

OCTOBER 30

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

GRATZEK RETURNS TO ACTION

North Dakota State senior DT #70 MATTHEW GRATZEK (6024, 289) returned to the lineup after missing two games and tallied one tackle and three quarterback hurries in their 27-15 win over Indiana State.

NORTH DAKOTA QB CAREER CUT SHORT

Senior QB #6 JAKE LANDRY (6020, 220) suffered his career-ending injury during UND's Oct. 23 game at Cal Poly.

TWO VILLANOVA PLAYERS IN SENIOR BOWL

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

TSN ADDS WARREN, RUSSELL TO PAYTON, BUCHANAN LISTS

Grambling State senior RB #23 FRANK WARREN (5090, 200) has been added to the Walter Payton Award Watch List while Georgia Southern sophomore DT # BRENT RUSSELL () has been added to the Buck Buchanan List. Warren became Grambling's first 1,000-yard rusher since 2001

TOP 25 VOTE

As a voter in the TSN poll here is a look at my current top 25:

Appalachian State 7-0	Wofford 6-1	Montana State 6-2	South Carolina State 5-2
Jacksonville State 8-0	Eastern Washington 6-2	Bethune-Cookman 7-0	Penn 5-1
William & Mary 6-1	Montana 6-2	James Madison 4-3	North Dakota State 5-3
Delaware 7-1	New Hampshire 5-3	UMASS 4-3	South Dakota State 3-4
Villanova 5-2	Southeast Missouri State 7-1	Richmond 4-3	Northern Arizona 4-3
Stephen F. Austin 6-1	Chattanooga 5-2	Northern Iowa 4-3	Cal Poly 5-3
			Grambling State 6-1

WEEKLY PICKS

N Carolina A&T at Bethune-Cookman

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
NCAT	131	145	12	4
BCC	274	220	38	2

Bethune-Cookman has been the biggest surprise team for me this year and continues their Cinderella like season. They win easily with a balanced attack.

Josh's Pick: BCC 35 NCAT 14

Duquesne at Robert Morris

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Duq	96	175	12	3
RM	189	190	32	2

Robert Morris is making a serious push for at-large consideration and must win games like this in a big way to continue getting it. They win by a large margin to keep that dream alive.

Josh's Pick: RM 38 Duq 17

Richmond at Villanova

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UR	61	75	12	2
Villanova	194	205	27	2

This is going to be a big game as it will either put Richmond in good shape for an at-large bid or likely put them on the playoff bubble, at best. Villanova wins a close one and puts UR on the outside looking in.

Josh's Pick: Villanova 27 Richmond 20

Columbia at Yale

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Columbia	106	175	18	1
Yale	144	255	20	3

Yale looks to rebound from their loss to Penn with a strong win over an improved Columbia squad. This could be closer than people expect but I still think Yale wins.

Josh's Pick: Yale 24 Columbia 20

Wagner at Central Conn St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Wagner	196	130	22	2
CCSU	249	170	27	1

A matchup of two teams with winning records hoping to win a NEC title. CCSU is still undefeated in league play and I think they remain that way.

Josh's Pick: CCSU 28 Wagner 21

Colgate at Lehigh

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Colgate	236	150	24	2
Lehigh	134	150	23	2

Lehigh aims for a Patriot League title and has a shot after the Holy Cross upset last week.

This should be the top game in the league with Colgate also looking for a league title. Colgate wins a close one. Josh's Pick: Colgate 27 Lehigh 24

Princeton at Cornell

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Princeton	186	220	25	1
Cornell	164	225	26	3

Both teams look for their first league win with the loser likely going without a victory this season. Cornell gets the edge playing at home.

Josh's Pick: Cornell 24 Princeton 21

Lafayette at Bucknell

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Lafayette	136	265	28	2
Bucknell	129	115	18	1

Lafayette has struggled this year after a strong 2009 season. I think they find a way to win this one against an equally bad Bucknell team.

