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### UC DAVIS WINS 2009 GWC TITLE

UC Davis won its second Great West championship and first outright after beating North Dakota 28-20 on Saturday. The win also gave the Aggies their first winning season since 2006 and their 38th in the past 40 seasons, a streak helped by 37 straight (1970-2006) creating the moniker.

The Aggies look to finish the season with three straight wins - all three with a great deal of meaning - when they travel some 20 miles down I-80 to face Sacramento State in the "Causeway Classic" as it is known in those parts.

"I am proud of our team for the accomplishment of winning the Great West title," said UC Davis coach Bob Biggs. "We have played in two meaningful games the last two weeks - first against a very good Cal Poly team that we had not beaten in three years, and then North Dakota for the league title. Now, we have a game against a local rival. I can't see our team letting down after the big win last week because this is a big game to our players and our fans as well."

The Causeway Classic has drawn 505,221 total spectators over the past 54 years. The two largest Sacramento State football crowds have come against UC Davis. In 1999, 20,993 attended the game while the 2001 contest drew 17,328.

"The Davis game is definitely the one game everyone circles on their calendars," Sac State DL Christian Clark said.

Other Great West teams closing out the season Saturday are Southern Utah, which plays at San Diego, and Cal Poly, which faces Weber State. North Dakota will play Central Arkansas to close out the 2009 season on November 28.

## Great West Football Standings

Thru Games of November 14

	GWC Games - Final					All Games				
	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
UC Davis	3	1	110	109	.750	6	4	244	269	.600
North Dakota	2	2	88	92	.500	5	5	233	291	.500
South Dakota	2	2	130	120	.500	5	5	325	272	.500
Southern Utah	2	2	135	114	.500	4	6	329	308	.400
Cal Poly	1	3	99	127	.250	4	6	244	256	.400

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

#### Saturday, November 14

\*UC Davis 28, North Dakota 20

\*South Dakota 50, Cal Poly 48

#18 E. Washington 41, Southern Utah 28

\* - Great West Conference game

### GAMES NOVEMBER 21

Cal Poly at #20 Weber State, 12:05 p.m.

UC Davis at Sacramento State, 2:05 p.m.

Southern Utah at San Diego, 6 p.m.

OPEN- North Dakota (at C. Arkansas 11/28)

All times local to site

## Johnson, Shepard Share Weekly Award, or Did They?

The Great West named co-Offensive Players of the week after Cal Poly wide receiver Dominique Johnson and South Dakota Quarterback Noah Shepard put on quite a show in USD's 50-48 victory. The Great West couldn't pick a winner, but the national FCS publications could - and they were split as well. The College Sporting News chose Shepard, while The Sports Network picked Johnson as their national all-stars last week. For kicks and grins, here's what Dominique and Noah did to attract the attention - you make the call:

Johnson established career highs with 13 catches for 273 yards and five touchdowns in Cal Poly's loss to South Dakota. Johnson's five scoring catches is a school record, breaking the old mark of four set by Ramses Barden against Weber State in 2007. In setting a season high in receiving yards for Great West Conference receivers, he scored on catches that spanned 20, 59, 13, 42 and 42 yards. Cal Poly trailed 50-28 with 4:23 to go in the third quarter and Johnson ignited the comeback with his last three touchdown catches.

Shepard continued his assault on the USD record book with another career day, as he tied USD's single-game completion record in a thrilling road victory at Cal Poly. A record he already set in 2007, Shepard connected on 26 of his 37 attempts for 413 yards against the Mustangs. He also became the record holder for career 400-yard passing games with two, while his five touchdown passes versus the Mustangs were just one short of the single-game record. He also rushed for 61 yards and two touchdowns on the day.

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## Players of the Week from Week No. 11

### Co-Offensive

#### **WR Dominique Johnson - Cal Poly (6-3, 206, Jr., Moreno Valley, Calif.)**

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

Noah Shepard continued his assault on the USD record book with another career day, as he tied USD's single-game completion record in a thrilling 50-48 road victory at Cal Poly on Saturday. A record he already set in 2007, Shepard connected on 26 of his 37 attempts for 413 yards against the Mustangs. He also became the record holder for career 400-yard passing game with two, while his five touchdown passes versus the Mustangs were just one short of the single-game record. He also rushed for 61 yards and two touchdowns on the day.

**Also Nominated** - WR Chris Cater (UC Davis), QB Brent Goaka (North Dakota), QB Cade Cooper (Southern Utah)

### Defensive

#### **LB Mike Morales - UC Davis (6-2, 240, Sr., Los Altos, Calif.)**

Linebacker Mike Morales posted a team-high 8 total tackles, including 2 solo, as UC Davis captured its first Great West Conference championship since 2005. Playing on Senior Day, Morales was also credited with a 0.5 TFL (0 yards) in his tackle totals and had a pass breakup. The Aggie defense held North Dakota to just 265 total yards after the Fighting Sioux came in averaging 322.3. The Aggie defense forced a trio of 3-and-outs on North Dakota's first three possessions (for 7 yards) and five for the game... Morales now has 133 solo stops to move within three of tying for the top spot on the Aggies' career charts - his 6 assisted stops moved him up to No. 6 on that chart.

**Also Nominated** - LB Curtis Dublanko (North Dakota), CB Akeem Anifowoshe (Southern Utah)

### Special Teams

#### **P Trevor Ward - Southern Utah (6-4, 245, Sr., Ogden, Utah)**

Standout Trevor Ward punted five times for 250 yards, put four inside the 20, and had a long punt of 61 yards in Southern Utah's 41-28 loss to Eastern Washington. This is his fourth game averaging at least 50 yards per punt, including his third in the last four games. His 47.8 yards per punt average leads the conference and would be the NCAA's top mark but he falls one punt short of the necessary number of kicks to qualify for the national rankings. His 47.8 yard per-punt average is also the best in SUU history as is his 42.218 yard career average.

