Week 12: Georgia leads CAR

Utah, Texas, UCLA, Notre Dame complete the Top 5.

All 70 Week 12 games are final. This edition ranks all 138 FBS teams from 822 completed season games through November 21. There are no Sunday or Monday games left in the assigned slate.

The approved formula is unchanged: 80% dynamic-opponent-record CAR and 20% previous-week CBS Sports 138. The November 17 CBS release, reflecting results through November 15, was verified and archived before the first Week 12 game. This establishes the latest verified release at capture, not a further check immediately before kickoff.

Rank	Team	Record	Points
1	Georgia	10-1	82.577
2	Utah	11-0	80.338
3	Texas	9-2	78.970
4	UCLA	10-1	78.509
5	Notre Dame	10-1	78.098

The week in context

Georgia beat South Carolina 34-6. Utah beat TCU 38-17. Texas beat Arkansas 45-3. UCLA lost to Michigan 16-18.

Boise State lost to San Diego State 20-22. Boise State is No. 15, previously No. 11, at 9-2. New Mexico beat Wyoming 24-17. New Mexico is No. 29, previously No. 34, at 9-2. Top 25 entrants: Missouri (No. 22), Oklahoma State (No. 25). Leaving the Top 25: Kentucky (No. 27), South Carolina (No. 31).

Largest moves across all 138 teams

Team	Previous	Now	Movement
Virginia	83	64	+19
Washington	49	34	+15
San Diego State	94	81	+13
Syracuse	65	80	-15
North Texas	50	63	-13
Pittsburgh	53	65	-12

Movement uses published Week 11 ranks. Teams can move on a bye because opponent records, field-wide scaling and the frozen previous-week CBS release update. Rank is relative to all 138 teams. The formula is unchanged; there are no manual ranking overrides.

Method and conference strength

Final score = 0.80 x dynamic CAR + 0.20 x [100 x (138 - CBS rank) / 137]

Dynamic CAR: 35% cumulative resume, 30% outcome-surprise performance with margin capped at 28 points, 25% record quality and 10% conference strength. Effective final weights: 28% resume, 24% performance, 10% own record, 10% opponent record, 8% conference and 20% CBS.

Record quality = 100 x [0.5 x FBS wins + 0.5 x FBS games x opponent FBS win percentage] / [FBS games + FCS losses]. Opponent percentage pools current FBS-only records of FBS opponents played, excluding every game against the evaluated team. Each opponent appearance counts once.

FCS wins earn no positive resume or record credit and have no record-denominator weight. FCS losses retain the denominator and substantial deductions. Displayed records include all games. CBS rank is converted linearly by CAR; these are not CBS rating points or calibrated probabilities.

Rank	Conference	FBS interconf.	Games	Score
1	SEC	28-2	30	74.803
2	Big Ten	31-11	42	63.193
3	Big 12	24-8	32	62.635
4	FBS Independents	15-6	21	60.886
5	ACC	19-15	34	56.874
6	Pac-12	9-16	25	48.251
7	Mountain West	12-17	29	42.005
8	American Athletic	16-25	41	41.913
9	Sun Belt	14-28	42	35.896
10	Conference USA	6-24	30	33.430
11	Mid-American	7-29	36	30.664

SEC leads at 74.803, with a 28-2 FBS interconference record. Conference order is unchanged. FBS Independents: 59.288 to 60.886; ACC: 57.514 to 56.874; Sun Belt: 36.216 to 35.896. These are conference-strength scores, not averages of member ranking points. CBS is not blended into conference standings; intraconference games do not directly add conference-strength points.

Earlier game values remain frozen; Week 12 uses published Week 11 values for pregame expectations. There is no direct preseason blend, but historical expectations and the exact-score tie-break retain preseason influence. All twelve diagnostic measures remain distinct from the overall score. AP, ESPN rankings, CFP rankings, odds and private forecasts are excluded.

Trajectory compares the same-method Week 9-to-Week 12 window; no cross-method trajectory is reported. Remaining Schedule Strength retains its labeled preseason basis with FCS zero and remains unavailable wherever future opponents are unresolved.

