## Mount Union Accomplishes a College Football StatHistory First<sub>®</sub>

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Mount Union, the most prolific scoring team in college football stathistory—on all levels—has accomplished another scoring first.

The Purple Raiders finished the 2012 regular season with 517 points in 10 regular season games.

They opened the 40<sup>th</sup> annual NCAA III playoffs with a 72-14 victory over Christopher Newport; this increased the team's total for the season to 589 points.

A 55-13 triumph over Johns Hopkins in the second bumped the tally to 644.

As the D3 playoffs continued, so did the points that the Purple Raiders would register each week.

Saturday Dec. 1, the school once again topped the 70+ point plateau in the post season.

After this weekend's game, a 72-17, the Purple Raiders established the standard. (A missed PAT following the second trip into the end zone, prevented the scored from being 73.)

This was the third playoff game that MU has surpassed 70 or more points—the second against Widener. (The Purple Raiders defeated the Pride in 2000, 70-30 during the second round action.

Fifth teen times (19 accomplishments) a playoff game involving a NCAA CSD, II, III or NAIA team; saw the winner tally more than 70 points. (Two other times 70 or more points were surpassed in post-season action. In a Regional Bowl Game [Pre-Divisional playoff format] and in an ECAC contest.)

In 2008, a pair of Texas schools (in fact Lone Star Conference foes) Abilene Christian and West Texas A&M battled a full 60-minutes; before the former prevailed 93-68

Montana (in 1995-96); Abilene Christian in 2007-08; UMU in 2000 and in round one of this year's playoff games; are the only schools to score 70 or more points twice.

When the scoreboard at Mount Union Stadium reached 0:00; the Purple Raiders' not only continued its march towards an 11<sup>th</sup> NCAA Crown; but also a place into history.

This is the first time that a college football team has scored a composite total over 500-600-700-plus points in successive games.

Winner	Score	Opponent	Score	MU's Season Points
Mount Union	72	Christopher Newport	14	589
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Mount Union	55	Johns Hopkins	13	644
Mount Union	72	Widener	17	716

Games played on Nov. 25 and Dec. 1 saw StatHistory/500+ Points being made; as four schools went from 500+ points in their respective 11<sup>th</sup> game of the season to over 600+ the following week.

These 4 games along with a pair of schools three seasons apart are the only ones to go from over 500-600 tallies in season prior to games played the past two weekends.

The very first time a school would go from 500-to-600 points in successive weekends came way back in 1886.

Yale in its seventh and eighth games of the season surpassed 583-to-658. Not to be outdone by its Big Three rival, Harvard went from 599 in its eight game and after scoring 100+ points in its next game, to surpass 633 in game 9.

Harvard repeated again in 1887: In the 8<sup>th</sup> Game with 598 points to 610 in game 9.

## The complete list:

				Points	<	Pts		Opp.
Year	500+ Team	Div.	G#	Reached	D	Scored	Opponent	Pts
		Major						
1886	Yale	College	7	583	W	84	Crescent AC	0
			8	658	W	75	Pennsylvania	0
1917	Indiana PA	Small College	7	583	W	35	West Virginia JV	0
							Western Michigan	
			8	623	W	40	Normal	0
		Major					Phillips Exeter	
1886	Harvard	College	8	599	W	158	Academy	0
			9	633	W	34	Wesleyan	0
		Major						
1887	Harvard	College	8	598	W	110	Wesleyan	0
			9	610	W	12	Princeton	0

	Mississippi Valley							
1984	State	NCAA 1AA	9	526	W	49	Alabama State	7
			10	609	W	83	Langston	11
	Mary Hardin-							
2007	Baylor	NCAA III	10	557	W	70	Trinity TX	23
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			13	716	W	72	Widener	17
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	_		12	622	W	72	Northern Arizona	29
2001	Georgetown KY	NAIA	11	525	W	42	Tri-State	21
			12	601	W	76	Campbellsville	9
2012	Southern Oregon	NAIA	11	589	W	45	Saint Ambrose Iowa	28
			12	633	L	44	Morningside	47
	Mary Hardin-							
2012	Baylor	NCAA III	11	555	W	59	Louisiana Col.	20
			12	618	W	63	Franklin	17
2012	Louisiana Tech	BSD	11	575	L	41	Utah State	48
			12	618	L	43	San Jose State	52
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2012	Oregon	BSD	11	562	L	14	Stanford	17
			12	610	W	48	Oregon State	24
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1996	Montana	NCAA 1AA	13	539	l w l	44	East Tennessee State	14
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1997	Mount Union	NCAA III	13	691	w	54	Simpson	7
			14	752	w	61	Lycoming	12
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2003	Miami OH	NCAA 1A	13	553	w	49	Bowling Green State	27
			14	602	w	49	Louisville	28