

ASU ranked third in CSN Preseason Poll

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The College Sporting News has college football fever.

On Friday, the CSN released its pre-season Football Championship Series Top 25 2010 Any Given Saturday Poll, and the Appalachian State University team was ranked third. Villanova, which defeated Montana last season to win the national championship, is ranked No.1. The Wildcats received 81 first-place votes. Montana ranked second and received seven first-place votes. The Mountaineers, who are third in the poll, did receive two first-place votes. William & Mary (three first-place votes) and Southern Illinois (one first-place vote) round out the top five. New Hampshire, Elon, Richmond, South Dakota State and South Carolina State round out the top ten.

Furman is 20th in the poll; Wofford, Chattanooga and Georgia Southern were among teams receiving votes.

The Colonial Athletic Association lead the way with six teams in the Top 25; the Big Sky Conference had four; the Missouri Valley Football and Southern Conferences had three each; the Ohio Valley and Southland Conferences had two each; and the Big South, Great West Football and Mid-Eastern Athletic Conferences plus the Ivy and Patriot Leagues were each represented with one squad.

The Mountaineers have won five consecutive Southern Conference championships in a row. They reached the national semifinals and lost to Montana last season. ASU opens the season at Chattanooga on Saturday, September 4 at 6 pm. Our coverage begins at 4 pm on WATA 1450 AM.

2010 Any Given Saturday Poll Preseason Top 25

(First place votes in parenthesis), Points

1. Villanova (81), 2344
2. Montana (7), 2106
- 3. Appalachian State (2), 1965**
4. William & Mary (3), 1909
5. Southern Illinois (1), 1825

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6. New Hampshire, 1644
7. Elon, 1578
8. Richmond, 1414
9. South Dakota State, 1359
10. South Carolina State, 1352
11. Stephen F. Austin, 1218
12. Northern Iowa, 1028
13. McNeese State, 1011
14. Eastern Washington, 1002
15. Delaware, 885
16. James Madison, 871
17. Jacksonville State, 720
18. Weber State, 639
19. Liberty, 582
20. Furman, 491
21. Eastern Illinois, 480
22. Montana State, 377
23. Cal Poly, 319
24. Pennsylvania, 277
25. Holy Cross, 262

Others receiving votes (minimum of 5 votes): Prairie View A&M (43), Texas State (41), Northern Arizona (36), Massachusetts (31), Maine (30), Colgate (25), Wofford (22), Eastern Kentucky (20), Lafayette (19), UC Davis (17), Chattanooga (15), Illinois State (15), Florida A&M (14), Georgia Southern (14), North Dakota State (13), Central Arkansas (11), Youngstown State (11), Harvard (10), Lehigh (10), Stony Brook (10), Southeastern Louisiana (9), Albany (8), Grambling State (7), Dayton (5), Missouri State (5)

MOST SIGNIFICANT RISE IN 2010: Delaware
MOST SIGNIFICANT FALL IN 2010: Richmond