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THEBLITZ

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# FOOTBALL TIDBITS

Only two Power 5 programs have NEVER lost 8 games in a season. Tennessee and Ohio State. If Tennessee loses it's final 2 games this season vs LSU and at Vanderbilt, then the Vols will be 4-8.

Butch Jones is out at Tennessee. He went 14-24 in conference play during his tenure, which was the 4th-worst among SEC teams, including an 0-6 record this year.

Tennessee's conference record of 0-6 means that Georgia Tech, yes, Georgia Tech is now second all-time in winning percentage in the history of the Southeastern Conference in conference games. The current ranking is as follows: Alabama is #1 417-161-21 .714, Georgia Tech is #2 115-70-9 .616 and Tennessee is #3 333-205-20 .615. All of these figures are from the book "CONFERENCE PRIDE" and represent on-the-field results. Georgia Tech was in the SEC from 1933-1963.

Oklahoma put up 38 points on the Horned Frogs. TCU had allowed just 27 points combined in its previous 4 games.

Oklahoma has now won 8 straight games over AP-ranked opponents. It's the 2nd-longest active streak in the FBS behind Clemson (9).

Arizona has scored at least 35 points in 6 straight games -- all of which have come against Pac-12 teams. It's the longest streak by any team against Power 5 opponents this season.

Auburn's 23-point win over Georgia was the largest over the CFP #1 ranked team in rankings history (2014-2017). The previous four such losses by the CFP #1 team were by a combined 21-point margin.

Auburn is the lowest ranked team to knock off the #1 team in the short history of the College Football Playoff Rankings (2014-2017).

- 2017: #10 Auburn over #1 Georgia
- 2014: #5 Alabama over #1 Mississippi State
- 2014: #4 Ohio State over #1 Alabama
- 2015: #2 Alabama over #1 Clemson
- 2016: #2 Clemson over #1 Alabama

Clemson will make its 3rd straight trip to the ACC Championship Game this season. They join Florida State (2012-2014) as the only schools with three straight ACC title game appearances.

Since Mike Gundy was hired in 2005, Oklahoma State leads the FBS with 13 come-backs of 14+ points. That includes three straight such wins over Iowa State.

Nick Chubb passed Bo Jackson for fourth-most rushing yards in SEC history. (Georgia's Herschel Walker 5,259, Arkansas' Darren McFadden 4,590, LSU's Kevin Faulk 4,557, Georgia's Nick Chubb 4,305, Auburn's Bo Jackson 4,303).

With their loss to South Carolina, Florida is now 3-6 this season. That's the worst 9-game start for the Gators since 1979 (0-8-1).

Ohio State's 48-3 win over Michigan State ties the third-largest margin of victory over an AP-ranked team in Buckeyes history (2016 a 59 point win vs #6 Nebraska; 2014 a 59 point win vs #11 Wisconsin; 2017 a 45 point win vs #13 Michigan State, 1974 a 45 point win vs #13 Wisconsin; 41 a point win vs #25 Northwestern).

Army won its 8th game of the season this past Saturday. It's the first time that the Black Knights have had back-to-back 8-win seasons since 1984-1985.

# GAME-OF-THE-WEEK



The Michigan Wolverines (8-2) travel to Madison to take on the undefeated Wisconsin Badgers (10-0) in a very important game in the Big Ten. This game will be televised nationally on FOX at 11:30 AM EST.

Two of the most disrespected teams this season will battle it out in a game that promises to be entertaining and close. It looks like Michigan has finally found their QB in Brandon Peters. He has been consistent and possesses a strong arm. He is not very mobile but the offensive line is doing a good job protecting him. RB Chris Evans is a reliable back who isn't flashy but he runs hard and protects the ball.

Wisconsin southpaw QB, Alex Hornibrook has hard to figure out. One minute he's throwing a pick-six and the next he throwing a perfect pass in the endzone. RB Jonathan Taylor is having a fabulous season and his name is now appearing on some Heisman lists. He is the key man for the Badgers in this game. If he gets around 120 yards rushing, Wisconsin will be balanced and that is key for their success.

Michigan leads the all-time series vs Wisconsin 50-14-1. In Madison, Michigan leads the series 21-5-1. Nationally, people have doubts about both of these squads but the bottom line is each have impressive records. After looking at both of these teams, we think Wisconsin will find a way to win a close game 21-17.

