Week 9: UCLA holds No. 1

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

All 56 Week 9 games are final. This edition ranks all 138 FBS teams from 622 completed season games through October 31. 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 26 CBS release, reflecting results through October 24, was frozen before the first Week 9 game.

Rank	Team	Record	Points
1	UCLA	8-0	82.068
2	Miami	8-0	80.622
3	Kentucky	7-1	78.306
4	LSU	6-2	78.071
5	Utah	8-0	77.384

The week in context

UCLA beat Nevada 27-0; Miami edged North Carolina 38-35. Utah rose from 7 to 5 after winning 49-25 at Cincinnati. Ohio State fell from 5 to 13 after losing 30-18 at USC. Indiana held No. 6 after a 23-16 overtime win over Minnesota.

Boise State rose from 13 to 11 after beating Texas State 46-45 and remains the highest-ranked non-Power-Four team. South Carolina (22), Iowa (24) and USC (25) enter the Top 25. Oklahoma State (27), Oklahoma (32) and Auburn (35) leave it.

Largest moves across all 138 teams

Team	Previous	Now	Movement
Fresno State	74	57	+17
Georgia Southern	99	84	+15
Syracuse	87	73	+14
Army	49	67	-18
Kansas State	63	78	-15
Georgia State	89	104	-15

Movement uses published Week 8 ranks. Teams can move on a bye because opponent records, field-wide scaling and the frozen previous-week CBS release update. Rank is relative to all 138 teams. The formula is unchanged; there are no manual ranking overrides.

Method and conference strength

Final score = 0.80 x dynamic CAR + 0.20 x [100 x (138 - 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 x [0.5 x FBS wins + 0.5 x FBS games x opponent FBS win percentage] / [FBS games + 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	31-11	42	63.193
3	Big 12	24-8	32	62.635
4	ACC	18-12	30	58.675
5	FBS Independents	10-5	15	55.799
6	Pac-12	9-16	25	48.251
7	American Athletic	16-24	40	42.437
8	Mountain West	11-17	28	40.692
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. Big Ten: 62.882 to 63.193; Mountain West: 39.599 to 40.692; FBS Independents: 56.438 to 55.799; American: 42.741 to 42.437. Other scores are unchanged. CBS is not blended into this table; intraconference games earn no direct interconference-strength points.

Earlier game values remain frozen; Week 9 uses the published Week 8 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 8. 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	8-0	1	+0	82.068
2	Miami	ACC	8-0	2	+0	80.622
3	Kentucky	SEC	7-1	3	+0	78.306
4	LSU	SEC	6-2	4	+0	78.071
5	Utah	Big 12	8-0	7	+2	77.384
6	Indiana	Big Ten	8-1	6	+0	76.502
7	Georgia	SEC	7-1	8	+1	76.283
8	Wake Forest	ACC	7-1	9	+1	74.838
9	Ole Miss	SEC	6-2	11	+2	74.809
10	Texas	SEC	6-2	16	+6	74.796
11	Boise State	Pac-12	7-1	13	+2	73.467
12	Alabama	SEC	6-2	10	-2	73.352
13	Ohio State	Big Ten	6-2	5	-8	72.817
14	BYU	Big 12	7-1	14	+0	72.374
15	Notre Dame	FBS Independents	7-1	19	+4	71.620
16	Houston	Big 12	6-2	15	-1	70.586
17	Missouri	SEC	6-2	23	+6	69.436
18	Tennessee	SEC	6-2	20	+2	68.796
19	Texas Tech	Big 12	7-1	25	+6	68.746
20	Arizona	Big 12	6-2	17	-3	68.575
21	Northwestern	Big Ten	6-2	12	-9	68.487
22	South Carolina	SEC	5-3	33	+11	68.482
23	Wisconsin	Big Ten	5-3	18	-5	67.842
24	Iowa	Big Ten	6-2	35	+11	67.251
25	USC	Big Ten	7-2	30	+5	66.987
26	UTSA	American Athletic	7-1	26	+0	65.907
27	Oklahoma State	Big 12	5-3	21	-6	65.033
28	Virginia Tech	ACC	6-2	34	+6	64.846
29	Louisville	ACC	5-3	37	+8	64.297
30	New Mexico	Mountain West	7-1	39	+9	64.075

