

FINAL 1997 Gateway Football Single-Game Highs (does not include playoffs)



All-Purpose Yards (281 - Keith Williams, SMS, 1985)
 377, Aaron Stecker, Western Illinois, 11/1 vs. S. Illinois
 277, Marquis Mosely, Illinois State, 10/4 vs. N. Iowa
 277, Aaron Stecker, Western Illinois, 9/13 vs. Alcorn State
 250, Marquis Mosely, Illinois State, 9/6 vs. Buffalo
 249, Aaron Stecker, W. Illinois, 10/25 vs. SW Missouri
 245, Aaron Stecker, W. Illinois, 11/8 vs. Illinois State

Total Offense (507 - Sean Payton, EIU, 1985)
 470, Kevin Glenn, Illinois State, 11/8 vs. Western Illinois
 388, Shane Fortney, Northern Iowa, 11/8 vs. S. Utah
 363, Kevin Glenn, Illinois State, 10/4 vs. Northern Iowa
 357, Shane Fortney, Northern Iowa, 11/1 vs. SW Missouri
 343, Jeremy Hoog, SW Missouri, 11/8 vs. Arkansas State

Touchdowns (5 - Keith Williams, SMS, 1985)
 4, Aaron Stecker, Western Illinois, 10/25 vs. SW Missouri
 4, Aaron Stecker, Western Illinois, 11/8 vs. Illinois State
 3, nine times by seven different players

Field Goals (5 - set twice, last done in 1991)
 3, Travis Brawner, Southwest Mo., 9/13 vs. McNeese St.
 3, Travis Brawner, Southwest Mo., 10/4 vs. S. Illinois
 3, Travis Brawner, Southwest Mo., 10/11 vs. Indiana State
 3, Travis Brawner, Southwest Mo., 11/1 vs. Northern Iowa
 3, Matt Simonton, Southern Illinois, 10/18 vs. South Florida
 3, Scott Collins, Indiana State, 10/25 vs. Illinois State

Rushing Attempts (48 - Willie High, EIU, 1993)
 40, Terry Hollimon, Northern Iowa, 11/15 vs. Indiana State
 39, Aaron Stecker, Western Illinois, 11/1 vs. S. Illinois
 37, Aaron Stecker, Western Illinois, 10/11 vs. N. Iowa
 37, Terry Hollimon, Northern Iowa, 11/1 vs. SW Missouri
 35, Aaron Stecker, Western Illinois (two times)

Rushing Yards (255 - Toby Davis, ILS, 1991)
 289, Aaron Stecker, W. Illinois, 11/1 vs. Southern Illinois
 249, Aaron Stecker, W. Illinois, 10/25 vs. SW Missouri
 244, Aaron Stecker, Western Illinois, 9/13 vs. Alcorn State
 227, Aaron Stecker, Western Illinois, 11/8 vs. Illinois State
 227, Aaron Stecker, Western Illinois, 10/11 vs. N. Iowa
 201, Karifon Carpenter, Southern Illinois, 9/27 vs. N. Iowa
 190, Darnell Jones, Illinois State, 10/11 vs. S. Illinois
 186, Maurice Daniels, SW Missouri, 9/20 vs. Tenn.-Martin
 186, Aaron Stecker, Western Illinois, 10/18 vs. Indiana St.

Touchdowns - Rushing (4 - Toby Davis, ILS, 1992)
 4, Aaron Stecker, Western Illinois, 10/25 vs. SW Missouri
 4, Aaron Stecker, Western Illinois, 11/8 vs. Illinois State
 3, seven times by six different players

Pass Attempts (60 - Scott Gabbert, SIU, 1989)
 66, Kevin Glenn, Illinois State, 11/8 vs. Western Illinois
 48, Kevin Glenn, Illinois State, 10/4 vs. Northern Iowa
 46, Jeremy Hoog, Southwest Mo., 9/13 vs. McNeese St.
 44, Shane Fortney, Northern Iowa, 10/25 vs. Cal Poly-SLO
 43, Jeremy Hoog, Southwest Mo., 11/8 vs. Arkansas State
 43, Shane Fortney, Northern Iowa, 11/15 vs. Indiana State

Pass Completions (41 - Scott Gabbert, SIU, 1989)
 41, Kevin Glenn, Illinois State, 11/8 vs. Western Illinois
 26, Kevin Glenn, Illinois State, 10/4 vs. Northern Iowa
 25, Jeff Hecklinski, Western Illinois, 10/4 vs. S. Utah
 23, Kevin Glenn, Illinois State, 10/11 vs. Southern Illinois
 22, Kent Skornia, Southern Illinois, 10/25 vs. W. Kentucky

Pass Yards (509 - Sean Payton, EIU, 1985)
 446, Kevin Glenn, Illinois State, 11/8 vs. Western Illinois
 388, Shane Fortney, Northern Iowa, 11/8 vs. S. Utah
 365, Shane Fortney, Northern Iowa, 11/1 vs. SW Missouri
 361, Kevin Glenn, Illinois State, 10/4 vs. Northern Iowa
 343, Jeremy Hoog, Southwest Mo., 11/8 vs. Arkansas St.
 323, Kent Skornia, Southern Illinois, 9/13 vs. Murray State

