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This week a lot of news on players occurred with several going down with injuries and one dismissed.

NORFOLK STATE RB SUFFERS SHOULDER INJURY

NSU senior RB #3 **DEANGELO BRANCHE** (5103, 200) suffered a sprained AJ joint in his shoulder (could not confirm which one) in the first quarter against Bethune-Cookman and did not play much of the second half. The injury is not expected to be serious. They have a bye week this week and so is expected to play in two weeks.

CENTRAL ARKANSAS QB HURT AGAINST TULSA

Central Arkansas QB #14 **NATHAN DICK** (6030, 214) hurt his non throwing shoulder against Tulsa but his status for this week is unknown. An update is hopeful next week.

HUBEL TO REDSHIRT DUE TO SHOULDER SURGERY

Portland State senior QB #13 **DREW HUBEL** (6044, 202) will redshirt the 2010 season after having surgery on his right shoulder last week. Hubel had minor repairs to clean out and tighten the shoulder capsule last Thursday. He had suffered a dislocated right shoulder in the tenth game of last season that ended his year. The surgery came after he experienced shoulder discomfort early in the 2010 season. In the off-season, Hubel also had knee surgery to repair a subluxation of the knee cap that occurred in game six of last year. Hubel has a redshirt season available to him and will be able to return in 2011.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SAFETY OUT FOR THE YEAR

Senior SS #26 **MIKE MCELROY** (6000, 205) will miss the remainder of the season with an ankle injury that was sustained in a loss at Illinois on Sept. 11. McElroy will undergo surgery on his ankle. Southern Illinois will apply for a medical redshirt season for McElroy, who has not taken a redshirt year. In order to obtain a medical redshirt under NCAA rules, a player must have played in less than 30 percent of the teams' games and that 30 percent must have come in the first half of the season. He qualifies under both specifications.

MONTANA QB SUFFERS CAREER-ENDING INJURY

Montana senior QB #12 **ANDREW SELLE** (6007, 211) suffered a career-ending injury to his throwing arm in their 28-25 win over Sacramento State on Saturday.

ILLINOIS STATE DISMISSES DEFENSIVE TACKLE PROSPECT

Illinois State senior DT #53 **XZAVIER STEWART** (6010, 315) was dismissed from the Illinois State football team Monday, as announced by head coach Brock Spack. "We have dismissed Xzavier Stewart from our program for conduct detrimental to the team, effective immediately," Spack said. Spack will have no further comments on the dismissal of Stewart. Stewart transferred to Illinois State prior to the 2009 season from Kansas State. The 6-foot-2, 315-pound defensive tackle played in all 11 games for the Redbirds and recorded 19 tackles, 3.5 tackles-for-loss and two sacks on the season. In 2010, Stewart played in four games for ISU, with a pair starting assignments, and tallied 14 tackles and 1.5 tackles-for-loss.

VILLANOVA ALL-PURPOSE STAR INJURES ANKLE

Senior WR #4 **MATT SZCZUR** (5107, 203) sprained his left ankle on the first play of scrimmage and did not return to the game against Penn on Saturday. He is listed as questionable with head coach Andy Talley saying they would treat him this week and see where he is on Saturday.

Hampton at Delaware St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Hampton	206	180	28	2
DSU	104	195	22	2

Hampton DT Kenrick Ellis has been wreaking havoc on offense and DSU WR Larrone Moore has been a playmaker on offense and special teams. This should be a good one but Hampton wins a close battle.

Josh's Pick: Hampton 24 DSU 21

UT Martin at Tennessee Tech

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UTM	166	170	17	3
TTU	179	205	34	1

A matchup of the two worst scoring teams in the league and both teams are among the worst in points allowed. This will either be a very low scoring game or a high scoring affair. UT Martin wins.

Josh's Pick: UTM 28 TTU 21

San Diego at Jacksonville

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
USD	56	265	17	3
JU	154	295	31	3

San Diego will have a tough time on the ground in this one as Jacksonville has too much talent and rolls.

Josh's Pick: JU 38 USD 14

Harvard at Lafayette

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Harvard	106	160	25	2
Lafayette	79	245	21	2

Neither team has been as good as in past years. Lafayette is struggling more though and won't win this one.

Josh's Pick: Harvard 31 Lafayette 20

Campbell at Butler

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Campbell	171	100	18	1
Butler	189	235	28	2

Both teams are struggling in scoring offense so this should be a close low scoring game. Butler wins a close one.

