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Which looms as #1 Florida's bigger headache this week - Tim Tebow's uncertain status or a #4 LSU bunch that doesn't do anything noteworthy except stay unbeaten? Either way, the elimination process now begins. Welcome to Auburn, Wisconsin and USF, no longer under the radar at 5-0. Now don't fall back...

#1 FLORIDA (4-0)

Previously: 1.

Last week: Idle.

Next: Saturday at #4 LSU.

Comment: Starter treatment? LSU fans are dialing up QB John Brantley's cell number.

#2 TEXAS (4-0)

Previously: 2.

Last week: Idle.

Next: Saturday vs. Colorado.

Comment: Horns are one of three FBS teams to average 200 yards rushing, 300 passing.

#3 ALABAMA (5-0)

Previously: 3.

Last week: Beat Kentucky 38-20.

Next: Saturday at Mississippi.

Comment: First time since 1979 that Tide has tallied 200+ points through five games.

#4 LSU (5-0)

Previously: 4.

Last week: Beat Georgia 20-13.

Next: Saturday vs. #1 Florida.

Comment: Bayou Bengals now own 12 fourth-quarter comebacks under Les Miles.

#5 CINCINNATI (5-0)

Previously: 5.

Last week: Beat Miami (Ohio) 37-13.

Next: Oct. 15 at #16 South Florida.

Comment: With aerial attack stymied, Jacob Ramsey rushed for 103 yards, 3 TDs.

#6 IOWA (5-0)

Previously: 7.

Last week: Beat Arkansas St. 24-21.

Next: Saturday vs. Michigan.

Comment: Hawkeyes' 9-game win streak is nation's second-longest to Florida's 14.

#7 BOISE ST. (5-0)

Previously: 8.

Last week: Beat UC-Davis 34-16.

Next: Oct. 14 at Tulsa.

Comment: Broncos have come up scoreless in 1st quarter in back-to-back games.

#8 VIRGINIA TECH (4-1)

Previously: 11.

Last week: Beat Duke 34-26.

Next: Saturday vs. Boston College.

Comment: QB Tyrod Taylor gave Hokies their first 300-yard passing day since 2006.

#9 TCU (4-0)

Previously: 9.

Last week: Beat SMU 39-14.

Next: Saturday at Air Force.

Comment: TCU went 89 games without punt-return TD until Jeremy Kerley's 71-yarder.

#10 OREGON (4-1)

Previously: 13.

Last week: Beat Washington St. 52-6.

Next: Saturday at UCLA.

Comment: Ducks went seven quarters without giving up a TD until WSU scored in third.

#11 MIAMI (3-1)

Previously: 15.

Last week: Beat Oklahoma 21-20.

Next: Saturday vs. Florida A&M.

Comment: That Murderer's Row opening stretch wasn't so daunting now, was it?

#12 PENN ST. (4-1)

Previously: 14.

Last week: Beat Illinois 35-17.

Next: Saturday vs. Eastern Illinois.

Comment: Nittany Lions' 338 yards rushing was most in a game since 2006 season.

#13 AUBURN (5-0)

Previously: NR.

Last week: Beat Tennessee 26-22.

Next: Saturday at Arkansas.

Comment: Gene Chizik's five wins at Auburn matches two-season total at Iowa State.

#14 GEORGIA TECH (4-1)

Previously: NR.

Last week: Beat Mississippi St. 42-31.

Next: Saturday at Florida St.

Comment: Tech went nearly 159 turnover-free minutes until losing a fumble vs. MSU.

#15 WISCONSIN (5-0)

Previously: NR.

Last week: Beat Minnesota 31-28.

Next: Saturday at Ohio St.

Comment: Now comes a big 1-2 punch: Back-to-back games vs. Ohio State and Iowa.

#16 SOUTH FLORIDA (5-0)

Previously: NR.

Last week: Beat Syracuse 34-20.

Next: Oct. 15 vs. #5 Cincinnati.

Comment: Matt who? B.J. Daniels has totaled 423 yards, 4 TDs passing in two starts.

Dropped out: Houston (3-1, lost to UTEP), Michigan (4-1, lost to Michigan St.),
Oklahoma St. (3-1, idle), Oklahoma (2-2, lost to Miami).