



2009 FCS Coaches Poll

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Richmond Preserves its Hold on No. 1

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – Richmond turned four fumble recoveries into 24 points en route to a 47-0 victory over Hofstra Saturday, helping the Spiders to maintain their hold on the No. 1 ranking this week. The defending national champions have now won 12 straight games, a new school record. Richmond (3-0) received 25 first-place votes and 673 points overall.

There was little change to the top 10 this week, as all 10 teams either picked up victories or were idle. Villanova (3-0) remained at No. 2 after its 14-3 victory at Pennsylvania. The Wildcats received one first-place vote.

Montana (3-0), Northern Iowa (2-1) and William & Mary (3-0) rounded out the top 5.

Coming in at No. 6 was James Madison (1-1), followed by New Hampshire (2-0) at No. 7 and Southern Illinois (1-1) at No. 8.

The one change to the top 10 came with McNeese State (3-0). The Cowboys defeated Savannah State 56-0 Saturday and took over at No. 9 for idle Appalachian State (0-2). The Mountaineers fell one spot to No. 10. McNeese State also received one first-place vote.

Weber State (1-2) moved up one spot to No. 11 after its 44-17 win against Idaho State. Central Arkansas (1-1) also moved up a spot after it defeated Western Kentucky 28-7.

Massachusetts (2-1) defeated Rhode Island 30-10 and moved up two spots to No. 15. South Dakota State (2-0) made the biggest jump, moving three places, to No. 18 after it blanked Indiana State, 41-0. Jacksonville State (1-2), which defeated Alabama A&M 45-13, moved up one spot to No. 21. Eastern Kentucky also moved up a spot to No. 22 after its 17-7 win over Tennessee Tech.

Two new teams joined the poll this week. Holy Cross (3-0) defeated Harvard 27-20 Saturday and moved to No. 23, while Florida A&M (3-0) defeated Howard 48-10 Thursday to take over at No. 25.

Falling out of the poll were Maine (2-1), which fell to Albany 20-16 Saturday, and Harvard (0-1) which lost to Holy Cross.

The Colonial Athletic Association remains in control of the Top 25 with six ranked teams. Three of those teams are in the top 5 and five are in the top 10. The Big Sky, Missouri Valley, Southern and Southland Conferences each have three ranked teams, while the Mid-Eastern Athletic and Ohio Valley Conferences each have two. The Big South Conference, Great West Conference and Patriot League are each represented by one team.

The FCS Coaches Poll website can be viewed [here](#) and is updated each week after the release of the poll.

The FCS Coaches Poll is based exclusively on a voting panel of head coaches in the FCS under the cooperation of the Collegiate Commissioners Association (CCA) and the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) and is administered by the Southern Conference.

2009 FCS Coaches Poll – Week 3 (September 21, 2009)

Team (No. 1 Votes)	2009 Record	Points	Previous Ranking
1. Richmond (25)	3-0	673	1
2. Villanova (1)	3-0	627	2
3. Montana	3-0	609	3
4. Northern Iowa	2-1	581	4
5. William & Mary	3-0	559	5
6. James Madison	1-1	528	6
7. New Hampshire	2-0	498	7
8. Southern Illinois	1-1	484	8
9. McNeese State (1)	3-0	464	10
10. Appalachian State	0-2	414	9
11. Weber State	1-2	411	12
12. Central Arkansas	1-1	393	13
13. Elon	2-1	334	11
14. Cal Poly	1-1	284	14
15. Massachusetts	2-1	274	17
16. South Carolina State	2-0	260	16
17. Wofford	1-2	226	15
18. South Dakota State	2-0	204	21
19. Texas State	1-1	166	18
20. Eastern Washington	2-1	157	20
21. Jacksonville State	1-2	124	22
22. Eastern Kentucky	1-1	109	23
23. Holy Cross	3-0	84	NR
24. Liberty	2-1	66	24
25. Florida A&M	3-0	56	NR

Others receiving votes (points in parentheses): Maine (45), Eastern Illinois (33), Grambling State (16), Montana State (16), Harvard (11), North Dakota (11), Northern Arizona (10), Prairie View A&M (10), Delaware (8), Youngstown State (8), Pennsylvania (7), Colgate (6), Southeastern Louisiana (4), Hofstra (2), Stephen F. Austin (2), Missouri State (1).