



# #1 MONTANA VS #2 VILLANOVA

December 18, 2009 - 8 p.m. ET

Chattanooga, Tenn. - Finley Stadium (20,066)

## POSTGAME NOTES



### BY THE NUMBERS

**1** - FCS Football National Championships won by Villanova

**5** - FCS National Championships won by the Colonial Athletic Association since 1998

**6** - Losses by Montana over the last four years (51 wins) - since the 2006 season

**8** - Combined National Championship Game appearances by Montana (7) and Villanova (1)

**13** - Straight years the FCS Championship has been played in Chattanooga

**18** - National Championship won by Villanova and second of the year (won women's cross country last month)

**57** - Consecutive extra points made by Nick Yako to start his career at Villanova, before missing his first attempt in tonight's game

**282** - Consecutive games that Montana has scored

**14,328** - Attendance at tonight's FCS Championship Game

### VILLANOVA NOTES:

- Captains for the Wildcats: Osayi Osunde, Brian Brannigan, Phil Matusz
- Eight of the Wildcats 14 wins this season came against nationally ranked opponents, including five in a row
- Villanova is now 5-1 against Top 10 ranked teams this season
- Villanova has now won 11 consecutive games against non-conference FCS teams, dating back to 2006.
- **Matt Szczur** was named the Most Outstanding Player in the game to lead the Wildcats to their first-ever football National Championship.
- Quarterback **Chris Whitney** threw an interception early in the second quarter. The junior quarterback had 81 straight attempts without an interception, which was just his fourth of the season.
- Villanova trailed by 11 points in the second quarter (14-3), which was their largest deficit of the season and just the fifth time the Wildcats have trailed this season.
- **Matt Szczur** has scored a touchdown in all six of his playoff games. He scored on a 5-yard run during the second quarter in tonight's game.
- **Matt Szczur** recorded his second career 100-yard rushing game after finishing with 159 yards tonight, which is also a career-high, passing his 103-yard performance against Lehigh on Sept. 12, 2009. He also added 68 receiving yards and 43 kick return yards to finish with 270 all-purpose yards.
- The Wildcats had two players rush for more than 100 yards for the second time this season. **Chris Whitney** finished with 102 yards and **Matt Szczur** added 159 yards. The last time that Villanova had two players rush for 100 yards was against Lehigh on Sept. 12, 2009.
- The Colonial Athletic Association has played in the FCS title game in six of the last seven and has won four of those games.
- Villanova set a school single-season record for total offensive yards (5784) and a school record for total offensive plays (985).
- Villanova claimed the school's first-ever FCS playoff victory away from home in seven tries. The Wildcats entered the game 0-6 in road FCS games.

### MONTANA NOTES:

- Captains for the Grizzlies: Shawn Lebsack, Shann Schillinger, Marc Mariani
- Montana is now just 3-12 in FCS playoff games away from Washington-Grizzly Stadium and is now 1-4 at neutral sites and 2-9 in road games.
- Montana is now 2-5 in the FCS National Championship game and has lost five of its last six games in the finals.
- **Marc Mariani** became just the eighth player in Big Sky history to record more than 3,000 career yards after finishing with 178 yards tonight. The senior has 3,018 career yards, which is a school record.
- Montana had outscored its opponents 47-0 in the fourth quarter during the playoffs, before Villanova scored a touchdown with 11:04 left in the game.
- Quarterback **Andrew Selle** finished 27-for-35 for 351 yards and three touchdowns. It was his fourth 300-yard passing game of the season and the total was a season-high.
- Junior **Erik Stoll** led the Grizzlies defense with 11 total tackles, including nine solo stops.
- **Shawn Lebsack** recorded his first career interception during the second quarter of tonight's game.
- Despite the loss today, Montana has won 119 games in the decade, which is the most among FCS and FBS schools, just ahead of Boise State's 111 total in the 2000s.
- Montana head coach **Bobby Hauck** is the fourth coach to lead the Grizzlies to the national championship game, but is still looking for his first win in the title game.