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### STARTING QUARTERBACKS IN LIMELIGHT AS SOUTH DAKOTA HEADS TO NORTHERN IOWA

South Dakota faces its first test of the season when the Coyotes head a few miles south to face No. 5 Northern Iowa Saturday in Cedar Falls. By facing the perennial power, South Dakota might be facing a quarterback most like its own Noah Shepard in UNI senior Pat Grace.

Not only did the two players earn Offensive Player of the Week honors by their respective conferences in Week No.1, but they have similar styles of play - both having the ability to run as well as throw the ball effectively. It is safe to say that both offenses revolve around their respective QBs.

In the opener, Shepard threw for 249 yards and four touchdowns as USD hammered William Penn 52-0. While that was going on, Grace was throwing for a career-high 270 yards on 23-of-27 passing as UNI put a severe scare into the 21st ranked Iowa Hawkeyes before losing 17-16.

"Grace presents a lot of problems for teams because of his size and his ability to make plays," said USD head coach Ed Meierkort. "He's a winner and he is a team leader.

"But when we play, I believe Noah Shepard is the best quarterback on the field. He does so many good things with the ball and give the defense so many things to defend. We'll go as far this season as Noah Shepard takes us."

## Great West Football Standings

Thru Games of Sept. 5

	GWC Games					All Games				
	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
South Dakota	0	0			.000	1	0	52	0	1.000
Southern Utah	0	0			.000	1	0	36	7	1.000
#13 Cal Poly	0	0			.000	0	0			.000
UC Davis	0	0			.000	0	1	0	51	.000
North Dakota	0	0			.000	0	1	13	38	.000

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

#### Thursday, September 3

South Dakota 52, William Penn 0  
 Southern Utah 36, Dixie State 7

#### Saturday, September 5

Texas Tech 38, North Dakota 13  
 Fresno State 51, UC Davis 0  
 OPEN - #12 Cal Poly

### GAMES SEPTEMBER 12

South Dakota at #5 Northern Iowa, 4 p.m.  
 Sacramento State at #13 Cal Poly, 4:30 p.m.  
 Southern Utah at San Diego State, 5:30 p.m.  
 #4 Montana at UC Davis, 7 p.m.  
 OPEN - North Dakota

Times local to site

### USD's NOAH SHEPARD vs. UNI's PAT GRACE

#### TALE OF THE TAPE

	Shepard	Grace
Height	6-2	6-2
Weight	215	240
Class	Sr.	Sr.
Home Field	DakotaDome	UNI-Dome
2008 USD vs. UNI Game	22-33-1-290	10-14-0-130
2008 Rushing Yards	645	618
2008 Passing Yards	2,000	2,041
2008 Rushing TDs	13	11
2008 Passing TDs	15	14
Favorite Passing Target ('08 yrd)	Dan Skelly (47-880)	Josh Collins (32-502)
Feature Running Back ('08 yrd)	Chris Ganious (755)	Derrick Law (786)



## Players of the Week from Week No. 1

Most would say that kicking field goals after a three-year hiatus would not be the equivalent to riding a bike after the same period of time, but **Ryan Griffith** of Southern Utah may have found doing both just as easy. The senior played wide receiver for the Thunderbirds the last three years, but switched to kicker last spring, beat out two recruited kickers in the fall camp and earned the first Great West Special Teams Player of the Week after hitting on all five of his attempts in SUU's 36-7 win Thursday over Dixie State. North Dakota defensive back **Joel Schwenzfeier** had quite a season in the opener with three interceptions in the Sioux's loss to pass-happy Texas Tech of the FBS to earn Defensive Player of the Week honors, while quarterback **Noah Shepard** from South Dakota was chosen Offensive Player of the Week for his game vs. William Penn.

### Offensive

#### **QB Noah Shepard - South Dakota (6-2, 215, Sr., Thornton, Colo.)**

Quarterback Shepard went 15-for-23 for 249 yards with four touchdowns to lead South Dakota's offense to over 500 yards of total offense in a 52-0 rout of William Penn on Thursday. Shepard threw for 161 yards and three touchdowns in the first half alone and added another scoring strike on the first drive of the second half as the Coyotes built a 38-0 lead.