**Also Nominated** - KR Joseph Gray (UC Davis), K Brandon Hellevang (North Dakota), K Dustin Nowatny (South Dakota)

## 2009 Players of the Week

### Offensive

Sept. 6 - QB Noah Shepard, USD  
Sept. 13 - WR Chris Carter, UC Davis  
Sept. 20 - QB Cade Cooper, SUU  
Sept. 27 - QB Noah Shepard, USD  
Oct. 4 - RB Mitch Sutton, UND  
Oct. 11 - QB Greg Denham, UC Davis  
Oct. 18 - WR Tysson Poots, SUU  
Oct. 25 - QB Austin Heyworth, UC Davis  
Nov. 1 - RB Major Gray, SUU  
Nov. 8 - RB Chris Ganious, USD  
Nov. 15 - WR Dominique Johnson, Cal Poly  
QB Noah Shepard, USD  
Nov. 22

### Defensive

Sept. 6 - DB Joel Schwenzfeier, UND  
Sept. 13 - LB Carlton Gillespie, Cal Poly  
Sept. 20 - DB Kris Ankenbauer, UND  
Sept. 27 - CB Kenneth Brown, UC Davis  
Oct. 4 - LB Marty Mohamed, Cal Poly  
Oct. 11 - DB Dominique Hawkins, UND  
Oct. 18 - DE Ryan Shotwell, Cal Poly  
Oct. 25 - CB Erron Vonner, SUU  
Nov. 1 - CB Colin Pretlow, SUU  
Nov. 8 - LB Mike Morales, UC Davis  
Nov. 15 - LB Mike Morales, UC Davis  
Nov. 22

### Special Teams

Sept. 6 - K Ryan Griffith, SUU  
Sept. 13 - P Colton Schmidt, UC Davis  
Sept. 20 - P/K Brendan Hellevang, UND  
Sept. 27 - WR Ismael Bamba, UND  
Oct. 4 - DL Broc Bellmore, UND  
Oct. 11 - DL Jacob Maxson, UC Davis  
Oct. 18 - WR Joseph Gray, UC Davis  
Oct. 25 - K Sean Kelley, UC Davis  
Nov. 1 - WR Fesi Sitake, SUU  
Nov. 8 - K Sean Kelley, UC Davis  
Nov. 15 - P Trevor Ward, SUU  
Nov. 22

### FCS National Players of the Week

#### Sports Network

Nov. 14 - WR Dominique Johnson, Cal Poly

#### College Sporting News

Nov. 14 - QB Noah Shepard, South Dakota



## GREAT WEST 2ND IN LATEST GPI

Despite not having a team ranked in the Top 25 of either poll, the Great West is ranked 3rd in the latest Gridiron Power Index, distributed by College Sporting News. Just 17 places separate the five Great West schools, with UC Davis the best at #27. Only the top-rated Colonial has five schools separated by 17 spots or fewer - Villanova is rated first and the fifth-place team James Madison is 18th.

1. Colonial (25.40)
2. Big Sky (30.29)
3. Great West (31.15)
  - 27 UC Davis (25.38)
  - 31 Southern Utah (29.38)
  - 32 South Dakota (31.38)
  - 35 Cal Poly (32.63)
  - t44 North Dakota (37.00)
4. Southern (31.72)
4. Missouri Valley (33.40)
6. Southland (40.50)
8. Big South (49.95)
7. Ohio Valley (50.70)
9. Patriot (51.40)
10. Ivy (51.75)
11. MEAC (60.14)
12. SWAC (64.23)
13. Northeast (66.20)
14. Pioneer (73.40)

## WEEKLY COACHES TELECONFERENCE

We have conducted our final weekly teleconference of the Great West football coaches, so there will NOT be a session on Monday, Nov. 23. The Great West would like to thank the media for their cooperation and participation in these weekly sessions, especially Scott Marsh and Doug Kelly, who both seem to come up with the right questions at the right time. We will continue these weekly events prior to the first game of the 2010 season.

## FCS Coaches' Poll

	W-L	Pts.	Last Week
1. Montana (17)	10-0	685	1
2. Southern Illinois (7)	9-1	672	2
3. Villanova (4)	9-1	657	3
4. Richmond	9-1	606	t4
5. William & Mary	9-1	595	t4
6. Appalachian State	8-2	560	8
7. South Carolina State	9-1	503	9
8. McNeese State	8-2	477	10
9. New Hampshire	8-1	466	7
10. Elon	8-2	454	6
11. Northern Iowa	7-3	440	11
12. South Dakota State	7-3	345	12
t13. Eastern Illinois	8-2	341	13
t13. Holy Cross	9-1	341	14
15. Jacksonville State	7-3	291	15
16. Stephen F. Austin	7-2	280	17
17. Liberty	8-2	273	16
18. Eastern Washington	7-3	227	18
19. Prairie View A&M	7-1	210	19
20. Weber State	6-4	167	22
21. Colgate	9-2	125	24
22. Lafayette	8-2	109	20
23. Montana State	7-3	65	NR
21. Florida A&M	7-2	44	21
25. Pennsylvania	7-2	42	NR

GWC teams receiving votes: **t30. UC Davis (5)**.

