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MIDTERM GRADES

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The month of October brings to mind special memories on the college campus. Chilly mornings snap students awake for early morning classes. Leaves change colors, tumble from the trees, and rustle across the quad. Homecoming festivities welcome alums back to the alma mater for the big game.

Oh yeah, students get midterm grades.

Well, not all memories read like a Hallmark card. Welcome back to THE BLITZ, your weekly source for all the campus football news, schedules, and statistics.

What a memorable college football week we just experienced. Top-ranked teams fell like those autumn leaves following a storm. Oregon, Alabama, Oklahoma, Texas A&M, Stanford, LSU, UCLA, BYU, Nebraska ... those are among the top teams that lost last week. Luckily for those teams, the new college football playoff allows for makeup work. So, a squad that lost for the first time is not out of the championship chase.

In the spirit of midterms, let's assign a few marks for the season. Does your team make the grade?

Summa Cum Laude – Auburn and Baylor are the teams with highest honors at mid-semester. The Tigers probably should have won the national championship last season, and they have arguably been at the top of the class in 2014.

Dean's List – Florida State, Notre Dame, Mississippi State, Ole Miss and TCU. Those teams are listed alphabetically, but whether any of them are playoff worthy will not be determined until after fall break.

Solid Bs – Alabama, Arizona, Michigan State, Oklahoma, Oregon and UCLA. Do not be surprised if one, or even a couple, of teams from this group buckles down and makes the playoff at season's end.

Gentlemen's Cs – Georgia, Georgia Tech, Nebraska, Ohio State, Oklahoma State, Texas A&M, and USC. These teams can go either way during the second half; they either push through some setbacks and earn good grades and a New Year's Day bowl, or do just enough to get by and coast till Christmas.

Failing – Michigan and Texas ... although different vibes surround each program. Brady Hoke seems to have lost the program in Ann Arbor, while Charlie Strong is grabbing control of the Longhorns in Austin.

Playoff Projections – Since we are midway through the 2014 campaign, we can start projecting the teams most likely to make the four-team college football playoff. Those teams are Auburn, Florida State, the winner of Baylor-Oklahoma, and the winner of the Pac-12 (or a second SEC team). Keep in mind this projection is just one man's opinion on the most likely scenarios to play out over the last half of the season and the conference championship games. They are not based solely on current records or rankings.

AROUND THE NATION

While it will be difficult to duplicate last week's zaniness, several outstanding matchups are on the docket. The SEC schedule is simply brutal for the Western Division teams as virtually every game is a must win at this point. Starkville hosts a second straight huge game between unbeaten teams when Mississippi State welcomes Auburn. Alabama tries to recover at Arkansas. The Rebels of Ole Miss travel to Texas A&M hoping to return to earth after the terrific win over Alabama. Georgia goes to Missouri in a key SEC Eastern Division game, while Florida hosts reeling LSU.

The Red River rivalry lost a little luster when Oklahoma fell to TCU, but anytime OU and Texas meet, it is always fun. The Big 12 also offers up TCU at Baylor. Out West, the Pac-12 features Oregon at UCLA in what is now a playoff elimination game for the Ducks. USC travels to unbeaten Arizona.

GAME-OF-THE-WEEK



AUBURN AT MISSISSIPPI STATE



After "Upset Saturday" last weekend, we have another titanic match-up as THE BLITZ #1 ranked team, the Auburn Tigers, will travel to Starkville, Mississippi to take on Dak Prescott and the Mississippi State Bulldogs in another SEC Western Division tilt.

Gus Malzahn and his Auburn team is playing better this year than they did last year, if that's possible, and that is scary for the rest of the SEC. QB Nick Marshall has really improved his passing skills from last season and that makes Auburn that much more dangerous and of course his ability to improvise, makes him so difficult to stop.

Mississippi State is coming off an impressive performance vs Texas A&M. The Bulldogs dominated the game much more than the 48-31 final score would indicate. QB Dak Prescott has played exceptionally well and is now in the conversation for the Heisman Trophy. Dan Mullen has done a great job building the MSU program and he has to be a front runner for Coach-of-the-Year honors in the SEC and nationally.

