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Week 12 recap

- Hats off to.....Arkansas-Pine Bluff for reaching a 9-win season for the first time since 1994 and second time ever...Morehead State tied their second largest scoring output ever of 76 points against Valparaiso (24)...first year head coach, Joe Moglia, won his first Big South title with Coastal Carolina.
- Largest margin of victory: 52 pts- Morehead State 76, Valparaiso 24
- Shortest margin of victory: 2 games decided by 1 point- N. Colorado 28, North Dakota 27; Arkansas-Pine Bluff 42, Prairie View 41.
- # of shut-outs: 5
- 21 OT games this season: 1 in week 12- NC A&T 22, NC Central 16
- Game with highest attendance: Florida A&M vs. Bethune-Cookman- 32,317 (Florida Classic, Orlando, FL)

The 2012 FCS regular-season is over. Here are some quick facts on players, teams, and more.

There were 10 FBS upsets:

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 Ilinois 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

- #1 rusher: Miguel Maysonet (RB, Stony Brook), 1721 net yds (223 carries)
- #1 passer: Casey Brockman (QB, Murray State),
 32.64 completions per game
- #1 receiver: Erik Lora (WR, E. Illinois), 1531 yds (124 catches)
- #1 scorer: Gavin McCarney (QB, Colgate), 134 points (22 TD's)
- #1 sacker: Brandon Thurmond (DL, Arkansas-Pine Bluff), 1.50 sacks per game/15 solo
- #1 punter: Andy Wilder (P, N. Arizona), 46.33 avg punt yardage per game
- #1 FG kicker: Pat Smith (K, W. Illinois) 10 of 10; Juan Duque (K, Cent Conn St), 7 of 7
- #1 team total offense: Old Dominion 538.27 yds per game
- #1 team total defense: North Dakota State- 195.73 yds allowed per game
- Fewest penalties per game: Citadel- 3.82 penalties for 325 yds
- School with the highest game attendance: Appalachian State- 27,964 avg per game



Stony Brook's Miguel Maysonet is a frontrunner for the Walter Payton Award

The 2012 playoffs are here! 20 teams were selected into the field with 4 games kicking off this Saturday.

Here's a quick look of the first round action:

#24 Colgate (8-3) at Wagner (8-3) - 12pm ET on ESPN3

- First matchup between these 2 teams
- Wagner's first conference championship since 1992 (Liberty Football Conf)
- Colgate's first Patriot League ring since 2008

Coastal Carolina (7-4) at #22 Bethune-Cookman (9-2) - 2pm ET on ESPN3

- Bethune-Cookman's first game against a Big South opponent
- First time that an HBCU and MEAC team will host multiple playoff games
- Coastal Carolina's 5th conference championship since joining the Big South in 2003

#25 Eastern Illinois (7-4) at #19 South Dakota State (8-3) - 3pm ET on ESPN3

- First matchup between these 2 teams
- Eastern Illinois is 4-0 against teams from the state of South Dakota
- South Dakota State's first game against an Ohio Valley Conference opponent

#14 Villanova (8-3) at #10 Stony Brook (9-2) - 3pm ET on ESPN3

- First time the Big South has 2 teams in the post-season
- First matchup between these 2 teams
- Villanova is 5-0 in first round playoff games since 1997.

Click here to see the full playoff bracket

If you can't catch these games, here are 2 games on cable:

- Tuskegee vs. Alablama State Thanksgiving Day, 4pm ET on ESPNU
- Southern vs. Grambling State "Bayou Classic" Saturday, 2:30pm ET on NBC

<u>Trivia Results</u>: Tex Noel of Bedford, IN answered last week's trivia. The significance of the Lehigh/Lafayette game last Saturday was that it is the most-played rivalry in college football. These teams have played 147 times since 1884.

Trivia Question: If Bethune-Cookman wins Saturday, they will be the first HBCU team to win an FCS playoff game since 1999. Who was the last team(s) to do so in that year?

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

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