

CAR WEEKLY REPORT

Week 4: Texas Leads, Florida Climbs

The complete September 24-26 release for all 138 FBS programs

138 FBS teams ranked	71 final games	20 / 80 preseason / current	Texas remains No. 1
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Executive summary

Texas remains No. 1, followed by Georgia, Florida, Indiana and Miami. Duke rises to No. 12 and Mississippi State to No. 13. North Dakota State, James Madison and South Florida are No. 17, No. 18 and No. 20. The SEC leads the conference matrix at 28-2. The ACC moves from fifth to third, narrowly ahead of the Big 12, 60.692 to 60.666.

This edition combines 20% of the original preseason rating with 80% cumulative 2026 evidence. Week 4 games use frozen Week 3 opponent values. Earlier game values are unchanged. Movement reflects both new results and the scheduled transition from 35/65 to 20/80. Confidence remains Early.

Results that moved the matrix

+8 to No. 3	Florida 52-28 over Ole Miss Florida rises eight places to No. 3.	+15 to No. 12	Duke Into the Top 25 Duke rises 15 places to No. 12.
+19 to No. 13	Mississippi State Into the Top 25 Mississippi State rises 19 places to No. 13.	+6 to No. 20	South Florida Into the Top 25 South Florida rises six places to No. 20.
+49 to No. 60	Arkansas Largest rise Arkansas climbs 49 places to No. 60.	-15 to No. 21	Ole Miss 28-52 at Florida Ole Miss falls 15 places to No. 21.

Conference standings

Rank	Conference	Record	Games	CAR score
1	SEC	28–2	30	74.803
2	Big Ten	29–11	40	62.901
3	ACC	17–9	26	60.692
4	Big 12	21–8	29	60.666
5	FBS Independents	5–2	7	54.057
6	Pac-12	9–16	25	48.251
7	American Athletic	15–20	35	44.522
8	Mountain West	8–15	23	38.831
9	Sun Belt	13–24	37	36.676
10	Conference USA	6–25	31	33.445
11	Mid-American	7–26	33	31.887

CAR Top 25

Rank	Team	CAR	Move	Rank	Team	CAR	Move
1	Texas	86.263	0	14	Ohio State	78.936	+9
2	Georgia	85.438	+2	15	Nebraska	78.307	+14
3	Florida	84.588	+8	16	LSU	77.908	+3
4	Indiana	84.401	-2	17	North Dakota State	77.664	+4
5	Miami	82.993	0	18	James Madison	77.647	+6
6	Notre Dame	82.851	-3	19	Pittsburgh	76.861	+9
7	Texas Tech	82.711	+1	20	South Florida	76.676	+6
8	Alabama	82.541	-1	21	Ole Miss	76.380	-15
9	BYU	81.956	+3	22	Cincinnati	75.716	+17
10	Iowa	81.898	+6	23	UCLA	75.552	+12
11	Utah	79.513	+7	24	Virginia Tech	75.493	+10
12	Duke	79.442	+15	25	Michigan	75.311	-16
13	Mississippi State	79.187	+19				

Complete Week 4 final scores

Games played September 24-26. Winner is listed first.