All 138 CAR rankings

Ranks 1-30

Previous = published Week 11. Positive movement means up. Unrounded scores determine order; displayed points use three decimals. All confidence labels remain Early.

Rank	Team	Conference	Record	Prev	Move	Points
1	Georgia	SEC	10-1	2	+1	82.577
2	Utah	Big 12	11-0	3	+1	80.338
3	Texas	SEC	9-2	4	+1	78.970
4	UCLA	Big Ten	10-1	1	-3	78.509
5	Notre Dame	FBS Independents	10-1	7	+2	78.098
6	Miami	ACC	10-1	6	+0	77.039
7	Tennessee	SEC	9-2	10	+3	76.667
8	Wake Forest	ACC	10-1	8	+0	76.384
9	Alabama	SEC	9-2	5	-4	76.100
10	Texas Tech	Big 12	10-1	12	+2	73.982
11	Iowa	Big Ten	9-2	13	+2	73.575
12	Indiana	Big Ten	9-2	9	-3	72.463
13	Oregon	Big Ten	8-3	14	+1	72.382
14	BYU	Big 12	9-2	15	+1	71.767
15	Boise State	Pac-12	9-2	11	-4	70.378
16	Oklahoma	SEC	7-4	17	+1	70.267
17	Louisville	ACC	8-3	20	+3	70.058
18	Arizona	Big 12	8-3	23	+5	67.987
19	Houston	Big 12	8-3	21	+2	67.583
20	LSU	SEC	6-5	16	-4	67.138
21	USC	Big Ten	8-3	24	+3	67.122
22	Missouri	SEC	7-4	28	+6	65.805
23	Ole Miss	SEC	7-4	22	-1	65.687
24	Ohio State	Big Ten	7-4	19	-5	65.542
25	Oklahoma State	Big 12	7-4	29	+4	65.190
26	Auburn	SEC	7-4	26	+0	64.973
27	Kentucky	SEC	7-4	18	-9	64.801
28	Liberty	Conference USA	10-1	30	+2	64.124
29	New Mexico	Mountain West	9-2	34	+5	63.845
30	Florida	SEC	7-4	36	+6	63.640

All 138 CAR rankings

Ranks 31-60

Previous = published Week 11. Positive movement means up. Unrounded scores determine order; displayed points use three decimals. All confidence labels remain Early.

Rank	Team	Conference	Record	Prev	Move	Points
31	South Carolina	SEC	6-5	25	-6	63.631
32	UTSA	American Athletic	9-2	40	+8	63.591
33	Duke	ACC	7-4	27	-6	62.547
34	Washington	Big Ten	7-4	49	+15	62.503
35	Wisconsin	Big Ten	7-4	31	-4	62.468
36	Nebraska	Big Ten	7-4	47	+11	61.544
37	Louisiana Tech	Sun Belt	9-2	43	+6	60.931
38	Texas State	Pac-12	7-4	42	+4	60.066
39	Baylor	Big 12	6-5	33	-6	59.987
40	SMU	ACC	7-4	35	-5	59.793
41	Air Force	Mountain West	9-2	41	+0	59.769
42	North Dakota State	Mountain West	9-2	46	+4	59.630
43	Illinois	Big Ten	6-5	32	-11	59.092
44	Memphis	American Athletic	8-3	37	-7	58.382
45	Penn State	Big Ten	6-5	39	-6	58.259
46	Northwestern	Big Ten	6-5	38	-8	58.235
47	Arizona State	Big 12	6-5	48	+1	56.982
48	Clemson	ACC	7-4	57	+9	56.968
49	Minnesota	Big Ten	6-5	52	+3	56.682
50	Iowa State	Big 12	5-6	45	-5	56.614
51	UCF	Big 12	6-5	58	+7	56.531
52	North Carolina	ACC	5-6	44	-8	55.322
53	Michigan	Big Ten	6-5	64	+11	55.301
54	Toledo	Mid-American	9-2	59	+5	55.133
55	Arkansas	SEC	4-7	60	+5	54.746
56	TCU	Big 12	5-6	55	-1	54.237
57	Virginia Tech	ACC	6-5	51	-6	54.027
58	Georgia Southern	Sun Belt	7-4	67	+9	54.026
59	Stanford	ACC	6-5	68	+9	53.946
60	James Madison	Sun Belt	8-3	54	-6	53.566

All 138 CAR rankings

Ranks 61-90

Previous = published Week 11. Positive movement means up. Unrounded scores determine order; displayed points use three decimals. All confidence labels remain Early.

