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1. SCOREBOARD BUSTERS

Check this scenario: it's 50-0 at halftime and the trailing team's star player just suffered an injury and will not return for the second half. What do you do? Do you dare continue to witness this thrashing? Do you stick around to see if the winning team will run up the score? Will it be a record-breaking comeback for the trailing team? If you're on the winning side, you might hold out to relish in the thrill of victory. For the opposing side, might be a good time to join the tailgate, beat the traffic, or if watching on tv, change the channel.

Regardless of what side of the coin you're on, a blow-out makes headlines and record books. College football history books show the highest scoring collegiate football contest was Georgia Tech defeating Cumberland (TN) 222-0 on 10/17/1916 in Atlanta, GA. That's unreal yet impressive (for Georgia Tech). Of course, nowadays it would be considered poor sportsmanship for a coach to allow his team to score anywhere close to 100 points in a game.

Moving onto FCS records, [The Underdawg put together a list of the Top 10 highest scoring games to-date:](#)

<u>FCS Team</u>	<u>Highest score</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Opponent score</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Dayton	161	Central Normal (IN)	0	9/29/1923	Dayton, OH
Harvard	158	Phillips Exeter Academy (NH)	0	11/3/1886	Exeter, NH
Princeton	140	Lafayette (PA)	0	10/29/1884	Princeton, NJ
Yale	136	Wesleyan (CT)	0	10/30/1886	New Haven, CT
Virginia Military Institute	136	Hampden-Sydney (VA)	0	10/2/1920	Lexington, VA
Northwestern State	134	Monroe HS (LA)	0	3/29/1905	n/a
Montana	133	Carroll (MT)	0	10/9/1920	Missoula, MT
Davidson	125	North Carolina College	0	10/12/1912	Davidson, NC
Cornell	124	Rochester (NY)	0	10/19/1889	Ithaca, NY
North Dakota State	123	Wahpeton Indian School (ND)	0	3/26/1905	Fargo, ND

[Click here for a complete list of the highest scoring games for each of the 126 teams of the FCS](#)

Here are a few facts from the list:

- Grambling State, Florida A&M, and Yale have the most 50+ pts a game scoring at 89, 88, and 81 times, respectively.
- Yale and Harvard have the most 100+ pts in a game scoring at 4 times each; followed by Princeton and Idaho State at 3 times each.
- The closest margin of victory for a team scoring 50+ pts in a game is 18, with Wagner defeating Jacksonville, 62-44 in 1998.
- West Virginia Tech (NAIA) and Savannah State (MEAC) each suffered the most losses(3) on the list of high score blow-outs.
- The oldest high score blow-out occurred on 11/3/1886 (Harvard won); the most recent was on 11/6/2010 (Old Dominion won)

Any anticipated blow-outs this season? Will there be any teams added to these records in 2011?

SIDENOTE....Has anyone seen the new and improved Bridgeforth Stadium on the campus of James Madison? The Dukes mean business. Will this upgrade put them back into playoff contention? Perhaps draw a future bid for an FBS transition? [Check it out!](#)

2. MULTI-TASKING 101

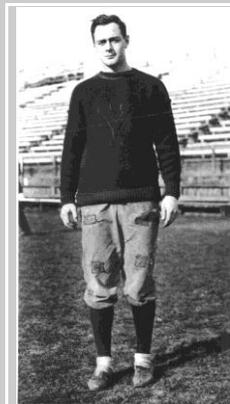
In an era where our country is facing high unemployment rates and job scarcity, it's hard enough keeping and maintaining gainful employment regardless of the profession. Adversely, throughout professional sports, we've witnessed players defeat the odds and cross lines to "make that paper" while balancing their beloved skill sets. Deion Sanders did it with the Atlanta Braves and Falcons in the early 90's; Bo(diddley) Jackson with the L.A. Raiders and K.C. Royals in the late 80's; Cliff Aberson even played for the Green Bay Packers while batting for the Chicago Cubs in the mid 40's. Former Richmond Spider safety, Brian Jordan, transitioned from the Atlanta Falcons to the St. Louis Cardinals in the early 90's. From the basketball ranks, Bill Russell played and coached a brief stint for the Boston Celtics in the 60's. And don't forget Brown University's Fritz Pollard, who played and coached the Akron Pros in 1921.

These guys played multiple sports and, the latter two, coaching the teams they played for. If that's not busy enough for you, what about coaching two football teams at the same time in different leagues?

Andrew McKillop and Ralph Hickok (via Joe Williams) recently contributed historical content to *The College Football Historian* (Aug 2011, vol4, no 7) depicting Nelson "Bud" Talbot and Aldo Donelli as being the firsts of coaching college and pro teams at the same time. Talbot played for Yale and coached University of Dayton and the Dayton Triangles of the American Professional Football Association (now NFL) in 1920 & 1921. A FIFA World Cup soccer player, Donelli played for Duquesne University and coached his alma mater while coaching the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1941.



Aldo Donelli



Nelson "Bud" Talbot
Courtesy of Mark Fenner

Regardless of the era, I'm sure coaching collegiate and professional players is a tough task. How's that for multiple income streams.

MORE PRESEASON MANIA....We recently shared the CSN Preseason Top 25 rankings. Now The Sports Network Preseason Top 25 is out. Reigning champs, Eastern Washington keeps the crown on this one. [Check out the poll breakdown](#) and [view the full rankings](#).

3. SOMETHING TO ROOT FOR

It's easy to go cross-eyed if you're a Fordham Ram fan right now. With the school's decision over a year ago to award football scholarships in a conference that prohibits such activity, the Rams will not be eligible for the Patriot League title or any automatic bid to the NCAA FCS Playoffs. All conference games will not count in the league standings, players will be ineligible for regular season or year-end league awards, and will be excluded in league statistics and records. Although this span is from 2010-2012, I'm sure coach Tom Masella and crew are doing their best to motivate and boost team morale in the interim.

One feather in Fordham's hat for now is that one of their "greats" now has a bowl named in his honor. The Lombardi Bowl will take place on 1/16/2012 and will showcase an FCS Senior All-Star game. This inaugural contest will be played at the Virginia Beach Sportsplex in Virginia Beach, VA. FCS players will be selected weekly in defense, offense, and special teams categories by The Sports Network.



#40 Vince Lombardi, Fordham Univ., 1936

We all know Vince Lombardi from winning the first two Superbowls with the Green Bay Packers and from whom the NFL Superbowl Trophy is named. But did you know that Lombardi played and coached at Fordham University? Vince Lombardi attended Fordham from 1933-1937 and was a small, but fiery offensive lineman for the Rams. There's a vote of confidence in a time of challenge, huh!

Support Ram Football this season and the forthcoming Lombardi Bowl.

Trivia Results: Congrats to Tex Noel of Bedford, IN for answering last week's trivia. The FCS team that participated in the first televised college football game was Fordham (defeated Waynesburg) in 1939.

Trivia Question: Currently, what is the smallest FCS school in population?

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