Auburn leads the all-time series 61-24-2 and has won 11 of the past 13 meetings since 2001. In Starkville, Auburn leads 12-5-1. We feel that this could go either way but we're going with Auburn to come out with the victory on the road.

THE BLITZ TOP 30

30 HIGHEST RATED DIVISION I FBS SCHOOLS

RK	SCHOOL	(CONF)	CONF W-L	NON-CONF W-L	OVERALL W-L	RATING	LAST WEEK
1.	AUBURN	SEC	2-0	3-0	5-0	137.8	#5
2.	FLORIDA STATE	ACC	3-0	2-0	5-0	137.4	#4
3.	BAYLOR	BIG 12	2-0	3-0	5-0	137.2	#7
4.	MISSISSIPPI ST	SEC	2-0	3-0	5-0	137.0	#13
5.	OREGON	PAC-12	1-1	3-0	4-1	136.8	#1
6.	MICHIGAN STATE	BIG TEN	1-0	3-1	4-1	136.5	#6
7.	OLE MISS	SEC	2-0	3-0	5-0	136.3	#19
8.	ALABAMA	SEC	1-1	3-0	4-1	136.0	#3
9.	OKLAHOMA	BIG 12	1-1	3-0	4-1	135.8	#2
10.	NOTRE DAME	INDEPENDENT	—	—	5-0	135.6	#11
11.	ARIZONA	PAC-12	2-0	3-0	5-0	135.4	#26
12.	TCU	BIG 12	1-0	3-0	4-0	135.1	#24
13.	OHIO STATE	BIG TEN	1-0	3-1	4-1	134.9	#16
14.	GEORGIA	SEC	2-1	2-0	4-1	134.7	#14
15.	NEBRASKA	BIG TEN	1-1	4-0	5-1	134.5	#9
16.	TEXAS A&M	SEC	2-1	3-0	5-1	134.2	#8
17.	UTAH	PAC-12	1-1	3-0	4-1	133.9	—
18.	UCLA	PAC-12	1-1	3-0	4-1	133.6	#10
19.	CLEMSON	ACC	2-1	1-1	3-2	133.2	#21
20.	OKLAHOMA ST	BIG 12	2-0	2-1	4-1	133.1	#22
21.	STANFORD	PAC-12	1-1	2-1	3-2	132.8	#12
22.	ARIZONA STATE	PAC-12	2-1	2-0	4-1	132.4	—
23.	GEORGIA TECH	ACC	2-0	3-0	5-0	131.7	#25
24.	WASHINGTON	PAC-12	0-1	4-0	4-1	131.3	#23
25.	LSU	SEC	0-2	4-0	4-2	131.1	#15
26.	USC	PAC-12	2-1	1-1	3-2	131.0	#18
27.	WISCONSIN	BIG TEN	0-1	3-1	3-2	130.8	#17
28.	KANSAS STATE	BIG 12	2-0	2-1	4-1	130.5	#30
29.	VIRGINIA	ACC	2-0	2-2	4-2	130.3	#29
30.	IOWA	BIG TEN	1-0	3-1	4-1	130.2	#28



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SCHOOLS WITH 5 OR MORE PLAYERS SELECTED IN THE ANNUAL NFL DRAFT 1995-2014

1995 NFL DRAFT

- 10..... COLORADO
- 10..... FLORIDA STATE
- 8..... OHIO STATE
- 7..... MIAMI (FL)
- 7..... NEBRASKA
- 7..... WISCONSIN
- 6..... MISSISSIPPI STATE
- 6..... USC
- 6..... TENNESSEE
- 5..... ALABAMA
- 5..... ARIZONA STATE
- 5..... BRIGHAM YOUNG
- 5..... MICHIGAN
- 5..... NORTH CAROLINA
- 5..... NOTRE DAME
- 5..... PENN STATE
- 5..... WASHINGTON

