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Week 11 Recap

FBS upset counter- 10:
McNeese State 27, Middle Tennessee 21
Eastern Washington 20, Idaho 3
Youngstown State 31, Pittsburgh 17
UT- Martin 20, Memphis 17
North Dakota State 22, Colorado State 7
Illinois State 31, Eastern Michigan 14
Sacramento State 30, Colorado 28
Northern Arizona 17, UNLV 14
Cal Poly 24, Wyoming 22
Stony Brook 23, Army 3

- Hats off to.....Saint Francis broke a 6-game losing streak and get their 3rd win in 20 tries against Monmouth, 45-31...Colgate ended Lehigh's 18-game regular season win streak, 35-24...Coastal Carolina scored 65 points against Presbyterian- the most points they've scored ever on the road... NC A&T broke an 11-game skid against rival SC State, 17-7.
- <u>Largest margin of victory:</u> 58 pts- Coastal Carolina 65, Presbyterian 7



Illinois State is hungry for the playoffs. They host FCS champs, North Dakota State in a MVC showdown.

- Shortest margin of victory: 5 games decided by 1 point
- # of shut-outs: 1 Norfolk State 30, Morgan State 0
- <u>20 OT games this season:</u> 4 in week 11- Wofford 16, Chattanooga 13 (OT); Davidson 28, Valparaiso 27 (OT); Tenn Tech 45, Tenn-Martin 44 (OT); Southern Utah 35, N. Arizona 29 (3OT)
- Game with highest attendance: Furman at Appalachian State- 28,986

The final regular season for the FCS features 7 FBS matchups:

- Western Carolina at Alabama
- Jacksonville St at Florida
- Wofford at South Carolina
- Georgia Southern at Georgia
- Alabama A&M at Auburn
- Sam Houston St at Texas A&M
- Samford at Kentucky

See the rest of the FCS schedules for week 12

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The FCS Top 25 for Week 11 is out. No change in the top 5.

- 1. North Dakota State
- 2. Montana State
- 3. Sam Houston State
- 4. Old Dominion
- 5. Eastern Washington

Guess which teams finally made the top 25

The Haves and Have-nots

We're down to the knitty-gritty and like with each year, there are teams that are in and those trying to get in the playoffs. Here 's a quick conference outlook:

<u>Big Sky-</u> Four teams tied at 6-1: Montana State, Cal Poly, N. Arizona, E. Washington. Montana State will likely take the crown and the others should be at-large contenders.

<u>Big South-</u>Stony Brook only had to beat Liberty to win the crown, but in a 3rd straight year, it comes down to the final game. Coastal Carolina may win the conference with a win over Charleston Southern. Stony Brook's impressive season included a win over Army, might get them through.

<u>Colonial-</u>Old Dominion holds the best overall record but is ineligible for a conference crown this year. They will be in the playoffs, however. That leaves New Hampshire as the top prospect to win the CAA. There are 3 others that are at-large contenders: Richmond, Villanova, and James Madison. Towson must beat New Hampshire on the road to be in the conversation, as they are seeking their 7th win over a D1 opponent.

<u>MEAC-</u> Bethune-Cookman has already clinched the MEAC even if they lose to arch-rival Florida A&M this weekend. Coach Brain Jenkins will have his 2nd conference title in his 3rd years at BCU.

<u>Missouri Valley-</u>Defending FCS champs, North Dakota State will win the conference with a win over Illinois State. A bubble team that didn't make it last year, Illinois State will give the Bison all they have on Saturday. Even with a loss, they should be in at-large conversation. South Dakota State will be in the mix. The winner of the Indiana State and Youngstown State game will make for another bubble team and put 4 teams from the MVC in

<u>Northeast-</u>Wagner just needs to win against Duquesne to win the automatic bid. If they lose and Albany beats Cent Conn State, Albany will advance.

<u>Ohio Valley-</u> Eastern Illinois clinched the OVC crown. Eastern Kentucky is done at 8-3 sitting in 2nd place with crossing fingers to get in. Tenn State plays at Tenn- Martin and the winner may have a prayer for an at-large look. Tenn State has one of their better seasons but with weak out of conference wins. Tenn-Martin defeated FBS opponent, Memphis and handedly beat conf winner, Eastern Illinois earlier this season.

<u>Patriot-</u> Colgate made a statement by upsetting Lehigh and winning the conference. Lehigh will go 10-1 if they defeat Lafayette Saturday but it may not be enough for an at-large bid from the Patriot League.

<u>Southern-</u> Georgia Southern, App State, and Wofford beat each other this season and will share the conference ring. The Eagles will probably earn the higher seed out the trio in the playoffs.

<u>Southland-</u> Central Arkansas wins the automatic bid yet share the crown with Sam Houston State. SHSU looks to get back into the playoffs after going undefeated last year only to lose the championship game to North Dakota State.

** Pioneer Football League will have an automatic playoff bid starting in 2013 when the FCS expands to 24 post-season teams. Ivy League and SWAC conferences do not participate in post-season play.

FCS LEADERBOARD

(source: NCAA.com) Week 11

Total Individual Offense (Total vds/Game)

1	Taylor Heinicke	Old Dominion	418.80
2	Casey Brockman	Murray St.	355.30
3	Jimmy Garoppolo	Eastern III.	339.10
4	Kevin Yost	Idaho St.	332.60
5	Jeff Mathews	Cornell	329.88
6	Brady Attaway	Stephen F. Austin	319.20
7	Gavin McCarney	Colgate	317.20

<u>Total Team Offense</u> (Total yds/Game)

1 Old Dominion 556.80 2 Stephen F. Austin 500.10

3 Colgate	499.40
4 Eastern III.	498.80
5 Murray St.	495.80
6 Sam Houston St.	490.30
7 Harvard	484.11

Passing (completions per game)

33.90
32.40
30.30
29.70
28.70
28.70
27.50

<u>Total Team Defense</u> (avg yds allowed per game)

1	North Dakota St.	183.50
2	N.C. A&T	266.00
3	Norfolk St.	278.09
4	Mississippi Val.	283.00
5	Sam Houston St.	283.20
6	Indiana St.	286.60
7	ArkPine Bluff	290.90

Click here to see where your FCS team ranks in these categories

<u>Trivia Results</u>: The FCS teams with the best field goal percentage thus far this season are Western Illinois (10 for 10) and Central Conn State (7 for 7).

Trivia Question: This week Lehigh faces Lafayette in Patriot League play. What is the significance of this matchup historically?

Enter your trivia answer here. Trivia answer and winner will be announced on the next digest.

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