TD Passes Thrown (6 - Mike Smith, UNI, 1986)
 4, Jeff Hecklinski, Western Illinois, 10/4 vs. S. Utah
 4, Kent Skornia, Southern Illinois, 10/25 vs. W. Kentucky
 4, Shane Fortney, Northern Iowa, 11/8 vs. Southern Utah
 3, Kevin Glenn, Illinois State (two times)
 3, Jason Jones, Northern Iowa, 9/13 vs. Mankato State
 3, Shane Fortney, Northern Iowa (two times)
 3, Kent Skornia, Southern Illinois, 10/11 vs. Illinois State

Pass Receptions (13 - Demeris Johnson, WIU, 1992)
 13, Darnell Jones, Illinois State, 11/8 vs. Western Illinois
 12, Marquis Mosely, Illinois State, 10/4 vs. Northern Iowa
 11, Cornell Craig, Southern Illinois, 10/11 vs. Illinois State
 10, Mike Furrey, Northern Iowa (two times)
 10, Cornell Craig, Southern Illinois, 10/25 vs. W. Kentucky

Receiving Yards (253 - Chris Johnson, INS, 1986)
 219, Cornell Craig, Southern Illinois, 10/11 vs. Illinois State
 199, Renauld Ray, Youngstown State, 10/11 vs. Buffalo
 185, Cornell Craig, Southern Illinois, 9/13 vs. Murray State
 183, Mike Furrey, Northern Iowa, 10/18 vs. Youngstown
 180, Mike Furrey, Northern Iowa, 9/13 vs. Mankato State
 179, Mike Furrey, Northern Iowa, 11/8 vs. Southern Utah
 177, Cornell Craig, S. Illinois, 10/25 vs. W. Kentucky

Touchdown Passes Caught (4 - set twice, last in 1995)
 3, Cornell Craig, Southern Illinois, 10/25 vs. W. Kentucky
 2, 12 players tied

Most Punts (13 - Chris Hurst, SMS, 1995)
 10, John Amirano, Southern Illinois, 9/27 vs. N. Iowa
 10, Phillip Aguilar, Indiana State, 10/11 vs. Southwest Mo.
 10, Travis Brawner, Southwest Mo., 11/15 vs. Youngstown
 9, Travis Brawner, Southwest Mo., 8/28 vs. Pittsburg State
 9, John Amirano, Southern Illinois, 9/6 vs. Nicholls State
 9, Phillip Aguilar, Indiana State (two times)

Punting Yards (533 - Chris Hurst, SMS, 1995)
 431, John Amirano, Southern Illinois, 9/27 vs. N. Iowa
 403, John Amirano, Southern Illinois, 9/6 vs. Nicholls St.
 372, Phillip Aguilar, Indiana St., 10/11 vs. Southwest Mo.
 359, Travis Brawner, Southwest Mo., 8/28 vs. Pittsburg St.

Punt Average - Game (53.4 - Mark Gagliano, SIU, 1996)
 52.2, J.J. Stefancin, Youngstown State, 9/20 vs. Boston
 49.3, Jeff Baker, Western Illinois, 9/13 vs. Alcorn State
 48.1, Jake Strader, Illinois State, 11/1 vs. Youngstown St.
 47.1, John Amirano, Southern Illinois, 10/4 vs. SMS
 46.4, Travis Brawner, SW Missouri, 11/1 vs. Northern Iowa

Longest Field Goals (58 - Rich Ehmke, EIU, 1986)
 52, Travis Brawner, Southwest Mo., 9/13 vs. McNeese St.
 51, Travis Brawner, Southwest Mo., 10/11 vs. Indiana St.
 50, Keith Jones, Western Illinois, 10/25 vs. Indiana State
 49, Julio Guzman, Northern Iowa, 11/15 vs. Indiana State
 48, Travis Brawner, Southwest Mo., 8/28 vs. Pittsburg St.

Longest Rushing Plays (99, Phillip Collins, SMS, 1989)
 92, Aaron Stecker, W. Illinois, 9/6 vs. Truman State (td)
 80, Aaron Stecker, W. Illinois, 11/1 vs. Southern Illinois
 72, Aaron Stecker, W. Illinois, 10/25 vs. SW Missouri (td)
 65, Aaron Stecker, W. Illinois, 11/8 vs. Illinois State (td)
 64, Aaron Stecker, W. Illinois, 10/18 vs. Indiana State (td)

Longest Receptions (99, Johnson to Shedd, UNI, 1990)
 84, Marquis Mosely, Illinois State, 11/8 vs. W. Illinois (td)
 80, Mike Furrey, Northern Iowa, 10/18 vs. Youngstown (td)
 72, Mike Furrey, Northern Iowa, 11/15 vs. Indiana St. (td)
 71, Cornell Craig, Southern Illinois, 10/25 vs. W. Ky. (td)
 65, Marquis Mosely, Illinois State, 9/6 vs. Buffalo