1996 NFL DRAFT

- 10..... PENN STATE
- 8..... TENNESSEE
- 6..... FLORIDA
- 6..... NEBRASKA
- 6..... OKLAHOMA
- 6..... USC
- 6..... TEXAS A&M
- 5..... ALABAMA
- 5..... BAYLOR
- 5..... CALIFORNIA
- 5..... COLORADO
- 5..... MICHIGAN

1997 NFL DRAFT

- 8..... ARIZONA STATE
- 8..... MIAMI (FL)
- 8..... NEBRASKA
- 7..... FLORIDA STATE
- 7..... OHIO STATE
- 6..... COLORADO
- 6..... TEXAS
- 6..... VIRGINIA
- 5..... NORTH CAROLINA
- 5..... NOTRE DAME

1998 NFL DRAFT

- 10..... WASHINGTON
- 9..... FLORIDA STATE
- 8..... TENNESSEE
- 7..... NORTH CAROLINA
- 6..... COLORADO
- 6..... NEBRASKA
- 5..... ARIZONA STATE
- 5..... CINCINNATI
- 5..... CLEMSON
- 5..... FLORIDA
- 5..... MICHIGAN
- 5..... STANFORD
- 5..... SYRACUSE

1999 NFL DRAFT

- 8..... FLORIDA
- 8..... OHIO STATE
- 7..... NEBRASKA

- 7..... NOTRE DAME
- 6..... CLEMSON
- 6..... GEORGIA
- 6..... KANSAS STATE
- 6..... NORTH CAROLINA
- 6..... TENNESSEE
- 6..... TEXAS A&M
- 6..... VIRGINIA
- 6..... WEST VIRGINIA
- 5..... USC

2000 NFL DRAFT

- 9..... TENNESSEE
- 7..... FLORIDA STATE
- 7..... MICHIGAN STATE
- 6..... ARIZONA STATE
- 6..... MICHIGAN
- 6..... OHIO STATE
- 5..... ARIZONA
- 5..... ARKANSAS
- 5..... FLORIDA
- 5..... KANSAS STATE
- 5..... MIAMI (FL)
- 5..... USC
- 5..... VIRGINIA TECH

2001 NFL DRAFT

- 9..... FLORIDA STATE
- 8..... WISCONSIN
- 7..... MIAMI (FL)
- 7..... NEBRASKA
- 6..... GEORGIA
- 6..... KANSAS STATE
- 6..... NOTRE DAME
- 6..... OHIO STATE
- 6..... TEXAS A&M
- 6..... TCU
- 5..... MICHIGAN
- 5..... PURDUE
- 5..... TENNESSEE
- 5..... WASHINGTON

2002 NFL DRAFT

- 11..... MIAMI (FL)
- 10..... TENNESSEE
- 8..... FLORIDA
- 8..... GEORGIA
- 8..... OHIO STATE
- 8..... VIRGINIA TECH
- 6..... KANSAS STATE
- 6..... NORTH CAROLINA
- 6..... NOTRE DAME
- 6..... OREGON
- 6..... STANFORD
- 6..... UCLA
- 5..... BRIGHAM YOUNG
- 5..... COLORADO
- 5..... LSU
- 5..... MICHIGAN STATE
- 5..... SOUTH CAROLINA

2003 NFL DRAFT

- 8..... FLORIDA
- 8..... MIAMI (FL)
- 8..... TENNESSEE

- 7..... GEORGIA
- 7..... NOTRE DAME
- 6..... COLORADO
- 6..... FLORIDA STATE
- 6..... MICHIGAN
- 6..... PENN STATE
- 6..... TEXAS A&M
- 5..... ALABAMA
- 5..... ILLINOIS
- 5..... IOWA
- 5..... OHIO STATE
- 5..... USC

2004 NFL DRAFT

- 14..... OHIO STATE
- 9..... MIAMI (FL)
- 9..... PURDUE
- 7..... LSU
- 6..... ARKANSAS
- 6..... PITTSBURGH
- 5..... FLORIDA
- 5..... FLORIDA STATE
- 5..... GEORGIA TECH
- 5..... IOWA
- 5..... MARYLAND
- 5..... NEBRASKA
- 5..... NOTRE DAME
- 5..... VIRGINIA TECH

