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GSC STANDINGS (through 08/31/16)

A/D2	Team	Conference					Overall					Home	Away	Neutral	*Streak
		W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	Pct	PF	PA				
RV/--	Delta State	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	W-1
RV/--	Florida Tech	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	L-1
	Mississippi College	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	L-7
15/8	North Alabama	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	L-1
	Shorter	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	L-6
RV/23	Valdosta State	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	L-1
	West Alabama	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	L-1
	West Florida	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	---
2/2	West Georgia	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	L-1

A--AFCA Division II Coaches' Poll (released every Monday); D2--D2Football.com Poll (released every Wednesday); *--Streak carried over from 2015

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

September 1 (Thursday)

Kentucky Wesleyan @ Delta State	6:00 pm
#15 North Alabama @ Jacksonville St.	6:00 pm
Shorter @ UT-Chattanooga	7:00 pm
West Alabama @ North Greenville	7:00 pm

September 3 (Saturday)

West Florida @ Ave Maria	12:00 pm
#22 Catawba @ #2 West Georgia	2:00 pm
Point @ Mississippi College	2:00 pm
Florida Tech @ Newberry	6:00 pm
Albany State @ Valdosta State	7:00 pm

All Times are Local; GSC teams in **BOLD**; Division I-FCS opponents in *Italics*

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

September 12 (Saturday)

Shorter @ Mars Hill	1:00 pm
West Georgia @ Miles	4:00 pm
Kentucky Wesleyan @ Delta State	6:00 pm
Texas A&M-Commerce @ Delta State	6:00 pm
West Alabama @ Stephen F. Austin	6:00 pm
Missouri S&T @ West Florida	6:00 pm
* Mississippi College @ Florida Tech	7:00 pm

All Times are Local; GSC teams in **BOLD**; Division I-FCS opponents in *Italics*; *--Conference game

ALL NINE GSC SQUADS TAKE THE FIELD THIS WEEK

Gulf South Conference football kicks off 2016 with four games on Thursday, September 1, and five games on Saturday, September 3.

Five GSC squads are being recognized in the national polls, led by West Georgia, who is second in both the AFCA Division II Coaches' Poll and the D2Football.com Poll. The Wolves were Super Region 2 Champions last year and fell to the eventual national champions (Northwest Missouri State) in the national semifinals last season. NW Missouri State is the top team in each poll.

North Alabama won a share of the conference crown last year and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. UNA is again expected to be a national power, earning Top 15 rankings in each poll. The Lions will have a big test to start the season, squaring off with former GSC member Jacksonville State.

Valdosta State is ranked 23rd in the D2Football.com Poll and is receiving votes in the coaches' poll. VSU opens the season against Albany State for the third straight season.

Delta State and Florida Tech are each receiving votes in the coaches' poll and have expectations of being at the top of the conference standings at the end of the year, with FIT third in the preseason poll and DSU fourth in the poll.

West Florida begins its inaugural year with a game at Ave Marie. Coach Pete Shinnick recently named Kaleb Nobles as the starting quarterback for week one.

Mississippi College is officially back in the Gulf South and Division II this season, and the Choctaws were picked to finish seventh in the conference.

Shorter opens the year on the road at Tennessee-Chattanooga, while West Alabama will travel to future GSC football member North Greenville on Thursday night.



**Kentucky Wesleyan Panthers (0-0, 0-0 Gread Midwest)
at Delta State Statesmen (0-0, 0-0 Gulf South)**

Thursday, September 1 | 6:00 p.m. CT
Parker Field at McCool Stadium, Cleveland, Miss.

Series Record: DSU leads 1-0
Last Meeting: @ DSU 51, KWC 18 (2015)
KWC's 2015 Record: 5-6
DSU's 2015 Record: 6-5, 2-5 GSC

Game Breakdown: Delta State enters the 2016 season picked to finish fourth in the GSC. The Statesmen will be led by QB **Tyler Sullivan**, a Harlon Hill Trophy candidate and Preseason All-Gulf South Conference selection. Sullivan missed four games with an injury last season, but led the league in passing yards per game (304.0 yards).

Under head coach Todd Cooley, DSU is 10-1 in September games and will look to build upon that record with another win over KWC. The Panthers lose last year's QB, but return Keelan Cole, a D2Football.com Preseason All-American.

Kentucky Wesleyan By The Numbers:

Returning Offensive Leaders

Rushing: David White (274 yds, 25.0 avg/g, 1 TD)
Passing: Eman Westmoreland (73 yds, 7.3 avg/g, 1 TD)
Receiving: Keelan Cole (73 rec, 1345 yds, 17 TDs)



Returning Defensive Leaders

Tackles: Vasco Billberry (LB, 26 solo, 23 ast, 8.5 TFL/24 yds)
Sacks: Vasco Billberry (LB, 1.5 sacks/10 yds)
Interceptions: Vasco Billberry (LB, 1 INT/37 yds)
D. Mo Crawford (DT, 1 INT/30 yds)

Delta State By The Numbers:

