

November 13th

I was going to release my first look at the playoff bracket this week but there is no way to break the tie in the Southland Conference until after this weekend's games. I will announce my projections of the 20-team field that will be announced on November 21st.

• MONTANA STATE LB ROLLS INJURED ANKLE

Montana State junior MLB #42 CLAY BIGNELL (6014, 236) rolled his injured ankle in the second half of their game against Sacramento State and did not return. He vowed after the game that he would be ready for the Montana game on Saturday. Through eight games the All-Big Sky performer has just 29 tackles, 4.5 tackles for loss, one sack, and one quarterback hurry due to the injured ankle. He should have a much better 2011 season once he gets healthy this offseason.

• DEVLIN NAMED JOHNNY UNITAS AWARD FINALIST

Delaware QB #17 PAT DEVLIN (6032, 222) is one of ten remaining players named to the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award watch list recently. Devlin is a captain for the 2010 Delaware football team and has started eight of their nine games. He currently has a 145.5 pass efficiency which is good for second in the CAA. He has completed 133 of 199 pass attempts with 1,613 yards and seven touchdowns this year.

• TOWSON QB SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY

Towson junior QB #14 CHRIS HART (6035, 220) has been erratic this year throwing the ball but he has size and athletic ability making him a prospect to watch for next year. However, his status is now unknown after Towson coach Rob Ambrose has suspended him indefinitely for a violation of team rules, the school announced. "Being a member of our football program carries with it certain responsibilities and expectations, Ambrose said. "Unfortunately, Chris has made choices that are not in line with the direction of our program. While this development is a disappointment, our team remains focused on Delaware this Saturday and towards our unified goal of finishing the 2010 campaign in a strong fashion."

• ELON DEFENDER SUSPENDED

Elon senior DE #20 BRANDON WARD (6050, 232) was arrested on assault charges last Thursday and subsequently suspended from the team. He is facing two counts of misdemeanor assault inflicting serious injury. The charges stem from an alleged off-campus incident that occurred over a week ago on Sunday morning, hours after Elon returned from its victory at Chattanooga. Ward allegedly punched Stephen Charles Lorenzo and Cory Brent Parsons, leaving the pair with facial injuries, according to a Town of Elon police report. He leads Elon in tackles for loss (8.5), sacks (3), and hurries (7) and was likely to earn All-SoCon accolades based on his play this year.

TOP 25 VOTE

With so many upsets there was a shakeup in the top 10.
Here is how I voted in The Sports Network Top 25 this week.

William & Mary 7-2

Delaware 8-1

Eastern Washington 7-2

Wofford 8-1

Appalachian State 8-1

Jacksonville State 8-1

Southeast Missouri State 9-1

Stephen F. Austin 7-2

Villanova 6-3

Bethune-Cookman 9-0

Montana State 8-2

Montana 6-3

New Hampshire 5-4

Massachusetts 6-3

Northern Iowa 6-3

South Carolina State 7-2

Penn 7-1

Richmond 5-4

Liberty 7-2

Cal Poly 7-3

Grambling State 8-1

North Dakota State 6-3

Western Illinois 6-3

Georgia Southern 5-4

Robert Morris 8-1

PAYTON & BUCHANAN FAVORITES

For the first time this year I release what my vote for the awards would look like with my rank of the top five, which is what TSN asks for when we turn in our ballots.

PAYTON TOP FIVE

1. QB Matt Barr, Western Illinois, Sr.
164-262, 2438 yds, 23 TD, 3 INT, 62.6%, 167.4 pass eff., 270.9 yds/gm, 72 carries, 398 yds, 5.5ypc, 5 TD in 9 games.

This was a close call but Matt Barr has lead WIU to a surprising 6-3 record and has them aiming for a playoff berth despite most folks leaving them out of their preseason top 25. His 23-3 TD-INT ratio and 28 total touchdowns are quite impressive and among the best in the country.

