



2009 FCS COACHES POLL

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Spiders Hold Strong at No. 1

Top 11 Teams Remain Unchanged

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – The latest Football Championship Subdivision Coaches Poll showed no changes in the top 11 spots as each of those teams picked up victories over the weekend. Richmond continued its stance atop the rankings, receiving all 28 first place votes and 700 points overall.

Kendall Gaskins ran for two scores and caught a touchdown pass from Eric Ward to help lead Richmond (8-0) to a 42-14 victory at Towson. The Tigers led 14-13 at one point, but the Spiders responded with three scores in the next two and a half minutes. Richmond's 17 consecutive wins is a school record and includes 11 consecutive road wins.

No. 2 Montana was the only top 10 team to face ranked competition Saturday as the Grizzlies hosted then-No. 13 Weber State in a battle of the top two teams in the Big Sky Conference. Chase Reynolds ran for 241 yards and a touchdown as Montana (8-0) defeated the Wildcats 31-10.

No. 3 Southern Illinois traveled to Indiana State and redshirt freshman quarterback Paul McIntosh made his first start for the Salukis replacing the injured Chris Dieker. McIntosh rushed for two touchdowns to lead Southern Illinois (7-1) to a 33-0 win, the Salukis' seventh-straight victory.

No. 4 Villanova (7-1) was idle and William & Mary rounded out the top five coming off its 39-14 victory at Rhode Island.

Courtland Marriner rushed for three touchdowns for the Tribe, including one for 39 yards. Rhode Island took a 7-0 lead, but William & Mary (7-1) scored 39 unanswered points. The Tribe held the Rams to minus 46 rushing yards on 28 attempts, a new school record.

New to the poll this week are No. 23 Florida A&M (6-2) and No. 24 Lafayette (7-1).

The Rattlers stopped Morgan State on fourth down in overtime to win 31-28. The Leopards were led by quarterback Rob Curley who threw for 333 yards and three touchdowns in the 35-14 win against Bucknell. Lafayette came into the game ranked 14th in scoring defense and 15th in rushing defense, holding the Bison to 95 rushing yards.

Dropping out of the poll were Cal Poly, Northern Arizona and Massachusetts. The Mustangs fell at North Dakota, 31-17, while the Lumberjacks lost on the road to Sacramento State, 27-24, and the Minutemen fell 19-9 at Maine.

Liberty (6-2) made the biggest jump this week, moving seven spots to No. 17 after its 55-19 win against Presbyterian. Eastern Illinois (6-2) jumped six spots to No. 13 after defeating Murray State, 16-10. Jacksonville State (5-3), Eastern Washington (6-3) and Colgate (8-1) each moved up five spots after picking up wins.

The Colonial Athletic Association is represented by five teams, including three in the top five and four in the top 10. Four conferences have three ranked teams, including the Big Sky, Missouri Valley, Patriot League and Southland. The Mid-Eastern Athletic, Ohio Valley and Southern Conferences are each represented by two teams. The Big South and Southwest Athletic Conferences each have one ranked 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 9 (November 2, 2009)

Team (No. 1 Votes)	2009 Record	Points	Previous Ranking
1. Richmond (28)	8-0	700	1
2. Montana	8-0	667	2
3. Southern Illinois	7-1	646	3
4. Villanova	7-1	614	4
5. William & Mary	7-1	580	5
6. Elon	7-1	552	6
7. New Hampshire	7-1	510	7
8. Appalachian State	6-2	508	8

9. South Dakota State	7-1	475	9
10. South Carolina State	7-1	453	10
11. McNeese State	6-2	419	11
12. Northern Iowa	5-3	374	14
13. Eastern Illinois	7-2	323	19
14. Holy Cross	7-1	317	17
15. Jacksonville State	5-3	273	20
16. Eastern Washington	6-3	225	21
17. Liberty	6-2	201	24
18. Stephen F. Austin	6-2	200	15
19. Central Arkansas	5-3	181	12
20. Colgate	8-1	161	T25
21. Weber State	5-4	149	13
22. Prairie View A&M	5-1	116	T25
23. Florida A&M	6-2	81	NR
24. Lafayette	7-1	74	NR
25. Delaware	5-3	71	18

Others receiving votes (points in parentheses): Cal Poly (38), Butler (37), Eastern Kentucky (27), Northern Arizona (27), Southeastern Louisiana (16), Texas State (16), Massachusetts (10), Montana State (9), Southern Utah (9), Central Connecticut State (8), Grambling State (8), Harvard (6), Chattanooga (5), James Madison (5), Alabama A&M (4), Drake (3), Pennsylvania (2).