

CAR WEEKLY REPORT

Week 2: Texas Takes the Lead

The complete September 10-12 release for all 138 FBS programs

138 FBS teams ranked	86 final games	50 / 50 preseason / current	Texas rises to No. 1
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Executive summary

Ohio State falls from No. 1 to No. 20 after a 24-23 road loss to Texas. At 1-1, the Buckeyes have a small early-season résumé, and this release raises current-season weight from 35% to 50%. This is not a prediction that 19 teams would beat Ohio State. Strong results ahead can rebuild that résumé; CAR does not award future wins in advance. Confidence remains Early.

Texas leads Indiana and Notre Dame. The SEC leads the conference matrix at 20-2. This edition uses 50% preseason foundation and 50% current-season evidence. Week 2 opponents are valued with the frozen Week 1 matrix.

Results that moved the matrix

+4 to No. 1	Texas 24-23 over Ohio State Texas rises from No. 5 to No. 1.	+7 to No. 5	Georgia Up to No. 5 Georgia climbs seven places in the updated matrix.
+8 to No. 16	Tennessee 45-24 at Georgia Tech Tennessee rises eight places to No. 16.	+8 to No. 23	Utah 43-10 over Arkansas Utah rises eight places to No. 23.
+8 to No. 17	BYU 28-17 over Arizona BYU rises eight places to No. 17.	-19 to No. 20	Ohio State 23-24 at Texas Ohio State moves to No. 20 with a 1-1 record.

Conference standings

Rank	Conference	Record	Games	CAR score
1	SEC	20–2	22	72.043
2	Big Ten	22–8	30	62.417
3	ACC	12–6	18	59.579
4	Big 12	8–7	15	51.999
5	FBS Independents	2–1	3	50.618
6	American Athletic	9–10	19	48.512
7	Mountain West	5–7	12	46.179
8	Pac-12	3–10	13	43.033
9	Sun Belt	5–10	15	39.473
10	Conference USA	1–15	16	30.257
11	Mid-American	2–13	15	30.118

CAR Top 25

Rank	Team	CAR	Move	Rank	Team	CAR	Move
1	Texas	86.954	+4	14	Iowa	76.942	+5
2	Indiana	86.175	+1	15	Washington	76.821	+1
3	Notre Dame	85.970	+1	16	Tennessee	76.499	+8
4	LSU	83.685	+2	17	BYU	76.062	+8
5	Georgia	82.873	+7	18	Missouri	75.156	+9
6	Texas A&M	82.727	+1	19	North Dakota State	74.706	+2
7	Alabama	81.294	+2	20	Ohio State	74.276	-19
8	Michigan	80.570	+7	21	Florida	74.238	-4
9	USC	79.899	+1	22	South Carolina	72.753	-2
10	Ole Miss	79.191	+1	23	Utah	71.774	+8
11	Penn State	79.165	+2	24	Virginia	71.377	-1
12	Miami	78.471	-4	25	South Florida	70.698	+3
13	Texas Tech	77.698	+5				

Complete Week 2 final scores

Games played September 10-12. Winner is listed first.

Date	Winner	Score	Opponent	Score	Site
Sep 10	Miami	77	Florida A&M	7	at Miami
Sep 11	Louisville	59	Villanova	13	at Louisville
Sep 11	Virginia	59	Norfolk State	3	at Virginia
Sep 11	NC State	73	Richmond	0	at NC State
Sep 11	Boston College	28	Rutgers	21	at Boston College
Sep 11	Missouri	38	Kansas	21	at Kansas
Sep 12	Indiana	55	Howard	0	at Indiana
Sep 12	Texas A&M	48	Arizona State	20	at Texas A&M
Sep 12	Michigan	17	Oklahoma	10	at Michigan
Sep 12	Penn State	27	Temple	9	at Temple
Sep 12	Kansas State	34	Washington State	7	at Kansas State
Sep 12	North Carolina	35	East Tennessee State	3	at North Carolina
Sep 12	Virginia Tech	44	Old Dominion	21	at Virginia Tech
Sep 12	Wake Forest	38	Purdue	36	at Purdue
Sep 12	South Florida	28	Army	24	at Army
Sep 12	App State	27	East Carolina	24	at East Carolina
Sep 12	Kent State	36	Wofford	15	at Kent State
Sep 12	James Madison	87	Wagner	3	at James Madison
Sep 12	Liberty	24	Gardner-Webb	23	at Liberty
Sep 12	Georgia	70	Western Kentucky	20	at Georgia
Sep 12	West Virginia	52	UT Martin	7	at West Virginia
Sep 12	Central Michigan	13	Colgate	10	at Central Michigan
Sep 12	Miami (OH)	45	Holy Cross	7	at Miami (OH)
Sep 12	Oklahoma State	39	Oregon	31	at Oklahoma State
Sep 12	Ball State	41	Stony Brook	17	at Ball State
Sep 12	Notre Dame	52	Rice	0	at Notre Dame
Sep 12	Alabama	45	Kentucky	17	at Kentucky
Sep 12	BYU	28	Arizona	17	at BYU
Sep 12	Washington	16	Utah State	14	at Washington
Sep 12	Mississippi State	38	Minnesota	13	at Minnesota
Sep 12	Colorado	52	Weber State	21	at Colorado

