

FCS Predictions - WEEK 4

Murray St at UT Martin

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
MSU	101	280	29	1
UTM	214	305	37	1

Murray State has the making of a major riser from last year and with better play from Brockman since week one, they look to be a legit top 25 team. I expect MSU to pull the upset according to the computers projections.

Josh's Pick: MSU 49 UTM 38

Hampton at Bethune-Cookman

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Hampton	136	155	21	4
BCC	184	200	30	2

This is a must win for Bethune after their loss to South Carolina State. Expect a close game with turnovers and the play of the QBs to be the difference.

Josh's Pick: BCC 35 Hampton 28

Brown at Harvard

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Brown	86	280	23	1
Harvard	169	175	25	3

Brown QB Kyle Newhall-Caballero lit it up last week in his first game since an injury caused him to miss seven games last year. Look for him to have another big game with a win over Harvard this week.

Josh's Pick: Brown 28 Harvard 24

Drake at Butler

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Drake	46	150	8	1
Butler	114	200	16	1

This should be a defensive battle with two teams who aren't great offensively. Look for a Butler win in a low scoring game.

Josh's Pick: Butler 21 Drake 14

Cornell at Yale

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Cornell	61	210	20	1
Yale	169	275	29	1

Neither team has been impressive running the ball but both have a solid passing attack. Look for a strong game from Yale QB Patrick Witt and a Yale win.

Josh's Pick: Yale 31 Cornell 24

Old Dominion at Delaware

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
ODU	96	195	25	2
UD	199	255	35	3

This is a big game as a win for ODU would definitely put them in the rankings with a 4-0 start and a win over a ranked Delaware team. This game will be close and I am actually going to predict an upset here.

Josh's Pick: ODU 31 UD 28

Monmouth at Cent Conn St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Monmouth	186	185	25	2
CCSU	174	215	30	2

Both teams have flashed potential to be decent teams and this game should bring us one step closer to finding out who, if either, are for real. I have CCSU winning a close one.

Josh's Pick: CCSU 31 Monmouth 27

Liberty at Lehigh

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
LU	121	300	34	3
Lehigh	94	325	35	2

This will be a big game as Lehigh is looking to prove they are a definite top 15 team and Liberty needs a win to get back in the rankings. This should be a high scoring game in which Lehigh pulls out a close win.

Josh's Pick: Lehigh 45 LU 38

San Diego at Morehead St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
USD	161	225	30	2
MSU	59	400	30	3

This is a tough game to call with both teams having a strong passing attack. I believe USD finds a way to win in a high scoring battle with turnovers being crucial.

Josh's Pick: USD 38 MSU 35

Albany at Columbia

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UA	151	195	27	1
Columbia	124	245	20	3

Albany has been okay in scoring offense but their defense has greatly struggled giving up 34 points per game. This game could get interesting as neither team has been great on either side of the ball but look for a close win by Albany.

Josh's Pick: UA 28 Columbia 21

Presbyterian at Furman

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
PC	116	150	18	3
Furman	234	180	40	2

This game features two NFL prospect DBs in Furman's Ryan Steed and PC's Justin Bethel. Look for an easy win by Furman though as PC doesn't have the depth to last four quarters.

Josh's Pick: Furman 42 PC 21

Georgetown at Marist

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Georgetown	126	210	20	2
Marist	79	265	16	3

Georgetown has been up and down offensively and Marist hasn't been too good either. Look for Andrew Schaetzke and Jeremy Grasso to help lead a defensive unit that should shut down Marist and get them the win.

Josh's Pick: GU 21 Marist 14

Wagner at Bryant

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Wagner	136	145	18	2
Bryant	199	215	32	1

Both teams have struggled so far and neither looks to be a possible playoff team but I do see Bryant as the better squad.

Josh's Pick: Bryant 31 Wagner 21

Jacksonville at Campbell

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
JU	146	255	31	3
Campbell	249	95	29	3

Jacksonville has really struggled this year showing no signs of a top 25 worthy team so far and Campbell has done enough that they are receiving votes. This has definitely been a surprise but I think Jacksonville wins this one in a surprise based on who is receiving votes for the top 25 right now.

Josh's Pick: JU 35 CU 31

Dartmouth at Sacred Heart

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Dartmouth	211	155	35	2
SH	54	260	11	3

Dartmouth should have no problem with Sacred Heart in what should be a blowout behind a solid running attack.

Josh's Pick: Dartmouth 31 SH 10

Fordham at Rhode Island

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Fordham	51	230	12	2
URI	199	300	35	1

Rhode Island is searching for their first win of the season and should get it against a Fordham team who struggles on the ground.

Josh's Pick: URI 31 Fordham 17

Duquesne at St. Francis PA

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Duq	241	215	37	2
SFPA	209	180	26	2

Duquesne is 2-1 and their only loss was a 1-point defeat to Bucknell but they should win again this weekend against a St. Francis team who isn't great at stopping the run.

Josh's Pick: Duq 35 SFPA 24

The Citadel at Elon

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Citadel	226	80	20	1
Elon	104	300	24	2

Elon WR Aaron Mellette has been fantastic so far. Both teams are solid on defense and should keep this game low scoring.

