

# Progression of Small College Records

After a trial run of small college statistical leaders that came-out in 1947; then over the course of the next five seasons (1948-53) many of the 'records' established that first season are still on the books, five years later.

It's also worth noting that, 10 years prior to the beginning of official stats; a pair of defensive standards will be included in the listing of the *Five-Year Best Small College Averag--*as no other school has come close to surpassing the figures..

Originally, all four-year colleges that reported their numbers to NCAA were included in the season recap; then in 1967, such practices would only include NCAA-member schools.

## This recap will have the best:

- 1-The first five years of small college statistics (1948-50)
- 2-Best of small college football through the 1955 season--the year prior to the initial small college national championship game (1956 NAIA)
- 3-The single-season records from what is commonly referred to as the "College Division Football." (Covering the 1958-72 seasons).

These distinct eras were "chosen" for their historical significance.

- **Best of Small College Football Statistics, 1948-52 (First-Five Years)**

## TEAM RECORDS

<b>Most Yards per Game, Rushing and Passing</b>	<b>624.1</b> Hanover, 1948
<b>Most Yards per Play, Rushing and Passing</b>	<b>9.20</b> Hanover, 1948
<b>Fewest Yards per Game by Opponents</b>	<b>71.3</b> San Jose State, 1939
<b>Most Rushing and Passing Plays</b>	<b>1.59</b> San Jose State, 1939
<b>Most Yards per Punt</b>	<b>45.5</b> Benedict, 1949
<b>Most Points Scored</b>	<b>575</b> College of Pacific,

1949

### RUSHING

<b>Most Net Yards Rushing per Game</b>	<b>400.4</b> Hanover, 1948
<b>Most Net Yards per Rushing Play,</b>	<b>8.38</b> Hanover, 1948
<b>Most Rushing Plays,</b>	<b>800</b> Southern, 1949
<b>Fewest Rushing Yards per Game by Opponents,</b>	<b>17.1</b> New Haven State, 1951
<b>Fewest Rushing Yards per Play by Opponents</b>	<b>0.64</b> New Haven State, 1951

### FORWARD PASSING

<b>Most Passing Yards per Game</b>	Sam Houston State, 1952 263.0
<b>Most Yards per Pass Attempt</b>	Hanover, 1948 13.1
<b>Most Passes Attempted</b>	Sam Houston State, 1952 277
<b>Most Passes Completed</b>	Illinois Normal, 1952 143
<b>Highest Percentage of Passes Completed</b>	Central Michigan, 1951 61.9
<b>Most Touchdown Passes</b> 1949	Hardin-Simmons, 29
<b>Fewst Passing Yards per Game by Opponent</b>	Ashland, 1948 10.1
<b>Fewest Yards per Opponents' Pass Attempt</b>	Ashland, 1948 1.0
<b>Lowest Percentage Completed by Opponents</b>	Illinois Wesleyan, 1949 17.9

### GENERAL RECORDS

<b>Most Yards Rushing and Passing Plays</b>	Callahan, Morningside, 1949 311
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<b>Most Yards Gained by Rushing and Passing</b> Houston	Gottlob, Sam State, 1952 2470
<b>Most Yards per Game Rushing and Passing</b>	Gottlob, Sam Houston State, 1952 274.4
<b>Most Yards per Attempt (100 plays)</b>	Tresh, Hanover, 1948 13.83
<b>Most Yards per Punt Min. (50 punts)</b>	Washington, Morehouse, 1940 44.8
<b>Most Yards per Punt Min. (25 punts)</b>	Calandrelli, Cansisus, 1949 47.1

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<b>Most Net Yards Gained by Rushing</b>	White, New Mexico Western, 1951 1643
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<b>Most Net Yards per Rushing Play (100 Play)</b>	Tresh, Hanover, 1948 13.83

