meets one of its stingiest defenses. Friends averages 56.2 points per game, while Benedictine allows just 12.8, tied for fourth nationally. The Ravens also rank 10th nationally in scoring offense, averaging 43.5 points per game.

THE RAVENS' ROADBLOCK

Benedictine ranks 10th nationally in total defense, allowing 270.6 yards per game. The Ravens are one of 11 teams in the NAIA holding opponents to fewer than 100 rushing yards per game and allow just 171.5 yards through the air.

FOUR DOWNS TO WORK WITH

Benedictine has converted 71% of its fourth-down opportunities, tied for second nationally, compared to 65% for Friends. The Falcons have converted 55% of their third-down attempts, while the Ravens have converted 45%.

NINE TRIPS TO THE END ZONE

The Friends defense has scored nine touchdowns this season. The Falcons also rank third nationally with 105 tackles for loss and have recorded 35 sacks, compared to 57 tackles for loss and 20 sacks for Benedictine.

LOPEZ A THREAT IN THE RETURN GAME

Friends' Michael Lopez leads the NAIA in kickoff return average (40.6) and ranks second in punt return average (19.5). Lopez ranks sixth nationally with 1,697 all-purpose yards, including 902 combined yards in the return game.

CAPITALIZING INSIDE THE 20

Both teams find their way into the end zone via the red zone. Benedictine has scored on 49 of its 57 red-zone opportunities (85%), compared to 55 of 66 (83%) for Friends.

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FRIENDS FALCONS (11-1)

8/29	at Bethany	W, 85-10
9/5	Avila	W, 61-10
9/12	at Bethel (Kan.)	W, 83-24
9/19	Tabor	W, 42-14
9/26	at Evangel	W, 59-24
10/3	Ottawa (Kan.)	W, 66-42
10/17	at McPherson	W, 48-24
10/24	Southwestern	L, 21-40
10/31	at Kansas Wesleyan	W, 49-48
11/7	at Sterling	W, 53-14
11/14	Saint Mary	W, 79-0
11/21	Northwestern (Iowa)	W, 28-16

NORTHWESTERN RED RAIDERS (8-3)

8/29	at Morningside	L, 28-35
9/5	at Peru State	W, 47-6
9/12	William Penn	W, 40-7
9/19	at Grand View	W, 21-17
9/26	St. Ambrose	W, 34-0
10/3	Baker	W, 34-32
10/10	at Central Methodist	W, 52-14
10/17	MidAmerica Nazarene	W, 59-17
10/24	William Woods	W, 67-0
10/31	at Missouri Valley	W, 48-13
11/7	at Missouri Baptist	W, 48-0

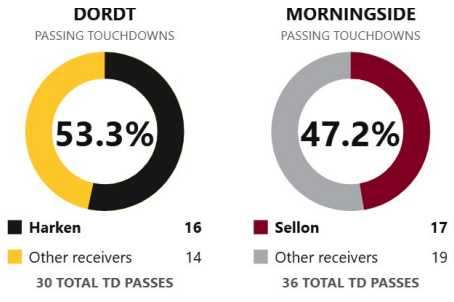
Team Comparison

Friends		BC
56.2	Points/Game	43.5
507.3	Total Yards/Game	437.8
442.6	Rush Yards/Game	217.5
64.7	Pass Yards/Game	220.3
623.3	All-Purpose Yards/Game	500.0
55%	3rd Down %	45%
65%	4th Down %	71%
55-66 (83%)	Red Zone	49-57 (85%)
22.2	Points Allowed/Game	12.8
325.8	Yards Allowed/Game	270.6
113.1	Rush Yards Allowed	99.2
212.7	Pass Yards Allowed	171.5
16/3	INT / INT Thrown	18/5
15/18	Fumbles Rec/Lost	6/6
31/21	Takeaways/Giveaways	24/11
3-3 (100.0%)	Field Goals	9-16 (56.3%)
85-94 (90.4%)	PATs	59-63 (93.7%)

Dordt (Iowa) (9-2) at Morningside (Iowa) (10-1), Noon CT

PREMIER PASS CATCHERS

Morningside's Drew Sellon leads the NAIA with 94 receptions this season and ranks second nationally with 17 touchdown receptions. Dordt's Kaden Harken ranks third nationally with 16 TD receptions, meaning two of the NAIA's three leaders in the category will be on the field Saturday in Sioux City.