**Also Nominated** - RB Mitch Sutton (North Dakota); QB Cade Cooper (Southern Utah)

### Defensive

#### **DB Joel Schwenzfeier - North Dakota (6-2, 175, Jr., Hallock, Minn.)**

Schwenzfeier had a defensive hat trick with three interceptions in the season opener on the road at Big 12 South Division champion Texas Tech. His first grab came early in the second quarter when he picked off Tech's Taylor Potts (a member of the preseason Davey O'Brien Award list) on the UND nine, stopping a potential scoring drive. He recorded his second of the game with just 00:12 left in the first half, and the final came at the 11:06 mark in the final quarter. The last time a Fighting Sioux player nabbed three picks in one game was on Oct. 15, 1994 when Mike Mooney grabbed three against Augustana.

**Also Nominated** - DL Evan Capper (South Dakota); LB Robert Takeno (Southern Utah)

### Special Teams

#### **K Ryan Griffith - Southern Utah (6-0, 190, Sr., Hemet, Calif.)**

In his first game as a kicker since high school, Griffith was perfect on the night, kicking an SUU single-game record five field goals as well as three extra points to account for half the team's points in the 36-7 victory over Dixie State. He hit field goals of 20, 21, 23, 32 and 37 yards, three of them into the wind, and scored the T-Bird's first six and final nine points on field goals. He has played receiver for the Thunderbirds the past three years but made the move to kicker in the spring and beat out two recruited kickers this fall to keep the job.

**Also Nominated** - K Brandon Hellevang (North Dakota); LB Cory Kuehl (South Dakota)

## 2009 Players of the Week

### Offensive

Sept. 6 – QB Noah Shepard, USD  
Sept. 13  
Sept. 20  
Sept. 27  
Oct. 4  
Oct. 11  
Oct. 18  
Oct. 25  
Nov. 1  
Nov. 8  
Nov. 15  
Nov. 22

### Defensive

Sept. 6 – DB Joel Schwenzfeier, UND  
Sept. 13  
Sept. 20  
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Oct. 4  
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## GREAT WEST IN THE NFL

No fewer than six players from Great West institutions or individuals who played in the Great West appear on NFL rosters heading into the first week of play. Last year's Great West Offensive Player of the Year Ramses Barden from Cal Poly was drafted in the third round and is playing for the New York Giants while 2008 Special Teams Player of the Year, Nick Miller, from Southern Utah, was one of seven rookies who made the roster of the Oakland Raiders. Reigning world champion Pittsburgh Steelers kept South Dakota's all-time leading rusher Stefan Logan as a kick returner. Here's the list:

Ramses Barden	Cal Poly	WR	New York Giants
Chris Gocong	Cal Poly	LB	Philadelphia
Marques Harris	S. Utah	LB	San Francisco
Vincent Jackson	N. Colorado	WR	San Diego
Stefan Logan	S. Dakota	KR	Pittsburgh
Nick Miller	S. Utah	WR	Oakland

## GWC PART OF FCS GAME OF WEEK LINEUP

For the third time in four years, a Great West game was selected to be part of the FCS Game of the Week. The Nov. 14 game between UC Davis and Cal Poly will be broadcast by WCKY, AM 1530, Cincinnati, over WCKY's 50,000 watt nighttime skywave signal, which, geographically, covers the eastern half of the United States and Canada at night, and provides a signal that can be heard by 2/3 of the population of the U.S. and Canada. Frank Santore and David Brody provide the play-by-play and commentary.

## PLAY A LOCAL TEAM AND THEY WILL COME

Southern Utah's standing-room only home crowd of 10,028 against Dixie State was the largest in Eccles Coliseum history. The stadium opened in 1997 and has a seating capacity of 8,500 but also large grass areas and concrete walkways to accommodate several thousand additional fans. It helped some, also, that Dixie State is located some 45 miles south of Cedar City on Interstate 15.

## WEEKLY COACHES TELECONFERENCE

Each Monday, Great West Conference coaches are available during a teleconference to discuss the previous week's games, provide an injury report and discuss the upcoming opponent. To access the call, dial 1-877-211-4924, with the password of "Great West." Media can access the archived session at 1-800-642-1687 using Conference ID number 25785293. Here is the lineup (all times Central):

