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Week 11 "Game of the Week" recap....

Big plays made the difference in Week 10's "Game of the Week" as Towson topped their highest scoring display of the season and defeated New Hampshire, 56-42 on Saturday. RB, Terrance West was simply unstoppable- rushing for 261 yds on 23 carries for 4 TD's. Two of his scores were from runs of 69 and 72yds. Special teams were certainly special for the Tigers with an early 45 yd interception return for a TD and 93 yd kickoff return to start the second half. Three picks and a fumble take-away added to the big play display. For two consecutive weeks, **Towson rushed for 334 net yds**, which tied their season record- this time on 39 carries. New Hampshire wasn't a slouch by any stretch, as they edged Towson with **611 total yards- the highest single game team offense in the CAA this season**. Towson's 42 points in the first half deemed too much for a Wildcat comeback. The Tigers sit atop the CAA and control their fate.

The Underdawg "Game of the Week" Liberty at Stony Brook

Crunch time in the [Big South](#) is on the line for these squads. The winner gets an automatic bid into the playoffs, the loser eats Thanksgiving leftovers. Liberty has 4 straight conference titles, two of which were shared with Stony Brook in 2009 and 2010 seasons (3-way share in 2010 with Coastal Carolina). It wasn't til the 2010 season that the Big South earned automatic bid qualification into the FCS postseason. Liberty leads the head-to-head series 2-1, with the one loss at Stony Brook in 2009. These conference foes have much in common. The Seawolves are 3-1 at home and, after a 0-3 start, have a seven game win streak. The Flames are 5-1 at home and, after a 1-3 start, have a six game win streak. Both teams are 7-3 and neither can afford a let down on Saturday. Game time is 3:30pm ET in chilly Stony Brook (Long Island), NY.

FCS LEADERBOARD

Here are the category leaders for Week 11 of FCS Football (Source: [NCAA.com](#))

Total Offense (total yds/game)

1	Bo Levi Mitchell	Eastern Wash.	357.10
2	Chris Lum	Lehigh	354.90
3	Casey Therriault	Jackson St.	337.20

Passing (completions/game)

1	Jonathan Carkhuff	Davidson	31.40
2	Zach Lewis	Morehead St.	29.30
3	Casey Brockman	Murray St.	28.50

Total Team Offense (total yds/game)

1	Lehigh	483.90
2	Jackson St.	471.30
3	Youngstown St.	460.10

Total Team Defense (opp total yds/game)

1	Texas Southern	230.50
2	Sam Houston St.	262.30
3	Norfolk St.	265.09

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



Youngstown St. is 3rd in team offense after last week's upset against #1 N. Dakota St.

OLD FOES

What makes a true rivalry? In some conferences, it's the game that usually predicts the conference winner year in and out. Many have inter-state matchups that bring out bragging rights. Some have major classics played on neutral turf, drawing tens of thousands of fans and spectators. Other matchups depend on their marching bands to determine the rivalry. It's all about your neck of the woods.

Did you know that the **biggest rivalry in the FCS is Lafayette and Lehigh**? According to most games played, these teams have competed 146 times dating back to 1884. Lafayette leads the series 76-65-5. The rivalry is also the longest uninterrupted series in the FCS, with 121 straight meetings since 1897. The two meet once again this Saturday as Lafayette travels to Lehigh for the season finale.

THE THRILL OF VICTORY

Congrats to Head Coach Dale Carlson and the **Valparaiso Crusaders on their first win since 2009**. They defeated conference foe, Campbell at home on Senior Day Saturday, 34-31. Valpo ended a 29 game losing streak in front of a crowd of just under 1,100 at Brown Field.

Bonus:

- Longest FCS losing streak....80, Prairie View A&M (1989-1998)
- Current FCS teams with no wins this season: Columbia (0-9), Charleston Southern (0-10), Northern Colorado (0-11)

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

Georgia Southern takes on Alabama this Saturday in Tuscaloosa. This will be the first meeting between these schools. Alabama is 45-2 against FCS opponents; 37-0 against Southern conference teams. Ga Southern is 36-41 against FBS opponents; 0-7 against SEC conference teams.

Go Eagles!

Trivia Results: The FCS team with the record for most tackles in a game is Chattanooga with 30 tackles. (Josh Cain against Citadel, 11/2001)

Trivia Question: What FCS team was the winningest team in the 2000's (from 2000-'09) in percentage and victories?

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