Josh's Pick: Elon 24 Citadel 21

Norfolk St at Charleston Southern

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
NSU	166	215	32	1
CSU	149	160	20	3

NSU QB Chris Walley has been very good early on showing he can be one of the better passers in the MEAC. They should have no problem with CSU this week but the battle of Walley and CSU CB Charles James should be a good one to watch.

Josh's Pick: NSU 35 CSU 24

Delaware St at S Carolina St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
DSU	61	175	14	3
SCSU	194	190	38	3

The Bulldogs need a win to keep from having to run the table to guarantee a playoff berth. They have one big win and should get another one here against a DSU team that is above .500.

Josh's Pick: SCSU 28 DSU 14

Alcorn St at Texas Southern

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
ASU	111	165	23	2
TSU	204	180	30	4

Alcorn has been average offensive while TSU leads the SWAC in scoring. Expect TSU RB Marcus Wright who leads the SWAC in rushing to have a big day.

Josh's Pick: TSU 31 ASU 24

Youngstown St at Indiana St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
YSU	196	140	27	2
ISU	164	230	31	1

Indiana State is now 1-1 against FBS competition after destroying WKU and now looking to continue that momentum in a must win if they are going to make a serious run at the MVFC title. I expect ISU to pull off the win.

Josh's Pick: ISU 28 YSU 24

Chattanooga at Appalachian St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UTC	146	295	32	2
ASU	124	190	30	3

The computers are picking an upset while the media is picking a close win for ASU and I see ASU pulling this one out despite UTC having revenge on their minds. Make sure to catch this game because not only is it a game of two ranked teams but UTC QB BJ Coleman and ASU WR Brian Quick are likely draft picks next spring.

Josh's Pick: ASU 35 UTC 28

Southern at Florida A&M

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SU	41	315	22	2
FAMU	184	200	29	2

This game is important for both teams as the winner will be .500. Southern has struggled on both sides of the ball this year and FAMU has done a

good job of producing yards so I see a win for FAMU.

Josh's Pick: FAMU 31 SU 21

Howard at Morgan St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Howard	116	180	25	3
MSU	169	155	33	2

Both teams are struggling on both sides of the ball so this will be an intriguing game to watch to see who will have the upper hand. I believe Morgan State has just a little bit too much talent and wins.

Josh's Pick: MSU 35 Howard 28

New Hampshire at Richmond

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UNH	161	210	25	3
UR	129	225	25	3

This is a big time game with two teams who have a chance to be national title contenders in what is a very open race. I believe Richmond's home field advantage and QB play put them over the top in a close game.

Josh's Pick: Richmond 28 UNH 24

Weber St at N Colorado

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
WSU	231	305	41	2
UNC	149	255	24	2

This should be a blowout as Weber State has been averaging almost 33 a game while UNC has only managed 18 points per game. Watch out for WSU's Anthony Morales on defense who is #2 in the BSC in tackles per game with 11.0.

Josh's Pick: WCU 42 UNC 21

Northwestern St at Nicholls St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
NWST	121	170	23	2
NSU	169	190	28	3

A battle of the two lowest scoring teams in the SLC but Nicholls State has an edge with a solid defense while NW State is dead last. Look for a Nicholls win with their best offensive performance to date.

Josh's Pick: NSU 31 NWST 21

Coastal Carolina at N Carolina A&T

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
CCU	191	195	37	3
NCAT	139	165	14	3

This shouldn't be close as Coastal Carolina has too much talent and is coming off a blowout at Georgia where they are out for blood now. Keep an eye on talented CB Josh Norman who has NFL scouts watching.

Josh's Pick: CCU 35 NCAT 17

W Illinois at Northern Iowa

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
WIU	101	155	10	3
UNI	294	185	35	1

The UNI defense has picked off six passes already and QB Tirrell Rennie has been great. Look for a blowout win over WIU.

Josh's Pick: UNI 42 WIU 10

Alabama St at Jackson St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
ASU	46	200	20	2
JSU	114	250	27	4

JSU QB Casey Therriault has been fantastic leading them to a 3-0 mark and should have no problem pulling out a win this week.

Josh's Pick: JSU 35 ASU 21

W Carolina at Georgia Southern

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
WCU	86	195	19	3
GSU	369	190	51	1

This game should get ugly for Western Carolina as GSU is at home and looking dangerous early on. The GSU defense is led by several stars who should have no problem

Josh's Pick: GSU 45 WCU 17

Alabama A&M at Grambling

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
A&M	121	170	15	2
GSU	174	190	32	2

Another battle of teams struggling offensively with GSU averaging just 15 per game while A&M is averaging 15.7 per game. A&M's defense is #2 in the SWAC and much better though so expect an upset.

Josh's Pick: A&M 28 GSU 21

Bucknell at Princeton

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Bucknell	106	205	22	1
Princeton	149	235	23	3

Bucknell DE Josh Eden is a player to watch in what should be a low scoring game. Expect a win by Princeton.