**1:45 p.m. - Introduction by Commissioner Ed Grom**

**1:47 p.m. - Cal Poly coach Tim Walsh**

**1:55 p.m. - South Dakota coach Ed Meierkort**

**2:03 p.m. - North Dakota coach Chris Mussman**

**2:11 p.m. - Southern Utah coach Ed Lamb**

**2:19 p.m. - UC Davis coach Bob Biggs**

## 2009 FCS Coaches Poll

	W-L	Pts.	Last Week
1. Richmond (24)	1-0	696	2
2. Appalachian State (13)	0-1	636	1
3. Villanova	1-0	619	5
4. Montana	1-0	602	3
5. Northern Iowa	0-1	595	4
6. James Madison	0-0	555	6
7. William & Mary (1)	1-0	506	14
8. Southern Illinois	0-1	493	7
9. New Hampshire	1-0	481	8
10. Weber State	0-1	447	9
11. Elon	1-0	413	11
12. Central Arkansas	0-1	356	12
<b>13. Cal Poly</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>13</b>
14. Wofford	0-1	313	10
15. South Carolina State	1-0	270	16
16. McNeese State	1-0	253	15
17. Eastern Washington	1-0	235	17
18. Massachusetts (1)	0-1	234	18
19. Texas State	1-0	189	21
20. Maine	1-0	164	t19
21. Jacksonville State	0-1	100	t19
22. Harvard	0-0	71	22
23. Eastern Kentucky	0-1	65	NR
24. Liberty	0-1	57	NR
25. South Dakota State	0-0	52	23

Other GWC teams receiving votes (points in parentheses): **31. South Dakota (26).**

## Sports Network's FCS Media Poll

	W-L	Pts.	Last Week
1. Richmond (103)	1-0	3042	2
2. Appalachian State (10)	0-1	2740	1
3. Villanova (3)	1-0	2705	5
4. Northern Iowa (3)	0-1	2651	4
5. Montana	1-0	2615	3
6. James Madison	0-0	2235	6
7. William & Mary (3)	1-0	2204	14
8. Southern Illinois	0-1	1980	7
9. New Hampshire	1-0	1952	8
10. Elon	1-0	1846	11
11. Weber State	0-1	1826	9
<b>12. Cal Poly</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1453</b>	<b>12</b>
13. Central Arkansas	0-1	1350	13
14. Wofford	0-1	1262	10
15. South Carolina State (1)	1-0	1229	16
16. McNeese State	1-0	1109	15
17. Massachusetts	0-1	1027	17
18. Eastern Washington	1-0	905	18
19. Texas State	1-0	805	20
20. Maine	1-0	709	19
21. South Dakota State	0-0	475	22
22. Eastern Kentucky	0-1	467	23
23. Jacksonville State	0-1	430	21
24. Harvard	0-0	361	23
25. Holy Cross	1-0	348	25

Other GWC teams receiving votes: **55. SUU (12); 57. South Dakota (10); t66. UC Davis (4).**



## Preview of This Week's Games

Games Saturday, September 12

**South Dakota (1-0, 0-0 Great West) at #5 Northern Iowa (0-1, 0-0 Missouri Valley)**

UNI-Dome, Cedar Falls, Iowa, 4 p.m. CDT

**Series:** 41st meeting between the two schools - Northern Iowa leads 22-17-1

**Last 4 Games**    **2008**    **at Northern Iowa 24, South Dakota 13**    **1981**    **at South Dakota 34, Northern Iowa 17**  
**1982**    **at Northern Iowa 41, South Dakota 34**    **1979**    **at Northern Iowa 16, South Dakota 14**

**Coaches:** Ed Meierkort: 34-13 (5th season) at South Dakota

Mark Farley: 75-28 (9th season) at Northern Iowa, 75-28 (9th season) overall

**The Coyotes:** Thursday's win over William Penn was the 500th all-time for USD - in the school's 1,000th game - as it now has a 500-464-36 record in its 113 years of college football ... USD dominated the first half statistically, outgaining the Statesmen 270-40 - South Dakota had 12 first downs compared to three for William Penn ... the Coyote defense never allowed the Statesmen to run a play in USD territory in the opening half ... with the win, head coach Ed Meierkort now owns a 27-2 record at home ... last year's game vs. UNI was the first meeting between the two schools since 1982 ... the two teams met a year ago when USD was 1-0 and UNI was 0-1, ranked fifth in the Coaches' Poll and lost to an FBS team (BYU) in its season opener - UNI won the game 24-13 ..

**About Northern Iowa:** Ranked 5th in the FCS, Northern Iowa dropped a 17-16 decision to intra-state rival Iowa in the season opener ... Saturday's home opener for UNI has been dubbed a Blackout game - UNI will wear black jerseys with black pants and all fans in attendance are encouraged to wear black shirts ... UNI is 7-1 in home openers under the direction of head coach Mark Farley - since the UNI-Dome opened in 1976, the Panthers have tallied 27 wins against only six defeats in home openers ... nine true freshmen or red-shirt freshmen saw their first action for the Panthers against Iowa ... the Panthers advanced to the semifinal round of the FCS playoffs in 2008 before falling to eventual national champion Richmond by a single point, 21-20.

