

FCS PREDICTIONS - WEEK 9

#7 LEHIGH AT COLGATE

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Lehigh	126	315	35	2
Colgate	209	135	19	3

Lehigh brings a potent pass offense led by Chris Lum to face Colgate's ground attack led by Nate Eachus.

Josh's Pick: Lehigh 42 Colgate 21

YALE AT COLUMBIA

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Yale	186	255	33	2
Columbia	104	215	18	3

Yale has no problem with a winless Columbia team on the road behind the arm of QB Patrick Witt.

Josh's Pick: Yale 38 Columbia 17

DRAKE AT MARIST

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Drake	96	170	18	3
Marist	74	280	25	3

Drake has beaten the bad teams and only has two losses (North Dakota, San Diego), which are both quality squads. I'm going to disagree with the computers and go with Drake.

Josh's Pick: Drake 31 Marist 27

#9 JAMES MADISON AT #15 OLD DOMINION

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
JMU	226	145	27	2
ODU	84	235	23	2

This will surprisingly be a big game with national implications as both teams are eyeing the playoffs and could be a seed if they win out. I am going to pick the upset this week with ODU winning at home by one score.

Josh's Pick: ODU 31 JMU 28

RHODE ISLAND AT #10 NEW HAMPSHIRE

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
URI	191	205	25	4
UNH	144	305	36	2

Rhode Island pulled a big upset last week over Delaware but I don't think they have enough to do it against a high scoring UNH team. UNH wins by two scores.

Josh's Pick: UNH 31 URI 21

SACRED HEART AT ROBERT MORRIS

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SH	51	255	22	2
RM	149	205	30	2

Neither team has been very impressive this year but the lack of ground game by Sacred Heart should be the difference as Robert Morris wins.

Josh's Pick: RM 35 SH 24

CENT CONN ST AT ST FRANCIS PA

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
CCSU	276	185	44	3
SFPA	209	175	36	2

Two struggling teams who both allow a lot of points come together here. Expect a high scoring game as CCSU wins.

Josh's Pick: CCSU 42 SFPA 31

ALBANY AT WAGNER

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UA	211	250	40	2
Wagner	104	190	18	3

Albany has been up and down at times this year but should have no problems with one win Wagner.

Josh's Pick: UA 38 Wagner 14

PENN AT BROWN

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Penn	186	165	20	2
Brown	144	260	30	1

Brown is the surprising favorite against the two-time defending Ivy League Champion Quakers. Brown QB Kyle Newhall-Caballero is having a great season and I believe he is the difference as Brown wins.

Josh's Pick: Brown 28 Penn 24

VMI AT THE CITADEL

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
VMI	81	140	9	2
CIT	299	105	35	1

The Military Classic of the South. This is always a big rivalry game but VMI just doesn't have the talent to keep this one close.

Josh's Pick: Citadel 31 VMI 10

GEORGETOWN AT HOLY CROSS

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
GU	96	170	17	2
HC	124	330	24	2

Georgetown has been a surprise team and would win the Patriot League if they win out, including a big showdown at the end of the season with Lehigh. This will be a close one but I think they continue their surprise season with a win here.

Josh's Pick: GU 24 HC 21

CORNELL AT PRINCETON

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Cornell	81	310	33	2
Princeton	229	230	24	2

Cornell wins this one behind the play of WR Shane Savage offensively who leads them in catches, receiving yards, and points.

Josh's Pick: Cornell 28 Princeton 20

MORGAN ST AT DELAWARE ST

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
MSU	151	135	26	2
DSU	84	230	20	4

Morgan State is led by some freshmen, making this team one to watch for in the future and they should be one step closer to a winning season with a victory over DSU this weekend.

Josh's Pick: MSU 28 DSU 24

S CAROLINA ST AT HOWARD

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SCSU	171	155	30	2
HU	139	185	18	3

SC State's defense has been very good this year and should have no problem shutting down Howard.

Josh's Pick: SCSU 35 HU 17

MASSACHUSETTS AT RICHMOND

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UMASS	146	195	27	3
UR	119	255	30	2

After starting the year with 3 wins including the upset of Duke, the Spiders have dropped 4 straight conf games (3 by a comb 6 pts). The Minutemen in their final FCS ssn are 2-2 in conf play and have a chance to finish strong. Look for UMass in a close one.

