

Week 8: UCLA holds No. 1

Miami second; Kentucky, LSU and Ohio State complete the Top 5.

All 56 Week 8 games are final. This edition ranks all 138 FBS teams from 566 completed season games through October 24. 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 October 19 CBS release, reflecting results through October 17, was frozen before the first Week 8 game.

Rank	Team	Record	Points
1	UCLA	7-0	82.224
2	Miami	7-0	80.713
3	Kentucky	7-1	79.167
4	LSU	6-2	78.364
5	Ohio State	6-1	77.664

The week in context

UCLA beat Michigan State 28-10; Miami beat Pitt 52-23. Kentucky won 34-17 over Vanderbilt, and LSU won 38-17 at Auburn. Utah climbed from 18 to 7 after beating Houston 21-13. Indiana moved from 11 to 6 after a 13-6 overtime win at Michigan.

BYU fell from 3 to 14 after a 39-31 double-overtime loss at UCF. Tennessee fell from 10 to 20; Texas Tech from 16 to 25. James Madison dropped from 22 to 32 after a 34-31 overtime loss at App State. Oklahoma and Auburn enter the Top 25; Mississippi State and James Madison leave it.

Largest moves across all 138 teams

Team	Previous	Now	Movement
Illinois	80	53	+27
Boston College	76	60	+16
Toledo	83	67	+16
Baylor	39	62	-23
Louisiana	61	84	-23
Georgia State	71	89	-18

Movement uses published Week 7 ranks. Notre Dame falls 15 to 19 on a bye as field scaling, opponent records and the frozen CBS release change. Auburn rises 26 to 24 despite losing, but its points fall; rank is relative to the field. Neither is a manual override.

Method and conference strength

Final score = $0.80 \times \text{dynamic CAR} + 0.20 \times [100 \times (138 - \text{CBS rank}) / 137]$

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 = $100 \times [0.5 \times \text{FBS wins} + 0.5 \times \text{FBS games} \times \text{opponent FBS win percentage}] / [\text{FBS games} + \text{FCS losses}]$. 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	30-11	41	62.882
3	Big 12	24-8	32	62.635
4	ACC	18-12	30	58.675
5	FBS Independents	9-4	13	56.438
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	7-29	36	30.664

Conference order is unchanged. FBS Independents move from 54.635 to 56.438 (8-4 to 9-4); Mid-American from 31.430 to 30.664 (7-28 to 7-29). Other conference scores and records are unchanged. CBS is not blended into this table; intraconference games earn no direct interconference-strength points.

Earlier game values remain frozen; Week 8 uses the published Week 7 values for pregame expectations. 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. Trajectory stays unavailable across the method break; remaining schedule strength retains its labeled preseason basis with FCS zero. AP, ESPN rankings, CFP rankings, odds and private forecasts are excluded.

Schedule caveat: November 28 Pac-12 flex opponents are not yet assigned. Remaining Schedule Strength is unavailable for all eight Pac-12 teams until those opponents are known, rather than treating an unknown opponent as FCS zero. This does not affect the overall rankings.

All 138 CAR rankings

Ranks 1-30

Previous = published Week 7. 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	UCLA	Big Ten	7-0	1	+0	82.224
2	Miami	ACC	7-0	2	+0	80.713
3	Kentucky	SEC	7-1	4	+1	79.167
4	LSU	SEC	6-2	9	+5	78.364
5	Ohio State	Big Ten	6-1	5	+0	77.664
6	Indiana	Big Ten	7-1	11	+5	76.071
7	Utah	Big 12	7-0	18	+11	75.118
8	Georgia	SEC	6-1	8	+0	74.183
9	Wake Forest	ACC	6-1	12	+3	74.063
10	Alabama	SEC	6-2	14	+4	73.963
11	Ole Miss	SEC	5-2	6	-5	73.072
12	Northwestern	Big Ten	6-1	17	+5	72.994
13	Boise State	Pac-12	6-1	13	+0	72.950
14	BYU	Big 12	6-1	3	-11	72.733
15	Houston	Big 12	6-2	7	-8	72.627
16	Texas	SEC	5-2	24	+8	72.442
17	Arizona	Big 12	6-1	25	+8	72.426
18	Wisconsin	Big Ten	5-2	20	+2	72.363
19	Notre Dame	FBS Independents	6-1	15	-4	71.800
20	Tennessee	SEC	6-2	10	-10	70.597
21	Oklahoma State	Big 12	5-2	21	+0	69.747
22	Oklahoma	SEC	4-3	34	+12	67.967
23	Missouri	SEC	5-2	23	+0	67.890
24	Auburn	SEC	4-3	26	+2	66.920
25	Texas Tech	Big 12	6-1	16	-9	66.514
26	UTSA	American Athletic	7-1	32	+6	66.129
27	Florida	SEC	5-2	33	+6	65.632
28	Mississippi State	SEC	4-3	19	-9	65.521
29	Nebraska	Big Ten	5-2	31	+2	65.077
30	USC	Big Ten	6-2	29	-1	64.926