2005 NFL DRAFT

- 11..... OKLAHOMA
- 9..... FLORIDA STATE
- 7..... VIRGINIA
- 7..... WISCONSIN
- 6..... GEORGIA
- 6..... LOUISVILLE
- 6..... STANFORD
- 5..... AUBURN
- 5..... CALIFORNIA
- 5..... IOWA
- 5..... MIAMI (FL)
- 5..... USC
- 5..... UTAH

2006 NFL DRAFT

- 11..... USC
- 9..... MIAMI (FL)
- 9..... OHIO STATE
- 9..... VIRGINIA TECH
- 8..... FLORIDA STATE
- 7..... GEORGIA
- 7..... LSU
- 6..... NORTH CAROLINA ST
- 6..... OKLAHOMA
- 6..... PENN STATE
- 6..... TEXAS
- 5..... ALABAMA
- 5..... TENNESSEE
- 5..... VIRGINIA
- 5..... WISCONSIN

2007 NFL DRAFT

- 9..... FLORIDA
- 8..... OHIO STATE
- 7..... MICHIGAN

- 7..... NOTRE DAME
- 7..... TEXAS
- 6..... TENNESSEE
- 5..... AUBURN
- 5..... CLEMSON
- 5..... FLORIDA STATE
- 5..... HAWAII
- 5..... MIAMI (FL)
- 5..... LSU
- 5..... PENN STATE
- 5..... USC

2008 NFL DRAFT

- 10..... USC
- 8..... VIRGINIA TECH
- 7..... LSU
- 6..... ARKANSAS
- 6..... CALIFORNIA
- 6..... MICHIGAN
- 5..... ARIZONA STATE
- 5..... AUBURN
- 5..... LOUISVILLE
- 5..... TEXAS
- 5..... TEXAS A&M

2009 NFL DRAFT

- 11..... USC
- 7..... OHIO STATE
- 7..... OREGON STATE
- 7..... SOUTH CAROLINA
- 6..... CINCINNATI
- 6..... GEORGIA
- 6..... LSU
- 6..... MISSOURI
- 6..... OREGON
- 5..... MARYLAND
- 5..... NORTH CAROLINA
- 5..... OKLAHOMA
- 5..... PENN STATE
- 5..... RUTGERS
- 5..... TCU

2010 NFL DRAFT

- 9..... FLORIDA
- 7..... ALABAMA
- 7..... OKLAHOMA
- 7..... USC
- 6..... IOWA
- 6..... LSU
- 6..... PENN STATE
- 6..... TENNESSEE
- 6..... TEXAS
- 6..... UTAH
- 5..... CLEMSON
- 5..... GEORGIA
- 5..... SOUTH FLORIDA
- 5..... VIRGINIA TECH

2011 NFL DRAFT

- 9..... NORTH CAROLINA
- 9..... USC
- 8..... MIAMI (FL)
- 7..... NEBRASKA
- 6..... CLEMSON
- 6..... GEORGIA

- 6..... IOWA
- 6..... LSU
- 5..... ALABAMA
- 5..... OHIO STATE
- 5..... PITTSBURGH
- 5..... TCU
- 5..... WISCONSIN

2012 NFL DRAFT

- 8..... ALABAMA
- 7..... GEORGIA
- 7..... OKLAHOMA
- 6..... BOISE STATE
- 6..... CALIFORNIA
- 6..... IOWA
- 6..... MIAMI (FL)
- 6..... MICHIGAN STATE
- 6..... SOUTH CAROLINA
- 6..... WISCONSIN
- 5..... BAYLOR
- 5..... LSU
- 5..... NORTH CAROLINA ST

2013 NFL DRAFT

- 11..... FLORIDA STATE
- 9..... ALABAMA
- 9..... LSU
- 8..... FLORIDA
- 8..... GEORGIA
- 7..... RUTGERS
- 7..... SOUTH CAROLINA
- 6..... NOTRE DAME
- 6..... OKLAHOMA
- 5..... CONNECTICUT
- 5..... NORTH CAROLINA
- 5..... OREGON
- 5..... TEXAS A&M

