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BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES RANKINGS

(Games Through Oct. 24)

Rank	Team	AP	USA Today/ ESPN	Poll Avg.	Seattle Times	Sagarin	New York Times	Computer Avg.	Schedule Strength	Quartile Rank	Losses	TOTAL
1.	UCLA	2	2	2.0	1	1	1	1.00	1	0.04	0	3.04
2.	Ohio State	1	1	1.0	3	3	2	2.67	16	0.64	0	4.31
3.	Tennessee	3	4	3.5	2	3.75 (4)	3	2.92	2	0.08	0	6.50
4.	Kansas State	4	3	3.5	4	2	4	3.33	49	1.96	0	8.79
5.	Florida State	5	6	5.5	7	7	5	6.33	14	0.56	1	13.39
6.	Nebraska	7	7	7.0	6	5	6	5.67	15	0.80	1	14.27
7.	Florida	6	5	5.5	10	8	8	8.67	22	0.88	1	16.05
8.	Texas A&M	8	9	8.5	5	9 (10)	7	7.00	8	0.32	1	16.82
9.	Wisconsin	9	8	8.5	9	9	9	9.00	91	3.64	0	21.14
10.	Penn State	10	10	10.0	12	11	10	11.00	13	0.52	1	22.52
11.	Oregon	12	13	12.5	11	6	12.75 (13)	9.92	28	1.12	1	24.54
12.	Arkansas	14	12	13.0	8	13	12	11.00	89	3.56	0	27.56
13.	Georgia	11	11	11.0	13	15	19	15.67	54	2.16	1	29.83
14.	Arizona	13	15	14.0	15	12	17	14.67	55	2.20	1	31.87
15.	Virginia	15	14	14.5	16	20	21	19.00	69	2.76	1	37.26
16.	Notre Dame	16	16	16.0	17	24 (36)	15	18.67	57	2.28	1	37.95
17.	Georgia Tech	23	24	23.5	18	22	13	17.67	11	0.44	2	43.61
18.	Missouri	18	21	19.5	27	16	23	22.00	23	0.92	2	44.42
19.	Tulane	19	18	18.5	14	30	33 (98)	25.67	86	3.44	0	47.61
20.	Syracuse	17	19	18.0	33	24	27	28.00	34	1.36	2	49.36

EXPLANATION:

Poll Average - Average of USA Today/ESPN Coaches and AP Media Polls. Others receiving votes calculated in order received.

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Quartile Rank - Rank of schedule strength compared to other Division I-A teams divided by 25. This component is calculated by determining the cumulative won/loss records of the team's opponent (66.6 percent) and the cumulative won/loss records of the teams' opponents' opponents (33.3 percent).

Losses - One point for each loss during the season.

NOTES:

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BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES RANKINGS

(Games Through Oct. 31)

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>AP</u>	<u>USA Today/ ESPN</u>	<u>Poll Avg.</u>	<u>Seattle Times</u>	<u>Sagarin</u>	<u>New York Times</u>	<u>Computer Avg.</u>	<u>Schedule Strength</u>	<u>Quartile Rank</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1.	Ohio State	1	1	1.0	3 (2.25)	2	1	1.75	24	0.96	0	3.71
2.	Tennessee	2	3	2.5	2	3	5 (3.75)	2.92	7	0.28	0	5.70
3.	UCLA	3	4	3.5	1	4	4	3.00	3	0.12	0	6.62
4.	Kansas State	4	2	3.0	4 (3.0)	1	3	2.33	68	2.72	0	8.05
5.	Florida	5	5	5.0	6	5	6	5.67	8	0.32	1	11.99
6.	Florida State	6	6	6.0	8 (6.0)	6	2	4.67	15	0.60	1	12.27
7.	Texas A&M	7	8	7.5	7	11 (10.5)	7	8.17	21	0.84	1	17.51
8.	Wisconsin	8	7	7.5	9	10	13	10.67	98	3.92	0	22.09
9.	Penn State	9	9	9.0	12	13	10	11.67	31	1.24	1	22.91
10.	Arizona	10	11	10.5	10	8	14 (13.5)	10.5	46	1.84	1	23.84
11.	Arkansas	11	10	10.5	5	14	16 (14.25)	11.08	83	3.32	0	24.90
12.	Nebraska	14	15	14.5	11	7	12	10.0	12	0.48	2	26.98
13.	Notre Dame	13	13	13.0	13	22 (15.75)	8	12.25	51	2.04	1	28.29
14.	Texas	20	23	21.5	18 (13.5)	9	9	10.5	17	0.68	2	34.68
15.	Virginia	12	12	12.0	19	20	21	20.0	80	3.20	1	36.20
16.	Tulane	15	16	15.5	14	21	94 (26.25)	20.42	96	3.84	0	39.76
17.	Syracuse	15	17	16.0	29 (26.25)	18	17	20.42	37	1.48	2	39.90