All 138 CAR rankings

Ranks 31-60

Previous = published Week 8. 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
31	Duke	ACC	6-2	42	+11	63.931
32	Oklahoma	SEC	4-4	22	-10	63.739
33	Florida	SEC	5-3	27	-6	63.301
34	Oregon	Big Ten	5-3	43	+9	63.003
35	Auburn	SEC	4-4	24	-11	62.505
36	Minnesota	Big Ten	5-3	40	+4	62.241
37	Cincinnati	Big 12	5-3	44	+7	61.198
38	Liberty	Conference USA	7-1	46	+8	60.808
39	Nebraska	Big Ten	5-3	29	-10	60.502
40	Mississippi State	SEC	4-4	28	-12	60.410
41	North Carolina	ACC	4-4	38	-3	60.402
42	SMU	ACC	6-2	31	-11	60.328
43	Michigan	Big Ten	5-3	45	+2	59.504
44	Washington	Big Ten	5-3	55	+11	59.227
45	Memphis	American Athletic	7-2	57	+12	59.101
46	James Madison	Sun Belt	7-2	32	-14	58.732
47	Oregon State	Pac-12	5-3	36	-11	58.669
48	West Virginia	Big 12	5-3	47	-1	58.407
49	Pittsburgh	ACC	6-3	48	-1	58.334
50	Baylor	Big 12	5-3	62	+12	57.884
51	North Dakota State	Mountain West	7-2	50	-1	57.611
52	Illinois	Big Ten	5-3	53	+1	57.519
53	Clemson	ACC	5-3	51	-2	57.388
54	North Texas	American Athletic	6-2	58	+4	57.246
55	UCF	Big 12	4-4	41	-14	57.129
56	Iowa State	Big 12	4-4	52	-4	57.064
57	Fresno State	Pac-12	5-3	74	+17	56.000
58	Louisiana Tech	Sun Belt	6-2	54	-4	55.352
59	Air Force	Mountain West	6-2	59	+0	54.329
60	TCU	Big 12	4-4	68	+8	53.959

All 138 CAR rankings

Ranks 61-90

Previous = published Week 8. 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
61	South Florida	American Athletic	6-2	73	+12	53.577
62	Jacksonville State	Conference USA	6-2	70	+8	53.381
63	Texas A&M	SEC	4-4	56	-7	53.162
64	Penn State	Big Ten	4-4	77	+13	53.121
65	Arizona State	Big 12	4-4	65	+0	53.097
66	Boston College	ACC	4-4	60	-6	52.925
67	Army	American Athletic	5-3	49	-18	52.852
68	UNLV	Mountain West	5-3	69	+1	52.658
69	Toledo	Mid-American	6-2	67	-2	52.581
70	Ohio	Mid-American	6-2	75	+5	52.052
71	Texas State	Pac-12	4-4	66	-5	51.758
72	Arkansas	SEC	3-5	64	-8	51.215
73	Syracuse	ACC	4-4	87	+14	50.930
74	NC State	ACC	4-4	81	+7	50.195
75	Purdue	Big Ten	3-5	61	-14	50.122
76	Wyoming	Mountain West	5-3	83	+7	49.494
77	Western Michigan	Mid-American	6-3	82	+5	49.021
78	Kansas State	Big 12	4-4	63	-15	48.852
79	Kansas	Big 12	3-5	72	-7	48.721
80	Stanford	ACC	4-5	79	-1	48.640
81	Florida State	ACC	3-5	71	-10	48.175
82	Virginia	ACC	4-5	78	-4	47.633
83	Florida Atlantic	American Athletic	5-3	76	-7	47.255
84	Georgia Southern	Sun Belt	4-4	99	+15	45.974
85	Buffalo	Mid-American	5-3	88	+3	45.551
86	Louisiana	Sun Belt	5-3	84	-2	45.222
87	Colorado	Big 12	3-5	98	+11	45.185
88	Miami (OH)	Mid-American	5-3	86	-2	44.908
89	App State	Sun Belt	5-3	80	-9	44.856
90	Marshall	Sun Belt	5-3	96	+6	44.390