### FORWARD PASSING and RECEIVING

<b>Most Passes Attempted</b>	Gottlob, Sam Houston State, 1952 256
<b>Most Passes Completed</b>	Bair, Illinois Normal, 1952 135
<b>Highest Percentage Completed (Min. 100 Atts)</b>	Peterson, Hanover, 1948 64.8
<b>Highest Percentage Completed (Min. 50 Atts)</b>	Batchelor, East Texas State, 1946 66.2
<b>Most Yards Gained by Passing</b>	Gottlob, Sam Houston State, 1952 2325
<b>Most Touchdowns Thrown</b>	Ford, Hardin-Simmons, 1949 26
<b>Most Passes Caught</b>	Coggin, Mississippi Southern, 1949 53
<b>Most Yards Gained on Passes Caught</b>	Coggin, Mississippi Southern, 1949 1087

<b>Most Touchdown Passes Caught</b>	Goode, Hardin-Simmons, 1949 11
<b>Record Tied</b>	McChesney, Hardin-Simmons, 1949 11
<b>Record Tied</b>	Cahill, Northern Illinois State, 1951 11
<b>Record Tied</b>	Ladd, Bowling Green, 1952 11

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<b>Record Tied</b>	Cal Poly (Pomona) 281
<b>Most Passes Completed</b>	Brandies, 1956 152
<b>Highest Percentage of Passes Completed</b>	Central Michigan, 1951 61.9
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As you can see, most of the records remained the same.

- **College Division 1958-1972 (includes all small NCAA and NAIA colleges)**

*This listing will include both player and team statistical highs: with players a single-season marks referenced as (SS); while his career best mark as (C).and all team marks will be listed accordingly.*

## PLAYER'S STATISTICS

### TOTAL OFFENSE:

**Play:** (SS)--527 Tim Von Dulm, Portland State, 1970  
(C)--1510 Jim Lindsay, Abilene Christian, 1967-70

**Yards** (SS)--3407 Bob Toledo, San Francisco State, 1967  
(C)--8385 Jim Lindsay, Abilene Christian, 1967-70

**Yards/Game:** (SS)--340.7 Bob Toledo, San Francisco State, 1967  
(C)--275.1 Tim Von Dulm, Portland State, 1970

**Yards/Play:** (SS)--9.63 Chuck Green, Wittenberg, 1963  
[Min. 2000 Yards]  
(C)--8.42 Gary Campbell, Whitter, 1953-56  
[Min. 5000 Yards]

### RUSHING:

**Attempts:** (SS)--350 Leon Burns, Long Beach State, 1969  
(C)--1072 Bernie Peters, Luther, 1968-71

**Yards** (SS)--1775 Jim Holder, Panhandle State, 1963  
(C)--4839 Jerry Linton, Panhandle State, 1959-62

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(C)--275.1 Tim Von Dulm, Portland State, 1970

**Yards/Play:** (SS)--10.5 Billy Johnson, Wldener, 1972  
[Min. 140 Attempts]  
(SS)--8.13 Bob White, Western New Mexcio, 19 51  
[Min. 200 Attempts]

(C)--9.09 Billy Johnson, Wldener, 1971-73  
[Min. 300 Attempts]

(C)--8.49 Bill Rhodes, COlorado Western, 1953-56  
*[Min. 500 Attempts]*

## **PASSING:**

**Attempts** (SS)--490 Tim Von Dulm, Portland State, 1970  
(C)--1237 Jim Lindsay, Abilene Christian, 1967-70

**Completions** (SS)--259 Tim Von Dulm, Portland State, 1970  
(C)--642 Jim Lindsay, Abilene Christian, 1967-70

**Completion/  
Game** (SS)--27.1 George Bork, Northern Illinois, 1963  
(C)--25.0 Tim Von Dulm, Portland State, 1969-70

**Interceptions** (SS)--32 Joe Steetser, Chico State, 1967  
(C)--69 Larry Selinger, Bradley, 1966-69  
Jim Lindsay, Abilene Christian, 1967-70

