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### IT'S A JUMBLED MESS AS TEAMS FIGHT FOR THE 2009 GREAT WEST CHAMPIONSHIP

With three weeks remaining in regular season for four of the five teams - North Dakota plays on Nov. 28 - every teams has a chance for at least a tie for the 2009 Great West title. There is still a mathematical possibility that even 0-2 South Dakota could win its final two conference games and tie for the crown.

Four of the five teams hold destiny in their hands - North Dakota and Southern Utah have a leg up with two wins and just one loss with one game remaining, while UC Davis and Cal Poly have just one loss along with a single win with two games left.

Southern Utah can share at the very minimum a share of the Great West title with a win Saturday over South Dakota. The Thunderbirds take a modest two-game winning streak into the game, and though South Dakota enters the contest after three consecutive hard-luck losses, the game should be tight. The Coyotes went into Cedar City last year and blasted the Thunderbirds 42-20, and this year's game is in the DakotaDome.

"The DakotaDome is a difficult place to play in," said North Dakota coach Chris Mussman, who has faced both teams this season. "It should be a very competitive game. Southern Utah is playing very well, but the Coyotes play so well in that building. I can't pick a winner."

Picked to finish fourth in the pre-season Great West poll, Southern Utah has come a long way, winning just two Great West games in the previous four seasons. The T-Birds will try to avenge last year's lopsided loss to the Coyotes while also trying to finish the season with a better than .500 record for the first time since the 6-5 2004 season.

## Great West Football Standings

Thru Games of Halloween

	GWC Games					All Games				
	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
North Dakota	2	1	68	64	.667	4	4	183	239	.500
Southern Utah	2	1	114	69	.667	4	4	280	222	.500
UC Davis	1	1	59	79	.500	4	4	193	239	.500
Cal Poly	1	1	41	54	.500	4	4	186	183	.500
South Dakota	0	2	35	51	.000	3	5	230	203	.375

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

#### Saturday, October 31

\*Southern Utah 56, UC Davis 35  
 \*North Dakota 31, #16 Cal Poly 17  
 Northern Colorado 21, South Dakota 17

### GAMES NOVEMBER 7

\*Cal Poly at UC Davis, 1 p.m.  
 \*Southern Utah at South Dakota, 4:05 p.m.  
 Southern Oregon at North Dakota, 4 p.m.

All times local to site

\* - Great West Conference game

"I think we are all aware of what is at stake this week," said SUU head coach Ed Lamb. "I am happy for the players who have worked so hard to get to this point of possibly winning a Great West championship. South Dakota beat us up pretty good last year and I think we all remember that."

South Dakota will also be playing its final home game and will say farewell to 19 seniors, many of which have weathered the transition from Division II to the FCS level.

"Our seniors have been tremendous through this entire process," said USD coach Ed Meierkort. "They were very successful at the Division II level and they made great strides as individuals and as a team in our first years at the FCS level. They have all been great for our program."

UC Davis and Cal Poly renew their rivalry on Saturday in Davis, Calif., with the winning team still in the running for the league title. Not only that, but the winner will go one game up in the head-to-head series lead,

which stands at 16-16-2 overall.

"This is always a big game for us," said UC Davis coach Bob Biggs. "They are an in-state school and we recruit many of the players they recruit."

Depending on who beats who this week, the chase for the 2009 Great West title will be determined next week, as North Dakota travels to UC Davis and Cal Poly plays host to South Dakota.

In a wild scenario, all five Great West teams could end up with a 2-2 record if the following takes place:

Nov. 7 Games  
 If Cal Poly defeats UC Davis  
 If S. Dakota defeats Southern Utah

Nov. 14 Games  
 If UC Davis defeats N Dakota  
 If S. Dakota defeats Cal Poly

There will be some serious champion plaques ordered if that happens.



