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

(Games Through Nov. 18, 2006)

- **New to this week's BCS Top 25:** No. 24 Clemson (Idle); No. 25 Penn State (beat Michigan State 17-13).
- **Dropped out of BCS Top 25:** Maryland (previously No. 19), Oregon (previously No. 24).
- Ohio State (Big 10) and Southern California (Pac 10) have secured automatic berths in one of the BCS bowl games, by winning their respective conferences. Other conference automatic selections include: Atlantic Coast (Boston College, Georgia Tech, Maryland, or Wake Forest), Big East (Louisville, Rutgers, or West Virginia), Big 12 (Nebraska, Oklahoma, or Texas), and the Southeastern (Arkansas or Florida)
- Ohio State becomes the first school to have a perfect BCS score in the current standings calculation (2004)
- No. 2 Michigan becomes the first top two team to lose a game and remain in the top two since 2003, when No. 1 Oklahoma lost the Big 12 Championship game to Kansas State and remained No. 1 in the final BCS standings on December 6, 2003.
- There have been 71 schools represented (out of a possible 119 in NCAA Division I-A) since the origination of the BCS Standings in Oct. 1998.
- Southern California (No. 3 this week) still holds the BCS Standings' mark with 16 consecutive weeks at No. 1 from 2004-05 and 24 straight standings in one of the top three positions.
- There have been just two instances in BCS history (Nov. 25-Dec. 2, 2000, and Nov. 20-27, 2005, where the standings were unchanged in back-to-back weeks.
- **The final 2006 BCS standings will be released on Sunday, Dec. 3**

*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*