**Passing Pct.** (SS)--74.8 Dan Miles, Southern Oregon, 1964  
*[Min. 100 atts.]*

(SS)--65.2 George Bork, Northern Illinois, 1963  
*[Min. 275 atts.]*

(C)--66.2 Dan Miles, Southern Oregon, 1964-67  
*[Min. 300 atts.]*

**Lowest Pct.  
Intercepted** (SS)--0.9 Bill Englehardt, Nebraska-Omaha, 1954  
*[Min. 100 atts.]*

(SS)--0.8 Larry Caswell, Rhode Island, 1967  
*[Min. 200 atts.]*

**Yards** (SS)--3513 Bob Toledo, San Francisco State, 1967  
(C)--8521 Jim Lindsay, Abilene Christian, 1967-70

**Yards/Game** (SS)--351.3 Bob Toledo, San Francisco State, 1967  
(C)--298.4 Tim Von Dulm, Portland State, 1969-70

**TD Passes** (SS)--45 Bob Toledo, San Francisco State, 1967  
(C)--72 Ed Buxxell, Ottawa, 1962-65

## **RECEIVING:**

**Catches** (SS)--96 Ed Bell, Idaho State, 1969  
(C)--253 Chris Meyers, Kenyon, 1967-70



<b>Catche/Game</b>	<b>(SS)--10.1</b>	Bruce Cerone, Emporia State, 1968
	<b>(C)--7.7</b>	Jerry Hendren, Idaho, 1967-69
<b>Yards</b>	<b>(SS)--1522</b>	Ed Bell, Idaho State, 1969
	<b>(C)--4534</b>	Bruce Cerone, Yankton-Emporia State, 1966-69
<b>Touchdowns</b>	<b>(SS)--20</b>	Ed Bell, Idaho State, 1969
	<b>(C)--49</b>	Bruce Cerone, Yankton-Emporia State, 1966-69

### **PUNTING:**

<b>No..</b>	<b>(SS)--90</b>	Ken Carter, Washington & Lee, 1968
	<b>(C)--269</b>	Ron Boyette, Trinity TX, 1967-70
<b>Average</b> <i>[Min. 20]</i>	<b>(SS)--49.1</b>	Steve Ecker, Shippensburg, 1965
	<b>(SS)--46-3</b>	Bruce Swanson, North Park, 1967
<i>{Min. 90}</i>	<b>(C)--44.5</b>	Don Cockroft, Adams State, 1964-66

### **INTERCEPTIONS:**

<b>No.</b>	<b>(SS)--15</b>	Tom Rowland, Illinois College, 1967
		Jeff Severson, Long Beach State, 1969
	<b>(C)--36</b>	Alfredo Avila, Sul Ross State, 1963-66
<b>Yards</b>	<b>(SS)--296</b>	Jim Danilko, Northern Michigan, 1969
	<b>(C)--511</b>	Billy Pappas, New Hampshire, 1952-54

### **PUNT RETURNS:**

<b>No.</b>	<b>(SS)--50</b>	Bill Ewusiak, Fairmont State, 1966
	<b>(C)--109</b>	Bill Ewusiak, Fairmont State, 1965-67
<b>Yards</b>	<b>(SS)--1196</b>	Bill Ewusiak, Fairmont State, 1967
	<b>(C)--1982</b>	Bill Ewusiak, Fairmont State, 1965-67
<b>Touchdowns</b>	<b>(C)--7</b>	Billy Johnson, Widener, 1971-73

### **KICKOFF RETURN YARDS:**

<b>Yards</b>	<b>(SS)--897</b>	Tim Hackworth, Cal Poly Pomona, 1966
	<b>(C)--1982</b>	Darwin Gonnerman, South Dakota State, 1966-68