Longest Punts (79 - Steve Largent, EIU, 1994)
 75, Jake Strader, Illinois State, 11/1 vs. Youngstown State
 73, Phillip Aguilar, Indiana State, 10/4 vs. Youngstown St.
 68, Jake Strader, Illinois State, 10/25 vs. Indiana State
 67, J.J. Stefancin, Youngstown State, 10/18 vs. N. Iowa

Longest Kickoff Returns (100 - Chris Watson, EIU, 1995)
 100, Marquis Mosely, Illinois State, 9/6 vs. Buffalo (td)
 70, Donnie Caldwell, Western Illinois, 10/18 vs. Indiana St.
 55, Anthony Williams, Indiana State, 9/13 vs. North Texas
 54, Anthony Williams, Indiana State, 10/18 vs. W. Illinois
 50, Ty Taiton, Northern Iowa, 9/6 vs. Iowa

Longest Int. Returns (100 - Moses Alimable, UNI, 1985)
 55, Ryan Doak, Northern Iowa, 10/4 vs. Illinois State
 53, Jason Sykes, Southwest Mo., 9/6 vs. Jacksonville (td)
 48, Frank Spraggins, W. Illinois, 8/28 vs. E. Illinois (td)
 47, DeJuan Alfonzo, Indiana State, 11/15 vs. N. Iowa
 44, Dwyte Smiley, Youngstown, 8/28 vs. Slippery Rock (td)

Long Punt Returns (89 - Milo Popovic, UNI, 1989)
 84, Jamaime Blalock, W. Illinois, 8/28 vs. E. Illinois (td)
 55, Mike Furrey, Northern Iowa, 9/27 vs. S. Illinois
 46, Jamaime Blalock, Western Illinois, 10/18 vs. Indiana St.
 37, Troy Lefevra, Indiana State, 9/6 vs. Kentucky State

Points (86 - Western Illinois, 1995)
 53, Northern Iowa, 11/8 vs. Southern Utah
 52, Youngstown State, 10/11 vs. Buffalo
 50, Northern Iowa, 10/4 vs. Illinois State
 47, Southwest Missouri State, 9/6 vs. Jacksonville State
 45, Western Illinois (two times)
 45, Youngstown State, 11/15 vs. Southwest Mo. State

First Downs (36 - Southwest Missouri State, 1985)
 31, Illinois State, 10/11 vs. Southern Illinois
 29, Southwest Missouri State, 9/20 vs. Tenn.-Martin
 28, Illinois State, 10/4 vs. Northern Iowa
 28, Southwest Missouri State, 10/25 vs. Western Illinois
 28, Western Illinois, 11/1 vs. Southern Illinois

Most Offensive Plays (106 - Western Illinois, 1992)
 104, Illinois State, 10/11 vs. Southern Illinois
 95, Illinois State, 10/4 vs. Northern Iowa
 89, Southwest Missouri State, 10/4 vs. Southern Illinois
 89, Northern Iowa, 11/15 vs. Indiana State

Most Offensive Yards (752 - Southwest Missouri, 1988)
 564, Illinois State, 10/11 vs. Southern Illinois
 559, Northern Iowa, 9/13 vs. Mankato State
 533, Western Illinois, 11/1 vs. Southern Illinois
 532, Southwest Missouri State, 10/4 vs. Southern Illinois

Most Rushes (83 - Southwest Mo. St., 1988)
 62, Illinois State, 10/11 vs. Southern Illinois
 59, Youngstown State, 10/4 vs. Indiana State
 57, Youngstown State, 9/27 vs. Hofstra
 55, Southern Illinois, 9/27 vs. Northern Iowa

Most Rushing Yards (681 - Southwest Mo. St., 1988)
 348, Youngstown State, 11/8 vs. Southern Illinois
 330, Western Illinois, 11/1 vs. Southern Illinois
 328, Youngstown State, 9/6 vs. Kent
 314, Southwest Missouri State, 10/4 vs. Southern Illinois
 301, Western Illinois (two times)

Most Pass Attempts (60 - Southern Illinois, 1989)
 67, Illinois State, 11/8 vs. Western Illinois
 60, Illinois State, 10/4 vs. Northern Iowa
 47, Southwest Mo. St., 11/8 vs. Arkansas State
 46, Southwest Mo. St., 9/13 vs. McNeese State

Most Pass Completions (41 - Southern Illinois, 1989)
 41, Illinois State, 11/8 vs. Western Illinois
 31, Illinois State, 10/4 vs. Northern Iowa
 27, Western Illinois, 10/4 vs. Southern Utah
 23, three times

Most Passing Yards (509 - Eastern Illinois, 1985)
 446, Illinois State, 11/8 vs. Western Illinois
 446, Illinois State, 10/4 vs. Northern Iowa
 388, Northern Iowa, 11/8 vs. Southern Utah
 365, Northern Iowa, 11/1 vs. Southwest Missouri State

