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Week 5 "Game of the Week" recap....

Wofford's 407 yards of offense outmatched Appalachian State's 247 total yards as the Terriers seemed to be dominate the game for four quarters and posted a 28-14 victory. The Mountaineers, who were tied for fourth nationally with an 85.7% red zone TD rate, scored just twice in four trips inside the 20. App State was also just 3 of 12 on third downs, compared to 11 of 18 by Wofford, who scored twice on drives after missed Mountaineers' field goals. Wofford's ground attack led by Bernard Williams proved to be the difference as App State never got it going and had no answers. Another SOCON battle...this time with the Wofford Terriers taking the "W"!

The Underdawg "Game of the Week" #10 **Lehigh** vs **Bucknell**

At the half-way mark of the 2011 season, Lehigh has yet to face a Patriot conference foe. That will change this Saturday as the defending Patriot champs travel just 120 miles NW to meet the Bucknell Bison. This will be 1 of 11 FCS matchups this week featuring opposing teams with winning records. Both teams are 4-1 with Bucknell atop the conference rankings currently. Lehigh leads the series 42-29-3 and have won 13 straight against the Bison (1998-2010). Lehigh is currently ranked #1 in FCS Total Offense and Bucknell is #8 in FCS Total Defense- go figure....something's gotta give in this game. Something tells me Bucknell is smelling an upset and end to a drought by the Mountain Hawks. Should be a dandy in Quaker country!

FCS LEADERBOARD

Here are the category leaders for Week 5 of FCS Football (Source: NCAA.com)

Total Offense (total yds/game)

1	Chris Lum	Lehigh	371.00
2	Kevin Yost	Idaho St.	343.60
3	Casey Brockman	Murray St.	338.60

Passing (completions/game)

1	Kevin Yost	Idaho St.	31.40
2	Jonathan Carkhuff	Davidson	30.50
3	Bo Levi Mitchell	Eastern Wash.	28.60

Total Team Offense (total yds/game)

1	Morehead St.	551.20
2	UT Martin	501.50
3	Ga. Southern	498.00

Total Team Defense (opp total yds/game)

1	Texas Southern	210.25
2	Duquesne	259.60
3	North Dakota St.	267.25

[See the top 50 FCS teams in these categories](#)



Chris Lum, Sr QB for Lehigh

A BICENTENNIAL SALUTE

Liberty's blowout win against visiting Kentucky Wesleyan, 57-0, last week marked the 200th time the Flames have posted a win on the gridiron since the program first began competition in 1973. Congrats to the Flames for reaching this landmark!

Bonus: At 200 wins, Liberty is third in Big South Conference all-time winning percentage (.498%) behind Coastal Carolina (59 wins at .621%) and Presbyterian (478 wins at .510%)

FUTURE FCS SCHEDULING UPDATES

Auburn will host **Alabama A&M** on Nov. 17, 2012. . . . Vanderbilt and **Massachusetts** will play a four-game series from 2012-15. . . . Tennessee will host **Georgia State** on Sept. 8, 2012. . . . **Old Dominion** and **Norfolk State** have extended their series from 2013 to 2018. . . . **Charlotte** and **Richmond** will play a two-game series in 2016-17. (Source: NFF)

FLYING HIGH

The close loss to Butler last Saturday didn't hamper the honoring of Dayton Flyers' former head coach, **Mike Kelly**, by the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame. The "On-Campus Salutes Program" inductee returns to his school to be introduced to a home football crowd as a Hall of Famer. He is presented a Hall of Fame plaque that will remain on permanent display at the institution. The events take place on the field, and many inductees cite the experience as the ultimate capstone to their careers, providing them one more chance to take the field and hear the crowd roar their name.

Check out this impressive resume for Mike Kelly:

- 3 national championships and 7 national Coach of the Year awards
- **Winningest coach in FCS history**, winning 82 percent of his games
- In 27 years and a 246-54-1 all-time record at Dayton, Kelly places in the top 20 for coaches across all divisions in both wins and winning percentage
- Div III playoffs 8 times, 2 unbeaten seasons, and 12 double-digit win seasons
- Coach of the Year honors 6 times
- One of four Hall of Fame Coaches to reach 150-win mark by 16th season (other 3 are Tom Osborne, Joe Paterno and Barry Switzer)

Any questions? Hats off to a legend. (Source: NFF)

UPSET COUNTER

6 FCS/FBS upsets this season thus far:

Sacramento State over Oregon State

Richmond over Duke

Indiana State over Western Kentucky

North Dakota State over Minnesota

Sam Houston State over New Mexico

Southern Utah over UNLV

MID-SEASON CONFERENCE SNAPSHOTS

Big Sky... Montana State and Portland State sit atop at 2-0 and meet at Portland this weekend. The Bobcats have won 5 straight and are 16-9 overall against PSU. Winner takes half season lead in this unpredictable conference.

