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Week 9 "Game of the Week" recap....

The Fargo Fire Dept headquarters is approximately 2.7 miles from The Fargo Dome, which calculates to 7-8 minutes travel time. Fortunately, there was no need to involve the FFD, although, the nearly 19,000 in attendance just about set the roof on fire last Saturday in Fargo, ND. As expected, the "Game of the Week" was a hot one! The Underdawg was able to tune in to witness this matchup that featured two athletic and well-coached teams. NDSU held on to defeat conference rival and (then) #2 ranked, Northern Iowa, 27-19. UNI's talented Sr. QB, Tirrell Rennie, completed 20 of 30 passes for 224 yds and rushed for 29. NDSU's Sophomore QB, Brock Jensen's completed 22 of 25 passing for 204 yds, and the back-field rushing duo of D.J. McNorton (16 for 75 yds) and Sam Ojuri (14 for 66 yds) moved the chains for the offense. The game was pretty even with total net yards, # of first downs, penalties, and FG's being neck-and-neck. The difference was NDSU forcing two interceptions and controlling total time of possession- not to mention the sea of green & gold that adorned the dome. North Dakota State sits atop the MVC and the FCS at #1...long-overdue.

Bonus

- [Mike Favor](#) was honored at half-time as a 2011 College Hall of Fame inductee. He is the **first African-American Hall of Famer from NDSU** and the school's 3rd all-time.
- NDSU QB, Brock Jensen is ranked #6 in the FCS for passing efficiency (164.7 rating)
- NDSU is ranked #10 in total team defense (302.8 opp total yds/g)

The Underdawg "Game of the Week" Jacksonville vs Drake

The Pioneer defending champions, Jacksonville Dolphins, travel to Des Moines, Iowa to take on #2 conference ranked, Drake Bulldogs. JU looks to continue their undefeated conference mark, while Drake seeks the crown with a win. Drake hasn't won the PFL since 2004 but has an 8-2 head-to-head lead against JU all-time. Drake has never lost at home to Jacksonville. JU is looking for the possibility of the post-season as an at-large, given their 16 game win-streak in conference play- their last conference loss being to, of course, Drake. Will JU continue its winning ways, or will history run its course against Drake? Good conference play in corn country this weekend.

Bonus

- The Pioneer Football League is the only non-scholarship, football-only conference in the FCS.
- The Pioneer Football League is one of three non-automatic bid conferences in the FCS (Great West and Independents are other two)
- Drake has 4 conference rings (1995, 1998, 2000, 2004); Jacksonville has 2 rings (2008, 2010).
- Drake was one of the original teams of the PFL since 1993; Jacksonville entered the PFL in 2001

FCS LEADERBOARD

Here are the category leaders for Week 9 of FCS Football (Source: NCAA.com)

Total Offense (total yds/game)

1	Chris Lum	Lehigh	363.38
2	Bo Levi Mitchell	Eastern Wash.	346.11
3	Kevin Decker	New Hampshire	331.38

Passing (completions/game)

1	Jonathan Carkhuff	Davidson	30.25
2	Casey Brockman	Murray St.	28.63
3	Brady Attaway	Stephen F. Austin	28.50

Total Team Offense (total yds/game) .

1	Lehigh	491.00
2	Youngstown St.	482.13
3	Morehead St.	464.75

Total Team Defense (opp total yds/game)

1	Texas Southern	221.63
2	Sam Houston St.	259.63
3	N.C. A&T	283.50

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

CAPS 'N GOWNS

Earlier this year, The Underdawg provided an [Academic Progress Report \(APR\) for all FCS teams](#). While the APR tracks the academic achievement of teams each academic term, the Graduation Success Rate (GSR) assesses the academic success of student-athletes. The rate holds institutions accountable for transfer students, and also accounts for midyear enrollees and is calculated for every sport. Under the calculation, institutions are not penalized for outgoing transfer students who leave in good academic standing. The latest GSR's were released by the NCAA.

Here are the FCS teams that lead their conferences in Graduation Success Rates:

- **Big Sky- Northern Arizona & Northern Colorado- 72%**
- **Big South- Presbyterian- 78%**
- **Colonial - Richmond- 92% (Old Dominion info n/a)**
- **Great West- South Dakota- 77%**
- **Independents- Texas State- 60% (other 3 indy's n/a)**
- **Ivy- Columbia- 100%**
- **MEAC- South Carolina State- 69%**
- **Missouri Valley- South Dakota State- 82%**
- **Northeast- Monmouth- 86%**
- **Ohio Valley- Eastern Kentucky- 75%**
- **Patriot- Colgate- 97%**
- **Pioneer- Davidson- 97%**
- **Southern- Furman- 98%**
- **Southland- Central Arkansas- 69% (Lamar info n/a)**
- **SWAC- Alabama State- 71%**

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

Trivia Results: The last tied game played in FCS football was Dartmouth vs. Princeton. The score was tied at 10. Game was played 11/18/1995.

Trivia Question: What FCS team has the record for most field goal attempts in a game?

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