Most Penalties (18 - set three times, last in 1994)
 15, Western Illinois, 10/25 vs. SW Missouri (133 yards)
 14, Southwest Missouri, 9/6 vs. Jacksonville St. (111 yds.)
 14, Southwest Missouri State, 9/20 vs. UT-Martin (146 yds.)
 13, Southern Illinois, 9/13 vs. Murray State (101 yards)
 13, Southwest Mo. State, 11/8 vs. Arkansas St. (85 yards)

Largest Crowds (*Gateway Site - 17,974, 1997)
 66,325, Northern Iowa, 9/6 at Iowa
 34,432, Southern Illinois, 10/18 at South Florida
 26,724, Western Illinois, 9/20 at Marshall
 20,556, Illinois State, 9/27 at Nevada-Las Vegas
 20,519, Youngstown State, 10/11 vs. Buffalo*
 17,974, Youngstown State, 9/6 vs. Kent*
 16,672, Southwest Missouri, 8/28 vs. Pittsburg State*
 16,071, Youngstown State, 9/27 vs. Hofstra*

(previous GFC records in parentheses)

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1997 Gateway Football Conference Individual Stats

Individual Rushing

	CL	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YPG
Aaron Stecker, Western Illinois (2)	Jr.	11	298	1957	6.6	24	177.91
Maurice Daniels, Southwest Mo. St. (45)	Jr.	11	151	918	6.1	2	83.45
Terry Hollimon, Northern Iowa	Sr.	11	200	864	4.3	10	78.55
Jake Andreadis, Youngstown State	Jr.	11	133	805	6.1	9	73.18
Adrian Brown, Youngstown State	So.	9	138	560	4.1	15	62.22
Karlton Carpenter, Southern Illinois	So.	11	178	673	3.8	6	61.18
Corey McGriff, Southwest Mo. State	Jr.	11	159	668	4.2	6	60.73
Darnell Jones, Illinois State	So.	11	171	649	3.8	4	59.00
Demetrius Harris, Youngstown State	Jr.	11	93	436	4.7	3	39.64
Brian Noltbertowicz, Southern Illinois	Jr.	11	86	392	4.6	4	35.64

Individual Passing Efficiency

(min. 15 att. per game)	CL	G	Att.	Cmp.	Pct.	Int.	Yds.	Yds./Att.	TD	Points
Demond Tidwell, Youngstown St. (19)	Sr.	11	178	113	64.48	6	1583	8.89	6	142.6
Jeff Hecklinski, Western Illinois (22)	Sr.	11	257	167	64.98	6	1897	7.38	10	135.2
Kent Skornia, Southern Illinois (30)	Jr.	11	261	144	55.17	9	1980	7.59	14	129.7
Shane Fortney, Northern Iowa (44)	Sr.	11	349	180	51.58	12	2558	7.33	16	121.4
Kevin Glenn, Illinois State	Fr.	11	361	191	52.91	13	2265	6.27	12	108.4
Jeremy Hoog, Southwest Mo. State	Sr.	11	338	173	51.18	9	2107	6.23	10	108.0
Matt Gajewski, Indiana State	Jr.	11	142	72	50.70	2	717	5.05	7	106.6

Individual Total Offense

	CL	G	Rushing Car.	Net	Passing Att.	Yds.	Total Offense Plys	Yds.	YPG
Shane Fortney, Northern Iowa (16)	Sr.	11	62	97	349	2558	411	2655	241.36
Kevin Glenn, Illinois State (32)	Fr.	11	99	90	361	2265	460	2355	214.09
Jeremy Hoog, Southwest Mo. St. (46)	Sr.	11	70	-9	338	2107	408	2098	190.73
Kent Skornia, Southern Illinois (47)	Jr.	11	73	-18	261	1980	334	1952	178.36
Aaron Stecker, Western Illinois	Jr.	11	298	1957	0	0	298	1957	177.91
Jeff Hecklinski, Western Illinois	Sr.	11	38	-47	257	1897	295	1850	168.18
Demond Tidwell, Youngstown State	Sr.	11	79	185	178	1583	257	1768	160.73
Jeff Gajewski, Indiana State	Jr.	11	119	215	142	717	261	932	84.73
Maurice Daniels, Southwest Mo. State	Jr.	11	151	918	0	0	151	918	83.45
Terry Hollimon, Northern Iowa	Sr.	11	200	864	0	0	200	864	78.55

Individual Receptions Per Game

	CL	G	Rec.	Yds.	TD	CPG	Avg.
Mike Furrey, Northern Iowa (3)	So.	11	82	1291	7	7.45	15.74
Marquis Mosely, Northern Iowa (19)	So.	11	61	875	4	5.55	14.34
Cornell Craig, Southern Illinois (35)	So.	11	57	1036	9	5.18	18.18
Eddie Berlin, Northern Iowa	Fr.	11	46	640	8	4.18	13.91
Jason Cannon, Southwest Mo. State	Sr.	11	43	591	7	3.91	13.74
Rick Garrett, Illinois State	So.	11	40	585	4	3.64	14.63
Jamaine Blalock, Western Illinois	Sr.	11	37	478	2	3.36	12.92
Alonzo Clayton, Northern Iowa	Sr.	11	35	622	4	3.18	17.77
Chance Thurman, Southwest Mo. State	So.	11	34	568	2	3.09	16.71
Theodo Griffin, Western Illinois	Sr.	11	34	426	2	3.09	12.53