Big South... Teams open up conference play this weekend. Coastal Carolina has the only winning record overall and should remain on top as they meet a struggling VMI squad. This conference crown is usually determined at the very end of the season.

CAA... As usual, many teams on the bubble during this stage of the season. Biggest matchup is Maine vs James Madison...this game should set the pace entering the second half of the season. 3-way tie for first with a solid New Hampshire team holding a steady second place.

Independents... For the rest of October, 3 of the 4 indies will play each other (not Texas State). South Alabama meeting UT-San Antonio this weekend.

Great West... North Dakota sits atop after its win over S. Utah last week. The Thunderbirds face South Dakota on Saturday, while other 3 teams host lower division opponents.

Ivy... With just 4 games in, the Ivy's have four 1-0 teams, and four 0-1 teams. Princeton travels to Hampton for a first-ever Ivy team visiting a MEAC opponent.

MEAC... A surprising Norfolk State commands the MEAC for now...coming off an impressive stop of 3-time champ SC State at home last week. With wins against Hampton and Bethune-Cookman in coming weeks, the Spartans may taste their first-ever post-season play. The MEAC is up for grabs.

Missouri Valley... Top 2 face off this weekend: Indiana State and Northern Iowa. This should be one to watch. North Dakota State sits at 1-0 in conference and is one of few teams undefeated at 4-0 overall. The MVC may very well have 3 teams comfortably in the playoffs as it appears right now.

Northeast... Another conference that beats each other up til the end #1 & #2 meet this weekend, as Duquesne goes to Albany. Monmouth and Bryant are in the thicket with defending conference champ, Robert Morris trying to rebound sitting at 1-0 but 1-3 overall.

Ohio Valley... Top 2 teams, Tenn Tech and Jacksonville State, are 3-0 and are off this weekend. They square off at October's end. Tenn Tech received the highest votes for top 25 polling as a non-ranked team last week and are ranked #23 now.

Patriot... Conference champ, Lehigh, enters league play this weekend against top-rider, Bucknell. Should Bucknell pull out a win, it would shake up things as this conference has been Lehigh dominated since 2000, given a sprinkle of Colgate, Lafayette, Holy Cross, and Fordham rings.

Pioneer... 3-way tie for first for San Diego, Jacksonville, and a uprising, Drake. San Diego should remain in command after this week as they travel to Valparaiso, who's looking for their first win since 9/2009. Showdown will be next week with San Diego vs Drake.

Southern... FCS king, Ga Southern, should continue to coast while others battle it out. Wofford is coming off a key win against App State last week. Furman has slid into 2nd behind GSU and should handle Samford at home on Saturday.

Southland... #15 McNeese State is in control at 2-0 with an undefeated Sam Houston State (1-0 conf, 4-0 overall) next in line. Stephen F Austin is probably biggest disappointment thus far, although there are some games to still be played. Lamar is quietly sitting third. Central Arkansas may be a sleeper squad...they've competed well against two FBS teams thus far and await McNeese State at home next week.

SWAC... Hands down, Alabama State is the front-runner and should stay there for the rest of the season. They've already beat a struggling, pre-season favorite Grambling State and stopped Jackson State. They're still to meet Prairie View, Alabama A&M, and a feisty Southern but should be favorites.

Correction from last week's trivia results. The Underdawg failed to include Ron Dickerson Jr. as an African-American FCS head coach. He coaches the Gardner-Webb Bulldogs of the Big South conference. That makes five non-HBCU schools with African-American head coaches in the FCS.

Trivia Results: The FCS teams who participated in the first game with uniforms were Harvard vs. Yale on 11/13/1875.

Trivia Question: With pass completion percentage a high criteria for many offenses today, there have been several games where there were no pass completions. Which FCS teams faced each other in most recent years with no pass completions the entire game?

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