



**NOV. 11, 2009**

Not a whole lot to stand up and brag about from the top tier, where the two best performances came from the Lone Star State - Texas and TCU. Slips by Iowa and Oregon have churned up their conference races, though the Big Ten gets settled Saturday when Hawkeyes visit the Horseshoe. A rare blip to see LSU move up despite losing, but upsets left Tigers looking better. -- JS

**#1 ALABAMA (9-0)**

Previous: 1.

Last week: Beat LSU 24-15.

Next: Saturday at Mississippi St.

Comment: Tide gets to 9-0 for a second consecutive season - first time since 1973-74.

**#2 FLORIDA (9-0)**

Previous: 2.

Last week: Beat Vanderbilt 27-3.

Next: Saturday at South Carolina.

Comment: Meyer cuts off talk about offense that struggled for 5th time in 7 SEC games.

**#3 TEXAS (9-0)**

Previous: 3.

Last week: Beat Central Florida 35-3.

Next: Saturday at Baylor.

Comment: WR Jordan Shipley's 11 catches, school-best 273 yards spices up slow start.

**#4 CINCINNATI (9-0)**

Previous: 5.

Last week: Beat Connecticut 47-45.

Next: Friday vs. West Virginia.

Comment: Despite 480 yards by QB Zach Collaros, Bearcats fight to put away UConn.

**#5 TCU (9-0)**

Previous: 6.

Last week: Beat San Diego St. 55-12.

Next: Saturday vs. Utah.

Comment: Final major hurdle looms this week between Frogs, first BCS bowl invitation.

**#6 BOISE ST. (9-0)**

Previous: 7.

Last week: Beat Louisiana Tech 45-35.

Next: Saturday vs. Idaho.

Comment: Broncs have tallied at least 45 points vs. each of their four WAC opponents.

**#7 GEORGIA TECH (9-1)**

Previous: 9.

Last week: Beat Wake Forest 30-27 (OT).

Next: Saturday at Duke.

Comment: Yellow Jackets now stand one win away from ACC's Coastal Division crown.

**#8 LSU (7-2)**

Previous: 10.

Last week: Lost to Alabama 24-15.

Next: Saturday vs. Louisiana Tech.

Comment: Schedule's final month gets much tougher without QB Jefferson, RB Scott.

**#9 IOWA (9-1)**

Previous: 4.

Last week: Lost to Northwestern 17-10.

Next: Saturday at #16 Ohio St.

Comment: With Stanzi out, Rose Bowl dreams fall to freshman QB James Vandenberg.

**#10 OREGON (7-2)**

Previous: 8.

Last week: Lost to Stanford 51-42.

Next: Saturday vs. Arizona St.

Comment: RB LeGarrette Blount returns, but now chases Rose Bowl in backup role.

**#11 PITTSBURGH (8-1)**

Previous: 13.

Last week: Beat Syracuse 37-10.

Next: Saturday vs. Notre Dame.

Comment: Last time Panthers began 8-1 was Dan Marino's senior season 27 years ago.

**#12 MIAMI (7-2)**

Previous: 15.

Last week: Beat Virginia 52-17.

Next: Saturday at North Carolina.

Comment: Defense's 149 yards allowed were UM's third-fewest since joining the ACC.

**#13 HOUSTON (8-1)**

Previous: 12.

Last week: Beat Tulsa 46-45.

Next: Saturday at Central Fla.

Comment: K Matt Hogan's career long stood at 34 yards before hitting winner from 51.

**#14 OKLAHOMA ST. (7-2)**

Previous: 14.

Last week: Beat Iowa St. 34-8.

Next: Saturday vs. Texas Tech.

Comment: First time in school history OSU has strung four consecutive 7-win seasons.

### **#15 USC (7-2)**

Previous: 16.

Last week: Beat Arizona St. 14-9.

Next: Saturday vs. Stanford.

Comment: Sputtering Trojans' two TDs came on 55-yard pick-six and 75-yard reception.

### **#16 OHIO ST. (8-2)**

Previous: Not ranked.

Last week: Beat Penn St. 24-7.

Next: Saturday vs. #9 Iowa.

Comment: Victorious return to home state is QB Terrelle Pryor's finest moment yet.

Dropped out: Penn St. (8-2, lost to Ohio St.).

