

Week 7: UCLA remains No. 1

Miami and BYU complete the top three.

The full Week 7 slate is final: 62 games, including 59 FBS-versus-FBS matchups and three FBS-versus-FCS games. CAR ranks all 138 FBS teams using completed results through October 17. The cumulative input contains 510 completed games.

Starting this edition, the team ranking combines 80% CAR with the new dynamic opponent-record adjustment and 20% previous-week CBS Sports 138. CBS is an explicit human-ranking input, not just a benchmark. The October 12 CBS release was frozen before this edition's games.

Rank	Team	Record	CAR points
1	UCLA	6-0	83.121
2	Miami	6-0	79.725
3	BYU	6-0	79.470
4	Kentucky	6-1	79.181
5	Ohio State	6-1	77.818

Largest movements across all 138 teams

Movement is compared with the published Week 6 ranking. It combines new results and this methodology change, not just on-field improvement or decline.

Team	Week 6	Now	Move	Latest result
TCU	102	54	+48	W 17-6 at Baylor
Oregon	59	30	+29	W 17-14 vs Nebraska
Washington	85	58	+27	W 38-26 at Purdue
Florida Atlantic	28	68	-40	L 24-56 at Army
Eastern Michigan	80	108	-28	L 14-34 vs Toledo
Georgia State	46	71	-25	L 22-49 at James Madison

What stands out

LSU enters the Top 25 at No. 9; Nebraska leaves it at No. 31. The SEC remains the leading conference. Boise State (No. 13) and James Madison (No. 22) remain in the Top 25. These positions are the approved calculation, with no manual team-order overrides.

Confidence remains Early. This ranking is not a calibrated prediction of who will win a future game.

The new 80/20 calculation

Final score = 0.80 x dynamic CAR + 0.20 x CBS converted score

CBS converted score = 100 x (138 - CBS rank) / 137

CBS rank 1 maps to 100 and rank 138 maps to 0. This linear conversion is CAR's rule, not CBS published rating points or a probability. All 138 teams receive the same conversion. The source is the October 12, 2026 CBS release, reflecting results through October 10.

Effective final weight	Measure
28%	Cumulative resume value, scaled across all 138 teams
24%	Outcome-surprise performance and capped margin
10%	Own FBS record, with the FCS-loss adjustment below
10%	Dynamic opponent FBS record, with the same FCS-loss adjustment
8%	Conference strength
20%	Previous-week CBS Sports 138, converted by rank

How dynamic opponent record works

For every completed FBS opponent, pool its current FBS wins and losses after excluding every game against the team being evaluated. Sum those wins, then divide by the summed games. This is a pooled win percentage, not an unweighted average of opponent percentages. Each opponent appearance counts once. It changes weekly as those opponents play more games.

Within dynamic CAR, the 25% record component is split equally between the team's own record and this opponent-record percentage. After the 80% blend, those shares are 10% each in the final score.

Record quality = 100 x [0.5 x FBS wins + 0.5 x FBS games x opponent FBS win percentage] / [FBS games + FCS losses]

FCS wins earn no positive resume or record credit and do not enter that denominator. FCS losses earn zero record credit, remain in the denominator, and retain the existing substantial resume/performance deductions. Displayed overall records still include all completed games.

Example: UCLA's six FBS opponents combine for 13-15 in their other FBS games, a .4643 opponent percentage. With a 6-0 FBS record, UCLA's record-quality component is 73.214 before applying its weight. This differs from an opponent table that includes FCS games or games against UCLA.

Conference standings

Conference scores retain the verified conference formula. CBS changes the final team blend, not this conference table. Intraconference games can change team resumes but do not directly earn interconference conference-strength points.

Rank	Conference	FBS interconf.	Games	Score
1	SEC	28-2	30	74.803
2	Big Ten	30-11	41	62.882
3	Big 12	24-8	32	62.635
4	ACC	18-12	30	58.675
5	FBS Independents	8-4	12	54.635
6	Pac-12	9-16	25	48.251
7	American Athletic	16-23	39	42.741
8	Mountain West	10-16	26	39.599
9	Sun Belt	14-26	40	37.021
10	Conference USA	6-24	30	33.430
11	Mid-American	7-28	35	31.430

Conference changes versus Week 6

The order is unchanged. Big 12: 61.686 to 62.635 (23-8 to 24-8). American Athletic: 42.002 to 42.741 (15-23 to 16-23). FBS Independents: 56.438 to 54.635 (8-3 to 8-4). Mid-American: 31.889 to 31.430 (7-27 to 7-28). Other conference scores and records are unchanged.

