

## Mountaineers Ranked Fifth In National Polls

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The Appalachian State University football team moved up a notch in The Sports Network Poll. The Mountaineers (5-2 overall; 3-1 Southern Conference), who defeated Samford 35-17 Saturday at Kidd Brewer Stadium, are currently ranked fifth in The Sports Network and FCS Coaches Polls. And the Mountaineers, having won four of their last five games,

have a huge game coming up Saturday against the No.1 team in the country, Georgia Southern.

"You don't really change a lot of things," said ASU coach Jerry Moore. "We seem to be pretty much getting on track right now. Our players know the importance of this game coming up, and our coaches know the importance of this game, our fans know the importance of it. But I think we're growing up a bit by bit, and we have to focus out all the extra curricular stuff, the outside distractions. We're six games into the season and we're learning how to practice and how to prepare. And I think preparation is the biggest thing we have to do this week."

Georgia Southern, which has been No.1 since September 12, received 131 first-place votes in TSN Poll. Northern Iowa, North Dakota State, Montana State and ASU round out the top five. Wofford, which lost to Furman on Saturday, falls from No.5 all the way down to 12th.

The Eagles are also ranked No.1 in the FCS Coaches Poll, and they received 27 first-place votes. Northern Iowa (one first-place vote), North Dakota State, Montana State and ASU round out the top five. Wofford, which was fourth last week, falls to ninth this week.

The last time Georgia Southern came to town undefeated and No.1 in the country was in 1999. Avery County native Paul Johnson, currently the head coach at Georgia Tech, was the head coach of the Eagles. Georgia Southern defeated the Mountaineers in Statesboro last season. Our coverage of that game begins at 1 p.m. on AM 1450, WATA.

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

Team	(First-place votes)	Record	Points	Previous Rank
1. Georgia Southern Eagles	(131)	7-0	3,930	1
2. Northern Iowa Panthers	(17)	6-1	3,768	2
3. North Dakota State Bison	(10)	7-0	3,602	3

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4. Montana State Bobcats	(1)	7-1	3,548	4	
<b>5. Appalachian State Mountaineers</b>			<b>5-2</b>	<b>3,153</b>	<b>6</b>
6. Sam Houston State Bearkats		7-0	3,104	7	
7. Lehigh Mountain Hawks		6-1	2,850	8	
8. Maine Black Bears		6-1	2,830	9	
9. James Madison Dukes		5-2	2,515	11	
10. New Hampshire Wildcats		5-2	2,340	13	
11. Montana Grizzlies		6-2	2,334	12	
12. Wofford Terriers		5-2	2,289	5	
13. Towson Tigers		6-1	2,214	15	
14. Jacksonville State Gamecocks		5-2	2,112	10	
15. Old Dominion Monarchs		6-2	1,497	21	
16. Alabama State Hornets		6-1	1,305	19	
17. South Dakota Coyotes		5-3	930	25	
18. William & Mary Tribe		4-4	896	14	
19. Jackson State Tigers		6-1	863	23	
20. Indiana State Sycamores		5-3	622	17	
21. Delaware Blue Hens		4-4	513	16	
22. Illinois State Redbirds		5-3	496	NR	
23. Liberty Flames		5-3	480	NR	
24. Harvard Crimson		5-1	388	NR	
25. Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles		4-2	345	NR	

**Others receiving votes:** Central Arkansas 303, Massachusetts 300, Richmond 297, Furman 256, Chattanooga 231, North Dakota 203, Cal Poly 200, Eastern Washington 141, Norfolk State 139, Brown 136, Albany 90, Jacksonville 79, Texas State 56, Alabama A&M 48, San Diego 29, Samford 27, Penn 23, Florida A&M 20, Southern Utah 20, Portland State 19, Georgetown 18, Sacramento State 16, Stony Brook 14, South Dakota State 12, UT Martin 12, Southern Illinois 10, Elon 10, Eastern Kentucky 8, McNeese State 6, Bethune-Cookman 5, South Carolina State 5, Duquesne 4, The Citadel 4, Youngstown State 3, Holy Cross 3, Northwestern State 2, Drake 1, Lafayette 1.

## FCS Coaches Poll

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### No. School Record Points Prev

1	Georgia Southern (27 )	7-0	697	1
2	Northern Iowa (1)	6-1	666	2
3	North Dakota State	7-0	622	5
4	Montana State	7-1	618	3
<b>5</b>	<b>Appalachian State</b>	<b>5-2</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>6</b>
6	Lehigh	6-1	528	7
7	Sam Houston State	7-0	510	10
8	Montana	6-2	476	9
9	Wofford	5-2	451	4
10	James Madison	5-2	438	11
11	New Hampshire	5-2	421	12
12	Maine	6-1	403	14
13	Jacksonville State	5-2	393	8
14	Towson	6-1	348	17
15	South Dakota	5-3	276	19
16	Old Dominion	6-2	234	22
17	Jackson State	6-1	211	20
18	Indiana State	5-3	141	16
19	Tennessee Tech	4-2	131	23
20	Delaware	4-4	127	13
21	William & Mary	4-4	119	15
22	Alabama State	6-1	107	27
23	Harvard	5-1	105	26
24	Liberty	5-3	82	29
25	North Dakota	4-3	62	18

**Others Receiving Votes:** Illinois State(5-3) 59; Jacksonville (Fl)(6-2) 37; Norfolk State(6-2) 33; Cal Poly(4-3) 25; Missouri State(1-7) 23; Eastern Washington(4-4) 19; Central Arkansas(5-3) 18; Chattanooga(4-4) 15; Brown(5-1) 14; Richmond(3-4) 14; Youngstown State(4-3) 13; Furman(4-3) 12; Southern Illinois(2-5) 9; Sacramento State(3-4) 7; Texas State-San Marcos(5-3) 7; Alcorn State(2-4) 7; Albany(5-2) 6; Southern Utah(4-4) 5; Pennsylvania(4-2) 5; Florida A&M(5-3) 5; McNeese State(3-4) 4; Massachusetts(4-3) 3; San Diego(6-2) 2; Tennessee-Martin(4-3) 1

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