

Golden Eagles Fall One Spot in *SSC+USM Football Poll*

Even with his Golden Eagles football team taking the weekend off from game action, USM head coach Larry Fedora saw his team fall one spot in the latest *Sagarin Small Colleges + USM Football Poll*. This week's poll, inserted below, has the Eagles in fourth, with five wins against two losses.

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Rank	Team	Sagarin Power	Team Record
1	Delaware	70.92	7-1
2	Stephen F. Austin State	70.66	6-1
3	Villanova	70.60	5-2
4	Southern Mississippi	69.85	5-2
5	Appalachian State	69.47	7-0
6	William & Mary	68.85	6-1
7	Jacksonville State	68.32	8-0
8	Northern Arizona	67.18	4-3
9	Eastern Washington	66.41	6-2
10	New Hampshire	66.23	5-3

As the insert above indicates, the race for the *2010 SSC+USMFP National Championship* is a very tight one at the moment, with only 1.07 Sagarin Power points separating USM from top-ranked Delaware. At the same time, USM maintains only a 0.38 SP points lead over its perennial nemesis, Appalachian State. As prior reports indicate has yet to win a *SSC+USMFP National Championship*, unlike his predecessor Jeff Bower, who won a number of them in the decade leading up to Fedora's hiring by USM president Martha Saunders. Even so, Saunders fired Bower after the 2007 season.