A HIGH-POWERED GPAC REMATCH

Two of the NAIA's six highest-scoring offenses meet Saturday in a rematch of a Sept. 19 Great Plains Athletic Conference contest, won by Morningside, 35-31. The Mustangs rank fifth nationally in scoring offense (49.1 points per game) and second in total offense (536.0 yards per game), while Dordt ranks sixth in scoring (46.7). Both of the Defenders' losses have come against teams playing in Saturday's Second Round, including a 38-31 setback at Indiana Wesleyan in their Aug. 28 season opener.

TWO OF THE NAIA'S MOST EFFICIENT QBs MEET SATURDAY

Morningside's Tyler Smith and Dordt's Noah Strickfaden rank third and fourth nationally in passing efficiency, respectively, with ratings of 186.0 and 183.7. The Mustangs have thrown 36 touchdown passes against six interceptions this season, while the Defenders have thrown 30 against just four interceptions.

DOING MORE WITH EACH SNAP

Dordt averages 7.6 yards per offensive play, compared to 7.2 for Morningside. The Defenders average 5.9 yards per rush and 255.7 passing yards per game.

NEARLY AUTOMATIC INSIDE THE 20

Dordt ranks second nationally in red-zone efficiency, scoring 96% of the time. The Defenders have come away with points on 50 of their 52 trips inside the 20-yard line, while Morningside has scored on 50 of 61 opportunities (81%).

MOVING THE CHAINS

Morningside has recorded an NAIA-best 345 first downs and has converted 56% of its third-down opportunities. Dordt has collected 274 first downs and has been particularly effective on fourth down, converting 68% of its attempts.

KACMARYNSKI'S 120 TACKLES RANK SECOND

Dordt's Isaac Kacmarynski ranks second nationally with 120 tackles, an average of 10.9 per game. The Defenders have recorded 55 TFL and 18 sacks as a team.

EIGHT INTs for ATUPRA, BUT DORDT PROTECTS THE BALL

Morningside's Victor Atupra leads the NAIA with eight interceptions this season, accounting for more than half of the Mustangs' 15 interceptions. Morningside has also recorded 55 pass breakups and three defensive touchdowns. Dordt has turned the ball over just five times through 11 games, throwing four interceptions and losing only one fumble. The Defenders have collected 19 takeaways, producing a plus-14 turnover margin, compared to Morningside's +6 (20-14).

KEEPING THE RUN IN CHECK

Morningside ranks seventh nationally in rushing offense (250.7 yards per game) and is tied for 14th in rushing defense (103.4 yards allowed per game). Dordt averages 212.9 rushing yards per game, ranking 20th nationally.

2026 Schedules & Results

DORDT DEFENDERS (9-2)

8/28	at Indiana Wesleyan	L, 31-38
9/5	Hastings	W, 41-7
9/19	Morningside	L, 31-35
9/26	at Concordia (Neb.)	W, 51-21
10/3	at Midland	W, 42-17
10/10	Doane	W, 38-3
10/17	Briar Cliff	W, 49-3
10/24	at Mount Marty	W, 41-13
10/31	Waldorf	W, 80-14
11/7	at Dakota Wesleyan	W, 44-17
11/14	at Northwestern	W, 66-21

MORNINGSIDE MUSTANGS (10-1)

8/29	Benedictine	W, 35-28
9/5	Northwestern	L, 35-43
9/12	Doane	W, 70-10
9/19	at Dordt	W, 35-31
9/26	at Mount Marty	W, 42-7
10/3	Dakota Wesleyan	W, 56-20
10/10	at Waldorf	W, 72-19
10/24	Concordia (Neb.)	W, 61-21
10/31	at Midland	W, 40-24
11/7	at Hastings	W, 24-9
11/14	Briar Cliff	W, 70-14

