# Lighting-up the Scoreboard Weekly Updates of College Football Teams Scoring 5 वг mare Paints Compiled by Tex Noel/ $1^{\text {st }}$-N-Goal 

Eighteen teams have surpassed the 500+ point plateau as college football's divisional playoffs are in full swing; while the major college teams wrap-up its regular season-as the season heads into the month of December.

This total more than likely will rise on Saturday, Dec. 3-with 3 schools joining the list by finding the end zone just once. Ten other schools with the usual scoring output would increase the total 32 (as the 14 teams are as close as 2 points and as far away as tallying 46 to be included.)

Scoring just a safety would bring the NAIA's No. 1 ranked team, Marian to 500; while Baylor would need to score 46 on Texas and/or in a bowl game for both schools to make its first appearance in "Lighting-up the Scoreboard."

The current total of 18 teams at 500+, ties the mark established in 2001 and 2003. If all 14 teams that are "on the bubble" would score the required number of points over enter this field following Saturday's game the total would be the be the third highest single-season total. (The mark is 34 established in 2008; with 31 a year later, next. During the 2010 season, 30 teams were listed.)

But, before all the above takes place, we have to go back in time...I mean waaaaay back; during a time before there were even scoreboards to light-up; or a forward pass was ever thrown in college football.

During the $1886-88$ seasons, Harvard 2060 combined; thus becoming the very first college football team to score 600+ points in 3 consecutive seasons.

After games played from this past weekend, St. Xavier Ill., became the second team to accomplish this feat.

But the record of most seasons over 500+ points in 5 straight by Mount Union (NCAA III) and the most prolific scoring team of all time.

From 2005-09, the Purple Raiders tallied 3419 points; with a single-season high of 778 in 2007. (Harvard's 765 in 1886 was its highest; while St. X has a best of 670, set a year ago. With 1 and maybe 2 games left this season, the school has scored 612.)

| $\mathbf{5}$ | 2005 | 620 | Mount Union | NCAA III |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2006 | 659 | Mount Union | NCAA III |
|  | 2007 | 778 | Mount Union | NCAA III |
|  | 2008 | 683 | Mount Union | NCAA III |
|  | 2009 | 679 | Mount Union | NCAA III |
| 3 | 1886 | 765 | Harvard | Major College |
|  | 1887 | 660 | Harvard | Major College |
|  | 1888 | 635 | Harvard | Major College |
| 3 | 2009 | 632 | St. Xavier IL | NAIA |
|  | 2010 | 670 | St. Xavier IL | NAIA |
|  | 2011 | 612 | St. Xavier IL | NAIA |

> The 13 teams knocking on the door to reach 500+

| Points needed 500+ | Team | Division | Current <br> Total |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 2 | Marian (Ind.) | NAIA | 498 |
| 4 | Mount Union | NCAA |  |
|  |  | IIII | 496 |
| 4 | North Central IL | NCAA |  |
|  |  | IIII | 496 |
| 21 | Georgetown (Ky.) | NAIA | 479 |
| 23 | Wayne State (Mich.) | NCAA II | 477 |
| 24 | St. Thomas MN | NCAA III | 476 |
| 25 | Northern Illinois | BSD | 475 |
| 25 | Texas A\&M | BSD | 475 |
| 26 | Boise State | BSD | 474 |
| 27 | Oklahoma | BSD | 473 |
| 42 | LSU | BSD | 458 |
| 46 | Baylor | BSD | 454 |

Eight of the 18 teams in this week's poll made their 500+ debut in 2011, equally the mark established in 1991 and 1998; with the all-time high of 12 being recorded in 2007.

This bring the total of first time teams to 183 teams in 54 seasons. The 2011 season marks the $67^{\text {th }}$ season of at least $1500+$ team.

| Top 10 1st year 500+ Teams |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | Major |  |
| 765 | Harvard | College | 1886 |
| 744 | Georgetown (Ken.) | NAIA II | 1991 |
| 706 | Mary Hardin-Baylor | NCAA III | 2004 |
|  |  | Major |  |
| 687 | Yale | College | 1886 |
| 665 | Trinity (Tex.) | NCAA III | 2002 |
|  | Northwest Missouri |  |  |
| 653 | State | NCAA II | 1998 |
| 650 | Linfield | NCAA III | 2004 |
| 645 | Princeton | Major |  |
| 643 | St. Xavier (III.) | College | 1885 |
| 639 | Abilene Christian | NAIA | 2009 |
|  |  | NCAA II | 2007 |

## - Climbing up the Ladder

After 13 games, Northwest Missouri has scored 665 points-surpassing the school's previous high of 653 point set in 1998.

