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After nearly reversing last week's flip-flop, Alabama gets one more week in the top spot. No guarantees beyond that, even with the open date, if Florida should hammer Georgia on Saturday. Iowa and TCU get gentle bumps after critical victories, coming at the expense of Cincinnati and Boise State. -- JS

#1 ALABAMA (8-0)

Previous: 1.

Last week: Beat Tennessee 12-10.

Next: Nov. 7 vs. #10 LSU.

Comment: Low Tide? 'Bama has scored just one offensive TD in its past 8 quarters.

#2 FLORIDA (7-0)

Previous: 2.

Last week: Beat Mississippi St. 29-19.

Next: Saturday vs. Georgia.

Comment: Gators' first five outings: 7 giveaways. Last two games: 4 fumbles, 2 INTs.

#3 TEXAS (7-0)

Previous: 3.

Last week: Beat Missouri 41-7.

Next: Saturday at #12 Oklahoma St.

Comment: Considering escapades of the two teams above, maybe Longhorns deserve #1.

#4 IOWA (8-0)

Previous: 5.

Last week: Beat Michigan St. 15-13.

Next: Saturday vs. Indiana.

Comment: It's all uncharted territory from here - Hawkeyes never opened 8-0 until now.

#5 CINCINNATI (7-0)

Previous: 4.

Last week: Beat Louisville 41-10.

Next: Saturday at Syracuse.

Comment: Tony who? QB Zach Collaros completed 15 of his first 17 passes vs. the 'Ville.

#6 TCU (7-0)

Previous: 7.

Last week: Beat BYU 38-7.

Next: Saturday vs. UNLV.

Comment: Frogs' five sacks of BYU QB Max Hall pushed TCU's total to 25 for the season.

#7 BOISE ST. (7-0)

Previous: 6.

Last week: Beat Hawaii 54-9.

Next: Saturday vs. San Jose St.

Comment: SS Jeron Johnson recovered fumble on Hawaii's 1st drive, later added 2 INTs.

#8 OREGON (6-1)

Previous: 8.

Last week: Beat Washington 43-19.

Next: Saturday vs. #13 USC.

Comment: Ducks have won six straight games vs. Washington, all by at least 20 points.

#9 GEORGIA TECH (7-1)

Previous: 9.

Last week: Beat Virginia 34-9.

Next: Saturday at Vanderbilt.

Comment: 18-play TD drive to start 2nd half helped Jackets hold possession for 42:43.

#10 LSU (6-1)

Previous: 11.

Last week: Beat Auburn 31-10.

Next: Saturday vs. Tulane.

Comment: LSU's 6 sacks were the Tigers' first in six weeks, since beating Vandy on Sept. 12.

#11 PENN ST. (7-1)

Previous: 12.

Last week: Beat Michigan 35-10.

Next: Saturday at Northwestern.

Comment: Victory at Michigan was Nittany Lions' first in the Big House since 1996.

#12 OKLAHOMA ST. (6-1)

Previous: 14.

Last week: Beat Baylor 34-7.

Next: Saturday vs. #3 Texas.

Comment: Cowboys have won 4 straight without their top rusher and receiver from '08.

#13 USC (6-1)

Previous: 13.

Last week: Beat Oregon St. 42-36.

Next: Saturday at #8 Oregon.

Comment: Trojans have given up 63 points in past two outings; OSU amassed 482 yards.

#14 VIRGINIA TECH (5-2)

Previous: 15.

Last week: Idle.

Next: Saturday vs. North Carolina.

Comment: 26 of the Hokies' 29 TDs this year have been scored by freshmen or sophs.

#15 HOUSTON (6-1)

Previous: Not ranked.

Last week: Beat SMU 38-15.

Next: Saturday vs. Southern Miss.

Comment: QB Case Keenum was held to season-low 233 yards; Cougs ran for 161 yards.

#16 MIAMI (5-2)

Previous: 9.

Last week: Lost to Clemson 40-37 (OT).

Next: Saturday at Wake Forest.

Comment: Before Saturday, UM was 113-1 since 1985 when scoring at least 37 points.

Dropped out: South Florida (5-2, lost to Pittsburgh).

