

## CAR WEEKLY REPORT

# Week 5: Texas Leads the CAR Rankings

*The complete October 1-3 release for all 138 FBS programs*

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| <b>138</b><br>FBS teams ranked | <b>59</b><br>final games | <b>10 / 90</b><br>preseason / current | <b>Texas</b><br>No. 1 |
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## Executive summary

Texas leads the Week 5 CAR rankings, followed by Alabama, Georgia, Miami and Indiana. SEC leads the conference matrix with a 28-2 FBS interconference record and a score of 74.803. The Big 12 moves ahead of the ACC into third. North Dakota State and James Madison rise to No. 15 and No. 16, respectively.

This edition combines 10% of the original preseason rating with 90% cumulative 2026 evidence. Week 5 games use frozen Week 4 opponent values. Earlier game values are unchanged. Movement reflects both new results and the scheduled transition from 20/80 to 10/90. Bye-week teams can move without a new game. Confidence remains Early.

## Results that moved the matrix

|                         |                                                                                   |                         |                                                                                                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>+47</b><br>to No. 85 | <b>Syracuse</b><br>W 42-41 at UConn<br>Syracuse rises 47 places to No. 85.        | <b>+39</b><br>to No. 80 | <b>Purdue</b><br>W 24-17 at Illinois<br>Purdue rises 39 places to No. 80.                       |
| <b>+37</b><br>to No. 77 | <b>Kansas</b><br>W 55-0 vs Middle Tennessee<br>Kansas rises 37 places to No. 77.  | <b>-38</b><br>to No. 58 | <b>South Florida</b><br>L 13-17 vs Temple<br>South Florida falls 38 places to No. 58.           |
| <b>-38</b><br>to No. 86 | <b>Virginia</b><br>L 7-38 at Florida State<br>Virginia falls 38 places to No. 86. | <b>-35</b><br>to No. 73 | <b>Massachusetts</b><br>L 14-38 vs Eastern Michigan<br>Massachusetts falls 35 places to No. 73. |

## Conference standings

| Rank | Conference        | Record | Games | CAR score |
|------|-------------------|--------|-------|-----------|
| 1    | SEC               | 28–2   | 30    | 74.803    |
| 2    | Big Ten           | 29–11  | 40    | 62.901    |
| 3    | Big 12            | 22–8   | 30    | 61.578    |
| 4    | ACC               | 18–11  | 29    | 59.368    |
| 5    | FBS Independents  | 6–3    | 9     | 52.127    |
| 6    | Pac-12            | 9–16   | 25    | 48.251    |
| 7    | American Athletic | 15–22  | 37    | 43.002    |
| 8    | Mountain West     | 10–15  | 25    | 40.568    |
| 9    | Sun Belt          | 13–24  | 37    | 36.676    |
| 10   | Conference USA    | 7–26   | 33    | 34.095    |
| 11   | Mid-American      | 7–26   | 33    | 31.887    |

## CAR Top 25

| Rank | Team       | CAR    | Move | Rank | Team               | CAR    | Move |
|------|------------|--------|------|------|--------------------|--------|------|
| 1    | Texas      | 86.018 | 0    | 14   | Ohio State         | 79.761 | 0    |
| 2    | Alabama    | 84.729 | +6   | 15   | North Dakota State | 78.762 | +2   |
| 3    | Georgia    | 84.545 | -1   | 16   | James Madison      | 78.619 | +2   |
| 4    | Miami      | 84.122 | +1   | 17   | Missouri           | 77.837 | +26  |
| 5    | Indiana    | 83.366 | -1   | 18   | Mississippi State  | 77.510 | -5   |
| 6    | Duke       | 83.133 | +6   | 19   | LSU                | 77.372 | -3   |
| 7    | UCLA       | 82.202 | +16  | 20   | Tennessee          | 77.138 | +14  |
| 8    | Texas Tech | 82.130 | -1   | 21   | Arizona            | 76.476 | +31  |
| 9    | BYU        | 82.096 | 0    | 22   | Ole Miss           | 76.269 | -1   |
| 10   | Nebraska   | 81.717 | +5   | 23   | Minnesota          | 76.182 | +23  |
| 11   | Notre Dame | 81.698 | -5   | 24   | Kentucky           | 76.001 | +7   |
| 12   | Pittsburgh | 80.904 | +7   | 25   | Northwestern       | 75.982 | +16  |
| 13   | Utah       | 80.732 | -2   |      |                    |        |      |

## Complete Week 5 final scores

Games played October 1-3. Winner is listed first.

