

# **LIGHTING-UP THE SCOREBOARD**

**Weekly Updates of College Football Teams Scoring**

**500 or more Points**

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**Post-Season Games are in full swing...this means more teams finding the end zone and, with this, scoreboards continue to brighten-up stadiums all across the country.**

College football had been played 23 years before the first scoreboard was erected in 1893.

*The origin of the football scoreboard can be traced back to the Yale-Harvard game on November 23, 1893 at Springfield, Mass., according to the next day's New York Times. (Score: Yale 6-0)*

*A week before the Pennsylvania-Harvard game, University of Pennsylvania's Arthur Irwin unveiled the manual Irwin Score Board that gave score, possession, down and distance on one end of the field while the Ebbets and Eschwege board (possibly Charles Ebbets of Dodger fame and Walter Eschwege who wrote on various sports) at the other end gave names of players, substitutions and who had scored. Hand signals along the sidelines provided instantaneous information to the board operator. (Score: 26-4)*

**Source:** Steve Greene, Rutgers football researcher via The New York Times, November 24, 1893.

**Worth Noting:** No team scored over 500+ points in 1893; and in the decade of the 1890 (1890-99) only 3 teams topped the mark: Harvard in 1890 (553 points) and a year later, scoring 588...and Chicago, 1899 (505).

- ❖ 19 teams make this week's listing. Highlighting the high-scoring teams are *six making their initial appearance* on the Scoreboard...while *9 have ended their seasons with a playoff lost over the weekend...5 teams have remained perfect* through the latest playoff round and of the 19, *16 have double-digits victories.*

Several teams are knocking on the door; and with a productive scoring game over the next few weeks, will be joining the others on this list.

- In exclusively since 1885, there have been 10 schools—and 22 accomplishments—when a school has gone from either 500+ points to 600+ or 600+ to 700+ in successive games played.

That total was nearly matched this past weekend. Five schools have gone from scoring over 500+ the previous weekend...to 600+ over the course of contests most recently played. (Not counting seven schools that ended the regular season tallying over 500 during the regular season.)

**The 5 include:**

Mount Union	III	12-0	589	644
Southern				
Oregon+	NAIA	9-3	589	633
Mary Hardin-Baylor	III	11-0	555	618
Louisiana Tech	BSD	9-3	575	618
Oregon	BSD	11-1	562	610

*Shippensburg was the only school with 500 or more points during the regular season; adding to it after its opening playoff round “W” and the with last week’s game, a loss, finished with 609 points.*

- **Top 10 Regular Season Points—by leased and most games played**

<500 Points Scored

YEAR	DIVISION	500+ Team	GP	RS PF
2000	NCAA III	Widener	8	374
1993	NAIA	Pacific Lutheran	8	375
2004	NCAA 1AA	Montana	9	377
2009	NCAA III	Linfield	9	379
1993	NCAA II	North Alabama	9	389
1991	NCAA III	St. John's (Minn.)	9	391
2003	NAIA	Northwestern Oklahoma State	9	395
1994	NCAA III	Washington & Jefferson	9	399
1999	NAIA	Northwestern Oklahoma State	9	399
1999	NCAA III	Rowan	10*	338

*\*21 teams played 10 games*

>500+ Points

YEAR	DIVISION	500+ Team	GP	RS PF
1888	Major College	Harvard	13	635
2011	BSD	Houston	13	660
2003	NCAA 1A	Oklahoma	14	621
2008	BSD	Tulsa	14	627
1903	Major College	Minnesota	15	656
1889	Major College	Yale	16	665
1888	Major College	Yale	13	694
2008	BSD	Oklahoma	13*	702
1904	Major College	Minnesota	14	725
1886	Major College	Harvard	14	765

\*11 teams played at least 13 games

- After registering scoring by goals from the inception of the game is 1869; the **Rules Committee**—thanks to *The Father of Football*, Walter Camp’s persistence—adopted scoring values in 1883.

Once the scoring values were in place, it would be two years, before a college football team scored over 500 point in a season.

The Rules Committee have made changes down throughout history—a total 7 times the values for points scored per type of play has been made.

