

FCS PREDICTIONS - WEEK 8

BETHUNE-COOKMAN AT NORFOLK ST

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
BCC	166	180	24	2
NSU	169	265	30	3

Entering the season most media thought the ranked team in this game would be Bethune-Cookman. While NSU is a surprise team I believe they have what it takes to win the MEAC or at least challenge for the title. However they must win this game to stay on track. Look for NSU to win a close one.

Josh's Pick: NSU 34 BCC 24

YALE AT PENN

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Yale	86	205	22	2
Penn	174	185	26	3

Yale QB Patrick Witt is attracting attention from NFL teams and rightly so with the season he is having. Expect a big game from Witt as Yale beats the preseason favorite Quakers.

Josh's Pick: Yale 28 Penn 24

ALBANY AT CENT CONN ST

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UA	206	145	34	1
CCSU	154	185	21	3

CCSU entered the season as a favorite to win the league but it doesn't look like that will happen. They will officially be knocked out of contention this week by Albany who I am picking to win the title.

Josh's Pick: UA 35 CCSU 21

BRYANT AT ROBERT MORRIS

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Bryant	116	155	23	2
RM	169	160	27	3

Bryant RB Jordan Brown is one of the best players in FCS you probably never heard of. Expect a big game from him as they upset Robert Morris.

Josh's Pick: Bryant 31 RM 28

WAGNER AT DUQUESNE

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Wagner	146	140	18	2
Duq	199	215	29	3

Duquesne should have no problem getting a win at home against a 1-5 Wagner squad.

Josh's Pick: Duq 35 Wagner 17

DELAWARE AT RHODE ISLAND

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UD	116	170	17	2
URI	174	190	17	2

LY's FCS Title runner-up, Delaware has to win out to guarantee a spot in the playoffs. Any loss and they will be on the playoff bubble and a loss to URI would probably keep them outside of the field of 20.

Josh's Pick: UD 28 URI 21

BROWN AT CORNELL

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Brown	166	260	28	1
Cornell	104	230	18	2

Brown is off a hot start at 4-1 and is a legit Ivy league contender. I don't see them hitting a road block against 2-3 Cornell.

Josh's Pick: Brown 35 Cornell 24

MARIST AT BUTLER

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Marist	66	315	14	3
Butler	124	200	21	2

I think the Marist passing attack keeps the game close but I believe Butler will win with a balanced attack at home.

Josh's Pick: Butler 35 Marist 24

PRINCETON AT HARVARD

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Princeton	101	165	3	4
Harvard	189	255	41	3

Harvard should win in a route at home against a 1-4 Princeton squad. Look for RB Trevor Scales to lead the way.

Josh's Pick: Harvard 35 Princeton 10

N CAROLINA A&T AT HOWARD

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
NCAT	146	150	22	3
HU	119	205	20	3

NCAT RB Mike Mayhew is a very exciting player to watch (5.1 ypc) for and I think he will be the difference as A&T wins on the road.

Josh's Pick: NCAT 28 Howard 21

DAYTON AT MOREHEAD ST

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Dayton	156	180	33	3
MSU	74	345	25	2

Dayton wins on the road as they improve to 5-3 in a game where they must and will win the turnover battle.

Josh's Pick: UD 35 MSU 28

HOLY CROSS AT BUCKNELL

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
HC	131	265	28	2
Bucknell	64	195	15	1

This will be an interesting matchup with a solid Bucknell pass rush going against a HC team who likes to pass. I am still picking HC in a close one.

Josh's Pick: HC 31 Bucknell 21

FORDHAM AT LAFAYETTE

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Fordham	101	190	16	2
Lafayette	169	295	30	1

Fordham is looking for their second win of the season but they won't get it on the road against a Lafayette team led by a good pass offense.

Josh's Pick: Lafayette 28 Fordham 21

DAVIDSON AT JACKSONVILLE

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Davidson	51	205	8	4
JU	179	270	41	2

Jacksonville QB Josh McGregor has a big day as they roll to victory at home.