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Sep 12	Pittsburgh	12	UCF	7	at Pittsburgh
Sep 12	California	21	Syracuse	18	at Syracuse
Sep 12	Duke	31	Illinois	27	at Illinois
Sep 12	Michigan State	35	Eastern Michigan	7	at Michigan State
Sep 12	Maryland	38	UConn	14	at UConn
Sep 12	UTSA	31	Texas State	26	at Texas State
Sep 12	UAB	26	UL Monroe	20	at UAB
Sep 12	Akron	45	Robert Morris	10	at Akron
Sep 12	Toledo	63	Central Connecticut	10	at Toledo
Sep 12	Massachusetts	37	Sacred Heart	10	at Massachusetts
Sep 12	North Texas	44	UNLV	6	at North Texas
Sep 12	SMU	56	UC Davis	10	at SMU
Sep 12	Wyoming	21	Northern Colorado	13	at Wyoming
Sep 12	New Mexico	70	Mercyhurst	7	at New Mexico
Sep 12	Troy	34	Alabama State	17	at Troy
Sep 12	Vanderbilt	35	Delaware	26	at Vanderbilt
Sep 12	Florida	52	Campbell	3	at Florida
Sep 12	Boise State	38	Memphis	20	at Boise State
Sep 12	Florida International	33	Buffalo	20	at Florida International
Sep 12	Ohio	29	Jacksonville State	27	at Ohio
Sep 12	Western Michigan	49	Monmouth	14	at Western Michigan
Sep 12	Tennessee	45	Georgia Tech	24	at Georgia Tech
Sep 12	Houston	77	Southern	6	at Houston
Sep 12	South Carolina	45	Towson	9	at South Carolina
Sep 12	Cincinnati	62	Western Carolina	10	at Cincinnati
Sep 12	Nebraska	56	Bowling Green	7	at Nebraska
Sep 12	Colorado State	58	Southern Utah	24	at Colorado State
Sep 12	Tulsa	23	Sam Houston	17	at Sam Houston
Sep 12	Illinois State	28	Northern Illinois	24	at Northern Illinois
Sep 12	Tulane	28	South Alabama	24	at Tulane
Sep 12	Arkansas State	52	West Georgia	7	at Arkansas State
Sep 12	Georgia State	31	Kennesaw State	17	at Kennesaw State
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Sep 12	UCLA	28	San Diego State	10	at UCLA
Sep 12	Wisconsin	36	Western Illinois	9	at Wisconsin
Sep 12	Texas	24	Ohio State	23	at Texas
Sep 12	LSU	45	Louisiana Tech	14	at LSU
Sep 12	Texas Tech	35	Oregon State	24	at Oregon State
Sep 12	Iowa	16	Iowa State	13	at Iowa
Sep 12	Florida Atlantic	38	Navy	30	at Florida Atlantic
Sep 12	Coastal Carolina	45	Fordham	7	at Coastal Carolina
Sep 12	Ole Miss	41	Charlotte	9	at Ole Miss
Sep 12	TCU	63	Grambling	7	at TCU
Sep 12	Baylor	44	Prairie View A&M	3	at Baylor
Sep 12	Auburn	43	Southern Miss	8	at Auburn
Sep 12	San José State	30	Cal Poly	20	at San José State
Sep 12	UTEP	51	Texas Southern	10	at UTEP
Sep 12	Clemson	22	Georgia Southern	7	at Clemson
Sep 12	North Dakota State	38	Air Force	32	at Air Force
Sep 12	Utah	43	Arkansas	10	at Utah
Sep 12	Fresno State	49	Sacramento State	3	at Fresno State
Sep 12	Montana State	20	Nevada	7	at Nevada
Sep 12	USC	49	Louisiana	30	at USC
Sep 12	Hawai'i	29	New Mexico State	19	at Hawai'i

Calculation note. Week 2 uses 50% preseason foundation and 50% current-season evidence. Current evidence combines matrix résumé (35%), predictive strength (30%), record quality (25%), and conference strength (10%). FBS wins over FCS opponents receive no positive résumé or conference value; FBS losses to FCS opponents receive a substantial deduction.

Final scores were reconciled to the ESPN scoreboard. AP, ESPN, CFP committee rankings, and gambling odds are not CAR model inputs. Full rankings and methodology: statsassistance.com/college-football/