

Issue No. 51- Week of 9/4/2013

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[Week 1 recap](#)

Hats off to....

- **8 FCS upsets over FBS programs:**

Towson 33, UConn 18
Southern Utah 22, South Alabama 21
Samford 31, Georgia State 21
North Dakota State 24, Kansas State 21
Eastern Washington 49, Oregon State 46
McNeese State 53, South Florida 21
Northern Iowa 28, Iowa State 20
Eastern Illinois 40, San Diego State 19

- Four of the five newcomers get their **first win in the FCS**: Charlotte, Stetson, Mercer, and Abilene Christian
- **Charleston Southern** beats Citadel for 1st time since 2006 and get their first road win against an FCS opponent since 2009 (Presbyterian)
- **Largest margin of victory: 78 pts.** Abilene Christian 84, Concordia (AL) 6. There were 3 other games with 70+ pt margins.
- **# of shut-outs: 8** (largest was Lamar 75, Panhandle State 0)
- **# of OT games: None**



NDSU has defeated an FBS team four straight years. Friday night they stunned defending Big 12 champ Kansas State, 24-21.

Did You Know?

Eastern Washington's upset win over Oregon State was only the 3rd FCS team to beat a ranked FBS team. Seven of the eight upsets had payouts totaling \$2.3M. Eastern Washington pulled the largest payday last Saturday at \$450,000. It's no wonder why some FBS programs shy away from playing certain FCS teams. (Contributor: Trevor Busby, Minneapolis, MN)

The FCS TOP 25 Rankings are out. Here are the top 5:

1. North Dakota State
2. Eastern Washington
3. Montana State
4. Sam Houston State
5. Towson

[See the rest of the TOP 25 FCS Rankings](#)

Week 2

- 1 game on Thursday, 9/5...FBS matchup- Sac State at Arizona State
- 1 game on Friday, 9/6
- 85 games on Saturday, 9/7...33 are FBS matchups

FBS upset alert:

- Chattanooga vs Georgia State
- New Hampshire vs. Central Michigan
- James Madison vs. Akron
- Montana State vs. SMU
- Maine vs. UMass
- Old Dominion vs. Maryland

GAME OF THE WEEK

North Carolina A&T at #21 App State

Non-intentional for us to have App State in consecutive "game of the week" feature. This game was chosen with implications of an upset. Historically, A&T hasn't defeated a Southern Conference team since 2004 (beat Elon) and App State since 1993. But they are (expected to be) a different Aggie squad this season.

Although they were not allowed to have 2013 spring practice due to poor academic progress rate scores, A&T made (single-year score) necessary improvements, had the restrictions lifted by the NCAA and are post-season & MEAC championship eligible. Coach Rod Broadway will return all four starters from a secondary that posted the #1 pass defense, and seven starters from a defense that was ranked #2 in total and scoring defense in all of FCS.

App State's 6 pts against Montana last weekend was there lowest scoring output against an FCS team since 1998. They have a lot to make up for this Saturday at home. Will the Mountaineers continue their 40 pt scoring average against the Aggies all-time, or will the Aggies' defense help pull off an upset? This regional rival takes place in the FCS' highest attendance stadium (Kidd-Brewer Stadium- 26,000 avg in 2012) at 6pm ET.

FCS LEADERBOARD

(source: NCAA.com)

Passing Yards

Rank	Name	Team	Pass Yds
1	Brady Attaway	Stephen F. Austin	450
2	Vernon Adams	Eastern Wash.	411
3	Jimmy Garoppolo	Eastern Ill.	361
4	Will Fiacchi	Albany (NY)	346
5	Austin Sumner	South Dakota St.	326
6	Mike Westerhaus	Bryant	323
7	Seth Lobato	Northern Colo.	314

Total Offense (individual)

Rank	Name	Team	YPG
1	Vernon Adams	Eastern Wash.	518.0
2	Brady Attaway	Stephen F. Austin	448.0
3	Jimmy Garoppolo	Eastern Ill.	381.0
4	Will Fiacchi	Albany (NY)	344.0
5	Caleb Berry	Lamar	330.0
6	Logan Johnson	Morehead St.	328.0
7	Kory Faulkner	Southern Ill.	322.0

Total Offense (team)

Rank	Team	YPG
1	Portland St.	672.0
2	Eastern Wash.	625.0
3	Lamar	615.0
4	Delaware	611.0
5	Stephen F. Austin	564.0
6	Montana St.	561.0
7	South Dakota St.	546.0

Total Defense

Rank	Team	YPG
1	Sam Houston St.	90.0
2	Richmond	174.0
-	North Dakota	174.0
4	Tennessee Tech	179.0
5	Lamar	180.0
6	Stetson	193.0
7	Gardner-Webb	213.0

[Click here to see where your FCS team ranks](#)

Trivia Answer: Thanks to Eric Burdick of Cal Poly and Craig Haley of Philadelphia, PA for answering last week's trivia. The coach that left an FCS team to now coach an FBS team is Ron Caragher, going from San Diego to San Jose State. Another coach not mentioned was Trent Miles, going from Indiana State to Georgia State, who is in their first year in the FBS.

Trivia Question: Week 1 saw eight FBS upsets. In 2012, there were 10 upsets over FBS programs. What FCS/FBS upset had the largest margin of victory in 2012?

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

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