**Sacramento State (0-1, 0-0 Big Sky) at #13 Cal Poly (0-0, 0-0 Great West)**

Alex G. Spanos Stadium, San Luis Obispo, Calif., 7:05 p.m. PDT

**Series:** 31st meeting between the two schools - Series Tied 15-15

**Last 4 Games**    **2006**    **Cal Poly 17, at Sacramento State 10**    **2004**    **Cal Poly 58, at Sacramento State 13**  
**2005**    **at Cal Poly 37, Sacramento State 13**    **2003**    **at Cal Poly 31, Sacramento State 17**

**Coaches:** Marshall Sperbeck: 9-14 (3rd season) at Sacramento State; 118-67 (18th season) overall

Tim Walsh: 0-0 (1st season) at Cal Poly; 117-82 (19th season) overall

**The Mustangs:** the two schools played each year between 1983 and 2006, but have not met the last two years ... new head coach Tim Walsh will be making his Cal Poly debut ... the Mustangs have had six consecutive winning seasons, three Great West Conference titles in the last five years and NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision playoff berths in both 2005 and 2008 ... junior Tony Smith is expected to make his first start at quarterback for Cal Poly ... with Ramsas Barden gone and playing for the New York Giants, there will be new personnel at wide receiver and one of the two slotback positions, but the other slotback will be converted fullback Jon Hall, making room for Jordan Yocum at fullback - Hall, Yocum and slotback Jono Grayson all rushed for about 350 yards a year ago ... only one of this year's crop of wide receivers has made a catch at Cal Poly - Eric Gardley with one in 2007 before he played in the defensive secondary in 2008 .. other pass catching candidates are Mike Anderson, Jarred Houston and Dominique Johnson, a transfer from UCLA ... Cal Poly will play a pair of Football Bowl Subdivision teams the next two weeks, visiting Ohio on Sept. 19 and San Jose State on Sept. 26 - the Mustangs have won three of their last eight games against FBS schools, defeating UTEP 34-13 in the 2003 opener and San Diego State 16-14 in 2006 and 29-27 in the 2008 opener.

**About Sacramento State:** The Hornets finished 6-6 in 2008 and opened up the 2009 campaign with a loss at UNLV ... Sacramento State, coached by Marshall Sperbeck, returns 33 lettermen, including 11 starters, off last year's team which went 6-6 and finished tied for sixth place in the Big Sky at 3-5 ... in the loss to UNLV on Saturday, Terrance Dailey, a transfer from Washington, rushed for 101 yards on 19 carries while quarterback Jason Smith, starting for the third straight year, completed eight of 17 passes for 85 yards with one interception ... Sacramento State plays Great West member UC Davis annually in the "Causeway Classic" - that game is scheduled for Nov. 21 in Sacramento ... the Hornets beat UC Davis last year 29-19.



## Preview of This Week's Games

Games Saturday, September 12

### Southern Utah (1-0, 0-0 Great West) at San Diego State (0-1, 0-0 Mountain West)

Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego, Calif., 5:30 p.m. PDT

**Series:** First Meeting between the two schools

**Coaches:** Ed Lamb: 5-7 (2nd season) at Southern Utah; 5-7 (2nd season) overall

Brady Hoke: 0-1 (1st season) at San Diego State; 34-39 (6th season) overall

**The T-Birds:** SUU is coming off of a 36-7 victory over Dixie State last Thursday night in Cedar City ... Justin Minefee (147-27) was the lone Great West player to rush for more than 100 yards on opening weekend - it was his first game action in three years, since his senior year in high school ... senior QB Cade Cooper saw the field for the first time in a game in three seasons when he started against Dixie State - he responded well, completing 16-of-19 passes for 179 yards and two TDs and also rushed for 48 yards on seven carries ... the Thunderbirds rolled up 244 rushing yards against Dixie State, their highest total since they combined for 280 yards on the ground at McNeese State in the sixth game of 2007 ... Southern Utah will be looking for just its second-ever win against an FBS school and its first against a team from the Mountain West Conference - the Thunderbirds' only other win against an FBS school came back in 1997 when they topped Arkansas State, 34-24 ... SUU will be looking to stop a four-game streak of losses in road-openers, including a 41-7 setback at FBS team Air Force last season - the last time the Thunderbirds won their first road game of the season was in 2004 when they took a 34-31 win at Weber State ...