Rank	Team	Conference	Record	Prev	Move	Points
61	Cincinnati	Big 12	6-5	61	+0	53.359
62	UNLV	Mountain West	7-4	66	+4	53.231
63	North Texas	American Athletic	7-4	50	-13	53.066
64	Virginia	ACC	6-5	83	+19	52.699
65	Pittsburgh	ACC	6-5	53	-12	52.564
66	Florida State	ACC	5-6	56	-10	52.338
67	Western Michigan	Mid-American	8-3	74	+7	52.017
68	Buffalo	Mid-American	8-3	72	+4	51.786
69	Wyoming	Mountain West	7-4	62	-7	51.598
70	Kansas	Big 12	4-7	75	+5	51.233
71	Florida Atlantic	American Athletic	7-4	71	+0	51.145
72	West Virginia	Big 12	5-6	63	-9	50.741
73	Louisiana	Sun Belt	8-3	79	+6	50.721
74	Jacksonville State	Conference USA	8-3	73	-1	50.640
75	Fresno State	Pac-12	6-5	77	+2	50.538
76	Tulsa	American Athletic	7-4	82	+6	50.246
77	Mississippi State	SEC	5-6	69	-8	49.986
78	Oregon State	Pac-12	6-5	81	+3	49.905
79	NC State	ACC	5-6	89	+10	49.746
80	Syracuse	ACC	5-6	65	-15	49.639
81	San Diego State	Pac-12	6-5	94	+13	49.617
82	Texas A&M	SEC	4-7	70	-12	49.562
83	East Carolina	American Athletic	7-4	88	+5	49.235
84	Colorado	Big 12	4-7	76	-8	49.045
85	UConn	FBS Independents	6-5	87	+2	49.023
86	Ohio	Mid-American	8-3	84	-2	48.049
87	Boston College	ACC	5-6	90	+3	47.965
88	Miami (OH)	Mid-American	7-4	91	+3	47.156
89	Army	American Athletic	5-5	78	-11	46.087
90	Vanderbilt	SEC	4-7	85	-5	46.075

All 138 CAR rankings

Ranks 91-120

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Rank	Team	Conference	Record	Prev	Move	Points
91	South Florida	American Athletic	6-5	80	-11	45.332
92	Maryland	Big Ten	4-7	93	+1	44.955
93	Michigan State	Big Ten	3-8	86	-7	44.750
94	UAB	American Athletic	6-5	92	-2	44.732
95	App State	Sun Belt	7-4	97	+2	44.176
96	South Alabama	Sun Belt	6-5	99	+3	43.750
97	Tulane	American Athletic	6-5	103	+6	42.942
98	Purdue	Big Ten	3-8	95	-3	42.209
99	Kansas State	Big 12	4-7	96	-3	42.041
100	Georgia Tech	ACC	3-8	98	-2	41.998
101	Delaware	Conference USA	6-5	102	+1	41.578
102	Marshall	Sun Belt	6-5	105	+3	40.711
103	Nevada	Mountain West	5-6	106	+3	40.639
104	Navy	American Athletic	4-6	113	+9	40.104
105	Utah State	Pac-12	4-7	101	-4	38.918
106	Georgia State	Sun Belt	5-6	100	-6	38.904
107	Central Michigan	Mid-American	5-6	104	-3	38.765
108	Kennesaw State	Conference USA	5-6	115	+7	38.193
109	Middle Tennessee	Conference USA	6-5	109	+0	37.637
110	Rutgers	Big Ten	3-8	118	+8	37.443
111	San José State	Mountain West	5-7	108	-3	36.533
112	Coastal Carolina	Sun Belt	4-7	110	-2	36.166
113	California	ACC	3-8	107	-6	36.110
114	Arkansas State	Sun Belt	4-7	111	-3	34.841
115	Florida International	Conference USA	4-7	112	-3	33.350
116	Western Kentucky	Conference USA	4-7	117	+1	33.234
117	Troy	Sun Belt	4-7	116	-1	32.579
118	Massachusetts	Mid-American	5-6	114	-4	32.515
119	Old Dominion	Sun Belt	3-8	119	+0	31.770
120	Eastern Michigan	Mid-American	4-7	121	+1	31.166