Josh's Pick: JU 38 Davidson 14

SAN DIEGO AT CAMPBELL

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
USD	156	285	33	2
CU	189	190	29	2

San Diego's only loss is to UC Davis and they have looked good in Pioneer League action. Expect a double digit win this week on the road.

Josh's Pick: USD 38 CU 24

MONMOUTH AT SACRED HEART

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Monmouth	176	215	30	2
SH	74	290	29	2

This game should be very close with both teams likely to pass the ball well. The ground game could be the difference and SH struggles there. Look for WR Sterling and RB Hayes to lead Monmouth to a close win.

Josh's Pick: Monmouth 31 SH 28

COLUMBIA AT DARTMOUTH

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Columbia	156	175	16	2
Dartmouth	179	205	30	2

Columbia is still searching for their first win but I don't see it happening this week. Dartmouth wins a close game but keep an eye on at Columbia's tackle Jeff Adams who is attracting attention from NFL scouts.

Josh's Pick: Dartmouth 28 Columbia 14

STONY BROOK AT VMI

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SBU	211	185	33	0
VMI	99	215	12	3

VMI finally got a win last week but they won't make it two in a row against a SBU squad who should have no problem running the ball on them.

Josh's Pick: SBU 31 VMI 14

FLORIDA A&M AT S CAROLINA ST

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
FAMU	131	130	22	3
SCSU	209	220	33	3

The Bulldogs have been up and down this year led on Def by S Christian Thompson and LB Donovan Richard. Expect the winner of the turnover battle to win this game. I'm going with SCSU to win by a touchdown.

Josh's Pick: SCSU 28 FAMU 21

LIBERTY AT CHARLESTON SOUTHERN

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
LU	236	295	52	3
CSU	89	160	14	3

After the big win over CCU last week I think Liberty rolls against CSU by at least 30.

Josh's Pick: LU 49 CSU 17

WOFFORD AT FURMAN

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
WC	331	110	35	2
Furman	84	225	27	2

Wofford is probably the best team in the SoCon despite the rankings having GSU as the favorite and I believe they will show it this week against an up and down Furman team. Watch when WC WR Brenton Bersin faces Furman's CB Ryan Steed as a matchup of potential NFL players. Wofford cruises.

Josh's Pick: WC 38 FU 21

PRESBYTERIAN AT GEORGIA SOUTHERN

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Presbyterian	116	120	16	4
GSU	389	160	53	1

PC DB Justin Bethel is a dark horse candidate for the Buck Buchanan Award and a future NFL player to watch. This game won't be close though as GSU's ground attack should have no problem against the PC defensive line.

Josh's Pick: GSU 49 PC 14

DRAKE AT VALPARAISO

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Drake	226	270	48	2
Valpo	59	280	13	3

Valpo is still looking for their first win and I don't think they will get it here as Drake's Cashmore has a big day in the win.

Josh's Pick: Drake 42 Valpo 14

COLGATE AT GEORGETOWN

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
CU	266	135	26	2
GU	149	240	24	2

Colgate RB Nate Eachus is one of the best in the FCS and should have a big day as he leads them to a close win.

Josh's Pick: CU 31 GU 27

AUSTIN PEAY AT SE MISSOURI STATE

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
AP	196	140	30	2
SEMO	244	160	33	3

After being a playoff team last year SEMO has really struggled but I think they get a win in a close game behind QB Scheible.

Josh's Pick: SEMO 28 AP 21

CAL POLY AT NORTH DAKOTA

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
CP	226	160	29	1
UND	139	190	30	1

Cal Poly CB Asa Jackson is having a great year and will be a player to watch when the NFL Draft rolls around. UND is having a banner season and appears to have a shot at a playoff spot.

Josh's Pick: UND 31 CP 24

NC CENTRAL AT HAMPTON

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
NCCU	106	145	20	3
HU	209	250	41	2

Hampton's defense should hold NCCU in check while QB David LeGree has a big day.

Josh's Pick: Hampton 35 NCCU 21

INDIANA ST AT ILLINOIS ST

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
IND ST	126	185	25	2
ILL ST	199	220	30	3

Expect a great game between two solid teams. Illinois State needs this win to put themselves in the discussion of being ranked and keep them in the hunt for a MVC title. Indiana State RB Shakir Bell is a great player to watch. I expect him to have a big game as they win a close one.