**About San Diego State:** The Aztecs opened the season last week with a 33-14 defeat at the hands of UCLA ... San Diego State scored on its first two possessions of the game and had 161 yards of total offense in the first quarter, but UCLA held the Aztecs to just 116 yards of offense the rest of the away ... needing just 20 yards to surpass the 1,000-yard career receiving mark entering the night, Aztec junior Vincent Brown became the 24th player in SDSU history to reach the milestone with his five catches for 139 yards vs. UCLA ... Brown also recorded his 100th career reception. His career numbers now stand at 100 receptions for 1,119 yards in 25 games ... the SDSU defense compiled 12 tackles for loss with three of them being sacks in the game ... SDSU is coached by Brady Hoke, who led Ball State to a No. 12 national ranking a year ago ... San Diego State lost its opener last season to Great West team Cal Poly, 29-27.

### #4 Montana (1-0, 0-0 Big Sky) at UC Davis (0-1, 0-0 Great West)

Aggie Stadium, Davis, Calif., 7 p.m. PDT

**Series:** 4th Meeting between the two schools - Montana leads 3-0

**Scores:** 2008 at Montana 29, UC Davis 24 1926 Montana 21, at UC Davis 0  
1995 at Montana 41, UC Davis 20

**Coaches:** Bobby Hauck: 66-16 (7th season) at Montana, 66-16 (7th season) overall

Bob Biggs 124-61-1 (17th season) at UC Davis; 124-61-1 (17th season) overall

**The Aggies:** The Aggies are looking for their first win over a ranked opponent since winning 26-17 at Portland State in 2007 - they've lost five straight since, including a close 29-24 decision at then No. 4 Montana last season ... UC Davis is 5-10 since 2005 against FCS teams ranked in the Sports Network's top 25 poll ... the Aggies' last victory against a ranked team at home was a 37-27 victory over No. 16 San Diego in 2006, the last game of the season and the final one ever at Toomey Field ... the Aggies' 51-0 loss on Saturday to Fresno State ended a streak of 212 games in which they had scored - the last opponent to shut out UC Davis prior to Fresno State was Cal Poly, which did it with a 19-0 win at Toomey Field in 1990 ... so, while the shutout streak for all games came to an end, the streak of not being blanked on the UC Davis campus is still alive and well at 101 games - (mix in a couple of "home games" at Hughes Stadium during the Causeway Classic and the "home" streak expands to 103 games) ... in last season's game with Montana, UC Davis battled back from a 10-0 deficit in the game's first five minutes, and a 23-10 halftime score, to take a 24-23 lead with 6:36 to go on a seven-yard pass from QB Greg Denham to WR Bakari Grant... WR Marc Mariani, though, snagged a pass from QB Cole Berquist from eight yards out just three minutes later to deliver the Griz the win ... Denham completed 31 of 38 passes for 251 yards and had a one-yard QB sneak for a score... RB BRANDON TUCKER caught nine passes and WR CHRIS CARTER had seven ... the Aggies remain at home next week for a game vs. Western Oregon.

**About Montana:** Last season's FCS championship game runner-up, the Grizzlies opened up the season with a 38-0 victory over Western State this past weekend ... the Grizzlie defense held Western State to just 116 yards of total offense and six first downs ... Montana freshman Sam Gratton was named Big Sky Special Teams Player of the Week after blocking a punt and tackling the punter on another attempt, both plays resulting in touchdowns shortly after ... the Grizzlies will be jumping into Big Sky play on Sept. 19 against Portland State and play at Northern Arizona before facing Great West team Cal Poly on Oct. 10 in Missoula.



## 2009 Great West Schedules/Results

### UC Davis (0-1, 0-0)

Sept. 5	at Fresno State	L, 51-0
Sept. 12	MONTANA	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	WESTERN OREGON	6 p.m.
Sept. 26	at Boise State	5 p.m.
Oct. 3	OPEN	
Oct. 10	*at South Dakota	2 p.m.
Oct. 17	WINSTON-SALEM STATE	6 p.m.
Oct. 24	at Portland State	1:05 p.m.
Oct. 31	*at Southern Utah	1 p.m.
Nov. 7	*CAL POLY	1 p.m.
Nov. 14	*NORTH DAKOTA	1 p.m.
Nov. 21	at Sacramento State	2:05 p.m.