## Players of the Week from Week No. 9

Southern Utah swept the Great West Football Player of the Week honors on the heels of its 56-35 victory over UC Davis on Saturday, with all three player of the week selections scoring for the Thunderbirds and combining for six TDs. Major Gray scored an SUU record-tying four rushing touchdowns, Colin Pretlow returned an interception 46 yards for a score and Fesi Sitake returned SUU's first punt return for a touchdown since 2004. SUU got touchdowns from all phases with the Thunderbirds' additional two scores coming on passes from Cade Cooper to Tysson Poots.

### Offensive

#### **RB Major Gray - Southern Utah (5-9, 205, Jr., Las Vegas, Nev.)**

Major Gray scored four rushing touchdowns in the Thunderbirds' win over UC Davis, tying the Southern Utah record for rushing touchdowns in a game. He carried 16 times for 74 yards, averaging 4.6 yards per carry. Three of his TDs came in the first half as SUU built a 42-21 lead. Of his 16 carries, eight either went for first downs or touchdowns (or both). Gray has been the team's lading rusher in five straight games after beginning the season as a situational goal-line back.

**Also Nominated** - QB Jake Landry (North Dakota); RB Mitch Sutton (North Dakota)

### Defensive

#### **CB Colin Pretlow - Southern Utah (5-10, 176, Jr., Las Vegas, Nev.)**

Colin Pretlow intercepted a pass in the fourth quarter as UC Davis was trying to mount a comeback, but dashed the Aggies' hopes as he returned the pick 46 yards for a touchdown to give SUU a 56-35 lead. He also led the Thunderbirds with 13 tackles, including 10 solo stops, forced one fumble and broke up three passes. Pretlow helped hold UC Davis WR Chris Carter to just 47 receiving yards, his second-fewest of the season (41 vs. Fresno State). He now has a team-high two interceptions on the year, including one in each of the last two games.

**Also Nominated** - FS Danny Hart (UC Davis); LB Ryan Kasowski (North Dakota); Adam Broders (South Dakota)

### Special Teams

#### **WR Fesi Sitake - Southern Utah (5-11, 185, Jr., Sandy, Utah)**

Fesi Sitake returned a punt 61 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter to stake SUU to a 35-21 lead. It was the first punt return for a touchdown at SUU since 2004. In total, Sitake returned three punts 106 yards and had returns of 61, 17 and 28 yards. In addition to the return for a score, another return set the team up on the UC Davis 41-yard line and led to the Thunderbirds' first touchdown. Sitake also caught six passes for 61 yards to aid the offensive effort.

**Also Nominated** - RB Steven Battle (North Dakota); WR Dustin Nowotny (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  
Nov. 15  
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  
Nov. 15  
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  
Nov. 15  
Nov. 22



## FCS GAME OF THE WEEK IN DAVIS TO BROADCAST CAL POLY-UC DAVIS GAME

The weekly FCS Game of the Week radio broadcast will travel to Davis this weekend for the Cal Poly-UC Davis matchup. In its fourth season, the FCS Game of the Week is broadcast to the eastern half of the United States over the facilities of one of only four all-sports 50,000 watt clear channel AM stations in the country, WCKY, Cincinnati, owned by Clear Channel Media. Frank Santore and Dave Eddy will handle the play-by-play and commentary. This will be second time in three years that Santore and company have broadcast a Great West game.

## 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." Here is the weekly 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**

Media can access the archived session for all Monday teleconferences from two hours after the call ends until Friday afternoon that week by dialing 1-800-642-1687 and using the following Conference ID number:

Nov. 2 25785298  
 Nov. 9 25785299  
 Nov. 16 25785300  
 Nov. 23 25785301

## FCS Coaches Poll

	W-L	Pts.	Last Week
1. Richmond (28)	8-0	700	1
2. Montana	9-0	667	2
3. Southern Illinois	7-1	646	3
4. Villanova	7-1	614	4
5. William & Mary	7-1	580	5
6. Elon	7-1	552	6
7. New Hampshire	7-1	510	7
8. Appalachian State	6-2	508	8
9. South Dakota State	7-1	475	9
10. South Carolina State	7-1	453	10
11. McNeese State	6-2	419	11
12. Northern Iowa	5-3	374	14
13. Eastern Illinois	7-2	323	19
14. Holy Cross	7-1	317	17
15. Jacksonville State	5-3	273	20
16. Eastern Washington	6-3	225	21
17. Liberty	6-2	201	24
18. Stephen F. Austin	6-2	200	15
19. Central Arkansas	5-3	181	12
20. Colgate	8-1	161	t25
21. Weber State	5-4	149	13
22. Prairie View A&M	5-1	116	t25
23. Florida A&M	6-2	81	NR
24. Lafayette	7-1	74	NR
25. Delaware	5-3	71	18