Returning Offensive Leaders

Rushing: D'Juan Bellaire (506 yds, 50.6 avg/g, 5 TDs)
Passing: Tyler Sullivan (2128 yds, 304.0 avg/g, 20 TDs)
Receiving: D'Juan Bellaire (20 rec, 159 yds, 0 TDs)



Returning Defensive Leaders

Tackles: Lawrence Hopkins (DB, 5 solo, 10 ast)
Sacks: Jerad Hunt (LB, 3.0 sacks/13 yds)
Latrell Peterson (DL, 3.0 sacks/9 yds)
Interceptions: Joreco Beckwith (LB, 3 INTs/69 yds)

**#15 North Alabama Lions (0-0, 0-0 Gulf South)
at Jacksonville State Gamecocks (0-0, 0-0 Ohio Valley)**

Thursday, September 1 | 6:00 p.m. CT
Burgess-Snow Field, Jacksonville, Ala.

Series Record: JSU leads 24-18-3
Last Meeting: @ JSU 24, UNA 21 OT (2013)
UNA's 2015 Record: 9-3, 6-1 GSC
JSU's 2015 Record: 13-2

Game Breakdown: After a thrilling overtime loss in 2013, UNA will travel to Jacksonville looking to extract some revenge on former GSC rival Jacksonville State.

The UNA/JSU rivalry dates back to 1949 and the squads were both charter members of the GSC in 1971, playing every season until the Gamecocks reclassified to Division I after the 1992 season. North Alabama will have a strong test to start a season that holds high expectations for the Lions. UNA is currently No. 15 in the AFCA Division II Coaches' Poll and No. 8 in the D2Football.com poll. WR **Dre Hall** returns for the Lions after catching 10 TDs in 2015. Hall was a unanimous selection to the GSC Preseason All-Conference Team.

UNA will have to focus on shutting down JSU's dynamic quarterback, Eli Jenkins. Jenkins ran for more than 1,000 yards last year, while throwing for nearly 3,000 yards.

North Alabama By The Numbers:

Returning Offensive Leaders

Rushing: Jacob Tucker (303 yds, 5.6 avg, 5 TDs)
Passing: Jacob Tucker (141 yds, 14.1 avg, 2 TDs)
Receiving: Dre Hall (55 rec, 948 yds, 10 TDs)



Returning Defensive Leaders

Tackles: Tyler Smith (DL, 23 solo, 19 ast, 9.0 TFL/34 yds)
Sacks: DeAndre Harrison (DL, 4.5 sacks/38 yds)
Tyler Smith (DL, 4.5 sacks/34 yds)
Interceptions: Levi Fell (CB, 3 INTs/0 yds)
Philbert Martial (DB, 3 INTs/27 yds)

Jacksonville State By The Numbers:

Returning Offensive Leaders

Rushing: Eli Jenkins (1,161 yds, 6.0 avg, 15 TDs)
Passing: Eli Jenkins (2,788 yds, 185.9 avg, 21 TDs)
Receiving: Josh Barge (92 rec, 1145 yds, 11 TDs)



Returning Defensive Leaders

Tackles: Joel McCandless (LB, 36 solo, 43 ast, 10.5 TFL/33 yds)
Sacks: Darius Jackson (DE, 7.0 sacks/30 yds)
Interceptions: Jaylen Hill (CB, 4 INTs, 59 yds)

**Shorter Hawks (0-0, 0-0 Gulf South)
at Tenn.-Chattanooga Mocs (0-0, 0-0 Southern Conf.)**

Thursday, September 1 | 7:00 p.m. ET
Finley Stadium, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Series Record: 0-0
Last Meeting: First meeting
SU's 2015 Record: 2-8, 1-6 GSC
UTC's 2015 Record: 9-4, 6-1 SC

Game Breakdown: Shorter travels to Chattanooga to face the Mocs to start the 2016 season. UTC qualified for the DI FCS Playoffs last season, eventually falling to Jacksonville State.

Shorter's **B.J. McCoy** was spectacular in 2015, rushing for nearly 1,500 yards and getting in the endzone 10 times. McCoy is the leading returning rusher in the Gulf South Conference and was named to the conference's preseason all-conference teams.

Tennessee-Chattanooga also returns a dangerous weapon in the backfield, as Derrick Craine ran for 1,251 yards last season.

Shorter By The Numbers:

Returning Offensive Leaders

Rushing: B.J. McCoy (1,489 yds, 148.9 avg/g, 10 TDs)
Passing: Aaron Bryant (356 yds, 44.5 avg/g, 1 TD)
Receiving: Maurice Sutton (10 rec, 121 yds, 0 TDs)



Returning Defensive Leaders

Tackles: Zack Butts (LB, 51 solo, 30 ast, 2.5 TFL/13 yds)
Sacks: Howard Stephens (DL, 2.5 sacks/14 yds)
Interceptions: Rodney Jackson (DB, 1 INT/0 yds)

Tennessee-Chattanooga By The Numbers:

Returning Offensive Leaders

Rushing: Derrick Craine (1,251 yds, 96.1 avg/g, 13 TDs)
Passing: Alejandro Bennifield (138 yds, 11.5 avg/g, 2 TDs)
Receiving: C.J. Board (42 rec, 587 yds, 3 TDs)



Returning Defensive Leaders

Tackles: Nakevion Leslie (LB, 59 solo, 28 ast, 4.0 TFL/7 yds)
Sacks: Keionta Davis (DL, 13.5 sacks/68 yds)
Interceptions: Lucas Webb (DB, 3 INTs/112 yds, 2 TDs)

**West Alabama Tigers (0-0, 0-0 Gulf South)
at North Greenville Crusaders (0-0 Independent)**

Thursday, September 1 | 7:00 p.m. ET
Younts Stadium, Tigerville, S.C.

