

OCTOBER 23

First before I get to my picks here is the major news of the week and below that is my mid-season awards.

GRATZEK SAT OUT SECOND WEEK IN A ROW

North Dakota State senior DT #70 MATTHEW GRATZEK (6024, 289) sat out for the second straight week with an injury. It is unknown if he is expected to play this week or will miss a third straight game.

TWO FCS PLAYERS IN SENIOR BOWL

Villanova OT BEN IJALANA and WR MATT SZCZUR have both been selected to play in the 2011 Senior Bowl.

SZCZUR SAT OUT... AGAIN

Villanova senior WR #4 MATT SZCZUR (5107, 203) missed his second straight game with an ankle injury and is looking 50/50 for this weekend.

WILLIAM & MARY LB TAKES LEAVE OF ABSENCE

William & Mary junior ILB #32 JAKE TRANTIN (6000, 224) has withdrawn from school for the fall semester and will not participate in the remainder of the 2010 football season. He has withdrawn for family reasons and his return in the spring semester is expected. Trantin came into the fall as a two-year starter and returning All-CAA performer at middle linebacker. He led the team in tackles last year (90) and was tabbed a pre-season all-conference and All-America.

TOP 25 FCS NFL PROSPECTS

Here is a look at the JBS top 50 FCS prospects as of October 22nd:

Rank	Pos	First Name	Last Name	School	Ht	Wt	40 Time	Rd Proj
1	OG	Ben	Ijalana	Villanova	6036	319	5.36/5.37	2nd
2	CB	Korey	Lindsey-Woods	Southern Illinois	5104	190	4.47/4.53	4th-5th
3	QB	Pat	Devlin	Delaware	6032	222	4.80/4.90	4th-5th
4	OG	Curt	Porter	Jacksonville State	6066	316	5.42/5.45	5th
5	FS	Mark	LeGree	Appalachian State	5116	200	4.49/4.55	6th
6	DT	Kenrick	Ellis	Hampton	6047	338	5.05/5.15	6th-7th
7	CB	Justin	Rogers	Richmond	5102	181	4.44/4.47	6th-7th
8	CB	Cortez	Allen	The Citadel	6012	186	4.45/4.46	7th
9	OG	David	Arkin	Missouri State	6045	302	5.10/5.20	7th
10	OG	Will	Rackley	Lehigh	6033	310	5.20/5.25	7th-PFA
11	WR	Matt	Szczur	Villanova	5107	203	4.45/4.50	7th-PFA
12	OG	Kevin	Hughes	SE Louisiana	6035	300	5.10/5.15	7th-PFA
13	RB	John	Griffin	Massachusetts	5114	210	4.51/4.55	PFA
14	DT	Martin	Parker	Richmond	6017	300	5.07/5.09	PFA
15	WR	Tyson	Poots	Southern Utah	6016	220	4.65/4.70	PFA
16	DT	Ibrahim	Abdulai	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	6022	311	5.00/5.15	PFA
17	SS	Eugene	Clifford	Tennessee State	6005	205	4.55/4.60	PFA
18	TE	Schuyler	Oordt	Northern Iowa	6053	242	4.56/4.59	PFA
19	ILB	John	Eddy	Northern Colorado	6023	240	4.75/4.82	PFA
20	OLB	Julius	Wilkerson	South Carolina State	6023	222	4.65/4.70	PFA
21	OT	Mike	Person	Montana State	6055	290	5.35/5.40	PFA
22	ILB	D.J.	Smith	Appalachian State	5102	235	4.67/4.73	PFA
23	DT	Andre	Carroll	Delaware State	6014	286	5.17/5.20	PFA
24	CB	Brandian	Ross	Youngstown State	5116	193	4.50/4.55	PFA
25	OG	Pat	Illig	Wofford	6042	310	5.52/5.55	PFA

TOP 25 VOTE

As a voter in the Sports Network/Fathead.com Poll here is a look at my vote, the first time I have released it this year:

