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1. TALE OF TWO HALVES

Several FCS teams failed to continue the upset spirit after halftime last weekend. FBS player and bench depth was too much in some matchups where it looked bright at the start.

- Wofford took a 65 mile drive into Death Valley to take on a young but fast Clemson Tiger squad. The Terriers had them tied 21-21 at half, but failed to get back into the end zone and was held scoreless in the 4th. Clemson took the "W" in a nail-biter, 35-27.
- Weber State had all eyes on them against Utah State, a team that had two previous season-opening heartbreaks to powerhouses Oklahoma in 2010 and defending BCS champs Auburn last week. The Wildcats ran out of gas giving up 37 unanswered points in a disappointing 54-17 defeat.
- Perhaps the most lop-sided game from Saturday was Norfolk State versus West Virginia. The Spartans were looking to put the past behind them, as they've been outscored 128-3 in the three FBS matchups since entering FCS play in 1997. Norfolk kicked four FG's and stunned the crowd of 52,000 going into the locker rooms, 12-10. But a 45 point swing nailed the coffin shut with no answer on either side of the ball in the final two quarters. The Spartans were penalized 19 times for 177 yards and allowed 533 yards of Mountaineer offense. WVU 55, NSU 12.

Here are FCS game records for most points scored each quarter and each half (Source: NCAA)

MOST POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER

1st: 49- Portland St. vs. Delaware St., Nov. 8, 1980

2nd: 50- Alabama St. vs. Prairie View, Oct. 26, 1991

3rd: 35- Portland St. vs. Delaware St., Nov. 8, 1980; La.-Monroe vs. Arkansas St., Nov. 6, 1993

4th: 39- Montana vs. South Dakota St., Sept. 4, 1993

MOST POINTS SCORED EACH HALF

1st: 73- Montana St. vs. Eastern Ore., Sept. 14, 1985

2nd: 56- Brown vs. Columbia, Nov. 19, 1994

Week 1 "Game of the Week" recap....

If you didn't catch the Bethune-Cookman vs. SC State matchup on ESPN3 or ESPNU (delayed), you missed a smash-mouth festival. The Bulldogs remained victorious capitalizing on turnovers and heads-up plays that proved to be the difference. [The Sports Network](#) highlights a briefing of the game.

The Underdawg "Game of the Week"

#13 James Madison vs #22 Liberty

Where most of attention will be on E. Washington playing Montana in a Big Sky showdown, The Underdawg selects backyard rivals and ranked FCS opponents, James Madison Dukes and Liberty Flames as the game to follow. 91 miles separate these two western Virginia schools who are both looking to break 1-1 records starting the season. Both teams faced ACC defeats in week 1, but avenged them with Northeast Conference wins last week over Central Connecticut State (JMU) and Robert Morris (LU). The Dukes are 6-3 over the Flames since Liberty entered FCS play in 1989, and have won 5 straight since the turn of the century outscoring Liberty 134-33. Flames Coach Danny Rocco is 0-2 against JMU but smells an upset brewing and turn of the tables as they play host on Saturday at 7pm ET in Williams Stadium. The game will be on CAA Television.

2. BIG SOUTH PEP TALK

Coastal Carolina head coach, David Bennett, addressed a news conference recently regarding his view of what he wanted his players to be like. [Click here to view this unforgettable press moment.](#) Perhaps he's encouraging his team mentally as they matchup with FBS opponent Georgia Bulldogs this weekend. Go Chanticleers!

3. FLAG ON THE PLAY

The key for many teams regardless who they're playing is to minimize mistakes. It's every coaches' nightmare to see a continuous display of false starts, holding, pass interference, and delay of game flags to name a few.

The Underdawg received a research request to identify the trends and patterns of FCS conference officiating regarding the extreme number of penalties that plague certain teams and prohibit game flow. With more in-depth review of this request to come in a following digest, in the interim, we will share the penalty statistics for the FCS as of 2010.

Here are the Top Penalized FCS Teams in 2010:

<u>FCS Team</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u># of penalties</u>	<u>Total yards</u>	<u># games played</u>
Texas Southern	SWAC	131	1175	12
Bethune-Cookman	MEAC	121	1090	12
Alabama St.	SWAC	114	944	12
Southern U.	SWAC	113	1145	11
Hampton	MEAC	111	899	11
Jackson St.	SWAC	106	987	11
North Dakota St.	MVC	104	902	14
Northwestern St.	Southland	102	972	11
Florida A&M	MEAC	101	800	11
Grambling	SWAC	100	939	11

[Click here to see where all 126 FCS Teams stood in penalties in 2010](#)

- Texas Southern (SWAC) had the most penalties, 131
- Campbell (Pioneer) had the fewest penalties, 44
- Davidson (Pioneer) had the fewest penalized yards, 351
- 8 of the top 10 most penalized FCS teams are from the SWAC and MEAC conferences

Here are standing NCAA penalty records for FCS football:

- **MOST PENALTIES AGAINST:** 23- Idaho vs. Idaho St., Oct. 10, 1992 (204 yards)
- **MOST PENALTIES, BOTH TEAMS:** 39-In four games. Most recent: Jackson St. (22) & Grambling (17), Oct. 24, 1987 (370 yards)
- **MOST YARDS PENALIZED:** 260- Southern U. vs. Howard, Nov. 4, 1978 (22 penalties)
- **MOST YARDS PENALIZED, BOTH TEAMS:** 423-Southern (260) & Howard (163), Nov. 4, 1978 (37 penalties)
- **MOST FIRST DOWNS BY PENALTY PER GAME:** 3.7- Alabama St., 1984 (41 in 11; 109 penalties by opponents); Texas Southern, 1987 (41 in 11; 134 penalties by opponents)
- **MOST PENALTIES:** 152- Alabama St., 2001
- **MOST PENALTIES PER GAME:** 13.7-Grambling, 1984 (151 in 11; 1,206 yards)
- **MOST YARDS PENALIZED PER GAME:** 125.5- Tennessee St, 1982 (1,255 in 10; 132 pen)

Ancient 8 Opening....Ivy League begins the 2011 season this week. Although none of the Ivy teams are ranked, Princeton hosts #16 Lehigh. Two-time defending Ivy champs, Pennsylvania hosts Lafayette. Did you know that Penn has the third longest active home winning streak (9); the longest active conf winning streak (15 straight conf wins from 11/22/2008-present); they tie with Montana for the longest unbeaten streak at 24 straight from 1992-1995.

Trivia Results: There are 3 Heisman Trophy Winners from FCS Schools: Yale, 1936(Larry Kelley) & 1937(Clint Frank); Princeton, 1951 (Dick Kazmaier). Note: Ivy League didn't become FCS until 1981.

Trivia Question: Which active FCS schools are located in the Ohio Valley?

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