Series Record: 0-0
Last Meeting: First meeting
UWA's 2015 Record: 7-4, 3-4 GSC
NGU's 2015 Record: 7-3 Independent

Game Breakdown: West Alabama will open the season on the road and face future GSC football member North Greenville in the first ever meeting between the two schools.

Felix Woods is the lone Tiger named Preseason All-GSC. From his safety position, Woods has been able to do it all for the Tigers, as he leads all returners in tackles, sacks, and interceptions.

UWA will be breaking in a new quarterback, welcoming in Middle Tennessee State transfer **Austin Grammer**. Grammer excelled in the spring game, throwing for more than 300 yards.

West Alabama By The Numbers:

Returning Offensive Leaders

Rushing: Tyler Rogers (429 yds, 39.0 avg/g, 5 TDs)
Passing: Harry Satterwhite (1,174 yds, 146.75.0 avg/g, 12 TDs)
Receiving: Barnard McGhee (12 rec, 169 yds, 0 TDs)



Returning Defensive Leaders

Tackles: Felix Woods (S, 21 solo, 24 ast, 6.0 TFL/38 yds)
Sacks: Felix Woods (S, 3.5 sacks/30 yds)
Interceptions: 3 Tied (Woods, Myhand, Bester: 1 INT)

North Greenville By The Numbers:

Returning Offensive Leaders

Rushing: Ashton Heard (1,096 yds, 109.6 avg/g, 7 TDs)
Passing: Will Hunter (56 yds, 18.7 avg/g, 1 TD)
Receiving: Mason Sanders (42 rec, 588 yds, 13 TDs)



Returning Defensive Leaders

Tackles: Sam Houston (LB, 29 solo, 53 ast, 4.5 TFL/10 yds)
Sacks: Shaquan Burney (DL, 4.5 sacks/21 yds)
Interceptions: Nigel Gay (DB, 3 INTs/44 yds)
K.J. McDonald (DB, 3 INTs/11 yds)

**West Florida Argonauts (0-0, 0-0 Gulf South)
at Ave Maria Gyrenes (0-0, 0-0 The Sun)**

Saturday, September 3 | 12:00 p.m. ET
AMU Football Field, Ave Maria, Fla.

Series Record: 0-0
Last Meeting: First meeting
UWF's 2015 Record: N/A, First Year
AMU's 2015 Record: 4-7, 2-3 TSC

Game Breakdown: It is the long awaited first game for the West Florida Argonauts, who will be traveling to Ave Maria to take on the Gyrenes.

For UWF, **Kaleb Nobles** has been named the starter at quarterback. Nobles is a transfer from Valdosta State. Pete Shinnick is at the helm for the Argonauts. Most recently, Shinnick was the coach of UNC Pembroke Braves, where he was also charged with the task of building a program after an absence of more than 50 years.

Ave Maria By The Numbers:

Returning Offensive Leaders

Rushing: Kaleb Coffee (588 yds, 50.7 avg/g, 3 TDs)
Passing: Matthew Kreichman (314 yds, 52.3 avg/g, 4 TDs)
Receiving: Xavier Roberts (21 rec, 246 yds, 0 TDs)



Returning Defensive Leaders

Tackles: Ramsey Bennett (DB, 29 solo, 41 ast, 3.5 TFL/12 yds)
Sacks: Ayshad Thornton (LB, 3.0 sacks/24 yds)
Interceptions: Reshard Allen (DB, 2 INTs/28 yds)

**#22 Catawba Indians (0-0, 0-0 South Atlantic)
at #2 West Georgia Wolves (0-0, 0-0 Gulf South)**

Saturday, September 3 | 2:00 p.m. ET
University Stadium, Carrollton, Ga.

Series Record: 1-1
Last Meeting: UWG 44, @ CC 13 (2015)
CC's 2015 Record: 9-3, 6-1 SAC
UWG's 2015 Record: 12-2, 6-1 GSC

Game Breakdown: For the second straight season, UWG and Catawba will face off on opening weekend; this time, the matchup will take place in Carrollton.

This contest features two of the seven playoff teams from Super Region 2 in 2015. West Georgia went on to win the region, while Catawba fell in the opening round. This game will pit two Top 25 teams against each other, as Catawba is 22nd and West Georgia is 2nd in the AFCA Division II Coaches' Poll.

West Georgia will be without last year's quarterback, but will bring back two dynamic playmakers in **Devontae Jackson** and **Qa Walker**. Walker was a unanimous preseason all-conference selection.