## Sports Network's FCS Media Poll

	W-L	Pts.	Last Week
1. Southern Illinois (49)	9-1	3278	1
2. Villanova (38)	9-1	3225	3
2. Montana (45)	10-0	3145	2
4. Richmond	9-1	2950	4
5. William & Mary	9-1	2864	5
6. Appalachian State (3)	8-2	2806	7
7. South Carolina State (2)	9-1	2381	9
8. McNeese State	8-2	2333	10
9. Northern Iowa	7-3	2132	11
10. Elon	8-2	2094	6
11. New Hampshire (1)	8-2	2059	8
12. South Dakota State	7-3	1710	12
13. Holy Cross	9-1	1702	13
14. Eastern Illinois	8-2	1577	14
15. Stephen F. Austin	8-2	1532	15
16. Liberty	8-2	1346	16
17. Jacksonville State	7-3	1245	17
18. Eastern Washington	7-3	1099	18
19. Weber State	6-4	1010	19
20. Prairie View A&M	7-1	880	21
21. Lafayette	8-2	602	20
22. Colgate	9-2	599	24
23. Montana State	7-3	383	NR
24. Pennsylvania	7-2	367	NR
25. Delaware	6-4	313	23

GWC teams receiving votes: **28. UC Davis (97)**



## Preview of This Week's Games - Games Saturday, November 21

### Cal Poly (4-6, 2-2 Great West) at #20 Weber State (6-4, 6-2 Big Sky)

Stewart Stadium, Ogden, Utah, 12:05 p.m. MST

**Series:** 8th Meeting - Weber State leads 4-3; Weber won 49-35 in last year's FCS playoff game

**Coaches:** Ron McBride: 31-26 (5th season) at Weber State; 119-89 (17th season) overall

Tim Walsh: 4-6 (1st season) at Cal Poly; 121-88 (19th season) overall

**About Weber State:** Weber State needs a win this week to qualify for consideration as an at-large playoff entrant ... the Wildcats are the only team with four losses ranked in the FCS Top 25 ... the four losses have come to FBS teams Wyoming and Colorado State (by a total of 8 points) and ranked Big Sky teams Montana and Montana State ... Tim Toone's 90-yard punt return with 6:50 left in the third quarter ignited a 21-0 scoring spree and lifted the Wildcats from a 9-6 deficit to a 27-9 victory over Northern Arizona last week on a cold, and very snowy day, in Ogden, Utah ... a snow storm an hour before kickoff left three inches of snow on the field at kickoff ... the weather forecast for Saturday calls for rain and snow showers with a high temperature of 39 degrees ... QB Cameron Higgins has completed 245 of 381 passes (64.3 percent) for 2,790 yards and 26 TDs this season - he passed for 399 yards and two touchdowns in last year's playoff game vs. Cal Poly ... RB Trevyn Smith rushed for 137 yards and two more TDs.

**The Mustangs:** Cal Poly will finish out the 2009 season with a game vs. Weber State in a rematch of last year's first-round FCS playoff game ... the Mustangs, 4-1 at home, have struggled on the road this season, squandering three-point halftime leads in each of their last four contests away from Alex G. Spanos Stadium - Cal Poly has scored just six points in the second half of those four games and is 0-5 on the road this fall ... this is the second ranked team to play Cal Poly this season - the Mustangs defeated the other, South Dakota State, 21-14 on Oct. 3 ... the Mustangs were ranked as high as No. 12 in the FCS polls this season, but are now unranked in the Sports Network media poll as well as in the FCS coaches poll for the third straight week ... QB Tony Smith established career highs of 24 completions, 38 attempts, 407 yards and a school record-tying six touchdowns in last week's 50-48 shootout loss vs. South Dakota ... WR Dominique Johnson produced career highs of 13 completions, 273 yards and a school record five scores to earn national all-star status by the Sports Network and co-Offensive Player of the Week honors by the Great West ... the Mustangs lost to South Dakota despite 48 points, 533 total yards and 23 first downs ... since moving to the Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA) in 1994, Cal Poly is 26-33 against teams from the Big Sky Conference, including a 15-6 mark in the last 21 games ... Cal Poly lost last year's playoff game to Weber State despite 548 yards of offense.

### UC Davis (6-4, 3-1 Great West) at Sacramento State (4-6, 4-4 Big Sky)

Hornet Stadium, Sacramento, Calif., 2:05 p.m. PST

**Series:** 57th Meeting - UC Davis leads 39-17; UC Davis has not lost two straight in the series since 1991

**Coaches:** Marshall Sperbeck: 13-20 (3rd season) at Sacramento State; 122-73 (18th season) overall

Bob Biggs: 131-65-1 (17th season) at UC Davis; 131-65-1 (17th season) overall

**The Aggies:** UC Davis won its second Great West title, first outright, with its 28-20 victory over North Dakota on Saturday ... the title was the first outright league championship for UC Davis since 1992 and it was their 30th championship in school football history ... the Aggies earned their fifth win in the last six games and are 5-2 this year against FCS foes ... a victory would deliver the Aggies their second three-game winning streak this season while also giving them their best mark over a seven-game stretch since moving to NCAA Division I FCS... it would also be their best such mark overall since 2002 when they started the season 7-1 ... a win would also provide the Aggies their highest win total since going 9-2 that same year ... it also marked the first time they didn't need the last game of the season to secure the winning mark since 2004 ... WR Chris Carter has 204 career catches, moving to within immediate striking distance of former WR Tony Kay's career mark of 207... Carter is currently fifth in career yards (2,350) and his 76 catches this season are second-most for the Aggies, trailing on Kays' school-record 93 in 2005 ... Aggies' defense held an opponent scoreless for an entire half for the fourth time this season (Montana, W. Oregon, Winston-Salem) but just the first time after halftime ... UC Davis has won the time of possession battle in its last six games ... Saturday's contest will be carried on Comcast SportsNet in Northern California.

