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| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **WEEK 14**    **First Round Playoff Results**    **New Hampshire 45, Lafayette 7...**The Wildcats went up 31-0 at halftime and never looked back. UNH enjoys their 10th consecutive playoff appearance.    **Tennessee State 31, Butler 0...**First playoff win for the Tigers since 1986 and last time they posted a shut out since 2006.    **Coastal Carolina 48, Bethune-Cookman 24...**Coastal beat the defending MEAC champ in back-to-back years in first round of playoffs and continue their dominance of the MEAC at 16-1 all-time.    **Fordham 37, Sacred Heart 27...**The Rams hosted their first FCS first-round game and get their first playoff win since 2002.    **Furman 30, South Carolina State 20...**The Paladins capitalized on big plays including a 90 yard punt return and pick-6 and spoiled the Bulldgos home field advantage. Furman is 11-4 against SC State all-time.    **Sam Houston State 51, Southern Utah 20...**Bearkats' star RB, Tim Flanders rushed for 176 yds on 22 carries and 2 TD's and put the heat on the visiting Thunderbirds.    **Jacksonville State 55, Samford 14...**JSU extended its head-to-head streak to 8 in a row against Samford. The Gamecocks held Samford to 201 total net yards.    **South Dakota State 26, Northern Arizona 7...**SDSU's star RB, Zach Zenner rushed for 249 yds on 30 carries and 2 TD's. That was his 8th game this season scoring 2 or more TD's- including against FBS opponent, Nebraska.       |  | | --- | | http://ih.constantcontact.com/fs179/1106304554052/img/98.jpg | | The Underdawg took in the SC State vs Furman game last weekend in cold and windy Orangeburg, SC. |       **Did You Know?**     * Of the 24 teams selected to the FCS playoffs this season, **Sacred Heart of the Northeast Conference** was the **most improved** from last year. The Pioneers were 2-9 in 2012 and posted a 10-2 record during 2013 regular season before falling to Fordham in the first round playoffs last weekend.      * Teams who've scored over 500 points this season are:   Eastern Illinois- 585  Coastal Carolina- 559  Sam Houston State- 547  Old Dominion- 508  McNeese State- 510  Abilene Christian- 501    The above is a part of the *Lighting-up the Scoreboard* report, produced and compiled by Tex Noel of the IFRA.        **FCS TOP 25 POLLS**    The Sports Network TOP 5:    1. North Dakota State  2. Eastern Illinois  3. Eastern Washington  4. Montana  5. Towson    FCS Coaches TOP 5    1. North Dakota State  2. Eastern Illinois  3. Eastern Washington  4. Towson  5. Montana    The Underdawg FCS TOP Dawgs    1. North Dakota State  2. Eastern Illinois  3. Eastern Washington  4. SE Louisiana  5. Maine |      |  | | --- | | **Week 15**    **The top 8 seeds go into action this Saturday. Check out the 2nd round matchups.**    **All second round games will be played Saturday, 12/7/2013 and can be viewed on ESPN3:**     * **#9 Fordham (12-1) at #5 Towson (10-2) 1PM ET...**These teams used to play back in the late '90s/early 2000's. Fordham has 4-3 head-to-head. * **#19 Tennessee State (10-3) at #2 Eastern Illinois (11-1) 2PM ET...**OVC rematch from late in the season where EIU won, 34-16. Second time they've met in the playoffs, with TSU winning back in 1982, 20-19. * **#15 New Hampshire (8-4) at #10 Maine (10-2)  2PM ET...**Another inter-conference showdown as Maine gets a second chance at home to beat UNH. The Wildcats secured their playoff at-large spot by surprising the Black Bears at season-end, 24-3. * **#11 Coastal Carolina (11-2)  at #4 Montana (10-2)  2PM ET...**Perhaps only cold, rigid temperatures can slow down Coastal's rushing attack and scoring machine. At any rate, it's tough to beat the winningest FCS team in this decade. Luckily for Coastal gametime is early afternoon. * **Furman (8-5) at #1 North Dakota State (11-0) 3:30PM ET...**Furman's the only unranked team left in the playoffs. Not the best stat going against the Bison, who are 16-2, including 6-0 in the playoffs, at home in the last two seasons, and they are 4-0 against the SOCON. * **#13 South Dakota State (9-4) at #3 Eastern Washington (10-2) 4PM ET...**First matchup against these teams. EWU needs to stop Zach Zenner and SDSU needs to stop EWU, period. The Eagles are 5-0 at home in playoffs in the last two years. * **#20 Jacksonville State (10-3) at #6 McNeese State (10-2) 7PM ET...**These teams played each other 7 times between 1994 and 2002 and McNeese State won each time. Probably the most evenly matched game of the 2nd round. * **#14 Sam Houston State (9-4) at #7 SE Louisiana (10-2) 8PM ET...**The Bearkats are trying to make it to Frisco, TX for a 3rd straight year, but must go through Southland champ, SELA. The Lions snapped a 3-game losing streak this season to SHSU. Will Sam Houston's playoff experience be the difference?     **IVY LEAGUE**    Princeton Jr. QB, Quinn Epperly and Sr. DL, Caraun Reid; Harvard Jr. DL Zach Hodges, and Brown Sr. tailback John Spooney were named the finalists for the 2013 Asa S. Bushnell Cup. The Cup honors the **Ivy League Football Players of the Year**. Epperly and Spooney are finalists for Offensive Player of the Year, while Hodges and Reid are finalists for Defensive Player of the Year. It marks the first time finalists from the same team (Epperly and Reid) are up for the trophy since the award went to a finalist format in 2010. The 2013 presentation of the Asa S. Bushnell Cup is 12/9/2013.    [Read more](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001FPf6eZvAF1g_3USYmKo82n_FmBIhdmBw4jxcRp1dT1WqBfT3kTk-b1ugGV1QJRtteZWVfjfUvxe7sRyQS5Rr84Ugmkb2loIEXU1WcsPq_88_5tW5tTPLiECUX2LA3sCh2mB4a_Dn_p0rz16c8sLdLZs7JpCdZbgThLRxY1lwwIMX2EYCm0F5tO528spFAW19nLF8XReBvT2yXX4Aufh-9hKJuXue3ew_a-wFpHLJ3rqJNnkalhpNpoCrmiKKIzblKvYtn5cLs59yU1x0oBxi02exAatKxrx9ps8tqpkFY3QFrkzcEXl1vA==&c=lbic-ebx5KUxJQW4JjR7Zi5-hg_11NoVnteY3f9qVS5FvS8EbkDn6w==&ch=goWjWUtVv6jIyoKT43rrX5_8dZMxASGAflxY2yX-ciT_943gmszqpA==)      **SWAC**    2013 marks the 40th annual meeting of HBCU rivals Grambling State University and Southern University in The Bayou Classic. Since 1991, the Bayou Classic has been televised nationally by NBC. The national broadcast attracts an audience of four to five million viewers.      Southern won Saturday's game, 40-17. Southern leads the head-to-head series, 31-30.    Grambling State hired a new head coach and alumni, Broderick Fobbs earlier this week. Fobbs comes from McNeese State where he was the tight ends coach. | |
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