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BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES RANKINGS

(Games Through Nov. 7)

Rank	Team	AP	USA Today/ ESPN	Poll Avg.	Seattle Times	Sagarin	New York Times	Computer Avg.	Schedule Strength	Quartile Rank	Losses	TOTAL
1.	Tennessee	1	1	1.00	2	2	2	2.00	23	0.92	0	3.92
2.	UCLA	3	3	3.00	1	3	3 (5)	2.38	10	0.40	0	5.73
3.	Kansas State	2	1	1.50	3 (4)	1	3	2.33	79	3.16	0	6.89
4.	Florida State	5	5	5.00	5 (6)	5	1	3.87	5	0.20	1	9.87
5.	Florida	4	4	4.00	5	4	4	4.33	16	0.64	1	9.97
6.	Texas A&M	6	8	7.00	7	8	6	7.00	25	1.00	1	16.00
7.	Arkansas	10	9	8.50	3	8.25 (13)	8	6.42	67	2.68	0	18.60
8.	Ohio State	7	7	7.00	10	12	7	9.67	27	1.08	1	18.75
9.	Wisconsin	8	6	7.00	9	11	9	9.87	89	3.58	0	20.23
10.	Arizona	9	10	9.50	8	8	10	8.00	53	2.12	1	20.62
11.	Nebraska	11	11	11.00	11	7	12	10.00	19	0.78	2	23.76
12.	Notre Dame	12	13	12.50	12	17.25 (18)	11	13.42	49	1.98	1	28.88
13.	Missouri	13	15	14.00	18	15	16	16.33	15	0.60	2	32.93
14.	Oregon	20	18	19.50	13	9	16.5 (19)	12.83	71	0.44	2	34.77
15.	Texas	18	21	19.50	14	10	14	12.67	24	0.98	2	35.13
16.	Tulane	14	14	14.00	18	21	27.75 (71)	21.58	99	3.96	0	39.54
17.	Georgia	17	18	17.50	17	17	25.5 (27)	19.83	32	1.28	2	40.61
18.	Penn State	19	17	18.00	20	16	25	20.33	18	0.72	2	41.05
19.	Michigan	15	16	15.50	22	27	18	22.33	48	1.92	2	41.75
20.	Virginia Tech	16	12	14.00	25	22	24	23.67	100	4.00	1	42.67

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BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES RANKINGS

(Games Through Nov. 14)