## **SCORING:**

<b>Total Points</b>	<b>(SS)--178</b>	Terry Metcalf, Long Beach State, 1971
<i>[4 years]</i>	<b>(C)--464</b>	Walter Payton, Jackson State, 1971-74
<i>[3 years]</i>	<b>(C)--400</b>	Walter Payton, Jackson State, 1972-74
<b>Touchdowns</b>	<b>(SS)--29</b>	Terry Metcalf, Long Beach State, 1971
<i>[4 years]</i>	<b>(C)--66</b>	Walter Payton, Jackson State, 1971-74
<i>[3 years]</i>	<b>(C)--62</b>	Billy Johnson, Widener, 1971-73
<b>FG Made</b>	<b>(SS)--19</b>	Jamie Nunez, Weber State, 1971
	<b>(C)--44</b>	Skipper Butler, Texas-Arlington, 1966-69
<b>XP Made</b>	<b>(SS)--57</b>	Ben Falcone, Waynesburg, 1968
	<b>(C)--135</b>	Bill Swartz, College of Emporia, 1961-64
<b>Consecutive XP Made</b>	<b>(SS)--50</b>	Ken Blazei, North Dakota State, 1968
	<b>(C)--75</b>	Chuck Smeltz, 1970-71, 73-74
<b>Kick-Scoring Points</b>	<b>(SS)--82</b>	Jan Stenerud, Montana State, 1966 (49-PAT, 11-FG)
<i>FG)</i>	<b>(C)--215</b>	Skipper Butler, Texas-Arlington, 1966-69 (83-PAT, 44-

## **TEAM STATISTICS**

*All stats will be season highs--or per play averages*

### **TOTAL OFFENSE:**

<b>Play:</b>	<b>88.7</b>	Chico State, 1967
<b>Yards/Game:</b>	<b>624.1</b>	Hanover, 1948
<b>Yards/Play:</b>	<b>9.30</b>	Hanover, 1948

### **RUSHING:**

<b>Attempts:</b>	<b>78.9</b>	Panhandle State, 1963
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**Yards/Game:** **404.7** College of Emporia, 1954

**Yards/Play:** **8.38** Hanover, 1948

### **PASSING:**

**Attempts** **51.8** Portland State, 1970

**Completions** **28.3** Northern Illinois, 1963

**Passing Pct.** **66.0** Southern Oregon, 1965

**Yards/Game** **387.9** San Francisco State, 1967

**TD Passes** **4.9** San Francisco State, 1967

### **PUNTING:**

**Average** **48.0** Adams State, 1966

### **SCORING:**

**Points/Game** **54.7** Florida A&M, 1961

**Touchdowns** **7.7** Pacific (Cal.), 1949

**FG Made (No.)** **15** Texas Arlington, 1968

**Consecutive  
XP Made** **50** North Dakota State, 1968 [*none missed*]

**2-Point XP  
Made** **3.7** Florida A&M, 1961

### **TOTAL DEFENSE:**

**Yards/Game:** **44.4** John Carroll, 1962

**Yards/Play:** **1.0** John Carroll, 1962

### **RUSHING:**

**Yards/Game:** -16.7 Tennessee State, 1967

**Yards/Play:** -0.5 Tennessee State, 1967

**PASSING:**

**Yards/Attempt** 1.01 Ashland, 1948

**Yards/  
Completion** 5.35 Ashland, 1948

**Passing Pct.** 12.8 Westminster (Utah), 1961

**Yards/Game** 10.1 Ashland, 1948

**SCORING:**

**Points/  
Game** 0.0 Albany State (Ga.), 1960  
*[had a 0-0 tie]*

**MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS**

**Consecutive Wins** 41 Missouri Valley, 1941-48 *[no teams in 1943-45]*

**Consecutive Games  
without a Loss** 54 (47-0-7) Morgan State, 1931-38

**Consecutive Games  
without being  
Shutout** 150 Florida A&M, 1950-66 *[began with a win vs Central  
State...ended a loss to Tennessee State]*

**Consecutive  
Losses** 39 St. Paul's Poly, 1948-53  
37 Paine, 1955-61

**Consecutive Games  
without a Win** 49 (0-48-1) Paine, 1954-61  
45 (0-42-3) Montana Mines, 1953-63

**Consecutive Games  
without a Tie** 250 West Chester, 1945-1972

**Most Ties in a Season**

**5** William Jewell, 1911; 1921 Kenyon, and Wofford, 1948--[all consecutive]

**Highest Scoring Tied Game**

**43-43** Trinity (Conn.) vs Rochester Poly Institute, 1969

**Sources:** (NCAA) *Official Collegiate Football Record Book*, 1953 and 1955; and *College Football 1975 Modern Record Book*.