2026 FCS Playoffs: Field, Seeds and First Round

24 teams - seeds 1-8 have first-round byes - all times Eastern

Date	Kickoff (ET)	First-round matchup	TV	
FIRST ROUND - SATURDAY, NOV. 28				
Sat Nov 28	12:00 PM	No. 12 Lehigh vs. UAlbany	ESPN+	☐
Sat Nov 28	12:00 PM	No. 16 Monmouth vs. Harvard	ESPN+	☐
Sat Nov 28	1:00 PM	No. 9 North Dakota vs. Idaho State	ESPN+	☐
Sat Nov 28	2:00 PM	No. 11 Tennessee Tech vs. Dayton	ESPN+	☐
Sat Nov 28	3:00 PM	No. 14 Weber State vs. Western Illinois	ESPN+	☐
Sat Nov 28	4:00 PM	No. 13 Illinois State at Austin Peay	ESPN+	☐
Sat Nov 28	4:00 PM	No. 10 Northern Arizona vs. LIU	ESPN+	☐
Sat Nov 28	8:00 PM	No. 15 Montana vs. UIW	ESPNU	☐
TOP 8 SEEDS (FIRST-ROUND BYES)				
1	Montana State	First-round bye		☐
2	Tarleton State	First-round bye		☐
3	South Dakota S	First-round bye		☐
4	Lamar	First-round bye		☐
5	SFA	First-round bye		☐
6	Youngstown S	First-round bye		☐
7	South Dakota	First-round bye		☐
8	Mercer	First-round bye		☐
ROAD TO NASHVILLE				
Sat Dec 5	TBA	Second round	ESPN+	☐
Dec 11-12	TBA	Quarterfinals	ESPN	☐
Sat Dec 19	4 PM / 8 PM	Semifinals	ABC / ESPN2	☐
Mon Jan 11	7:30 PM	Championship, FirstBank Stadium, Nashville	ESPN	☐

Field and schedule per NCAA.com (Nov. 23, 2026).

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