Josh's Pick: Princeton 24 Bucknell 21

Savannah St at NC Central

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SSU	76	175	10	2
NCCU	179	165	36	2

Savannah is coming off a blowout loss to App State and probably won't have much better luck this week. It will be closer but still a loss.

Josh's Pick: NCCU 28 SSU 10

Lafayette at Stony Brook

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Lafayette	71	205	22	2
SBU	194	205	23	1

Stony Brook is still searching for their first win and should get it against a struggling Lafayette team who can't seem to get a good ground game going.

Josh's Pick: SBU 28 Lafayette 21

Penn at Villanova

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Penn	171	160	22	2
Nova	159	180	20	3

Villanova has been a huge disappointment with a loss to Monmouth already and it is not looking good. After a loss last week we will find out if Penn is a team who has fallen from where they were last year.

Josh's Pick: Penn 28 Nova 21

Idaho St at N Arizona

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
ISU	6	275	24	2
NAU	134	280	36	3

Idaho State is surprisingly the #2 scoring offense in the Big Sky. Neither team has been better than average on defense. With Tavoy Moore hurt it is tough to pick ISU to win too much and I think NAU's defense shuts down the run game.

Josh's Pick: NAU 31 ISU 20

Texas State at SF Austin

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
TSU	141	150	25	2
SFA	199	275	43	2

Both teams really need a win to keep from being in a deep hole. If SFA can continue to protect QB Brady Attaway then they should pull out a close win.

Josh's Pick: SFA 38 TSU 28

E Kentucky at Austin Peay

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
EKU	186	160	32	2
AP	154	185	10	3

Austin Peay is looking for their first win but hey don't have the talent to stay in this one long and thus I am picking EKU.

Josh's Pick: EKU 35 AP 13

Missouri St at Southern Illinois

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
MSU	136	150	18	2
SIU	264	220	38	2

SIU RB Steve Strother is doing a fine job and giving them a good combo with QB Paul McIntosh. SIU wins behind a balanced attack.

Josh's Pick: SIU 42 MSU 24

Miss Valley St at Prairie View A&M

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
MVSU	96	100	12	3
PVAMU	174	260	37	3

MVSU is still looking for their first win as they are 0-3 and they clearly don't have the talent to challenge this year. PVAMU gets a must win to put them at .500.

Josh's Pick: PVAMU 31 MVSU 10

Samford at Wofford

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Samford	86	180	11	2
Wofford	294	175	30	2

Wofford has been very good so far this year and should have no problem behind a solid defense (6 forced turnovers) and a strong running attack against Samford.

Josh's Pick: Wofford 31 Samford 14

E Illinois at Jacksonville St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
EIU	56	265	20	3
JSU	184	195	29	1

QB Coty Blanchard has stepped in with Marques Ivory hurt and done a fine job. This is a big game as JSU could jump out to an early advantage in OVC play. Expect a close game with a JSU win.

Josh's Pick: JSU 31 EIU 24

James Madison at William & Mary

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
JMU	206	100	15	2
W&M	119	160	12	1

Another heavyweight matchup this week with two CAA powerhouses going at it. W&M will need a strong performance from their defense and ball control will be key. Look for Jonathan Grimes to get the ball plenty but I see a defensive battle and a JMU win.

Josh's Pick: JMU 17 W&M 14

Colgate at Towson

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Colgate	211	90	21	2
Towson	229	175	33	2

Towson has been a real surprise so far and has the look of a potential top 25 team. They must beat Colgate, however, or else their early start won't be for much. Look for a Towson win behind a very solid defense.

Josh's Pick: Towson 31 Colgate 17

South Dakota St at Illinois St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SDSU	116	270	30	3
ISU	144	260	33	2

The Jack Rabbits face a tough challenge on the road this week and after losing their starting quarterback this doesn't look like a game they will win.

Josh's Pick: ISU 35 SDSU 28

Montana St at E Washington

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
MSU	136	205	22	2
EWU	159	335	29	1

This is a must win for EWU as they pretty much have no shot at the play-offs with a loss here unless they run the table and MSU loses two games. Entering the season this looked to be a major battle but turned into a must win now for EWU.

Josh's Pick: MSU 31 EWU 17

SE Missouri St at Tennessee Tech

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SEMO	176	75	16	3
TTU	234	235	36	2

Look out for TTU WR Tim Benford as he played very well against Iowa earlier in the year. This should be a blowout win as SEMO is down from last year.

Josh's Pick: TTU 31 SEMO 14

SE Louisiana at McNeese St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SELU	131	260	27	1
MSU	131	230	40	1

This is the first FCS game for McNeese so this is a tough game to judge but on paper McNeese has superior talent. This game should be fairly high scoring but look for the Cowboys to come out on top.

Josh's Pick: MSU 38 SELU 31

Montana at Sacramento St

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UM	181	130	25	3
SSU	179	185	25	2

After their FBS upset, Sac State has disappointed making them a tough team to judge. Montana QB Jordan Johnson has been good so far but up and down at times. Look for a big game from LB Caleb McSurdy on defense and a close Montana win.

Josh's Pick: Montana 28 SSU 24