Date	Winner	Score	Opponent	Score	Site
Sep 24	Liberty	34	Coastal Carolina	17	at Coastal Carolina
Sep 25	Army	21	Temple	17	at Temple
Sep 25	Rutgers	58	Howard	7	at Rutgers
Sep 25	UAB	24	Navy	20	at UAB
Sep 25	Indiana	29	Northwestern	23	at Indiana
Sep 25	Clemson	24	California	10	at California
Sep 26	Texas	20	Tennessee	17	at Tennessee
Sep 26	Texas Tech	49	Sam Houston	14	at Texas Tech
Sep 26	Baylor	23	Colorado	13	at Baylor
Sep 26	Pittsburgh	59	Bucknell	0	at Pittsburgh
Sep 26	Virginia Tech	21	Boston College	14	at Boston College
Sep 26	Wake Forest	30	Louisville	27	at Louisville
Sep 26	Ohio State	42	Illinois	19	at Ohio State
Sep 26	Toledo	41	San Diego State	16	at Toledo
Sep 26	UTSA	59	Colorado State	45	at UTSA
Sep 26	UNLV	38	Akron	10	at Akron
Sep 26	Kent State	26	Ball State	13	at Kent State
Sep 26	Kentucky	45	South Alabama	21	at Kentucky
Sep 26	Eastern Michigan	29	Lindenwood	3	at Eastern Michigan
Sep 26	UCLA	54	Maryland	3	at Maryland
Sep 26	Notre Dame	49	Purdue	10	at Purdue
Sep 26	Georgia State	35	Northern Illinois	14	at Georgia State
Sep 26	Florida State	34	Central Arkansas	7	at Florida State
Sep 26	Wyoming	27	Hawai'i	10	at Wyoming
Sep 26	Florida	52	Ole Miss	28	at Florida
Sep 26	Georgia	41	Oklahoma	13	at Georgia
Sep 26	UCF	21	TCU	13	at UCF
Sep 26	Utah	31	Iowa State	17	at Iowa State
Sep 26	Duke	62	William & Mary	7	at Duke
Sep 26	Iowa	20	Michigan	19	at Michigan
Sep 26	Boise State	32	Western Michigan	7	at Western Michigan

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Sep 26	Miami (OH)	24	UConn	21	at Miami (OH)
Sep 26	New Mexico	42	New Mexico State	18	at New Mexico State
Sep 26	Buffalo	31	Robert Morris	28	at Buffalo
Sep 26	Ohio	35	Stonehill	7	at Ohio
Sep 26	Marshall	36	Gardner-Webb	35	at Marshall
Sep 26	Houston	42	Georgia Southern	28	at Georgia Southern
Sep 26	East Carolina	42	North Carolina Central	9	at East Carolina
Sep 26	Auburn	21	Vanderbilt	15	at Auburn
Sep 26	Nebraska	31	Michigan State	13	at Michigan State
Sep 26	Wisconsin	24	Penn State	20	at Penn State
Sep 26	South Florida	14	Bowling Green	6	at Bowling Green
Sep 26	Virginia	42	Delaware	3	at Virginia
Sep 26	Texas State	63	Incarnate Word	10	at Texas State
Sep 26	Florida International	20	Long Island University	3	at Florida International
Sep 26	James Madison	46	Old Dominion	20	at Old Dominion
Sep 26	Miami	52	Central Michigan	3	at Miami
Sep 26	Louisiana	34	Charlotte	7	at Charlotte
Sep 26	Cincinnati	31	Kansas State	26	at Cincinnati
Sep 26	Oklahoma State	41	West Virginia	24	at West Virginia
Sep 26	Tulane	24	Southern Miss	21	at Tulane
Sep 26	Arkansas State	17	Kennesaw State	14	at Arkansas State
Sep 26	Western Kentucky	52	Mercyhurst	7	at Western Kentucky
Sep 26	Jacksonville State	23	Middle Tennessee	13	at Jacksonville State
Sep 26	Alabama	49	South Carolina	18	at Alabama
Sep 26	LSU	35	Texas A&M	6	at LSU
Sep 26	Arizona	34	Washington State	24	at Washington State
Sep 26	Oregon	41	USC	27	at USC
Sep 26	Utah State	21	Troy	10	at Utah State
Sep 26	North Texas	63	Houston Christian	14	at North Texas
Sep 26	NC State	41	App State	31	at NC State
Sep 26	Mississippi State	31	Missouri	24	at Mississippi State
Sep 26	Arkansas	34	Tulsa	6	at Arkansas
Sep 26	Florida Atlantic	45	UL Monroe	17	at UL Monroe

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Sep 26	SMU	34	Missouri State	24	at SMU
Sep 26	Oregon State	33	UTEP	7	at UTEP
Sep 26	Massachusetts	35	Sacramento State	6	at Sacramento State
Sep 26	Fresno State	38	Rice	24	at Fresno State
Sep 26	Stanford	34	Georgia Tech	27	at Stanford
Sep 26	Air Force	36	Nevada	33	at Nevada
Sep 26	Minnesota	27	Washington	24	at Washington

Calculation note. Week 4 uses 20% preseason foundation and 80% 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/