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

(Games Through Nov. 26, 2006)

- **New to this week's BCS Top 25:** No. 23 Texas A&M (beat Texas 12-7); No. 24 Oregon State (beat Oregon 30-28); No. 25 Hawaii (beat Purdue 42-35)
- **Dropped out of BCS Top 25:** Boston College (previously No. 18); Clemson (previously No. 24); Penn State (previously No. 25)
- No. 8 Boise State will become the 36<sup>th</sup> different institution and only the second (Utah in 2004) from outside the original six BCS conferences to play in a BCS bowl. The winner of the ACC Championship Game (No. 17 Wake Forest or No. 22 Georgia Tech) will become the 37<sup>th</sup> different institution to play in a BCS bowl.
- No. 6 Louisville, No. 9 Arkansas, and No. 13 Rutgers each enter this weekend's play with an opportunity to clinch their respective school's first BCS bowl appearance.
- Last season, just four conference champions were among the top ten in the final BCS Standings. With one week to go, only four are assured to finish in the top ten. No.1 Ohio State (Big Ten), No. 2 Southern California (Pac-10), SEC Champion (No.4 Florida or No. 9 Arkansas), and No. 8 Boise State (WAC).
- Thirteen teams in the BCS standings Top 25 will be in action this Saturday, including No. 2 Southern California on the road at UCLA. The last time the Trojans were ranked No.2 in the BCS heading into the final week of the season was 2003. They beat Oregon State 52-28, but fell to No. 3 behind Oklahoma and LSU.
- The last time a team ranked No. 2 heading into the final BCS Standings lost was in 2001, when Tennessee was upset by LSU in the SEC Championship Game 31-20. Nebraska moved up to No. 2 in the final standings release and lost to Miami in the Rose Bowl.

*The BCS is a five-game arrangement for post-season college football that is managed by the 11 Division IA 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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