In a distant second place-30 spots back-are the Houston Cougars with 632 points and 2 games (C-USA Championship Game and a bowl appearance) to increase its'11 tally. This easily surpasses the team's standard of 589 set in 1989.

Previously mentioned St. Xavier (Ill.)—the 2010 overall highest scoring team (with 670 points)—is the third and last team over 600 points in 2011.

Leading the way for first-time teams is Salisbury (Md.); this D3 School in 12 games (11-1) has recorded 570 points-tying it with Delaware in 2000.

## The Standings look like this:

|  |  | Northwest |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| 27 | 2011 | 665 | Missouri State | NCAA II | 11-2 |
| 57 | 2011 | 632 | Houston | BSD | $12-0$ |


| 77 | 2011 | 612 | St. Xavier (III.) | NAIA | 12-1 | F |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2000 | 570 | Delaware | NCAA 1AA | 12-2 |  |
| 139 | 2011 | 570 | Salisbury | NCAA III | 11-1 | F |
|  | 2000 | 570 | Delaware | NCAA 1AA | 12-2 |  |
| 188 | 2011 | 551 | Oregon | BSD | 10-2 |  |
|  | 2008 | 551 | Texas | BSD | 12-1 |  |
|  | 2007 | 551 | Boise State | BSD | 10-3 |  |
|  |  |  | Grand Valley |  |  |  |
|  | 2003 | 551 | State | NCAA II | 14-1 |  |
| 198 | 2011 | 548 | Oklahoma State | BSD | 10-1 |  |
|  | 2010 | 548 | Shepherd | NCAA II | 12-2 |  |
| 200 | 2011 | 547 | Azusa Pacific (Calif.) | NAIA | 9-3 | F |
|  | 2005 | 547 | South Dakota | NCAA II | 9-2 |  |
|  | 2004 | 547 | Mount Union | NCAA III | 12-1 |  |
|  | 1995 | 547 | Mount Union | NCAA III | 12-1 |  |
| 229 | 2011 | 540 | Mary HardinBaylor | NCAA III | 11-0 |  |
|  | 1998 | 540 | Tulane | NCAA 1A | 12-0 |  |
|  | 1993 | 540 | North Alabama | NCAA II | 13-0 |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 236 \\ & 236 \end{aligned}$ | 2011 | 538 | North Greenville | NCAA II | 11-2 | F |
|  | 2011 | 538 | Wisconsin | BSD | 10-2 |  |
|  | 2010 | 538 | Tulsa | BSD | 10-3 |  |
|  |  |  | Grand Valley |  |  |  |
|  | 2009 | 538 | State | NCAA II | 13-2 |  |
|  | 2001 | 538 | Florida | BSD | 10-2 |  |
|  | 2000 | 538 | Widener | NCAA III | 12-2 |  |
|  | 1994 | 538 | Florida | NCAA 1A | 11-1-1 |  |
|  | 1993 | 538 | Indiana (Pa.) | NCAA II | 13-1 |  |
| 252 | 2011 | 536 | Monmouth (III.) | NCAA III | 10-2 | C |
|  | 1993 | 536 | Florida State | NCAA 1A | 12-1 |  |
|  | 1990 | 536 | Hofstra | NCAA III | 11-2 |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 255 \\ & 299 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | Midwestern |  |  |  |
|  | 2011 | 535 | State | NCAA II | 10-1 | F/C |
|  | 2011 | 524 | North Central | NCAA III | 10-1 | F/C |
|  | 2010 | 524 | Stanford | BSD | 12-1 |  |
|  | 2008 | 524 | Franklin | NCAA III | 11-2 |  |
|  | 2003 | 524 | St. Francis (Ind.) | NAIA | 12-1 |  |
|  | 1995 | 524 | North Alabama | NCAA II | 14-0 |  |
|  | 1990 | 524 | Brigham Young | NCAA 1A | 10-3 |  |




* Only one school surpassed the 50+ Point marker in last weekend's games; as North Greenville became the $22^{\text {nd }}$ team to record 2 post-season games of at least 50+ points with its $58-32$ win over Mars Hill.

