

1. FLAMING HOT

In last week's digest, The Underdawg failed to include the Liberty Flames' 2010 upset over FBS opponent Ball State, 27-23. That day (9/11/2010) experienced two Big South teams with FBS upsets (Gardner-Webb the other). The Big South Conference is living up to their name! The Flames look to continue their upset hopes on September 3rd, 2011 as they travel to Raleigh, NC to face the Wolfpack of N.C. State. Let's go LU!

Bonus: Did you know that Liberty University has the largest student enrollment of all FCS schools with over 46,000 (including online)?

2. HATTERS MATTERS

Stetson U. will revamp football in 2013 with the Pioneer Football League. This will be their first team since 1956. New Head Coach Roger Hughes comes from Princeton and brings an impressive recruitment track record - something Stetson will need to compete. Why? Well like the Ivy League, the Pioneer League does not allow athletic scholarships. Coach Hughes has recruited from all 50 states and, while at Princeton, he helped develop a national web-based recruiting system.

Located in Volusia County, FL, Stetson is just 25 miles from FCS foe, Bethune-Cookman, which is coming off a surprising yet exhilarating 2010 season as MEAC conf (co) champs. With Bethune extending recruitment more nationwide in its 2011 class (only 1 local recruit in 2011; 4 of 33 local recruits in 2010), Stetson may find a recruitment niche in the local market when opening up for summer 2012 practice. Either way, Hughes has his hands full with competing in the talent-packed "Sunshine State". Hats off to Coach Hughes and the Hatters of Stetson U.!

Other FCS schools in Florida: Florida A&M (MEAC) and Jacksonville U (Pioneer)

Bonus: Did you know that Stetson U fielded the first collegiate football team in the state of Florida in 1901?

3. SOUTH BEND BOUND

The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame recently announced that XOS Digital, Inc., the leading provider of digital technologies for sports teams nationwide, will stream live to the Web the **2011 College Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Show on July 16, 2011**. The broadcast will be from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m EST via the newly launched advanced XOSTream service. The event will be available at www.footballfoundation.org.

The 2011 College Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Class includes 3 FCS players and 1 coach:

- **DEXTER COAKLEY** - Appalachian State, Linebacker (1993-96)
- **MIKE FAVOR** - North Dakota State, Center (1985-88)
- **CHARLES HALEY** - James Madison, Linebacker (1982-85)
- **MIKE KELLY** - Dayton Head Coach (1981-2007); 246-54-1 (.819)

Other facts: Yale has the most College Hall of Famers of FCS schools with 28 players and coaches inducted since 1951.

Notable inductees:

* Fritz Pollard, Halfback, Brown, 1954 inductee. First African-American to play in a Rose Bowl. First African-American Head Coach in the NFL.

* Walter Camp, Halfback/Captain, Yale, 1951 inductee. Known as the "Father of American Football". Created the scrimmage line, 11-man team, QB position, and signal calling.

4. A SALUTE

This week marks the anniversary of the passing of one of the greatest defensive linemen of all-time- **Junious "Buck" Buchanan**. A six-time AFL All-star, SuperBowl (IV) champion, and retiree of the Kansas City Chiefs, Buck was the first player drafted in the 1963 AFL Draft and the first African-American drafted at #1 in professional football. Buck reigned from Birmingham, AL and was groomed at Grambling State University under legendary Coach Eddie Robinson. Buck was noted as being a defensive nightmare for QB's, as he possessed avid speed and agility that many say would be comparable to a Julius Peppers today. In 1995, the FCS' most outstanding defensive player award was first given and named for Buck Buchanan. The honor continues to be awarded each year on the eve of the NCAA Div I-FCS Championship by The Sports Network. The current award recipient is J.C. Sherritt of the National Champion Eastern Washington University Eagles. The Underdawg salutes Buck Buchanan- an FCS legend!

5. USA FOOTBALL TEAM

The U.S. Men's National Team will compete July 8-16 in Austria among a field of eight national teams spanning four continents at the International Federation of American Football (IFAF) Senior World Championship. Team USA opened defense of its IFAF Senior World Championship on Friday, July 8th, with a 61-0 win over Australia. Team USA outgained Australia, 573-75, holding Australia to five first downs.

This year's team consists of 7 FCS players and 1 coach:

Players: Matt Bassuener, QB (Georgetown); DeWayne Lewis, CB (Southern Utah); Tommy Connors, S (SE Louisiana); Osayi Osunde, LB (Villanova); Maurice Banks, DB (Georgetown); Henry Harris, RB (SE Missouri St.); Frank Knights, OL (SE Missouri St.)

Coach: Matt Webb, Defensive Line (SE Louisiana)

Team USA's IFAF Senior World Championship games can be followed in real time at

www.Facebook.com/IFAF.org and on Twitter @IFAFinsider. Video highlights of all games along with previews and features are available at the IFAF YouTube site, www.YouTube.com/IFAFinsider.

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Trivia Results: Congrats to Jason Meyer of Houston, TX for answering last week's trivia question. The oldest FCS conference is the SWAC....formed in 1921.

Trivia Question: What FCS conference holds teams with the longest distance (mileage) between them?

Visit TheUnderdawg.com and enter your answer in the "Contact Us" section. Trivia answer and winner will be announced on the next digest.