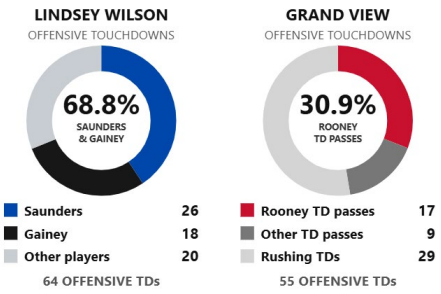
Team Comparison

Dordt		M'Side
46.7	Points/Game	49.1
468.6	Total Yards/Game	536.0
212.9	Rush Yards/Game	250.7
255.7	Pass Yards/Game	285.3
548.2	All-Purpose Yards/Game	610.4
52%	3rd Down %	56%
68%	4th Down %	56%
50-52 (96%)	Red Zone	50-61 (81%)
17.2	Points Allowed/Game	20.5
367.2	Yards Allowed/Game	327.1
145.8	Rush Yards Allowed	103.4
221.4	Pass Yards Allowed	223.7
10/4	INT / INT Thrown	15/6
9/1	Fumbles Rec/Lost	5/8
19/5	Takeaways/Giveaways	20/14
11-12 (91.7%)	Field Goals	1-2 (50.0%)
67-69 (97.1%)	PATs	71-75 (94.7%)

Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) (9-2) at Grand View (Iowa) (10-1), Noon CT

THE NATION'S TOP TD TANDEM

Lindsey Wilson features the NAIA leaders in both rushing and receiving touchdowns. Davontaye Saunders has rushed for 26 touchdowns, while Max Gainey has caught 18 touchdown passes. The duo has combined for 44 touchdowns.



ROONEY AND THE GVU PASS

Grand View quarterback Casey Rooney has thrown 17 of the Vikings' 26 touchdown passes this season (65.4%). Grand View averages 187.7 passing yards per game and has thrown just five interceptions as a team through 11 games.

2025 QUARTERFINAL REMATCH

For the second consecutive season, Lindsey Wilson and Grand View meet in the NAIA FCS. The Vikings defeated the Blue Raiders, 35-7, in last year's Quarterfinals on their way to a second consecutive national championship.

LITTLE ROOM TO RUN

Grand View ranks third nationally in rushing defense, allowing just 73.9 yards per game. Lindsey Wilson ranks ninth at 96.7 yards per game. Both defenses also rank among the nation's top 15 in scoring defense and total defense.

MAKING THE MOST OF EVERY CARRY

Two of the nation's three leaders in yards per rushing attempt will be on the field Saturday. Saunders ranks second nationally at 8.5 yards per carry, followed by Grand View's Bryant Williams at 7.8. Saunders ranks second with 1,566 rushing yards and fifth with 1,734 all-purpose yards. The Lindsey Wilson running back averages 157.6 all-purpose yards.

DISRUPTING THE BACKFIELD

Grand View has recorded 93 tackles for loss and 32 sacks through 11 games. The Vikings average nearly three sacks per contest, while Lindsey Wilson has registered 77 tackles for loss and 24 sacks.

A PRODUCTIVE PLAYBOOK

Lindsey Wilson is tied for fourth nationally with an average of 7.9 yards per offensive play. The Blue Raiders average 445.7 yards of total offense per game, with just 9.3 yards separating passing (227.5) and rushing (218.2) per game.

KEEPING OPPONENTS UNDER 15

Grand View ranks seventh nationally in scoring defense, allowing 13.1 ppg, while Lindsey Wilson ranks 11th at 14.7. The Blue Raiders rank seventh in total defense (256.9 yards per game), compared to 14th for the Vikings (278.5).

THE TAKEAWAY TALLY

GVU carries a plus-11 turnover margin into Saturday, with 22 takeaways against 11 giveaways. Lindsey Wilson has forced 24 turnovers, including 15 interceptions and nine fumble recoveries, producing a plus-six turnover margin.

FINISHING DRIVES

Lindsey Wilson has scored on 90% of its red-zone opportunities (39 of 43), while Grand View has scored on 88% of its opportunities (40 of 45).