Josh's Pick: Butler 24 Campbell 17

Delaware at James Madison

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UD	161	125	15	2
JMU	194	140	17	3

UD QB Pat Devlin is playing hurt and was inconsistent last week with a slow start. If he has a slow start again this week the outcome likely won't be the same. JMU was overlooking Liberty last week to this game and will pull it out.

Josh's Pick: JMU 28 UD 21

Princeton at Columbia

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Princeton	101	215	16	2
Columbia	159	205	25	1

Princeton WR Trey Peacock is a player to watch. This should be a close one. Columbia will be too much in the air.

Josh's Pick: Columbia 24 Princeton 17

Valparaiso at Dayton

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Valpo	26	160	10	3
Dayton	294	225	41	2

This could be a blowout with the league's top scoring offense taking on the leagues' worst. Dayton wins in a big way.

Josh's Pick: Dayton 42 Valpo 14

Fordham at Holy Cross

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
FU	156	250	20	2
HC	139	270	28	1

Fordham clearly has the upper hand in scoring offense but they are struggling much more in scoring defense. Holy Cross wins a close one.

Josh's Pick: HC 24 Fordham 21

Bryant at Wagner

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Bryant	161	140	25	1
Wagner	244	175	34	2

Wagner looked good against Robert Morris last week but will have to contain the Bryant ground game this week and should be a tougher challenge. Wagner wins a close one.

Josh's Pick: Wagner 35 Bryant 28

Monmouth at Duquesne

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Monmouth	121	160	21	2
Duquesne	149	255	27	1

Duquesne will be too much through the air but this game should still be close. RB Lary McCoy has been solid for Duquesne but will need to step up to ensure a victory and I think he will.

Josh's Pick: Duquesne 28 Monmouth 17

Morehead St at Georgia St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
MSU	121	250	28	3
GSU	89	245	29	3

QB play has been inconsistent for GSU so far however both teams have struggled with pass defense. Keep an eye on Jake Muasau who leads the team in both TFLs and sacks for GSU. This should be a close one but GSU wins.

Josh's Pick: GSU 35 MSU 27

W Carolina at The Citadel

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
WCU	76	160	19	2
Citadel	214	180	26	3

WCU CB Torez Jones leads the league with 5 INTs but if Citadel is smart they won't throw near him. Citadel DE Erik Clanton is among the league leaders in TFLs and sacks and attracting NFL interest. This should be a close one with both teams boasting good pass defenses. Citadel wins by one score.

Josh's Pick: Citadel 31 WCU 24

Georgetown at Colgate

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Georgetown	116	145	23	2
Colgate	274	200	28	2

Georgetown is improved this year making this an interesting game. Colgate has too much talent though winning by one score.

Josh's Pick: Colgate 28 Georgetown 24

Robert Morris at St. Francis PA

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
RM	141	220	27	3
SFP	109	150	15	3

Both teams are averaging 23 or more points per game but Robert Morris is much more impressive defensively. Robert Morris wins thanks to a better defense.

Josh's Pick: RM 24 SFP 17

Coastal Carolina at Richmond

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
CCU	86	200	16	3
UR	184	195	31	1

Richmond is looking to rebound from a pounding at the hands of Delaware. Look for them to take it out on CCU with a big win.

Josh's Pick: UR 35 CCU 17

Brown at Rhode Island

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
RIU	86	235	25	3
Brown	154	210	24	2

Brown is second in the Ivy in scoring offense and seems to have the weapons to challenge RIU but the Rams are more talented and should win a close contest.

Josh's Pick: RIU 28 Brown 23

Furman at Wofford

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
FU	171	210	35	2
Wofford	334	80	30	2

Both teams are averaging over 30 a game however they are only giving up about 2 per game. This should be a tight game with a lot of rushing yardage. Wofford pulls the upset.

Josh's Pick: Wofford 38 Furman 31

Samford at Elon

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Samford	126	165	15	2
Elon	104	310	24	2

Elon showed they aren't too great stopping the run last week against GSU but they have an impressive passing attack. Elon QB Scott Riddle will look for redemption and should get it with a big game.

Josh's Pick: Elon 35 Samford 21

Presbyterian at VMI

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
PC	71	260	26	4
VMI	244	180	33	1

Neither team has been very good so far both needing a big win, especially in conference. VMI wins behind their ground attack.

Josh's Pick: VMI 28 PC 24

Youngstown St at Missouri St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
YSU	121	165	20	1
MSU	169	260	33	2

Missouri State was the preseason pick to surprise and become a contender and YSU has been the big surprise team. YSU continues their surprising play to pull another upset.