Appalachian State 6-0
Delaware 7-0
William & Mary 5-1
Jacksonville State 7-0
Villanova 3-2
Stephen F. Austin 5-1

Wofford 5-1
Eastern Washington 5-2
Montana 5-2
New Hampshire 5-3
James Madison 4-2
Southeast Missouri State 6-1

Richmond 3-3
UMASS 4-2
Bethune-Cookman 6-0
Montana State 5-2
Chattanooga 4-2
Liberty 5-2

South Carolina State 4-2
Penn 4-1
Western Illinois 5-2
Northern Iowa 3-3
Cal Poly 4-3
Northern Arizona 4-2
North Dakota State 4-3

WEEKLY PICKS

Ark Pine Bluff at Alcorn St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UAPB	101	215	4	3
ASU	169	80	35	3

This game shouldn't be close as Pine Bluff lacks the QB play to really contend in the SWAC this year. ASU wins by a few scores. **Josh's Pick: ASU 31 UAPB 10**

Central Conn St at Albany

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
CCSU	181	135	21	2
Albany	194	145	28	2

Albany will play with a freshman QB and has several players suspended. With that said I don't agree with the computers and believe CCSU wins.

Josh's Pick: CCSU 28 Albany 14

VMI at Charleston Southern

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
VMI	116	180	26	2
CSU	99	260	29	2

A meeting of two 2-4 squads but CSU has a little more talent and is at home. CSU wins by one score. **Josh's Pick: CSU 31 VMI 27**

Marist at Jacksonville

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Marist	71	245	20	3
JU	184	360	41	2

Jacksonville appears to be a playoff contender and must win this game in order to continue their rise in respect from poll voters. JU wins easy.

Josh's Pick: JU 42 Marist 17

Penn at Yale

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Penn	181	140	19	3
Yale	59	245	13	3

This is likely the Ivy League Championship with both teams undefeated in league play and the classes of the league. Penn wins on the road.

Josh's Pick: Penn 21 Yale 14

Delaware at William & Mary

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UD	121	180	17	2
W&M	129	195	20	3

The game of the day in the FCS. #2 Delaware has been without a healthy Pat Devlin but they have yet to miss a beat with a perfect 7-0 record. This is a possible loss though as #4 W&M has plenty of talent and comes in with a 5 game-winning streak which includes an impressive victory over defending champ Villanova. UD wins a close one on the road though as their #1 ranked defense gets a late stop.

Josh's Pick: UD 24 W&M 21

Cornell at Brown

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Cornell	56	145	7	3
Brown	224	260	25	1

Brown is at home and unlike Cornell is having a winning season. Brown wins easily over a subpar Cornell team. **Josh's Pick: Brown 28 Cornell 10**

Bucknell at Lehigh

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Bucknell	81	145	8	2
Lehigh	149	250	31	2

Since the blowout loss to Villanova Lehigh has been solid. They win by a few scores at home. **Josh's Pick: Lehigh 28 Bucknell 10**

Maine at Rhode Island

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Maine	126	215	22	2
URI	134	235	23	2

Both teams have some big wins despite the losing records. Maine is not favored by the computers but I think they win on the road.

Josh's Pick: Maine 28 URI 24

Lafayette at Fordham

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Lafayette	131	240	25	1
Fordham	169	240	26	1

A matchup of two struggling teams. Fordham wins at home.

Josh's Pick: Fordham 28 Lafayette 24

Jackson St at Texas Southern

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
JSU	31	180	19	2
TSU	159	220	28	4

JSU and TSU are both 3-1 in the league but JSU is much more talented. They win easily on the road. **Josh's Pick: JSU 31 TSU 21**

Campbell at Dayton

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Campbell	156	135	17	1
UD	214	220	34	2

Dayton QB Steve Valentino has been good but not as good as expected. Dayton wins at home by two scores. **Josh's Pick: UD 28 Campbell 14**

Morehead St at Butler

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
MSU	76	225	22	2
Butler	124	245	23	2

Both teams are in need of a conference win to stay in the hunt. Butler gets it at home in a close one. **Josh's Pick: Butler 24 MSU 21**

Duquesne at Wagner

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Duq	171	150	22	2
Wagner	179	200	26	2

Duquesne has struggled this year compared to expectations. Wagner has shown they can contend this year and must win in order to stay in contention.

