

## Issue No. 21 - Week of 11/26/2011

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### Week 12 "Game of the Week" recap....

The Seawolves of Stony Brook put 537 yds of offense in the pot and cooked a 41-31 victory over the Liberty Flames to claim their first outright conference championship. Stony Brook became the first team to finish 6-0 in the Big South and have scored 40+ points in seven consecutive games. Seawolves QB, Kyle Essington passed for 250 yds and the Batman and Robin backfield of Miguel Maysonet and Brock Jackolski teamed up for 279 yds rushing. Liberty Sr. QB and Walter Payton Award contender, Mike Brown, completed 23 of 36 passes for 361 yds and rushed for 22 yds. After three quarters, tied at 31, the difference was Stony Brook, as they played composure football and kept Liberty off the score board. Congrats to head coach Chuck Priore and the Stony Brook Seawolves!

### *THE FRISCO ROAD*

This is what we've been waiting for! The teams have been selected for the 2011 FCS Championship. Here is the lineup:

#### **FIRST ROUND**

Saturday, Nov. 26 (One game on ESPNU, all games on ESPN3, TBA)

- Albany (8-3) at Stony Brook (8-3)
- Central Arkansas (8-3) at Tennessee Tech (7-3)
- Norfolk State (9-2) at Old Dominion (9-2)
- James Madison (7-4) at Eastern Kentucky (7-4), ESPNU

#### **SECOND ROUND**

Saturday, Dec. 3 (All games on ESPN3, TBA)

- Albany-Stony Brook winner at No. 1 Sam Houston State (11-0)
- New Hampshire (8-3) at Montana State (9-2)
- Wofford (8-3) at No. 5 Northern Iowa (9-2)
- Central Arkansas-Tennessee Tech winner at No. 4 Montana (9-2)
- Norfolk State-Old Dominion winner at No. 3 Georgia Southern (9-2)
- Maine (8-3) at Appalachian State (8-3)
- Lehigh (10-1) at Towson (9-2)
- James Madison-Eastern Kentucky winner at No. 2 North Dakota State (10-1)

#### **QUARTERFINALS**

Friday, Dec. 9 [One quarterfinal at 8 p.m.(ESPN2 and ESPN3)]

Saturday, Dec. 10 [One quarterfinal at noon (ESPN and ESPN3)]

Two quarterfinals, TBA (ESPN3)

#### **SEMIFINALS**

Friday, Dec. 16 [Semifinal, 8 p.m. (ESPN2, ESPN3) ]

Saturday, Dec. 17 [Semifinal, 2:30 p.m. (ESPNU, ESPN3) ]

#### **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Pizza Hut Park in Frisco, Texas- Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012, 1pm ET (ESPN2, ESPN3)

[Check out The Underdawg's first round predictions](#)

## THE SELECTION PROCESS

10 teams have an automatic bid as their conference champion. The other 10 are selected based on performance, strength of schedule, record, and Division I wins. Jim O'day, FCS Selection Committee Chair, is adamant about selecting at-large teams that have seven Division I wins. As this doesn't disqualify teams from earning an at-large bid, history holds that no six Division I win team has entered the post-season as an at-large. Below is an at-large snapshot:

**Appointed....Eastern Kentucky** had a solid season with a head-to-head victory over Jacksonville State, which probably made the difference in their selection. **James Madison** dropped three conference games to the top CAA squads, which didn't hurt them. The Dukes have playoff experience and potential to make moves. After a 1-3 start, **Central Arkansas** won their final seven games of the season in good fashion. Two of their three losses were to FBS teams and the 3rd loss to #1 ranked Sam Houston State. The Bears will be entering the playoffs with a much confidence.

**Disappointed....Liberty** is frustrated another year. The Flames just can't make it out of the Big South smoothly. LU had a good season to show for it. **Portland State, Youngstown State, Illinois State, and Indiana State** each lost their final games and wiped away their playoff hopes. These teams had key wins throughout the season but couldn't compete with other bubble teams to make the cut. **Delaware** had wins against CAA foes Towson and Old Dominion, but losses to UMass and Rhode Island hurt them. Wins over MEAC's worst, Delaware State and Div II, West Chester didn't help. **Georgetown** had their best season in years but had to win the Patriot League to get in, as no at-large teams stream from the Patriot. **Bethune-Cookman** ended at 2nd best in MEAC play. They played FBS inter-state foe, Miami, tough earlier this year and was the only conference team to defeat MEAC champ, Norfolk State. The MEAC wasn't strong enough this year to place an at-large.

### **FCS Conference representation....**

Colonial- 5

Southern- 3

Big Sky, Missouri Valley, Ohio Valley, Southland- 2

MEAC, Patriot, Northeast, Big South- 1

Great West, Ivy, SWAC, and Pioneer conferences do not have automatic bids and at-large participants.

## FCS LEADERBOARD

**Here are the category leaders for Week 12 of FCS Football** (Source: [NCAA.com](http://NCAA.com))

### Total Offense (total yds/game)

1	Bo Levi Mitchell	Eastern Wash.	364.00
2	Casey Therriault	Jackson St.	355.55
3	Chris Lum	Lehigh	348.64

### Passing (completions/game)

1	Jonathan Carkhuff	Davidson	31.64
2	Zach Lewis	Morehead St.	29.45
3	Bo Levi Mitchell	Eastern Wash.	28.91

### Total Team Offense (total yds/game)

1	Jackson St.	490.91
2	Morehead St.	478.91
3	Lehigh	478.82

#### Total Team Defense (opp total yds/game)

1 Texas Southern	245.00
2 Sam Houston St.	259.91
3 Norfolk St.	266.00

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



The Sam Houston State Bearkats are the only undefeated FCS team at 11-0.  
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#### **KILI BOWL**

Did you know that an FCS team played in the **first ever American football game in Africa**? **The Drake Bulldogs** competed against the CONADEIP All-stars from Mexico on May 21, 2011 in Arusha, Tanzania under the shadows of Mount Kilimanjaro. Drake won 17-7.

**CBS** is airing a **documentary** highlighting this game on **Monday, November 21, 2011 at 7pm ET**. Tune in!

#### **UPSET COUNTER**

##### **The 2011 season ended with 6 upsets over FBS opponents:**

Sacramento State over Oregon State, 29-29 OT  
Richmond over Duke, 23-21  
Indiana State over Western Kentucky, 44-16  
North Dakota State over Minnesota, 37-24  
Sam Houston State over New Mexico, 48-45 OT  
Southern Utah over UNLV, 41-16

**Trivia Results:** Craig Haley of Philadelphia, PA answered last week's trivia question correctly. The winningest FCS team of the 2000's in percentage (.838%) and victories (119) was Montana.

**Trivia Question:** Since the FCS began in 1978, Sam Houston State is the 2nd team in the Southland Conference to go 11-0 in the regular season. Who was the first?

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