



# AROUND THE BIG SOUTH

## Big South Football Preview

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### Charleston Southern Buccaneers (0-2) at Illinois Fighting Illini (1-1) • Memorial Stadium • 12:00pm • Big Ten Network



- This is the first meeting between the schools, and Charleston Southern's first against a Big Ten opponent.
- Saturday's game marks the Buccaneers' ninth game against an FBS program since 2008.
- **NATHAN PERERA** (134) and **CHASE JONES** (105) had 100 yards receiving last week against Jacksonville.
- The Bucs held Jacksonville to 98 rushing yards, the fewest by a non-Conference foe since 2010 (Hawai'i).
- DB **CHARLES JAMES** is seventh in Big South history with 30 career passes defended (10 INT, 20 PBU).



### Presbyterian College Blue Hose (1-1) at Vanderbilt Commodores (0-2) • Vanderbilt Stadium • 12:30pm • CSS, ESPN3



- This is the first meeting between the schools, and Presbyterian's first against an SEC opponent.
- Saturday's game marks the Blue Hose's fifth game against an FBS program under **HAROLD NICHOLS**.
- PC has not been shutout in its last 65 contests, dating back to the 2006 season.
- **MICHAEL RUFF** (1,366) needs 44 kickoff return yards to move into fifth-place in Big South history.
- RB **LANCE BYRD** (2,138) needs 77 rushing yards to move to 11th on the Big South's all-time rushing list.



### Richmond Spiders (1-1) at VMI Keydets (1-1) • Foster Stadium • 1:30pm • Big South Network



- This is the 88th meeting between the schools. Richmond leads the series, 42-40-5.
- VMI's last win in the series was in 1996, a 20-7 victory in Lexington.
- QB **ERIC KORDENBROCK** is averaging 259.3 passing yards in his last three games.
- RB **JABARI TURNER** caught four passes for 89 yards and two touchdowns last week against Chowan.
- The Keydets are looking to win three consecutive home games for the first time since 2003.



### Samford Bulldogs (2-0) at Gardner-Webb Runnin' Bulldogs (0-2) • Spangler Stadium • 3:00pm • Big South Network



- This is the eighth meeting between the schools. Samford leads the series, 5-2.
- Gardner-Webb last defeated the Bulldogs in 2000 (36-17) in what was GWU's inaugural season in FCS.
- The Runnin' Bulldogs are looking to avoid for their first 0-3 start since 1996.
- LB **TANNER BURCH** leads the Big South in tackles per game, averaging 12.5 after two weeks.
- RB **KENNY LITTLE** (1,477) needs 23 rushing yards to become the 24th Big South player with 1,500 in a career.



### Liberty Flames (0-2) at #12/14 Montana Grizzlies (1-1) • Washington-Grizzly Stadium • 3:30pm • Altitude, Flames Sports Network



- This is the first meeting between the schools, and LU's third-ever game against a current Big Sky member.
- The Flames are looking to avoid their first 0-3 start since 2003 (0-3).
- Liberty's last non-Conference road win against an FCS opponent was Sept. 19, 2009 at Lafayette (W, 19-13).
- WR **PAT KELLY** is five receptions away from becoming the 22nd Big South player with 100 in a career.
- RB **ALDREKIS ALLEN** needs 18 rushing yards to move up two spots on the Big South's all-time rushing list.



### #16/17 Stony Brook Seawolves (2-0) at Syracuse Orange (0-2) • Carrier Dome • 4:00pm • SNY, ESPN3



- This is the first meeting between the schools, and marks Stony Brook's fourth-ever game against an FBS foe.
- The Seawolves are looking to start 3-0 for the first time since 1994 when SBU started 4-0.
- Stony Brook leads all of FCS in tackles-for-loss (11.5), total offense (591.0) and scoring offense (49.0).
- RB **MIGUEL MAYSONET** needs 15 rushing yards to become the fourth player in Big South history with 3,000.
- QB **KYLE ESSINGTON** has thrown at least two TD passes in six consecutive games, tying the Big South record.



### #20/25 Eastern Kentucky Colonels (1-1) at Coastal Carolina Chanticleers (2-0) • Brooks Stadium • 6:00pm • Big South Network



- This is the first meeting between the schools, and the first of two consecutive first-time opponents for CCU.
- The Chanticleers are looking to start 3-0 for the first time in their 10-year history.
- Coastal Carolina is hosting a nationally-ranked non-Conference FCS opponent for the fourth time (2-1 record).
- WR **MATT HAZEL** has caught a touchdown pass in four consecutive games, dating back to last season.
- QB **ARAMIS HILLARY** has thrown for more than 200 yards in three-straight games (259.7 average).