2. RB Taiwan Jones, Eastern Washington, Jr.-
134 carries, 1078 yds, 10 TD, 8.0ypc, 134.8 yds/gm, 16 catches, 290 yds, 18.1ypc, 2 TD, 3 PR, 28 yds, 9.3avg, 11 KR, 224 yds, 20.4 avg in 8 games.

Jones would be first had he not been injured this year but still when healthy he has been dominant showing the speed and explosiveness to turn any short run into a big pickup.

3. OT Ben Ijalana, Villanova, Sr.

It is rare to see an offensive lineman on the official list let alone in the top five on a ballot but I believe Ijalana is truly the most dominant player in FCS right now and it will be proven when postseason awards are handed out and on draft day when he is a likely top 50 selection.

4. QB Jeremy Moses, Stephen F. Austin, Sr.-
251-411, 2898 yds, 26 TD, 4 INT, 61.1%, 139.2 pass eff., 322.0 yds/gm, 12 carries, -68 yds in 9 games.

Moses has broken SLC and SFA records this year and has played pretty well leading SFA to a top ten ranking. His reputation, broken records, and record as a starter are impressive enough to land him in my top five.

5. QB DeAndre Presley, Appalachian State, Jr.-
141-226, 1874 yds, 15 TD, 3 INT, 62.4%, 208.2 yds/gm, 151.3 pass eff., 113 carries, 710 yds, 6.3ypc, 11 TD, 78.9 yds/gm in 9 games.

Presley has replaced Armanti Edwards well but he was higher on my list in previous weeks before struggling the last two games. He will need to play much better in order to beat Wofford and stay in my top five.

BUCHANAN TOP FIVE

1. LB Tyler Holmes, UMASS, Jr.- 91 TT, 11 TFL, 5 sacks, 5 INT/returned two for TD, 1 PBU, 2 FF in 9 games.

Holmes has been brilliant the last two weeks and consistent all year long. His two interceptions returned for touchdowns against Maine put him over the top to be my number one vote heading into the final two weeks.

2. LB J.C. Sherritt, Eastern Washington, Sr.- 106 TT, 9 TFL, 2.5 sacks, 3 INT, 3 PBU, 2 QBH in 9 games.

Sherritt would be first but has not been quite as impressive as last year ranking second in the Big Sky in tackles right now and leads a unit that is struggling in scoring (#5 in Big Sky) and total defense (#6 in Big Sky).

3. DT Kenrick Ellis, Hampton, Sr.- 84 TT, 14 TFL, 2 sacks, 4 QBH, 2 FR, 1 FF in 8 games.

Some might not vote Ellis this high because of his off field issues but he has been the biggest impact on a defense of any player this year wreaking havoc in backfields. He can make plays sideline to sideline and he does a fantastic job of clogging the middle of the line.

4. DE Ameet Pall, Wofford, Jr.- 43 TT, 19.5 TFL, 12.5 sacks, 6 QBH, 1 FR, 1 FF in 9 games.

I almost put Pall in my top 3 as he leads the nation in sacks (12.5) and second in tackles for loss (19.5). His motor and quickness off the edge are among the best in the nation.

5. FS Mark LeGree, Appalachian State, Sr.- 40 TT, 1 TFL, 5 INT, 5 PBU in 9 games.

LeGree has been a ball hawk as usual this year and showed improvement against the run. He is not tested much thus the reason lower than usual numbers but don't be fooled as he is playing at a very high level this season.