**About Sacramento State:** The Hornets come into this week's game with a 4-6 overall record following a 27-17 loss at Montana State on Saturday ... Sac State has not won a game out of conference this season, losing to UNLV and Great West's Cal Poly (28-19 on Sept. 12) ... the Hornets finished Big Sky Conference play with a 4-4 record, tying for the second-best mark in school history ... the Hornets snapped an 8-game losing streak to UC Davis with last year's 29-19 win ... five of the team's eight FCS opponents have been ranked at the time of the game ... QB McLeod Bethel-Thompson transferred to Sac State last year from, UCLA where he started in the team's Las Vegas Bowl in 2008 - he completed a career high 24 passes at Montana State to 11 different receivers ... S Zach Schrader is the only player in the Big Sky to be ranked among the top four league leaders in tackles, interceptions and forced fumbles this season - the junior is fourth in the league with 9.8 tackles per game, second in interceptions (four) and tied for first in fumbles forced with three ... DL Christian Clark leads the Big Sky with 10 sacks, including a school-record four sacks against Northern Arizona.



## Preview of Games Saturday, November 21

### Southern Utah (4-6, 2-2 Great West) at San Diego (4-7, 3-5 Pioneer)

Torero Stadium, San Diego, Calif., 6 p.m. PST

**Series:** 1st meeting between the schools - San Diego defeated UC Davis in the 2008 season finale

**Coaches:** Ron Caragher: 22-10 (3rd season) at San Diego; 22-10 (3rd season) overall

Ed Lamb: 8-13 (2nd season) at Southern Utah; 8-13 (2nd season) overall

**The T-Birds:** SUU will attempt to improve on last year's win total with a victory over San Diego on Saturday ... the Thunderbirds were 4-7 last year and are 4-6 heading into the final game of the season ... QB Cade Cooper set the SUU single-game completions record vs. Eastern Washington with 35 and also broke the SUU single-season completions record of 247 (set by Casey Rehrer in 2004) - he now has 254 with a game to play ... Cooper is second on the SUU passing yards list with 2,715, needs 132 yards to pass Rehrer in that category, his 392 attempts are also second to Cody Stone's 406 last year - he also extended his school season-record for TD passes, and now has 28 ... P Trevor Ward was Great West Special Teams Player of the Week after averaging 50 yards per punt for the third time in the last four games - his 47.8 yards per punt average leads the conference and would be the NCAA's top mark but he falls one punt short of the necessary number of kicks to qualify for the national rankings ... Ward's 47.8 yard per-punt average is also the best in SUU history as is his 42.218 yard career average ... Fesi Sitake caught a career-high 12 passes for a career-best 143 yards vs. E. Washinton and had a career-long-tying 50-yard reception ... SUU rushed for just 71 yards, the second straight game the Thunderbirds failed to break the 100-yard mark after going over 100 in the first eight games of the season ... SUU gave up a season-high 608 yards of total offense to Eastern Washington, four yards more than Northern Arizona piled up in week four ... The Thunderbirds went without an interception for the first time in four games.

**About San Diego:** The Toreros broke a four-game losing skid with a 13-7 victory Saturday over Morehead State ... the winning points came on a 69-yard TD pass from Justin Fontenberry to Eric Fiege with 9:47 left in the game ... San Diego is just 1-3 at home this season, the victory coming vs. Marist on Sept. 19 ... the Toreros have been dealt the loss of their top two quarterbacks this season, first with starter Sebastian Trujillo leaving the team for personal reasons after three games, and Sam Scudellari, who was injured in the Jacksonville game ... USD football has accomplished some outstanding highlights over the previous six years, most notably its 55-12 combined record (.821 winning percentage) and 29-5 PFL record (.852 winning percentage) ... in two of the past three seasons USD has led all FCS team in scoring, including a program-best 44.4 average in 2007 ... former San Diego QB Josh Johnson is playing for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.



## 2009 Top Individual Performances

Week 11 additions in **BOLD**

### 100-Yard Rushing Games

193-22 Chris Ganious (USD) vs. Southern Utah, 11-7-09  
190-29 Mitch Sutton (UND) vs. South Dakota, 10-3-09  
147-27 Austin Minefee (S Utah) vs. Dixie State, 9-3-09  
143-30 Mitch Sutton (UND) vs Cal Poly, 10-31-09  
138-15 Jono Grayson (Cal Poly) vs. San Jose State, 9-26-09  
130-27 Jordan Yocum (Cal Poly) vs. Ohio, 9-19-09  
119-24 Jordan Yocum (Cal Poly) vs. Montana, Oct 10, 2009  
113-18 Isaac Newton (USD) vs. Southern Utah, 11-7-09  
111-12 Austin Minefee (S Utah) vs. San Diego State, 9-12-09  
108-24 Jake Romanelli (Cal Poly) vs. Southern Utah, 10-17-09  
101-21 Chris Ganious (USD) vs. SE Louisiana, 9-26-09  
101-14 Josh Reese (UC Davis) at Southern Utah, 10-31-09

