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- **New to this week's BCS Top 25:** Boston College, UCLA
- **Dropped out of BCS Top 25:** Georgia Tech (previously No. 22), and Hawaii (previously No. 25)

Bowl Championship Series Games

Tostitos BCS National Championship Game:	Florida vs. Ohio State
Tostitos Fiesta Bowl:	Boise State vs. Oklahoma
FedEx Orange Bowl:	Louisville vs. Wake Forest
Allstate Sugar Bowl:	Louisiana State vs. Notre Dame
Rose Bowl:	Michigan vs. Southern California

- Quick glance at one-loss teams playing for the BCS National Championship Game:
 - 1998: No. 2 Florida State (11-1) – lost to Tennessee on Tostitos Fiesta Bowl
 - 2000: No. 2 Florida State (11-1) – lost to Oklahoma in FedEx Orange Bowl
 - 2001: No. 2 Nebraska (11-1) – lost to Miami in the Rose Bowl
 - 2003: No. 1 Oklahoma (12-1) – lost to LSU in Nokia Sugar Bowl
 - No. 2 LSU (12-1) – beat Oklahoma in Nokia Sugar Bowl
 - 2006: No. 2 Florida (11-1) – vs. Ohio State in Tostitos BCS national Championship Game
- Wake Forest, Louisville, and Boise State became the 36th, 37th, and 38th different institutions to automatically qualify or be selected to play in a BCS bowl game.
- The top ten played a combined 70 opponents who will participate in a bowl game. Here is the breakdown per school **No. 1 Ohio State (7), Florida (10), Michigan (7), Southern California (8), LSU (6), Louisville (8), Boise State (5), Wisconsin (5), Oklahoma (8), and Auburn (6).**
- Since the reformatting of the BCS standings in 2004, Ohio State's .9996 average is the closest to a perfect score. Last season, Southern California was ranked first with a .9868 average and in 2004; the Trojans were first with a .9770 average.

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- No. 1 Ohio State, No. 5 Southern California, and No. 10 Oklahoma will be making their fifth BCS bowl appearance trailing only Florida State, who has six appearances. This will be Michigan's fourth, Florida's fourth, Notre Dame's third, and LSU's second.
- Ohio State is 4-0 in BCS bowl games, Southern California is 3-1, Oklahoma is 2-2, Florida is 2-1, Michigan is 1-2, Notre Dame is 0-2, and LSU is 1-0.
- This season, 8 of the top 10 teams in the BCS standings are headed to BCS bowl games and 10 of the top 14. Only in 2004 had every team that participated in a BCS bowl been ranked in the top ten of the final BCS standings – No. 1 Oklahoma, No. 2 LSU, No. 3 Southern California, No. 4 Michigan, No. 5 Ohio State, No. 7 Florida State, No. 9 Miami (Fla.) and No. 10 Kansas State.
- For the second time since the BCS started in 1998, the top six teams in the final BCS standings are participating in BCS bowls. In the 2003 bowl season (2002 regular season), No. 1 Miami (Fla.), No. 2 Ohio State, No. 3 Georgia, No. 4 Southern California, No. 5 Iowa and No. 6 Washington State played in BCS bowl games.
- No. 2 Florida's .944 BCS average was .010 higher than No. 3 Michigan. Since the reformatting of the BCS standings in 2004, it is the closest margin for the No. 2 position. However, prior to 2004, there were several close margins for the No. 2 position:

2003 – No. 2 LSU's 5.99 BCS total to No. 3 Southern California's 6.15 total – 0.16 margin

2001 – No. 2 Nebraska's 7.23 BCS total to No. 3 Colorado's 7.28 total – 0.05 margin

2000 – No. 2 Florida State's 5.37 BCS total to No. 3 Miami (Fla.)'s 5.69 total – 0.32 margin

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.