Frozen history and honest comparisons

Week 7 games use frozen published Week 6 opponent values. Earlier game values and archived editions are not replayed. The newly published Week 7 values become the next edition's normal frozen input. There is no direct preseason blend, but earlier frozen values can retain historical preseason influence. The existing preseason exact-score tie-break is retained.

Resume scaling uses the full 138-team field. Other teams' results and the new method can move a bye team. Head-to-head outcomes contribute as games but do not require a particular final rank order. Performance means outcome surprise plus capped margin, not play-level efficiency or demonstrated predictive accuracy.

All twelve CAR measure choices remain available online. CAR Trajectory is unavailable across the method change. Remaining schedule strength uses the existing preseason scale for the entire remaining regular season; FCS opponents count as zero. AP, ESPN rankings, CFP rankings and betting odds are not model inputs. ESPN is used for game results.

All 138 CAR rankings

Ranks 1-30 | Published October 18, 2026

Prev = published Week 6 rank. Move = previous minus current rank; positive is up. Movement includes the method change. All confidence labels: Early. Three-decimal display; unrounded points determine order.

Rank	Team	Conference	Record	Prev	Move	CAR points
1	UCLA	Big Ten	6-0	1	+0	83.121
2	Miami	ACC	6-0	4	+2	79.725
3	BYU	Big 12	6-0	11	+8	79.470
4	Kentucky	SEC	6-1	8	+4	79.181
5	Ohio State	Big Ten	6-1	18	+13	77.818
6	Ole Miss	SEC	5-1	25	+19	77.157
7	Houston	Big 12	6-1	19	+12	76.382
8	Georgia	SEC	6-1	2	-6	75.329
9	LSU	SEC	5-2	35	+26	75.325
10	Tennessee	SEC	6-1	24	+14	74.989
11	Indiana	Big Ten	6-1	3	-8	74.827
12	Wake Forest	ACC	6-1	12	+0	74.448
13	Boise State	Pac-12	5-1	9	-4	74.360
14	Alabama	SEC	5-2	7	-7	74.203
15	Notre Dame	FBS Independents	6-1	5	-10	72.896
16	Texas Tech	Big 12	6-0	23	+7	72.543
17	Northwestern	Big Ten	5-1	16	-1	72.498
18	Utah	Big 12	6-0	17	-1	71.593
19	Mississippi State	SEC	4-2	6	-13	71.142
20	Wisconsin	Big Ten	4-2	14	-6	70.666
21	Oklahoma State	Big 12	4-2	13	-8	70.599
22	James Madison	Sun Belt	7-0	22	+0	70.508
23	Missouri	SEC	5-2	10	-13	70.401
24	Texas	SEC	4-2	21	-3	70.298
25	Arizona	Big 12	5-1	20	-5	70.106
26	Auburn	SEC	4-2	34	+8	70.053
27	North Carolina	ACC	4-2	38	+11	69.115
28	Iowa	Big Ten	5-1	30	+2	68.369
29	USC	Big Ten	6-1	27	-2	67.951
30	Oregon	Big Ten	4-2	59	+29	66.954

