LIGHTING-UP THE SCOREBOARD

Weekly Updates of College Football Teams Scoring

500 or more Points

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College football scoreboards, during the post season, alumnae as bright as a home decorated for the Christmas Season.

The 2012 season is winding down; as NCAA II and III and NAIA will have named their respective divisional champions by this time next week.

And with the chance to hoist a trophy is something all teams set-out at the beginning of the season, as one of its goals.

Of the six teams participating in the games mentioned above, five have surpassed the 500+ Plateau this season.

The 40th annual NCAA II and III National Championship Games both will play-host to teams finding the end zone on a consistent basis in 2012.

Winston-Salem and Valdosta State enter the D2 contest as the fifth highest pair of teams with 1143 points (in 2008 Minnesota-Duluth and Northwest Missouri State hold the top spot at 1223 points).

Four years prior to the UMD-NWMS clash, Mary Hardin-Baylor and the '04 National Champion combined for a D3 tally high-mark of 1356 points.

Mount Union meets St. Thomas (Minn.) as the teams have combined for 1273 markers.

The Purple Raiders have scored 764 points—fifth highest of all time (circa 1885); and is just 14 from second place—with another UMU eleven, that scored 778 in 2007.

It is worth noting for teams in the title games, there point totals are bound to rise.

Morningside (Iowa) has scored 551 points; as it represents teams in the NAIA title game.

> A breakdown, by divisions of National Champions and Runners-up, with both teams scoring at least 500+ Points

NCAA 1AA/CSD:	NC: 14RUP: 8
NCAA II:	NC: 18RUP: 13
NCAA III:	NC: 17RUP: 10
NAIA:	NC: 18RUP: 10

o Current All time Top 10

837	2004	Pittsburg State	NCAA II	14-1
778	2007	Mount Union	NCAA III	14-1
775	2009	Sioux Falls	NAIA	14-0
			Major	
765	1886	Harvard	College	12-2
764	2012	Mount Union	NCAA III	14-0
752	1997	Mount Union	NCAA III	14-0
747	1999	Georgia Southern	NCAA 1AA	13-2
744	2009	Lindenwood	NAIA	13-1
744	1991	Georgetown (Ky.)	NAIA II	13-1
			Major	
725	1904	Minnesota	College	14-0

• Others scoring over 700 points

716	2008	Oklahoma	BSD	12-2
710	1999	Georgetown (Ky.)	NAIA	13-1
707	2007	Mary Hardin-Baylor	NCAA III	12-2
707	2001	Grand Valley State	NCAA II	14-1
706	2004	Mary Hardin-Baylor	NCAA III	13-2
702	1993	St. John's (Minn.)	NCAA III	12-1

> Walter Camp, the Father of American Football, put a screeching halt to the primitive point producing methods

To win a formative fall football game (1869-1882) college football teams had to score more goals than their opponents.

Introduction of Numerical Scoring

In the early '80s (1880s) he old rugby system of scoring was the source of a number of disputes and quarrels. This system was not a numerical one but balanced one play against another. Thus a goal from the field was superior to a touchdown, but four touchdowns took precedence over a goal from the field. If the question of victory involved safeties, then the side making four safeties less won the game.

Unfortunately, this system was not complete and comprehensive. Hence there came a Harvard-Princeton battle in 1882, bitterly waged, in which Frank A. Mason of Harvard scored a touchdown and a goal on the try through the cleverness of James T. Haxall. Each eleven claimed the victory, contending for the superiority of its particular goal.

The referee, Robert W. Watson of Yale, awarded the game to Harvard. Princeton, contending that this award was arbitrary and not in accordance with an existing rule, refused to accept it and informally claimed the game for years.

The rancor and disorder was intolerable to the methodical Camp. Therefore, in the convention of October 17, 1883, he introduced another distinctively American institution, numerical scoring. The original values were given to the scoring plays were as follows: safety, 1 point; touchdown, 2 points; goal from a try, 4 points; goal from the field 5 points.

- --Source: Spalding's Official Intercollegiate Foot Ball Guide (page 17).
 - ❖ From 1885-1978, just 34 times over 46 seasons, inclusively, saw a team score at least 500+ points...since 1979—and counting the current campaign—a total of 60 times teams have surpassed this mark...for a total of 440 times.
 - Over the course of 17 seasons, 1927-43, college football failed to register a single-season over 500+ points. This is the longest stretch of time when a team failed to score at least 500 or more points.

* ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Accomplishment	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10-19
Season Totals	190	87	61	35	32	17	14	9	4	1
Single-Season	13	8	5	5	6	5	4	3	2	1each
	201	201	200	201	200	200	200	200	201	2002-
HighsYear	1	1	0	0	3	7	8	9	1	12

Worth Noting

➤ Oregon has now scored 600 or more points in back-to-back season; becoming the 14th school to accomplishment of this. (Mount Union holds the mark with 5, 2005-09. Saint Xavier (Il.) failed to score 500 points this season; thus snapping its streak at a tie for second with 3 such seasons.)

	Divisio			
Allowed 500+ Points	n	PA	W-L	PS
Idaho State	CSD	552	1-10	228
Bluefield (Va.)	NAIA	517	0-11	159
Marshall	BSD	517	4-8	491
Misericordia	III	516	0-10	54
Bethel (Kan.)	NAIA	512	1-9	58
Colorado	BSD	510	1-10	179
Idaho	BSD	509	1-11	190
Notre Dame (Ohio)	II	502	3-8	306
Baylor*	BSD	458	7-5	529
West Virginia*	BSD	457	7-5	499

Should Baylor and/or West Virginia surrender 42 and 43 points respectively, they would become the first schools to score and allow 500+ in the same season.

Current Standings of 2012 500+ Teams

764	2012	Mount Union	NCAA III	14-0*
685	2012	Mary Hardin-Baylor ^	NCAA III	13-1
633	2012	Southern Oregon+^	NAIA	9-3
618	2012	Louisiana Tech+^	BSD	9-3
610	2012	Oregon	BSD	11-1*
610	2001	Rowan	NCAA III	11-2
610	1998	Kansas State	NCAA 1A	11-2
609	2012	Shippensburg+^	NCAA II	11-2
596	2012	Winston-Salem	NCAA II	14-0*
596	2010	Mary Hardin-Baylor	NCAA III	12-1
596	2005	East Stroudsburg	NCAA II	11-3
591	2012	Morningside (Iowa)	NAIA	13-0*
591	2009	Boise State	BSD	14-0
591	2009	Houston	BSD	11-3
591	1919	Henry Kendell (Tulsa)	Major College	8-0-1
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123rd	587	2012	Old Dominion +^	CSD	11-2
	587	2004	Boise State	NCAA 1A	11-1
			Missouri Western	NCAA II	
132nd	582	2012	State+^		12-3
	582	2008	Texas Tech	BSD	12-1
	582	2002	Kansas State	NCAA 1A	11-2
	582	2001	Mount Union	NCAA III	14-0
	582	1993	Mount Union	NCAA III	14-0
140th	579	2012	West Texas A&M	NCAA II	12-3
186th	558	2012	Minnesota-Duluth^	NCAA II	10-2
100111	558	2007	Missouri	BSD	12-2
	558	1995	Florida	NCAA 1A	12-1
	558	1988	North Dakota State	NCAA II	14-0
	558	1982	Northwestern (Iowa)	NAIA II	12-1
	558	1926	Haskell	Small College	12-0-1
192nd	556	2012	Wisconsin-Oshkosh+^	NCAA III	13-1
	556	2007	Kansas	BSD	12-1
	556	1997	New Haven	NCAA II	12-2
	555	2004	St. Francis (Ind.)	NAIA	13-1
	555	2001	Bridgewater	NCAA III	13-1
	555	1997	Sioux Falls	NAIA	12-2
	555	1991	Pittsburg State	NCAA II	13-1-1
		2012		NICAA II	40.4
199th	554	2012	Henderson State+^	NCAA II NCAA III	10-1
	554	2011	Mount Union	CSD	14-1
	554	2011	Sam Houston State	NCAA II	14-1
	554	2011	Winston-Salem	NCAA III	13-1
	554	2010	Trine	BSD	11-1
	554	2010	Hawai'i	NCAA III	10-4
	554	2008	Monmouth (III)	NCAA II	11-1
	554	2000	Northwest Missouri State Northwestern Oklahoma	NAIA	11-1
	554	1999	State	IVAIA	13-0
	554	1981	Southwest Texas State	NCAA II	13-1
227th	547	2012	Valdosta State	NCAA II	11-2*
	547	2011	Azusa Pacific	NAIA	12-2
	547	2005	South Dakota	NCAA II	9-2

