

LIGHTING-UP THE SCOREBOARD

Weekly Updates of College Football Teams Scoring

500 or more Points

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What do the numbers 28+10=200=486 mean? No, it's not a secret formula or a combination.

Well, could be a combination...that lights-up college football scoreboards.

As teams in the Bowl Subdivision prepare for its bowl prepare for its season (and 1 game left in the Championship Subdivision) these sets of numbers indication the consistency college football teams since the 1885 season.

A breakdown shows:

- 28 teams in 2012 have scored 500+ Points;
- 10 teams have accomplished this feat for the very first time.
- 200 total teams throughout scoring history/500+Points
- With a total accomplishment of 486

The way teams have found the end zone in 2012; the numbers more than likely will jump even higher.

Currently, 10 teams are within 45 points of a 500+ season (2 for the first time).

Teams on the proverbial bubble include:

West Virginia	499
Marshall	491
Kansas St.	488
Georgia	484*
Fresno St.	483
Oklahoma	483
U. Central Florida	458
Nebraska	456

UCLA 456*
Tulsa 455
*Has never scored 500+ Points

The 10 first time teams makes the fourth time (also in 2004-08-10) there has been teams recording a first-time season. The record is 13 set in a year ago.

❖ **2012—1st time teams.**

633	Southern Oregon	NAIA
618	Louisiana Tech	BSD
609	Shippensburg	NCAA II
587	Old Dominion	CSD
	Missouri Western	
582	State	NCAA II
556	Wisconsin-Oshkosh	NCAA III
554	Henderson State	NCAA II
540	Cumberlands (Ky.)	NAIA
508	Clemson	BSD+
500	Alabama	BSD+

+ Tally should increase; team has a bowl appearance left.

❖ **Continuing with the theme of first time 500+teams; here's the all-time Top 10**

765	Harvard	Major College	1886
744	Georgetown (Ky.)	NAIA II	1991
706	Mary Hardin-Baylor	NCAA III	2004
687	Yale	Major College	1886
665	Trinity (Texas)	NCAA III	2002
	Northwest Missouri		
653	State	NCAA II	1998
650	Linfield	NCAA III	2004
645	Princeton	Major College	1885
643	St. Xavier (Ill.)	NAIA	2009
639	Abilene Christian	NCAA II	2007

Worth Noting: There has been 43 schools that was the overall points leader for a single-season...of that tally, 33 did so in their first season of scoring 500+ Points. Included was 4 of the first 10...the last first time team to record the highest single-season was Trinity (Texas) in 2002 with a total of 665 markers.

Minnesota, 1903-04-05, is the only college football team to lead the national in its first three season of reach this plateau. (This is also the “mark” for most consecutive seasons a team has be the highest-producing team.)

- ✓ Congratulations to NCAA II Valdosta State (GA) [582 points] and NCAA III Mount Union (OH) [792 points] on winning their respective division's National Championship—both schools are also high-scoring teams and have recorded several seasons in *Lighting-up the Scoreboard*.

Two other schools, vying to be #1 in their respective division have also scored at least 500 in 2012.

Sam Houston State (TX) has scored 587 points this season; and will be playing in Championship Subdivision's title game for the second year—against the same opponent, North Dakota State. In the BCS National Championship Game, Alabama enters the fray at 500 even.

A year ago, LSU also entered the same game with the same amount of points scored; but was white-washed by the Tide! ☺

➤ **Highest scoring National Champions, prior to 2012**

Season	Small College National Champions (W-L-T)	GP	PF
2009	Sioux Falls (15-0-0)	15	775
1997	Mount Union (14-0-0)	14	752
1991	Georgetown KY (13-1-0)	14	744
1999	Georgia Southern (13-2-0)	15	741
2000	Mount Union (14-0-0)	14	683
2001	Georgetown KY (14-0-0)	14	681
2003	Carroll MT (15-0-0)	15	676
1996	Mount Union (14-0-0)	14	669
2011	Saint Xavier IL (14-1-0)	15	666
1996	Marshall (15-0-0)	15	658

The idea for recording teams that scored at least 500 points was conceived in 1991. Annually since that time, more teams have scored and as a result many different compilations have been created.

Here are the Top 10 teams since the beginning of the project in 1991.