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LINDSEY WILSON BLUE RAIDERS (9-2)

8/27	Reinhardt	W, 52-24
9/5	Ave Maria	W, 52-6
9/12	at Rio Grande	W, 61-12
9/19	at St. Thomas (Fla.)	L, 7-17
9/26	at Union (Ky.)	W, 49-17
10/3	Campbellsville	W, 30-21
10/10	Georgetown (Ky.)	L, 21-24 (OT)
10/24	at Andrew	W, 76-0
10/31	at Cumberland (Tenn.)	W, 35-14
11/7	Bethel (Tenn.)	W, 42-10
11/14	at Cumberlands (Ky.)	W, 48-17

GRAND VIEW VIKINGS (10-1)

8/29	at Peru State	W, 51-0
9/5	Central Methodist	W, 40-7
9/12	at Missouri Valley	W, 21-7
9/19	Benedictine	L, 17-21
9/26	at MNU (Kan.)	W, 35-13
10/3	Clarke	W, 66-13
10/15	at Graceland	W, 52-20
10/24	Culver-Stockton	W, 47-17
10/31	William Penn	W, 36-34
11/7	at St. Ambrose	W, 48-0
11/14	at Mount Mercy	W, 75-12

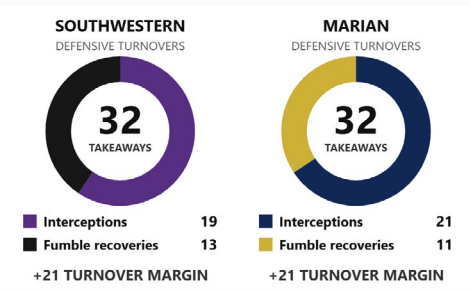
Team Comparison

LWU		GVU
43.0	Points/Game	44.4
445.7	Total Yards/Game	401.6
218.2	Rush Yards/Game	213.9
227.5	Pass Yards/Game	187.7
497.2	All-Purpose Yards/Game	472.7
36%	3rd Down %	43%
33%	4th Down %	57%
39-43 (90%)	Red Zone	40-45 (88%)
14.7	Points Allowed/Game	13.1
256.9	Yards Allowed/Game	278.5
96.7	Rush Yards Allowed	73.9
160.2	Pass Yards Allowed	204.6
15/10	INT / INT Thrown	16/5
9/8	Fumbles Rec/Lost	6/6
24/18	Takeaways/Giveaways	22/11
8-9 (88.9%)	Field Goals	15-22 (68.2%)
63-64 (98.4%)	PATs	61-63 (96.8%)

Southwestern (Kan.) (10-1) at Marian (Ind.) (10-1), 1:05 p.m. ET

IDENTICAL TURNOVER MARGINS

Southwestern and Marian have each collected 32 takeaways against 11 giveaways, producing identical plus-21 turnover margins. The Knights lead the NAIA with 21 interceptions, while the Moundbuilders have collected 19 interceptions and 13 fumble recoveries.



TOP 10 DEFENSES

Marian and Southwestern both rank among the NAIA's top 10 in scoring and total defense. The Knights are tied for fourth nationally in scoring defense (12.8 points per game), while the Moundbuilders rank 10th (14.6).

GROUND GAME SUCCESS

Southwestern ranks 10th nationally in rushing offense (239.7 yards per game), while Marian ranks 13th (223.2). The Knights have scored 41 rushing touchdowns, compared to 38 for the Moundbuilders.

NOWHERE TO RUN

Both teams hold opponents below 100 rushing yards per game. Southwestern ranks eighth nationally at 94.8 yards allowed, followed by Marian in 10th at 98.4.

A BALANCED APPROACH

Southwestern has accumulated 4,827 yards of total offense, including 2,637 rushing and 2,190 passing. Marian's offensive production is separated by just 278 yards between rushing (2,455) and passing (2,177).

VOGEL AMONG THE NATIONAL LEADERS

Marian kicker Ashton Vogel ranks fourth nationally with 13 field goals. The Knights have also converted 61 of 62 PAT attempts (98.4%) as a team.

CAPITALIZING ON SCORING OPPORTUNITIES

Southwestern has scored on 89% of the time in the red-zone, compared to Marian's 81%. The Knights have made 70 trips inside the 20, scoring on 57.

DISRUPTING THE PASSING GAME

Marian has registered 23 sacks and 55 pass breakups this season. Southwestern has recorded 18 sacks and 31 pass breakups.

PROTECTING THE FOOTBALL

Neither team has thrown more than six interceptions this season. Southwestern has thrown five interceptions against 21 touchdown passes, while Marian has thrown six against 16 touchdowns.