Catawba By The Numbers:

Returning Offensive Leaders

Rushing: Mike Sheehan (694 yds, 57.8 avg/g, 12 TDs)
Passing: Mike Sheehan (1,605 yds, 133.8 avg/g, 8 TDs)
Receiving: Bruce Smith (21 rec, 250 yds, 1 TD)



Returning Defensive Leaders

Tackles: Jamal Lackey (LB, 51 solo, 30 ast, 12.5 TFL/55 yds)
Sacks: Kyle Kitchens (LB, 13.0 sacks/97 yds)
Interceptions: Kyle Kitchens (LB, 1 INT/90 yds, 1 TD)

West Georgia By The Numbers:

Returning Offensive Leaders

Rushing: Devontae Jackson (1,135 yds, 75.5 avg/g, 9 TDs)
Passing: N/A
Receiving: Qa Walker (34 rec, 809 yds, 10 TDs)



Returning Defensive Leaders

Tackles: Gabe Freeman (LB, 30 solo, 31 ast, 3.0 TFL/12 yds)
Sacks: Dylan Donahue (DL, 11.0 sacks/66 yds)
Interceptions: Zed Brown (S, 2 INTs/15 yds)

**Point Univ. Skyhawks (0-0, 0-0 The Sun)
at Mississippi College Choctaws (0-0, 0-0 Gulf South)**

Saturday, September 3 | 2:00 p.m. CT
Robinson-Hale Stadium | Clinton, Miss.

Series Record: 0-0
Last Meeting: First meeting
PU's 2015 Record: 8-3, 5-0 TSC
MC's 2015 Record: 2-8, 0-7 GSC

Game Breakdown: Mississippi College is back in Division II for the 2016 season. The Choctaws are back in the GSC after departing in 1996 for Division III.

MC returns a lot from last year's team, including eight starters on offense and nine starters on defense. The entire starting offensive line is back for the Choctaws, and it will be a veteran group compiled of four seniors and one junior.

Point played last week, falling to Reinhardt, 55-2.

Point Univ. By The Numbers:

Last Week (L, 55-2 vs. Reinhardt)

Rushing: Rashad Louie (13 att, 39 yds, 0 TDs)
Passing: Micah Maxey (7-15, 85 yds, 0 TDs)
Receiving: Connor Reed (3 rec, 51 yds, 0 TDs)



Returning Defensive Leaders

Tackles: Brian White (DB, 25 solo, 21 ast, 1.0 TFL/2 yd)
Sacks: Kelvin Whitmill (DT, 3.0 sack/14.5 yd)
Interceptions: Cedric Butler (DB, 1 INT/1 yd)

Mississippi College By The Numbers:

Returning Offensive Leaders

Rushing: Josh Dixon (194 yds, 2 TDs)
Passing: N/A
Receiving: Marcel Newson (40 rec, 656 yds, 8 TDs)



Returning Defensive Leaders

Tackles: R.J. Arnold (LB, 50 tackles, 2.5 TFL)
Sacks: Carl Rainey Jr. (DL, 2.5 sacks)
Interceptions: Reggie Bennett (DB, 2 INTs)

**Florida Tech Panthers (0-0, 0-0 Gulf South)
at Newberry Wolves (0-0, 0-0 South Atlantic)**

Saturday, September 3 | 6:00 p.m. ET
Setzler Field | Newberry, S.C.

Series Record: NC leads 2-0
Last Meeting: NC 31, @ FIT 28 (2015)
FIT's 2015 Record: 7-4, 5-2 GSC
NC's 2015 Record: 7-5, 4-3 SAC

Game Breakdown: It is now the fourth year of football for Florida Tech, and the expectations continue to grow for the Panthers. FIT is ranked third in the GSC Preseason Poll and is receiving votes in the AFCA Division II Coaches' Poll.

A wealth of offensive talent returns for Florida Tech, including running back **Trevor Sand**, a preseason all-conference selection. All told, the Panthers landed eight student-athletes on the preseason squad. FIT finished 7-4 last season, with one of those losses coming to Newberry in the opening week. Florida Tech closed 2015 winning six of its final seven games.

Florida Tech By The Numbers:

Returning Offensive Leaders

Rushing: Trevor Sand (737 yds, 92.13 avg/g, 3 TDs)
Passing: Mark Cato (2,066 yds, 206.6 avg/g, 19 TDs)
Receiving: Kenny Johnston (43 rec, 787 yds, 10 TDs)



Returning Defensive Leaders

Tackles: Chris Stapleton (LB, 55 solo, 34 ast, 8.0 TFL/27 yds)
Sacks: Devan Kinlaw (DL, 2.0 sacks/8 yds)
Tevin Kirkland (DL, 2.0 sacks/24 yds)
Interceptions: Trai Cadore (DB, 2 INTs)
Tyler Rosenblatt (DB, 2 INTs)

Newberry By The Numbers:

Returning Offensive Leaders

Rushing: Romelo Doctor (1,267 yds, 102.9 avg/g, 6 TDs)
Passing: Raleigh Yeldell (1,504 yds, 167.1 avg/g, 13 TDs)
Receiving: Cole Watson (32 rec, 428 yds, 3 TDs)