WEEKLY PICKS

Grambling at Texas Southern

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| GSU | 146 | 85 | 21 | 2 |
| TSU | 144 | 260 | 28 | 4 |

This is a big one in the SWAC but I disagree with the computers and project a GSU win.
Josh's Pick: GSU 38 TSU 34

S Carolina St at Morgan St

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|------|------|------|-----|----|
| SCSU | 171 | 210 | 35 | 3 |
| MSU | 74 | 135 | 19 | 3 |

While a MEAC title isn't likely to happen they can still earn a trip to the playoffs but they must win out and I think they win big here. **Josh's Pick: SCSU 31 MSU 14**

Campbell at Jacksonville

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|----|------|------|-----|----|
| CU | 156 | 130 | 18 | 3 |
| JU | 229 | 335 | 49 | 2 |

Jacksonville has their eye on an at-large bid but must win out. They bounce back from a down week against Butler. **Josh's Pick: JU 56 CU 17**

Holy Cross at Lafayette

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| HC | 101 | 210 | 24 | 2 |
| Laf | 139 | 260 | 24 | 3 |

Holy Cross took a tough loss to Lehigh last week. I think they find a way to bounce back and win this week. **Josh's Pick: HC 31 Laf 24**

New Hampshire at Villanova

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| UNH | 71 | 235 | 15 | 3 |
| VU | 179 | 185 | 21 | 3 |

Nova bounces back knowing they are in a must win to guarantee them a playoff spot. This is a big game for UNH too though as they must win out and get help to stay in the hunt. I think Nova wins by more than expected. **Josh's Pick: Nova 35 UNH 24**

Dayton at Marist

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|--------|------|------|-----|----|
| UD | 206 | 190 | 36 | 2 |
| Marist | 64 | 305 | 23 | 2 |

Dayton QB Steven Valentino continues his strong senior season with a big win.
Josh's Pick: UD 35 Marist 21

Princeton at Yale

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-----------|------|------|-----|----|
| Princeton | 81 | 185 | 17 | 3 |
| Yale | 224 | 270 | 39 | 3 |

Yale has no trouble winning big to stay in the hunt for part of the Ivy League title.
Josh's Pick: Yale 38 Princeton 14

Robert Morris at Bryant

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|--------|------|------|-----|----|
| RM | 196 | 120 | 27 | 2 |
| Bryant | 104 | 170 | 18 | 3 |

This is a tough one to pick. RM has a playoff bid wrapped up so they could overlook Bryant who has been solid this year. I think this is close but RM finds a way to stay undefeated in NEC play. **Josh's Pick: RM 31 Bryant 24**

Central Conn St at Monmouth

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|----------|------|------|-----|----|
| CCSU | 186 | 180 | 28 | 1 |
| Monmouth | 209 | 185 | 28 | 2 |

I'm a bit surprised by the computer prediction here. I think CCSU wins by a touchdown.
Josh's Pick: CCSU 31 Monmouth 24

Brown at Dartmouth

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-----------|------|------|-----|----|
| Brown | 126 | 250 | 17 | 2 |
| Dartmouth | 179 | 190 | 24 | 2 |

Dartmouth led by RB Nick Schwieger earns a tough victory.
Josh's Pick: Dartmouth 27 Brown 21

Cornell at Columbia

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|----------|------|------|-----|----|
| Cornell | 61 | 155 | 9 | 3 |
| Columbia | 229 | 225 | 28 | 1 |

Columbia cruises to victory behind a balanced attack.
Josh's Pick: Columbia 31 Cornell 13

Colgate at Bucknell

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|----------|------|------|-----|----|
| Colgate | 281 | 165 | 35 | 2 |
| Bucknell | 84 | 150 | 18 | 2 |

Colgate RB Nate Eachus has rebounded from a tough 2009 campaign to become a front runner for the Walter Payton Award. He has a big game as the Josh Eden led Bucknell team is dominated. **Josh's Pick: Colgate 38 Bucknell 14**

Howard at Bethune-Cookman

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| HU | 126 | 85 | 10 | 4 |
| BCC | 199 | 240 | 48 | 2 |

Bethune is the last of the undefeated teams but I don't see them falling this week. They win big. **Josh's Pick: BCC 49 HU 13**

San Diego at Davidson

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| USD | 96 | 205 | 21 | 1 |
| DU | 99 | 175 | 12 | 3 |