All 138 CAR rankings

Ranks 31-60

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Rank	Team	Conference	Record	Prev	Move	Points
31	SMU	ACC	6-1	37	+6	64.924
32	James Madison	Sun Belt	7-1	22	-10	64.900
33	South Carolina	SEC	4-3	47	+14	64.603
34	Virginia Tech	ACC	6-2	38	+4	64.137
35	Iowa	Big Ten	5-2	28	-7	63.813
36	Oregon State	Pac-12	5-2	35	-1	63.392
37	Louisville	ACC	4-3	36	-1	63.064
38	North Carolina	ACC	4-3	27	-11	62.857
39	New Mexico	Mountain West	6-1	48	+9	62.626
40	Minnesota	Big Ten	5-2	49	+9	62.175
41	UCF	Big 12	4-3	53	+12	61.385
42	Duke	ACC	5-2	44	+2	61.080
43	Oregon	Big Ten	4-3	30	-13	60.938
44	Cincinnati	Big 12	5-2	52	+8	60.907
45	Michigan	Big Ten	4-3	40	-5	60.023
46	Liberty	Conference USA	6-1	45	-1	58.601
47	West Virginia	Big 12	5-3	59	+12	58.536
48	Pittsburgh	ACC	5-3	43	-5	58.438
49	Army	American Athletic	5-2	57	+8	57.965
50	North Dakota State	Mountain West	6-2	41	-9	57.032
51	Clemson	ACC	4-3	50	-1	55.844
52	Iowa State	Big 12	3-4	51	-1	55.100
53	Illinois	Big Ten	4-3	80	+27	55.030
54	Louisiana Tech	Sun Belt	5-2	69	+15	54.625
55	Washington	Big Ten	4-3	58	+3	54.620
56	Texas A&M	SEC	4-4	56	+0	54.602
57	Memphis	American Athletic	6-2	60	+3	54.578
58	North Texas	American Athletic	5-2	67	+9	54.435
59	Air Force	Mountain West	5-2	42	-17	54.190
60	Boston College	ACC	4-3	76	+16	54.131

All 138 CAR rankings

Ranks 61-90

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Rank	Team	Conference	Record	Prev	Move	Points
61	Purdue	Big Ten	3-4	55	-6	53.850
62	Baylor	Big 12	4-3	39	-23	53.744
63	Kansas State	Big 12	4-3	46	-17	53.573
64	Arkansas	SEC	3-4	64	+0	53.180
65	Arizona State	Big 12	4-3	77	+12	53.082
66	Texas State	Pac-12	4-3	81	+15	52.451
67	Toledo	Mid-American	6-2	83	+16	52.442
68	TCU	Big 12	3-4	54	-14	52.299
69	UNLV	Mountain West	4-3	62	-7	52.268
70	Jacksonville State	Conference USA	5-2	66	-4	51.903
71	Florida State	ACC	3-4	70	-1	51.767
72	Kansas	Big 12	3-4	79	+7	51.694
73	South Florida	American Athletic	5-2	75	+2	51.203
74	Fresno State	Pac-12	4-3	63	-11	50.711
75	Ohio	Mid-American	6-2	82	+7	50.496
76	Florida Atlantic	American Athletic	5-2	68	-8	50.001
77	Penn State	Big Ten	3-4	73	-4	49.741
78	Virginia	ACC	4-4	74	-4	48.700
79	Stanford	ACC	4-4	88	+9	48.607
80	App State	Sun Belt	5-2	95	+15	48.571
81	NC State	ACC	3-4	65	-16	48.569
82	Western Michigan	Mid-American	5-3	72	-10	48.416
83	Wyoming	Mountain West	5-3	98	+15	48.121
84	Louisiana	Sun Belt	5-3	61	-23	48.026
85	UAB	American Athletic	4-3	86	+1	46.008
86	Miami (OH)	Mid-American	5-3	96	+10	45.536
87	Syracuse	ACC	3-4	101	+14	45.469
88	Buffalo	Mid-American	5-3	92	+4	45.215
89	Georgia State	Sun Belt	4-3	71	-18	44.938
90	California	ACC	3-5	84	-6	44.904

