

## This Week In College Football

The U-S-A TODAY/C-N-N Coaches Top 25 college football poll, with number of first-place votes and record in parentheses, total points and last week's ranking:

TEAM	PTS	PVS
1. Florida State (34) (7-0)	1,510	1
2. Nebraska (23) (7-0)	1,499	2
3. Florida (1) (6-0)	1,420	3
4. Ohio State (4) (7-0)	1,398	4
5. Tennessee (6-1)	1,237	6
6. Kansas (7-0)	1,236	7
7. Colorado (6-1)	1,179	9
8. Northwestern (6-1)	1,066	11
9. Michigan (6-1)	1,052	10
10. USC (6-1)	907	5
11. Auburn (5-2)	865	13
12. Oregon (6-1)	854	12
13. Texas (5-1-1)	757	16
14. Kansas State (6-1)	639	8
15. Notre Dame (6-2)	638	22
16. Penn State (5-2)	618	18
17. Syracuse (6-1)	543	20
18. Texas A&M (4-2)	476	19
19. Washington (5-2)	420	23
20. Virginia (6-3)	314	15
21. Oklahoma (4-1-1)	289	14
22. Alabama (5-2)	285	24
23. Iowa (5-1)	268	17
24. UCLA (5-2)	239	—
25. Texas Tech (4-2)	154	—



**DROPPED OUT:** No. 21 Baylor (4-2), lost to then No. 19 Texas A&M; No. 25 Stanford (4-2-1), lost to UCLA, 42-28

**OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES:**

Arkansas 94, Baylor 73, Virginia Tech 47, Stanford 24, Brigham Young 8, Toledo 8, Maryland 7, Georgia 6, Miami (Florida) 5, Texas Christian 3, North Carolina 2, San Diego State 2, Army 1, Clemson 1, Louisiana State 1.

**NOTE:** Mississippi is ineligible due to NCAA probation.

### BIG WEST CONFERENCE STANDINGS

TEAM	CONFERENCE-					-OVERALL-				
	W	L	T	PF	PA	W	L	T	PF	PA
NEVADA	2	0	0	87	59	5	2	0	309	221
NORTHERN ILL	3	1	0	112	97	3	4	0	146	220
SAN JOSE ST	2	1	0	101	62	2	5	0	168	243
SW LOUISIANA	3	2	0	159	101	4	3	0	234	155
UTAH ST	2	2	0	116	74	2	5	0	168	195
PACIFIC	1	1	0	50	86	2	5	0	120	287
NEW MEXICO ST	1	2	0	88	83	2	6	0	215	280
NEV LAS VEGAS	1	2	0	56	137	1	6	0	122	341
LOUISIANA TECH	1	3	0	127	169	4	4	0	222	288
ARKANSAS ST	1	3	0	78	106	2	5	0	124	233

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST RESULTS**

NEVADA 49, LOUISIANA TECH 45  
 SW LOUISIANA 45, PACIFIC 3  
 UTAH ST 27, NEW MEXICO ST 14  
 SAN DIEGO ST 49, SAN JOSE ST 20

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH SCHEDULE**

UTAH ST AT UTAH 2:05  
 JACKSONVILLE ST AT ARKANSAS ST 3:00  
 NEV LAS VEGAS AT NEVADA 4:05  
 CINCINNATI AT NORTHERN ILL 4:05  
 PACIFIC AT SAN JOSE ST 4:30  
 SW LOUISIANA AT TULANE 8:00  
 (ALL TIMES ARE EASTERN DAYLIGHT)

### BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL POLL

The N-C-A-A Division I Black College football poll through games of October 21st with number of first-place votes and record in parentheses:

TEAM	PTS	PV
1. Florida A&M (19) (6-1)	157	1
2. Jackson State (5-2)	95	3
3. Southern (6-1)	89	4
4. South Carolina State (4-2)	77	5
5. Hampton (5-2)	75	2
6. Howard (4-3)	65	6
7. Alabama State (3-3-1)	64	7
8. Alcorn State (3-4-1)	63	10
9. Bethune-Cookman (3-4)	62	—
10. Grambling (3-4)	60	9

# Sub-par game leaves Jerry Rice short of record

ST. LOUIS - San Francisco 49ers superstar Jerry Rice, regarded by many to be the greatest wide receiver in National Football League history, will have to wait at least one more game to break the record for career receiving yards.

Rice had just two receptions for 21 yards and a touchdown in San Francisco's 44-10 rout of the St. Louis Rams Sunday. He

still needs 73 yards to move past the 14,004 receiving yards amassed by James Lofton from 1978 to 1993.