CONTROLLING THE CLOCK

Marian averages 32:40 in time of possession per game, while Southwestern averages 31:29. Both teams have held possession for more than 52% of regulation game time this season.

MORE THAN THE SUM OF THE OFFENSE

Marian averages 100.6 all-purpose yards per game beyond its total offensive yardage, compared to 63.2 for Southwestern. The Knights have accumulated 5,739 all-purpose yards through 11 games.

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SOUTHWESTERN MOUNDBUILDERS (10-1)

8/29	at Bethel (Kan.)	W, 48-14
9/5	Tabor	W, 38-3
9/12	at Evangel	L, 13-31
9/19	Ottawa (Kan.)	W, 30-14
9/26	at Bethany	W, 82-16
10/3	Avila	W, 19-14
10/17	Sterling	W, 31-10
10/24	at Friends	W, 40-21
10/31	at McPherson	W, 27-24
11/7	Saint Mary (Kan.)	W, 83-0
11/14	Kansas Wesleyan	W, 42-14

MARIAN KNIGHTS (10-1)

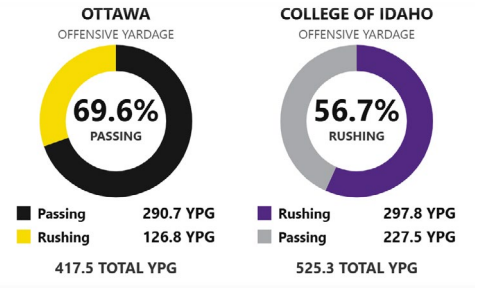
8/27	at UIndy	L, 7-39
9/5	at Defiance	W, 53-0
9/12	at Saint Francis (Ind.)	W, 30-6
9/19	Madonna	W, 27-25
10/3	Taylor	W, 26-6
10/10	Indiana Wesleyan	W, 30-28
10/17	Olivet Nazarene	W, 31-3
10/24	at St. Mary-Woods	W, 73-6
10/31	at St. Francis (Ill.)	W, 63-14
11/7	Saint Xavier	W, 70-14
11/14	at Judson	W, 66-0

Team Comparison

Southwestern		Marian
41.2	Points/Game	43.3
438.8	Total Yards/Game	421.1
239.7	Rush Yards/Game	223.2
199.1	Pass Yards/Game	197.9
502.0	All-Purpose Yards/Game	521.7
44%	3rd Down %	47%
47%	4th Down %	65%
50-56 (89%)	Red Zone	57-70 (81%)
14.6	Points Allowed/Game	12.8
267.3	Yards Allowed/Game	252.3
94.8	Rush Yards Allowed	98.4
172.5	Pass Yards Allowed	153.9
19/5	INT / INT Thrown	21/6
13/6	Fumbles Rec/Lost	11/5
32/11	Takeaways/Giveaways	32/11
9-12 (75.0%)	Field Goals	13-23 (56.5%)
52-60 (86.7%)	PATs	61-62 (98.4%)

Ottawa (Kan.) (9-3) at College of Idaho (10-0), Noon MT

FAMILIAR TO FIRST TIME
One week after meeting Baker for the 83rd time in program history, Ottawa faces College of Idaho for the first time. The Yotes have faced Ottawa's sister campus, OUAZ, once, in the First Round of the 2019 FCS.



PERFECT INSIDE THE 20
College of Idaho is the only team in the NAIA with a 100% red-zone scoring rate, converting all 47 opportunities. Ottawa has scored on 47 of its 56 trips inside the 20.

MOVING THE CHAINS
The Yotes lead the NAIA in both third-down (60%) and fourth-down (75%) conversions. College of Idaho has accumulated 277 first downs in 10 games, six more than Ottawa in 12 contests.

CONTRASTING OFFENSIVE IDENTITIES
College of Idaho ranks second nationally in rushing offense (297.8 yards per game), while Ottawa ranks seventh in passing offense (290.7). The Braves have generated 69.6% of their offensive yardage through the air.

YOUNG MAKES EVERY CARRY COUNT
College of Idaho's Caden Young leads the NAIA with an average of 9.2 yards per rushing attempt. Young also ranks fifth nationally in passing efficiency with a rating of 178.7.