### 225-Yard Passing Games

425 (33-48-0) Cade Cooper (S Utah) vs. Northern Arizona, 9-19-09  
**413 (26-37-1) Noah Shepard (USD) vs. Cal Poly, 11-14-09**  
380 (27-41-1) Greg Denham (UC Davis) vs. South Dakota, 10-10-09  
362 (43-67-2) Greg Denham (UC Davis) vs. Montana, 9-12-09  
**345 (35-47-0) Cade Cooper (S Utah) vs. Eastern Washington, 11-14-09**  
311 (20-30-0) Noah Shepard (USD) vs. UC Davis, 10-10-09  
295 (31-45-1) Cade Cooper (SUU) vs. North Dakota, 10-24-09  
**284 (25-37-1) Greg Denham (UC Davis vs. North Dakota, 11-14-09**  
278 (20-35-4) Cade Cooper (S Utah) vs. South Dakota, 11-7-09  
278 (21-36-1) Greg Denham (UC Davis) vs. Cal Poly, 11-7-08  
270 (16-25-0) Jake Landry (UND) vs. South Dakota, 10-3-09  
263 (20-35-0) Noah Shepard (USD) vs. Montana State, 10-17-09  
259 (21-29-0) Noah Shepard (USD) vs. SE Louisiana, 9-26-09  
259 (20-35-0) Greg Denham (UC Davis) vs. Portland State, 10-24-09  
256 (27-42-0) Cade Cooper (S Utah) vs. Texas State, 10-3-09  
250 (24-48-1) Cade Cooper (S Utah) vs. Utah State, 9-26-09  
249 (15-23-0) Noah Shepard (USD) vs. William Penn, 9-3-09  
248 (26-39-1) Cade Cooper (S Utah) vs. UC Davis, 10-31-01  
235 (19-29-2) Noah Shepard (USD) vs. Southern Utah, 11-7-09  
225 (29-50-1) Greg Denham (UC Davis) vs. Western Oregon, 9-29-09  
225 (21-34-0) Jake Landry (UND) vs. Stony Brook, 10-10-09

### 100-Yard Receiving Games

**273-13 Dominique Johnson (Cal Poly) vs. South Dakota, 11-14-09**  
190-18 Chris Carter (UC Davis) vs. Montana, 9-12-09  
170-11 Tysson Poots (S Utah) vs. Cal Poly, 10-17-09  
150-6 Tysson Poots (S Utah) vs. South Dakota, 11-7-09  
**147-15 Tysson Poots (S Utah) vs. Eastern Washington, 11-14-09**  
**143-13 Fesi Sitake (S Utah) vs. Eastern Washington, 11-14-09**  
141-6 Ismael Bamba (UND) vs. South Dakota, 10-3-09  
138-6 Dan Skelly (USD) vs. William Penn, 9-3-09  
124-6 Ismael Bamba (UND) vs. Stephen F. Austin, 9-26-09  
**123-5 Dan Skelly (USD) vs. Cal Poly, 11-14-09**  
121-6 Dominique Johnson (Cal Poly) vs. North Dakota, 10-31-09  
120-11 Tysson Poots (SUU) vs. Texas State, 10-3-09  
120-7 Tom Flanagan (USD) vs. Montana State, 10-17-09  
118-7 Ismael Bamba (UND) vs. Stony Brook, 10-10-09  
112-6 Ben Oberle (USD) vs. Northern Iowa, 9-12-09  
110-7 Ben Oberle (USD) vs. SE Louisiana, 9-26-09  
109-6 Tysson Poots (S Utah) vs. Northern Arizona, 9-19-09  
109-9 Tom Flanagan (USD) vs. Southern Utah, 11-7-09  
108-11 Tysson Poots (S Utah) vs UC Davis, 10-31-09  
104-7 Ismael Bamba (UND) vs Cal Poly, 10-31-09  
103-4 Dean Rogers (UC Davis) vs. South Dakota, 10-10-09  
102-7 Fesi Sitake (SUU) vs. North Dakota, 10-24-09



## 2009 Great West Schedules/Results

### UC Davis (6-4, 3-1)

Sept. 5	at Fresno State	L, 51-0
Sept. 12	MONTANA	L, 17-10
Sept. 19	OPEN	
Sept. 26	WESTERN OREGON	W, 29-13
Oct. 3	at Boise State	L, 34-16
Oct. 10	*at South Dakota	W, 24-23 (ot)
Oct. 17	WINSTON-SALEM STATE	W, 45-14
Oct. 24	at Portland State	W, 34-31
Oct. 31	*at Southern Utah	L, 56-35
Nov. 7	*CAL POLY	W, 23-10
Nov. 14	*NORTH DAKOTA	W, 28-20
Nov. 21	at Sacramento State	2:05 p.m.

### South Dakota (5-5, 2-2)

Sept. 3	WILLIAM PENN	W, 52-0
Sept. 12	at Northern Iowa	L, 66-7
Sept. 19	DRAKE	W, 51-21
Sept. 26	SE LOUISIANA	W, 41-13
Oct. 3	*at North Dakota	L, 27-12
Oct. 10	*UC DAVIS	L, 24-23 (ot)
Oct. 17	at Montana State	L, 31-24 (ot)
Oct. 24	OPEN	
Oct. 31	at Northern Colorado	L, 21-17
Nov. 7	*SOUTHERN UTAH	W, 45-21
Nov. 14	*at Cal Poly	W, 50-48

### Cal Poly (4-6, 1-3)

Sept. 12	SACRAMENTO STATE	W, 38-19
Sept. 19	at Ohio	L, 28-10
Sept. 26	at San Jose State	L, 19-9
Oct. 3	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	W, 21-14
Oct. 10	at Montana	L, 35-23
Oct. 17	*SOUTHERN UTAH	W, 24-23
Oct. 24	DIXIE STATE	W, 44-14
Oct. 31	*at North Dakota	L, 31-17
Nov. 7	*at UC Davis	L, 23-10
Nov. 14	*SOUTH DAKOTA	L, 50-48
Nov. 21	at Weber State	12:05 p.m.