GWC teams receiving votes: **26. Cal Poly (38); t33 Southern Utah (9)**

## Sports Network's FCS Media Poll

	W-L	Pts.	Last Week
1. Richmond (123)	8-0	3481	1
2. Montana (9)	8-0	3299	2
3. Southern Illinois (7)	7-1	3039	3
4. Villanova (1)	7-1	2834	4
5. William & Mary	7-1	2783	5
6. Elon	7-1	2677	6
7. Appalachian State (1)	6-2	2508	7
8. New Hampshire	7-1	2428	8
9. South Dakota State	6-1	2224	9
10. South Carolina State	7-1	1968	10
11. Northern Iowa	5-3	1968	12
12. McNeese State	6-2	1967	13
13. Holy Cross	7-1	1571	17
14. Eastern Illinois	7-2	1388	20
15. Stephen F. Austin	6-2	1248	11
16. Liberty	6-2	1117	23
17. Jacksonville State	5-3	1091	22
18. Colgate	8-1	975	24
19. Weber State	5-4	917	14
20. Central Arkansas	5-3	723	15
21. Eastern Washington	6-3	634	NR
22. Prairie View A&M	5-1	612	25
23. Delaware	5-3	506	16
24. Florida A&M	6-2	489	NR
25. Lafayette	7-1	379	NR

GWC teams receiving votes: **26. Cal Poly (216); t37. Southern Utah (56); 50. North Dakota (8); t55. UC Davis (1)**



## Preview of This Week's Games - Games Saturday, November 7

### Cal Poly (4-4, 1-1 Great West) at UC Davis (4-4, 1-1 Great West)

Aggie Stadium, Davis, Calif., 1 p.m. CST

**Series:** 35th Meeting - series is tied 16-16-2; Cal Poly has won the last three contests by a 137-73 count

**Coaches:** Tim Walsh: 4-4 (1st season) at Cal Poly; 121-86 (19th season) overall

Bob Biggs: 128-65-1 (17th season) at UC Davis; 128-65-1 (17th season) overall

**The Mustangs:** Cal Poly and UC Davis square off in the 35th edition of their rivalry which in recent years has become known as the "Battle for the Golden Horseshoe" ... against the Aggies, the Mustangs are 10-7 at home and 6-9-2 in Davis ... in the 51-28 win by Cal Poly last year in San Luis Obispo, Jonathan Dally rushed for 173 yards and one score and passed for two more scores to lead the Mustangs to the win, clinching their third Great West Conference title in five seasons ... Cal Poly amassed 522 yards in total offense, 427 of them on the ground ... a year earlier in the 63-28 win at Davis, Dally passed for 264 yards and four touchdowns, three to Ramses Barden, and the Mustangs rolled up a schoolrecord 704 yards in total offense ... Mustant coach Tim Walsh is 5-5 all-time vs. UC Davis ... Cal Poly has polar-opposite success for its home and road games this year, owning a spotless 4-0 mark in San Luis Obispo but struggling to an 0-4 record while out of town ... in three losses to Montana, San Jose State and North Dakota, the Mustangs have had 17-7 leads in the second quarter, only to give up a score before the half ... the Mustangs return home to face South Dakota next Saturday.

