

Mountaineers Maintain No.3 Ranking

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The Appalachian State University football team, which survived a huge scare Saturday in its Southern Conference opener against Chattanooga, maintained its No.3 ranking in the national polls, which were released on Monday.

The Mountaineers (3-1; 1-0 SoCon), who play at No.8 Wofford College on Saturday, are ranked third in The Sports Network/Fathead.com FC Top 25 College Football Poll, and they're ranked third in the FCS Coaches Poll. The Mountaineers also received eight first-place votes in the TSN Poll.

Georgia Southern (3-0; 2-0 SoCon), which destroyed Western Carolina on Saturday, remained the unanimous No.1 team in the nation. The Eagles received 124 first-place votes in TSN Poll and 25 first-place votes in the FCS Coaches Poll. Wofford College (3-1, 1-0 SoCon) is ranked eighth in the TSN Poll, but moves up to sixth in the Coaches Poll; Chattanooga (2-2; 0-2 Socon) is 15th in TSN Poll; 14th in the Coaches Poll.

The Eagles, Northern Iowa, the Mountaineers, Montana State and North Dakota State, which defeated Minnesota on the road Saturday, round out the top five. Delaware, New Hampshire, which outscored Richmond 45-43 in overtime Saturday, the Terriers, James Madison, and Richmond round out the top ten. The Dukes suspended their quarterback Justin Thorpe and linebacker Chase Williams for a violation of JMU Athletics policy.

Georgia Southern, Northern Iowa, ASU, Montana State and William & Mary round out the top five in the Coaches Poll. Defending national champion, Eastern Washington, despite an 0-4 start, is ranked 22nd in the Coaches Poll. EWU is the first defending national champion to start the following season 0-4 since Southern Illinois-Carbondale in 1984.

Our coverage of Saturday's game between the Mountaineers and the Terriers begins at 1 p.m. on AM 1450, WATA.

The Sports Network/Fathead.com FCS Top-25 College Football Poll

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Team (First-place votes) Record Points Previous Rank

1. Georgia Southern Eagles	(124)	3-0	3,931	1
2. Northern Iowa Panthers	(17)	2-1	3,715	2
3. Appalachian State Mountaineers	(8)	3-1	3,540	3
4. Montana State	(2)	3-1	3,398	4
5. North Dakota State Bison	(8)	3-0	3,315	8
6. Delaware Blue Hens	(1)	3-1	3,201	7
7. New Hampshire Wildcats		2-1	2,915	11
8. Wofford Terriers		2-1	2,905	9
9. James Madison Dukes		3-1	2,695	12
10. Richmond Spiders		3-1	2,344	5
11. William & Mary Tribe		2-2	2,091	6
12. Southern Illinois Salukis		2-1	2,069	14
13. Lehigh Mountain Hawks		3-1	1,949	15
14. Jacksonville State Gamecocks		3-1	1,795	16
15. Chattanooga Mocs		2-2	1,452	13
16. Sam Houston State Bearkats		3-0	1,449	20
17. Southern Utah Thunderbirds		3-1	1,436	23
18. McNeese State Cowboys		2-1	1,264	19
19. Montana Grizzlies		2-2	1,095	10
20. Massachusetts Minutemen		2-1	911	17
21. South Dakota Coyotes		2-2	736	18
22. South Carolina State Bulldogs		2-2	706	25
23. Towson Tigers		3-0	520	NR
24. Indiana State Sycamores		3-1	447	NR
25. Sacramento State Hornets		2-2	424	NR

Others receiving votes: Tennessee Tech 175, Alabama State 152, Maine 144, Old Dominion 144, Weber State 140, Stephen F. Austin 87, Holy Cross 87, Elon 83, Jackson State 68, Bethune-Cookman 66, Liberty 60, Yale 55, Eastern Washington 50, UT Martin 49, North Dakota 44, Murray State 37, Youngstown State 33, Central Arkansas 24, Portland State 23, Missouri State 21, Norfolk State 21, South Dakota State 17, Coastal Carolina 15, Cal Poly 11, Eastern Kentucky 11, Monmouth 10, Hampton 8, Texas State 7, Furman 7, UC Davis 6, Alabama A&M 5, San Diego 5, Stony Brook 5, Dayton 5, Harvard 4, South Alabama 3, Rhode Island 3, Northwestern State 3, Jacksonville 3, Tennessee State 2, Georgetown 1, Texas Southern 1, Northern Arizona 1, Villanova 1.

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FCS Coaches Poll

No. School Record Points Prev

1	Georgia Southern (25)	3-0	697	1
2	Northern Iowa (3)	2-1	666	2
3	Appalachian State	3-1	642	3
4	Montana State	3-1	615	4
5	William & Mary	2-2	568	5
6	Delaware	3-1	515	7
7	Richmond	3-1	514	9
8	Wofford	2-1	488	8
9	Montana	2-2	462	11
10	James Madison	3-1	383	14
11	New Hampshire	2-1	369	12
12	North Dakota State	3-0	359	6
13	Southern Illinois	2-1	342	15
14	Chattanooga	2-2	314	17
15	Jacksonville State	3-1	284	16
17	Stephen F. Austin	1-3	190	22
19	Massachusetts	2-1	171	25
20	South Dakota	2-2	165	23
21	North Dakota	2-2	136	0
22	Eastern Washington	0-4	117	10
23	Liberty	1-3	83	20
24	Youngstown State	2-2	70	27
25	South Carolina State	2-2	69	21

Others Receiving Votes: Sam Houston State(3-0) 66; Murray State(2-2) 63; Southern Utah(3-1) 51; Central Arkansas(1-3) 45; Jackson State(3-1) 38; Indiana State(3-1) 33; South Dakota State(1-3) 32; Weber State(2-2) 12; Cal Poly(1-3) 10; UC Davis(1-3) 10; Coastal Carolina(3-1) 10; Sacramento State(2-2) 7; Tennessee Tech(3-1) 7; Holy Cross(2-1) 7; Jacksonville (Fl)(2-2) 7; Eastern Kentucky(1-3) 6; Old Dominion(3-1) 6; Pennsylvania(0-2) 4;

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Bethune-Cookman(2-1) 4; Dayton(3-1) 3; Duquesne(3-1) 1; Villanova(1-3) 1; Central Connecticut State(2-2) 1.