All 138 CAR rankings

Ranks 121-138

Previous = published Week 11. Positive movement means up. Unrounded scores determine order; displayed points use three decimals. All confidence labels remain Early.

Rank	Team	Conference	Record	Prev	Move	Points
121	Missouri State	Conference USA	4-7	122	+1	31.075
122	Washington State	Pac-12	2-9	120	-2	31.015
123	Colorado State	Pac-12	3-8	125	+2	29.949
124	Southern Miss	Sun Belt	3-8	123	-1	29.895
125	Bowling Green	Mid-American	3-8	126	+1	29.881
126	Ball State	Mid-American	3-8	127	+1	29.349
127	Hawai'i	Mountain West	3-8	124	-3	29.307
128	Rice	American Athletic	2-9	129	+1	29.231
129	New Mexico State	Conference USA	3-8	128	-1	28.061
130	UL Monroe	Sun Belt	2-9	130	+0	25.646
131	Charlotte	American Athletic	1-10	131	+0	24.743
132	Kent State	Mid-American	3-8	133	+1	24.111
133	Sacramento State	Mid-American	2-9	134	+1	23.777
134	Temple	American Athletic	2-9	132	-2	22.935
135	Akron	Mid-American	2-9	137	+2	22.781
136	UTEP	Mountain West	1-10	135	-1	21.613
137	Sam Houston	Conference USA	1-10	136	-1	20.216
138	Northern Illinois	Mountain West	0-11	138	+0	18.047

Complete Week 12 final scores

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Winner listed first. Dates use America/Los_Angeles. The slate includes FBS-versus-FCS games; no positive CAR resume credit is earned for FCS wins. All scores are final.

Date	Winner	Pts	Opponent	Pts	Site
Nov 17	Western Michigan	34	Eastern Michigan	27	at Western Michigan
Nov 17	Ohio	35	Ball State	28	at Ohio
Nov 17	Miami (OH)	20	Kent State	3	at Kent State
Nov 18	Akron	34	Massachusetts	33	at Massachusetts
Nov 18	Buffalo	40	Central Michigan	21	at Buffalo
Nov 19	Rice	31	Temple	27	at Temple
Nov 20	UCF	48	Iowa State	17	at UCF
Nov 20	Clemson	20	Duke	10	at Duke
Nov 20	Toledo	19	Bowling Green	0	at Toledo
Nov 20	Oregon	45	Michigan State	7	at Michigan State
Nov 20	Air Force	52	UTEP	3	at Air Force
Nov 20	New Mexico	24	Wyoming	17	at Wyoming
Nov 21	Florida	34	Vanderbilt	27	at Florida
Nov 21	Ole Miss	59	Wofford	17	at Ole Miss
Nov 21	BYU	31	Kansas	29	at Kansas
Nov 21	Cincinnati	35	Colorado	28	at Cincinnati
Nov 21	Boston College	27	Syracuse	15	at Boston College
Nov 21	Wake Forest	50	Georgia Tech	29	at Georgia Tech
Nov 21	Minnesota	20	Northwestern	17	at Minnesota
Nov 21	Nebraska	31	Ohio State	28	at Nebraska
Nov 21	Wisconsin	42	Purdue	10	at Purdue
Nov 21	East Carolina	10	Army	6	at Army
Nov 21	Navy	38	Memphis	34	at Navy
Nov 21	Tulane	28	North Texas	24	at Tulane

Complete Week 12 final scores

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Winner listed first. Dates use America/Los_Angeles. The slate includes FBS-versus-FCS games; no positive CAR resume credit is earned for FCS wins. All scores are final.