San Diego DE Mario Kurn has a big day in a victory. **Josh's Pick: USD 24 DU 14**

Lehigh at Georgetown

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|----|------|------|-----|----|
| LU | 176 | 210 | 33 | 2 |
| GU | 59 | 235 | 11 | 3 |

Georgetown is improved but they don't have enough to stay close with Lehigh.
Josh's Pick: LU 35 GU 14

Wagner at Albany

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|----|------|------|-----|----|
| WU | 146 | 175 | 20 | 3 |
| UA | 154 | 160 | 25 | 2 |

Neither team has been impressive this year and are looking for a NEC victory. Albany gets a close one here. **Josh's Pick: UA 28 WU 24**

Liberty at Coastal Carolina

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| LU | 156 | 235 | 30 | 3 |
| CCU | 139 | 225 | 25 | 2 |

This is a big game that will help decide the Big South title. I believe LU wins and is the auto bid this year. **Josh's Pick: LU 35 CCU 24**

St. Francis PA at Duquesne

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|------|------|------|-----|----|
| SFPA | 131 | 100 | 18 | 2 |
| Duq | 209 | 210 | 35 | 2 |

St. Francis has been awful all year long and doesn't have the speed to pull the upset.
Josh's Pick: Duq 42 SFPA 21

Valparaiso at Morehead St

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-------|------|------|-----|----|
| Valpo | 41 | 200 | 16 | 3 |
| MSU | 194 | 270 | 44 | 2 |

Valparaiso is still looking for their first win but they don't get it here as MSU wins easily.
Josh's Pick: MSU 42 Valpo 21

Delaware St at Norfolk St

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| DSU | 96 | 200 | 19 | 3 |
| NSU | 179 | 220 | 26 | 2 |

The home team wins behind a strong defensive performance.
Josh's Pick: NSU 24 DSU 17

Indiana St at Youngstown St

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| ISU | 146 | 235 | 33 | 1 |
| YSU | 259 | 195 | 36 | 2 |

After a solid start YSU has fallen apart. Indiana State has been one of the more improved teams this year but is still young and has their best football ahead of them. I think they defeat the Penguins despite the computers going with the home team.

Josh's Pick: ISU 31 YSU 28

Delaware at Massachusetts

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-------|------|------|-----|----|
| UD | 151 | 205 | 27 | 1 |
| UMASS | 124 | 230 | 20 | 3 |

QB Pat Devlin is doing enough to win ball games while UMASS has been up and down but is in position to finish the year with a top ten ranking if they win out. UMASS LB Tyler Holmes is my top defensive player in FCS so far and a player that I recommend keeping an eye on. Look for a close one but UD wins. **Josh's Pick: UD 31 UMASS 24**

Gardner-Webb at Stony Brook

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| GW | 61 | 165 | 13 | 2 |
| SBU | 214 | 175 | 32 | 2 |

GW is already out of the title race while SBU is undefeated in league play and looking to set up a juggernaut matchup with Liberty. SBU wins easily.

Josh's Pick: SBU 31 GW 17

Furman at Elon

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|------|------|------|-----|----|
| FU | 136 | 150 | 28 | 2 |
| Elon | 169 | 315 | 35 | 2 |

Elon has been among the biggest disappointments this year and Furman, like Elon, has been up and down. This is a must win for two teams needing a quality win late in the season. Elon struggles without a healthy Scott Riddle. Furman wins.

Josh's Pick: FU 31 Elon 28

Harvard at Penn

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|---------|------|------|-----|----|
| Harvard | 121 | 160 | 18 | 2 |
| Penn | 214 | 200 | 25 | 3 |

This could be a real defensive battle. Penn is the only undefeated team left in the Ivy League and stays that way with a big win at home.