2014 NFL DRAFT

- 9..... LSU
- 8..... ALABAMA
- 8..... NOTRE DAME
- 7..... FLORIDA STATE
- 6..... OHIO STATE
- 6..... STANFORD
- 5..... BAYLOR
- 5..... CLEMSON
- 5..... NORTH CAROLINA
- 5..... UCLA
- 5..... WISCONSIN



VARIOUS LISTS THAT SHOW THE PROGRAMS THAT FEED THE NFL WITH THE MOST PLAYERS

NFL DRAFT PICKS (ALL-TIME)	NFL DRAFT PICKS (2000-2014)	1ST ROUND DRAFT PICKS (ALL-TIME)	1ST ROUND DRAFT PICKS (2000-2014)
1. USC479	1. OHIO STATE 91	1. USC 77	1. MIAMI (FL) 26
2. NOTRE DAME476	2. USC 87	2. OHIO STATE 69	2. OHIO STATE 19
3. OHIO STATE405	3. MIAMI (FL) 86	3. NOTRE DAME 65	- FLORIDA STATE 19
4. OKLAHOMA361	4. GEORGIA 84	4. MIAMI (FL) 69	4. ALABAMA 18
5. NEBRASKA344	5. LSU 83	5. ALABAMA 48	- USC 18
6. MICHIGAN342	6. FLORIDA STATE 82	6. FLORIDA 46	6. FLORIDA 16
7. TENNESSEE336	7. FLORIDA 79	7. TENNESSEE 44	7. LSU 15
8. PENN STATE332	8. TENNESSEE 72	8. TEXAS 43	- TEXAS 15
9. TEXAS331	- ALABAMA 72	- MICHIGAN 43	9. TENNESSEE 14
10. MIAMI (FL)311	10. OKLAHOMA 69	10. OKLAHOMA 42	10. OKLAHOMA 13
11. FLORIDA309	11. VIRGINIA TECH 65	11. FLORIDA STATE 40	- GEORGIA 13
12. ALABAMA308	- NOTRE DAME 65	12. LSU 38	
13. GEORGIA303	13. TEXAS A&M 55	13. PENN STATE 36	
14. LSU301	14. MICHIGAN 54	14. NEBRASKA 33	
15. MICHIGAN STATE297	15. PENN STATE 50	- MICHIGAN STATE 33	