Date	Winner	Pts	Opponent	Pts	Site
Nov 21	Virginia	41	North Carolina	24	at Virginia
Nov 21	Mississippi State	34	Tennessee Tech	16	at Mississippi State
Nov 21	Houston	34	West Virginia	31	at West Virginia
Nov 21	Liberty	45	Western Kentucky	14	at Liberty
Nov 21	Alabama	47	Chattanooga	0	at Alabama
Nov 21	Tulsa	42	Charlotte	14	at Tulsa
Nov 21	Jacksonville State	25	Missouri State	20	at Jacksonville State
Nov 21	Middle Tennessee	31	Sam Houston	28	at Sam Houston
Nov 21	Iowa	34	Illinois	17	at Illinois
Nov 21	Florida Atlantic	35	South Florida	14	at Florida Atlantic
Nov 21	App State	17	UL Monroe	16	at App State
Nov 21	Louisiana	38	Coastal Carolina	24	at Louisiana
Nov 21	Delaware	42	New Mexico State	30	at New Mexico State
Nov 21	Kennesaw State	35	Florida International	24	at Kennesaw State
Nov 21	Auburn	59	Samford	17	at Auburn
Nov 21	Tennessee	27	LSU	13	at Tennessee
Nov 21	Texas	45	Arkansas	3	at Texas
Nov 21	Texas Tech	20	Baylor	10	at Baylor
Nov 21	NC State	28	Florida State	10	at Florida State
Nov 21	Michigan	18	UCLA	16	at Michigan
Nov 21	Rutgers	25	Penn State	24	at Penn State
Nov 21	Washington	27	Indiana	24	at Washington
Nov 21	UConn	29	Old Dominion	21	at UConn
Nov 21	Oklahoma	28	Texas A&M	7	at Oklahoma

Complete Week 12 final scores

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Winner listed first. Dates use America/Los_Angeles. The slate includes FBS-versus-FCS games; no positive CAR resume credit is earned for FCS wins. All scores are final.

Date	Winner	Pts	Opponent	Pts	Site
Nov 21	North Dakota State	31	Northern Illinois	25	at North Dakota State
Nov 21	Georgia Southern	45	Troy	7	at Troy
Nov 21	Marshall	28	Georgia State	27	at Marshall
Nov 21	South Alabama	40	Southern Miss	35	at Southern Miss
Nov 21	Texas State	42	Washington State	14	at Texas State
Nov 21	USC	35	Maryland	21	at USC
Nov 21	Arizona	35	Kansas State	28	at Kansas State
Nov 21	Miami	28	Virginia Tech	20	at Miami
Nov 21	UNLV	24	San José State	22	at San José State
Nov 21	Louisiana Tech	48	Arkansas State	3	at Louisiana Tech
Nov 21	Missouri	28	Kentucky	14	at Missouri
Nov 21	Georgia	34	South Carolina	6	at South Carolina
Nov 21	Louisville	42	Pittsburgh	10	at Louisville
Nov 21	Notre Dame	24	SMU	3	at Notre Dame
Nov 21	Stanford	44	California	28	at California
Nov 21	Fresno State	49	Colorado State	42	at Fresno State
Nov 21	UTSA	19	UAB	17	at UAB
Nov 21	Utah	38	TCU	17	at TCU
Nov 21	San Diego State	22	Boise State	20	at Boise State
Nov 21	Oklahoma State	30	Arizona State	27	at Arizona State
Nov 21	Oregon State	31	Utah State	24	at Oregon State
Nov 21	Nevada	16	Hawai'i	8	at Nevada

Sources and verification

All 70 ESPN scoreboard events match individual game summaries. Final scores were reconciled with game-level ESPN summaries and separately checked against CBS scorecards. Independent numerical QA verifies all 138 ranks, records and displayed points. Previously valued team-games retain their historical frozen values.

Scores: https://www.espn.com/college-football/scoreboard/_/week/12/year/2026/seasontype/2

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