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Playoff - Round 2 recap

Illinois State upset Appalachian State, 38-37 OT

- After App State scored a TD in OT, The Redbirds blocked the PAT to win the game.
- The Mountaineers' 3rd straight playoff game loss at home.
- Illinois State is a perfect 6-0 on the road this season & won 8 straight away games going back to 2011.

Georgia Southern defeated Central Arkansas, 24-16

- QB, Jerick McKinnon rushed for season-high 316 yds and 2 TD's for the Eagles.
- Georgia Southern is now 13-1 when playing their first playoff game at home.

Old Dominion topped Coastal Carolina, 63-35

- 4th time this season that ODU's QB, Taylor Heinicke passed for over 485 yds.
- 3rd time this season ODU scored more than 60 points.

Wofford beat New Hampshire, 23-7

- Sr. RB, Eric Breitenstein rushed for 247 yds and 3 TD's for the Terriers.
- 2nd time New Hampshire was held to only 7 points in a playoff game.

North Dakota State handled South Dakota State, 28-3

- The Bison held SDSU to 217 total net yds - keeping their pts allowed/game average the lowest in FCS.
- 3 points was the lowest scoring total for SDSU versus an FCS opponent since 9/2010.
- North Dakota State averages 36 points/game at home in the post-season.

Sam Houston State got past Cal Poly, 18-16

- Saturday was the 8th time this season that SHSU's RB, Tim Flanders has rushed for 100+ yds in a game.
- Lowest scoring output for Cal Poly in over 2 years, and lowest for SHSU this season.

Eastern Washington defeated Wagner, 29-19

- EWU's WR, Brandon Kaufman remains the Big Sky's reception leader with 1,435 yds this season and 9 games with 100+ receiving yards.
- The Eagles are now 4-1 at home in the playoffs all-time.

Montana State beat Stony Brook, 16-10

- Stony Brook's lowest scoring output since 2009.
- Seawolves' star RB, Miguel Maysonet's only game this season without scoring a TD.
- MSU's WR, Tanner Belkin more than doubled his season's reception average last Saturday with 32.5 yds per reception with 4 grabs for 130 yds.

Game with highest attendance: Coastal Carolina at Old Dominion- 20,068

Did you know....

- Illinois State is the only FCS team with 2 overtime wins this season.
- Since reviving its football program in 2009, Old Dominion has not lost to a team from the Carolinas.
- Of the playoff teams above, Central Arkansas is the youngest FCS member (joined in 2010 from Div II).



Appalachian State head coach, Jerry Moore resigned this past week after a 24 year tenure

Here are a few accolades from the legendary Jerry Moore:

- Led App State to the FCS' first win against a ranked FBS team (beat Michigan 34-32 in 2007)
- 2nd oldest head coach in the FCS
- 2006 Eddie Robinson Award winner for FCS coach of the year
- 10 Southern Conference championships
- 18 post-season appearances (8 straight)

**** The Underdawg went 6-2 in Round 2 of the playoffs and is 9-3 overall. For the Round 3 Quarterfinals, we project the home teams to split- North Dakota State and Eastern Washington to win at home, and Sam Houston State and Georgia Southern to win on the road. ****

[Here's the lineup for Round 3 Quarterfinals](#)

#5 Sam Houston State (9-3) at #2 Montana State (11-1) - Friday, Dec 7th at 8pm ET on ESPN2

These two met same time last year with SMSU winning, 49-13 in Hunstville, TX. Things shift to Montana State this year. The Bearkats are 1-4 in the state of Montana. MSU is 7th in the FCS in rush defense at 98 yds rushing yds allowed/game. Can MSU stop Tim Flanders and the Sam Houston State rush-attack?

#6 Georgia Southern (9-3) at #3 Old Dominion (11-1) - Saturday, Dec 8th at 12pm ET on ESPN

The Eagles hosted the Monarchs in a 2011 post-season matchup in Statesboro, GA and won in an offensive standoff, 55-48. Now, it's onto ODU's turf on Saturday. The FCS' championship leader visits the FCS' best offense- a game worthy of a prime spot on ESPN. Second meeting between these two.

#9 Wofford (9-3) at #1 North Dakota State (11-1) - Saturday, Dec 8th at 3pm ET on ESPN Game Plan & ESPN3

The defending champion Bison will try to make it 3-0 against Southern Conference teams and 2nd straight year defeating a SoCon team at home in the playoffs. Wofford standout RB, Eric Breitenstein is the FCS' active career rushing leader and will face the FCS' #1 defense. Something's gotta give. This will be Wofford's 2nd straight year and 2nd time ever playing in a dome.

#16 Illinois State (9-3) at #4 Eastern Washington (10-2) - Saturday, Dec 8th at 6pm ET on ESPN3.

Second meeting between these two with ISU winning the first one in Spokane, WA back in 1987. EWU is 2-8 against the Missouri Valley Conference, and ISU is 2-2 against the Big Sky Conference. Will statistics pave an upset win for the Redbirds? Or will the Eagles' 4-1 home playoff record and six game home win streak take effect?

[Click here to see the full playoff bracket](#)

[Other FCS game results:](#)

San Diego defeated Marist, 34-10

- San Diego's win made for a 3-way share of the Pioneer Football League title with Butler and Drake. All three teams finished with 8-3 overall and 7-1 league records. The Toreros have won 5 titles since the PFL formed for the 1993 season.

Oregon State trounced Nicholls, 77-3.

- Largest defeat ever for Nicholls
- 2nd largest scoring output for Oregon State

[SWAC Championship Game](#)

Jackson State (7-4) faces Arkansas-Pine Bluff (9-2) - Saturday, Dec 8th at 1:02pm ET on ESPNU.

- UAPB is going for its 1st SWAC title in over 45 years
- Jackson State is looking for its 17th SWAC championship since 1961
- The SWAC is the oldest organized conference in the FCS (formed in 1920)

A FALLEN CHIEF

This past week, Kansas City Chiefs LB, Jovan Belcher committed a tragic murder/suicide. But did you know that he formerly played FCS football? Jovan played for the Maine Black Bears of the Colonial Athletic Association from 2005-2008. Ironically, he earned a bachelor's degree in child development and family relations. Belcher was in his fourth year with the Chiefs as an undrafted free agent.

Trivia Results: Craig Haley of Philadelphia, PA chimed in first on last week's trivia. Of the playoff teams from last weekend, the team with the longest winning streak to-date is Wagner at 9.

Trivia Question: What is the only winless FCS team for the 2012 season?

[Enter your trivia answer](#) here. Trivia answer and winner will be announced on the next digest.

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