Josh's Pick: Ind St 35 Ill St 28

UT MARTIN AT E ILLINOIS

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UTM	231	190	40	1
EIU	74	245	25	2

EIU won't get their second win as UTM wins behind a strong passing day from their QB and avoids an upset on the road.

Josh's Pick: UTM 31 EIU 20

THE CITADEL AT W CAROLINA

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
CIT	341	60	39	2
WCU	159	225	26	2

Citadel has played close with some good teams this year and I don't see them being victim of an upset to a bad WCU squad. You have to wonder how much longer HC Dennis Wagner will be around at WCU.

Josh's Pick: CIT 35 WCU 21

MISS VALLEY ST AT GRAMBLING

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
MVSU	146	130	10	4
GSU	169	245	31	3

MVSU is still in need of a win and despite Grambling's struggles this year, I don't think they will get it here. Expect Grambling to roll.

Josh's Pick: GSU 35 MVSU 7

TENNESSEE ST AT E KENTUCKY

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
TSU	141	245	26	2
EKU	169	245	33	2

TSU is on a 2 gm win steak including handing Tenn Tech their 1st conf loss. EKU has 2 big road gms on deck but must take care of business here. Expect EKU to win a close game.

Josh's Pick: EKU 28 TSU 21

NORTH DAKOTA ST AT SOUTH DAKOTA ST

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
NDSU	166	160	30	1
SDSU	89	265	15	4

NDSU's defense is one of the best in FCS and should have no problem shutting down an inexperienced SDSU offense. Look for DE Coulter Boyer to have a couple sacks in the win.

Josh's Pick: NDSU 38 SDSU 14

CHATTANOOGA AT ELON

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UTC	171	195	36	2
Elon	74	250	21	4

Elon WR Aaron Mellette has been fantastic over the last two years and he could keep this game really close with BJ Coleman out for UTC. Expect a close game with UTC pulling out a narrow victory.

Josh's Pick: UTC 31 Elon 24

SOUTH ALABAMA AT GEORGIA ST

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
USA	166	170	26	2
GSU	159	200	21	2

South Alabama has been a solid team this year as they boast a good defense. GSU is struggling this year and I don't think they have the talent to beat USA.

Josh's Pick: USA 31 GSU 24

MAINE AT RICHMOND

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UM	166	195	28	2
UR	99	265	25	2

Maine has been a real surprise team vaulting from unranked to No. 9 in the TSN poll. Expect a close road win by Maine in a game that will put Richmond in a corner forcing them to win out to have a shot at the playoffs.

Josh's Pick: Maine 31 UR 28

SAMFORD AT APPALACHIAN ST

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Samford	156	190	27	2
ASU	214	250	32	3

When all is said and done ASU QB Jamal Jackson looks like he might be better than DeAndre Presley. Expect Jackson to throw to NFL prospect Brian Quick early and often as ASU wins a close one.

Josh's Pick: ASU 35 Samford 24

OLD DOMINION AT VILLANOVA

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
ODU	111	300	35	2
NOVA	144	235	29	3

Entering the fall most expected Villanova to be the ranked team in this matchup but ODU has come on strong and has the makings of a potential CAA title contender late in the year. I'm picking ODU in a close one.

Josh's Pick: ODU 38 Villanova 28

TOWSON AT WILLIAM & MARY

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
TU	181	185	17	2
W&M	159	190	19	1

Towson has been a real surprise team thus far and a win this week would prove they are not only for real but perhaps a CAA title contender. I believe they will win a close battle against a W&M team who I believe is a bit over-rated.

Josh's Pick: Towson 28 W&M 17

NEW HAMPSHIRE AT MASSACHUSETTS

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UNH	126	300	34	3
UMASS	174	275	36	3

Despite the game featuring 2 of the best FCS's LB's in UNH's Matt Evans and UMASS' Tyler Holmes, I am picking a high scoring game with UNH coming out on top. I am picking a high scoring game with UNH coming out on top.