Josh's Pick: UMass 28 Richmond 21

CAMPBELL AT DAVIDSON

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
CU	246	115	38	1
UD	59	300	17	3

Campbell is fresh off their upset of San Diego and while this could be a let down game I think they get the win over 2-5 Davidson.

Josh's Pick: CU 35 UD 21

DUQUESNE AT MONMOUTH

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
DUQ	136	190	22	2
MON	199	205	29	2

Duquesne is looking for the league's auto bid to the playoffs but has to win out and hope for 2 Albany losses. Monmouth really needs to win this game all but ensures a winning record this year. Duquesne already has guaranteed that. I think Monmouth wins at home.

Josh's Pick: Monmouth 27 Duquesne 24

WILLINOIS AT YOUNGSTOWN ST

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
WIU	131	260	23	2
YSU	289	215	38	1

Youngstown State wins behind a balanced attack led by RB Cook and WR Bryan who have the potential to be All-MVFC.

Josh's Pick: YSU 35 WIU 24

ELON AT #12 WOFFORD

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Elon	51	215	21	3
Wofford	359	90	41	2

A game of two contrasting offenses but Wofford has a better defense and will shut down Elon's spread attack. Wofford wins easily behind their ground game.

Josh's Pick: Wofford 45 Elon 21

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN AT GARDNER-WEBB

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
CSU	86	155	17	3
GW	214	185	26	2

If GW was playing a very tough opponent I would call for them to lose in what is likely to be a trap game after their win over CCU last week. I think it will be closer than it should be but GW still wins.

Josh's Pick: GW 31 CSU 21

DAYTON AT VALPARAISO

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UD	271	100	38	2
VALPO	94	265	18	3

Valpo might not win a game this year as they are struggling in all phases. Dayton wins this game no problem behind a solid running attack by at least three scores.

Josh's Pick: UD 35 Valpo 14

FURMAN AT CHATTANOOGA

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Furman	111	160	20	3
UTC	169	245	33	2

After their big upset of Wofford last week I see Furman, having a hangover loss. UTC wins a close contest.

Josh's Pick: UTC 28 FU 24

E KENTUCKY AT MURRAY ST

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
EKU	256	145	31	1
MSU	74	380	30	2

Both teams are 4-3 and have their eyes on a possible seven win season but they must win this game to keep pressure off of them the rest of the year. I have MSU winning a close one at home.

Josh's Pick: MSU 28 EKU 24

HAMPTON AT SAVANNAH ST

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
HU	186	205	35	1
SSU	134	140	14	2

Hampton has no problem winning this game as they shut down Savannah State and improve to 5-3.

Josh's Pick: Hampton 38 SSU 14

BETHUNE COOKMAN AT NC CENTRAL

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
BCC	261	205	37	2
NCCU	89	205	20	4

Watch out for WR Eddie Poole as he is one of the better receivers that doesn't get much attention. BCC wins this game behind the play of Poole and RB Jackson.

Josh's Pick: BCC 31 NCCU 24

N CAROLINA A&T AT NORFOLK ST

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
NCAT	136	130	13	2
NSU	144	260	26	2

Expect NSU to take out their frustration of last week's upset loss out on A&T this week. NSU wins big.

Josh's Pick: NSU 28 NCAT 14

GEORGIA ST AT UTSA

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
GSU	161	205	26	3
UTSA	149	210	22	3

This is a fairly even contest but I think GSU finds a way to win behind the running game of Russell. This game should start a solid win streak for them as they face St. Francis (IL) and West Alabama and have a good chance to beat Campbell to close out their season.

Josh's Pick: GSU 28 UTSA 24

IDAHO ST AT #4 MONTANA ST

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
ISU	-4	225	13	2
MSU	289	235	40	2

MSU has their sights set on a seed and I believe they will get it, which means they will beat ISU. Look for a blowout win behind the play of QB DeNarius McGhee.

Josh's Pick: MSU 42 ISU 17

#1 GEORGIA SOUTHERN AT #5 APPALACHIAN ST

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
GSU	306	95	34	2
ASU	189	225	28	3

This is by far the biggest game in the FCS as two teams who hate each other are playing for bragging rights and to be in first place for the SoCon title. ASU usually wins at home but I don't think QB Jamaal Jackson has had enough time starting to be ready for this one. GSU wins a close one.