The 37.8 Average Margin of Victory is the $12^{\text {th }}$ highest of the 22 teams; as Mary Hardin-Baylor leads the pack with an AMV of 57.0 in the 2010 playoffs.

With North Greenville this year and MHB a year ago, they along with Montana in 2009 (with an AMV of 32.0) makes it 3 consecutive seasons a team has recorded 50+ points, in the first two games.

Should North Greenville record 50+ this weekend it will become the fourth school (in 5 accomplishments) to have 3 games of $50+$ points. (The teams were Mount Union in 2007-09; Pacific Lutheran in 1993 along with Linfield in 2004 and a year later, East Stroudsburg are the only schools with 3.)
$\checkmark$ With the completion of the regular season, 11 schools have allowed 500 points.

| 5 | 595 | Lincoln (MO) | NCAA II | 2011 | 1st | 1-10 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 12 | 568 | Tiffin | NCAA II | 2011 | 1st | 0-11 |
| 14 | 562 | Bethel KS | NAIA | 2011 | 1st | 1-10 |
|  | 562 | Minnesota-Crookston | NCAA II | 2005 | 1st | 1-10 |
| 19 | 551 | Concordia MI | NAIA | 2011 | 1st | 0-11 |
|  | 551 | Nevada-Las Vegas | NCAA 1-A | 1996 | 2nd | 1-11 |
|  | 551 | Iowa Wesleyan | NCAA III/NAIA | 2000 | 1st | 0-10 |
| 47 | 526 | Faulkner | NAIA | 2011 | 1st | 0-11 |
|  | 526 | Oberlin | NCAA III | 1999 | 3rd | 0-10 |
| 4949 | 524 | Culver-Stockton | NAIA | 2011 | 1st | 1-10 |
|  | 524 | Western Connecticut State | NCAA III | 2011 | 1st | 0-10 |
| 49 | 524 | Utah | NCAA 1-A | 1989 | 1st | 4-8 |


| 81 | 503 | Haskell | NAIA | 2011 | 1st | 0-11 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 503 | Wisconsin-Superior | NAIA II | 1989 | 1st | 1-9 |
|  | 503 | Cheyney State | NCAA II | 1996 | 2nd | 0-11 |
|  | 503 | Eastern Michigan | NCAA 1-A | 2002 | 1st | 3-9 |
| 85 | 502 | Western Carolina | CSD | 2011 | 2nd | 1-10 |
|  | 502 | Colorado State | NCAA 1-A | 1981 | 1st | 0-12 |
|  | 502 | Tennessee-Martin | NCAA 1-AA | 1998 | 1st | 0-11 |
| 88 | 501 | Kansas | BSD | 2011 | 2nd | 0-12 |
|  | 501 | Arkansas-Monticello | NCAA II | 1998 | 1st | 0-11 |
|  | 501 | Lock Haven | NCAA II | 2010 | 1st | 0-11 |
| 91 | 500 | Valparaiso | CSD | 2011 | 2nd | 1-10 |
|  | 500 | West Virginia Tech | NCAA II | 1998 | 1st | 0-11 |
|  | 500 | Missouri-Rolla | NCAA II | 2003 | 1st | 0-11 |
|  | 500 | Southwest Baptist | NCAA II | 2005 | 1st | 3-8 |
|  | 500 | St. Vincent PA | NCAA III | 2007 | 1st | 0-10 |

With Haskell allowing 503 points, it became the $8^{\text {th }}$ school to score 500+ (558 in 1926) and allow 500+ in a single-season.

This season was the second such season for the Kansas Jayhawks, to their opponents to score over 500+...allowing 507 in 2000; while scoring 556 points in 2007.

The most unusual happening in StatHistoryo/Scoring-allowing 500+ points came over a three period, 2007-09.

Rice in 2007 allowed 515 points; a year later scored 537 and in 2009 surrendered 517 points...thus, become the very first school to allow 500+-score $500+$ and the allow 500+ in successive seasons.