All 138 CAR rankings

Ranks 91-120

Previous = published Week 8. 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
91	Tulane	American Athletic	4-4	93	+2	44.098
92	Michigan State	Big Ten	2-6	92	+0	43.907
93	UConn	FBS Independents	4-4	94	+1	43.587
94	Arkansas State	Sun Belt	4-4	97	+3	43.343
95	Vanderbilt	SEC	3-5	95	+0	43.159
96	UAB	American Athletic	4-4	85	-11	43.119
97	South Alabama	Sun Belt	4-4	91	-6	42.000
98	California	ACC	3-6	90	-8	41.581
99	San Diego State	Pac-12	4-5	100	+1	41.378
100	East Carolina	American Athletic	4-4	106	+6	40.780
101	Nevada	Mountain West	3-5	102	+1	39.313
102	Utah State	Pac-12	3-5	111	+9	38.848
103	Delaware	Conference USA	4-4	115	+12	38.718
104	Georgia State	Sun Belt	4-4	89	-15	38.380
105	Georgia Tech	ACC	2-6	101	-4	38.307
106	San José State	Mountain West	4-5	108	+2	37.322
107	Tulsa	American Athletic	4-4	109	+2	37.069
108	Coastal Carolina	Sun Belt	3-5	120	+12	36.781
109	Troy	Sun Belt	4-4	122	+13	36.779
110	Maryland	Big Ten	2-6	105	-5	36.649
111	Florida International	Conference USA	3-5	107	-4	36.589
112	Rutgers	Big Ten	2-6	110	-2	35.193
113	Colorado State	Pac-12	3-5	103	-10	34.883
114	Eastern Michigan	Mid-American	4-5	112	-2	34.823
115	Middle Tennessee	Conference USA	4-4	104	-11	34.515
116	Ball State	Mid-American	3-5	118	+2	33.246
117	Navy	American Athletic	2-6	114	-3	33.140
118	New Mexico State	Conference USA	3-5	113	-5	32.869
119	Massachusetts	Mid-American	4-4	116	-3	32.648
120	Central Michigan	Mid-American	3-5	119	-1	32.500

All 138 CAR rankings

Ranks 121-138

Previous = published Week 8. 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
121	Southern Miss	Sun Belt	3-5	127	+6	31.655
122	Western Kentucky	Conference USA	3-5	117	-5	29.619
123	Missouri State	Conference USA	3-5	131	+8	28.886
124	Kennesaw State	Conference USA	2-6	134	+10	28.596
125	Temple	American Athletic	2-6	123	-2	27.603
126	Hawai'i	Mountain West	2-6	130	+4	27.115
127	Old Dominion	Sun Belt	2-7	124	-3	27.023
128	Bowling Green	Mid-American	2-7	128	+0	26.959
129	Rice	American Athletic	1-7	129	+0	26.658
130	Charlotte	American Athletic	1-7	126	-4	26.590
131	Washington State	Pac-12	1-8	125	-6	26.290
132	Kent State	Mid-American	3-6	121	-11	25.752
133	Sacramento State	Mid-American	2-7	136	+3	23.175
134	UTEP	Mountain West	1-7	135	+1	21.846
135	UL Monroe	Sun Belt	1-7	132	-3	21.634
136	Sam Houston	Conference USA	1-7	133	-3	20.721
137	Akron	Mid-American	1-7	137	+0	17.845
138	Northern Illinois	Mountain West	0-8	138	+0	17.001