BYINGTON FINDS THE END ZONE
College of Idaho's Ryleigh Byington is tied for second nationally with 23 rushing touchdowns, accounting for nearly half of the Yotes' 49 touchdowns on the ground.

JOHNSON NEARING 90 RECEPTIONS
Ottawa's Jayden Johnson ranks second nationally with 89 receptions this season, averaging 7.4 catches per game. The Braves have thrown 30 touchdown passes through 12 games.

SEVEN GIVEAWAYS IN 10 GAMES
College of Idaho has lost just two fumbles and thrown five interceptions this season. Ottawa has generated 25 takeaways, including 14 interceptions and 11 fumble recoveries.

DIFFERENT DEFENSIVE STRENGTHS
College of Idaho ranks fifth nationally in rushing defense, allowing 85.5 yards per game. Ottawa has been more effective against the pass, allowing 162.3 yards per game compared to the Yotes' 188.4. College of Idaho has recorded 31 sacks through 10 games, while Ottawa has registered 28 through 12 contests. The Braves have accumulated 82 tackles for loss, compared to 64 for the Yotes.

ACCURACY IN THE KICKING GAME
College of Idaho has missed just one field goal and one PAT this season, converting 76 of 78 combined attempts (97.4%).

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OTTAWA BRAVES (9-3)

8/29	Kansas Wesleyan	W, 33-13
9/5	at Saint Mary (Kan.)	W, 42-15
9/12	Sterling	W, 61-20
9/19	at Southwestern	L, 14-30
9/26	McPherson	L, 10-14
10/3	at Friends	L, 42-66
10/17	Evangel	W, 38-35 (OT)
10/24	at Tabor	W, 35-17
10/31	Bethany	W, 59-14
11/7	at Avila	W, 14-6
11/14	at Bethel (Kan.)	W, 69-7
11/21	at Baker	W, 31-28 (OT)

COLLEGE OF IDAHO YOTES (10-0)

8/29	at Eastern Oregon	W, 37-7
9/5	Rocky Mountain	W, 63-13
9/19	at Mont. St.-Northern	W, 59-14
9/26	Montana Tech	W, 35-19
10/3	Simpson (Calif.)	W, 56-14
10/17	at Montana Western	W, 52-7
10/24	Eastern Oregon	W, 63-28
10/31	at Arizona Christian	W, 61-7
11/7	Carroll (Mont.)	W, 49-41
11/14	at Southern Oregon	W, 47-14

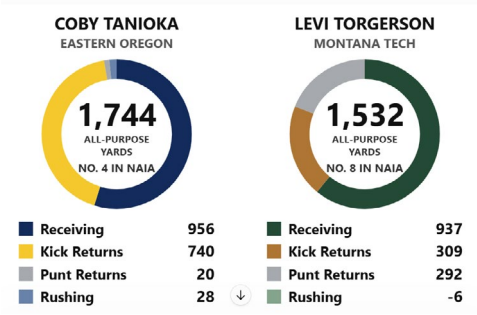
Team Comparison

Ottawa		C of I
37.3	Points/Game	52.2
417.5	Total Yards/Game	525.3
126.8	Rush Yards/Game	297.8
290.7	Pass Yards/Game	227.5
520.9	All-Purpose Yards/Game	589.5
41%	3rd Down %	60%
61%	4th Down %	75%
47-56 (83%)	Red Zone	47-47 (100%)
22.1	Points Allowed/Game	16.4
338.3	Yards Allowed/Game	273.9
176.0	Rush Yards Allowed	85.5
162.3	Pass Yards Allowed	188.4
14/11	INT / INT Thrown	8/5
11/5	Fumbles Rec/Lost	7/2
25/16	Takeaways/Giveaways	15/7
10-17 (58.8%)	Field Goals	7-8 (87.5%)
46-49 (93.9%)	PATs	69-70 (98.6%)

Eastern Oregon (9-2) at Montana Tech (10-1), 1 p.m. MT

3,276 YARDS BETWEEN THEM

EOU's Coby Tanioka (1,744) and Montana Tech's Levi Torgerson (1,532) rank fourth and eighth nationally in all-purpose yardage, respectively. Torgerson led the NAIA in the category last season. Tanioka has accumulated 956 receiving yards and 740 kickoff return yards this season, with another 48 yards between rushing and punt returns. Torgerson also ranks third nationally with 88 receptions through 11 games. He is also fourth in punt return average at 15.4 yards.



