OFFENSIVE STAT RANKS

Stat Category	Conf	FCS	Value
Team			
3rd Down Conv Pct	13	95	0.336
4th Down Conv Pct	7	62	0.526
Completion Pct	10	78	0.574
First Downs Offense	13	83	153
Fumbles Lost	11	90	7
Passes Had INT'ed	5	27	7
Passing Offense	12	62	210.3
Passing Yds/Comp	13	95	10.9
Red Zone Offense	6	54	0.808
Rushing Offense	13	106	107.1
Sacks Allowed	12	81	2.22
Scoring Offense	12	93	20.9
TFLs Allowed	12	79	6.00
Team Pass Efficiency	11	98	115.1
Total Offense	13	95	317.4
Individual			
All Purpose Yards			
Delon Thompson	10	57	95.7
Zui Shelton	20	129	77.5
Terence Loville	21	145	74.3
Passing Touchdowns			
Gabe Downing	13	112	5
Passing Yards			
Gabe Downing	12	100	927
Tyrese Smith	15	123	729
Receiving Touchdowns			
Terence Loville	14	69	4
Receiving Yards			
Terence Loville	5	21	667
Receiving Yards Per Game			
Terence Loville	6	28	74.1
Tanner Beaman	26	167	42.1
Receptions Per Game			
Terence Loville	9	45	5.00
Tanner Beaman	21	130	3.56
Cru Newman	26	158	3.22
Rushing Yards Per Carry			
Delon Thompson	9	64	4.84
Rushing Touchdowns			
Delon Thompson	13	85	5
Tyrese Smith	17	112	4
Rushing Yards			
Delon Thompson	6	32	682
Rushing Yards Per Game			
Delon Thompson	6	37	75.8
Total Offense			
Delon Thompson	15	157	75.8
Total Touchdowns			
Delon Thompson	22	147	5
Yards Per Reception			
Terence Loville	15	100	14.8

OFFENSIVE TWO-DEEP

LEFT TACKLE					
63	Mohammed Othman	6-6	305	SO.	TR
78	Duncan Broughton	6-5	315	FR.	HS
LEFT GUARD					
74	Pule Leatigaga	6-4	335	SO	1V
66	DeQuan Freeland	6-4	275	FR	RS
CENTER					
68	Semisi Latu	6-2	305	SR	1V
69	Kapeliele Hausia	6-2	305	SR	1V
RIGHT GUARD					
64	Tristan Lewis	6-5	305	JR	2V
52	James Minot	6-2	290	SR	1V
RIGHT TACKLE					
77	Trevor Newkirk	6-7	310	SO	TR
70	Sebastian Santana	6-2	278	JR	JC
TIGHT END					
10	Tanner Beaman	6-4	235	JR	2V
83	Landon Bailey	6-6	235	FR	RS
RUNNING BACK					
24	Delon Thompson	5-9	200	JR	2V
23	Niall Raby	5-10	205	JR	JC
QUARTERBACK					
14	Tyrese Smith	6-2	225	SO	1V
5	Gabe Downing	6-0	185	JR	2V
F WIDE RECEIVER					
6	Cru Newman	6-0	185	SO	1V
8	Zui Shelton	5-9	160	FR	HS
X WIDE RECEIVER					
16	Darius Bailey	6-3	185	JR	TR
2	Jason Robinson Jr.	6-0	160	SO	TR
Z WIDE RECEIVER					
3	Terence Loville	6-0	185	SR	1V
0	Jaylen Lynch	6-2	185	SR	3V

GAME NOTES

touchdowns.

- Quarterback Keali'i Ah Yat leads the Big Sky and ranks in the top five nationally in passing yards per game (289.7), passing touchdowns (26) and passing efficiency (168.8). He's passed for 300+ yards in each of the last four games.
- Defensively, the Grizzlies rank fourth in the Big Sky and 89th in the FCS in total defense, allowing 411.2 yards per game. They rank second in the conference while giving up only 127.7 rushing yards per game. But opposing teams have been able to pass the ball against the Grizzlies. They're giving up 283.6 yards per game through the air, ranking them 12th in the Big Sky and 120th nationally.
- The Grizzlies' loss to Idaho stands as their only home loss this season. Montana is 245-38 all-time at Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

SERIES NOTES:

- The Grizzlies lead the all-time series between them and the Vikings 36-13, as well as the Big Sky series, 22-4. Saturday's game will be the 50th meeting between Portland State and Montana, which is the most of any opponent.
- The Vikings are 1-11 all-time in Missoula during their Big Sky era. They are 4-20 in Missoula across all eras of the program.
- The Vikings' last win over Montana came in dramatic fashion in Missoula. Cody Williams hit a 52-yard field goal with four seconds left that delivered a 22-20 victory over a 14th-ranked Montana team.
- The Vikings are 4-20 all-time against Montana when the Grizzlies are nationally ranked, as they are entering Saturday.