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Ranks 91-120

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Rank	Team	Conference	Record	Prev	Move	Points
91	South Alabama	Sun Belt	4-3	78	-13	44.538
92	Michigan State	Big Ten	2-6	89	-3	44.344
93	Tulane	American Athletic	3-4	90	-3	44.343
94	UConn	FBS Independents	4-3	105	+11	43.956
95	Vanderbilt	SEC	3-5	85	-10	43.154
96	Marshall	Sun Belt	4-3	104	+8	42.788
97	Arkansas State	Sun Belt	4-4	110	+13	41.686
98	Colorado	Big 12	2-5	94	-4	41.487
99	Georgia Southern	Sun Belt	3-4	99	+0	41.477
100	San Diego State	Pac-12	3-5	91	-9	41.361
101	Georgia Tech	ACC	2-5	87	-14	40.736
102	Nevada	Mountain West	3-4	112	+10	39.652
103	Colorado State	Pac-12	3-4	113	+10	39.478
104	Middle Tennessee	Conference USA	4-3	116	+12	39.221
105	Maryland	Big Ten	2-5	102	-3	38.845
106	East Carolina	American Athletic	3-4	100	-6	38.707
107	Florida International	Conference USA	3-4	93	-14	38.228
108	San José State	Mountain West	4-4	97	-11	38.100
109	Tulsa	American Athletic	4-4	107	-2	36.898
110	Rutgers	Big Ten	2-5	114	+4	36.658
111	Utah State	Pac-12	2-5	106	-5	35.307
112	Eastern Michigan	Mid-American	4-5	108	-4	34.929
113	New Mexico State	Conference USA	3-4	120	+7	34.798
114	Navy	American Athletic	2-5	109	-5	34.660
115	Delaware	Conference USA	3-4	118	+3	34.294
116	Massachusetts	Mid-American	4-4	103	-13	34.062
117	Western Kentucky	Conference USA	3-4	117	+0	32.795
118	Ball State	Mid-American	3-5	121	+3	32.702
119	Central Michigan	Mid-American	3-5	115	-4	32.232
120	Coastal Carolina	Sun Belt	2-5	122	+2	31.567

All 138 CAR rankings

Ranks 121-138

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Rank	Team	Conference	Record	Prev	Move	Points
121	Kent State	Mid-American	3-5	125	+4	30.732
122	Troy	Sun Belt	3-4	111	-11	30.348
123	Temple	American Athletic	2-5	123	+0	29.880
124	Old Dominion	Sun Belt	2-6	119	-5	29.099
125	Washington State	Pac-12	1-7	127	+2	27.628
126	Charlotte	American Athletic	1-6	129	+3	27.622
127	Southern Miss	Sun Belt	2-5	135	+8	27.615
128	Bowling Green	Mid-American	2-6	124	-4	27.439
129	Rice	American Athletic	1-7	128	-1	26.188
130	Hawai'i	Mountain West	2-6	134	+4	26.059
131	Missouri State	Conference USA	2-5	126	-5	25.040
132	UL Monroe	Sun Belt	1-6	138	+6	23.969
133	Sam Houston	Conference USA	1-6	130	-3	23.669
134	Kennesaw State	Conference USA	1-6	131	-3	22.227
135	UTEP	Mountain West	1-6	133	-2	22.141
136	Sacramento State	Mid-American	1-7	136	+0	17.800
137	Akron	Mid-American	1-7	137	+0	16.965
138	Northern Illinois	Mountain West	0-7	132	-6	16.310

Complete Week 8 final scores

Games 1-22 of 56 | October 20-24, 2026

Winner listed first. Dates use America/Los_Angeles. All 56 games in this edition are FBS versus FBS. All scores are final.