Josh's Pick: Wagner 28 Duquesne 21

Ga Southern at The Citadel

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
GSU	226	105	28	2
Citadel	189	100	16	19

Citadel usually plays GSU well and is looking to rebound after the thrashing from App State. They keep it closer than expected but come up short.

Josh's Pick: GSU 28 Citadel 20

Holy Cross at Colgate

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
HC	81	175	15	2
Colgate	309	150	33	2

Colgate has jumped ahead in the race for the Patriot League. They continue their good play with a big win. **Josh's Pick: Colgate 35 HC 21**

Georgetown at Sacred Heart

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
GU	76	160	22	2
SH	119	265	19	3

Sacred Hart has struggled with turnovers so far and I think they continue to against Georgetown. Georgetown wins keeping hope of a winning season alive.

Josh's Pick: Georgetown 28 SH 17

St. Francis PA at Monmouth

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SFPA	96	125	12	2
Monmouth	169	225	32	2

A matchup of losing teams but Monmouth clearly has more talent and should win big. Monmouth wins a home by three scores.

Josh's Pick: Monmouth 31 St Francis PA 10

Delaware St at Morgan St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
DSU	126	190	24	3
MSU	169	145	29	3

DSU WR Larrone Moore and DT Andre Carroll are playmakers to watch for. DSU pulls an upset on the road. **Josh's Pick: DSU 31 MSU 28**

Harvard at Princeton

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Harvard	216	180	33	2
Princeton	84	230	16	2

Princeton is aiming for their first Ivy League win. Harvard is trying to stay in the hunt for a league crown. They win on the road.

Josh's Pick: Harvard 31 Princeton 14

Presbyterian at Gardner-Webb

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
PC	116	135	16	4
GW	204	190	29	1

Gardner-Webb is 1-0 in league play while PC is looking for their first league win. GW wins a close one at home. **Josh's Pick: GW 28 PC 17**

Hampton at S Carolina St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
HU	116	105	10	1
SCSU	184	165	21	2

SCSU is looking to rebound after a loss to BCC last week. Both teams are looking for a MEAC crown but now SCSU must win out and needs some help. Hampton looks to stay undefeated in the MEAC but comes up short on the road.

Josh's Pick: SCSU 28 Hampton 21

Wofford at Elon

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Wofford	351	50	31	3
Elon	119	320	30	2

Elon has pretty much no shot at an at-large berth so they must win the league and to do that they have to win out and hope ASU loses two. Wofford is looking a little too good though and wins by double digits. **Josh's Pick: Wofford 35 Elon 24**

Howard at N Carolina A&T

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
HU	186	160	18	3
NCAT	159	145	26	3

Both teams are winless in the MEAC but at least Howard has a win. NCAT gets that win at home. **Josh's Pick: NCAT 28 Howard 17**

Dartmouth at Columbia

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Dartmouth	166	130	22	3
Columbia	209	235	26	1

A meeting of 3-2 squads. Columbia gets the nod at home and watch LT Jeff Adams if you check this game out. Adams is one of the best in the FCS.