Individual Receiving Yards Per Game

	CL	G	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Y/G	C/G	Avg.
Mike Furrey, Northern Iowa (4)	So.	11	82	1291	7	117.36	7.45	15.74
Cornell Craig, Southern Illinois (18)	So.	11	57	1036	9	94.18	5.18	18.18
Marquis Mosely, Illinois State (34)	Sr.	11	61	875	4	79.55	5.55	14.34
Eddie Berlin, Northern Iowa	Fr.	11	46	640	8	58.18	4.18	13.91
Alonzo Clayton, Northern Iowa	Sr.	11	35	622	4	56.55	3.18	17.77
Jason Cannon, Southwest Mo. State	Sr.	11	43	591	7	53.73	3.91	13.74
Rick Garrett, Illinois State	So.	11	40	585	4	53.18	3.64	14.63
Chance Thurman, Southwest Mo. State	So.	11	34	568	2	51.64	3.09	16.71
Renauld Ray, Youngstown State	So.	11	28	529	4	48.09	2.55	18.89
Jamaine Blalock, Western Illinois	Sr.	11	37	478	2	43.45	3.36	12.92

Individual All-Purpose Runners

	CL	G	Rush	Rec.	PR	KR	Yds.	Avg.
Aaron Stecker, Western Illinois (3)	Jr.	11	1957	288	0	0	2245	204.09
Mike Furrey, Northern Iowa (21)	So.	11	7	1291	146	106	1550	140.91
Marquis Mosely, Illinois State (23)	Sr.	11	22	875	110	535	1542	140.18
Jake Andreadis, Youngstown State	Jr.	11	805	112	179	175	1271	115.55
Maurice Daniels, Southwest Mo. State	Jr.	11	918	277	0	16	1211	110.09
Jeff Gajewski, Western Illinois	Sr.	11	108	478	241	285	1112	101.09
Cornell Craig, Southern Illinois	So.	11	4	1036	35	20	1095	99.55
Darnell Jones, Illinois State	So.	11	649	227	0	199	1075	97.73
Jason Cannon, Southwest Mo. State	Sr.	11	14	591	0	455	1060	96.36
Karlton Carpenter, Southern Illinois	So.	11	673	105	0	253	1031	93.73

Individual Interceptions

	CL	G	No.	Yds.	TD	P/G
Frank Spraggins, Western Illinois (20)	Sr.	11	6	87	1	.55
Sam Wilkerson, Southern Illinois (46)	Jr.	10	4	35	1	.40
Kyle Bibbs, Indiana State	Sr.	11	4	35	0	.36
Tony Prior, Indiana State	So.	11	4	21	0	.36
Adam Franklin, Illinois State	So.	9	3	9	0	.33
DeJuan Alfonso, Indiana State	So.	11	3	47	0	.27
Kernard Killingsworth, Illinois State	So.	11	3	41	0	.27
Tyree Talton, Northern Iowa	Jr.	11	3	21	0	.27
Ty Locatelli, Western Illinois	Jr.	10	2	0	0	.20

nine players tied with .18 interceptions per game

Individual Punting

	CL	No.	Avg.	G	Yards
John Amitrano, Southern Illinois (9)	Jr.	71	42.82	11	3040
Jake Strader, Illinois State (18)	Fr.	61	41.11	11	2508
Travis Brawner, Southwest Missouri State (31)	So.	73	39.97	11	2918
Jeff Baker, Western Illinois (35)	Jr.	40	39.83	11	1593
Phillip Aguilar, Indiana State	Jr.	62	38.06	8	2360
Randy Hall, Northern Iowa	Jr.	55	36.24	11	1993

Individual Punt Returns

(Min. 1.2 returns per game)	CL	No.	Yds.	TD	Avg.	G
Jamaine Blalock, Western Illinois (8)	Sr.	18	241	1	13.39	11
Anthony Williams, Indiana State	Sr.	19	151	0	7.95	11
Jake Andreadis, Youngstown State	Jr.	23	179	0	7.78	11
Marquis Mosely, Illinois State	Sr.	15	110	0	7.33	11
C.J. Steele, Southwest Missouri State	Fr.	24	159	0	6.63	11
Reggie Fowler, Southern Illinois	Sr.	13	43	0	3.31	9

Individual Kickoff Returns

(Min. 1.2 returns per game)	CL	No.	Yds.	TD	Avg.	G
Marquis Mosely, Illinois State (9)	Sr.	20	535	1	26.75	11
Tyree Talton, Northern Iowa (17)	Jr.	25	604	0	24.16	11
Anthony Williams, Indiana State (22)	Sr.	19	456	0	24.00	11
Jason Cannon, Southwest Missouri State	Sr.	23	455	0	19.78	11
Karlton Carpenter, Southern Illinois	So.	15	253	0	16.87	11