Josh's Pick: UNH 42 UMASS 35

MONTANA ST AT N COLORADO

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
MSU	216	265	43	1
UNC	49	220	20	2

I don't see UNC pulling an upset to get their first win against the No. 4 ranked Bobcats. QB DeNarius McGhee should have a big game in a blowout win.

Josh's Pick: MSU 42 UNC 24

ST FRANCIS PA AT YOUNGSTOWN ST

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SFPA	121	145	22	2
YSU	354	300	60	2

Youngstown State should have no problem winning at home as they should dominate on both sides of the ball and win by at least 35.

Josh's Pick: YSU 56 SFPA 21

CENTRAL ARKANSAS AT LAMAR

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UCA	181	260	40	2
LU	114	280	26	3

UCA QB Nathan Dick will need to have a big game to ensure a victory. I see a close contest but UCA pulls it out and stays in the playoff hunt.

Josh's Pick: UCA 35 LU 24

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AT NORTHERN IOWA

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SIU	131	165	8	4
UNI	164	205	28	2

SIU must win this game to have any shot at the playoffs but I don't see it happening. Look for UNI QB Rennie and RB David Johnson to have a big game as they win easy.

Josh's Pick: UNI 31 SIU 10

UC DAVIS AT SOUTH DAKOTA

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UC Davis	76	220	17	2
USD	224	180	29	1

South Dakota is in a must win situation to stay ranked and they should be able to facing UCD at home. USD is a run-oriented offense who will look to pound out a win on the ground.

Josh's Pick: USD 28 UCD 24

SOUTHERN UTAH AT WEBER ST

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SUU	86	260	27	2
WSU	229	255	30	2

I'm looking forward to this game because both teams have flashed Top 25 talent this year and I could see either one finishing with 7 wins and being worthy of playoff consideration. I believe Southern Utah gets the road win.

Josh's Pick: SSU 35 WSU 31

MONTANA AT N ARIZONA

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UM	176	160	28	2
NAU	129	225	26	3

Montana needs just two more wins to put themselves in good standing for an at-large playoff bid and they are still in contention for the automatic berth. Expect a Montana win as NAU's head coach has never beaten the Griz.

Josh's Pick: UM 31 NAU 24

SF AUSTIN AT NICHOLLS ST

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SFA	96	250	32	3
NSU	179	150	27	3

SFA has really gone downhill since last year but I still think they have the talent to defeat NSU on the road. Expect a big game from WR Roberson as SFA wins a close one.

Josh's Pick: SFA 35 NSU 28

GARDNER-WEBB AT COASTAL CAROLINA

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
GW	131	125	12	2
CCU	149	250	31	3

After their blowout loss LW, CCU is in a must win game and should have no problem here. CCU wins by two touchdowns.

Josh's Pick: CCU 35 GW 21

MISSOURI ST AT W ILLINOIS

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
MSU	226	180	28	1
WIU	199	250	34	1

Missouri State is still searching for their first win and while WIU has not been consistent this year I still don't think MSU gets it here.

Josh's Pick: WIU 42 MSU 31

SAM HOUSTON ST AT MCNEESE ST

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SHSU	186	125	28	1
MSU	129	240	16	3

Sam Houston State has been a surprise team this year with a 6-0 record and is ranked in the Top 10. Look for the Bearcats to win by two scores.

Josh's Pick: SHSU 35 MSU 24

TEXAS STATE AT SE LOUISIANA

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
TSU	236	170	44	1
SELU	129	290	29	2

Texas State has shown improvement from last year, which they will need in their move to the FBS. Look for TSU to win by two scores on the road.

Josh's Pick: TSU 38 SELU 28

E WASHINGTON AT SACRAMENTO ST

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
EWU	76	265	25	2
SSU	174	235	25	3

After an 0-4 start the Eagles are on a 3-game win streak and QB Bo Levi Mitchell is playing well. Expect a close game here as both teams know they must win this game. I am going with EWU despite being on the road.

Josh's Pick: EWU 35 SSU 28