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| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **WEEK 15**    **Second Round Playoff Results**    **New Hampshire 41, Maine 27...**Wildcat QB, Sean Goldrich passed for a season-high 291 yds and 3 TD's and crushed Maine's chances to advance. The Black Bears end their season with back-to-back losses against UNH at home.    **E. Illinois 51, Tennessee State 10...**The Panthers continue to prowl and made it look easy against their OVC foe. Star QB, Jimmy Garoppolo passed for 240 yds and 3 TD's. Would you believe that it was his 2nd lowest passing total of the season? Some QB's strive for his bottom numbers. Their largest margin of victory against TSU in their 16 game history.   |  | | --- | | http://ih.constantcontact.com/fs179/1106304554052/img/99.jpg | | **Jacksonville State will enter the quarterfinals for the 1st time since entering the FCS in 1995**. |     **Coastal Carolina 42, Montana 35...**Teams combined for over 1,000 total yds with Coastal's star RB, Lorenzo Taliaferro rushed for 104 yds and 2 TD's - marking his 9th game this season with 100+ yds. Montana's first lost to a Big South Conference opponent.    **Towson 48, Fordham 28...**Rams star QB, Michael Nebrich passed for 394 yds, but it was not enough as the Tigers rushed for 189 yds. With the exception of one game,Terrance West rushed for at least 2 TD's a game this season, including 3 against Fordham.    **North Dakota State 38, Furman 7...**The Bison glided into their 3rd straight quarterfinal appearance and defeated a SOCON team in each of those years to move onward in the playoffs. Brock Jensen passed for 249 yds and 2 TD's.    **SE Louisiana 30, Sam Houston State 29...**The Lions got arguably their biggest and most timely win ever and put a stop to the Bearkats' playoff win streak. QB Bryan Bennett threw a 1 yd pass to Jeff Smiley with under a minute left in the game to seal the win.    **Jacksonville State 31 , McNeese State 10...**JSU looks like the surprise thus far in the post-season. The Gamecocks played a balanced game on the road and took a 24-0 lead through the end of the 3rd quarter.    **Eastern Washington 41, South Dakota State 17...**EWU star QB, Vernon Adams passed for 217 yds and 5 TD's- his 5th time this season with 5 or more TD passes in a game. The Walter Payton Award finalist will lead the Eagles to their 3rd quarterfinals in 4 years.        **BIG SKY HIGH**    The Eagles of Eastern Washington are making waves in Big Sky Conference play. Check out their resume:     * Scored 74 touchdowns this season, a Big Sky single-season record. The previous record was 72 set by Idaho in 1993. * They enter Saturday's game against Jacksonville State with 526 points. The Big Sky single-season record is 537 by Montana in 2009. * EWU enters the game Saturday with 65 extra points. The Big Sky single-season record is 68 by Idaho in 1993. * Amassed 6,877 yards of total offense this season, a Big Sky single-season record. Portland State closed the regular season with 6,486 yards of offense, which was the record. Prior to this season, the record was 6,416 by the 2004 Montana Grizzlies. * On pace to set the Big Sky single-season record for average yards per offensive play. EWU is currently averaging 7.7 yards per play. The record is 7.4 yards per play by Idaho in 1993. * Offense has thrown 54 total touchdown passes, a Big Sky single-season record. The previous record was 43 by Montana in 1996.   (Source: Jon Kasper, Asst Commissioner, Big Sky Conference)      **MOVING ON UP**    North Dakota State head coach and leader, Craig Bohl has accepted the head coaching job on the FBS level at Wyoming starting next season. Bohl leaves the Bison with a 101-32 record and will remain with NDSU throughout the remainder of the playoffs. Bohl has a $750,000 signing guarantee with Wyoming.  [Read more](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0012RIfgUxhOFRZBBvFXqHBpyeiZX3b41dJhOsssKzv1hohlUhQ01uAQaNxYqriYlx7zti8o5Xv_OLgrKcDx37b2CwxsAYPn3424sWc0QseYJGiR1ko8YMgpSMhXYhjzGnXxd-xQKxFyhdfEh2N291KDH-4C5s_IMhGb4Yc29M8cFySLyEvoba8jg2rPEKAsDQTNzg3vYQLK5K-AkbJFVecrghIa1BElRpylL_EIFUFe2m5EtQm2QBV30bFbrJ0_YWz445aHFPwvrZ9dfJI_BfUDyb1EnHDPNoYk_bmQc8dK2U=&c=GUsd1JzbWJdLueygzIzhpMaqQnWzjagP4zG_QOwde-RLQVOMyv_teg==&ch=EAExomtsXVRUB5RVr1iwLmbUQni05y5GGrki9WOPnwT7xzYZjE_yZw==)    So far this year, there's been 28 coaching changes in NCAA Div 1 football- 17 of the 28 were FCS coaches.  [Click here to see the full list](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0012RIfgUxhOFRZBBvFXqHBpyeiZX3b41dJhOsssKzv1hohlUhQ01uAQSgdmAbTTVHx2MbbVWnhWhcKQA0F1wFooStncqzBwVDUjPkpfhbJmyATgeBxIkY8ZcRtaRjGMy94jPx4J4Z4Rq-dJYJc3vMkJ-k9NSMm-HExMM6zJsOghWGsfAlEbgrjnIvz7Vyt28FHb200vMiAxQOHCl8Pnu_73uWno1Y13-XM4sAeyu2wt4AN2XWSRwrCFgR_xYpBIhQnMk2HmyjL13H4N26xR7xI6DwcHFZGF1BTMhCyU2DXi50=&c=GUsd1JzbWJdLueygzIzhpMaqQnWzjagP4zG_QOwde-RLQVOMyv_teg==&ch=EAExomtsXVRUB5RVr1iwLmbUQni05y5GGrki9WOPnwT7xzYZjE_yZw==)      **Teams who've scored over 500 points this season**:    Eastern Illinois- 636  Coastal Carolina- 601  Sam Houston State- 576  Eastern Washington- 526  SE Louisiana- 521  McNeese State- 520  Old Dominion- 508  Jacksonville State- 504  Abilene Christian- 501    (Source: *Lighting-up the Scoreboard* report, produced and compiled by Tex Noel of the IFRA) |      |  | | --- | | **Week 16**    **Quarterfinal games are in effect this weekend**    **Friday,  Dec 13th**    **#5 Towson (11-2) at #2 E. Illinois (12-1)- 8pm ET on ESPN2**  Perhaps the best game of the weekend.  Fire power from EIU and rush attack from Terrance West and crew.  Saddle up.    **Saturday, Dec 14th**    **#11 Coastal Carolina (12-2) at #1 North Dakota State (12-0)- 12pm ET on ESPN**  Coastal has one of the nation's best rushers in Lorenzo Taliaferro. But, the Bison have a history of putting a stop to top rushing teams at home in the playoffs. Remember Wofford and Ga Southern?    **#20 Jacksonville State (11-3) at #3 E. Washington (11-2)-  4:05pm ET on ESPN3**  EWU actually was 5-1 at home in the playoffs before last Saturday (not 5-0 as we listed last week), however, after defeating South Dakota State, it should be no mistake in us stating that they are now 6-1 at home in the post-season. Not an easy task for the Eagles as JSU looks to continue their Cinderella tour.    **#15 New Hampshire (9-4) at #7 SE Louisiana (11-2)- 7PM ET on ESPN3**  The Wildcats' 2nd ever game in the state of Louisiana. Can they beat the quarterfinal jinx? Brawl in the Bayou.    **DID YOU KNOW?