Returning Defensive Leaders

Tackles: Will Elm (LB, 38 solo, 13 ast, 5.0 TFL/18 yds)
Sacks: Jamarcus Henderson (DL, 4.0 sacks/19 yds)
Josh Parker (DE, 4.0 sacks/11 yds)
Interceptions: Craig Steedley (DB, 1 INT/39 yds)

**Albany State Golden Rams (0-0, 0-0 SIAC)
at Valdosta State Blazers (0-0, 0-0 Gulf South)**

**Saturday, September 3 | 7:00 p.m. ET
Bazemore-Hyder Stadium | Valdosta, Ga.**

Series Record:VSU leads 16-1
Last Meeting:VSU 21, @ ASU 13 (2015)
ASU's 2015 Record:6-4, 4-0 SIAC
VSU's 2015 Record:.....9-3, 5-2 GSC

Game Breakdown: VSU comes into 2016 with high expectations once again, ranking 23rd in the D2Football.com Poll and receiving votes in the AFCA Division II Coaches' Poll.

The Blazers will face the Golden Rams in the opening week for the third straight season. VSU holds a commanding 16-1 series lead over Albany State and have won the matchup each of the last two years.

Kenny Moore returns for the defensive backfield for VSU. He led the Blazers in tackles and interceptions last year and was an unanimous selection to the All-GSC Preseason Team.

Albany State By The Numbers:

Returning Offensive Leaders

Rushing: Jarvis Small (1,037 yds, 103.7 avg/g, 11 TDs)
 Passing: Caleb Edmonds (1,761 yds, 176.1 avg/g, 7 TDs)
 Receiving: Quadrey Simmons (29 rec, 373 yds, 0 TDs)



Returning Defensive Leaders

Tackles: Zavondric Shingleton (LB, 46 solo, 18 ast, 12.0 TFL/82 yds)
 Sacks: Grover Stewart (DT, 7.0 sacks/37 yds)
 Interceptions: Marquez Hodo (DB, 3 INTs/154 yds, 2 TDs)

Valdosta State By The Numbers:

Returning Offensive Leaders

Rushing: Roland Rivers (146 yds, 14.6 avg/g, 1 TD)
 Passing: Roland Rivers (548 yds, 54.8 avg/g, 6 TDs)
 Receiving: Dallas Baldner (19 rec, 299 yds, 4 TDs)



Returning Defensive Leaders

Tackles: Kenny Moore (DB, 34 solo, 17 ast, 1.5 TFL/8 yds)
 Sacks: Egim Etta-Tawo (LB, 3.5 sacks/28 yds)
 Interceptions: Kenny Moore (DB, 3 INTs/114 yds, 2 TDs)

DIVISION II WEEKLY NATIONAL POLLS

AFCA TOP 25
(as of 08/15/16)

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Northwest Missouri St. (29) | 14. Midwestern State |
| 2. WEST GEORGIA (1) | 15. NORTH ALABAMA |
| 3. Grand Valley State | 16. Indianapolis |
| 4. Shepherd | 17. Tuskegee |
| 5. Colorado State-Pueblo | 18. Colorado School-Mines |
| 6. Ashland | 19. Minnesota-Duluth |
| 7. Minnesota St.-Mankato | 20. Central Missouri |
| 8. Indiana (Pa.) | 21. Assumption |
| 9. Henderson State | 22. Catawba |
| 10. Texas A&M-Commerce | 23. Sioux Falls |
| 11. Slippery Rock | 24. Emporia State |
| 12. Ferris State | 25. Augustana |
| 13. Humboldt State | |

D2Football.com Top 25
(as of 08/22/16)

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Northwest Missouri | 14 Humboldt State |
| 2 WEST GEORGIA | 15 IUP |
| 3 Grand Valley | 16 Henderson State |
| 4 CSU-Pueblo | 17 Slippery Rock |
| 5 Minnesota State | 18 Texas A&M-Commerce |
| 6 Shepherd | 19 Tuskegee |
| 7 Ashland | 20 Sioux Falls |
| 8 NORTH ALABAMA | 21 Colorado Mines |
| 9 Ferris State | 22 Augustana |
| 10 Central Missouri | 23 VALDOSTA STATE |
| 11 Midwestern State | 24 Pittsburg State |
| 12 Emporia State | 25 Indianapolis |
| 13 Minnesota Duluth | |

Others Receiving Votes: Florida Tech, 107; Valdosta St. (Ga.), 99; Pittsburg St. (Kan.), 88; West Chester (Pa.), 82; Winston-Salem St. (N.C.), 74; Charleston (W.Va.), 60; Carson-Newman (Tenn.), 53; Colorado Mesa, 50; Harding (Ark.), 40; Albany St. (Ga.), 34; Virginia Union, 29; California (Pa.), 25; Angelo St. (Texas), 19; Azusa Pacific (Calif.), 13; Miles (Ala.), 11; **Delta St. (Miss.)**, 9; Michigan Tech, 9; Western Oregon, 9; West Texas A&M, 8; Fort Hays St. (Kan.), 6; Bowie St. (Md.), 4; Saginaw Valley St. (Mich.), 4; Central Oklahoma, 3; Ouachita Baptist (Ark.), 3; Ohio Dominican, 2; Texas A&M-Kingsville, 2; Bemidji St. (Minn.), 1; McKendree (Ill.), 1; Newberry (S.C.), 1.

