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[Week 4 recap](#)

Hats off to....

- **No FCS upsets in week 4 (13 to-date):**

Bethune-Cookman 34, FIU 13
Fordham 30, Temple 29
Chattanooga 42, Georgia State 14
Maine 24, UMass 14
Nicholls 27, Western Michigan 23
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

- With last week's "Game of the Week" implication, Gardner-Webb defeated Wofford, 3-0....first time beating ranked teams back-to-back.
- Alcorn State's 21-16 win over Ark-Pine Bluff was only the 3rd time they've beat a defending SWAC champion since the Braves won the title in 1994.
- Eastern Illinois and Maine came pretty close in FBS upsets with Northern Illinois and Northwestern, respectively.
- **Largest margin of victory: 76 pts.** Ohio State 76, Florida A&M 0
- **# of shut-outs: 9**
- **# of OT games: 2** - Jacksonville St 32, Georgia St 26; Southern Utah 24, Sacramento St 21
- **Largest accumulative attendance in 2013: James Madison- 63,119**



The Walkup Skydome will be jumping as #24 N. Arizona hosts #7 Montana. The Lumberjacks seek their 1st home win against the Grizz since 1997.

MEAC woes

- Although Florida A&M suffered its worst loss in program history to Ohio State, it collected its highest game payout ever at \$900,000. That's higher than 10 of the 35 FBS bowl games and the highest FCS payout ever. I guess no pain, no gain.
- Coaches decided to play a 12 minute 4th quarter (instead of 15) in the Miami vs. Savannah State game last Saturday. The Hurricanes were up 77-7 entering the period.
- Hampton gave up 40 first half pts to Coastal Carolina and suffered a 33 pt loss...it's largest margin of defeat against an FCS team in 5 seasons.
- Norfolk State has its first 0-3 start since 2005. Offense has posted 18 pts over the first 3 games of the season...the Spartans lowest first 3-game output since 1964.

Ancient 8

The Ivy League began the season last weekend with 6 of the 8 teams victorious in non-conference play. Columbia ran into a tough, ranked Fordham squad, and Princeton couldn't hold onto a lead with Lehigh in a close one at home. Harvard's **Conner Hempel** and Dartmouth's **Dayln Williams** are among the **top 5 offensive leaders**; Yale's at #3 in **team offense**; and **Brown and Penn** are #2 and #3, respectively in **team defense**. Nice start for the Ivy's!

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

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

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

Week 5

- 2 games on Thursday, 9/26....Howard at NC A&T- 7:30pm ET on ESPN; #18 Cal Poly at Portland State- 10:15pm ET.
- All other games on Saturday, 9/28....No FBS matchups

GAME OF THE WEEK

#2 E. Washington at #4 Sam Houston State

There are several good matchups this weekend amongst ranked and unranked FCS teams, and plenty of good conference play. However, we would be remiss to recognize these two powerhouses going head-to-head. SHSU held on to a late rally by the Eagles in last season's semi-final playoff game...winning 45-42. The only other matchup was in 2004 in the playoff quarterfinals where SHSU won another close one, 35-34. Both games were on EWU's home field. Big time FCS game on Saturday at Bowers Stadium in Huntsville, TX, 3pm ET.

FCS LEADERBOARD

(source: NCAA.com)

Passing Yards

Rank	Name	Team	Pass Yds
1	Jimmy Garoppolo	Eastern Ill.	1731
2	Brady Attaway	Stephen F. Austin	1255
3	Dray Joseph	Southern U.	1223
4	Brandon Bialkowski	Lehigh	1171
5	Wynrick Smothers	Central Ark.	1155
6	Michael Nebrich	Fordham	1124
7	Michael Strauss	Richmond	1080

[Total Offense \(individual\)](#)

Rank	Name	Team	YPG
1	Jimmy Garoppolo	Eastern Ill.	430.0
2	Vernon Adams	Eastern Wash.	396.3
3	Brandon Bialkowski	Lehigh	394.3
4	Conner Hempel	Harvard	383.0
5	Dalyn Williams	Dartmouth	347.0
6	Michael Nebrich	Fordham	342.8
7	Justin Arias	Idaho St.	334.3

[Total Offense \(team\)](#)

Rank	Team	YPG
1	Eastern Ill.	617.8
2	Portland St.	612.0
3	Yale	537.0
4	Eastern Wash.	533.0
5	Stephen F. Austin	529.3
6	Lehigh	524.7
7	McNeese St.	510.0

[Total Defense](#)

Rank	Team	YPG
1	Mercer	209.3
2	Brown	235.0
3	Penn	240.0
4	Tennessee St.	271.0
5	Jackson St.	274.5
6	James Madison	275.3
-	Towson	275.3

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

Trivia Answer: Thanks Darryl Gibbs from Jacksonville, AL for answering last week's trivia. The FCS team with the record for most points scored in the first quarter is 49 by Portland State vs. Delaware State (Nov 8, 1980).

Trivia Question: What FCS team holds the record for the most yards gained in a single game?

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