**Scoring Values—a history and most points scored in the year they were in acted.**

*Team with the Most Points per era of Scoring Values*

- **Scoring Values**

1883: [TD=2...FG...5...GAF=4...SAF=-1]

485

1883

Yale

Major  
College

8-0

**1883-1896 [GFF=5...TD=4...GAT=2...S=1]**

765	1886	Harvard	Major College	12-2
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**1897-1903: [GFF=5...TD=5...GAT=1...S=2]**

656	1903	Minnesota	Major College	14-0-1
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**1904-1908: [TD=5...GFF=4...GAT=1...S=2]**

725	1904	Minnesota	Major College	14-0
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**1912-1957: [TD=6...XP=1...FG=3...S=2]**

623	1917	Indiana (Pa.)	Small College	7-1
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**1958-1987: [TD=6...XP=1, 2...FG=3...S=2]**

658	1983	Nebraska	NCAA 1A	12-1
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**1988-2012: [TD=6...XP=1, 2...FG=3...S=2]**

837	2004	Pittsburg State	NCAA II	14-1
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Next week—scoring by the number of playing periods and time on the clock.

- ❖ A pair of Bowl Subdivision teams, Oregon and Louisiana Tech will head into the point season with over 600 points scored this season.

This marks the third time since 2005 when 2 teams lit-up-the scoreboard with at least this many points prior to the post-season action.

During the 1888 season, three schools, collectively known as the “Big Three” (Yale, Harvard and Princeton) all scored more than 600 points in the regular season—as there were no post-season games till 1901.

YEAR	DIVISION	500+ Team	GP	RS PF
1888	Major College	Yale	13	694
1888	Major College	Harvard	13	635
1888	Major College	Princeton	12	607
2005	NCAA 1A	Texas	12	611
2005	NCAA 1A	Southern California	13	600
2011	BSD	Houston	13	660
2011	BSD	Oregon	13	600
<b>2012</b>	<b>BSD</b>	<b>Louisiana Tech</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>618</b>
<b>2012</b>	<b>BSD</b>	<b>Oregon</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>610</b>

It wasn't planned this way; but this would be a good spot to answer last week's trivia question. Can you name the first 500+ point team that scored post-season points; the year and total scored?

*Answer:* Michigan, 1901 scored 501 points; then traveled to California to meet Stanford in the inaugural Rose Bowl...the Wolverines were victorious 49-0.

❖ It's not just in the regular season schools have been scoring; but also during the early rounds of the playoffs.

### **10 teams have tallied 50 or more points in the playoff games, 2012**

2012	1R	NCAA III	Mount Union	72	Christopher Newport	14
2012	ECAC	Northwest	Castleton State College	63	St. John Fisher	7
2012	2R	NCAA III	Mary Hardin-Baylor	63	Franklin	17
2012	1R	NCAA III	Mary Hardin-Baylor	59	Louisiana College	20
2012	1R	NCAA II	Shippensburg	58	Bloomsburg	20
2012	1R	CSD	South Dakota State	58	Eastern Illinois	10
2012	1R	NCAA II	Missouri Western State	57	Minnesota-Duluth	55
2012	2R	NCAA III	Wesley	56	Cortland St. Missouri Western	6
2012	1R	NCAA II	Minnesota-Duluth	55	State	57
2012	2R	NCAA III	Mount Union	55	Johns Hopkins	13

Mount Union and Mary Hardin-Baylor make-up a list of 24 accomplishments of teams scoring 50 or more playoff points; of that, 21 have done so in back-to-back games.

These 2 schools are the only ones to have an Average Margin of Victory (AMV) over 50.0 ppg throughout stathistory/50+ post-season Points Scored.

2010	1R	NCAA III	Mary Hardin-Baylor	59	Christopher Newport	7
2010	2R	NCAA III	Mary Hardin-Baylor	69	Thomas More	7
			128-14		AMV: 57.0	
2012	1R	NCAA III	Mount Union	72	Christopher Newport	14
2012	2R	NCAA III	Mount Union	55	Johns Hopkins	13
			127-27		AMV: 50.0	

**Worth Noting:** In 1996, former NCAA 1AA Marshall during its title run, compiled an AMV of 49.5.

1996	1R	NCAA 1AA	Marshall	59	Delaware	14
1996	QF	NCAA 1AA	Marshall	54	Furman	0
			113-14		AMV: 49.5	