WEEK-BY-WEEK IN THE NATIONAL POLLS

Below is a weekly look at each Gulf South Conference team's spot in the AFCA Coaches and D2Football.com polls in 2016. The AFCA poll is released each Monday afternoon and the D2Football.com poll is released each Wednesday.

<u>(AFCA/D2)</u>	<u>DSU</u>	<u>FIT</u>	<u>MC</u>	<u>UNA</u>	<u>SU</u>	<u>VSU</u>	<u>UWA</u>	<u>UWG</u>
Preseason	RV/--	RV/--	--/--	15/8	--/--	RV/23	--/--	2/2
Sept. 7								
Sept. 14								
Sept. 21								
Sept. 28								
Oct. 5								
Oct. 12								
Oct. 19								
Oct. 26								
Nov. 2								
Nov. 9								
Nov. 16								
Nov. 23								
Final								

LINDY'S PRE-SEASON PREDICTIONS

Top 25

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Northwest Missouri State | 14. Assumption |
| 2. Shepherd | 15. Indiana (Pa.) |
| 3. Ashland (Ohio) | 16. Sioux Falls |
| 4. Grand Valley State | 17. Minnesota State |
| 5. West Georgia | 18. Colorado School of Mines |
| 6. Midwestern State | 19. Augustana |
| 7. Minnesota-Duluth | 20. Ferris State |
| 8. Colorado State-Pueblo | 21. Henderson State |
| 9. Slippery Rock | 22. Central Missouri |
| 10. Tuskegee | 23. Humboldt State |
| 11. North Alabama | 24. Texas A&M-Commerce |
| 12. Emporia State | 25. Pittsburg State |
| 13. Valdosta State | |

SPORTING NEWS PRE-SEASON PREDICTIONS

Top 25

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Northwest Missouri State | 14. North Alabama |
| 2. Grand Valley State | 15. Catawba |
| 3. West Georgia | 16. Minnesota State |
| 4. Indiana (Pa.) | 17. Ferris State |
| 5. Shepherd | 18. California (Pa.) |
| 6. Colorado School of Mines | 19. Bemidji State |
| 7. Humboldt State | 20. Midwestern State |
| 8. Ashland | 21. Florida Tech |
| 9. Slippery Rock | 22. Colorado Mesa |
| 10. Indianapolis | 23. Augustana (S.D.) |
| 11. Colorado State-Pueblo | 24. Emporia State |
| 12. Henderson State | 25. Assumption |
| 13. Tuskegee | |

GSC COACHING RECORDS

Listed below is a list of won-lost records for the nine current GSC head coaches for their careers and at the helm of GSC programs.

Coach, School	Career	GSC
Todd Cooley, DSU	22-10	22-10
Steve Englehart, FIT	44-30	18-16
John Bland, MC	78-43	3-17
Bobby Wallace, UNA	160-150-1	141-79-1
Phil Jones, SU	56-60	13-30
David Dean, VSU	79-27	79-27
Brett Gilliland, UWA	12-10	12-10
Pete Shinnick, UWF	103-46	0-0
Will Hall, UWG	48-16	48-16

2016 GSC PRESEASON COACHES' POLL

SCHOOL	Points
West Georgia	63
North Alabama	53
Florida Tech	48
Delta State	46
Valdosta State	40
West Alabama	26
Mississippi College	21
West Florida	16
Shorter	11

The Head Coaches voted in this poll. Teams received 8 points for a first place vote, 7 for a second place vote, etc. The Head Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own squads.

**2016 PRESEASON ALL-GSC TEAM
OFFENSE**

POS	NAME	SCHOOL
QB	*Tyler Sullivan	Delta State
RB	&!Trevor Sand	Florida Tech
RB	#BJ McCoy	Shorter
WR	#Dre Hall (U)	North Alabama
WR	\$Qa Walker (U)	West Georgia
TE	Kenny Johnston (U)	Florida Tech
AP	Ryan Harper (U)	North Alabama
G	#Kevini Delgado	Florida Tech
G	!#Stephen Evans (U)	North Alabama
T	Matt Nelson (U)	Florida Tech
T	Austin Kasti (U)	West Georgia
C	\$Blake Stone	Florida Tech

DEFENSE

POS	NAME	SCHOOL
DL	Erin Brown	Delta State
DL	\$Freddie Reed	North Alabama
DL	#!Alex Armah (U)	West Georgia
DL	#Dylan Donahue (U)	West Georgia
LB	Jamel Dennis	Delta State
LB	*\$@Chris Stapleton (U)	Florida Tech
LB	Felix Woods	West Alabama
LB	\$Gabe Freeman	West Georgia
DB	*#!@Manny Adad	Florida Tech
DB	\$Trai Cadore	Florida Tech
DB	&#!@Philbert Martial (U)	North Alabama
DB	#Kenny Moore (U)	Valdosta State

SPECIAL TEAMS

POS	NAME	SCHOOL
PK	\$Kevin Henke	North Alabama
P	#Cody Mills (U)	Delta State
RS	Telvin Brown	West Georgia
BT	#Marcus Sayles	West Georgia

NOTES: !—2015 Preseason All-GSC Team; @—2014 Preseason All-GSC Team; #—2015 First Team All-GSC; \$—2015 Second Team All-GSC; &—2014 First Team All-GSC; *—2014 Second Team All-GSC; (U)—Unanimous Selection; BT—Blocking Team; The 2016 GSC Pre-Season Football Team was selected by the Head Coaches. Balloting that ended in a tie was not broken. Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own players; Mississippi College was not eligible for the 2016 Preseason Team.