| Date   | Winner             | Score | Opponent          | Score | Site                  |
|--------|--------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|-----------------------|
| Oct 01 | New Mexico State   | 34    | Western Kentucky  | 13    | at New Mexico State   |
| Oct 01 | North Texas        | 45    | Tulsa             | 44    | at Tulsa              |
| Oct 02 | Pittsburgh         | 35    | Virginia Tech     | 33    | at Virginia Tech      |
| Oct 02 | Liberty            | 30    | Delaware          | 14    | at Delaware           |
| Oct 02 | Northwestern       | 34    | Penn State        | 13    | at Northwestern       |
| Oct 03 | Memphis            | 59    | Charlotte         | 8     | at Charlotte          |
| Oct 03 | Alabama            | 56    | Mississippi State | 23    | at Mississippi State  |
| Oct 03 | Kansas             | 55    | Middle Tennessee  | 0     | at Kansas             |
| Oct 03 | Houston            | 27    | UCF               | 17    | at Houston            |
| Oct 03 | Iowa State         | 45    | West Virginia     | 42    | at Iowa State         |
| Oct 03 | SMU                | 25    | Boston College    | 16    | at SMU                |
| Oct 03 | Notre Dame         | 37    | North Carolina    | 26    | at North Carolina     |
| Oct 03 | Wake Forest        | 57    | Stanford          | 3     | at Wake Forest        |
| Oct 03 | Syracuse           | 42    | UConn             | 41    | at UConn              |
| Oct 03 | Minnesota          | 20    | Michigan          | 14    | at Minnesota          |
| Oct 03 | Air Force          | 14    | Navy              | 9     | at Air Force          |
| Oct 03 | Wisconsin          | 31    | Michigan State    | 3     | at Wisconsin          |
| Oct 03 | Georgia            | 38    | Vanderbilt        | 14    | at Georgia            |
| Oct 03 | Western Michigan   | 20    | Buffalo           | 17    | at Buffalo            |
| Oct 03 | Toledo             | 39    | Ball State        | 24    | at Ball State         |
| Oct 03 | Tennessee          | 24    | Auburn            | 14    | at Tennessee          |
| Oct 03 | UNLV               | 39    | California        | 31    | at UNLV               |
| Oct 03 | NC State           | 31    | Louisville        | 28    | at NC State           |
| Oct 03 | Florida State      | 38    | Virginia          | 7     | at Florida State      |
| Oct 03 | Ohio State         | 31    | Iowa              | 14    | at Iowa               |
| Oct 03 | UAB                | 33    | Samford           | 14    | at UAB                |
| Oct 03 | North Dakota State | 28    | Wyoming           | 0     | at North Dakota State |
| Oct 03 | Central Michigan   | 41    | Akron             | 17    | at Central Michigan   |
| Oct 03 | Eastern Michigan   | 38    | Massachusetts     | 14    | at Massachusetts      |
| Oct 03 | Ohio               | 13    | Kent State        | 10    | at Kent State         |
| Oct 03 | Bowling Green      | 24    | Miami (OH)        | 20    | at Miami (OH)         |

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|--------|------------------|-------|------------------|-------|---------------------|
| Oct 03 | Georgia State    | 42    | Old Dominion     | 10    | at Georgia State    |
| Oct 03 | James Madison    | 45    | Marshall         | 17    | at James Madison    |
| Oct 03 | Missouri         | 45    | Florida          | 17    | at Missouri         |
| Oct 03 | Nebraska         | 48    | Maryland         | 23    | at Nebraska         |
| Oct 03 | New Mexico       | 61    | UTEP             | 7     | at New Mexico       |
| Oct 03 | Kentucky         | 35    | South Carolina   | 34    | at South Carolina   |
| Oct 03 | Purdue           | 24    | Illinois         | 17    | at Illinois         |
| Oct 03 | Oregon State     | 56    | Colorado State   | 26    | at Colorado State   |
| Oct 03 | Florida Atlantic | 66    | Texas Southern   | 10    | at Florida Atlantic |
| Oct 03 | Texas A&M        | 34    | Arkansas         | 7     | at Texas A&M        |
| Oct 03 | BYU              | 17    | TCU              | 10    | at TCU              |
| Oct 03 | UTSA             | 16    | Rice             | 14    | at Rice             |
| Oct 03 | Georgia Southern | 31    | Coastal Carolina | 24    | at Coastal Carolina |
| Oct 03 | South Alabama    | 52    | UL Monroe        | 35    | at South Alabama    |
| Oct 03 | Texas Tech       | 29    | Colorado         | 7     | at Colorado         |
| Oct 03 | Miami            | 41    | Clemson          | 13    | at Clemson          |
| Oct 03 | USC              | 25    | Washington       | 21    | at USC              |
| Oct 03 | Boise State      | 37    | Utah State       | 18    | at Boise State      |
| Oct 03 | Temple           | 17    | South Florida    | 13    | at South Florida    |
| Oct 03 | Louisiana Tech   | 31    | Army             | 29    | at Louisiana Tech   |
| Oct 03 | LSU              | 63    | McNeese          | 14    | at LSU              |
| Oct 03 | Indiana          | 47    | Rutgers          | 15    | at Rutgers          |
| Oct 03 | Louisiana        | 23    | Arkansas State   | 20    | at Louisiana        |
| Oct 03 | Fresno State     | 26    | Washington State | 6     | at Washington State |
| Oct 03 | Baylor           | 55    | Arizona State    | 19    | at Arizona State    |
| Oct 03 | San Diego State  | 31    | Texas State      | 29    | at San Diego State  |
| Oct 03 | Arizona          | 34    | Cincinnati       | 7     | at Arizona          |
| Oct 03 | San José State   | 20    | Hawai'i          | 16    | at Hawai'i          |

**Calculation note.** Week 5 uses 10% preseason foundation and 90% 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/](https://statsassistance.com/college-football/)