Individual Field Goals

	CL	G	Att-Made	Pct.	FG/G
Travis Brawner, Southwest Mo. State (1)	So.	11	28 21	.750	1.91
Keith Jones, Western Illinois (35)	Sr.	11	17 10	.588	.91
Scott Collins, Indiana State (37)	Sr.	10	21 9	.429	.90
Mark Griffith, Youngstown State (38)	So.	11	12 9	.750	.82
Julio Guzman, Northern Iowa (38)	Fr.	11	15 9	.600	.82
Matt Simonton, Southern Illinois (50)	Jr.	11	11 8	.727	.73
Jake Strader, Illinois State	Fr.	11	11 7	.636	.64

Individual Scoring

	CL	G	TD	XP	FG	Pts.	PPG
Aaron Stecker, Western Illinois (1)	Jr.	11	25	0	0	150	13.64
Adrian Brown, Youngstown State (7)	So.	9	15	0	0	90	10.00
Travis Brawner, Southwest Mo. State (23)	So.	11	0	23	21	86	7.82
Keith Jones, Western Illinois (42)	Sr.	11	0	44	10	74	6.73
Mark Griffith, Youngstown State	So.	11	0	43	9	70	6.36
Terry Hollimon, Northern Iowa	Sr.	11	10	0	0	60	5.45
Cornell Craig, Southern Illinois	So.	11	9	0	0	54	4.91
Jake Andreadis, Youngstown State	Jr.	11	9	0	0	54	4.91
Julie Guzman, Northern Iowa	Fr.	11	0	25	9	52	4.73
Eddie Berlin, Northern Iowa	Fr.	11	8	0	0	48	4.36

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1997 Gateway Football Conference Team Stats

Team Rushing Offense

	G	Car.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Western Illinois (8)	11	509	2686	5.3	35	244.2
Youngstown State (11)	11	565	2488	4.4	37	226.2
Southwest Mo. State (57)	11	423	1666	3.9	13	151.5
Northern Iowa (58)	11	412	1581	3.8	21	143.7
Southern Illinois (84)	11	407	1316	3.2	13	119.6
Indiana State (92)	11	435	1206	2.8	2	109.6
Illinois State (100)	11	398	1099	2.8	13	99.9

Team Passing Offense

	G	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Cmp. Pct.	Yds.	Yards Att.	TD	YPG
Northern Iowa (15)	11	387	203	13	52.5	2881	7.4	19	261.9
Illinois State (30)	11	412	216	15	52.4	2534	6.2	13	230.4
Southwest Mo. State (33)	11	395	200	10	50.6	2461	6.2	14	223.7
Southern Illinois (53)	11	306	162	10	52.9	2161	7.1	16	196.5
Western Illinois (59)	11	269	174	7	64.7	2045	7.6	10	185.9
Youngstown State (72)	11	199	121	8	60.8	1757	8.8	8	159.7
Indiana State (117)	11	189	85	6	45.0	867	4.6	9	78.8

Team Total Offense

	G	Plays	Yds.	YPG	TD	YPG
Western Illinois (14)	11	778	4731	6.1	45	430.09
Northern Iowa (22)	11	799	4462	5.6	40	405.64
Youngstown State (32)	11	764	4245	5.6	45	385.91
Southwest Mo. State (40)	11	818	4127	5.0	27	375.18
Illinois State (67)	11	810	3633	4.5	26	330.27
Southern Illinois (74)	11	713	3477	4.9	29	316.09
Indiana State (116)	11	624	2073	3.3	11	188.45

Team Scoring Offense

	G	Pls.	Avg.	TD	KXP	OXF	DXPK	DXP	FG	S
Western Illinois (13)	11	364	33.1	48	44	0	0	1	10	0
Youngstown State (16)	11	360	32.7	48	43	1	0	0	9	0
Northern Iowa (31)	11	308	28.0	41	25	4	0	0	9	1
Southwest Mo. St. (56)	11	266	24.2	29	23	1	0	0	21	2
Southern Illinois (61)	11	238	21.6	32	22	0	0	0	8	0
Illinois State (77)	11	220	20.0	29	19	3	0	0	7	0
Indiana State (115)	11	119	10.8	13	12	0	0	0	9	1

Team Punt Returns

	G	Ret.	Yds.	TD	Avg.
Western Illinois (7)	11	24	312	2	13.0
Northern Iowa (26)	11	19	204	0	10.7
Indiana State (36)	11	26	263	1	10.1
Southwest Mo. State (65)	11	29	234	1	8.1
Youngstown State (79)	11	25	188	0	7.5
Illinois State (88)	11	17	123	0	7.2
Southern Illinois (116)	11	24	84	0	3.5

Team Net Punting

	Punts	Avg.	Ret.	Net	Avg.
Southern Illinois (6)	71	42.8	34	330	38.2
Southwest Mo. State (9)	73	40.0	25	143	38.0
Western Illinois (13)	40	39.8	13	109	37.1
Illinois State (16)	64	40.5	26	230	36.9
Youngstown State (37)	46	36.6	13	76	35.0
Indiana State (47)	81	36.9	27	189	34.5
Northern Iowa (86)	57	35.2	24	197	31.7