Complete Week 9 final scores

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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 27	Delaware	35	Western Kentucky	21	at Western Kentucky
Oct 27	Missouri State	24	Sam Houston	3	at Missouri State
Oct 28	Kennesaw State	44	Middle Tennessee	28	at Middle Tennessee
Oct 28	Jacksonville State	24	New Mexico State	0	at New Mexico State
Oct 29	North Texas	48	Florida Atlantic	41	at North Texas
Oct 29	Troy	24	James Madison	21	at James Madison
Oct 30	Tulane	38	Charlotte	31	at Charlotte
Oct 30	Baylor	41	UCF	9	at UCF
Oct 30	Sacramento State	31	Kent State	10	at Sacramento State
Oct 31	Texas Tech	34	Arizona	26	at Texas Tech
Oct 31	NC State	31	California	10	at NC State
Oct 31	Syracuse	30	SMU	27	at Syracuse
Oct 31	Duke	47	Boston College	2	at Duke
Oct 31	Iowa	30	Wisconsin	0	at Iowa
Oct 31	Illinois	20	Maryland	17	at Maryland
Oct 31	Notre Dame	35	Navy	13	Neutral
Oct 31	South Florida	30	UAB	10	at South Florida
Oct 31	Western Michigan	23	Bowling Green	10	at Western Michigan
Oct 31	Michigan	28	Rutgers	21	at Rutgers
Oct 31	Ole Miss	45	Auburn	15	at Ole Miss
Oct 31	Marshall	36	Old Dominion	23	at Old Dominion
Oct 31	Colorado	27	Kansas State	24	at Colorado

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Date	Winner	Pts	Opponent	Pts	Site
Oct 31	Coastal Carolina	31	Georgia State	20	at Georgia State
Oct 31	Air Force	35	UConn	26	at Air Force
Oct 31	East Carolina	17	Temple	9	at East Carolina
Oct 31	Louisiana Tech	35	South Alabama	20	at South Alabama
Oct 31	Louisville	52	Stanford	24	at Louisville
Oct 31	Georgia	27	Florida	8	Neutral
Oct 31	BYU	27	Arizona State	20	at BYU
Oct 31	TCU	22	Kansas	16	at TCU
Oct 31	Indiana	23	Minnesota	16	at Indiana
Oct 31	Oregon	34	Northwestern	26	at Oregon
Oct 31	Utah State	31	Colorado State	14	at Utah State
Oct 31	North Dakota State	31	UTEP	7	at North Dakota State
Oct 31	Liberty	49	Florida International	10	at Liberty
Oct 31	Southern Miss	35	UL Monroe	21	at UL Monroe
Oct 31	Utah	49	Cincinnati	25	at Cincinnati
Oct 31	Wake Forest	51	Virginia	7	at Wake Forest
Oct 31	New Mexico	21	San José State	16	at San José State
Oct 31	South Carolina	42	Oklahoma	25	at Oklahoma
Oct 31	Penn State	31	Purdue	17	at Penn State
Oct 31	UCLA	27	Nevada	0	at UCLA
Oct 31	Georgia Southern	19	App State	3	at Georgia Southern
Oct 31	Iowa State	51	Oklahoma State	49	at Iowa State

Complete Week 9 final scores

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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 31	Clemson	36	Florida State	24	at Florida State
Oct 31	San Diego State	26	Washington State	20	at San Diego State
Oct 31	Texas	31	Mississippi State	3	at Texas
Oct 31	Pittsburgh	34	Georgia Tech	11	at Pittsburgh
Oct 31	Miami	38	North Carolina	35	at North Carolina
Oct 31	USC	30	Ohio State	18	at USC
Oct 31	Missouri	34	Arkansas	10	at Arkansas
Oct 31	Washington	17	Nebraska	10	at Nebraska
Oct 31	Memphis	49	Army	22	at Memphis
Oct 31	Boise State	46	Texas State	45	at Boise State
Oct 31	UNLV	31	Northern Illinois	24	at UNLV
Oct 31	Fresno State	38	Oregon State	22	at Fresno State

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 894 previously valued team-games retain their historical frozen values.

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