### South Dakota (1-0, 0-0)

Sept. 3	WILLIAM PENN	W, 52-0
Sept. 12	at Northern Iowa	4:05 p.m.
Sept. 19	DRAKE	4:05 p.m.
Sept. 26	SE LOUISIANA	4:05 P.M.
Oct. 3	*at North Dakota	4 p.m.
Oct. 10	*UC DAVIS	2 p.m.
Oct. 17	at Montana State	1:05 p.m.
Oct. 24	OPEN	
Oct. 31	at Northern Colorado	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	*SOUTHERN UTAH	4:05 p.m.
Nov. 14	*at Cal Poly	6:05 p.m.

### Cal Poly (0-0, 0-0)

Sept. 12	SACRAMENTO STATE	4:05 p.m.
Sept. 19	at Ohio	7 p.m.
Sept. 26	at San Jose State	5 p.m.
Oct. 3	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	6:05 p.m.
Oct. 10	at Montana	1:05 p.m.
Oct. 17	*SOUTHERN UTAH	6:05 p.m.
Oct. 24	DIXIE STATE	6:05 p.m.
Oct. 31	*at North Dakota	2 p.m.
Nov. 7	*at UC Davis	1 p.m.
Nov. 14	*SOUTH DAKOTA	6:05 p.m.
Nov. 21	at Weber State	12:05 p.m.

### Southern Utah (1-0, 0-0)

Sept. 3	DIXIE STATE	W, 36-7
Sept. 12	at San Diego State	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	at Northern Arizona	3:05 p.m.
Sept. 26	at Utah State	6 p.m.
Oct. 3	TEXAS STATE	1 p.m.
Oct. 10	OPEN	
Oct. 17	*at Cal Poly	6:05 p.m.
Oct. 24	*NORTH DAKOTA	2 p.m.
Oct. 31	*UC DAVIS	1 p.m.
Nov. 7	*at South Dakota	4:05 p.m.
Nov. 14	EASTERN WASHINGTON	1 p.m.
Nov. 21	at San Diego	6 p.m.

### North Dakota (0-1, 0-0)

Sept. 5	at Texas Tech	L, 38-13
Sept. 12	OPEN	
Sept. 19	at Northwestern State	6 p.m.
Sept. 26	at Stephen F. Austin	6 p.m.
Oct. 3	*SOUTH DAKOTA	4 p.m.
Oct. 10	STONY BROOK	1 p.m.
Oct. 17	SIOUX FALLS	1 p.m.
Oct. 24	*at Southern Utah	3 p.m.
Oct. 31	*CAL POLY	4 p.m.
Nov. 7	SOUTHERN OREGON	4 p.m.
Nov. 14	*at UC Davis	1 p.m.
Nov. 21	OPEN	
Nov. 28	at Central Arkansas	1 p.m.

### 2009 Great West Attendance

Institution	G	Avg. att.
North Dakota		
Cal Poly		
UC Davis		
South Dakota	1	7,156
Southern Utah	1	10,028