QUICK STORYLINES

- **LAST WEEK RECAP:** The Vikings were outgained 469-to-294 in a 38-14 loss to Idaho last Saturday. The loss dropped the Vikings to 1-3 at home this season.
- **LACK OF A RUN GAME:** The Vikings rushed for 56 yards at Idaho State on Oct. 24, then just 13 yards this past Saturday against Idaho. What's been puzzling is that Idaho State and Idaho came into their respective games against the Vikings giving up over 200 yards per game on the ground, but the Vikings didn't get anywhere close to that against either of them. What's more, the Vikings had put together three straight strong running games before their recent swoon. They rushed for 248, 168 and 182 yards against Weber State, Utah Tech and Northern Arizona, respectively.
- **THREE-HEADED QUARTERBACK:** The Vikings played three different quarterbacks in their game against Idaho last Saturday. They collectively went 29-for-40 for 281 yards but only led the Vikings to two touchdown drives. Gabe Downing got the start and went 14-for-21 for 140 yards and a touchdown. Tyrese Smith went 9-for-11 for 65 yards, while John-Keawe Sagapolutele went 6-for-8 for 76 yards and a touchdown.
- **BEND DON'T BREAK DEFENSE:** Six of the Vikings' nine opponents have recorded more than 450 yards of total offense The Vikings allowed 600+ yards of offense in three straight games against North Dakota (627), Oregon (740) and Weber State (703). That said, the Vikings beat Weber State despite giving up that many yards. The Vikings held Utah Tech to 330 yards on Oct. 10, which remains a seasonal best for the defense.
- **WHAT THE VIKINGS NEED NOW IS LOVE, T-LOVE:** Senior wide receiver Terence Loville (nicknamed T-Love) recorded his third 100-yard game of the season with 114 yards on nine catches against Idaho last Saturday. Loville caught two touchdown passes against the Vandals, recording the first multi-touchdown game of his career. Loville now ranks sixth in the Big Sky and 28th nationally in the FCS with 74.1 receiving yards per game.
- **BACK-TO-BACK DUBS:** The Vikings won their first game under head coach Chris Fisk with a 44-41, walk-off victory over Weber State on Sept. 26. After a bye week, they followed with a 30-14 win over Utah Tech on Oct. 10. They were the Vikings' first back-to-back conference wins since 2022. The Vikings have lost to NAU (38-25) and Idaho State (38-8) since those two wins, however.
- **FIRST HOME WIN SINCE 2024:** The Vikings snapped a seven-game home losing streak with their win over Utah Tech on Oct. 10. The Vikings were 0-5 at home last season and had dropped their opening two home

DEFENSIVE STAT RANKS

Stat Category	Conf	FCS	Value
Team			
3rd Down Pct Def	11	107	0.454
4th Down Pct Def	10	92	0.615
Defensive TDs	-	-	-
First Downs Defense	12	122	222
Fumbles Recovered	5	27	7
Passes Intercepted	5	27	9
Red Zone Defense	8	69	0.826
Rushing Defense	9	100	193.8
Scoring Defense	13	121	42.7
Passing Eff. Def.	11	118	157.7
Sacks Per Game	10	89	1.44
TFLs Per Game	10	101	4.3
Total Defense	13	124	513.3
Turnover Margin	6	46	0.22
Turnovers Gained	4	14	16
Turnovers Lost	9	79	14
Individual			
Forced Fumbles Per Game			
Avery Ducsik	8	-	0.22
Fumbles Recovered			
Jaxton Helmstetler	1	1	3
Brogan De'Asis	7	67	1
Avery Ducsik	7	67	1
Jonah Henry	7	67	1
Andre Miller	7	67	1
Interceptions Per Game			
Marcellous Ryan	2	17	0.38
Terahiti Wolfe	6	51	0.29
Isaac Redford	8	78	0.22
Sacks Per Game			
Avery Ducsik	2	25	0.67
Solo Tackles Per Game			
Jaxton Helmstetler	3	14	4.89
Isaac Redford	3	14	4.89
Lono Solomon	10	57	4.13
Logan Lisherness	19	111	3.67
Tackles for Loss Per Game			
Lono Solomon	8	100	0.81
Avery Ducsik	10	110	0.78
Jaxton Helmstetler	15	169	0.67
Total Tackles Per Game			
Jaxton Helmstetler	6	52	8.1
Isaac Redford	9	71	7.7
Logan Lisherness	18	151	6.4
Lono Solomon	21	185	6.1