### Southern Utah (4-6, 2-2)

Sept. 3	DIXIE STATE	W, 36-7
Sept. 12	at San Diego State	L, 35-19
Sept. 19	at Northern Arizona	L, 42-39
Sept. 26	at Utah State	L, 53-34
Oct. 3	TEXAS STATE	W, 38-16
Oct. 10	OPEN	
Oct. 17	*at Cal Poly	L, 24-23
Oct. 24	*NORTH DAKOTA	W, 35-10
Oct. 31	*UC DAVIS	W, 56-35
Nov. 7	*at South Dakota	L, 45-21
Nov. 14	EASTERN WASHINGTON	L, 41-28
Nov. 21	at San Diego	6 p.m.

### North Dakota (5-5, 2-2)

Sept. 5	at Texas Tech	L, 38-13
Sept. 12	OPEN	
Sept. 19	at Northwestern State	W, 27-20
Sept. 26	at Stephen F. Austin	L, 65-31
Oct. 3	*SOUTH DAKOTA	W, 27-12
Oct. 10	STONY BROOK	W, 31-24
Oct. 17	SIOUX FALLS	L, 28-13
Oct. 24	*at Southern Utah	L, 35-10
Oct. 31	*CAL POLY	W, 31-17
Nov. 7	SOUTHERN OREGON	W, 30-24
Nov. 14	*at UC Davis	L, 28-20
Nov. 21	OPEN	
Nov. 28	at Central Arkansas	1 p.m.

### 2009 Great West Attendance

Institution	G	Avg. att.	NCAA Rank
UC Davis	5	9,908	36
Cal Poly	5	9,588	39
North Dakota	5	8,539	44
South Dakota	5	8,117	48
Southern Utah	5	4,922	76

**Conference TEAM Game Highs Through games of Nov. 14, 2009**  
**New Additions from Nov. 14 Highs in BOLD**

Points:	52	South Dakota vs WILLIAM PENN (9/3/09)
Points scored kicking:	18	Southern Utah vs DIXIE STATE (9/3/09) [5fg,3pat]
Touchdowns:	7	South Dakota vs WILLIAM PENN (9/3/09)
	7	South Dakota vs DRAKE (9/19/09)
Total offense yards:	571	South Dakota vs SOUTHERN UTAH (11/7/09) [362r,209p]
Total offense plays:	90	UC Davis vs MONTANA (9/12/09) [23r,67p]
Total offense yards/play:	9.2	South Dakota vs WILLIAM PENN (9/3/09) [55-506]
Rushing yards:	362	South Dakota vs SOUTHERN UTAH (11/7/09)
Rushing attempts:	60	Cal Poly vs SACRAMENTO STATE (9/12/09)
Yards per rush:	7.0	South Dakota vs WILLIAM PENN (9/3/09) [28-197]
Rushing TDs:	6	South Dakota vs DRAKE (9/19/09)
Longest rush:	53	Cal Poly vs SAN JOSE STATE (9/26/09)
Passing yards:	431	Southern Utah vs NORTHERN ARIZONA (9/19/09)
Passing attempts:	67	UC-Davis vs MONTANA (9/12/09)
<b>Passing TDs:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Cal Poly vs SOUTH DAKOTA (11-14-09)</b>
Longest pass:	73	Cal Poly vs DIXIE STATE (10/24/09)
Passes completed:	43	UC Davis vs Montana (9/12/09)
Pass completion pct.:	77.3	Southern Utah vs DIXIE STATE (9/3/09) [17-22]
Passing yards/attempt:	11.5	Cal Poly vs. SACRAMENTO STATE (9/12/09) [19-218]
Yards per catch:	18.2	Cal Poly vs SACRAMENTO STATE (9/12/09) [12-218]
Field goal attempts:	5	Southern Utah vs DIXIE STATE (9/3/09)
Field goals made:	5	Southern Utah vs DIXIE STATE (9/3/09)
<b>Longest field goal:</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>North Dakota vs UC DAVIS (11-14-09)</b>
	52	UC Davis vs CAL POLY (11/7/09)
	52	North Dakota at Texas Tech (9/5/09)
Punts:	9	North Dakota vs NORTHWESTERN STATE (9/19/09)
Longest punt:	67	UC Davis vs WINSTON-SALEM STATE (10/17/09)
Punting avg.:	54.0	Southern Utah vs SOUTH DAKOTA (11/7/09) [4-216]
Punt return avg.:	26.2	Cal Poly vs DIXIE STATE (10/24/09) [4-105]
Longest punt return:	61	Southern Utah vs UC DAVIS (10/31/09)
Kick return avg.:	42.5	South Dakota vs DRAKE (9/19/09) [2-84]
Longest kick return:	95	North Dakota vs STEPHEN F. AUSTIN (9/26/09)
Fumbles Recovered:	3	Four times
Interceptions:	4	South Dakota vs SOUTHERN UTAH (11/7/09)
QB sacks:	6	South Dakota vs SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA (9/26/09)
	6	Cal Poly vs DIXIE STATE (10/24/09)
Turnovers caused:	5	South Dakota vs SOUTHERN UTAH (11/7/09)
	5	Cal Poly vs MONTANA (10/10/09)
	5	UC Davis vs WINSTON-SALEM STATE (10/17/09)
<b>Kicks blocked:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Southern Utah vs. Eastern Washington (11-14-09)</b>
	2	North Dakota vs NORTHWESTERN STATE (9/19/09)
	2	North Dakota vs SOUTH DAKOTA (10-3-09)
First downs:	31	South Dakota vs SOUTHERN UTAH (11/7/09)
1st downs rushing:	16	South Dakota vs SOUTHERN UTAH (11/7/09)
	16	UC Davis vs SOUTHERN UTAH (10/31/09)
1st downs passing:	21	UC Davis vs MONTANA (9/12/09)
<b>Penalties:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Cal Poly vs. SOUTH DAKOTA (11-14-09)</b>
	12	UC Davis vs SOUTHERN UTAH (10/31/09)