Josh's Pick: Lafayette 24 Bucknell 17

Georgetown at Fordham

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Georgetown	71	180	11	2
Fordham	164	275	26	2

Georgetown is improved while Fordham shows they have talent but have struggled with injuries. Fordham gets the nod due to the home field advantage.

Josh's Pick: Fordham 24 Georgetown 13

Dayton at Davidson

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UD	166	180	36	1
Davidson	94	245	16	3

Dayton is undefeated in the PL and is likely going to attempt to win by large margins to impress the playoff selection committee. I think Dayton wins a blowout.

Josh's Pick: Dayton 38 Davidson 17

S Carolina St at Delaware St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SCSU	186	190	30	3
DSU	29	190	13	3

SC State is coming off a brutal battle with Hampton but should win much easier than last week. SC State takes an easy one. **Josh's Pick: SCSU 28 Delaware St 17**

Norfolk St at Howard

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
NSU	166	160	32	2
HU	109	115	15	3

Howard is still looking for their first MEAC win while NSU is hoping to get out of the league cellar. NSU wins by a couple of scores. **Josh's Pick: NSU 35 HU 20**

Albany at Bryant

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UA	156	125	26	2
Bryant	109	150	21	3

Albany is looking to improve to .500 with a win and I think they do so. **Josh's Pick: UA 28 Bryant 24**

Marist at Campbell

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Marist	126	190	20	2
Campbell	234	145	25	2

Two losing teams trying to get to .500 but it appears unlikely for either. Campbell gets the nod playing at home. **Josh's Pick: Campbell 27 Marist 21**

Sacred Heart at Monmouth

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SH	61	230	15	2
Monmouth	149	210	30	1

Monmouth gets the nod here playing at home against a struggling Sacred Heart team looking for their first league win. **Josh's Pick: Monmouth 28 SH 17**

Old Dominion at Hampton

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
ODU	136	155	20	2
HU	184	265	23	2

This game likely vaults the winner into consideration to be ranked while the loser loses all hope of finishing 2010 ranked in the top 25. I think ODU wins despite the computers picking Hampton. **Josh's Pick: ODU 24 HU 23**

Lamar at North Dakota

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
LU	36	205	4	2
UND	209	250	35	2

Lamar has been solid for a first-year program. They don't have the talent to hang here though as UND wins big. **Josh's Pick: UND 31 LU 10**

Northern Iowa at Youngstown St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UNI	181	205	30	2
YSU	134	215	23	2

UNI is in a must win here if they want to stay alive for a playoff berth. I think they win a close one on the road. **Josh's Pick: UNI 35 YSU 27**

Coastal Carolina at Gardner-Webb

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
CCU	161	155	27	3
GW	119	180	20	2

A game between two teams hoping to stay alive for a Big South title. I think CCU gets the win on the road. **Josh's Pick: CCU 28 GW 20**

The Citadel at Wofford

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Citadel	166	25	8	4
Wofford	344	50	34	2

The SoCon Sports South Game of the Week should be interesting as Citadel has done well against the option in the past but I don't see a close one here. Wofford wins big and continues to prove they are a serious title contender. **Josh's Pick: Wofford 38 Citadel 13**

Brown at Penn

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Brown	26	240	12	3
Penn	194	175	25	2

Brown looks to pull an upset on the road but lacks the talent to score enough on a suffocating Penn defense. **Josh's Pick: Penn 28 Brown 10**

Liberty at Presbyterian

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
LU	216	220	40	2
PC	119	205	15	3

Liberty QB Mike Brown has been outstanding this year and should have no problem with PC. LU wins big. **Josh's Pick: LU 38 PC 17**

Harvard at Dartmouth

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Harvard	236	175	27	2
Dartmouth	129	210	25	3

Harvard and Dartmouth look to stay alive in the Ivy League race and I think Harvard gets the win on the road. **Josh's Pick: Harvard 24 Dartmouth 20**

UT Martin at SE Missouri St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UTM	146	220	18	3
SEMO	284	125	32	2