	547	2004	Mount Union	NCAA III	12-1
	547	1995	Mount Union	NCAA III	12-1
	546	2008	Lambuth	NAIA	9-3
	546	2005	New Hampshire	NCAA 1AA	11-2
	546	1991	Nevada	NCAA 1AA	12-1
	546	1979	Delaware	NCAA II	13-1
			Northwest Missouri	NCAA II	
236th	545	2012	State^		10-4
	545	2008	Oregon	BSD	10-3
	545	1990	Indiana (Pa.)	NCAA II	12-2
245th	542	2012	Sam Houston State	CSD	10-3*
245tn	5 42	1990	North Dakota State	NCAA II	14-0
	542	1987	Emory & Henry	NCAA III	11-3
	542	1905	Minnesota	Major College	10-1
	342	1905	Willinesota	, 5	10-1
259th	540	2012	Florida State	BSD	11-2*
259th	540	2012	Cumberlands (Ky.)+^	NAIA	10-2
	540	1998	Tulane	NCAA 1A	12-0
	540	1993	North Alabama	NCAA II	13-0
274th	537	2012	Texas A&M	BSD	10-2*
	537	2009	Montana	CSD	14-1
	537	2009	Carson-Newman	NCAA II	11-3
	537	2008	Rice	BSD	10-3
	537	2007	Carson-Newman	NCAA II	10-1
	537	2006	Pittsburg State	NCAA II	10-2
	537	2002	Texas Tech	NCAA 1A	9-5
	537	1999	Montana	NCAA 1AA	11-1
	536	2012	Oklahoma St.	BSD	7-5*
282nd	536	2012	Northern Illinois	BSD	12-2
	536	2011	Monmouth (III)	NCAA III	11-1
	536	1993	Florida State	NCAA 1A	12-1
			Hofstra	NCAA III	
	536	1990	ПОІЗІГА		11-2
303rd	532	2012	Widener^	NCAA III	11-1
	532	2010	Northern Illinois	BSD	11-3
	532	2008	Washington & Jefferson	NCAA III	11-2
	532	2007	Texas Tech	BSD	8-5
	532	2004	Montana	NCAA 1AA	13-3
	532	2004	Bowling Green State	NCAA 1A	10-3

	532	2000	Boise State	NCAA 1A	12-2
	532	1920	Centre	Small College	8-2
	531	2011	TCU	BSD	11-2
	531	1986	Nevada	NCAA 1AA	13-1
	531	1983	Northwestern (Iowa)	NAIA II	14-0
314th	530	2012	Northern Illinois	BSD	12-1*
	530	2008	Oklahoma State	BSD	9-4
	530	2007	Southern Illinois	CSD	12-2
317th	529	2012	Baylor	BSD	7-5*
	529	2006	St. John Fisher	NCAA III	12-2
	529	2005	Grambling State	NCAA 1AA	11-1
	529	1988	Carroll (Mont.)	NAIA	10-1
	529	1980	Baker	NAIA II	9-1-1
				Small	
	529	1952	East Texas Teachers	College/NAIA	11-0
349th	522	2012	Georgetown (Ky.)^	NAIA	10-1
345(11	522	2008	Appalachian State	CH SUBDIV	11-3
	522	2000	Nebraska	NCAA 1A	10-2
	322	2000	Nebraska		10 2
414th	509	2012	St. Thomas	NCAA III	14-0*
	509	2010	Wesley	NCAA III	12-1
	509	2008	Montana	CSD	14-2
	509	2006	Northwest Missouri State	NCAA II	14-1
	509	2005	North Alabama	NCAA II	11-3
	509	1989	Nebraska	NCAA 1A	10-2
	509	1980	Dayton	NCAA III	14-0
421st	508	2012	Clemson+	BSD	10-2*
	508	2011	Texas A&M	BSD	7-6
	508	2007	Washington & Jefferson	NCAA III	10-1
	508	1986	Oklahoma	NCAA 1A	11-1
	508	1983	Central State (Ohio)	NCAA II	12-1
482nd	500	2012	Alabama+	BSD	12-1*
	500	2011	LSU	BSD	13-1
	500	2002	Valdosta State	NCAA II	14-1
	500	2000	Springfield	NCAA III	11-2
	500	1980	Widener	NCAA III	11-1
			+ 1st^season over*Gam	e(s) left to play	