

Mountaineers Ranked 8th In Final Coaches Poll

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North Dakota State finished the 2012 season with its fourth-consecutive No. 1 ranking in this week's FCS Coaches Poll after a 39-13 victory in Saturday's national championship game. The Bison finished

the season at 14-1 and received 26 first-place votes (650 total points). This is the eleventh time this season NDSU has been ranked No.1 in the coaches poll. Sam Houston State moved up three spots to No. 2 after advancing to the FCS final. The Bearkats finished the season at 11-4 and received a total of 618 points in the final voting. Georgia Southern moved up four spots to No. 3 after falling to the Bison in the semifinals. Eastern Washington also advanced to the semifinals and finished the season with an 11-3 record and maintained its No. 4 ranking. Montana State concluded the 2012 season in the quarterfinals with an 11-2 record and rounds out the top five. Old Dominion (11-2) fell three spots to No. 6, while Wofford (9-4) rose two spots to No. 7 and Appalachian State (8-4) fell two spots to No. 8. Illinois State (9-4) jumped into the top-ten at No. 9 and Central Arkansas (9-3) rounds out the top ten. Three teams made their top-25 debut in the final poll: Wagner (9-4) at No. 22, Coastal Carolina (8-5) at No. 24, and Eastern Illinois (7-5) at No. 25. Ten conferences are represented in the poll. The Colonial Athletic Association has the most teams in the top 25 with six. The Big Sky is represented by four teams, while the Southern Conference and Missouri Valley each have three teams in this week's poll. The Southland Conference, Big South and Ohio Valley are represented by two teams each, and the Mid-Eastern Athletic, Patriot League, and Northeast Conference have one team apiece in the top 25. The FCS Coaches Poll is based exclusively on a voting panel of head coaches in the FCS under the cooperation of the Collegiate Commissioners Association (CCA) and the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) and is administered by the Southern Conference.

2012 FCS Coaches Final Poll (January 7, 2013)

Team	(No. 1 Votes)	Record	Points	Last Week
1. North Dakota State (26)	14-1	650	1	
2. Sam Houston State	11-4	618	5	
3. Georgia Southern	12-4	579	7	
4. Eastern Washington	11-3	572	4	
5. Montana State	11-2	539	2	
6. Old Dominion	11-2	527	3	
7. Wofford	9-4	496	9	
8. Appalachian State	8-4	434	6	

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9. Illinois State	9-4	408	15
10. Central Arkansas	9-3	401	8
11. Cal Poly	9-3	378	12
12. Stony Brook	10-3	366	11
13. New Hampshire	8-4	334	13
14. Lehigh	10-1	295	10
15. Towson	7-4	235	14
16. Villanova	8-4	227	18
17. South Dakota State	9-4	222	21
18. Richmond	8-3	188	17
19. Eastern Kentucky	8-3	163	16
20. Northern Arizona	8-2	142	19
21. James Madison	7-4	111	20
22. Wagner	9-4	103	NR
23. Bethune-Cookman	9-3	89	22
24. Coastal Carolina	8-5	88	NR
25. Eastern Illinois	7-5	75	NR

Others Receiving Votes: Colgate (66), Harvard (60), Indiana State (32), Tennessee State (11), UT Martin (11), Youngstown State (9), Pennsylvania (7), The Citadel (5), Arkansas Pine-Bluff (3), Albany (3), San Diego (1), Chattanooga (1), Samford (1).