

# 25 Hard: Week 3

SM's Top 25 Rankings for the week of Monday November 18th, 2024

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It was a week of upsets, high scoring, and shifting in the SM Top 25. The top of the heap remains close, while other teams make big falls ahead of Week 3.

## Who's on top?

**Kansas (4-0)** held serve after a tough win against Michigan State in the Champions Classic. They remain the number one team in the country for the third week in a row, and will likely hold the spot until they lose. **Gonzaga (3-0)** made a move to #2 after **Alabama (3-1)** and **Duke (3-1)** lost. **UConn (3-0)**, **Auburn (3-0)**, and **Iowa State (3-0)** all won out, rounding out the top 5.

## Big Risers

**Purdue (4-0)** moved up 4 spots after a huge home win over then-#2 **Alabama**. **Kentucky (3-0)** rose 6 spots after taking down then-#3 **Duke** in the Champions Classic. **Tennessee (4-0)** also moved up to #6 with dominoes in front of them falling earlier in the week.

## Big Sliders

**Arizona (2-1)** lost big to unranked **Wisconsin (4-0)**, falling 12 spots to #20. Duke's loss dropped them 11 spots to #14, and Alabama dropped to #10 after falling to Purdue on the road.

## New Additions

After being ranked #25 last week, **Ohio State (2-1)** fell out of the poll as quickly as they dropped in, losing to **Texas A&M**. In their place, **Xavier (4-0)** moves into the #25 spot, giving the poll a fifth Big East team for the first time in this young season.

**\*\*Bold: indicates matchup against AP top 25 team\*\***

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<b>SM Top 25 Rankings: Week 3</b>		
1. Kansas (4-0)	Big 12	vs. UNC Wilmington
2. Gonzaga (3-0)	West Coast	at San Diego State; vs. Long Beach State
3. Connecticut (3-0)	Big East	vs. East Texas A&M
4. Auburn (3-0)	SEC	vs. North Alabama
5. Iowa State (3-0)	Big 12	vs. IU Indianapolis
6. Tennessee (4-0)	SEC	vs. Virginia
7. Houston (2-1)	Big 12	vs. Hofstra
8. Purdue (4-0)	Big Ten	<b>at (15) Marquette;</b> vs. Marshall
9. North Carolina (2-1)	ACC	at Hawai'i
10. Alabama (3-1)	SEC	<b>vs. (24) Illinois</b>
11. Kentucky (3-0)	SEC	vs. Lipscomb; vs. Jackson State
12. Baylor (3-1)	Big 12	<b>vs. (19) St. John's</b>
13. Creighton (3-0)	Big East	vs. Nebraska
14. Duke (3-1)	ACC	<b>at (20) Arizona</b>
15. Marquette (4-0)	Big East	<b>vs. (8) Purdue;</b> vs. Georgia
16. Cincinnati (2-0)	Big 12	at Northern Kentucky; at Georgia Tech
17. Indiana (3-0)	Big Ten	<b>vs. UNC Greensboro</b>
18. Florida (4-0)	SEC	vs. Florida A&M; vs. Southern Illinois
19. St. John's (3-0)	Big East	<b>vs. (12) Baylor;</b> vs. Georgia
20. Arizona (2-1)	Big 12	<b>vs. (14) Duke</b>
21. Arkansas (2-1)	SEC	vs. Pacific; vs. Little Rock
22. Rutgers (3-0)	Big Ten	vs. Merrimack; at Kennesaw State
23. Ole Miss (4-0)	SEC	vs. Oral Roberts
24. Illinois (3-0)	Big Ten	<b>vs. (10) Alabama;</b> vs. Maryland-Eastern Shore
25. Xavier (4-0)	Big East	vs. Siena

***In the hunt: Texas A&M (3-1), Texas Tech (3-0), vs. Wisconsin (4-0), Texas (3-1), Wake Forest (4-1), UCF (3-0), UCLA (3-1), Ohio State (2-1)***

**The Big 3: Matchups to Watch**

*\*\*\*All rankings refer to the SM Poll, not the AP poll*

**Tuesday November 19th**

(8) Purdue at (15) Marquette (Milwaukee, WI)

9 pm EST, FS1

**Thursday November 21st**

(12) Baylor vs. (19) St. John's (Nassau, Bahamas)

7 pm EST, CBS Sports Network

**Friday, November 22nd**

(14) Duke at (20) Arizona (Tucson, AZ)

10:30 pm, ESPN2

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