Josh's Pick: Penn 21 Harvard 14

William & Mary at James Madison

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| W&M | 101 | 135 | 15 | 1 |
| JMU | 129 | 175 | 7 | 2 |

After a big shakeup in the rankings last week W&M vaults to number one and I believe they find a way to stay there for at least one more week but this will be a tight one with W&M lacking the health to put up big numbers against a fast JMU defense. W&M wins in a low scoring game. **Josh's Pick: W&M 17 JMU 14**

Presbyterian at Charleston Southern

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| PC | 161 | 145 | 28 | 3 |
| CSU | 209 | 240 | 33 | 2 |

This should be close but CSU led by WR Gerald Steenson wins behind a strong passing attack. **Josh's Pick: CSU 35 PC 27**

VMI at Old Dominion

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| VMI | 101 | 220 | 15 | 3 |
| ODU | 89 | 255 | 33 | 3 |

ODU has no trouble winning big in this one. **Josh's Pick: ODU 42 VMI 17**

Alabama A&M at Miss Valley St

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|------|------|------|-----|----|
| A&M | 221 | 185 | 30 | 3 |
| MVSU | 104 | 155 | 21 | 2 |

MVSU is another team looking for their first win but I don't think they get it.

Josh's Pick: A&M 35 MVSU 21

Samford at Chattanooga

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| SU | 156 | 145 | 19 | 2 |
| UTC | 139 | 255 | 23 | 3 |

UTC QB B.J. Coleman has had a rocky year at times but has shown the potential to become a national honors candidate next year. I think he protects the football and the Mocs win a close one. **Josh's Pick: UTC 28 Samford 21**

Butler at Drake

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-------|------|------|-----|----|
| BU | 91 | 180 | 13 | 2 |
| Drake | 94 | 225 | 26 | 1 |

Drake DE Dain Taylor has really come strong as of late and is making a run at Mario Kurn for the best defender in the Pioneer League. They get the win at home.

Josh's Pick: Drake 28 Butler 21

Murray St at Austin Peay

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| MSU | 176 | 295 | 45 | 2 |
| AP | 169 | 175 | 23 | 3 |

Murray State WR Marcus Harris has been brilliant this year and should have another big day as they cruise to victory. **Josh's Pick: MSU 42 AP 21**

Western Illinois at Southern Illinois

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| WIU | 146 | 245 | 37 | 2 |
| SIU | 224 | 190 | 32 | 2 |

SIU is already out of the playoff hunt but WIU is firmly in it. I believe SIU has given up and WIU cruises. QB Matt Barr is a player to watch as he could potentially win the 2010 Payton Award. **Josh's Pick: WIU 42 SIU 24**

E Illinois at Illinois St

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| EIU | 86 | 265 | 27 | 3 |
| ISU | 184 | 265 | 38 | 3 |

EIU has struggled most of the year and despite their recent improvement I think they lose this one by double digits. **Josh's Pick: ISU 35 EIU 24**

Maine at Towson

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|----|------|------|-----|----|
| UM | 156 | 215 | 30 | 2 |
| TU | 144 | 215 | 21 | 2 |

Maine hung tough with UM last week and while this won't be a blowout I don't think Towson is able to pull this one out. **Josh's Pick: Maine 35 Towson 24**

Rhode Island at Richmond

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| URI | 106 | 105 | 14 | 3 |
| UR | 114 | 195 | 21 | 3 |

URI has a hangover after their upset win last week and Richmond cruises.