Josh's Pick: YSU 31 MSU 21

Marist at Drake

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Marist	36	240	23	2
Drake	99	215	27	3

They are very close in scoring offense and defense but Marist has been much more impressive in total offense so far. This should be a good game with a tight score. Drake wins a big conference game.

Josh's Pick: Drake 28 Marist 20

Western Illinois at North Dakota St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
WIU	176	150	20	2
NDSU	214	140	26	2

North Dakota State and WIU have both been pleasant surprises showing that the MVFC is a strong league. The loser will likely find themselves out of the play-offs. Expect a close game with NDSU coming out on top.

Josh's Pick: NDSU 31 WIU 28

Southern Illinois at Illinois State

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SIU	146	200	28	2
ISU	149	265	35	4

This appears to be a no brainer with SIU struggling and Illinois State a surprising team. With everyone talking about how SIU should not be ranked I think they shock us all, including me, and pull the big upset.

Josh's Pick: SIU 24 ISU 21

SE Missouri St at E Illinois

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SEMO	236	105	20	2
EIU	134	190	16	2

SEMO has been very good so far and while EIU usually wins this game I don't expect the usual. SEMO continues their impressive season with a close win.

Josh's Pick: SEMO 24 EIU 17

PVAMU at MVSU

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
PVAMU	161	230	30	3
MVSU	84	120	8	3

PVAMU QB K.J. Black is struggling compared to expectations but they still have more talent and should win by a few scores.

Josh's Pick: PVAMU 28 MVSU 14

McNeese St at Northwestern St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
MSU	206	210	35	2
NSU	114	235	26	2

Somehow McNeese State has found themselves struggling on both sides of the ball next to last in scoring offense and defense. NW State can put up points but the bad news is their defense has been bad as well. This is a high scoring game with McNeese winning.

Josh's Pick: MSU 38 NSU 31

N Arizona at Southern Utah

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
NAU	161	230	32	2
SUU	64	305	23	3

Everyone expected QB Michael Herrick to lead the NAU offense but the breakout of RB Zach Bauman has been the big surprise for them. SUU is talented but won't be able to stop the combo of Herrick and Bauman with good performances.

Josh's Pick: NAU 35 SUU 28

North Dakota at South Dakota

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UND	176	230	29	2
USD	194	290	36	1

USD has been a surprise in FCS this year after beating Minnesota. UND is coming off a big offensive game from Landry, Hardin, and Murray, however, USD has too much talent and will win behind a balanced attack.

Josh's Pick: USD 35 UND 28

E Washington at Weber St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
EWU	186	230	20	1
WSU	139	335	28	3

With RB Taiwan Jones ?, EWU is going to need a big game from some unknown playmakers. If he does not play Weber State should win behind the arm of Cameron Higgins. Jones is expected to play but won't be at 100 percent. This could hurt their offense and I believe it will. WSU pulls the upset.

Josh's Pick: WSU 31 EWU 27

Cornell at Bucknell

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Cornell		116	185	17 3
Bucknell	189	125	16	0

This could be a low scoring game as neither team has been very good on the offensive side of the ball. Cornell wins by one score.

Josh's Pick: Cornell 21 Bucknell 17

Villanova at William & Mary

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Nova	196	140	22	1
W&M	74	245	16	3

Villanova comes off a rough week losing Matt Szczur and taking a while to put Penn away. This game should be close especially if Szczur does not play. It could also help in determining a playoff seed. Nova wins by one score.

Josh's Pick: Nova 28 W&M 20

Dartmouth at Penn

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Dartmouth	71	145	12	3
Penn	244	225	28	2

Penn wins this game behind a very strong defense but still needs to improve on offense if they plan to win the Ivy League.

Josh's Pick: Penn 24 Dartmouth 10

Montana at N Colorado

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UM	131	200	32	3
UNC	169	210	26	3

It was a tough week for Montana losing QB Andrew Selle for good so this is not Roper's team. They likely won't put up their average of 40 points per game but expected them to win a shootout with a UNC club that can score as well.

Josh's Pick: UM 35 UNC 28

N Carolina A&T at Tennessee St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
NCAT	86	120	12	2
TSU	244	135	26	3

A&T has been struggling and likely won't be able to stop RB Preston Brown from having a big day for TSU. TSU wins by two scores.

Josh's Pick: TSU 30 A&T 14

Grambling at Alabama A&M

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
GSU	206	175	33	1
A&M	129	170	21	2

GSU RB Frank Warren has burst onto the national scene and appears to be a prime national honors candidate. A&M lacks the offensive firepower to outscore GSU.