DEFENSIVE TWO-DEEP

DEFENSIVE END					
34	Brogan De'Asis	6-3	240	SR	TR
42	Jaylun Nowickas	6-3	245	JR	TR
DEFENSIVE TACKLE					
80	Eddie Vega	6-3	290	JR	JC
59	Zeliah Wade	6-4	260	FR	HS
DEFENSIVE TACKLE					
90	Herbert Ware	6-4	270	SO	1V
97	Javon Taylor	6-1	280	JR	JC
DEFENSIVE END					
44	Kekama Cosma	6-4	255	JR	JC
94	Avery Ducsik	6-5	225	FR	HS
OUTSIDE LINEBACKER					
33	Jonah Henry	6-2	200	SR	1V
17	Jonathan Epperson Jr.	6-0	225	FR	TR
INSIDE LINEBACKER					
6	Jaxton Helmstetler	6-2	220	SR	3V
36	Solomon McDaniel	5-11	225	JR	RS
INSIDE LINEBACKER					
31	Logan Lisherness	6-2	230	JR	TR
17	Jonathan Epperson Jr.	6-0	225	FR	TR
FREE SAFETY					
7	Gio Kafentzis	5-10	190	SO	TR
30	Lono Solomon	5-11	170	FR	RS
STRONG SAFETY					
4	Isaac Redford	5-11	200	JR	RS
28	Dionte West	6-1	195	FR	RS
CORNERBACK					
5	Marcellous Ryan	6-0	155	FR	HS
19	Zyon Floyd	5-10	175	FR	HS
CORNERBACK					
13	Lamarr Stephens	6-1	195	JR	JC
22	DaMari Washington	6-1	185	SO	1V

GAME NOTES

the FCS with 74.1 receiving yards per game. Loville also ranks ninth in the conference with 5.00 receptions per game.