**The Aggies:** UC Davis is home for two straight games and a relatively "short" road game at Sacramento State later after traveling nearly 5,500 miles in October to South Dakota, Oregon and Utah ... the Aggies have been putting the pedal to the offensive floor over their past four games, averaging 427.8 ypg while eclipsing the 400-yard mark three times ... it's also been reflected in their scoring - after averaging 13.7 ppg over the first four matchups, UC Davis has averaged 34.5 ppg in the last four ... WR Chris Carter, whose 18 catches against Montana on Sept 12 still lead NCAA Div. I FCS receivers this season, continues his quest toward the Aggies' career reception record - he is T-3rd with 192, needs three more to take over second place and is 16 away from breaking TONY KAY's (2003-06) record of 207 ... throwing a wrinkle into their offensive attack, UC Davis utilized the Wildcat formation during last week's game at Southern Utah - FS Nick Aprile, who played quarterback at Escalon HS, effectively directed the attack, rushing eight times for 56 yards and a five-yard score ... UC Davis head coach Bob Biggs is 8-8 against Cal Poly ... the Aggies close out the Great West portion of the schedule by playing host to North Dakota.

### Southern Utah (4-4, 2-1 Great West) at South Dakota (3-5, 0-2 Great West)

DakotaDome, Vermillion, S.D., 4:05 p.m. CST

**Series:** 2nd Meeting - South Dakota leads 1-0; the Coyotes won 46-20 last season in Cedar City

**Coaches:** Ed Lamb: 8-11 (2nd season) at Southern Utah; 8-11 (2nd season) overall

Ed Meierkort: 42-23 (6th season) at South Dakota; 97-78 (17th season) overall

**The T-Birds:** SUU can capture at least a tie for the Great West title with a victory ... the Thunderbirds have never won more than two league games in any Great West season ... The 42 points SUU scored in the first half vs. UC Davis tied the SUU record (NCAA era) for points in a half and points in a first half, but it set the record for points in a half at home - SUU had scored 42 points in a half three times prior to Saturday: at Idaho State in 2000, at St. Mary's in 1999 and at Cal State Northridge in 1991 ... the Thunderbirds won all three of those games, Southern Utah swept the Player of the Week awards after the one-sided win over UC Davis ... junior WRs Fesi Sitake and Tysson Poots have been the two favorite targets of QB Cade Cooper - the two have 55 and 54 catches, respectively, while Sitake has 568 yards and seven touchdowns to 635 yards and eight touchdowns for Poots ... P Trevor Ward would lead the nation with a punting average of 46.3 yards per boot, but he has punted just 25 times through eight games, leaving him three kicks shy of the NCAA minimum of 3.5 per game ... WR Tysson Poots finally became eligible for the NCAA rankings this week (he missed first two games and the NCAA requires a player to appear in 75 percent of his team's contests) and jumped almost to the top of the receptions per game and receiving yards per game charts, where he is second and third, at 9.0 catches and 105.83 yards per game ... Sitake's 61-yard punt return for a touchdown was the first by a UC Davis opponent since Sacramento State's Fred Amey ran one back 90 yards in the 2002 Causeway Classic. SUU is tops in the nation in net punting, at 42.92 yards per punt, and is second in punt returns at 20.38 yards per return ... the T-Birds finish the season with two non-conference games, beginning Nov. 14 at home against Eastern Washington.

**The Coyotes:** South Dakota will be playing its final home game of the season ... it's Senior Day and the program will be saying good-bye to 19 members of the senior class ... it's also Military Appreciation Day, with all military personnel and veterans receiving free admission, while their families can get in for half price ... two of the top offenses in the Great West Conference will be on display in this game ... QB Noah Shepard and SUU QB Cade Cooper are both in the top three in the league in passing yards per game and passing efficiency ... the Coyotes have risen to the top of the Great West in several statistical categories - offensively, USD is second in scoring offense (28.8 ppg), while leading the league in total offense (434.9 ypg), rushing offense (189.9) and pass efficiency (144.2) and on defense, the Coyotes are second in scoring defense (25.4 ppg) and first in rushing defense (113.6 ypg) and sacks (17) ... on special teams, USD is first in kickoff returns (25.6 avg) ... the Coyotes close out their season next Saturday with a game at home against Cal Poly.