Josh's Pick: Columbia 28 Dartmouth 24

Georgia St at Old Dominion

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
GSU	106	195	21	3
ODU	194	255	31	3

A meeting of two young programs. ODU has been impressive early on and should win this one by double digits. **Josh's Pick: ODU 35 GSU 24**

Savannah St at Alabama St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SSU	121	120	10	3
ASU	184	205	33	2

ASU should have no problem in this one facing a winless SSU team. ASU wins by four scores. **Josh's Pick: ASU 35 SSU 7**

E Kentucky at SE Missouri St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
EKU	136	170	18	3
SEMO	239	155	23	3

SEMO RB Henry Harris is off to a hot start leading the surprise team of the year. Look for them to stay undefeated in league play. **Josh's Pick: SEMO 24 ECU 17**

Western Illinois at Missouri St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
WIU	191	310	35	1
MSU	259	225	36	1

WIU is on the road looking to stay in the MVFC title hunt. Expect a close one but they pull it out despite computers picking MSU. **Josh's Pick: WIU 35 MSU 31**

Chattanooga at Furman

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UTC	181	185	27	2
FU	174	175	33	2

Chatty is for real and I disagree with the computers. Chatty wins a close one on the road proving to be a legit playoff contender. **Josh's Pick: UTC 28 Furman 21**

Davidson at Drake

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Davidson	51	130	8	3
Drake	119	220	30	1

Both teams are in the hunt for a league title and must win to keep those dreams alive. Drake wins at home. **Josh's Pick: Drake 28 Davidson 10**

Florida A&M at Norfolk St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
FAMU	126	100	15	2
NSU	179	145	17	2

FAMU is clearly still in the hunt but can't lose this game while NSU is already pretty much out of it. FAMU wins a tight game on the road.

Josh's Pick: FAMU 21 NSU 18

Bethune-Cookman at NC Central

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
BCC	231	210	32	3
NCCU	134	170	19	3

Bethune has been the surprise of the MEAC and looks to keep up their impressive play. They win easily on the road. **Josh's Pick: BCC 35 NCCU 17**

Murray St at E Illinois

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
MSU	151	180	32	2
EIU	134	220	27	4

EIU is still looking for their first win. They won't get it as MSU wins on the road.

Josh's Pick: MSU 35 EIU 21

Sam Houston St at SF Austin

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SHSU	146	150	19	3
SFA	79	365	33	1

SFA looks to stay undefeated in league play but SHSU is looking good and could be their biggest road block. SFA wins a closer one than the computers project.

Josh's Pick: SFA 31 SHSU 24

Youngstown St at South Dakota St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
YSU	201	150	21	1
SDSU	149	250	33	3

SDSU could be the best 2-4 team in history. Look for a close one but SDSU wins at home. **Josh's Pick: SDSU 35 YSU 28**

Grambling at Miss Valley St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
GSU	266	195	41	2
MVSU	74	155	10	2

Grambling is aiming for a SWAC title and with a 5-0 league mark should have no problem moving to 6-0 in this one. **Josh's Pick: GSU 28 MVSU 7**

Appalachian St at W Carolina

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
ASU	281	230	41	2
WCU	119	175	19	3

The Battle of the Old Mountain Jug has had some surprises but this one shouldn't be too close as ASU wins by double digits and remains number one in the nation. **Josh's Pick: ASU 38 WCU 17**

South Dakota at Southern Utah

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
USD	166	170	19	1
SUU	129	330	25	2

SUU QB Sorensen and WR Poots have been impressive so far and look to pull the upset at home between two talented 3-4 teams. USD wins a close one on the road. **Josh's Pick: USD 28 SUU 27**

N Arizona at Montana

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
NAU	116	220	25	4
Montana	64	230	23	4

Montana faces a tough test at home but must win with a game against Montana State left. This should be close but I think UM has bounced back well from early season struggles and wins. **Josh's Pick: UM 28 NAU 21**

N Colorado at Montana St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UNC	111	210	19	3
MSU	239	195	36	2

MSU has their sights set on a BSC title and must win this to keep those hopes alive. They win easily at home. **Josh's Pick: MSU 35 UNC 21**

James Madison at Villanova

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
JMU	106	150	12	2
VU	194	175	29	1

This is a big time game in the CAA with JMU desperate to bounce back from their loss to UNH last week. Villanova is a talented team who has underachieved to a point this year. Villanova wins at home. **Josh's Pick: Villanova 28 JMU 21**

