

ASU remains No.3 in TSN Poll

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Despite their dramatic comeback win at Chattanooga, the Mountaineers are still ranked third this week in The Sports Network Poll.

Montana, which destroyed Western State 73-2 on Saturday, is the new No. 1 team in the country replacing Villanova, which falls to No. 2 following its season-opening loss to Temple. The Grizzlies received 57 of the 126 first-place votes. Villanova received 46 first-place votes. Southern Illinois, which christened its new stadium by crushing Division II opponent, Quincy 70-7 last Thursday, is No. 4; Jacksonville State is at No. 5 after pulling off a huge upset by knocking off Ole Miss in double overtime, 49-48.

Jacksonville State also received one first-place vote. New Hampshire, Richmond, Elon, South Dakota State and Stephen F. Austin round out the top ten.

William & Mary was the only team in the Preseason Top 25 to fall to a fellow FCS program, a 27-23 loss to CAA Football rival Massachusetts. William & Mary, a national semifinalist last year, fell seven spots to No. 11. Massachusetts broke into the poll at No. 18.

James Madison was No. 12, followed by McNeese State, Northern Iowa, South Carolina State, Delaware, Eastern Washington, Massachusetts, Liberty and Weber State to round out the top 20.

North Dakota State joined UMass as the other new entry into the Top 25, grabbing No. 21 after its 6-3 win at University of Kansas. The Bison were followed in the Top 25 by Prairie View A&M at No. 22, then Eastern Illinois, Montana State and Colgate.

The two teams that fell out of the Top 25 received the next-highest vote totals - Holy Cross, which won its opener, and Penn, which was idle.

The Apps take on Jacksonville in their home opener Saturday at Kidd Brewer Stadium. Our coverage begins at 1:30 pm on 1450 AM, WATA.