- **BEAMAN IS BEAMING:** Junior tight end Tanner Beaman proposed to girlfriend Tori Forst – herself a member of the Portland State track & field team – a week before fall camp. Beaman proposed to Forst on the same beach that Forst's parents got engaged in Longboat Key, Florida. The happy home life has translated to the football field where Beaman is making his return from injury this season. He's been a big-play receiver this season, with six of his 32 receptions going for 20+ yards. He set a career high with 70 receiving yards on five receptions at Idaho State on Oct. 24. He also set a career high for catches with eight for 55 yards and a touchdown against North Dakota on Sept. 12. He ranks 21st in the Big Sky in receptions (3.56) and 26th in receiving yards (42.1) per game.
- **NEED TO FINISH:** The Vikings have scored on 21 of their 26 red zone trips this season. That's a comparable percentage (80.8%) to their opponents (82.6%, 38-for-46), but opponents are doing a better job at finishing drives in the end zone. The Vikings have scored touchdowns on only 15 of their 26 trips (57.7%) versus 35 of 46 trips (76.1%) for Portland State opponents.
- **WE ROW WITH CRU:** Sophomore all-purpose wideout Cru Newman set career highs for all-purpose yards (177), receptions (7) and receiving yards (66) in the Vikings' season opener against UC Davis. His best game since that season opener came in the Vikings' win over Weber State on Sept. 26, when he totaled 46 yards rushing on five carries, to go with 25 yards in kickoff return. Newman totaled over 1,000 all-purpose yards last year as a freshman when he received freshman All-American honors from FCS Football Central and Stats Perform.
- **RABY, RABY, RABY, OH:** Junior running back Niall Raby scored a touchdown in back-to-back games, finding the end zone against Utah Tech and Northern Arizona on Oc. 10 and 17, respectively. He bounced off a defender to go 33 yards for a score against Utah Tech on Oct. 10. He then went in from three yards for a touchdown in the final minute of the fourth quarter against Northern Arizona. Raby set his season high with 55 yards on five carries against Utah Tech.
- **MERRY CHRISTMAS, YA OL' BUILDING AND LOAN:** Junior transfer wide receiver Darius Bailey was a 1,000-yard receiver for NCAA Division III Puget Sound last season. He caught 64 passes for 1,028 yards and 12 touchdowns for the Loggers. He caught his first touchdown pass for the Vikings against North Dakota, reeling in a 39-yard bomb from Gabe Downing. He has seven receptions for 97 yards so far this season.
- **BIG PLAY DA:** Sophomore wide receiver Devon Anderson caught six passes for 99 yards in his Viking debut against UC Davis. His 38-yard reception in the first quarter helped set up the Vikings' first touchdown of the game. He started against San Diego State but was injured early in the game and has not played since.
- **A LYNCH-PIN:** Senior wide receiver Jaylen Lynch is the active career leader for the Vikings in games played (45). Lynch ranks fourth among active players for the Vikings with 518 career receiving yards.
- **EXPERIENCE IS A PLUS:** On offense, the Vikings have experience. In fact, all three quarterbacks who saw significant action, the top running back, two of the top three receivers and top tight end return. In addition, three starters on the offensive line and one part-time starter are back… Junior quarterback John-Keawe Sagapolutele (148-261-16-1,623-4TD), sophomore quarterback Tyrese Smith (40-69-4-551-2TD, 98-405-6 rushing) and junior quarterback Gabe Downing (15-26-2-140-0) are experienced signal callers… Junior running back Delon Thompson (191-662-7 rushing, 22-217-1 receiving) led the Vikings in rushing and has over 1,300 career yards on the ground… Senior wide receiver Terence Loville (33-517-1) was given an NCAA waiver for an additional year of eligibility after leading the Vikings in receiving yards last year… Sophomore wide receiver and kick returner Cru Newman (29-302-0, 12-70-1 rushing, 669 return yards) proved to be the Vikings top all-purpose player, earning Freshman All-American

SPECIAL/MISC STAT RANKS

Stat Category	Conf	FCS	Value
Team			
Blocked Kicks	6	50	1
Bk'ed Kicks Allowed	7	74	2
Blocked Punts	2	16	1
Bk'ed Punts Allowed	11	104	2
Fewest Penalties	9	44	51
Fewest Pen. Per Gm	9	42	5.67
Fewest Pen. Yards	7	30	415
Fewest Pen. Yds/Gm	8	23	46.1
KO Return Defense	13	123	29.4
Kickoff Returns	6	31	22.4
Net Punting	10	66	35.7
Punt Return Defense	8	73	10.7
Punt Returns	4	22	13.6
Time of Possession	8	73	29:29
Individual			
Combined Kick Returns			
Zui Shelton	4	23	426
Cru Newman	15	121	166
Field Goal Percentage			
J. Hossmann Lees	3	21	0.800
Field Goals Per Game			
J. Hossmann Lees	7	55	0.89
Kickoff Return TDs			
Zui Shelton	2	4	1
Kickoff Returns			
Zui Shelton	3	15	25.1
Punt Return TDs			
Cru Newman	2	7	1
Punting			
Emiliano Rodriguez	3	14	43.8
Scoring			
J. Hossmann Lees	24	178	4.7

SPECIALISTS TWO-DEEP

PLACE KICKER/KICKOFFS					
37	Joshua Hossmann Lees	6-1	185	JR	JC
38	Kyler Phillips	5-10	165	FR	HS
PUNTER					
88	Emiliano Rodriguez	6-2	175	FR	HS
38	Kyler Phillips	5-10	165	FR	HS
LONG SNAPPER/SHORT SNAPPER					
45	Brock Fleming	6-1	180	SO	1V
51	Cash Larsson	6-0	225	FR	HS
HOLDER					
19	Bo Gionet	6-4	215	SO	TR
5	Gabe Downing	6-0	185	JR	2V
KICKOFF RETURNER					
8	Zui Shelton	5-9	160	FR	HS
6	Cru Newman	6-0	185	SO	1V
PUNT RETURNER					
6	Cru Newman	6-0	185	SO	1V
3	Terence Loville	6-0	185	SR	1V

GAME NOTES

a punt on the first play of the second quarter, setting the Vikings up for their second score of the game. Henry also recovered a fumble on a muffed punt against San Diego State on Sept. 5.