SEMO has been a big surprise to most this year and I think they continue their impressive season and clinch an at-large berth in the playoffs by getting their eighth win of the year. **Josh's Pick: SEMO 35 UTM 17**

Samford at Ga Southern

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Samford	121	145	14	2
GSU	234	105	21	3

GSU still has hope for an at-large berth in the playoffs and must win this one to keep the hope alive. I think they do. **Josh's Pick: GSU 24 Samford 17**

Elon at Chattanooga

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Elon	86	270	23	3
UTC	149	260	31	3

Chattanooga is perhaps the most underrated team in the nation and can prove it if they beat Elon easily. I think they beat them worse than ASU did. **Josh's Pick: UTC 35 Elon 28**

Butler at Valparaiso

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Butler	236	175	30	1
Valpo	89	175	13	2

Valparaiso is still looking for their first win of the season and I don't think they get it here. **Josh's Pick: Butler 28 Valpo 17**

Jacksonville at Morehead St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
JU	166	315	48	2
MSU	64	315	22	4

Jacksonville has been impressive lately and should have no problem with MSU. JU wins by 20. **Josh's Pick: JU 45 MSU 25**

San Diego at Drake

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
USD	26	230	13	2
Drake	79	245	26	2

Drake has proven to be a quality team and should win this one easily. **Josh's Pick: Drake 28 USD 17**

Austin Peay at E Illinois

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
AP	166	85	23	2
EIU	119	270	35	3

EIU has surprisingly struggled this year and is perhaps the best winless team in recent memory. I think they get their first win here. **Josh's Pick: EIU 31 AP 21**

Southern at Alcorn St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SU	126	215	29	3
ASU	169	210	26	3

Alcorn State has a promising freshman QB worth watching. I think they pulled the upset here beating Southern. **Josh's Pick: ASU 28 SU 21**

Southern Illinois at Missouri St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SIU	146	285	32	3
MSU	249	195	36	2

Both teams must win to have a good shot at a winning season. I think SIU pulls the upset on the road. **Josh's Pick: SIU 35 MSU 28**

Texas St at SF Austin

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
TSU	66	210	14	2
SFA	209	185	34	2

This game could be closer than the computers project. I think SFA wins by two scores. **Josh's Pick: SFA 31 TSU 20**

SE Louisiana at Central Arkansas

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SELU	116	240	18	2
UCA	124	250	25	3

SELU's record is not a true gauge of their talent. They will keep this closer than you would expect. **Josh's Pick: UCA 28 SELU 24**

Murray St at E Kentucky

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
MSU	66	305	30	3
EKU	169	220	35	3

This will be close but EKU pulls out a close win due to their home field advantage. **Josh's Pick: EKU 38 MSU 31**

Morgan St at Florida A&M

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
MSU	13	650	14	3
FAMU	194	185	26	3

The Rattlers are looking to stay afloat in the MEAC title race and surprisingly MSU is in the hunt as well. The winner stays in the hunt while the loser is likely out of the race. FAMU wins. **Josh's Pick: FAMU 28 MSU 21**

Illinois St at Western Illinois

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
ISU	186	195	27	2
WIU	229	255	41	1

Both teams have won some games you would not expect but WIU has too much talent and wins by double digits. **Josh's Pick: WIU 35 ISU 25**

Charleston Southern at Stony Brook

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
CSU	86	190	17	3
SBU	229	210	42	2

CSU WR Gerald Stevenson is a star to watch but they are already out of the Big South race while SBU is 2-0 in league play and can win it if they win out. SBU stays in the hunt with a big win. **Josh's Pick: SBU 35 CSU 21**

Montana at Weber St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UM	156	240	30	2
WSU	184	235	25	3

Montana can't lose another game or their hopes for a Big Sky title will be gone. I think they win due to turnovers from Higgins. **Josh's Pick: UM 35 WSU 24**

South Dakota St at Indiana St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SDSU	191	175	30	3
ISU	149	230	20	1

SDSU has to be the best 3-4 team in the nation. They win a big one to stay in the hunt of a playoff berth. **Josh's Pick: SDSU 31 ISU 24**

