

The BCS Know How Newsletter

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Weekly News:

BCS Rankings:

1. Alabama (.9747)
2. Texas Tech (.9372)
3. Penn State (.9286)
4. Texas (.8531)

Wrap: Alabama vs. Texas Tech, who would have thought? At the beginning of the season, the Crimson Tide and the Red Raiders were afterthoughts when it came to predicting the match up for the BCS National Championship Game. But with the release of the third week's BCS standings, both teams are likely in control of their own destinies, and will likely play one another if they are to win out. With their victory over Texas, Texas Tech was able to leapfrog five different teams, including the idle Penn State to make it all the way to the number two spot. Alabama, who had a cakewalk of a weekend against Arkansas State, benefited from the Raider's last second triumph and make their first even appearance as a #1 team in the BCS standings in the 11 year history of the ranking system. Texas falls to #4, not a precipitous fall off, and are likely still in the picture for the National Title if pieces fall their way. Florida, with their statement victory over Georgia, comes in at #5 and can also smell the National Title game again. We now have three non-BCS BCS buster teams in the top 12, although the TCU vs. Utah game will likely remove one of the three teams from the BCS buster picture. This weekend's LSU vs. Alabama and Oklahoma State vs. Texas Tech may clear a few more things up in terms of the BCS in the coming weeks.

Coach's Poll:

1. Alabama (.982)
2. Penn State (.942)
3. Texas Tech (.924)
4. Oklahoma (.846)

Harris Poll:

1. Alabama (.982)
2. Penn State (.944)
3. Texas Tech (.928)

4. Florida (.839)

Human Poll Wrap: The top three teams in the human polls mirror one another yet again this week, although when looking at the human polls against the BCS standings, you might think there was a mistake. See Texas Tech at number three on both human elements, and you might expect them to be number three in the BCS, as the human element is 66% of the BCS, but the computers made a huge impact this week. In viewing their victory over Texas as much more impressive than the weak Big 10 schedule Penn State is facing, the computers moved Tech to a tie with Alabama at the top of the computer rankings, because of this, Tech was able to move past the idle Nittany Lions to #2 in the BCS. Other interesting factoids from the human polls include the huge drop they gave Georgia after their embarrassing loss to Florida, and in turn, the huge jump they gave the Gators, the Harris going as far as to place them in the top four. USC was most hurt by the weekend's happenings, as they experience drops in both polls, which contributed to their major losses in the BCS standings.

Heisman Trophy

Current BCS Know How Rankings:

1. Graham Harrell
2. Colt McCoy
3. Sam Bradford
4. Javon Ringer

Wrap: This weekend was all about Graham Harrell and Texas Tech. Even this entire newsletter was pretty much all about those Red Raiders, so it may be no surprise at all to see Harrell's name at the top of the Heisman trophy rankings from BCS Know How. In his masterful performance against the Texas Longhorns, Harrell proved not only that he could pick apart the vaunted defenses of a nationally ranked team, but that he may not just be a "system" quarterback, and that in fact he may be worthy of national recognition, and the Heisman, things former Texas Tech QBs have been unable to claim. Harrell's performance may also boost his wideout Michael Crabtree's rankings as well, as he preformed in his element yet again, and showed why he is the finest wide receiver in the land. Colt McCoy's stock drops obviously with the loss, but he is still in the thick of things. Sam Bradford, in tearing apart the Nebraska Cornhusker defense, continues to prove he may be the most efficient quarterback to come to college football in some time, but Javon Ringer may have seen his Heisman hopes slip away, as his 54 yards against Wisconsin was a poor performance.

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