## **2009 Top Individual Performances**

### **100-Yard Rushing Games**

147-27 Austin Minefee (SUU) vs. Dixie State, 9-3-09

### **200-Yard Passing Games**

249 (15-23-0) Noah Shepard (USD) vs. William Penn, 9-3-09

### **100-Yard Receiving Games**

138-6 Dan Skelly (USD) vs. William Penn, 9-3-09

## Conference Team Game Highs Through games of Sep 06, 2009

### TEAM HIGHS

Points:	52 South Dakota vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009)
Points scored kicking:	18 Southern Utah vs DIXIE STATE (9/3/09) [5fg,3pat]
Touchdowns:	7 South Dakota vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009)
Total offense yards:	506 South Dakota vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009) [197r,309p]
Total offense plays:	73 Southern Utah vs DIXIE STATE (9/3/09) [51r,22p]
Total offense yards/play:	9.2 South Dakota vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009) [55-506]
Rushing yards:	244 Southern Utah vs DIXIE STATE (9/3/09)
Rushing attempts:	51 Southern Utah vs DIXIE STATE (9/3/09)
Yards per rush:	7.0 South Dakota vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009) [28-197]
Rushing TDs:	2 South Dakota vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009)
Longest rush:	26 South Dakota vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009)
Passing yards:	309 South Dakota vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009)
Passing attempts:	42 UC-Davis at Fresno State (Sep 5, 2009)
Passing TDs:	4 South Dakota vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009)
Longest pass:	53 South Dakota vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009)
Passes completed:	20 North Dakota at Texas Tech (Sep 05, 2009)
Pass completion pct.:	77.3 Southern Utah vs DIXIE STATE (9/3/09) [17-22]
Passing yards/attempt:	11.4 South Dakota vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009) [27-309]
Yards per catch:	17.2 South Dakota vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009) [18-309]
Field goal attempts:	5 Southern Utah vs DIXIE STATE (9/3/09)
Field goals made:	5 Southern Utah vs DIXIE STATE (9/3/09)
Longest field goal:	52 North Dakota at Texas Tech (Sep 05, 2009)
Punts:	7 UC-Davis at Fresno State (Sep 5, 2009)
Longest punt:	51 South Dakota vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009)
Punting avg.:	42.0 South Dakota vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009) [3-126]
Punt return avg.:	13.4 South Dakota vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009) [7-94]
Longest punt return:	34 Southern Utah vs DIXIE STATE (9/3/09)
Kick return avg.:	16.7 UC-Davis at Fresno State (Sep 5, 2009) [7-117] 16.7 North Dakota at Texas Tech (Sep 05, 2009) [3-50]
Longest kick return:	31 Southern Utah vs DIXIE STATE (9/3/09)
Interceptions:	3 North Dakota at Texas Tech (Sep 05, 2009)
QB sacks:	3 South Dakota vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009)
Turnovers caused:	3 North Dakota at Texas Tech (Sep 05, 2009)
Kicks blocked:	1 South Dakota vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009)
First downs:	21 Southern Utah vs DIXIE STATE (9/3/09)
1st downs rushing:	12 Southern Utah vs DIXIE STATE (9/3/09)
1st downs passing:	11 South Dakota vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009)
Penalties:	11 Southern Utah vs DIXIE STATE (9/3/09)

## Conference Individual Game Highs Through games of Sep 06, 2009

### INDIVIDUAL PLAYER GAME HIGHS

Points scored:	18 Griffith, Ryan (Southern Utah) vs DIXIE STATE (9/3/09)
Touchdowns:	2 Sitake, Fesi (Southern Utah) vs DIXIE STATE (9/3/09) 2 Skelly, Dan (South Dakota) vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009)
Points scored kicking:	18 Griffith, Ryan (Southern Utah) vs DIXIE STATE (9/3/09) [5fg,3pat]
Total offense yards:	250 Shepard, Noah (South Dakota) vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009) [1r,249p]
Rushing yards:	147 Minefee, Austin (Southern Utah) vs DIXIE STATE (9/3/09)
Rushing attempts:	27 Minefee, Austin (Southern Utah) vs DIXIE STATE (9/3/09)
Yards per rush:	8.9 Newton, Isaac (South Dakota) vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009) [10-89]
Longest rush:	26 Newton, Isaac (South Dakota) vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009)
Passing yards:	249 Shepard, Noah (South Dakota) vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009)
Passing attempts:	41 Denham (UC-Davis) at Fresno State (Sep 5, 2009)
Passing TDs:	4 Shepard, Noah (South Dakota) vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009)
Longest pass play:	53 Shepard, Noah to Dan Skelly (South Dakota) vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009)
Passes completed:	20 Landry, J. (North Dakota) at Texas Tech (Sep 05, 2009)
Pass completion pct.:	84.2 Cooper, Cade (Southern Utah) vs DIXIE STATE (9/3/09) [16-19]
Pass yards/attempt:	10.8 Shepard, Noah (South Dakota) vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009) [23-249]
Receiving yards:	138 Skelly, Dan (South Dakota) vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009)
Receptions:	8 Sitake, Fesi (Southern Utah) vs DIXIE STATE (9/3/09)
Yards per catch:	23.0 Skelly, Dan (South Dakota) vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009) [6-138]
Receiving TDs:	2 Sitake, Fesi (Southern Utah) vs DIXIE STATE (9/3/09) 2 Skelly, Dan (South Dakota) vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009)
Field goal attempts:	5 Griffith, Ryan (Southern Utah) vs DIXIE STATE (9/3/09)
Field goals made:	5 Griffith, Ryan (Southern Utah) vs DIXIE STATE (9/3/09)
Longest field goal:	52 Hellevang, Brandon. (North Dakota) at Texas Tech (Sep 05, 2009)
PAT kicks made	5 Nowotny, Dustin (South Dakota) vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009)
Punts:	6 Schmidt (UC-Davis) at Fresno State (Sep 5, 2009)
Longest punt:	51 Zwiefelhofer, C (South Dakota) vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009)
Punting avg.:	42.0 Zwiefelhofer, C (South Dakota) vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009) [3-126]
Punt returns:	6 Blount, Jeremy (South Dakota) vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009)
Longest punt return:	34 Sitake, Fesi (Southern Utah) vs DIXIE STATE (9/3/09)
Punt return TDs:	1 Kuehl, Cory (South Dakota) vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009)
Punt return avg.:	10.0 Blount, Jeremy (South Dakota) vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009) [6-60]
Kick returns:	4 Carter (UC-Davis) at Fresno State (Sep 5, 2009)
Kick return avg.:	18.5 Carter (UC-Davis) at Fresno State (Sep 5, 2009) [4-74]
Longest kick return:	31 Ursua, Jared (Southern Utah) vs DIXIE STATE (9/3/09)
Interceptions:	3 Schwenzfeier, Joel (North Dakota) at Texas Tech (Sep 05, 2009)
Longest interception rtn:	32 Schwenzfeier, J (North Dakota) at Texas Tech (Sep 05, 2009)
All-purpose yards:	147 Minefee, Austin (Southern Utah) vs DIXIE STATE (9/3/09)
Tackles:	9.0 Williams, Shea (South Dakota) vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009) [3-6]
Tackles for loss:	3.5 Quaye, Ko (South Dakota) vs WILLIAM PENN (Sept 3, 2009) [3-1]



