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Just some minor rearranging, though Gator Nation might be unhappy to see their team continue to slide now into the No. 3 slot. Let's face it, though, except for the Georgia game the Gators have been the least impressive of the Big 3 for more than a month now. On the flip side is TCU, which thumped MWC rivals Utah and BYU by a combined 58 points. In a four-team playoff, the Frogs would deserve that final slot. -- JS

#1 ALABAMA (10-0)

Previous: 1.

Last week: Beat Mississippi State 31-3.

Next: Saturday vs. Chattanooga.

Comment: Tide hits double-digit wins for fourth time this decade, 30th in school history.

#2 TEXAS (10-0)

Previous: 3.

Last week: Beat Baylor 47-14.

Next: Saturday vs. Kansas.

Comment: Longhorns' nine-year run of 10+ wins ranks #2 all-time to Florida State's 14.

#3 FLORIDA (10-0)

Previous: 2.

Last week: Beat South Carolina 24-14.

Next: Saturday vs. Fla. International.

Comment: No style points, but Gators finish SEC slate unbeaten for first time since '96.

#4 TCU (10-0)

Previous: 5.

Last week: Beat Utah 55-28..

Next: Saturday at Wyoming.

Comment: Frogs rolled up 549 yards of offense -- their third straight 500-yard outing.

#5 CINCINNATI (10-0)

Previous: 4.

Last week: Beat West Virginia 24-21.

Next: Nov. 27 vs. Illinois.

Comment: QB Tony Pike threw 4 passes in a cameo return and completed 2 -- both TDs.

#6 BOISE ST. (10-0)

Previous: 6.

Last week: Beat Idaho 63-25.

Next: Saturday at Utah St.

Comment: Broncos scored on a HB pass, a pick-six, a kickoff return and a Wildcat look.

#7 GEORGIA TECH (10-1)

Previous: 7.

Last week: Beat Duke 49-10.

Next: Nov. 28 vs. Georgia.

Comment: Eighth straight win gives Jackets win second ACC Coastal title in four years.

#8 LSU (8-2)

Previous: 8.

Last week: Beat Louisiana Tech 24-16.

Next: Saturday at Mississippi.

Comment: Bayou Bengals run streak to 23 consecutive wins vs. non-SEC opponents.

#9 OREGON (8-2)

Previous: 10.

Last week: Beat Arizona St. 44-21.

Next: Saturday at Arizona.

Comment: Ducks bounce back with 268 rush yards on Pac-10's top-ranked run defense.

#10 PITTSBURGH (9-1)

Previous: 11.

Last week: Beat Notre Dame 27-22.

Next: Nov. 27 at West Virginia.

Comment: Panthers now have won 19 of their past 24 games dating back to '07 finale.

#11 OHIO ST. (9-2)

Previous: 16.

Last week: Beat Iowa 27-24 (OT).

Next: Saturday at Michigan.

Comment: BCS title trips aside, it's been 13 years since Buckeyes last visited Pasadena.

#12 OKLAHOMA ST. (8-2)

Previous: 14.

Last week: Beat Texas Tech 24-17.

Next: Thursday vs. Colorado.

Comment: Offensive balance -- Cowboys average 200.7 yards rushing, 199.9 via the air.

#13 IOWA (9-2)

Previous: 9.

Last week: Lost to Ohio St. 27-24 (OT).

Next: Saturday vs. Minnesota.

Comment: Freshmen QB James Vandenberg & RB Adam Robinson had all Iowa's yards.

#14 PENN ST. (9-2)

Previous: Not ranked.

Last week: Beat Indiana 31-20.

Next: Saturday at Michigan St.

Comment: JoePa gets 392nd win despite early hole caused by four first-half giveaways.

#15 VIRGINIA TECH (7-3)

Previous: Not ranked.

Last week: Beat Maryland 36-9.

Next: Saturday vs. N.C. State.

Comment: Redshirt freshman RB Ryan Williams' 12th TD breaks school frosh record.

#16 STANFORD (7-3)

Previous: Not ranked.

Last week: Beat USC 55-21.

Next: Saturday vs. California.

Comment: 55-point output was most any foe has scored on USC's home turf since 1966.

Dropped out: Miami (7-3, lost to No. Carolina), USC (7-3, lost to Stanford), Houston (8-2, lost to Central Fla.).