## Preview of This Week's Games

Games Saturday, November 7

### Southern Oregon (2-6 - NAIA) at North Dakota (4-4, 2-1 Great West)

Alerus Center, Grand Forks, N.D., 4 p.m. CST

**Series:** First meeting - this will be UND's second NAIA opponent on the 2009 schedule

**Coaches:** Steve Helminiak: 12-24 (4th season) at Southern Oregon; 12-24 (4th season) overall

Chris Mussman: 10-8 (2nd season) at North Dakota; 10-8 (2nd season) overall

**The Sioux:** It's Heroes Day Saturday in Grand Forks, where the Greater Grand Forks region police officers, firefighters, EMTs and military personnel will be honored... all-time, the Fighting Sioux are 599-357-30 on the gridiron - just one win away from 600 ... the win over Cal Poly last week had a big hand in dropping the Mustangs out of the Top 25 national rankings ... North Dakota's offensive unit pulled together and produced the second-best offensive showing of the season vs. Cal Poly - the Fighting Sioux recorded a season-high 238 yards rushing and totaled 189 yards receiving for 427 yards of total offense ... also stepping back into their role was the UND defense, which held Cal Poly to just 72 yards rushing - the Mustangs were averaging 206.9 yards on the ground per game ... Ryan Kasowski landed a team-high seven tackles (four solo) and added a forced fumble and was one of two players (Curtis Dublanko) to register 1.5 QB sacks for a loss of eight yards and was one of three players (Steven Battle, Dan Henrickson) to force a fumble ... Dubanko and junior Joel Schwenzfeier both came away with big interceptions and junior Ty Boyle (International Falls, Minn.) was credited with a forced fumble and a blocked field goal attempt ... the Fighting Sioux jump back into Great West play to face UC Davis on the road next week in a game that could garner at least a tie for the Great West title.

**About Southern Oregon:** Southern Oregon is a member of the NAIA and is located in Ashland, Ore. ... the Raiders are 2-6 this season and will be playing in their 2009 finale ... Southern Oregon dropped a 21-0 game to 8th-ranked Mary Hardin-Baylor last weekend in Belton, Texas ... RB Brandon Baldwin went over the 1,000-yard plateau last week with 118 yards on 36 carries and now has 1,049 yards for the season ... Mary Hardin-Baylor had 332 total yards in the game, just 13 in the air ... Southern Oregon played at South Dakota last season and were beaten 37-0.



## 2009 Top Individual Performances

Week 9 additions in **BOLD**

### 100-Yard Rushing Games

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  
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**

### 200-Yard Passing Games

425 (33-48-0) Cade Cooper (S Utah) vs. Northern Arizona, 9-19-09  
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  
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  
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 (SUU) vs. Texas State, 10-3-09  
250 (24-48-1) Cade Cooper (SUU) 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 (SUU) vs. UC Davis, 10-31-01**  
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  
**223 (24-44-1) Greg Denham (UC Davis) vs. Southern Utah, 10-31-01**  
220 (13-16-0) Greg Denham (UC Davis) vs. Winston-Salem State, 10-17-09  
218 (12-15-0) Tony Smith (Cal Poly) vs. Sacramento State, 9-12-09  
218 (23-38-3) Jake Landry (UND) vs. Sioux Falls, 10-17-09  
**212 (23-40-2) Noah Shepard (USD) vs. Northern Colorado, 10-31-09)**  
206 (24-36-0) Greg Denham (UC Davis) vs. Boise State, 10-3-09  
**203 (13-27-2) Tony Smith (Cal Poly) vs. North Dakota, 10-31-09)**  
201 (15-23-1) Noah Shepard (USD) vs. Drake, 9-19-09

### 100-Yard Receiving Games

190-18 Chris Carter (UC Davis) vs. Montana, 9-12-09  
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  
**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  
**108-11 Tysson Poots (Southern 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 (4-4, 1-1)

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	1 p.m.
Nov. 14	*NORTH DAKOTA	1 p.m.
Nov. 21	at Sacramento State	2:05 p.m.

### South Dakota (3-5, 0-2)

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	4:05 p.m.
Nov. 14	*at Cal Poly	6:05 p.m.