Team	AP	USA Today/ ESPN	Poll Avg.	Seattle Times	Sagarin	New York Times	Computer Avg.	Schedule Strength	Quartile Rank	Losses	TOTAL
Tennessee	1	2	1.5	1	2.25 (3)	2	1.75	13	0.52	0	3.77
UCLA	3	3	3.0	2	2	3 (5)	2.33	12	0.48	0	5.81
Kansas State	2	1	1.5	3	1	3	2.33	68	2.72	0	6.55
Florida State	5	5	5.0	5 (6.0)	5	1	3.87	9	0.36	1	10.03
Florida	4	4	4.0	5	4	6	5.00	39	1.56	1	11.56
Texas A&M	6	7	6.5	4	6 (9.0)	4	4.67	15	0.60	1	12.77
Ohio State	7	6	6.5	9	10	7	8.67	33	1.32	1	17.49
Arizona	8	8	8.0	7	6	9.75 (10)	7.58	51	2.04	1	18.62
Arkansas	9	9	9.0	8	11	14.25 (15)	11.08	57	2.28	1	23.36
Notre Dame	10	10	10.0	11	14.25 (19)	8	11.08	59	2.36	1	24.44
Oregon	15	16	15.5	10	8	12	10.00	16	0.64	2	28.14
Michigan	11	11	11.0	17	19.5 (22)	9	15.17	27	1.08	2	28.25
Wisconsin	13	12	12.5	14	12	18	14.67	73	2.92	1	31.09
Nebraska	17	19	18.0	13	7	15.0 (21)	11.67	14	0.56	3	33.23
Georgia	14	15	14.5	12	16	21.0 (28)	16.33	34	1.36	2	34.19
Tulane	12	13	12.5	16	21	27.75 (52)	21.58	101	4.04	0	38.12
Penn State	16	14	15.0	20	17	22	19.67	40	1.60	2	38.27
Air Force	20	17	18.5	21.75 (26)	18	11	16.92	94	3.76	1	40.18
Missouri	19	23	21.0	21	15	22	19.33	5	0.20	3	43.53
Southern Cal	28	26	27.0	15	13	17	15.00	10	0.40	3	45.40
Virginia	18	18	18.0	18	27	26	23.67	61	2.44	2	46.11
Georgia Tech	21	21	21.0	22	27.75 (30)	15	21.58	52	2.08	2	46.66
Texas	25	29	27.0	19	14	24	19.00	21	0.84	3	49.84
Miami (Fla.)	22	22	22.0	32.25 (36)	29	14	25.08	62	2.48	2	51.56

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BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES RANKINGS

(Games Through Nov. 21)

Rank	Team	AP	USA Today/ ESPN	Poll Avg.	Seattle Times	Sagarin	New York Times	Computer Avg.	Schedule Strength	Quartile Rank	Losses	TOTAL
	Tennessee	1	2	1.5	2	3	2	2.33	14	0.56	0	4.39
	UCLA	3	3	3.0	1	2	2.25 (4)	1.75	8	0.32	0	5.07
	Kansas State	2	1	1.5	3	1	3	2.33	62	2.48	0	6.31
	Florida State	4	4	4.0	4	4	1	3.00	5	0.20	1	8.20
	Texas A&M	6	6	6.0	5	5	5	5.00	13	0.52	1	12.52
	Ohio State	5	5	5.0	7	6	6	6.33	27	1.08	1	13.41
	Arizona	7	7	7.0	6	7	7	6.67	51	2.04	1	16.71
	Florida	8	8	8.0	11	9	9	9.67	20	0.80	2	20.47
	Notre Dame	9	10	9.5	8	12 (17)	8	9.33	60	2.40	1	22.23
	Wisconsin	10	9	9.5	10	10	11	10.33	65	2.60	1	23.43
	Tulane	11	11	11.0	9	16	18.75 (37)	14.58	103	4.12	0	29.70
	Nebraska	14	17	15.5	12	8	15 (17)	11.67	15	0.60	3	30.77
	Arkansas	13	13	13.0	16	15	23.25 (31)	18.08	56	2.24	2	35.32
	Michigan	15	16	15.5	18	22	15	18.33	11	0.44	3	37.27
	Georgia	12	12	12.0	13	24	27.75 (30)	21.58	46	1.84	2	37.42
	Air Force	18	14	16.0	22	21	10	17.67	92	3.68	1	38.35
	Virginia	16	15	15.5	17	26	21	21.33	54	2.16	2	40.99
	Oregon	22	23	22.5	14	11	18.75 (28)	14.58	23	0.92	3	41.00
	Georgia Tech	17	18	17.5	20	25.5 (27)	14	19.83	61	2.44	2	41.77
	Miami (Fla.)	19	20	19.5	27.75 (34)	25	12	21.58	73	2.92	2	46.00

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BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES RANKINGS

(Games Through Nov. 28)