**Conference INDIVIDUAL Game Highs Through games of Nov. 14, 2009  
New Additions from Nov. 14 Highs in BOLD**

<b>Points scored:</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Dominique Johnson (Cal Poly) vs. SOUTH DAKOTA (11/14/09)</b>
	30	Noah Shepard (South Dakota) vs DRAKE (9/19/09)
Touchdowns:	5	<b>Dominique Johnson (Cal Poly) vs. SOUTH DAKOTA (11/14/09)</b>
	5	Noah Shepard (South Dakota) vs DRAKE (9/19/09)
Points scored kicking:	18	Ryan Griffith (Southern Utah) vs DIXIE STATE (9/3/09) [5fg,3pat]
<b>Total offense yards:</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>Noah Shepard (South Dakota) vs CAL POLY (11/14/09) [61r,413p]</b>
Rushing yards:	193	Chris Ganious (South Dakota) vs SOUTHERN UTAH (11/7/09)
Rushing attempts:	30	Mitch Sutton (North Dakota) vs CAL POLY (10/31/09)
Yards per rush:	14.0	Josh Reese (UC Davis) vs PORTLAND STATE (10/24/09) [6-84]
Longest rush:	67	Jake Landry (North Dakota) vs SOUTHERN UTAH (10/24/09)
Rushing TDs:	5	Noah Shepard (South Dakota) vs DRAKE (9/18/09)
Passing yards:	425	Cade Cooper (SUU) vs NORTHERN ARIZONA (9/19/09)
Passing attempts:	67	Greg Denham (UC Davis) vs MONTANA (9/12/09)
<b>Passing TDs:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Tony Smith (Cal Poly) vs. SOUTH DAKOTA (11/14/09)</b>
Longest pass play:	73	Tony Smith to Dominique Johnson (Cal Poly) vs DIXIE STATE (10/24/09)
Passes completed:	43	Greg Denham (UC Davis) vs MONTANA (9/12/09)
Pass completion pct.:	.857	Austin Heyworth (UC Davis) vs. PORTLAND STATE (10/24/09) [6-7]
Pass yards/attempt:	10.8	Noah Shepard (South Dakota) vs WILLIAM PENN (9/3/09) [23-249]
<b>Receiving yards:</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>Dominique Johnson (Cal Poly) vs. SOUTH DAKOTA (11/14/09)</b>
Receptions:	18	Chris Carter (UC Davis) vs MONTANA (9/12/09)
Yards per catch:	45.5	Dominique Johnson (Cal Poly) vs DIXIE STATE (10/24/09) [2-91]
<b>Receiving TDs:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Dominique Johnson (Cal Poly) vs. SOUTH DAKOTA (11/14/09)</b>
Field goal attempts:	5	Ryan Griffith (Southern Utah) vs DIXIE STATE (9/3/09)
Field goals made:	5	Ryan Griffith (Southern Utah) vs DIXIE STATE (9/3/09)
<b>Longest field goal:</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>Brandon Hellevang (North Dakota) vs. UC DAVIS (11/14/09)</b>
	52	Sean Kelley (UC Davis) vs. CAL POLY (11/7/09)
	52	Brandon Hellevang (North Dakota) vs TEXAS STATE (9/5/09)
PAT kicks made:	6	Dustin Nowatny (South Dakota) vs DRAKE (9/19/09)
Most Punts	8	Brendan Hellevang (North Dakota) vs NORTHWESTERN STATE (9/19/09)
Longest punt:	67	Colton Schmidt (UC Davis) vs WINSTON-SALEM STATE (9/17/09)
Punting avg.:	54.0	Trevor Ward (Southern Utah) vs SOUTH DAKOTA (11/7/09) [4-216]
Punt returns:	6	Jeremy Blount (South Dakota) vs WILLIAM PENN (9/3/09)
Longest punt return:	61	Fesi Sitake (Southern Utah) vs UC DAVIS (11/31/09)
Punt return TDs:	1	Cory Kuehl (South Dakota) vs WILLIAM PENN (9/3/09)
Punt return avg.:	35.3	Fesi Sitake (Southern Utah) vs UC DAVIS (11/31/09) [3-106]
Kick returns:	9	Jeremy Blount (South Dakota) vs NORTHERN IOWA (9/3/09)
Kick return avg.:	48.5	Joseph Gray (UC Davis) vs WINSTON-SALEM STATE (9/17/09) [2-97]
Longest kick return:	95	Ismael Bamba (North Dakota) vs STEPHEN F. AUSTON (9/26/09)
Interceptions:	3	Joel Schwenzfeier (North Dakota) vs TEXAS STATE (9/5/09)
Longest interception rtn:	60	Greg Francis (Cal Poly) vs OHIO (9/19/09)
All-purpose yards:	347	Ismael Bamba (North Dakota) vs STEPHEN F. AUSTON (9/26/09)
<b>Tackles:</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>Akeem Anifowoshe (Southern Utah) vs EASTERN WASHINGTON (11/14/09) [10-5]</b>
Sacks:	4	Wayne Curry (South Dakota) vs SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA (9/26/09)
Tackles for loss:	3.5	Ko Quaye (South Dakota) vs WILLIAM PENN (9/3/09) [3-1]



