



# 2009 FCS COACHES POLL

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## Top 10 Teams Static After Successful Saturday

**SPARTANBURG, S.C.** – Nine of the top 10 teams picked up wins Saturday, and this week's FCS Coaches Poll reflected that as the top 10 teams held their positions. Richmond (4-0), coming off its 38-28 home win against VMI, maintained its grip on No. 1 by receiving all 28 first-place votes and 700 points overall. The Spiders have won 13 straight games, a school record and the longest current winning streak in the FCS. Richmond quarterback Eric Ward threw for a career-high 394 yards.

Villanova (4-0) held on to the No. 2 spot after its 56-7 victory against Northeastern. The Wildcats rushed for six touchdowns and had a total rushing attack of 410 yards.

Montana (4-0) remained at No. 3, after its 41-34 overtime win at Northern Arizona. The Lumberjacks kicked a field goal with three seconds left to send the game into overtime. Montana scored first and then intercepted Northern Arizona to end the game.

Northern Iowa (3-1) maintained its hold at No. 4 after its 35-7 win at Missouri State. The Panthers held Missouri State to 15 first downs and only 185 yards of total offense. The Bears' only score came with 7.2 seconds left in the game.

William & Mary (4-0), which defeated Delaware 30-20, comes in at No. 5. Tribe quarterback R.J. Archer threw for a career-high 313 yards and two touchdowns. William & Mary is off to its best start since 1994.

James Madison (2-1) remained at No. 6 after winning on the road at No. 24 Liberty, 24-10. The Dukes are followed by New Hampshire (3-0) at No. 7 and Southern Illinois (2-1) at No. 8.

McNeese State (3-1) held on to the No. 9 spot despite its 42-32 loss at Tulane while Appalachian State (1-2), which picked up its first win of the season Saturday, rounded out the top 10.

New to this week's poll were Eastern Illinois (4-0) at No. 24 and Montana State (2-1) at No. 25. The Panthers picked up a 30-20 win at Austin Peay Saturday, while Montana State defeated Northern Colorado on the road, 25-7.

Falling out of the rankings was Wofford (1-3), which lost at Chattanooga, 38-9, and Liberty, which fell to No. 6 James Madison, 24-10.

The Colonial Athletic Association maintains six ranked teams, with three in the top five and five in the top 10. The Big Sky Conference is represented by four ranked teams. The Missouri Valley, Ohio Valley and Southland Conferences each have three ranked teams, while the Mid-Eastern Athletic and Southern Conferences each have two. The 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 4 (September 28, 2009)**

<b>Team (No. 1 Votes)</b>	<b>2009 Record</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Previous Ranking</b>
1. Richmond (28)	4-0	700	1
2. Villanova	4-0	659	2
3. Montana	4-0	631	3
4. Northern Iowa	3-1	630	4
5. William & Mary	4-0	581	5
6. James Madison	2-1	550	6
7. New Hampshire	3-0	536	7
8. Southern Illinois	2-1	491	8
9. McNeese State	3-1	444	9
10. Appalachian State	1-2	403	10
11. Weber State	2-2	397	11
12. Central Arkansas	2-1	375	12
13. Elon	3-1	373	13
14. South Carolina State	3-0	309	16
15. South Dakota State	3-0	293	18
16. Massachusetts	3-1	282	15
17. Cal Poly	1-2	210	14
18. Eastern Washington	3-1	194	20

19. Texas State	2-1	184	19
20. Jacksonville State	2-2	158	21
21. Eastern Kentucky	2-1	157	22
22. Holy Cross	3-0	134	23
23. Florida A&M	4-0	115	25
24. Eastern Illinois	4-0	94	NR
25. Montana State	2-1	30	NR

Others receiving votes (points in parentheses): Colgate (24), Stephen F. Austin (24), Wofford (20), Furman (17), Grambling State (14), Liberty (14), Chattanooga (11), Prairie View A&M (11), Youngstown State (10), Maine (6), Northern Arizona (6), Gardner-Webb (5), Southern (3) Alabama A&M (2), Delaware (2), Butler (1).