Grambling at Ark Pine Bluff

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
GSU	266	160	30	2
UAPB	104	240	23	2

GSU finally jumped into the rankings this week and I think they stay ranked after this one with a big win to keep them undefeated in SWAC play. **Josh's Pick: GSU 35 UAPB 24**

Alabama St at Alabama A&M

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
ASU	6	200	12	3
A&M	194	180	17	2

This could be a defensive battle. Look for A&M to win. **Josh's Pick: A&M 21 ASU 17**

Furman at Appalachian St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
FU	136	175	30	2
ASU	259	255	38	2

The computers and analysts are projecting this game to be close but ASU is going to use last week's struggles in the second half against WCU as a learning tool to improve and defeat Furman by double digits. **Josh's Pick: ASU 38 Furman 24**

Rhode Island at Towson

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
URI	176	120	23	2
Towson	159	210	23	2

Towson is still looking for their first CAA win of the year. They don't get it against an under-rated URI team. **Josh's Pick: URI 30 Towson 24**

Massachusetts at James Madison

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UMASS	116	190	12	2
JMU	174	130	20	2

This is a big game with both teams desperately needing a win. JMU gets the home win putting UMASS on the outside looking in after their strong start to the season. **Josh's Pick: JMU 24 UMASS 20**

Georgia St at South Alabama

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
GSU	31	255	18	3
USA	219	195	26	3

South Alabama is the heavy favorite to win but I think we lose one more undefeated team with GSU pulling out the win. **Josh's Pick: GSU 27 South Alabama 24**

Miss Valley St at Texas Southern

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
MVSU	41	60	4	3
TSU	209	250	36	5

TSU is in the title hunt while MVSU is already out of it and still looking for their first win. TSU wins easily. **Josh's Pick: TSU 31 MVSU 7**

Prairie View A&M at Jackson St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
PVAMU	141	190	22	2
JSU	104	220	23	2

Jackson State has been impressive this year while PVAMU has been solid despite the struggles of QB KJ Black. Look for JSU to win this one by double digits. **Josh's Pick: JSU 35 PVAMU 24**

N Colorado at South Dakota

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UNC	136	215	21	2
USD	194	220	28	2

UNC LB John Eddy is a stud to watch for. Look for USD to make enough plays on his defense to win. **Josh's Pick: USD 31 UNC 24**

Montana St at Idaho St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
MSU	206	230	35	2
ISU	69	235	23	2

MSU has no problem in this one against an ISU team still looking for a win in BSC play. MSU wins easily. **Josh's Pick: MSU 38 ISU 21**

Sacramento St at N Arizona

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SSU	111	145	21	2
NAU	119	300	29	2

NAU is still in the hunt for a BSC title but needs a lot of help. Despite the fact they have a hill to climb for that they can still earn a playoff berth and stay in the hunt with a win here.

Josh's Pick: NAU 31 SSU 27

Sam Houston St at Northwestern St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SHSU	171	160	27	1
NSU	109	235	14	2

SHSU rebounds from their loss with a big win over a decent NW State team. RB Tim Flinders has a big game. **Josh's Pick: SHSU 35 NSU 24**

Southern Utah at UC Davis

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SUU	146	240	23	1
UCD	79	195	15	2

Both teams are undefeated in Great West play and SUU stays that way with a big win.

Josh's Pick: SUU 28 UCD 17

Nicholls St at McNeese St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
NSU	101	190	8	3
MSU	174	240	34	2

McNeese State really needs a SLC win to stay in the hunt and they get it in a blowout win.

Josh's Pick: MSU 31 NSU 14

E Washington at Portland St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
EWU	206	195	34	2
PSU	224	270	31	3

EWU RB Taiwan Jones has a big game leading them to a win. **Josh's Pick: EWU 38 PSU 28**

St. Francis PA at Cal Poly

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SFPA	51	125	8	2
CP	309	170	35	3

Cal Poly wins easily at home behind a strong ground game.

Josh's Pick: CP 42 SFPA 17

