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The 2012 FCS Football season is just weeks away. Here are a few things to get you caught up.

- There are now 122 teams (126 in 2011) in 13 conferences (15 in 2011) in FCS Football
- The Great West Conference is defunct and there are no Independents
- Teams that moved to FBS level are UT-San Antonio, Texas State, South Alabama, and UMass.
- Big Sky has the largest conference now at 13 teams (4 came over from the Great West)
- There are [14 new head coaches in 9 conferences](#).
- A 20 team post-season selection will continue in 2012....NCAA will likely increase to 24 teams in 2013.

The 2012 FCS Preseason polls are finalized for each conference. Here are the teams ranked #1 going into the upcoming season (coaches picks):

Big Sky- Montana State Bobcats
Big South- Stony Brook Seawolves
Colonial Athletic- Towson Tigers
Ivy League- Harvard Crimson
Ohio Valley- Eastern Kentucky Colonels
Patriot League- Lehigh Mountain Hawks
MEAC- Norfolk State Spartans
Missouri Valley- North Dakota State Bison
Northeast- Albany Great Danes
Pioneer- San Diego Toreros
Southern- Georgia Southern Eagles
Southland- Sam Houston State Bearkats
SWAC- Grambling State Tigers

- Lehigh is the only team from this group that was preseason #1 from 2011
- This is Norfolk State's first #1 preseason ranking in the MEAC
- Towson went from ranked last in 2011 preseason to first place in 2012
- Only 3 preseason #1 teams from 2011 went to the playoffs last year (N. Iowa, Lehigh, App State)

See the [full preseason polls for each conference](#), conference MVP's, and more



Former App State WR, Brian Quick is now with the St. Louis Rams

This year's NFL Draft was one of the most highly anticipated featuring big time FBS talent: Andrew Luck (#1 pick/Stanford), Robert Griffin III (Heisman winner/Baylor), Trent Richardson (2012 BCS Champion/Alabama), and many others.

[12 FCS players were drafted by the NFL](#) featuring App State's star WR, Brian Quick going 1st in the 2nd round to the St. Louis Rams.

[89 FCS players were NFL undrafted free agents](#) featuring William & Mary RB, Jonathan Grimes (Houston Texans) and 2008 FCS Champion, WR Tre Gray (Arizona Cardinals).

[4 FCS players were drafted into the CFL](#) including Christo Bilukidi who was drafted by the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and the Oakland Raiders of the NFL. Christo is the first player from Georgia State to be drafted into the NFL.



Head Coach Craig Bohl of the 2012 FCS Champion North Dakota State Bison is focused on a repeat for the FCS crown

Trivia Results: The only FCS team that went undefeated during the regular season and no longer has a football program is Boston University (1993; 11-0 record)

Trivia Question: How many FCS teams are ineligible for 2012 post-season play and why?

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