The Gulf South Conference has officially announced the schedule for the 12th edition of its Florida's Space Coast GSC Football Game of the Week featured live on ESPN 3.

ESPN3 serves as the exclusive carrier of the league's package for the third consecutive season. This year's 10-game slate includes nine Saturday games and one Thursday night contest and kicks off on September 17 when Shorter University hosts Florida Tech in Rome, Ga.

"The Gulf South Conference's Game of the Week package has been a leader in Division II since its inception. Continuing our relationship with ESPN provides unparalleled exposure and distribution for the GSC," said Commissioner Matt Wilson. "We believe the ESPN3 and WatchESPN digital platforms are ideal for our fans, student-athletes and future recruits. This year's slate of games features some of the top teams in Division II and provides a look at emerging programs and rivalries. We are excited to get GSC Football started this fall on ESPN3."

All nine Conference squads are featured at least twice. Florida Tech and West Alabama lead the way with three appearances, followed by Delta State, Mississippi College, North Alabama, Shorter, Valdosta State, West Florida and West Georgia.

Play-by-play commentator Don Russell and color commentator Rick Rhodes will continue to lead the coverage from the booth and Gulf Coast Mobile, L.L.C. will produce the package for the fifth year in a row.

Fans can access each contest on the GSC's official ESPN3 page at gscsports.org/ESPN3 or visiting WatchESPN.com.

About ESPN3

ESPN3 is ESPN's live multi-screen sports network, a destination that delivers thousands of exclusive sports events annually. It is accessible on computers, smartphones, tablets and connected devices through WatchESPN. The network is currently available nationwide at no additional cost to fans who receive their high-speed Internet connection or video subscription from an affiliated service provider. It is also available at no cost to U.S. college students and U.S.-based military personnel via computers, smartphones and tablets connected to on-campus educational and on-base military broadband and Wi-Fi networks.

2016 GSC FOOTBALL GAME OF THE WEEK SCHEDULE

Date	Game	Time
Sept. 17	Florida Tech at Shorter	7:00 ET/6:00 CT
Sept. 24	North Alabama at West Alabama	7:00 ET/6:00 CT
Sept. 29	Mississippi College at Delta State	7:00 ET/6:00 CT
Oct. 1	West Georgia at North Alabama	7:00 ET/6:00 CT
Oct. 8	West Florida at Mississippi College	3:00 ET/2:00 CT
Oct. 15	West Alabama at West Georgia	2:00 ET/1:00 CT
Oct. 22	Shorter at West Florida	1:00 ET/12:00 CT
Oct. 29	Valdosta State at Florida Tech	7:00 ET/6:00 CT
Nov. 5	Valdosta State at West Alabama	3:00 ET/2:00 CT
Nov. 12	Delta State at Florida Tech	2:00 ET/1:00 CT



2016 GSC TEAM SCHEDULES

ALL TIMES LOCAL

GSC Games in **BOLD**

\$--GSC TV Game of the Week

WEEK ONE PREVIEW

*--Homecoming



DELTA STATE STATESMEN (0-0, 0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Sept. 01	Kentucky Wesleyan	6:00 pm
Sept. 10	Texas A&M-Commerce	6:00 pm
Sept. 17	@ West Georgia	2:00 pm
Sept. 24	Shorter	2:00 pm
Sept. 29	\$Mississippi College	6:00 pm
Oct. 08	@ West Alabama	2:00 pm
Oct. 15	*West Florida	2:00 pm
Oct. 22	@ Valdosta State	3:00 pm
Oct. 29	North Alabama	2:00 pm
Nov. 12	\$@ Florida Tech	2:00 pm



FLORIDA TECH PANTHERS (0-0, 0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Sept. 03	@ Newberry	6:00 pm
Sept. 10	Mississippi College	7:00 pm
Sept. 17	\$@ Shorter	7:00 pm
Sept. 24	@ Presbyterian	7:00 pm
Oct. 01	!@ West Florida	6:00 pm
Oct. 08	North Alabama	7:00 pm
Oct. 15	*Fort Valley State	1:00 pm
Oct. 22	@ West Alabama	6:00 pm
Oct. 29	\$Valdosta State	7:00 pm
Nov. 05	@ West Georgia	2:00 pm
Nov. 12	\$Delta State	2:00 pm

