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Head-to-Head

Three games featuring teams ranked in the AFCA Division II Coaches' Poll highlight this weekend's action.

The first Top 25 match-up has No. 1 Grand Valley State hosting No. 23 Ashland. The Lakers have won 11 straight against the Eagles with Ashland's last victory coming in 1993, 29-14.

The second match-up sees No. 16 Tarleton State traveling to No. 2 Abilene Christian. ACU is playing its second straight ranked opponent as it tries to get a stranglehold on the Lone Star Conference South Division. The Wildcats have won three of the last four meetings with Tarleton State, including a 70-63 shootout last season.

The final Top 25 match-up has No. 8 North Alabama hosting No. 9 Valdosta State. UNA holds the series advantage over the Blazers, 15-13-1, but Valdosta State won last year's meeting, 27-24.

Poll Points

Abilene Christian runningback Bernard Scott earned Lone Star Conference South Offensive Player of the Week honors after he broke his own LSC single-game record for all-purpose yards in the Wildcats' 52-35 win over West Texas A&M. Scott posted 408 all-purpose yards in the game, rushing for 268 yards and receiving for 141 yards ... Bloomsburg has won 13 straight games dating back to last year, which is the second longest streak in school history. The 13 straight wins are also the third longest streak in all of college football right now behind 21 from Tuskegee and 19 straight for Wisconsin-Whitewater (D-III).

TWO LOSSES IN THE TOP 10 CAUSE A SHAKEUP IN DIVISION II COACHES' POLL

WACO, TEX.— Losses by North Alabama and West Texas A&M caused a shakeup in the American Football Coaches Association Division II Coaches' Poll this week. Grand Valley State still sits No. 1 for a third straight week, earning 23 of a possible 26 first place votes after a 34-10 win over Findlay.

Abilene Christian is the new No. 2 team this week. The Wildcats beat then-No. 4 West Texas A&M, 52-35, and earned the final three first place votes. Northwest Missouri State moves into the third spot after the Bearcats dominated Fort Hays State, 56-7, and moved its record to 7-1. No. 4 Bloomsburg is 8-0 on the season after a 43-7 win over Cheyney. Delta State rounds out the new Top 5. The Statesmen upset then-No. 2 North Alabama, 34-28, to take sole possession of first place in the Gulf South Conference.

California (Pa.) and Minnesota-Duluth tied for the sixth spot this week. The Vulcans beat Gannon, 42-24, while the Bulldogs handed St. Cloud State a 38-21 loss. North Alabama fell six places to No. 8 after its loss to Delta State. Valdosta State beat Harding, 21-13, and moved up one spot to No. 9, as did Central Washington, who moved to No. 10 after a 34-14 win over Humboldt State.

West Texas A&M tumbled seven places to No. 11 after its loss to Abilene Christian. Tuskegee handed then-No. 20 Albany State a 33-20 loss and stays in the 12th position. For the second week in a row, Chadron State and Pittsburg State are tied at No. 13. The Eagles beat Fort Lewis, 48-7, while the Gorillas defeated then-No. 22 Nebraska-Omaha, 35-28. Edinboro jumped up a spot to No. 15 after a 35-14 win over Slippery Rock.

Tarleton State is up to No. 16 after handily defeating Eastern New Mexico, 42-21. Carson-Newman dominated Lenoir-Rhyne, 62-21, and rose one spot to No. 17, while Central Missouri jumped three places to No. 18 after a 47-14 victory over Missouri Southern State. American International made the biggest move in the poll, moving from No. 24 to No. 19 after a 42-20 win over Pace. Wingate fell five places to No. 20 after its 32-21 loss to Newberry.

Indiana (Pa.) beat Mercyhurst, 42-10, and jumped two places to No. 21, while West Virginia State moved up three spots to No. 22 after a 34-24 win over West Liberty State. Ashland, West Chester and Midwestern State all re-enter the poll this week. No. 23 Ashland beat Saginaw Valley State, 31-28. West Chester handed Shippensburg a 25-7 loss and Midwestern State defeated Texas A&M-Kingsville, 38-16.

Conference Breakdown: Pennsylvania State Athletic-5 (Bloomsburg, California (Pa.), Edinboro, Indiana (Pa.), West Chester); Lone Star-4 (Abilene Christian, West Texas A&M, Tarleton St., Midwestern St.); Gulf South-3 (Delta St., North Alabama, Valdosta St.); MIAA-3 (Northwest Missouri St., Pittsburg St., Central Missouri); South Atlantic-2 (Carson-Newman, Wingate); Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic-2 (Grand Valley St., Ashland); Great Northwest Athletic-1 (Central Washington); Northeast 10-1 (American International); Northern Sun Intercollegiate-1 (Minnesota-Duluth); Rocky Mountain Athletic-1 (Chadron St.); Southern Intercollegiate Athletic-1 (Tuskegee); West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic-1 (West Virginia St.).