Date	Winner	Pts	Opponent	Pts	Site
Oct 20	Middle Tennessee	26	Florida International	23	at Florida International
Oct 20	Delaware	61	Missouri State	38	at Delaware
Oct 20	Marshall	20	South Alabama	13	at Marshall
Oct 21	New Mexico State	30	Sam Houston	24	at Sam Houston
Oct 22	App State	34	James Madison	31	at App State
Oct 22	Liberty	34	Kennesaw State	6	at Kennesaw State
Oct 22	Memphis	41	East Carolina	34	at Memphis
Oct 23	Duke	19	Virginia	16	at Virginia
Oct 23	UConn	35	Massachusetts	16	at UConn
Oct 23	Army	38	Tulsa	35	at Tulsa
Oct 23	Wyoming	28	Air Force	14	at Wyoming
Oct 23	Stanford	31	NC State	28	at Stanford
Oct 24	LSU	38	Auburn	17	at Auburn
Oct 24	Cincinnati	37	Texas Tech	24	at Cincinnati
Oct 24	West Virginia	24	TCU	20	at TCU
Oct 24	SMU	59	California	20	at SMU
Oct 24	Miami	52	Pittsburgh	23	at Miami
Oct 24	Indiana	13	Michigan	6	at Michigan
Oct 24	Northwestern	42	Rutgers	14	at Northwestern
Oct 24	Florida Atlantic	51	Rice	49	at Florida Atlantic
Oct 24	Toledo	45	Western Michigan	38	at Toledo
Oct 24	Kansas	25	Baylor	24	at Kansas

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Date	Winner	Pts	Opponent	Pts	Site
Oct 24	Kent State	35	Akron	20	at Kent State
Oct 24	Miami (OH)	28	Central Michigan	27	at Central Michigan
Oct 24	Illinois	21	Oregon	10	at Illinois
Oct 24	Alabama	31	Texas A&M	20	at Alabama
Oct 24	Oklahoma	23	Mississippi State	15	at Mississippi State
Oct 24	South Carolina	27	Tennessee	24	at South Carolina
Oct 24	UCF	39	BYU	31	at UCF
Oct 24	Boston College	49	Georgia Tech	27	at Georgia Tech
Oct 24	Minnesota	13	Iowa	10	at Minnesota
Oct 24	UCLA	28	Michigan State	10	at UCLA
Oct 24	North Texas	49	Navy	39	at Navy
Oct 24	Hawai'i	56	Northern Illinois	21	at Northern Illinois
Oct 24	Ball State	34	Sacramento State	17	at Ball State
Oct 24	Buffalo	31	Bowling Green	24	at Buffalo
Oct 24	Arizona State	28	Kansas State	17	at Arizona State
Oct 24	Ohio	24	Eastern Michigan	20	at Ohio
Oct 24	UL Monroe	21	Troy	14	at Troy
Oct 24	Nevada	28	San José State	13	at Nevada
Oct 24	Southern Miss	35	Louisiana	31	at Southern Miss
Oct 24	Louisiana Tech	26	Old Dominion	0	at Louisiana Tech
Oct 24	Boise State	31	Washington State	10	at Washington State
Oct 24	Colorado State	56	San Diego State	49	at Colorado State

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Date	Winner	Pts	Opponent	Pts	Site
Oct 24	Oklahoma State	57	Colorado	24	at Oklahoma State
Oct 24	Virginia Tech	20	Clemson	16	at Clemson
Oct 24	Arkansas State	38	Georgia State	32	at Arkansas State
Oct 24	Kentucky	34	Vanderbilt	17	at Kentucky
Oct 24	Texas	34	Ole Miss	27	at Texas
Oct 24	Arizona	39	Iowa State	3	at Arizona
Oct 24	Syracuse	31	North Carolina	30	at North Carolina
Oct 24	Wisconsin	24	USC	7	at Wisconsin
Oct 24	Texas State	20	Utah State	17	at Texas State
Oct 24	UTSA	42	Tulane	19	at Tulane
Oct 24	Utah	21	Houston	13	at Utah
Oct 24	New Mexico	21	North Dakota State	16	at New Mexico

Sources and verification

All 56 ESPN scoreboard events match individual game summaries. Selected results, late games and byes were cross-checked against official athletics schedules and recaps. Two independent calculations agree on all 138 ranks, records and displayed points. All 782 previously valued team-games retain their historical frozen values.

Scores: https://www.espn.com/college-football/scoreboard/_/week/8/year/2026/seasontype/2

Frozen CBS source: October 19, 2026 release, results through October 17. Archived before the edition began.
<https://www.cbssports.com/college-football/rankings/cbs-sports-rankings/>

Edition: <https://statsassistance.com/college-football/week-8.html>

All teams, data and measures: <https://statsassistance.com/college-football/>