Josh's Pick: GSU 31 ASU 28

LAMAR AT #6 SAM HOUSTON ST

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
LU	26	195	13	3
SHSU	294	210	48	1

SHSU is rolling through their schedule and has the makings of a national title contender. This first meeting won't be close as SHSU rolls.

Josh's Pick: SHSU 42 LU 14

TEXAS SOUTHERN AT MISS VALLEY ST

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
TSU	216	175	28	4
MVSU	109	180	23	3

MVSU is still searching for their first win but I don't see them getting it. Look out for TSU DE Marquis Jackson who has 2013 NFL Prospect written all over him.

Josh's Pick: TSU 31 MVSU 21

SOUTH DAKOTA ST AT MISSOURI ST

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SDSU	111	265	28	2
MSU	164	225	28	2

Neither team has been as good as expected this year and both are really playing for pride at this point. I'm going to go with SDSU on the road in a close one.

Josh's Pick: SDSU 35 MSU 31

W CAROLINA AT SAMFORD

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
WCU	111	235	17	3
Samford	284	250	42	2

After a tough loss to App State last weekend Samford should have no problem getting the win against a struggling WCU squad. Keep an eye on Samford CB Corey White who should get drafted in the late rounds.

Josh's Pick: Samford 38 WCU 14

UC DAVIS AT SOUTHERN UTAH

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UCD	81	220	18	2
SUU	119	290	35	2

Southern Utah had hopes of a GWFC title but at 0-3 in league play won't attain that goal. UC Davis is 0-1 in conf play and lost to South Dakota last week and I don't see them beating SUU.

Josh's Pick: SUU 42 UCD 24

WEBER ST AT #11 MONTANA

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
WSU	161	200	26	2
UM	214	215	32	2

The Grizzlies aren't quite the power they have been in years past as they are young in key positions but I think they have too much talent for Weber State. Montana wins by one score.

Josh's Pick: UM 35 WSU 31

#22 ILLINOIS ST AT SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
ISU	96	185	19	3
SIU	139	195	16	2

In what should be a fairly low scoring game I think ISU has a passing attack that SIU won't be able to shut down. ISU by one score.

Josh's Pick: ISU 21 SIU 17

ALABAMA A&M AT #16 ALABAMA ST

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
A&M	131	185	12	4
ASU	84	270	28	2

This is going to be a big game as Alabama State is having a great season and is eyeing the SWAC East Crown. I am going with ASU at home behind WR Nick Andrews who will lead the way offensively.

Josh's Pick: ASU 31 A&M 17

GRAMBLING AT ARK PINE BLUFF

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
GSU	136	185	26	3
UAPB	199	215	21	3

I'm going with GSU on the road with several UAPB players suspended for this game due to a brawl earlier in the year.

Josh's Pick: GSU 28 UAPB 24

#8 MAINE AT VILLANOVA

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UM	131	285	29	1
NOVA	109	155	15	3

Heading into the season many expected this might be a close Nova win. At this point Maine has a seed on their mind and Villanova is planning for next year. Look for a blowout win on the road by Maine.

Josh's Pick: Maine 31 Nova 14

PRESBYTERIAN AT #23 LIBERTY

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
PC	126	180	21	3
LU	204	320	48	3

Liberty is finally rolling after a slow start and PC just doesn't have the talent to keep this one very close. Look for QB Mike Brown to have a big day for Liberty.

Josh's Pick: LU 42 PC 17

NORTH DAKOTA AT N COLORADO

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UND	156	145	28	2
UNC	74	320	20	1

UNC is still searching for their first win and UND needs a win to bounce back after their loss last week. I expect UND to win this one easily.

Josh's Pick: UND 31 UNC 17

NORTHWESTERN ST AT TEXAS ST

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
NSU	136	195	27	1
TSU	169	245	21	3

Both teams are hoping for a 8 win season but will need to win this game to have a good chance at it. I'm going with NSU on the road in a close one.

Josh's Pick: NSU 31 TSU 27

MCNEESE ST AT SF AUSTIN

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
MSU	141	180	27	2
SFA	104	315	30	2

Both teams came into the season ranked but now neither find themselves looking like a playoff team. I am going with MSU on the road in a close one.

