

FCS CHAMPIONSHIP

	Rush	Pass	Score
MONTANA	75	290	24
VILLANOVA	250	140	30

This is how the playoffs are supposed to work with #1 seed Montana facing #2 seed Villanova in the Championship Game. Our preseason Top 40 had Villanova #2 and Montana #4. Surprisingly both teams are here despite being outgained in the Semi-finals. Villanova beat William and Mary 14-13 despite trailing 10-0 at the half and being out FD 19-12 and out gained 336-267 as they were able to mount a 11 play 40 yd drive that ate up the final 5:41. Montana trailed 17-14 in the 4Q but scored 10 unanswered pts. The Grizzlies were out FD 29-20 and outgained 497-373 but were able to hold Armanti Edwards and App St out of the EZ as despite 2 cracks from the Montana 3, as time expired. Montana has the advantage of experience making their 7th Chmp gm as Villanova makes their first appearance. However the Grizzlies are just 2-4 in those gms (last win in 2001). They lost to two CAA teams, who were both making their first Chmp gm appearance, in their last 2 trips in '04 (JMU) and '08 (Richmond). One set of our power ratings has these teams dead even while another has Villanova with a slight 1.38 advantage. Our FCS Power Plays predicts Villanova to have a 390-365 yd edge and to win 30-24. We look for the Wildcats to pull out a close one in what should be another exciting game. Forecast: VILLANOVA 30 MONTANA 24