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Keeping Alabama at #1 for one more week -- if for no other reason than it makes Saturday's Saban Bowl III look even better. Seriously gave some thought to elevating Texas to the top spot, too, since they haven't needed a timely hanky to stay unblemished. You never know when I might pull that trigger... -- JS

#1 ALABAMA (8-0)

Previous: 1.

Last week: Idle.

Next: Saturday vs. #10 LSU.

Comment: It's been a full 10 years since Tide has beaten LSU at Bryant-Denny Stadium.

#2 FLORIDA (8-0)

Previous: 2.

Last week: Beat Georgia 41-17.

Next: Saturday vs. Vanderbilt.

Comment: Gators' most complete game in weeks beats UGa for 17th time in past 20.

#3 TEXAS (8-0)

Previous: 3.

Last week: Beat Oklahoma St. 41-14.

Next: Saturday vs. Central Fla.

Comment: Pair of pick-6s vs. OSU give Longhorns eight non-offensive TDs this year.

#4 IOWA (9-0)

Previous: 4.

Last week: Beat Indiana 42-24.

Next: Saturday vs. Northwestern.

Comment: 28-point burst in 4th quarter exceeds Hawkeyes' total in 6 of first 8 games.

#5 CINCINNATI (8-0)

Previous: 5.

Last week: Beat Syracuse 28-7.

Next: Saturday vs. Connecticut.

Comment: QB Zach Collaros has just 8 incompletions (37 of 45) in past two outings.

#6 TCU (8-0)

Previous: 6.

Last week: Beat UNLV 41-0.

Next: Saturday at San Diego St.

Comment: UNLV never penetrated Horned Frogs territory deeper than the 34-yard line.

#7 BOISE ST. (8-0)

Previous: 7.

Last week: Beat San Jose St. 45-7.

Next: Friday at Louisiana Tech.

Comment: QB Kellen Moore has 60 percent completion rate in 21 consecutive games.

#8 OREGON (7-1)

Previous: 8.

Last week: Beat USC 47-20.

Next: Saturday at Stanford.

Comment: Ducks became first to beat USC by more than a TD since Notre Dame in '01.

#9 GEORGIA TECH (8-1)

Previous: 9.

Last week: Beat Vanderbilt 56-31.

Next: Saturday vs. Wake Forest.

Comment: Jackets held possession for nearly 40 minutes, rolled up 404 yards rushing.

#10 LSU (7-1)

Previous: 10.

Last week: Beat Tulane 42-0.

Next: Saturday at #1 Alabama.

Comment: Tigers have won 18 straight vs. Tulane; first shutout in series since 1969.

#11 PENN ST. (7-1)

Previous: 11.

Last week: Beat Northwestern 34-13.

Next: Saturday vs. Ohio St.

Comment: Three TDs in span of 3:40 of final quarter turned close game into laugh.

#12 HOUSTON (7-1)

Previous: 15.

Last week: Beat Southern Miss. 50-43.

Next: Saturday at Tulsa.

Comment: Four of UH's six TDs came from 28 yards or longer, including game-winner.

#13 PITTSBURGH (7-1)

Previous: Not ranked.

Last week: Idle.

Next: Saturday vs. Syracuse.

Comment: Freshman RB Dion Lewis needed just 8 games to top 1,000 yards in career.

#14 OKLAHOMA ST. (6-2)

Previous: 12.

Last week: Lost to Texas 41-14.

Next: Saturday at Iowa St.

Comment: QB Zac Robinson's 4 INTs vs. Texas are more than he'd entered game with.

#15 MIAMI (6-2)

Previous: 16.

Last week: Beat Wake Forest 28-27.

Next: Saturday vs. Virginia.

Comment: Hurricanes storm back to win despite being outgained, 555 yards to 356.

#16 USC (6-2)

Previous: 13.

Last week: Lost to Oregon 47-20..

Next: Saturday at Arizona St.

Comment: State of trouble: Trojans have lost past four trips to Oregon or Oregon St.

Dropped out: Virginia Tech (5-3, lost to North Carolina).