

## 1. THE 500 CLUB

Last week's digest outlined the top 5 offensive teams that led the FCS in 2010. One thing we noticed was that no team reached the 500+ mark for average points in the season. Many came close...Jacksonville Univ. averaged just over 486 total yards to lead the FCS.

Historically, the 500+ pts avg per season mark had a streak from 1991-2009, with 50 different occurrences since 1984. 19 years is a steady length of time to showcase offensive powerhouses- from Georgia Southern to Mississippi Valley State. Who can get this streak started again? Who will lead their teams back into the 500 Club in 2011? What better place to begin than with the Walter Payton prospects.

**Here is the 2011 Walter Payton Preseason Award Watch List:** *(Courtesy of Todd Wetmore, Liberty Univ Asst. Athletics Director)*

Eric Breitenstean, FB, Wofford (2010 Watch List member)  
Casey Brockman, QB, Murray State  
Mike Brown, QB, Liberty (2010 Watch List member)  
B.J. Coleman, QB, Chattanooga  
Jamaine Cook, RB, Youngstown State  
Thomas DeMarco, QB, Old Dominion  
Nate Eachus, RB, Colgate (2010 Watch List member)  
Jonathan Grimes, RB, William & Mary  
Brandon Kaufman, WR, Eastern Washington  
Mike Mayhew, RB, North Carolina A&T  
DeNarius McGhee, QB, Montana State (2010 Watch List member)  
Josh McGregor, QB, Jacksonville  
D.J. McNorton, RB, North Dakota State  
Bo Levi Mitchell, QB, Eastern Washington  
Andrew Pierce, RB, Delaware  
DeAndre Presley, QB, Appalachian State (2010 Watch List member)  
Tirrell Rennie, QB, Northern Iowa  
Brad Sorensen, QB, Southern Utah  
Chris Summers, WR, Liberty  
Casey Therriault, QB, Jackson State (2010 Watch List member)

### **Here are some facts around the "500 Club":**

- What years had the most teams avg 500+ pts in a season? 2004 & 2005; 4 different teams each year
- Which FCS teams have the most 500+ pt seasons? Montana- 8; Ga Southern- 7; Delaware, Appalachian St, & Marshall- 3
- Out of 33 years of FCS champions, only 12 years experienced the champion averaging 500+ pts in that season: 1986, 1989, 1999, 2000- Ga Southern; 1992- Marshall; 1995, 2001- Montana; 1998- UMass; 2003- Delaware; 2006, 2007- Appalachian St.; 2008- Richmond
- Which FCS team had the highest avg yds in a season? Ga Southern, 747 yds avg in 1999
- Which FCS teams went undefeated while averaging 500+ pts a season? Ga Southern, 15-0 in 1989; Holy Cross, 11-0 in 1987.
- Which FCS team had the lowest PA while averaging 500+ in a season? Holy Cross- held opponents to 110 yds per game in 1987 while averaging 511 pts per game themselves.

See the [full list of 500 Club stats](#). Stats were provided by [Tex Noel/1st & Goal](#)

## 2. FREE AGENCY IN THE FCS

The 2011 Undrafted NFL Picks were recently released. The Underdawg has a [complete list](#) of players and their positions, FCS school, and conferences.

Did the league pick up someone from your favorite FCS team?

**Here are a few quick facts from the 2011 Undrafted NFL pool:**

- Which FCS schools sent the most free agents to the NFL ? Delaware & South Dakota St., 3 each
- Which FCS conference sent the most free agents to the NFL? CAA & Missouri Valley, 9 each
- What is the only FCS conference that did not have any undrafted free agents? Pioneer
- What NFL team drafted the most free agent FCS players? Detroit Lions, 5 (St. Louis & J'ville, 4)

**3. THROUGH THE FIRE**

This summer's heat wave is a secret to no one. Thus far in 2011, the heat index has hit the roof, affecting every nook and cranny from Minnesota to Maine. So what do you think the players are going through? Well, with many football organizations, from prep leagues to NFL players, there are reduced practices being enforced. Although several schools and conferences are restricting number of practices to reduce concussions, the heat wave plays a major role. The Ivy League stepped up to enforce such ruling as they allow only two full-contact practices a week. The NCAA allows five a week.