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Rank	Team	Conference	Record	Prev	Move	CAR points
31	Nebraska	Big Ten	5-2	15	-16	66.098
32	UTSA	American Athletic	6-1	29	-3	64.709
33	Florida	SEC	5-2	57	+24	64.359
34	Oklahoma	SEC	3-3	33	-1	64.249
35	Oregon State	Pac-12	5-2	37	+2	63.208
36	Louisville	ACC	4-3	53	+17	62.120
37	SMU	ACC	5-1	49	+12	61.854
38	Virginia Tech	ACC	5-2	39	+1	60.763
39	Baylor	Big 12	4-2	26	-13	60.485
40	Michigan	Big Ten	4-2	52	+12	60.343
41	North Dakota State	Mountain West	6-1	42	+1	60.276
42	Air Force	Mountain West	5-1	45	+3	59.811
43	Pittsburgh	ACC	5-2	31	-12	59.716
44	Duke	ACC	4-2	32	-12	59.189
45	Liberty	Conference USA	5-1	36	-9	58.158
46	Kansas State	Big 12	4-2	61	+15	58.131
47	South Carolina	SEC	3-3	54	+7	57.894
48	New Mexico	Mountain West	5-1	48	+0	57.724
49	Minnesota	Big Ten	4-2	50	+1	57.719
50	Clemson	ACC	4-2	51	+1	57.580
51	Iowa State	Big 12	3-3	58	+7	57.446
52	Cincinnati	Big 12	4-2	44	-8	55.652
53	UCF	Big 12	3-3	66	+13	55.381
54	TCU	Big 12	3-3	102	+48	55.041
55	Purdue	Big Ten	3-4	41	-14	54.648
56	Texas A&M	SEC	4-3	56	+0	54.276
57	Army	American Athletic	4-2	78	+21	54.203
58	Washington	Big Ten	4-3	85	+27	53.406
59	West Virginia	Big 12	4-3	75	+16	53.154
60	Memphis	American Athletic	5-2	40	-20	53.133

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Rank	Team	Conference	Record	Prev	Move	CAR points
61	Louisiana	Sun Belt	5-2	67	+6	52.604
62	UNLV	Mountain West	4-3	47	-15	52.498
63	Fresno State	Pac-12	4-3	43	-20	52.346
64	Arkansas	SEC	3-4	87	+23	52.270
65	NC State	ACC	3-3	62	-3	52.259
66	Jacksonville State	Conference USA	5-2	60	-6	51.539
67	North Texas	American Athletic	4-2	64	-3	51.524
68	Florida Atlantic	American Athletic	4-2	28	-40	51.202
69	Louisiana Tech	Sun Belt	4-2	63	-6	51.004
70	Florida State	ACC	3-4	73	+3	50.844
71	Georgia State	Sun Belt	4-2	46	-25	50.685
72	Western Michigan	Mid-American	5-2	65	-7	50.665
73	Penn State	Big Ten	3-4	76	+3	50.008
74	Virginia	ACC	4-3	68	-6	50.003
75	South Florida	American Athletic	5-2	70	-5	49.992
76	Boston College	ACC	3-3	95	+19	49.942
77	Arizona State	Big 12	3-3	69	-8	49.922
78	South Alabama	Sun Belt	4-2	55	-23	48.207
79	Kansas	Big 12	2-4	82	+3	48.182
80	Illinois	Big Ten	3-3	83	+3	47.960
81	Texas State	Pac-12	3-3	99	+18	47.798
82	Ohio	Mid-American	5-2	71	-11	47.694
83	Toledo	Mid-American	5-2	90	+7	47.629
84	California	ACC	3-4	81	-3	46.685
85	Vanderbilt	SEC	3-4	77	-8	44.937
86	UAB	American Athletic	4-3	89	+3	44.669
87	Georgia Tech	ACC	2-4	97	+10	44.197
88	Stanford	ACC	3-4	74	-14	44.072
89	Michigan State	Big Ten	2-5	86	-3	44.024
90	Tulane	American Athletic	3-3	108	+18	43.940

