

## Issue No. 62- Week of 11/20/2013

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### Week 12 recap

#### Hats off to....

- **15 FCS upsets to-date:**

Bethune-Cookman 34, FIU 13  
Fordham 30, Temple 29  
Chattanooga 42, Georgia State 14  
Maine 24, UMass 14  
Jacksonville St 32, Georgia St 26 OT  
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  
Old Dominion 59, Idaho 38



**The Butler Bulldogs are the Pioneer Football Leagues' 1st ever automatic bid team**

- **Gardner-Webb** upset Big South leader Charleston Southern, 27-10. And just when the Bucs were trying on their conference crown. More end-of-year conference winner drama for the Big South.
- **Lafayette** shocked, ranked Fordham, 27-14. The Leopards improved to 3-1 in the Patriot standings, tied for first with Lehigh.
- **SE Louisiana** broke a 3-year skid and beat Sam Houston State, 34-21. The Lions held RB Tim Flanders to 47 total rushing yards.
- **Southern Utah** got their first ever win against ranked Montana State on the road, 22-14.
- **Largest margin of victory: 53 points- Southern 53, Clark Atlanta 0**
- **# of shut-outs: 3**
- **# of OT games: 1- Samford 17, Chattanooga 14 OT**
- **Largest accumulative attendance in 2013: Montana- 153,315**

#### Did You Know?

This weekend's matchup between Lehigh and Lafayette will be their 149th game and is the **most-played rivalry in all of Division I college football (yes, including FBS level)**. Lafayette leads the series 76-67-5 dating back to their first game in 1884.

**\*\* The FCS playoffs will field 24 teams this year: 11 automatic bids and 13 at-large bids. As we look forward to selection Sunday, here is The Underdawg's outlook of who will be selected \*\***

<u>Conference</u>	<u>Automatic</u>	<u>At-large</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Big Sky	E. Washington	N. Arizona, Montana, S. Utah	Montana St. must beat Montana to get in. S. Utah must beat N. Arizona to get in.
Big South	Charleston Southern	Coastal Carolina	Charleston Southern must beat Liberty to get in. If so, they get automatic bid since they have head-to-head over Coastal. Coastal would still get in.
Colonial	Maine	Towson, William & Mary	If W&Mary win they're in. If they lose and Delaware wins, they're in. N. Hampshire must beat Maine to get in.
MEAC	Bethune-Cookman	SC State	If FAMU upsets Bethune and SC State wins their game, SC State gets automatic bid. Bethune would squeeze in as at-large.
MVC	N. Dakota State	Youngstown St	The Youngstown St/South Dakota St winner will determine the MVC's only at-large team. S. Illinois is out- even if they win, they won't have 7 FCS or better wins.
Northeast	Sacred Heart		
OVC	E. Illinois	Tenn State	If Tenn-Martin upsets E. Illinois, they are in.
Patriot	Lehigh	Fordham	If Lafayette upsets Lehigh, they are in and Lehigh is out. Fordham is not eligible for conf ring, but will get the at-large.
Pioneer	Butler		
Southern	Samford	Chattanooga	If Furman wins and Samford loses, Chatt gets automatic bid with Furman as only at-large. If both Furman and Samford win, SOCON will have Chatt & Furman as at-large teams. If Furman loses, they're out.
Southland	SE Louisiana	McNeese St, Sam Houston St	

## FCS TOP 25 POLLS

### The Sports Network TOP 5:

1. North Dakota State
2. Eastern Illinois
3. Eastern Washington
4. Maine
5. Montana

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

### FCS Coaches TOP 5

1. North Dakota State
2. Eastern Illinois
3. Eastern Washington
4. Maine
5. Towson

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

### The Underdawg FCS TOP Dawgs

1. North Dakota State
2. Eastern Illinois
3. Eastern Washington
4. Maine
5. SE Louisiana

## Week 13

- One game on Thursday, 11/21- **Nicholls at #8 SE Louisiana**. 7pm ET on ESPN3.
- All other games are on Saturday, 11/23
- The FCS season ends with 6 FBS matchups: **Ga Southern at Florida; Chattanooga at Alabama; Alabama A&M at Ga Tech; Coastal Carolina at South Carolina; Old Dominion at North Carolina; Citadel at Clemson.**

## GAME OF THE WEEK

### Lafayette at #17 Lehigh

There are several games across the FCS that will determine the fate of teams playing for automatic bid and at-large spots. Perhaps this matchup is the most unique of them all. As mentioned in "Did you know?" above, this game not only marks the nations' most-played rivalry but, should Lafayette win, they will be the **first FCS team to qualify for the post-season with a losing record**. A win against the ranked Mountain Hawks would put them at 5-6 overall. A loss for Lehigh could send them home. In 2012, Lehigh went 10-1 and missed the playoffs. Either Lafayette makes history or Lehigh takes victory. Kickoff is at 12:30pm ET at Goodman Stadium.

## FCS LEADERBOARD

(source: NCAA.com)

### Passing Yards

Rank	Name	Team	Pass Yds
1	Jimmy Garoppolo	<a href="#">Eastern Ill.</a>	4012
2	Brady Attaway	<a href="#">Stephen F. Austin</a>	3953
3	Vernon Adams	<a href="#">Eastern Wash.</a>	3602
4	Michael Strauss	<a href="#">Richmond</a>	3575
5	Justin Arias	<a href="#">Idaho St.</a>	3467

### Total Offense (individual)

Player	YPG
1 <a href="#">Vernon Adams, Eastern Wash.</a>	369.9
2 <a href="#">Jimmy Garoppolo, Eastern Ill.</a>	369.0
3 <a href="#">Michael Nebrich, Fordham</a>	362.6
4 <a href="#">Brady Attaway, Stephen F. Austin</a>	354.5
5 <a href="#">Brandon Bialkowski, Lehigh</a>	335.6

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

Team	YPG
1 <a href="#">Eastern Ill.</a>	589.5
2 <a href="#">Stephen F. Austin</a>	581.3
3 <a href="#">Portland St.</a>	534.8
4 <a href="#">Eastern Wash.</a>	531.4
5 <a href="#">Princeton</a>	523.0

[Total Defense](#)

Team	YPG
1 <a href="#">South Carolina St.</a>	236.0
2 <a href="#">North Dakota St.</a>	245.9
3 <a href="#">Bethune-Cookman</a>	250.8
4 <a href="#">Tennessee St.</a>	278.9
5 <a href="#">N.C. A&amp;T</a>	290.9

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

**Trivia Answer:** Thanks to Eric Worville of Atlanta, GA for answering last week's trivia. The career rushing TD leader in the FCS is Adrian Peterson with 84 TD's for Ga Southern (1998-2001)

**Trivia Question:** What is the 2nd most-played rivalry in the FCS?

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