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

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	1 p.m.
Nov. 14	*SOUTH DAKOTA	6:05 p.m.
Nov. 21	at Weber State	12:05 p.m.

### Southern Utah (4-4, 2-1)

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	4:05 p.m.
Nov. 14	EASTERN WASHINGTON	1 p.m.
Nov. 21	at San Diego	6 p.m.

### North Dakota (4-4, 2-1)

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	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.	NCAA Rank
Cal Poly	4	9,990	36
UC Davis	3	9,818	39
North Dakota	4	8,861	42
South Dakota	4	8,359	47
Southern Utah	4	5,375	75

**Conference TEAM Game Highs Through games of Oct. 31, 2009**  
**New Additions from Oct. 31 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:	540	Southern Utah vs NORTHERN ARIZONA (9/19/09) [109r,431p]
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:	277	South Dakota vs SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA (9/26/09)
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:	67	North Dakota vs SOUTHERN UTAH (10/24/09)
Passing yards:	431	Southern Utah vs NORTHERN ARIZONA (9/19/09)
Passing attempts:	67	UC-Davis vs MONTANA (9/12/09)
Passing TDs:	4	South Dakota vs WILLIAM PENN (9/3/09)
	4	Southern Utah vs NORTHERN ARIZONA (9/19/09)
	4	Southern Utah vs NORTH DAKOTA (10/24/09)
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)
Longest field goal:	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.:	50.0	Southern Utah vs NORTH DAKOTA (10/24/09) [6-300]
Punt return avg.:	26.2	Cal Poly vs DIXIE STATE (10/24/09) [4-105]
<b>Longest punt return:</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>Southern Utah vs UC DAVIS (10/31/09)</b>
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:	3	North Dakota vs TEXAS STATE (9/5/09)
	3	Cal Poly vs SACRAMENTO STATE (9/12/09)
	3	Cal Poly vs DIXIE STATE (10/24/09)
QB sacks:	6	South Dakota vs SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA (9/26/09)
	6	Cal Poly vs DIXIE STATE (10/24/09)
Turnovers caused:	5	Cal Poly vs MONTANA (10/10/09)
	5	UC Davis vs WINSTON-SALEM STATE (10/17/09)
Kicks blocked:	2	North Dakota vs NORTHWESTERN STATE (9/19/09)
	2	North Dakota vs SOUTH DAKOTA (10-3-09)
First downs:	29	Southern Utah vs NORTHERN ARIZONA (9/19/09)
	29	UC Davis vs PORTLAND STATE (10-24-09)
<b>1st downs rushing:</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>UC Davis vs SOUTHERN UTAH (10/31/09)</b>
1st downs passing:	21	UC Davis vs MONTANA (9/12/09)
<b>Penalties:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>UC Davis vs SOUTHERN UTAH (10/31/09)</b>

**Conference INDIVIDUAL Game Highs Through games of Oct. 31, 2009**  
**New Additions from Oct. 31 Highs in BOLD**

Points scored:	30	Noah Shepard (South Dakota) vs DRAKE (9/19/09)
Touchdowns:	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]
Total offense yards:	417	Cade Cooper (SUU) vs NORTHERN ARIZONA (9/19/09) [-8r,425p]
Rushing yards:	190	Mitch Sutton (North Dakota) vs SOUTH DAKOTA (10/3/09)
<b>Rusing attempts:</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Mitch Sutton (North Dakota) vs CAL POLY (10/31/09)</b>
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)
Passing TDs:	4	Noah Shepard (South Dakota) vs WILLIAM PENN (9/3/09)
	4	Cade Cooper (Southern Utah) vs NORTHERN ARIZONA (9/19/09)
	4	Cade Cooper (Southern Utah) vs NORTH DAKOTA (9/24/09)
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]
Receiving yards:	190	Chris Carter (UC Davis) vs MONTANA (9/12/09)
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]
Receiving TDs:	3	Austin Minefee (Southern Utah) vs NORHERN ARIZONA (9/19-09)
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)
Longest field goal:	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.:	50.0	Trevor Ward (Southern Utah) vs MONTANA (9/24/09) [6-300]
Punt returns:	6	Jeremy Blount (South Dakota) vs WILLIAM PENN (9/3/09)
<b>Longest punt return:</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>Fesi Sitake (Southern Utah) vs UC DAVIS (11/31/09)</b>
Punt return TDs:	1	Cory Kuehl (South Dakota) vs WILLIAM PENN (9/3/09)
Punt return avg.:	35.3	<b>Fesi Sitake (Southern Utah) vs UC DAVIS (11/31/09)</b> [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. AUSTIN (9/26/09)
Tackles:	14.0	Dion Turner (Southern Utah) vs UTAH STATE (9/26/09) [10-4]
	14.0	Robert Takeno (Southern Utah) vs TEXAS STATE (10-3-09) [5-9]
	14.0	Danny Hart (UC Davis) vs BOISE STATE (10/3/09) [8-6]
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