!—NCAA TV Game



MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE CHOCTAWS (0-0, 0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Sept. 03	Point	2:00 pm
Sept. 10	@ Florida Tech	7:00 pm
Sept. 17	West Alabama	7:00 pm
Sept. 24	Cumberland (Tenn.)	7:00 pm
Sept. 29	\$@ Delta State	6:00 pm
Oct. 08	\$West Florida	2:00 pm
Oct. 15	*Valdosta State	3:00 pm
Oct. 22	@ West Georgia	2:00 pm
Nov. 05	@ Shorter	12:30 pm
Nov. 12	North Alabama	2:00 pm



#15 NORTH ALABAMA LIONS (0-0, 0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Sept. 01	Jacksonville State	6:00 pm
Sept. 17	!Valdosta State	6:00 pm
Sept. 24	\$@ West Alabama	6:00 pm
Oct. 01	\$West Georgia	6:00 pm
Oct. 08	@ Florida Tech	7:00 pm
Oct. 15	*Shorter	6:00 pm
Oct. 22	North Greenville	6:00 pm
Oct. 29	@ Delta State	2:00 pm
Nov. 05	West Florida	1:30 pm
Nov. 12	@ Mississippi College	2:00 pm

!—NCAA TV Game



SHORTER HAWKS (0-0, 0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Sept. 01	@ Chattanooga	7:00 pm
Sept. 10	@ Mars Hill	1:00 pm
Sept. 17	\$Florida Tech	7:00 pm
Sept. 24	@ Delta State	2:00 pm
Sept. 29	West Alabama	7:00 pm
Oct. 06	@ Clark Atlanta	7:00 pm
Oct. 15	@ North Alabama	6:00 pm
Oct. 22	@ West Florida	12:00 pm
Oct. 29	*West Georgia	1:30 pm
Nov. 05	Mississippi College	1:30 pm
Nov. 12	@ Valdosta State	7:00 pm



VALDOSTA STATE BLAZERS (0-0, 0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Sept. 03	Albany State	7:00 pm
Sept. 17	!@ North Alabama	6:00 pm
Sept. 24	West Florida	7:00 pm
Oct. 01	%Kentucky State	2:00 pm
Oct. 08	West Georgia	7:00 pm
Oct. 15	@ Mississippi College	3:00 pm
Oct. 22	*Delta State	3:00 pm
Oct. 29	\$@ Florida Tech	7:00 pm
Nov. 05	\$@ West Alabama	2:00 pm
Nov. 12	Shorter	7:00 pm

!—NCAA TV Game

%--@ Cantrell Stadium (Powder Springs, Ga)



WEST ALABAMA TIGERS (0-0, 0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Sept. 01	@ North Greenville	7:00 pm
Sept. 10	@ Stephen F. Austin	6:00 pm
Sept. 17	@ Mississippi College	7:00 pm
Sept. 24	\$North Alabama	6:00 pm
Sept. 29	@ Shorter	7:00 pm
Oct. 08	*Delta State	2:00 pm
Oct. 15	\$@ West Georgia	2:00 pm
Oct. 22	Florida Tech	6:00 pm
Oct. 29	@ West Florida	12:00 pm
Nov. 05	\$Valdosta State	2:00 pm
Nov. 12	Malone	2:00 pm



WEST FLORIDA ARGONAUTS (0-0, 0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Sept. 03	@ Ave Maria	12:00 pm
Sept. 10	Misouri S&T	6:00 pm
Sept. 17	@ Chowan	6:00 pm
Sept. 24	@ Valdosta State	7:00 pm
Oct. 01	!Florida Tech	6:00 pm
Oct. 08	\$@ Mississippi College	2:00 pm
Oct. 15	@ Delta State	2:00 pm
Oct. 22	\$*Shorter	12:00 pm
Oct. 29	West Alabama	12:00 pm
Nov. 05	@ North Alabama	1:30 pm
Nov. 12	West Georgia	12:00 pm

!—NCAA TV Game



#2 WEST GEORGIA WOLVES (0-0, 0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Sept. 03	#22 Catawba	2:00 pm
Sept. 10	@ Miles	4:00 pm
Sept. 17	Delta State	2:00 pm
Sept. 24	@ Albany State	7:00 pm
Oct. 01	\$@ North Alabama	6:00 pm
Oct. 08	@ Valdosta State	7:00 pm
Oct. 15	\$West Alabama	2:00 pm
Oct. 22	*Mississippi College	2:00 pm
Oct. 29	@ Shorter	1:30 pm
Nov. 05	Florida Tech	2:00 pm
Nov. 12	@ West Florida	12:00 pm



GSC GAME OF THE WEEK SCHEDULE

Date	Game	Time/Result
Sept. 17	FIT @ SU	7:00 ET/6:00 CT
Sept. 24	UNA @ UWA	7:00 ET/6:00 CT
Sept. 29	MC @ DSU	7:00 ET/6:00 CT
Oct. 1	UWG @ UNA	7:00 ET/6:00 CT
Oct. 8	UWF @ MC	3:00 ET/2:00 CT
Oct. 15	UWA @ UWG	2:00 ET/1:00 CT
Oct. 22	SU @ UWF	1:00 ET/Noon CT
Oct. 29	VSU @ FIT	7:00 ET/6:00 CT
Nov. 5	VSU @ UWA	3:00 ET/2:00 CT
Nov. 12	DSU @ FIT	2:00 ET/1:00 CT