Rank	Team	AP	USA Today/ ESPN	Poll Avg.	Seattle Times	Sagarin	New York Times	Computer Avg.	Schedule Strength	Quartile Rank	Losses	TOTAL
1.	Tennessee	1	2	1.5	2	3	2	2.33	29	1.16	0	4.98
2.	UCLA	3	3	3.0	1	2	2.25 (4)	1.75	7	0.28	0	5.03
3.	Kansas State	2	1	1.5	3	1	3	2.33	62	2.48	0	6.31
4.	Florida State	4	4	4.0	4	4	1	3.00	5	0.20	1	8.20
5.	Ohio State	5	5	5.0	5	5	5	5.33	25	1.00	1	12.33
6.	Arizona	6	6	6.0	6	6	7	6.00	54	2.16	1	15.16
7.	Florida	7	7	7.0	10	9	10	9.67	28	1.12	2	19.79
8.	Texas A&M	10	10	10.0	7	8	8	7.67	13	0.52	2	20.19
9.	Wisconsin	8	8	8.0	9	10	9	9.33	63	2.52	1	20.85
10.	Tulane	9	9	9.0	8	16	22 (18)	14.00	97	3.88	0	26.88
11.	Nebraska	13	17	15.0	11	7	15 (13.5)	10.50	14	0.56	3	29.06
12.	Georgia Tech	12	14	13.0	17	20	10	15.87	44	1.76	2	32.43
13.	Arkansas	11	11	11.0	18	15	21	18.00	59	2.38	2	33.36
14.	Virginia	14	12	13.0	14	19	17	16.67	43	1.72	2	33.39
15.	Syracuse	18	18	18.0	27 (17.25)	17	6	13.42	31	1.24	3	35.66

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FINAL BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES RANKINGS
 (Games Through Dec. 5)

Rank	Team	AP	USA Today/ ESPN	Poll Avg.	Seattle Times	Sagarin	New York Times	Computer Avg.	Schedule Strength	Quartile Rank	Losses	TOTAL
1.	Tennessee	1	1	1.0	1	2	2	1.67	20	0.80	0	3.47
2.	Florida State	2	2	2.0	2	2.25 (3)	1	1.75	4	0.16	1	4.91
3.	Kansas State	4	4	4.0	4	1	4.00 (5)	3.00	49	1.96	1	9.96
4.	Ohio State	3	3	3.0	6.75 (7)	6	3	5.25	28	1.12	1	10.37
5.	UCLA	6	5	5.5	3	4	5.25 (6)	4.08	8	0.32	1	10.90
6.	Texas A&M	8	9	8.5	6	5	4	5.00	5	0.20	2	15.70
7.	Arizona	5	6	5.5	5	9	9	7.87	58	2.32	1	16.49
8.	Florida	7	7	7.0	10	8	11	9.87	32	1.28	2	19.95
9.	Wisconsin	9	8	8.5	9	10	10	9.67	61	2.44	1	21.81
10.	Tulane	10	10	10.0	8	14	16.5 (23)	12.83	96	3.84	0	26.67
11.	Nebraska	14	16	15.0	11	7	13.5 (15)	10.50	14	0.56	3	29.06
12.	Virginia	13	12	12.5	13	18	17	16.00	43	1.72	2	32.22
13.	Arkansas	11	11	11.0	17	12	21.75 (22)	16.92	59	2.36	2	32.28
14.	Georgia Tech	12	14	13.0	16	20	12	16.00	44	1.76	2	32.76
15.	Syracuse	18	17	17.5	17.25 (24)	16	7	13.42	22	0.88	3	34.80

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BCS PAIRINGS (BCS RANKINGS IN PARENTHESIS)

- Tostitos Fiesta Bowl - #1 Tennessee (12-0) vs. #2 Florida State (11-1)
- FedEx Orange Bowl - #8 Florida (9-2) vs. #15 Syracuse (8-3)
- Nokia Sugar Bowl - #4 Ohio State (10-1) vs. #6 Texas A&M (11-2)
- Rose Bowl presented by AT&T - #5 UCLA (10-1) vs. #9 Wisconsin (10-1)

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