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Rank	Team	Conference	Record	Prev	Move	CAR points
91	San Diego State	Pac-12	3-4	113	+22	43.445
92	Buffalo	Mid-American	4-3	98	+6	43.396
93	Florida International	Conference USA	3-3	72	-21	43.104
94	Colorado	Big 12	2-4	103	+9	42.914
95	App State	Sun Belt	4-2	105	+10	42.582
96	Miami (OH)	Mid-American	4-3	88	-8	42.394
97	San José State	Mountain West	4-3	92	-5	41.354
98	Wyoming	Mountain West	4-3	84	-14	41.105
99	Georgia Southern	Sun Belt	3-4	114	+15	40.730
100	East Carolina	American Athletic	3-3	79	-21	40.413
101	Syracuse	ACC	2-4	101	+0	40.222
102	Maryland	Big Ten	2-5	94	-8	39.763
103	Massachusetts	Mid-American	4-3	93	-10	38.427
104	Marshall	Sun Belt	3-3	96	-8	37.389
105	UConn	FBS Independents	3-3	106	+1	37.235
106	Utah State	Pac-12	2-4	100	-6	36.635
107	Tulsa	American Athletic	4-3	117	+10	36.520
108	Eastern Michigan	Mid-American	4-4	80	-28	36.420
109	Navy	American Athletic	2-4	112	+3	36.057
110	Arkansas State	Sun Belt	3-4	116	+6	36.043
111	Troy	Sun Belt	3-3	91	-20	35.662
112	Nevada	Mountain West	2-4	104	-8	34.631
113	Colorado State	Pac-12	2-4	107	-6	34.610
114	Rutgers	Big Ten	2-4	127	+13	34.294
115	Central Michigan	Mid-American	3-4	109	-6	33.439
116	Middle Tennessee	Conference USA	3-3	122	+6	32.314
117	Western Kentucky	Conference USA	3-4	125	+8	30.969
118	Delaware	Conference USA	2-4	111	-7	30.179
119	Old Dominion	Sun Belt	2-5	121	+2	30.132
120	New Mexico State	Conference USA	2-4	118	-2	30.053

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Prev = published Week 6 rank. Move = previous minus current rank; positive is up. Movement includes the method change. All confidence labels: Early. Three-decimal display; unrounded points determine order.

Rank	Team	Conference	Record	Prev	Move	CAR points
121	Ball State	Mid-American	2-5	128	+7	29.754
122	Coastal Carolina	Sun Belt	2-5	120	-2	29.573
123	Temple	American Athletic	2-5	115	-8	28.295
124	Bowling Green	Mid-American	2-5	110	-14	27.910
125	Kent State	Mid-American	2-5	119	-6	27.601
126	Missouri State	Conference USA	2-4	129	+3	26.769
127	Washington State	Pac-12	1-6	126	-1	26.434
128	Rice	American Athletic	1-6	124	-4	25.852
129	Charlotte	American Athletic	1-6	134	+5	25.720
130	Sam Houston	Conference USA	1-5	123	-7	25.701
131	Kennesaw State	Conference USA	1-5	130	-1	21.308
132	Northern Illinois	Mountain West	0-6	131	-1	20.218
133	UTEP	Mountain West	1-6	133	+0	19.930
134	Hawai'i	Mountain West	1-6	132	-2	19.525
135	Southern Miss	Sun Belt	1-5	136	+1	18.987
136	Sacramento State	Mid-American	1-6	135	-1	18.801
137	Akron	Mid-American	1-6	138	+1	17.281
138	UL Monroe	Sun Belt	0-6	137	-1	16.744

Complete Week 7 final scores

Games 1-22 of 62 | October 13-17, 2026

Winner listed first. Dates use America/Los_Angeles. All games involving an FBS team are included, including three against FCS opponents. Every listed game is final.

Date	Winner	Pts	Opponent	Pts	Site
Oct 13	Middle Tennessee	33	Delaware	30	at Middle Tennessee
Oct 13	Jacksonville State	27	Florida International	24	at Jacksonville State
Oct 14	Missouri State	24	Kennesaw State	21	at Missouri State
Oct 14	Western Kentucky	16	Sam Houston	3	at Sam Houston
Oct 15	UAB	30	East Carolina	17	at UAB
Oct 15	Georgia Southern	23	Old Dominion	15	at Old Dominion
Oct 15	Texas State	66	Colorado State	27	at Texas State
Oct 16	Tulane	31	Memphis	17	at Tulane
Oct 16	Washington	38	Purdue	26	at Purdue
Oct 16	App State	35	Coastal Carolina	32	at Coastal Carolina
Oct 17	LSU	31	Mississippi State	0	at LSU
Oct 17	Florida	27	Texas	24	at Texas
Oct 17	West Virginia	45	Cincinnati	42	at West Virginia
Oct 17	Kansas State	35	Kansas	24	at Kansas State
Oct 17	Clemson	37	Charleston Southern	0	at Clemson
Oct 17	Boston College	27	Pittsburgh	21	at Boston College
Oct 17	SMU	23	Virginia	13	at SMU
Oct 17	Ohio State	19	Indiana	15	at Indiana
Oct 17	Northwestern	24	Michigan State	21	at Michigan State
Oct 17	Army	56	Florida Atlantic	24	at Army
Oct 17	Ball State	32	Bowling Green	31	at Bowling Green
Oct 17	James Madison	49	Georgia State	22	at James Madison