TEAM NICKNAMES OF ALL 129 NCAA DIVISION I FBS SCHOOLS

TIGERS	AUBURN	SEC	REBELS	OLE MISS	SEC	HORNED FROGS	TCU	BIG 12
	CLEMSON	ACC		UNLV	MWC	HURRICANES	MIAMI (FL)	ACC
	LSU	SEC	SPARTANS	MICHIGAN STATE	BIG TEN	JAGUARS	SOUTH ALABAMA	SUN BELT
	MEMPHIS	AMERICAN		SAN JOSE STATE	MWC	JAYHAWKS	KANSAS	BIG 12
	MISSOURI	SEC	TROJANS	USC	PAC-12	KNIGHTS	CENTRAL FLA	AMERICAN
BULLDOGS	FRESNO STATE	MWC		TROY	SUN BELT	LOBOS	NEW MEXICO	MWC
	GEORGIA	SEC	49ERS	CHARLOTTE	INDEPENDENT	LONGHORNS	TEXAS	BIG 12
	LOUISIANA TECH	C-USA	AZTECS	SAN DIEGO STATE	MWC	MEAN GREEN	NORTH TEXAS	C-USA
	MISSISSIPPI ST	SEC	BADGERS	WISCONSIN	BIG TEN	MIDSHIPMEN	NAVY	INDEPENDENT
WILDCATS	ARIZONA	PAC-12	BEARCATS	CINCINNATI	AMERICAN	MINERS	UTEP	C-USA
	KANSAS STATE	BIG 12	BEARS	BAYLOR	BIG 12	MINUTEMEN	MASSACHUSETTS	MAC
	KENTUCKY	SEC	BEAVERS	OREGON STATE	PAC-12	MONARCHS	OLD DOMINION	C-USA
	NORTHWESTERN	BIG TEN	BLACK KNIGHTS	ARMY	INDEPENDENT	MUSTANGS	SMU	AMERICAN
AGGIES	NEW MEXICO ST	SUN BELT	BLAZERS	UAB	C-USA	NITTANY LIONS	PENN STATE	BIG TEN
	TEXAS A&M	SEC	BLUE DEVILS	DUKE	ACC	ORANGE	SYRACUSE	ACC
	UTAH STATE	MWC	BLUE RAIDERS	MIDDLE TENN	C-USA	PIRATES	EAST CAROLINA	AMERICAN
COUGARS	BRIGHAM YOUNG	INDEPENDENT	BOILERMAKERS	PURDUE	BIG TEN	RAGIN' CAJUNS	LA-LAFAYETTE	SUN BELT
	HOUSTON	AMERICAN	BRUINS	UCLA	PAC-12	RAINBOW WARRIORS	HAWAII	MWC
	WASHINGTON ST	PAC-12	BUCKEYES	OHIO STATE	BIG TEN	RAMS	COLORADO STATE	MWC
EAGLES	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	SUN BELT	BUFFALOES	COLORADO	PAC-12	RAZORBACKS	ARKANSAS	SEC
	BOSTON COLLEGE	ACC	CARDINAL	STANFORD	PAC-12	REDHAWKS	MIAMI (OH)	MAC
	EASTERN MICH	MAC	CAVALIERS	VIRGINIA	ACC	RED RAIDERS	TEXAS TECH	BIG 12
HUSKIES	CONNECTICUT	AMERICAN	CHIPPEWAS	CENTRAL MICH	MAC	RED WOLVES	ARKANSAS ST	SUN BELT
	NORTHERN ILL	MAC	COMMODORES	VANDERBILT	SEC	ROADRUNNERS	UTSA	C-USA
	WASHINGTON	PAC-12	CORNHUSKERS	NEBRASKA	BIG TEN	ROCKETS	TOLEDO	MAC
OWLS	FLA ATLANTIC	C-USA	CRIMSON TIDE	ALABAMA	SEC	SCARLET KNIGHTS	RUTGERS	BIG TEN
	RICE	C-USA	CYCLONES	IOWA STATE	BIG 12	SEMINOLES	FLORIDA STATE	ACC
	TEMPLE	AMERICAN	DEAMON DEACONS	WAKE FOREST	ACC	SOONERS	OKLAHOMA	BIG 12
BOBCATS	OHIO	MAC	DUCKS	OREGON	PAC-12	SUN DEVILS	ARIZONA ST	PAC-12
	TEXAS STATE	SUN BELT	FIGHTING ILLINI	ILLINOIS	BIG TEN	TAR HEELS	NORTH CAROLINA	ACC
BRONCOS	BOISE STATE	MWC	FIGHTING IRISH	NOTRE DAME	INDEPENDENT	TERRAPINS	MARYLAND	BIG TEN
	WESTERN MICH	MAC	GAMECOCKS	SOUTH CAROLINA	SEC	THUNDERING HERD	MARSHALL	C-USA
BULLS	BUFFALO	MAC	GATORS	FLORIDA	SEC	UTES	UTAH	PAC-12
	SOUTH FLORIDA	AMERICAN	GOLDEN BEARS	CALIFORNIA	PAC-12	VANDALS	IDAHO	SUN BELT
CARDINALS	BALL STATE	MAC	GOLDEN EAGLES	SOUTHERN MISS	C-USA	VOLUNTEERS	TENNESSEE	SEC
	LOUISVILLE	ACC	GOLDEN FLASHES	KENT STATE	MAC	WARHAWKS	LA-MONROE	SUN BELT
COWBOYS	OKLAHOMA ST	BIG 12	GOLDEN GOPHERS	MINNESOTA	BIG TEN	WOLF PACK	NEVADA	MWC
	WYOMING	MWC	GOLDEN HURRICANE	TULSA	AMERICAN	WOLFPACK	NC STATE	ACC
FALCONS	AIR FORCE	MWC	GOLDEN PANTHERS	FIU	C-USA	WOLVERINES	MICHIGAN	BIG TEN
	BOWLING GREEN	MAC	GREEN WAVE	TULANE	AMERICAN	YELLOW JACKETS	GEORGIA TECH	ACC
MOUNTAINEERS	APPALACHIAN STATE	SUN BELT	HAWKEYES	IOWA	BIG TEN	ZIPS	AKRON	MAC
	WEST VIRGINIA	BIG 12	HILLTOPPERS	WESTERN KY	C-USA			
PANTHERS	GEORGIA STATE	SUN BELT	HOKIES	VIRGINIA TECH	ACC			
	PITTSBURGH	ACC	HOOSIERS	INDIANA	BIG TEN			