Points	School	Division	Season	Previous
837	Pittsburg State KS	NCAA II	2004	1
792	Mount Union	NCAA III	2012	NR
778	Mount Union	NCAA III	2007	2
775	Sioux Falls	NAIA	2009	3
752	Mount Union OH	NCAA III	1997	4
747	Georgia Southern	NCAA 1-AA	1999	5
744	Lindenwood	NAIA	2009	6
744	Georgetown KY	NAIA II	1991	6
716	Oklahoma	BSD	2008	8
710	Georgetown KY	NAIA	1999	9
707	Grand Valley State MI	NCAA II	2001	10
707	Mary Hardin-Baylor	NCAA III	2007	10

- Almost...just missed scoring 500 Points.

School	Games Played	Points
Arizona	13	496
Missouri Valley	13	492
Nevada	13	492
Marshall	12	490
Ashland	12	490
Minnesota State-Mankato	14	490
Kutztown	11	490

Most	Productive	Eras Accomp lishment s
Seasons	# of Seasons	
1979-2012	33	440
1885-91	7	12
1901-05	5	7
1971-73	4	5
1914-17	4	4
1919-20	2	4

**Number of playing periods...
time on the clock**

1869-1876: No time limits
 1877-1893: 2 Halves of 45 minutes
 1894-1905: 2 Halves of 70 minutes
 1910-current: 4 quarters of 15
 minutes

	CURRENT		500+ POINT		TEA MS
2nd	792	2012	Mount Union^	NCAA III	15-0
20th	685	2012	Mary Hardin-Baylor^	NCAA III	13-1
61st	633	2012	Southern Oregon+^	NAIA	9-3
	633	2011	Oklahoma State	BSD	12-1
	633	2000	Northwestern Oklahoma State	NAIA	13-1

78th	618	2012	Louisiana Tech+^	BSD	9-3
78th	618	2012	Morningside (Iowa)^	NAIA	13-1
	618	2011	Wisconsin	BSD	12-2
	618	2001	Brigham Young	NCAA 1A	12-2
90th	610	2012	Oregon	BSD	11-1*
	610	2001	Rowan	NCAA III	11-2
	610	1998	Kansas State	NCAA 1A	11-2
93rd	609	2012	Shippensburg+^	NCAA II	11-2
98th	603	2012	Winston-Salem^	NCAA II	14-1
	603	2010	Wisconsin-Whitewater	NCAA III	15-0
	603	1999	Carson-Newman	NCAA II	13-1
123rd	587	2012	Sam Houston State	CSD	11-3*
123rd	587	2012	Old Dominion +^	CSD	11-2
	587	2004	Boise State	NCAA 1A	11-1
133rd	582	2012	Missouri Western State+^	NCAA II	12-3
133rd	582	2012	Valdosta State^	NCAA II	12-2
	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
142nd	579	2012	West Texas A&M	NCAA II	12-3
188th	558	2012	Minnesota-Duluth^	NCAA II	10-2
	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
194th	556	2012	Wisconsin-Oshkosh+^	NCAA III	13-1
	556	2007	Kansas	BSD	12-1
	556	1997	New Haven	NCAA II	12-2
201st	554	2012	Henderson State+^	NCAA II	10-1
	554	2011	Mount Union	NCAA III	14-1
	554	2011	Sam Houston State	CSD	14-1
	554	2011	Winston-Salem	NCAA II	13-1
	554	2010	Trine	NCAA III	11-1
	554	2010	Hawai'i	BSD	10-4

	554	2008	Monmouth (Ill)	NCAA III	11-1
	554	2000	Northwest Missouri State	NCAA II	11-1
	554	1999	Northwestern Oklahoma State	NAIA	13-0
	554	1981	Southwest Texas State	NCAA II	13-1
237th	545	2012	Northwest Missouri State^	NCAA II	10-4
	545	2008	Oregon	BSD	10-3
	545	1990	Indiana (Pa.)	NCAA II	12-2
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
282nd	536	2012	Oklahoma St.	BSD	7-5*
	536	2011	Northern Illinois	BSD	12-2
	536	2011	Monmouth (Ill)	NCAA III	11-1
	536	1993	Florida State	NCAA 1A	12-1
	536	1990	Hofstra	NCAA III	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
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
	522	2008	Appalachian State	CH SUBDIV	11-3
	522	2000	Nebraska	NCAA 1A	10-2
363rd	519	2012	St. Thomas^	NCAA III	14-1
	519	1999	Hastings	NAIA	11-1
	519	1968	Troy State	NAIA	11-0-1
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...*Game left to play		