**Trivia ???:** Can you name the first school to score 50 or more points in a playoff game?

• **This week's 500+ Rankings:**

50th	<b>644</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Mount Union</b>	<b>NCAA III</b>	<b>12-0</b>
60th	<b>633</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Southern Oregon+^</b>	<b>NAIA</b>	<b>9-3</b>
	633	2011	Oklahoma State	BSD	12-1
	633	2000	Northwestern Oklahoma State	NAIA	13-1
77th	<b>618</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Mary Hardin-Baylor</b>	<b>NCAA III</b>	<b>11-0</b>
77th	<b>618</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Louisiana Tech</b>	<b>BSD</b>	<b>9-3</b>
	618	2011	Wisconsin	BSD	12-2
	618	2001	Brigham Young	NCAA 1A	12-2
89th	<b>610</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Oregon</b>	<b>BSD</b>	<b>11-1</b>
	610	2001	Rowan	NCAA III	11-2
	610	1998	Kansas State	NCAA 1A	11-2

92nd	<b>609</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Shippensburg+^</b>	<b>NCAA II</b>	<b>11-2</b>
152nd	<b>572</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Missouri Western State+</b>	<b>NCAA II</b>	<b>11-1</b>
182nd	<b>558</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Minnesota-Duluth^</b>	<b>NCAA II</b>	<b>10-2</b>
	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	<b>554</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Henderson State+^</b>	<b>NCAA II</b>	<b>11-1</b>
	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 Northwestern Oklahoma State	NCAA II	11-1
	554	1999	State	NAIA	13-0
	554	1981	Southwest Texas State	NCAA II	13-1
230th	<b>545</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Northwest Missouri State^</b>	<b>NCAA II</b>	<b>11-1</b>
	545	2008	Oregon	BSD	10-3
	545	1990	Indiana (Pa.)	NCAA II	12-2
233rd	<b>544</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Morningside (Iowa)</b>	<b>NAIA</b>	<b>12-0</b>
	544	2008	Mary Hardin-Baylor	NCAA III	12-2
	544	2007	Virginia-Wise	NAIA	9-2
	544	2004	Utah	NCAA 1A	12-0
	544	2000	St. John's (Minn.)	NCAA III	13-2
253rd	<b>540</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Cumberlands (Ky.)+^</b>	<b>NAIA</b>	<b>10-1</b>
	540	1998	Tulane	NCAA 1A	12-0
	540	1993	North Alabama	NCAA II	13-0
267th	<b>537</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Texas A&amp;M</b>	<b>BSD</b>	<b>10-2</b>
	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
<b>280th</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Winston-Salem</b>	<b>NCAA II</b>	<b>12-0</b>
	534	2009	California (Penn.)	NCAA II	11-4
	534	2003	St. John's (Minn.)	NCAA III	14-0
	534	2003	Southern California Northwestern Oklahoma	NCAA 1A	11-1
	534	2002	State	NAIA	11-1
	534	1998	Massachusetts	NCAA 1AA Major	11-4
	534	1971	Oklahoma	College College	11-1
	534	1958	West Chester	Division	9-1
<b>296th</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Widener</b>	<b>NCAA III</b>	<b>11-0</b>
	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
<b>317th</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>West Texas A&amp;M</b>	<b>NCAA II</b>	<b>11-2</b>
	527	2005	Linfield	NCAA III	10-1
	527	2004	West Chester	NCAA II	11-4
	527	2002	Miami (Fla.)	NCAA 1A	12-1
	527	1994	Valdosta State	NCAA II	11-2
	527	1976	Northern Michigan	NCAA II	11-2
<b>341st</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Georgetown (Ky.)^</b>	<b>NAIA</b>	<b>10-1</b>
	522	2008	Appalachian State	CH SUBDIV	11-3
	522	2000	Nebraska	NCAA 1A	10-2
<b>412th</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Clemson+</b>	<b>BSD</b>	<b>10-2</b>
	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
<b>457th</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Oklahoma St.</b>	<b>BSD</b>	<b>7-4</b>
	502	2011	Washburn	NCAA II	10-3



502	2010	Franklin	NCAA III	9-2
502	2009	Florida	BSD	13-1
502	2009	Cincinnati	BSD	12-1
502	2007	California (Penn.)	NCAA II	13-1
502	2007	Central Florida	BSD	10-4
502	2002	Hawai'i	NCAA 1A	10-4
502	2000	North Dakota State	NCAA II	12-2
502	2000	Western Connecticut State	NCAA III	10-1
502	1994	Washington & Jefferson	NCAA III	11-2
502	1991	St. John's (Minn.)	NCAA III	11-1

*+ 1st 500+ Season.....^Season completed*