FAMILIAR OPPONENTS, DIFFERENT PATHS

Eastern Oregon and Montana Tech share six common opponents, as EOU hails from the Frontier West and Montana Tech from the Frontier East, with both teams' only losses coming against unbeaten College of Idaho. The Orediggers went 5-1 against common opponents, the Mountaineers 5-2. Tech and EOU haven't played since 2024, a 45-22 win for the Orediggers, who lead the all-time series 10-8.

THREE NUMBERS TO KNOW: 2, 2, 3

Montana Tech ranks second nationally in both total defense (227.8 yards per game) and rushing defense (70.5), and third in scoring defense (12.5).

37 TOUCHDOWNS THROUGH THE AIR

Eastern Oregon has thrown nine more touchdown passes than Montana Tech this season. EOU is tied for ninth nationally in passing offense (281.6 ypg).

MEDRANO REACHES TRIPLE DIGITS

Eastern Oregon's Nehemiah Medrano has recorded 109 tackles this season, the third-highest total in the NAIA.

66 SACKS COMBINED

Montana Tech has registered 35 sacks, while Eastern Oregon has collected 31. The Orediggers' Trevor Miller ranks second nationally with 10.5.

THREE POINTS FROM 100

Montana Tech kicker Casey Kautzman is tied for third nationally with 97 kicking points. His 14 field goals are tied for the second-most in the NAIA.

A NEARLY 10-MINUTE DIFFERENCE

The Orediggers average 36:51 in time of possession per game, compared to 26:56 for Eastern Oregon.

A STRONG FINISH IN BUTTE

Montana Tech outscored its final three regular-season opponents 145-30, winning each game by at least 31 points.

A KNACK FOR CLOSE GAMES

Eastern Oregon is 4-0 in games decided by eight points or fewer this season, including last week's 28-20 First Round victory over Midland.

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EASTERN OREGON MOUNTAINEERS (9-2)

8/29	College of Idaho	L, 7-37
9/12	at Whitworth	W, 51-17
9/19	at Valley City State	W, 46-39
9/26	Mont. St.-Northern	W, 45-14
10/10	at Arizona Christian	W, 50-12
10/17	Southern Oregon	W, 49-45
10/24	at College of Idaho	L, 28-63
10/31	Montana Western	W, 31-17
11/7	at Simpson (Calif.)	W, 57-47
11/14	Carroll (Mont.)	W, 26-20 (OT)
11/21	Midland	W, 28-20

MONTANA TECH OREDIGGERS (10-1)

8/27	OUAZ	W, 48-0
9/5	Carroll (Mont.)	W, 24-14
9/12	at Montana Western	W, 34-7
9/19	Southern Oregon	W, 58-10
9/26	at College of Idaho	L, 19-35
10/3	at Dakota State	W, 33-21
10/10	Mont. St.-Northern	W, 62-0
10/24	at Mayville State	W, 34-20
10/31	Rocky Mountain	W, 41-0
11/7	Dickinson State	W, 59-16
11/14	at Valley City State	W, 45-14

Team Comparison

EOU		Mont. Tech
38.0	Points/Game	41.5
452.6	Total Yards/Game	438.3
171.0	Rush Yards/Game	215.6
281.6	Pass Yards/Game	222.6
540.4	All-Purpose Yards/Game	502.2
50%	3rd Down %	48%
63%	4th Down %	47%
36-47 (76%)	Red Zone	54-65 (83%)
30.1	Points Allowed/Game	12.5
398.5	Yards Allowed/Game	227.8
135.5	Rush Yards Allowed	70.5
262.9	Pass Yards Allowed	157.4
10/7	INT / INT Thrown	16/4
7/11	Fumbles Rec/Lost	7/6
17/18	Takeaways/Giveaways	23/10
5-9 (55.6%)	Field Goals	14-16 (87.5%)
51-54 (94.4%)	PATs	55-58 (94.8%)