- **EMILIANO IS EAGER TO PROVE HIMSELF:** The most resilient kid on the team through the first quarter of the season may have been freshman punter Emiliano Rodriguez. He shook off two sour games to start the year – fumbling a snap on a punt against UC Davis that led to a safety, then having two punts blocked against San Diego State – to record a strong game against North Dakota on Sept. 12. Rodriguez had five punts go for an average of 49.0 yards against UND, two of which were downed inside the five. He had a punt downed at the one-yard line against Idaho State on Oct. 24, which set up the Vikings' first defensive safety in four years. Rodriguez now ranks third in the Big Sky and 14th in the FCS while averaging 43.8 yards per punt.
- **ONE MAN WRECKING CRU:** Sophomore all-purpose wideout Cru Newman took a punt return 78 yards for a touchdown in the Vikings' season opener against UC Davis. Newman ranks second in the Big Sky and seventh in the FCS with one punt return touchdown this season. He also ranks 14th in the Big Sky with 166 combined kick return yards this season.
- **NOT SO MANY PENALTIES:** One of head coach Chris Fisk's goals this season was for the Vikings to limit their penalties. The Vikings had been better in that regard through their first five games but had a tough stretch in the middle of the season. They rank ninth in the Big Sky with 5.67 penalties per game while they're seventh in the conference for fewest penalty yards per game (46.1).
- **NOT SO NICE:** The Vikings' two blocked punts at San Diego State mean they rank eighth in the Big Sky for blocked kicks allowed.
- **TIME OF POSSESSION:** The Vikings have won the time of possession battle in five of their nine games. That said, it's been a poor indicator of success as the Vikings are 1-4 when winning time of possession and 1-3 when losing it. The Vikings rank eighth in the Big Sky with an average time of possession of 29:29.

COACHES NOTES

- **NEW CAPTAIN OF THE SHIP:** Chris Fisk was named the 15th Head Coach in Portland State Football history when his hiring was announced on Dec. 12, 2025. Fisk comes to Portland State following seven seasons as Head Coach at Central Washington University. While in Ellensburg, Fisk compiled a 48-22 record, including 38-7 in conference play. He won three conference titles (Great Northwest Athletic Conference and Lone Star Conference) and led four teams to the NCAA playoffs. Fisk was named GNAC Coach of the Year twice and selected as the NCAA II Region IV Coach of the Year in 2025 after leading the Wildcats to a 10-2 record, including 9-0 in Lone Star play… in all, Fisk spent 10 years at Central Washington. Prior to that he worked at Southern Oregon (2011-15) where he was Co-Offensive Coordinator and Offensive Line Coach. From 2002-10, Fisk coached at the University of Mary as Offensive Coordinator and Offensive Line Coach. He is a 2001 graduate of Jamestown University.
- **FIRST MATES:** Joining the Portland State Football staff are five coaches who worked for Fisk at Central Washington. They include: Grant Torgerson (Associate Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers), Alex Kastens (Run Game Coordinator/Offensive Line), Jared Gallatin (Special Teams Coordinator/Safeties), Patrick Belony (Defensive Line), and Brady Crane (Director of Player Personnel)… Matt Adkins (Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks) joins the Vikings after working at Arizona. He coached with Fisk at Southern Oregon… Kiante Goudeau (Cornerbacks) comes to PSU from Montana State. He worked for Fisk in a similar role in 2023… Caleb Moore (Wide Receivers) worked previously at Arizona as an Offensive Assistant and in conjunction with Vikings OC Matt Adkins… Nick Kernaghan (Defensive Quality Control) comes to PSU after coaching linebackers for three seasons at Linfield… Dominick Mazotti (Tight Ends) worked last season as an Offensive Analyst at Mercyhurst. He played previously under Vikings Coach Alex Kastens at San Jose State… Chase Coalson (Defensive Quality Control) played under Fisk at Central Washington and finished his All-Conference career in 2025…Travis Fenton (Offensive Quality Control) joined the team as on the offensive side.
- **OLD AND NEW:** Portland State Football has added the role of General Manager in 2026. Taking charge is Rashad Floyd, a former Viking All-American and PSU Athletics Hall of Famer. Floyd, a private businessman and founder of Emmy-Award Winning Heart and Hustle Productions, will spearhead efforts in NIL development, branding, strategic planning for the football program and