

Mountaineers Drop Out of Top 25

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The balance of strength in the Football Championship Series has swayed to the west. At least it looks that way through the first two weeks of the regular season. Two-time defending national champion, North Dakota State, leads the way as the No.1 team in the country in The Sports Network Top 25 College Football Poll on Monday. The Bison received 146 first-place votes. Eastern Washington, a national champion in 2010, is No.2 with six first-place votes. Montana State, Towson (the only east coast team ranked in the top ten), and Sam Houston State, a two-time national runner up, round out the top five.

Georgia Southern (2-0), which destroyed St. Francis (Pa.) Saturday, is ranked tenth in that poll; Wofford, which defeated The Citadel 21-10 in Charleston, S.C., Saturday, is 16th, Appalachian State, which is 0-2 for the first time since 2009, is not ranked this week. It's the first time the Mountaineers haven't been ranked since September 25, 2005.

Ironically, the Mountaineers, led by the legendary Jerry Moore, began their run of three consecutive national championships that season.

The Mountaineers, who were among the teams receiving votes, have an open week on Saturday. They begin Southern Conference play at Elon on Saturday, September 20 at 6 p.m. Coverage begins at 4 p.m. on AM 1450, WATA Radio and the IMG App State Sports Network.

The Sports Network FCS Top 25 College Football Poll

1. North Dakota State Bison (146) 2-0 3769 1
2. Eastern Washington Eagles (6) 2-0 3639 2
3. Montana State Bobcats 1-1 3234 3
4. Towson Tigers 2-0 3233 5
5. Sam Houston State Bearkats 1-1 3033 4
6. South Dakota State Jackrabbits 2-0 2941 6
7. Northern Iowa Panthers 2-0 2855 9
8. Central Arkansas Bears 1-1 2461 7
9. Eastern Illinois Panthers 2-0 2218 14
10. Georgia Southern Eagles 2-0 2203 10
11. Montana Grizzlies 1-0 2073 13
12. New Hampshire Wildcats 0-1 1944 11
13. McNeese State Cowboys 2-0 1789 18
14. Cal Poly Mustangs 1-1 1663 12
15. Richmond Spiders 1-1 1645 15
16. Wofford Terriers 1-1 1573 16
17. Stony Brook Seawolves 1-0 1482 17
18. Illinois State Redbirds 0-1 1100 19

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19. Villanova Wildcats 0-2 978 8
20. James Madison Dukes 1-1 944 20
21. Coastal Carolina Chanticleers 2-0 712 24
22. Lehigh Mountain Hawks 1-0 603 23
23. Bethune-Cookman Wildcats 2-0 580 25
24. Youngstown State Penguins 2-0 551 NR
25. Northern Arizona Lumberjacks 0-1 523 22

Others receiving votes: Delaware 269, Samford 206, Southern Utah 185, Eastern Kentucky 159, Fordham 122, William & Mary 101, North Carolina A&T 81, Maine 66, UT Martin 64, Jacksonville State 62, Chattanooga 43, **Appalachian State 40**, Penn 38, Southern Illinois 29, Southeastern Louisiana 28, North Dakota 24, South Dakota 19, Harvard 18, Albany 15, Western Illinois 14, Northwestern State 14, Tennessee State 14, Liberty 10, Nicholls 9, Arkansas-Pine Bluff 8, Indiana State 6, Gardner-Webb 4, Murray State 2, The Citadel 1, South Carolina State 1, Sacramento State 1, Portland State 1.