Team Rushing Defense

	G	Car.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Youngstown State (29)	11	385	1254	3.3	9	114.0
Western Illinois (36)	11	405	1384	3.4	11	125.8
Southwest Mo. State (78)	11	465	1849	4.0	20	168.1
Indiana State (94)	11	537	2079	3.9	15	189.0
Illinois State (100)	11	513	2176	4.2	22	197.8
Northern Iowa (102)	11	506	2212	4.4	23	201.1
Southern Illinois (116)	11	547	3030	5.5	32	275.5

Team Pass Efficiency Defense

	Att.	Cmp.	Yds.	TD	Int.	Points
Youngstown State (24)	308	142	1693	10	7	98.4
Indiana State (40)	271	141	1686	12	18	105.6
Southern Illinois (64)	282	142	2026	9	11	113.4
Western Illinois (67)	356	193	2311	13	12	114.1
Southwest Mo. State (89)	300	140	2291	16	9	122.4
Northern Iowa (95)	314	161	2298	18	8	126.6
Illinois State (114)	291	183	2553	19	13	149.2

Team Total Defense

	G	Plays	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Youngstown State (15)	11	693	2947	4.3	19	267.9
Western Illinois (60)	11	761	3695	4.9	24	335.9
Indiana State (68)	11	808	3765	4.7	27	342.3
Southwest Mo. State (91)	11	765	4140	5.4	36	376.4
Northern Iowa (104)	11	820	4510	5.5	41	410.0
Illinois State (111)	11	804	4729	5.9	41	429.9
Southern Illinois (116)	11	829	5056	6.1	41	459.6

Team Scoring Defense

	G	Pls.	Avg.	TD	KXP	OXF	DXPK	DXP	FG	S
Youngstown State (12)	11	160	14.5	20	14	0	1	0	8	0
Western Illinois (22)	11	191	17.4	25	17	3	0	0	6	0
Indiana State (67)	11	248	22.5	30	25	2	0	0	13	0
Southwest Mo. St. (85)	11	282	25.6	38	28	1	0	0	8	0
Southern Illinois (94)	11	320	29.1	41	33	1	0	0	13	0
Illinois State (98)	11	333	30.3	43	34	1	0	0	13	0
Northern Iowa (101)	11	339	30.8	43	34	3	0	1	13	0

Team Kickoff Returns

	G	Ret.	Yds.	TD	Avg.
Youngstown State (18)	11	22	474	0	21.5
Northern Iowa (40)	11	43	868	0	20.2
Illinois State (43)	11	50	990	1	19.8
Indiana State (45)	11	36	712	0	19.8
Western Illinois (50)	11	34	664	0	19.5
Southwest Mo. State (78)	11	45	817	0	18.2
Southern Illinois (87)	11	43	757	0	17.6

Team Turnover Margin

	Gained			Lost			Mar.
	Fum.	Int.	Tot.	Fum.	Int.	Tot.	
Indiana State (4)	12	18	30	9	6	15	1.36
Illinois State (28)	15	13	28	7	15	22	.55
Western Illinois (33)	13	12	25	13	7	20	.4
Southern Illinois (42)	9	11	20	7	10	17	-.2
Youngstown State (74)	9	7	16	11	8	19	-.27
Southwest Mo. State (74)	10	9	19	12	10	22	-.27
Northern Iowa (89)	10	8	18	11	13	24	-.55

NCAA I-AA Playoff Information



The 1997 year marks the 20th year for the NCAA I-AA football playoffs, and a 16-team bracket will again be used for the championship. One hundred eighteen schools play I-AA football and over half of those have been in the playoffs at least once. Only Georgia Southern (4), Youngstown State (4) and two-time champs Eastern Kentucky and Marshall have won the title more than once.

The Division I-AA Football Championship provides for a maximum field of 16 teams. Teams will play first-round games on the campuses of competing teams. Eight conferences (Atlantic-10, Big Sky, Gateway, Mid-Eastern Athletic, Ohio Valley, Patriot, Southern and Southland) have been granted automatic qualification for the 1997 championship. The remaining eight teams have been selected at large by the I-AA Football Committee.

Only four teams qualified for the NCAA I-AA Football Championship in the event's first three years. The field expanded for the 1981 championship (8 teams), the 1982 championship (12 teams) and the 1986 championship (16 teams), and the championship format has remained at 16 teams for the past 11 seasons.

Since 1985 and through 1996, a Gateway team has appeared in four semifinal games and in an additional five quarterfinals.