# Great West vs. Non-Conference Opponents

The Great West has year in and year out scheduled the best of the Football Championship Subdivision. In the first five years of the league, Great West has compiled a 67-65 record vs. fellow FCS teams, a 6-11 record against teams in the Football Bowl Subdivision and and 26-3 mark vs. teams in NCAA Division II, NCAA Division III and NAIA.

The Football Championship Subdivision has had some success in recent years when playing games against Football Bowl Subdivision teams, and the Great West has played a big part. UC Davis put the Great West on the map four seasons ago with the 20-17 victory over Stanford and it gave the league its first win over an FBS team. North Dakota State and Cal Poly turned the trick during the 2006 season - NDSU winning 29-24 at Ball State and Cal Poly winning 16-14 at San Diego State. North Dakota State did the trick again - twice in 2007 - beating Central Michigan 44-14 on Saturday, Sept. 22, and Minnesota 27-21 on Oct. 20, giving the Great West wins over an FBS team in three straight years. Cal Poly opened the 2008 season with a 29-27 victory over San Diego State and nearly pulled off the upset of the century by taking Wisconsin into overtime before losing 36-35, giving the league a record of 6-11 vs. teams from the FBS since 2004.

Find below the Great West non-conference games in 2009 by conference. The updated record by the Great West vs. that conference can be found in parenthesis:

## **Big Sky (29-28)**

9/12 Montana at UC Davis  
9/12 Sacramento State at Cal Poly  
10/10 Cal Poly at Montana  
10/17 South Dakota at Montana State  
10/19 Southern Utah at Northern Arizona  
10/24 UC Davis at Portland State  
10/31 South Dakota at Northern Colorado  
11/14 Eastern Washington at Southern Utah  
11/21 UC Davis at Sacramento State  
11/21 Cal Poly at Weber State

## **Big South (0-0)**

10/10 Stony Brook at North Dakota

## **Mid-Eastern Athletic (0-0)**

10/17 Winston-Salem State at UC Davis

## **Missouri Valley (4-14)**

12/12 South Dakota at Northern Iowa  
10/3 South Dakota State at Cal Poly

## **Pioneer (4-1)**

9/19 Drake at South Dakota  
11/21 Southern Utah at San Diego

## **Southland (21-15)**

9/19 North Dakota at Northwestern State  
9/26 Southeastern Louisiana at South Dakota  
9/26 North Dakota at Stephen F. Austin  
10/3 Texas State at Southern Utah  
11/28 North Dakota at Central Arkansas

## **Football Bowl Subdivision Teams (6-13)**

### **Mid-American**

9/19 Cal Poly at Ohio

### **Mountain West**

9/12 Southern Utah at San Diego State  
9/26 Southern Utah at Utah State

### **Western Athletic**

9/5 Fresno State 51, UC Davis 0  
9/26 Cal Poly at San Jose State  
9/26 UC Davis at Boise State

### **Big 12**

9/5 Texas Tech 38, North Dakota 13

## **Non-FCS Teams (28-3)**

9/3 Southern Utah 36, Dixie State 7  
9/3 South Dakota 52, William Penn 0  
9/19 Western Oregon at UC Davis  
10/17 Sioux Falls at North Dakota  
10/24 Dixie State at Cal Poly  
11/7 Southern Oregon at North Dakota