Josh's Pick: UR 31 URI 14

North Dakota at Montana

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| UND | 121 | 100 | 16 | 3 |
| UM | 154 | 290 | 36 | 2 |

Montana has fallen quite far from last year's national title appearance with three losses already. UND gets a sampling of what is to come in 2012 when they join the Big Sky Conference. They won't like their sample very much. **Josh's Pick: UM 35 UND 14**

NC Central at Savannah St

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|------|------|------|-----|----|
| NCCU | 171 | 165 | 31 | 2 |
| SSU | 119 | 140 | 13 | 3 |

North Carolina Central finally gets a blowout win in their favor against a struggling Savannah State squad. **Josh's Pick: NCCU 38 SSU 10**

E Kentucky at Tennessee Tech

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| EKU | 156 | 130 | 29 | 3 |
| TTU | 89 | 265 | 22 | 3 |

This is an interesting game with EKU coming off a big win over JSU and likely having a hangover this week. They face a quality TTU team that has enough talent to pull off a win. I think they do. **Josh's Pick: TTU 28 EKU 24**

Alcorn St at Prairie View A&M

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-------|------|------|-----|----|
| ASU | 166 | 180 | 27 | 3 |
| PVAMU | 114 | 265 | 28 | 3 |

QB Brandon Bridge is becoming a star in the league and I think he leads ASU to an upset win. **Josh's Pick: ASU 31 PVAMU 27**

SE Louisiana at SF Austin

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|------|------|------|-----|----|
| SELU | 76 | 255 | 18 | 2 |
| SFA | 149 | 265 | 38 | 3 |

SFA brings a pass-happy offense which gives SELU trouble. SFA QB Jeremy Moses leads SFA as they cruise to victory. **Josh's Pick: SFA 42 SELU 24**

GA Southern at W Carolina

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| GSU | 266 | 95 | 26 | 2 |
| WCU | 74 | 180 | 14 | 3 |

Western Carolina is pretty bad but this could be a close game with GSU having a hangover from their huge upset win of Appalachian State. I think the Eagles win but it is a bit closer than people expect. **Josh's Pick: GSU 28 WCU 21**

Wofford at Appalachian St

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| WU | 306 | 75 | 25 | 3 |
| ASU | 179 | 180 | 26 | 2 |

This is for all of the marbles in the SoCon. The winner gets the auto bid while the loser will likely be on the road for most of the playoffs. This game is tough to predict because I believe these two teams are fairly even but ASU is coming off a tough loss on the road and appears mad. They could look to be more aggressive than usual and this might not be as close as most predict. **Josh's Pick: ASU 35 Wofford 21**

Hampton at Florida A&M

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|------|------|------|-----|----|
| HU | 131 | 105 | 12 | 2 |
| FAMU | 129 | 130 | 13 | 2 |

Hampton DT Kenrick Ellis has another dominating performance and leads them to an upset win over FAMU on the road. **Josh's Pick: HU 17 FAMU 14**

Jackson St at Ark Pine Bluff

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|------|------|------|-----|----|
| JSU | 86 | 315 | 33 | 2 |
| UAPB | 144 | 235 | 30 | 3 |

This game will boast a lot of individual talent. UAPB DT Ibrahim Abdulai and WR Raymond Webber are both definite All-Americans. Jackson State QB Casey Therriault is having a brilliant season as well. Therriault will be the difference maker and I believe he makes enough plays to win. **Josh's Pick: JSU 31 UAPB 24**

Sam Houston St at Central Arkansas

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|------|------|------|-----|----|
| SHSU | 171 | 155 | 23 | 3 |
| UCA | 114 | 280 | 26 | 2 |

I must go with the home team here as UCA has quietly gone 6-3 and should be considered a top 25 team if they do indeed win this game. **Josh's Pick: UCA 27 SHSU 24**

SE Missouri St at Jacksonville St

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|------|------|------|-----|----|
| SEMO | 236 | 100 | 27 | 2 |
| JSU | 194 | 235 | 33 | 2 |

If not for the Wofford at App State contest and the JSU loss this would have been the biggest game this week. Last week was a hiccup in my mind as I think JSU comes out mad and plays their best game of the year beating SEMO by two scores. **Josh's Pick: JSU 35 SEMO 24**

South Dakota St at North Dakota St

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|------|------|------|-----|----|
| SDSU | 161 | 195 | 17 | 3 |
| NDSU | 174 | 185 | 16 | 2 |