Rice, who is in his 11th season with the Niners, has 869 catches for 13,932 yards and an NFL record 148 touchdowns, nine on running plays — including a 20-yard scoring scamper Sunday. His 139 receiving touchdowns are also

most in NFL history.

The 49ers host the New Orleans Saints next week, giving Rice an opportunity to break the record at home.

It would have been fitting for Rice to break the yardage record against the Rams. In 21 games, Rice has caught more passes (113) for more yards (1,860) against the Rams than against any other opponent. Rice's career-high single-game record of 241 yards came on December 8th, 1985 against the Rams.

Rice was working without star quarterback Steve Young, who is expected to miss four weeks due to a deep left shoulder bruise. Third-year quarterback Elvis Grbac made his first NFL start Sunday and his favorite target was fullback William Floyd, who caught five passes.

Rice, who turned 33 on October 13th, has never missed a game in his NFL career, not

including three replacement games in 1987. He has made nine straight appearances as a Pro Bowl starter and recorded an NFL record nine consecutive 1,000-yard seasons.

Rice's 869 catches is second all-time to Art Monk's total of 934. He passed Jim Brown's record of 126 touchdowns during the 1994 season.

Rice is on pace to catch 112 passes this season, with 49 for 657 yards and eight touchdowns through seven games. Rice enjoyed perhaps the best season of his career last year when he set a team record with 112 catches, second-best in NFL history for a single season, for 1,499 yards and 15 touchdowns.

Rice also owns Super Bowl career records with 28 catches for 512 yards and seven touchdowns. He was the Most Valuable Player of Super Bowl 23 against Cincinnati.

## National Sports Briefs

### Deion Sanders to play Sunday; court to resolve contract rift

Deion Sanders will make his long anticipated debut for the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday when they visit the Atlanta Falcons, the team that drafted the flamboyant two-sport star.

Sanders' lucrative contract was ruled invalid by the N-F-L but he became eligible for the game when the league decided to allow him to play pending a presentation of its case to judge David Doty.

Sanders agreed to a seven-year deal worth approximately \$37.1 million in September. The point of contention is how Sanders' record \$12.99 million bonus will be allocated against the salary cap.

### Barry Foster signs with Bengals

Barry Foster, a former All-Pro running back with the Pittsburgh Steelers, Tuesday signed the A-F-C Central rival Cincinnati Bengals.

Foster was selected to the Pro Bowl for three straight seasons but was traded to the expansion Carolina Panthers following a contract dispute. Foster was a Pro-Bowl alternate after last season. Foster was released by Carolina in August and the season began with him out of football at age 26. The injury-prone Foster gained 62 yards on 22 attempts in limited play during the preseason and was bothered by recurring swelling in his right knee.

### Bears release DE Richard Dent

The experiment by the Chicago Bears to bring back 34-year-old defensive end Richard Dent ended today when he was released.

Dent, coming off a knee injury, spent 11 seasons with the Bears before joining San Francisco last season. He is Chicago's all-time sacks leader with 124.5 but saw limited action for the Bears in their last three games after signing on September 18th. He had only one tackle and defended one pass.

Dent played for the San Francisco 49ers on their Super Bowl run to the Super Bowl last season but was not a factor on the field because of his injuries.

### Nebraska RB Phillips returns to practice

Nebraska tailback Lawrence Phillips, suspended last month after being charged with assault and trespassing, returned to practice today, but will not play in Saturday's game at Colorado.

Phillips pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of assault and trespassing September 19th, one day after coach Tom Osborne said Phillips could be reinstated to the team if he controls his anger.

Phillips practiced today with the second-ranked Cornhuskers but will not see action against the seventh-ranked Buffaloes. A

school spokesman said Phillips would likely play November 4th against Iowa State.

### Webber out 4-to-5 weeks after left shoulder exam

Washington Bullets forward Chris Webber, who signed a lucrative six-year contract earlier this month, will be out four to five weeks after having his dislocated left shoulder examined today by an independent specialist.

Webber initially balked at having the shoulder looked at only by the team medical staff and insisted on seeing another doctor. He went to Doctor Richard Caspari of Richmond, Virginia today and his rehabilitation regimen as recommended by the specialist will leave him out until late November or early December. The season begins November 3rd.

Webber was given the option for a rehabilitation of four to five weeks and decided to begin immediately. He will be examined by Bullets team physician Doctor Steven Haas on Thursday afternoon.

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