Towson at Richmond

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Towson	101	135	13	3
UR	164	165	27	2

Richmond shocked me by winning last week and I think they continue their solid play and improve 4-3. **Josh's Pick: UR 28 Towson 14**

Massachusetts at New Hampshire

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UMASS	156	160	17	4
UNH	114	225	23	2

This is a big time game which will be on TV and one that everyone should be watching. I think UNH has a hangover from their big win last week and lose at home. **Josh's Pick: UMASS 24 UNH 21**

Northwestern St at Texas St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
NSU	151	220	22	2
TSU	164	260	31	2

TSU RB Karrington Bush is a star to watch. Look for TSU to win this one no problem. **Josh's Pick: TSU 35 NSU 21**

Valparaiso at San Diego

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
VU	46	95	1	3
USD	249	230	42	2

San Diego hosts a Valpo team looking for their first win and I don't think they get it here. USD by four scores. **Josh's Pick: USD 38 Valpo 10**

Austin Peay at Jacksonville St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
AP	126	155	21	2
JSU	219	220	45	2

This won't be close. JSU stays undefeated as they face a struggling Austin Peay team. **Josh's Pick: JSU 38 AP 17**

Indiana St at North Dakota St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
ISU	186	150	23	1
NDSU	224	170	32	3

Indiana State has been a surprise team in the MVFC but I don't think they over-come playing a talented NDSU team on the road.

Josh's Pick: NDSU 31 ISU 24

Sacramento St at E Washington

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SSU	151	235	32	2
EWU	149	325	33	2

EWU RB Taiwan Jones played last week and showed why he is the top RB in FCS. If not for his injury he would likely be the Payton front runner right now. EWU wins a close one at home. **Josh's Pick: EWU 35 SSU 24**

Prairie View A&M at Southern

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
PVAMU	111	225	35	2
Southern	124	180	21	3

PVAMU has not lived up to some of the expected hype but they win this one to improve to 4-2. DE Quinton Spears is a player to watch for PVAMU.

Josh's Pick: PVAMU 30 Southern 21

Central Arkansas at Nicholls St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UCA	146	255	27	2
NSU	194	110	17	3

UCA goes on the road to face a NSU team that continues to struggle. They move to 4-3 and leave NSU with a 2-5 mark and out of the playoff race.

Josh's Pick: UCA 28 NSU 17

Portland St at Weber St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
PSU	215	190	24	2
WSU	184	265	26	3

Weber State QB Cameron Higgins has struggled with interceptions this year and it has left them with three losses. They find a way to win a close one at home.

Josh's Pick: WSU 35 PSU 28

Illinois St at Northern Iowa

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
ISU	66	225	19	3
UNI	279	245	34	2

UNI must win in order to stay in the playoff hunt. They do so with a close one over an Illinois State team that has proven to be tough. **Josh's Pick: UNI 31 ISU 24**

McNeese St at SE Louisiana

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
MSU	166	205	32	3
SELU	89	230	23	2

McNeese State played well at LSU last week and looks to build on some momentum of their performance but they are banged up. I think SELU wins a close one.

Josh's Pick: SELU 28 MSU 24

Tennessee Tech at Tennessee St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
TTU	151	130	20	1
TSU	214	105	21	3

TSU S Eugene Clifford has been brilliant for the Tigers and looks to help them get their first OVC win at home. I don't think they get it with TTU winning a tight one.

Josh's Pick: TTU 24 TSU 21

Stony Brook at Coastal Carolina

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SBU	166	150	20	2
CCU	159	210	24	2

SBU is struggling with RB Edwin Gowins hurt and I think they lose without him.
CCU wins by seven. **Josh's Pick: CCU 27 SBU 20**

North Dakota at Cal Poly

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UND	96	175	19	3
CP	229	240	31	2

A meeting of two teams looking for their first win in the GWFC and I think Cal Poly gets it at home. Cal Poly by two scores. **Josh's Pick: CP 35 UND 21**