Most people would have flip flopped these two teams records in the preseason if they had to guess where they would be at this point. This should be a good game as I believe SDSU continues their recent play with an upset win. **Josh's Pick: SDSU 24 NDSU 20**

Southern Utah at E Washington

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| SUU | 81 | 315 | 25 | 2 |
| EWU | 169 | 270 | 31 | 2 |

2010 Great West Champion Southern Utah invades Eastern Washington who is looking to finish strong to guarantee a playoff berth. I believe RB Taiwan Jones has a big game leading them to victory. **Josh's Pick: EWU 35 SUU 24**

N Colorado at Portland St

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| UNC | 131 | 190 | 23 | 2 |
| PSU | 259 | 230 | 32 | 3 |

Neither team has been very good on either side of the ball but I believe Portland State wins a high scoring battle between two struggling teams. **Josh's Pick: PSU 42 UNC 28**

Weber St at N Arizona

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| WSU | 126 | 205 | 16 | 3 |
| NAU | 134 | 275 | 22 | 2 |

WSU QB Cameron Higgins has struggled this year and his turnovers cost them again. NAU wins a much needed game. **Josh's Pick: NAU 24 WSU 21**

Sacramento St at Idaho St

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| SSU | 156 | 210 | 33 | 1 |
| ISU | 59 | 160 | 14 | 3 |

Sac State faces the worst scoring offense in the Big Sky in Idaho State and wins big. **Josh's Pick: SSU 35 ISU 17**

Alabama St at Southern

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| ASU | 121 | 130 | 18 | 3 |
| SU | 109 | 240 | 18 | 3 |

The computers have a tough time projecting a winner and so am i. I think ASU wins but in a very close one. **Josh's Pick: ASU 24 Southern 21**

South Dakota at Lamar

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| USD | 221 | 245 | 32 | 1 |
| LU | 89 | 230 | 6 | 3 |

USD OT Tom Compton and QB Dante Warren are very good players most fans don't know about. USD wins easily over an upstart Lamar program. **Josh's Pick: USD 35 LU 10**

Nicholls St at Northwestern St

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|----------|------|------|-----|----|
| Nicholls | 116 | 12 | 10 | 3 |
| NW St | 159 | 270 | 31 | 3 |

NW State really needs this game in order to have a shot at winning the SLC title and I think they get a much needed conference win. **Josh's Pick: NW State 35 Nicholls State 17**

Tennessee St at UT Martin

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| TSU | 136 | 155 | 15 | 2 |
| UTM | 179 | 240 | 23 | 2 |

TSU S Eugene Clifford has been one of the best defenders in the nation this year. He won't be enough though as they still look for their first league win of the season. **Josh's Pick: UTM 28 TSU 13**

Missouri St at Northern Iowa

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| MSU | 126 | 215 | 23 | 2 |
| UNI | 249 | 270 | 35 | 2 |

With a four-game winning streak UNI is hot. MSU has been up and down and I believe they struggle on the road against a very talented QB Rennie for UNI. **Josh's Pick: UNI 28 MSU 24**

Texas St at McNeese St

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| TSU | 101 | 165 | 17 | 2 |
| MSU | 224 | 245 | 33 | 2 |

I must go against the computers as McNeese State is hobbling into this game with a lot of injuries. TSU wins in a close one. **Josh's Pick: TSU 28 MSU 21**

UC Davis at Cal Poly

| | Rush | Pass | Pts | TO |
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| UCD | 71 | 250 | 25 | 2 |
| CP | 254 | 150 | 33 | 2 |

The Mustangs have won three straight while UC Davis is 4-5 and just looking to have a winning record. This is a must win for both teams as Davis wants a winning record and Cal Poly is hoping to earn an at-large bid for the playoffs. I think the home team wins by a couple scores. **Josh's Pick: Cal Poly 35 UCD 24**