## NCAA STATISTICAL LEADERS GREAT WEST PLAYERS IN TOP 20

### Individual Leaders

#### Passing Yards/Game

11.	Cade Cooper (SUU)	272.50 y/gm
13.	Greg Denham (UC Davis)	262.50 y/gm

#### Passing Completions/Game

4.	Cade Cooper (SUU)	25.40 comp/gm
7.	Greg Denham (UC Davis)	24.40 comp/gm

#### Passing Efficiency

15.	Noah Shepard (USD)	149.22 rating
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#### Receptions

2.	Tyson Poots (SUU)	9.38 rec/gm
7.	Chris Carter (UC Davis)	7.60 rec/gm
t9.	Fesi Sitake (SUU)	7.20 rec/gm

#### Receiving Yards

2.	Tyson Poots (SUU)	116.50 y/gm
20.	Dominique Johnson (Cal Poly)	81.56 y/gm

#### Total Offense

6.	Noah Shepard (USD)	295.10 y/gm
8.	Cade Cooper (SUU)	272.50 y/gm
20.	Great Denham (UC Davis)	257.50 y/gm

#### Scoring

6.	Tyson Poots (SUU)	8.75 ppg
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#### Points Responsible For

t2.	Noah Shepard (USD)	1.88 ppg
7.	Cade Cooper (SUU)	17.80 ppg

#### Punting

10.	Brandon Hellevang (UND)	41.78 avg.
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#### Kickoff Returns

8.	Marcus Sims (USD)	27.11 avg.
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#### Punt Returns

7.	Fesi Sitake (SUU)	16.58 avg.
8.	Asa Jackson (Cal Poly)	15.46 avg.

#### Interceptions

t14.	Joel Schwenzfeier (UND)	.50 int/gm
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#### Fumbles Recovered

1.	Akeem Anifonwoshe (SUU)	.50 fr/gm
t8.	Danny Hart (UC Davis)	.30 fr/gm

### Team Leaders

#### Rushing Offense

11.	South Dakota	202.10 y/gm
18.	Cal Poly	181.50 y/gm

#### Passing Offense

9.	Southern Utah	279.30 y/gm
13.	UC Davis	271.30 y/gm
16.	South Dakota	258.50 y/gm

#### Total Offense

5.	South Dakota	460.30 y/gm
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#### Scoring Offense

t13.	Southern Utah	32.90 ppg
t16.	South Dakota	32.50 ppg

#### Passing Efficiency

16.	South Dakota	149.24 rating
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#### Sacks Allowed

t11.	South Dakota	1.00 sacks/gm
t20.	Cal Poly	1.20 sacks/gm

#### 3rd Down Efficiency

9.	South Dakota (63-for-134)	47.01 %
t11.	Southern Utah (64-for-140)	45.71 %

#### 4th Down Efficiency

20.	Southern Utah (11-for-18)	61.11 %
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#### Red Zone Offense

t4	Southern Utah (44-for-49)	90.0%
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#### Time of Possession

t13.	South Dakota	32:25
17.	UC Davis	32:08

#### Net Punting

1.	Southern Utah	45.18 avg.
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#### Punt Returns

5.	Cal Poly	16.71 y/return
7.	Southern Utah	15.58 y/return

#### Kickoff Returns

5.	South Dakota	24.54 y/return
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#### Fumbles Recovered

t1.	Southern Utah	16
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#### Interceptions

t13.	Cal Poly	15
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#### Turnovers Gained

t9.	Cal Poly	26
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#### Turnover Margin

t6.	Cal Poly	+1.30 margin
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# 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 a 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 (31-33)**

9/12 Montana 17, UC Davis 10  
9/12 Cal Poly 38, Sacramento State 19  
9/19 Northern Arizona 42, Southern Utah 39  
10/10 Montana 35, Cal Poly 23  
10/17 Montana State 31, South Dakota 24 (ot)  
10/24 UC Davis 34, Portland State 31  
10/31 Northern Colorado 21, South Dakota 17  
11/14 Eastern Washington 41, Southern Utah 28  
11/21 UC Davis at Sacramento State  
11/21 Cal Poly at Weber State

## **Big South (1-0)**

10/10 North Dakota 31, Stony Brook 24

## **Mid-Eastern Athletic (1-0)**

10/17 UC Davis 45, Winston-Salem State 14

## **Missouri Valley (5-15)**

12/12 Northern Iowa 66, South Dakota 7  
10/3 Cal Poly 21, South Dakota State 14

## **Pioneer (5-1)**

9/19 South Dakota 51, Drake 21  
11/21 Southern Utah at San Diego

## **Southland (24-16)**

9/19 North Dakota 27, Northwestern State 20  
9/26 South Dakota 41, Southeastern Louisiana 13  
9/26 Stephen F. Austin 65, North Dakota 31  
10/3 Southern Utah 38, Texas State 16  
11/28 North Dakota at Central Arkansas

## **Football Bowl Subdivision Teams (6-18)**

### **Mid-American**

9/19 Ohio 28, Cal Poly 10

### **Mountain West**

9/12 San Diego State 35, Southern Utah 19  
9/26 Utah State 53, Southern Utah 34

### **Western Athletic**

9/5 Fresno State 51, UC Davis 0  
9/26 San Jose State 19, Cal Poly 9  
9/26 Boise State 34, UC Davis 16

### **Big 12**

9/5 Texas Tech 38, North Dakota 13

## **Non-FCS Teams (31-4)**

9/3 Southern Utah 36, Dixie State 7  
9/3 South Dakota 52, William Penn 0  
9/19 UC Davis 29, Western Oregon 13  
10/17 Sioux Falls 28, North Dakota 13  
10/24 Cal Poly 44, Dixie State 14  
11/7 North Dakota 30, Southern Oregon 24