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Week 8 "Game of the Week" recap....

Well, the Bearkats did it! They snapped a **6-game winning streak against McNeese State** by defeating the Cowboys last Saturday, 38-14. Sophomore RB, Tim Flanders rushed for more than half of SHSU's total 246 yds on the ground (162 yds on 19 attempts) and 2 TD's. The Kats forced 3 fumbles and held McNeese to less than 2 yds of avg net gain rushing. A mixed bag of special teams and offensive scoring made the difference... 55 yd run, blocked punt return, and 41 yd pass plays made for a 21-0, 3rd quarter edge that sealed the deal for SHSU. Sam Houston State sits atop the Southland at 4-0, 7-0 overall.

Other head-to-head streaks (3 or more considered a streak) broken over the weekend include:

- Maine breaks 3-game streak against Richmond, 23-22
- Rhode Island breaks 4-game streak against Delaware, 38-34.
- Chattanooga breaks 5-game streak against Elon, 42-18
- Gardner-Webb breaks 7-game streak against Coastal Carolina, 26-24
- Towson breaks 7-game streak against William & Mary, 38-27
- Florida A&M breaks 8-game streak against SC State, 27-24
- Georgetown breaks 8-game streak against Colgate, 40-17
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The Underdawg "Game of the Week"

#2 Northern Iowa vs #3 North Dakota State

These two teams are pulling for App State to beat Ga Southern. Why? The winner would most likely gain the top spot in the FCS, as these silver and bronze teams clash for an Missouri Valley Conference showdown. NIU holds a 25-18 all-time lead over the Bison and have won 3 straight since 2008; the same year NDSU entered FCS play. Coach Craig Bohl looks to turn the tables as they host the defending MVC champs (15 overall with MVC and former Gateway Conf) on Saturday at 4pm ET in chilly Fargo, ND. Kickoff is expected to be sunny and 52 degrees...good fall for a good brawl on the gridiron.

Optimism for North Dakota State this Saturday:

- First potential win against Northern Iowa since being in the MVC
- First time these teams have ever played on the last weekend of October (since 1938)
- First time playing for the MVC crown (technically)
- First time they can secure a better-than-.500 conference record

FCS LEADERBOARD

Here are the category leaders for Week 8 of FCS Football (Source: NCAA.com)

Total Offense (total yds/game)

1	Chris Lum	Lehigh	382.43
2	Ryan Taggart	Holy Cross	341.29
3	Bo Levi Mitchell	Eastern Wash.	336.00

Passing (completions/game)

1	Jonathan Carkhuff	Davidson	30.14
2	Kevin Yost	Idaho St.	29.25
3	Chris Lum	Lehigh	28.57

Total Team Offense (total yds/game)

1	Lehigh	490.57
2	Ga. Southern	487.29
3	Youngstown St.	481.29

Total Team Defense (opp total yds/game)

1	Texas Southern	238.86
2	Sam Houston St.	282.86
3	Wofford	284.71



Goodman Stadium is home to Lehigh, who sits in the top 3 of 4 categories in offense and defense.

[See the Top 50 FCS Teams in these categories](#)

RICE WATCH

The Jerry Rice Award goes to the FCS Freshmen Player of the Year and TSN has a breakdown on each player.

Here are the nominees:

- Mike Crutcher, Missouri State, FS, 6-2, 198
- Michael Dallas II, Morgan State, LB, 6-0, 205
- Chuck Dibilo, Princeton, RB, 5-11, 200
- Michael German, Tennessee State, QB, 6-2, 215
- D'Vonte Grant, North Carolina A&T, LB, 5-11, 215
- R.J. Harris, New Hampshire, WR, 6-0, 194
- David Johnson, Northern Iowa, RB, 6-3, 214
- Eriq Lewis, Old Dominion, CB, 6-0, 180
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[Click here to see the rest of the list](#)

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

FCS vs FBS matchups this weekend...

Fordham takes on Army on Saturday at 3:30pm ET. Go Rams!

Trivia Results: The 2 FCS teams who scored the most safeties in a season were Jackson State in 1986 and Monmouth in 2005. They scored 5 safeties.

Trivia Question: As tied games are now determined by overtime play, which FCS teams played the last tie game in the FCS? What was the score and when was it played?

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