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American Football Coaches Association Division II Coaches' Poll
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Rank	School (1st votes)	Rec.	Pts.	Prev.	Last Week	Next Game
1.	Grand Valley St. (Mich.) (23)	7-0	646	1	D. Findlay (Ohio), 34-10	Oct. 25 vs. No. 23 Ashland (Ohio)
2.	Abilene Christian (Texas) (3)	7-0	625	3	D. No. 4 West Texas A&M, 52-35	Oct. 25 vs. No. 16 Tarleton St. (Texas)
3.	Northwest Missouri St.	7-1	586	5	D. Fort Hays St. (Kan.), 56-7	Oct. 25 at Washburn (Kan.)
4.	Bloomsburg (Pa.)	8-0	560	6	D. Cheyney (Pa.), 43-7	Oct. 25 at Shippensburg (Pa.)
5.	Delta St. (Miss.)	6-1	552	7	D. No. 2 North Alabama, 34-28	Oct. 25 at Southern Arkansas
6t.	California (Pa.)	7-1	459	8	D. Gannon (Pa.), 42-24	Oct. 25 vs. Slippery Rock (Pa.)
6t.	Minnesota-Duluth	8-0	459	9	D. St. Cloud State (Minn.), 38-21	Oct. 25 vs. Bemidji St. (Minn.)
8.	North Alabama	7-1	455	2	Lost to No. 7 Delta St. (Miss.), 34-28	Oct. 25 vs. No. 9 Valdosta St. (Ga.)
9.	Valdosta St. (Ga.)	6-1	450	10	D. Harding (Ark.), 21-13	Oct. 25 at No. 8 North Alabama
10.	Central Washington	7-1	410	11	D. Humboldt St. (Calif.), 34-14	Oct. 25 vs. Western Oregon
11.	West Texas A&M	7-1	405	4	Lost to No. 3 Abilene Christian (Texas), 52-35	Oct. 25 at Angelo St. (Texas)
12.	Tuskegee (Ala.)	7-0	357	12	D. No. 20 Albany St. (Ga.), 33-20	Oct. 25 vs. Kentucky St.
13t.	Chadron St. (Neb.)	7-1	345	13t	D. Fort Lewis (Colo.), 48-7	Oct. 25 vs. Colorado School of Mines
13t.	Pittsburg St. (Kan.)	7-1	345	13t	D. No. 22 Nebraska-Omaha, 35-28	Oct. 25 at Fort Hays St. (Kan.)
15.	Edinboro (Pa.)	7-1	281	16	D. Slippery Rock (Pa.), 35-14	Oct. 23 vs. Mercyhurst (Pa.)
16.	Tarleton St. (Texas)	7-1	264	17	D. Eastern New Mexico, 42-21	Oct. 25 at No. 2 Abilene Christian (Texas)
17.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	5-2	227	18	D. Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.), 62-21	Oct. 25 at Brevard (N.C.)
18.	Central Missouri	6-2	168	21	D. Missouri Southern St., 47-14	Oct. 25 vs. Nebraska-Omaha
19.	American International (Mass.)	7-0	143	24	D. Pace (N.Y.), 42-20	Oct. 25 at Assumption (Mass.)
20.	Wingate (N.C.)	7-1	127	15	Lost to Newberry (S.C.), 32-21	Oct. 25 vs. Catawba (N.C.)
21.	Indiana (Pa.)	5-2	113	23	D. Mercyhurst (Pa.), 42-10	Oct. 25 vs. Clarion (Pa.)
22.	West Virginia St.	6-1	86	25	D. West Liberty St. (W.Va.), 34-24	Oct. 25 at Glenville St. (W.Va.)
23.	Ashland (Ohio)	6-2	78	NR	D. Saginaw Valley St. (Mich.), 31-28	Oct. 25 at No. 1 Grand Valley St. (Mich.)
24.	West Chester (Pa.)	6-2	61	NR	D. Shippensburg (Pa.), 25-7	Oct. 25 vs. Cheyney (Pa.)
25.	Midwestern St. (Texas)	5-2	45	NR	D. Texas A&M-Kingsville, 38-16	Oct. 25 at Central Oklahoma

Dropped Out: Seton Hill (Pa.) (19), Albany St. (Ga.) (20), Nebraska-Omaha (22).

Others Receiving Votes: Seton Hill (Pa.), 44; Fayetteville St. (N.C.), 33; Michigan Tech, 25; Arkansas-Monticello, 22; Albany St. (Ga.), 20; Mesa St. (Colo.), 13; Newberry (S.C.), 11; Colorado School of Mines, 10; North Carolina-Pembroke, 9; Wayne St. (Mich.), 5; East Stroudsburg (Pa.), 4; Washburn (Kan.), 3; Catawba (N.C.), 1; Charleston (W.Va.), 1; Elizabeth City St. (N.C.), 1; Hillsdale (Mich.), 1.

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