

## Montana State No.1, Mountaineers Ranked In Top Ten

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Montana State University has a No.1 ranking for the first time in school history. And the Bobcats (9-1) did it without even playing last week. Montana State, which was second in the polls last week climbed to No.1, when North Dakota State, which led the top spot the last two weeks, dropped a 27-24 decision at home to Youngstown State. The Bison (9-1) fall to fifth in both The Sports Network and FCS Coaches Top 25 Polls. But the Bison did receive one first-place vote in TSN Poll. Montana State, which closes out the regular season with an in-state rivalry game against No. 7 Montana, The Bobcats received 76 first-place votes in the TSN Poll, and 18 first-place votes in the Coaches Poll.

Sam Houston State is ranked second in the TSN Poll, and the Bearcats third in the Coaches Poll. And the Bearcats (10-0) also received their share of first-place votes. Sam Houston State received 71 first-place votes in TSN Poll and eight in the Coaches Poll.

Georgia Southern, which won its first SoCon title since 2002 (the Eagles shared the championship in 2004), are ranked second in the Coaches Poll, and received two first-place votes; they're third in TSN Poll and received eight first-place votes. The Eagles (9-1) close out the regular season at Alabama on Saturday. The Crimson Tide (9-1) is ranked third this week in the Associated Press Top 25 at the Football Bowl Sub-Division level.

Montana State, Sam Houston State, Georgia Southern, Northern Iowa and North Dakota State round out the top five in TSN Poll; Montana State, Georgia Southern, Sam Houston State, Northern Iowa and North Dakota State round out the top five in the Coaches Poll.

If you're wondering about Appalachian State. The Mountaineers (7-3), who crushed hapless Western Carolina Saturday, are ranked ninth in TSN Poll and eighth in the Coaches Poll. The Mountaineers, who must win out to secure a spot in the Football Championship Sub-Division Playoffs, which officially begin Saturday, November 26, close out the regular season Saturday at Elon. The Phoenix upended Furman last Saturday.

Wofford College (7-3), which lost the SoCon championship to Georgia Southern on Saturday, is 12th in TSN Poll and 13th in the Coaches Poll. The Terriers close out the regular season at Chattanooga on Saturday. Remember, if Wofford wins, the Terriers would clinch second-place in the SoCon because they beat ASU in Spartanburg, S.C., back on October 1..

The FCS playoff pairings will be announced Sunday, November 20.

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

Team	(First-place votes)	Record	Points	Previous Rank
1. Montana State Bobcats	(76)	9-1	3,805	2
2. Sam Houston State Bearkats	(71)	10-0	3,764	3
3. Georgia Southern Eagles	(8)	9-1	3,557	4
4. Northern Iowa Panthers		8-2	3,297	5
5. North Dakota State Bison	(1)	9-1	3,199	1
6. Lehigh Mountain Hawks		9-1	3,122	6
7. Montana Grizzlies		8-2	2,879	8
8. Towson Tigers		8-2	2,665	12
<b>9. Appalachian State Mountaineers</b>		<b>7-3</b>	<b>2,580</b>	<b>10</b>
10. Old Dominion Monarchs		9-2	2,549	11
11. Maine Black Bears		8-2	2,313	13
12. New Hampshire Wildcats		7-3	2,012	7
13. Wofford Terriers		7-3	1,928	9
14. Illinois State Redbirds		7-3	1,761	14
15. Delaware Blue Hens		6-4	1,421	15
16. Liberty Flames		7-3	1,400	16
17. Central Arkansas Bears		8-3	1,377	19
18. Harvard Crimson		8-1	1,310	18
19. James Madison Dukes		6-4	958	20
20. Norfolk State Spartans		9-2	855	22
21. Jackson State Tigers		8-2	766	21
22. South Dakota Coyotes		6-4	472	24
23. Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles		6-3	378	NR
24. Furman Paladins		6-4	371	17
25. Portland State Vikings		7-3	367	NR

**Others receiving votes:** Indiana State 331, North Dakota 195, Youngstown State 141, Jacksonville State 139, Stony Brook 135, Alabama State 98, San Diego 84, Bethune-Cookman 67, Duquesne 51, Drake 50, Eastern Kentucky 43, Brown 41, Chattanooga 39, William & Mary 28, Georgetown 24, Albany 19, Stephen F. Austin 18, Bryant 11, Southern Utah 11, Murray State 10, Florida A&M 10, Grambling State 8, South Carolina State 8, South Dakota State 6, Alabama A&M 5, Samford 5, Eastern Washington 5, Elon 4, Cal Poly 4, Tennessee State 2,

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## FCS Coaches Poll

No.	School	Record	Points	Prev
1	Montana State (18)	9-1	683	2
2	Georgia Southern (2)	9-1	660	3
3	Sam Houston State (8)	10-0	656	4
4	Northern Iowa	8-2	605	5
5	North Dakota State	9-1	579	1
6	Lehigh	9-1	559	6
7	Montana	8-2	536	7
<b>8</b>	<b>Appalachian State</b>	<b>7-3</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>8</b>
9	Old Dominion	9-2	464	11
10	Towson	8-2	454	12
11	Maine	8-2	404	13
12	Wofford	7-3	349	9
13	New Hampshire	7-3	339	10
14	Illinois State	7-3	291	16
14	Harvard	8-1	291	14
14	Liberty	7-3	291	15
17	Delaware	6-4	223	17
18	Jackson State	8-2	198	18
19	Central Arkansas	8-3	155	25
20	James Madison	6-4	150	19
21	Tennessee Tech	6-3	147	20
22	North Dakota	7-3	119	22
23	Indiana State	6-4	102	23
24	South Dakota	6-4	71	24
25	Norfolk State	9-2	63	27

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**Others Receiving Votes:** Portland State(7-3) 35; Furman(6-4) 31; Youngstown State(6-4) 19; Drake(9-2) 18; San Diego(8-2) 18; Jacksonville State(6-4) 17; William & Mary(4-6) 11; Southern Utah(5-5) 9; Brown(7-2) 9; Jacksonville (FL)(7-3) 9; Stony Brook(7-3) 9; Florida A&M(7-3) 8; Eastern Washington(5-5) 4; Eastern Kentucky(6-4) 3; Alabama State(7-3) 3; Cal Poly(5-5) 1; Stephen F. Austin(5-5) 1; Albany(7-3) 1.