Josh's Pick: MSU 31 SFA 24

#2 NORTHERN IOWA AT #3 NORTH DAKOTA ST

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UNI	156	140	15	2
NDSU	144	165	20	2

This game will likely decide the MVFC Champ as every other MVFC team has at least 2 conf losses. Look for a close game that could be low scoring when you consider the talent both defenses have. I am going with NDSU on their home field.

Josh's Pick: NDSU 21 UNI 20

COASTAL CAROLINA AT STONY BROOK

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
CCU	81	225	19	3
SBU	239	170	39	1

This is a big game for both teams as CCU must win out to have any shot at the playoffs while SBY is in the hunt for the Big South Title. I am going with SBU at home in a close game.

Josh's Pick: SBU 35 CCU 28

#25 TENNESSEE TECH AT #14 JACKSONVILLE ST

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
TTU	151	220	27	3
JSU	224	200	34	2

This is a big game in the OVC as the winner stays in the conf title race so keep an eye on this game. The running backs are key players to watch for both teams so the difference will be the run defense. I'm going with JSU at home.

Josh's Pick: JSU 31 TTU 27

PORTLAND ST AT E WASHINGTON

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
PSU	256	180	29	2
EWU	134	365	41	2

After a slow start EWU seems to have it together and QB Bo Levi Mitchell is looking good. EWU wins a close one at home against a solid Portland State squad.

Josh's Pick: EWU 35 PSU 24

#19 JACKSON ST AT PRAIRIE VIEW A&M

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
JSU	111	245	32	3
PVAMU	179	210	21	3

JSU is having a great season and faces a big test with PVAMU. I am going to agree with the computers as JSU rolls and improves to 5-1 in SWAC play.

Josh's Pick: JSU 35 PVAMU 24

E ILLINOIS AT AUSTIN PEAY

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
EIU	51	260	30	3
AP	224	115	21	3

EIU is suffering a 7 gm losing streak in HC Bob Spoo's 25th and final ssn but look for them to pull out the road win here.

Josh's Pick: EIU 31 AP 24

BUCKNELL AT LAFAYETTE

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Bucknell	61	170	17	1
Lafayette	114	285	30	3

Bucknell has a solid defensive line who I think will get pressure on Lafayette but I don't think it will be enough to get the win.

Josh's Pick: Lafayette 28 Bucknell 21

DARTMOUTH AT #24 HARVARD

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
Dartmouth	141	160	17	3
Harvard	204	235	33	2

Harvard is having a great season and has the looks of an Ivy League champion. Behind the arm of QB Collier Winters I think Harvard wins by a few scores.

Josh's Pick: Harvard 38 Dartmouth 21

ALCORN ST AT SOUTHERN

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
ASU	161	140	27	3
SU	119	260	23	4

Both squads are looking for their third win and despite playing on the road I think ASU wins behind RB Walker and a decent run defense.

Josh's Pick: ASU 28 SU 24

SE LOUISIANA AT CENTRAL ARKANSAS

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SELU	116	310	29	3
UCA	214	270	45	1

UCA really needs to win this game to stay in the hunt for a playoff berth and I think they will behind a big game from QB Nathan Dick.

Josh's Pick: UCA 38 SELU 28

#21 DELAWARE AT #13 TOWSON

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
UD	121	190	20	3
TU	199	230	28	2

Towson has been a big surprise team this year and I think they continue their shocking season with a win over Delaware at home.

Josh's Pick: Towson 31 Delaware 24

SE MISSOURI ST AT UT MARTIN

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
SEMO	171	85	17	2
UTM	209	245	41	1

UTM has their eyes set on an at-large berth this year but needs to win out to guarantee it. They get the win here behind strong quarterback play.

Josh's Pick: UTM 35 SEMO 21

#17 SOUTH DAKOTA AT CAL POLY

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
USD	146	180	23	1
CP	259	130	30	3

South Dakota is better than their record and despite the computers going with Cal Poly I am going to pick USD to win on the road in a close one.

Josh's Pick: USD 28 CP 24

N ARIZONA AT SACRAMENTO ST

	Rush	Pass	Pts	TO
NAU	126	220	23	2
SSU	214	215	29	1

Sacramento State looked as though they would have a great year when they beat Oregon State but it has been rocky for them. Entering the game at 3-4 they need to win out to keep any playoff hopes alive. They face a struggling NAU team so I believe they will get the win.

Josh's Pick: SSU 31 NAU 27