**  All quarterfinal matchups feature teams that will meet for the first time.      **IVY LEAGUE**    As prefaced in last week's digest, Princeton quarterback Quinn Epperly and Harvard defensive end Zach Hodges were named the Asa S. Bushnell Cup winners as the Ivy League football players of the year on Monday. [Read more](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0012RIfgUxhOFRZBBvFXqHBpyeiZX3b41dJhOsssKzv1hohlUhQ01uAQaNxYqriYlx7clslkthWKOSWgyWIJn4mq8-DzPNY0TBvPCWvhvT2mDpXIB6-bm3_rLl3Q0yxNOUYtWtZylodIP6rzgz8w9Y5YdBXVvHU3QGHn17DCrKDB6eVI09PCX3JaikZuYhKDpg2V3WcHfp6DbwjHtPru67eUiSXufHU4UixYeCNNZ1IUlup4xnmtcFCHDwJXNUFtnc18x2dMTSwlUmDVigVWxqjg-u2LrfBU-S0Rt4HT1gA6i4=&c=GUsd1JzbWJdLueygzIzhpMaqQnWzjagP4zG_QOwde-RLQVOMyv_teg==&ch=EAExomtsXVRUB5RVr1iwLmbUQni05y5GGrki9WOPnwT7xzYZjE_yZw==)    **SWAC**    The Southern Jaguars avenged an earlier regular season loss to Jackson State and took the conference crown by defeating JSU, 34-27 in 2OT. Southern QB, Dray Joseph tossed 3 TD's including the game winner. It was his 4th 300+ yds passing game of the season. **Southern won their 21st SWAC championship and first since 2004.**      **COMING SOON**   * **December 16th-** winner of The Sports Network Walter Payton Award winners will be announced in Philadelphia, PA. * **December 17th**- The FCS ADA will announce its positional players of the year as part of its All-America recognition program on Tuesday, Dec. 17. In addition, the FCS ADA will recognize an Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year and will recognize them in Frisco during the championship game. **The Underdawg participated in this year's voting. Thanks to Mike Kern of the Missouri Valley Conference for his support.** | |
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| |  | | --- | | **Trivia Answer:**   Thanks, Mark Royal of Youngstown, OH for chiming in on last week's trivia. He is a proud graduate of Columbia University, who was the FCS team that scored the fewest cumulative points during the 2013 season- 73 points over 10 games.    **Trivia Question**:  Last week's digest noted that Sacred Heart was the most improved team of those selected in the playoffs this year. What FCS team was the most improved overall in 2012?    **Do you need sports information research to boost your marketing or advertising media?**  **The Underdawg can provide unique solutions to fit your needs.** [**Click here to inquire**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0012RIfgUxhOFRZBBvFXqHBpyeiZX3b41dJhOsssKzv1hohlUhQ01uAQayRYDmin9TVYUKJ9srUrde5DF4NZG4MjvQSKE__v1DSZc9xaxR4dyMOM_8Lawk3GQYYOwUxqZdAR9PVD7yZXdHPNWIjWgzg3wQoVfSePC-SigMJdZwYJrzRsXqfV1HiFnx_1ZpRzBdfjCoKeobCE1c=&c=GUsd1JzbWJdLueygzIzhpMaqQnWzjagP4zG_QOwde-RLQVOMyv_teg==&ch=EAExomtsXVRUB5RVr1iwLmbUQni05y5GGrki9WOPnwT7xzYZjE_yZw==)    [**Enter your trivia answer**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0012RIfgUxhOFRZBBvFXqHBpyeiZX3b41dJhOsssKzv1hohlUhQ01uAQayRYDmin9TVYUKJ9srUrde5DF4NZG4MjvQSKE__v1DSZc9xaxR4dyMOM_8Lawk3GQYYOwUxqZdAR9PVD7yZXdHPNWIjWgzg3wQoVfSePC-SigMJdZwYJrzRsXqfV1HiFnx_1ZpRzBdfjCoKeobCE1c=&c=GUsd1JzbWJdLueygzIzhpMaqQnWzjagP4zG_QOwde-RLQVOMyv_teg==&ch=EAExomtsXVRUB5RVr1iwLmbUQni05y5GGrki9WOPnwT7xzYZjE_yZw==) **here. Trivia answer and winner will be announced on the next digest.** | |  |  |