13.	Cade Cooper (SUU)	260.25 y/gm
14.	Greg Denham (UC Davis)	257.88 y/gm

#### Passing Completions/Game

6.	Cade Cooper (SUU)	24.88 comp/gm
7.	Greg Denham (UC Davis)	24.75 comp/gm

#### Receptions

2.	Tyson Poots (SUU)	9.00 rec/gm
4.	Chris Carter (UC Davis)	8.00 rec/gm
t10.	Fesi Sitake (SUU)	6.88 rec/gm

#### Receiving Yards

3.	Tyson Poots (SUU)	105.83 y/gm
12.	Chris Carter (UC Davis)	85.83 y/gm
19.	Ismail Bamba (UND)	85.13 y/gm

#### Total Offense

14.	Noah Shepard (USD)	277.38 y/gm
16.	Cade Cooper (SUU)	272.25 y/gm.

#### Scoring

t16.	Ryan Griffith (SUU)	8.50 ppg
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#### Field Goals

t12.	Ryan Griffith (SUU)	1.50 fg/gm
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#### Punting

11.	Brandon Hellevang (UND)	41.76 avg.
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#### Kick Returns

8.	Marcus Sims (USD)	27.69 avg.
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#### Punt Returns

5.	Asa Jackson (Cal Poly)	17.18 avg.
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#### Interceptions

t8.	Joel Schwenzfeier (UND)	.63 int/gm
t15.	Scottie Cordier (Cal Poly)	.57 int/gm

#### Fumbles Recovered

t4.	Danny Hart (UC Davis)	.38 fr/gm
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### Team Leaders

#### Rushing Offense

14.	South Dakota	189.89 y/gm
15.	Cal Poly	188.75 y/gm

#### Passing Offense

12.	Southern Utah	270.00 y/gm
13.	UC Davis	268.88 y/gm

#### Total Offense

10.	South Dakota	434.88 y/gm
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#### Scoring Offense

7.	Southern Utah	35.00 ppg
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#### Passing Efficiency

19.	South Dakota	144.23
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#### Sacks Allowed

t12.	Cal Poly	1.00 sacks/gm
t19.	South Dakota	1.13 sacks/gm

#### 3rd Down Efficiency

6.	Southern Utah (56-for-118)	47.76 %
10.	South Dakota (51-for-110)	46.36 %

#### 4th Down Efficiency

t9.	Southern Utah (10-for-15)	66.67 %
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#### Red Zone Offense

t6.	Southern Utah (39-for-43)	91.0%
t8.	Cal Poly (17-for-19)	89.0 %

#### Net Punting

1.	Southern Utah	42.92 avg.
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#### Punt Returns

2.	Southern Utah	20.38 y/return
5.	Cal Poly	18.50 y/return

#### Kickoff Returns

4.	South Dakota	25.63 y/return
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#### Fumbles Recovered

1.	Southern Utah	15
t11.	Cal Poly	11

#### Interceptions

t11.	Cal Poly	13
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#### Turnovers Gained

t5.	Cal Poly	24
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#### Turnover Margin

7.	Cal Poly	+1.38 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 at Southern Utah  
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 (30-4)**

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 Southern Oregon at North Dakota