To give you a glimpse of the heat impact, The Underdawg provided a list of the "hottest" FCS locations that are facing the brunt of this summer's heat wave. It's no coincidence that the South is represented! San Antonio is the hottest location on the FCS map. Although, the Roadrunners catch a break by practicing and playing games under the Alamodome. Outside UTSA, Houston is the hottest for summer practices and any first few games in Sept. Tallahassee, FL is the hottest for spring practice & game sessions. Check out a [list of the top 30](#) across the FCS.

**FCS School, Location, and Average summer temp (June-Sept)**

UT-San Antonio (San Antonio, TX).....92.7 degrees  
Texas Southern Univ (Houston, TX).....91.8 degrees  
Grambling St. Univ.(Grambling, LA).....91.2 degrees  
Alabama St. Univ.(Montgomery, AL).....90.8 degrees  
Florida A&M Univ.(Tallahassee, FL).....90.7 degrees

**FCS School, Location, and Average spring temp (April spring practice)**

UT-San Antonio (San Antonio, TX).....80.4 degrees  
Florida A&M Univ.(Tallahassee, FL).....80 degrees  
Bethune-Cookman Univ. (Daytona Beach, FL)....79.8 degrees  
Texas Southern Univ (Houston, TX).....79.4 degrees  
Prairie View A&M Univ (Prairie View, TX).....79.1 degrees

Do hot temps determine your home game kickoff time? While FCS teams kickoff earlier than 2:30pm on average (barring any TV time), these 7 below kickoff a bit later. Stay cool this season everybody!

**FCS School, Location, and Average kickoff time for 2011 home games**

UT-San Antonio (San Antonio, TX).....1:00 pm (dome)  
Bethune-Cookman Univ. (Daytona Beach, FL)..... 3:48 pm  
Texas Southern Univ (Houston, TX)..... 4:00 pm  
Grambling St. Univ.(Grambling, LA).....3:00 pm  
Alabama St. Univ.(Montgomery, AL).....3:48 pm  
Florida A&M Univ.(Tallahassee, FL).....5:25 pm  
Prairie View A&M Univ (Prairie View, TX).....4:40 pm

Weather source: [Weather.com](http://Weather.com); [WUnderground.com](http://WUnderground.com)

#### **4. SATELLITE RADIO IS ON THE MOVE**

For the satellite radio listeners, you can tune into Sirius XM for HSRN broadcasts of key HBCU matchups this fall. HSRN, the Heritage Sports Radio Network, was founded in 2006 and provides a sports voice for the HBCU community. 23 games will be broadcasted including several classics such as the Florida Classic on Nov. 19 (Florida A&M vs. Bethune-Cookman) and Bayou Classic on Nov. 26 (Southern vs Grambling). HSRN will kickoff the season with N.C. Central of the MEAC versus FBS opponent, Rutgers Univ on Sept. 1.

Visit [Onnidan.com](http://Onnidan.com) for HSRN's complete schedule and for more FCS info around HBCU football!

#### **5. OBITUARY**

Richard Harris died Tuesday, July 26th after collapsing at Canad Inns Stadium, where he was asst head coach and defensive line coach of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. Harris, a defensive lineman, spent eight seasons in the NFL after being picked fifth overall in the 1971 draft by the Philadelphia Eagles. He was all-rookie that year. He played three seasons with the Eagles before joining the Chicago Bears for two years. Harris finished his career by playing three seasons with the Seattle Seahawks.

Harris played at Grambling State University under legendary head coach Eddie Robinson. He was 63 years old.

**Trivia Results:** Congrats to Daniel Grisham of Charlotte, NC for answering last week's trivia. The FCS schools with the least distance (mileage) between them are Norfolk State and Old Dominion (4.0 miles apart). They are both located in Norfolk, VA. (FYI: Howard U. and Georgetown U. are 4.1 miles apart, located in Washington, D.C.; Fordham and Columbia U., of New York, NY, are 6.84 miles apart.)

**Trivia Question:** What are the only 2 FCS schools that share the same city name within their names?

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