Josh's Pick: GSU 38 A&M 24

Bethune-Cookman at Morgan St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
BCC	146	105	23	2
MSU	119	100	13	3

Neither team has been very impressive offensively. BCC's pass defense should hold strong and keep MSU's passing attack dormant. BCC wins.

Josh's Pick: BCC 21 MSU 14

South Dakota St at Northern Iowa

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SDSU	71	165	11	3
UNI	219	195	21	2

It had been a disappointing season for the Jacks up until they played Nebraska very well last week. They still haven't played better for the entire season than UNI and appears to lack the playmakers to win this game on the road.

Josh's Pick: UNI 24 SDSU 17

Gardner-Webb at Old Dominion

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
GW	111	265	18	2
ODU	134	210	32	3

Both teams have flashed the ability to hang with top 20 teams but they also have a bad loss on their plate. I disagree with the computers and will pick GW.

Josh's Pick: GW 24 ODU 21

S Carolina St at Florida A&M

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SCSU	211	140	32	2
FAMU	119	155	26	1

SCSU was the preseason pick to win the league and nothing they have done would cause me to stray away from that. The Bulldogs by 10.

Josh's Pick: SCSU 28 FAMU 20

New Hampshire at Maine

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UNH	111	210	24	2
Maine	149	195	23	3

QB R.J. Toman is playing pretty well for UNH. Maine has shown a strong defense but their offense needs a lot of work. The good news for Maine is that UNH's defense is not very good right now. UNH wins due to the better offense.

Josh's Pick: UNH 24 Maine 21

Ark Pine Bluff at Southern

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UAPB	126	210	29	2
SU	119	205	26	3

UAPB hasn't been very good so far but Southern has not done any better. WR Raymond Webber is coming off a big performance and looks to torch Southern this week. UAPB wins a close game.

Josh's Pick: UAPB 31 Southern 28

Murray St at Jacksonville St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
MSU	81	195	22	3
JSU	214	235	35	2

WR Marcus Harris finally returned from injury and is starting to produce some while RB Mike Harris is coming off a strong performance last week for MSU. They aren't going to be enough as JSU is too talented on both sides and wins easily.

Josh's Pick: JSU 38 MSU 21

Massachusetts at Towson

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UMASS	206	190	38	2
Towson	144	170	16	2

UMASS has seen a productive 1-2 punch at RB in John Griffin and Jonathan Hernandez and the improved play of Kyle Havens has added quite a boost to this offense. Keep an eye on both QBs in this game as they will likely get a shot in the NFL when their careers are over. UMASS wins easily.

Josh's Pick: UMASS 35 Towson 17

Savannah St at Liberty

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SSU	46	90	-2	2
LU	269	335	51	2

Mike Brown leads a potent offense as they dismantle Savannah State. Expect Brown and WR Chris Summers to have a big first half and likely rest during the second half.

Josh's Pick: LU 52 SSU 3

Texas Southern at Alabama St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
TSU	116	225	24	4
ASU	64	170	18	3

ASU has become a surprise contender and while the computers project TSU to win I don't think QB Arvell Nelson will be able to lead them to victory. ASU wins in a low scoring game.

Josh's Pick: ASU 21 TSU 17

Idaho St at Portland St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
ISU	116	150	26	3
PSU	204	225	35	3

Portland State got bad news when they learned Drew Hubel would redshirt and not be available this year. Look for them to overcome the loss and win a close one over Idaho State but keep an eye on Tavoy Moore for ISU as they will have to shut him down to win or else hope to outscore.

Josh's Pick: PSU 34 ISU 28

Montana St at Sacramento St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
MSU	131	230	27	3
SSU	104	210	21	2

Both teams have been much better than expected and this could be a game we look back on as one having a hand in deciding the eventual Big Sky champ. I think Montana State has more talent though and is my personal pick to win the league based on early play.

Josh's Pick: MSU 35 SSU 24

Albany at Yale

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Albany	111	155	15	2
Yale	119	270	28	3

Yale's QB play has been a pleasant surprise and should lead them to a win by a few scores.

Josh's Pick: Yale 30 Albany 17

Central Conn St at Sacred Heart

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
CCSU	196	175	32	1
SH	164	210	26	3

Sacred Heart has had trouble with turnovers as QB Dale Fink has not been consistent. CCSU wins a close one.

Josh's Pick: CCSU 24 SH 21