COLLEGE FOOTBALL'S TWO TRADITIONAL WEEKLY POLLS

ASSOCIATED PRESS MEDIA POLL (10-5-2014)

RK	TEAM	1ST	REC	PTS	PVS
1.	Florida State	(35)	5-0	1,461	1
2.	Auburn	(23)	5-0	1,459	5
3.	Mississippi State	(2)	5-0	1,320	12
—	Ole Miss		5-0	1,320	11
5.	Baylor		5-0	1,258	7
6.	Notre Dame		5-0	1,186	9
7.	Alabama		4-1	1,060	3
8.	Michigan State		4-1	981	10
9.	TCU		4-0	979	25
10.	Arizona		5-0	951	—
11.	Oklahoma		4-1	904	4
12.	Oregon		4-1	888	2
13.	Georgia		4-1	854	13
14.	Texas A&M		5-1	731	6
15.	Ohio State		4-1	534	20
16.	Oklahoma State		4-1	527	21
17.	Kansas State		4-1	486	23
18.	UCLA		4-1	460	8
19.	East Carolina		4-1	344	22
20.	Arizona State		4-1	325	—
21.	Nebraska		5-1	283	19
22.	Georgia Tech		5-0	235	—
23.	Missouri		4-1	212	24
24.	Utah		4-1	206	—
25.	Stanford		3-2	143	14

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES:

Clemson 92, Marshall 78, USC 61, Louisville 36, LSU 35, Brigham Young 26, West Virginia 18, Arkansas 14, Wisconsin 7, California 6, Penn State 5, Rutgers 4, Kentucky 4, North Dakota State 3, Minnesota 2, South Carolina 1, Virginia 1

USA TODAY COACHES POLL (10-5-2014)

RK	TEAM	1ST	REC	PTS	PVS
1.	Florida State	(44)	5-0	1,505	2
2.	Auburn	(16)	5-0	1,477	5
3.	Baylor	(1)	5-0	1,372	6
4.	Ole Miss		5-0	1,308	11
5.	Notre Dame		5-0	1,269	8
6.	Mississippi State		5-0	1,237	14
7.	Alabama		4-1	1,065	1
8.	Michigan State		4-1	1,062	10
9.	Oklahoma		4-1	929	3
10.	Georgia		4-1	898	12
11.	Oregon		4-1	897	4
12.	TCU		4-0	865	25
13.	Arizona		5-0	743	—
14.	Texas A&M		5-1	706	7
15.	Ohio State		4-1	645	18
16.	Kansas State		4-1	567	22
17.	UCLA		4-1	483	9
18.	Oklahoma State		4-1	479	23
19.	East Carolina		4-1	451	21
20.	Arizona State		4-1	354	24
21.	Nebraska		5-1	261	17
22.	Stanford		3-2	241	13
23.	Georgia Tech		5-0	240	—
24.	Missouri		4-1	182	—
25.	Clemson		3-2	138	—

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES:

Marshall 98, Utah 80, LSU 75, Louisville 36, Wisconsin 36, USC 28, Brigham Young 16, Minnesota 13, Duke 12, Washington 12, Kentucky 11, West Virginia 8, Iowa 6, Arkansas 6, Memphis 5, California 4, Penn State 3, Rutgers 2