Week 7 final scores (continued)

Games 23-44 of 62 | October 13-17, 2026

Winner listed first. Dates use America/Los_Angeles. All games involving an FBS team are included, including three against FCS opponents. Every listed game is final.

Date	Winner	Pts	Opponent	Pts	Site
Oct 17	Rutgers	37	Maryland	30	at Maryland
Oct 17	Texas A&M	41	The Citadel	0	at Texas A&M
Oct 17	Charlotte	38	Temple	31	at Temple
Oct 17	Buffalo	25	Massachusetts	18	at Buffalo
Oct 17	Western Michigan	21	Central Michigan	14	at Central Michigan
Oct 17	Auburn	27	Georgia	24	at Georgia
Oct 17	Ole Miss	31	Missouri	3	at Ole Miss
Oct 17	Tennessee	26	Alabama	10	at Tennessee
Oct 17	Texas Tech	53	Arizona State	25	at Texas Tech
Oct 17	Virginia Tech	34	Georgia Tech	24	at Virginia Tech
Oct 17	North Carolina	24	Duke	20	at Duke
Oct 17	Michigan	21	Penn State	18	at Michigan
Oct 17	Wyoming	41	Northern Illinois	23	at Wyoming
Oct 17	Air Force	41	UNLV	31	at Air Force
Oct 17	Toledo	34	Eastern Michigan	14	at Eastern Michigan
Oct 17	Miami (OH)	34	Akron	14	at Miami (OH)
Oct 17	Tulsa	38	Rice	17	at Rice
Oct 17	Louisiana	33	Troy	6	at Louisiana
Oct 17	Oregon State	48	Washington State	30	at Oregon State
Oct 17	Arkansas	31	Vanderbilt	21	at Vanderbilt
Oct 17	TCU	17	Baylor	6	at Baylor
Oct 17	Miami	43	Florida State	35	at Miami

Week 7 final scores (continued)

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Winner listed first. Dates use America/Los_Angeles. All games involving an FBS team are included, including three against FCS opponents. Every listed game is final.

Date	Winner	Pts	Opponent	Pts	Site
Oct 17	South Florida	29	Kent State	2	at South Florida
Oct 17	North Dakota State	31	Nevada	17	at North Dakota State
Oct 17	Arkansas State	23	Southern Miss	13	at Southern Miss
Oct 17	Kentucky	21	Oklahoma	13	at Oklahoma
Oct 17	BYU	28	Notre Dame	24	at BYU
Oct 17	Houston	35	Oklahoma State	32	at Houston
Oct 17	Stanford	34	Elon	7	at Stanford
Oct 17	Louisville	34	Syracuse	26	at Syracuse
Oct 17	UCLA	17	Wisconsin	7	at UCLA
Oct 17	UTSA	38	Navy	34	at UTSA
Oct 17	Louisiana Tech	24	UL Monroe	0	at UL Monroe
Oct 17	San José State	24	UTEP	11	at UTEP
Oct 17	Ohio	48	Sacramento State	7	at Sacramento State
Oct 17	Utah	27	Colorado	24	at Colorado
Oct 17	Wake Forest	41	California	7	at California
Oct 17	San Diego State	26	Fresno State	23	at San Diego State
Oct 17	New Mexico	21	Hawai'i	10	at Hawai'i
Oct 17	Oregon	17	Nebraska	14	at Oregon

Sources and publication

Final scores: ESPN college-football scoreboard and individual game summaries, with eight official university athletics cross-checks retained in the calculation audit. All 62 games were reconciled by game; no Sunday or Monday games remain assigned to this edition.

Game results: https://www.espn.com/college-football/scoreboard/_/week/7/year/2026/seasontype/2

Frozen human input: CBS Sports 138, October 12 release, results through October 10.

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