1996 First-Round Games:

Montana 48, Nicholls State 3
E. Tennessee 35, Villanova 29
Troy State 29, Florida A&M 25
Murray State 34, W. ILLINOIS 6
Marshall 59, Delaware 14
Furman 42, Northern Arizona 31
N. IOWA 21, Eastern Illinois 14
William & Mary 45, Jackson State 6

Quarterfinals:

Montana 44, E. Tennessee 14
Troy State 31, Murray State 3
Marshall 54, Furman 0
N. IOWA 38, William & Mary 35

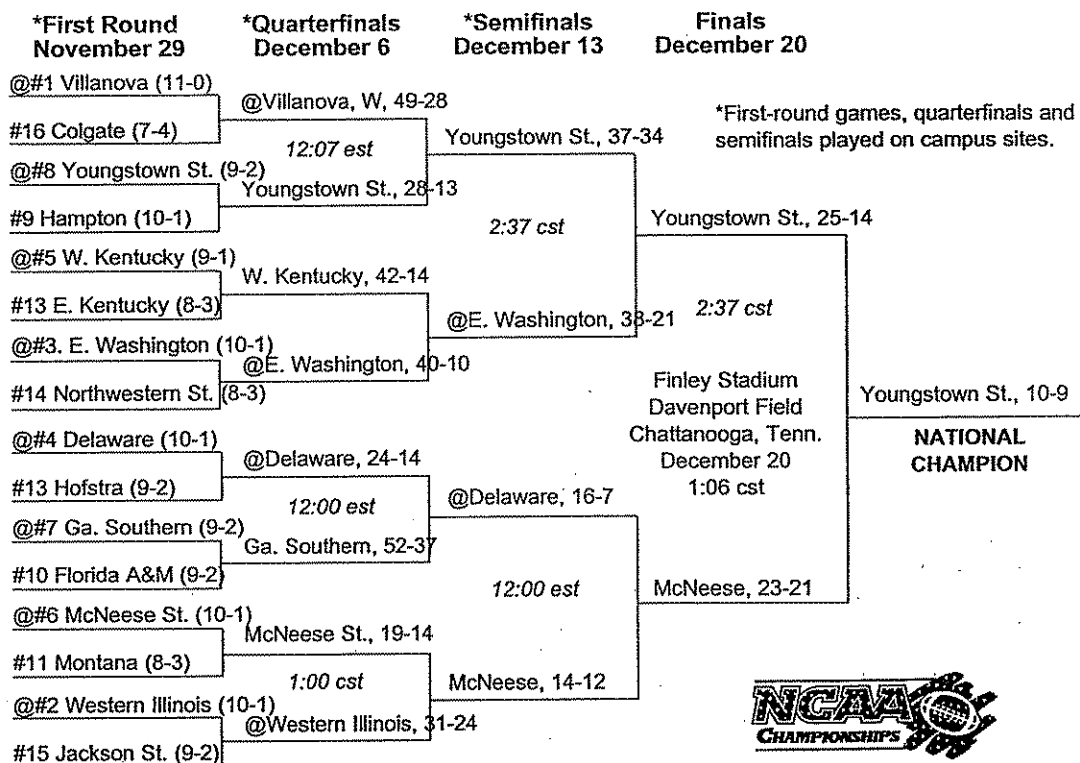
Semifinals:

Montana 70, Troy State 7
Marshall 31, NORTHERN IOWA 14

1996 Championship:

Marshall 49, Montana 29

1997 NCAA I-AA Football Championship Bracket



Previous NCAA I-AA Championship Game Results

Year	Result	Coach of Champion	Site
1978	Florida A&M 35, Massachusetts 28	Rudy Hubbard	Wichita Falls, Texas
1979	Eastern Kentucky 30, Lehigh 7	Roy Kidd	Orlando, Fla.
1980	Boise State 31, Eastern Kentucky 29	Jim Criner	Sacramento, Calif.
1981	Idaho State 34, Eastern Kentucky 23	Dave Kragthorpe	Wichita Falls, Texas
1982	Eastern Kentucky 17, Delaware 14	Roy Kidd	Wichita Falls, Texas
1983	Southern Illinois 43, Western Carolina 7	Rey Dempsey	Charleston, S.C.
1984	Montana State 19, Louisiana Tech 6	Dave Arnold	Charleston, S.C.
1985	Georgia Southern 44, Furman 42	Erk Russell	Tacoma, Wash
1986	Georgia Southern 48, Arkansas State 21	Erk Russell	Tacoma, Wash.
1987	Northeast Louisiana 43, Marshall 42	Pat Collins	Pocatello, Idaho
1988	Furman 17, Georgia Southern 12	Jimmy Satterfield	Pocatello, Idaho
1989	Georgia Southern 37, Stephen F. Austin 34	Erk Russell	Statesboro, Ga.
1990	Georgia Southern 36, Nevada 13	Tim Stowers	Statesboro, Ga.
1991	Youngstown State 25, Marshall 17	Jim Tressel	Statesboro, Ga.
1992	Marshall 31, Youngstown State 28	Jim Donnan	Huntington, W.V.
1993	Youngstown State 17, Marshall 5	Jim Tressel	Huntington, W.V.
1994	Youngstown State 28, Boise State 14	Jim Tressel	Huntington, W.V.
1995	Montana 22, Marshall 20	Don Read	Huntington, W.V.
1996	Marshall 49, Montana 29	Bob Pruett	Huntington, W.V.
1997	Youngstown State 10, McNeese State 9	Jim Tressel	Chattanooga, Tenn.