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## **BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES STANDINGS NEWS and NOTES**

(Games Through Oct.29 2006)

- **New to this week's BCS Top 25:** No. 24 Wake Forest (beat North Carolina 24-17); No. 25 Virginia Tech (beat Clemson 24-7).
- **Dropped out of BCS Top 25:** Missouri (previously No. 20), Nebraska (previously No. 22).
- Only once in the first eight years of the BCS has a team ranked No. 1 or No. 2 with five weeks remaining in the standings not advanced to the championship game. That came in 1998 when No. 3 Tennessee eventually faced No. 5 Florida State.
- Quick glance at the undefeated teams in BCS standings at this point in previous seasons follows. (**Boldface** indicates teams that closed their regular season undefeated. The six teams in 2006 are tied for the most this late in the year since the formation of the BCS.)

1998: 5 (Kansas State, Ohio State, **Tennessee**, UCLA, Wisconsin)

1999: 4 (**Florida State**, Kansas State, Penn State, **Virginia Tech**)

2000: 3 (**Oklahoma**, TCU, Virginia Tech)

2001: 2 (**Miami**, Nebraska)

2002: 3 (**Miami**, **Ohio State**, Oklahoma)

2003: 2 (Oklahoma, TCU)

2004: 6 (**Auburn**, **Boise State**, **Oklahoma**, **USC**, **Utah**, Wisconsin)

2005: 5 (Alabama, **Texas**, UCLA, **USC**, Virginia Tech)

2006: 6 (Boise State, Louisville, Michigan, Ohio State, Rutgers, West Virginia)

Note: Michigan and Ohio State play Nov. 18 while Louisville, Rutgers and West Virginia all play one another between Nov. 2-Dec. 2.

- USC had ranked from Nos. 1-3 in BCS standings for 26 consecutive weeks from Nov. 3, 2003-Oct. 22, 2006
- Wake Forest becomes the 71<sup>st</sup> school to be represented in BCS standings since 1998.

*The BCS is a five-game arrangement for post-season college football that is managed by the 11 Division I-A conferences and Notre Dame. Its purpose is to match the two top-ranked teams in the final BCS standings in a national championship game and to create competitive match-ups in the four other BCS bowl games.*

*The No. 1 and No. 2 teams in the Dec. 3 BCS standings will play in the Tostitos BCS National Championship Game Jan. 8, 2007 in Glendale, Ariz. The winner of the game will be presented the American Football Coaches Association National Championship Trophy. For more information, visit <http://www.bcsfootball.org>.*

*The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame has tabulated and released the BCS standings to the media and the public since 2000 while providing a historical context to the standings in its special news and notes section.*



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