# THEBLITZ 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.	ALABAMA	(SEC)	7-0	3-0	10-0	142.9	#1
2.	OKLAHOMA	(BIG 12)	6-1	3-0	9-1	142.1	#3
3.	CLEMSON	(ACC)	7-1	2-0	9-1	141.7	#4
4.	WISCONSIN	(BIG TEN)	7-0	3-0	10-0	141.4	#6
5.	MIAMI (FL)	(ACC)	7-0	2-0	9-0	141.0	#8
6.	AUBURN	(SEC)	6-1	2-1	8-2	140.6	#12
7.	GEORGIA	(SEC)	6-1	3-0	9-1	140.2	#2
8.	OHIO STATE	(BIG TEN)	6-1	2-1	8-2	139.6	#10
9.	PENN STATE	(BIG TEN)	5-2	3-0	8-2	139.2	#14
10.	OKLAHOMA STATE	(BIG 12)	5-2	3-0	8-2	138.8	#11
11.	NOTRE DAME	(INDEPENDENT)	—	—	8-2	138.5	#5
12.	USC	(PAC-12)	7-1	2-1	9-2	138.1	#15
13.	MICHIGAN	(BIG TEN)	5-2	3-0	8-2	137.8	#16
14.	TCU	(BIG 12)	5-2	3-0	8-2	137.6	#9
15.	WASHINGTON	(PAC-12)	5-2	3-0	8-2	137.3	#7
16.	WASHINGTON ST	(PAC-12)	6-2	3-0	9-2	136.7	#18
17.	MISSISSIPPI STATE	(SEC)	3-3	4-0	7-3	136.5	#19
18.	STANFORD	(PAC-12)	6-2	1-1	7-3	136.2	#22
19.	MICHIGAN STATE	(BIG TEN)	5-2	2-1	7-3	135.6	#13
20.	WEST VIRGINIA	(BIG 12)	5-2	2-1	7-3	135.3	#21
21.	ARIZONA	(PAC-12)	5-2	2-1	7-3	135.0	#24
22.	NORTHWESTERN	(BIG TEN)	5-2	2-1	7-3	134.6	#27
23.	LSU	(SEC)	4-2	3-1	7-3	134.3	#29
24.	NC STATE	(ACC)	5-1	2-2	7-3	133.8	#30
25.	UCF	(AMERICAN)	6-0	3-0	9-0	133.3	#25
26.	IOWA	(BIG TEN)	3-4	3-0	6-4	132.9	#20
27.	LOUISVILLE	(ACC)	3-4	3-0	6-4	132.6	—
28.	MEMPHIS	(AMERICAN)	5-1	3-0	8-1	132.4	#26
29.	SOUTH FLORIDA	(AMERICAN)	5-1	3-0	8-1	131.9	#28
30.	VIRGINIA TECH	(ACC)	3-3	4-0	7-3	131.7	#17



# BRAGGING RIGHTS

## CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

### ALL-TIME C-USA CHAMPIONS (1996-2016)

1996 Houston (4-1) & Southern Miss. (4-1)	2006 Southern Miss. (East, 6-2) Houston (West, 7-1)	2012 UCF & East Carolina (East, 7-1) Tulsa (West, 7-1)
1997 Southern Miss. (6-0)	2007 UCF (East, 7-1) Houston & Tulsa (West, 6-2)	2013 Marshall (East, 7-1) Rice (West, 7-1)
1998 Tulane (6-0)	2008 East Carolina (East, 6-2) Tulsa & Rice (West, 7-1)	2014 Marshall (East, 7-1) Louisiana Tech (West, 7-1)
1999 Southern Miss. (6-0)	2009 East Carolina (East, 7-1) Houston & SMU (West, 6-2)	2015 Western Kentucky (East 8-0) Southern Miss (West 7-1)
2000 Louisville (6-1)	2010 UCF (East, 7-1) SMU & Tulsa (West, 6-2)	2016 Old Dominion & Western Kentucky (East, 7-1) Louisiana Tech (West, 6-2)
2001 Louisville (6-1)	2011 Southern Miss. (East, 6-2) Houston (West, 8-0)	
2002 Cincinnati (6-2) & TCU (6-2)		
2003 Southern Miss. (8-0)		
2004 Louisville (8-0)		
2005 UCF (East, 7-1) Tulsa (West, 6-2)		

### CONFERENCE USA CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES: 2005-2016

2005 — (12-3-2005) Tulsa (7-4) ..... 44	Central Florida (8-3) ..... 27	Orlando, FL.....Citrus Bowl ..... 51,978..... ESPN
2006 — (12-1-2006) Houston (9-3)..... 34	Southern Miss (8-4)..... 20	Houston, TX.....Robertson Stadium ..... 31,818..... ESPN2
2007 — (12-1-2007) Central Florida (9-3)..... 44	Tulsa (9-3)..... 25	Orlando, FL.....Bright House Networks Stad ..... 44,128..... ESPN
2008 — (12-6-2008) East Carolina (8-4)..... 27	Tulsa (10-2)..... 24	Tulsa, OK.....H.A. Chapman Stadium ..... 22,740..... ESPN
2009 — (12-5-2009) East Carolina (8-4)..... 38	#18 Houston (10-2) ..... 32	Greenville, NC .....Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium ..... 33,048..... ESPN
2010 — (12-4-2010) Central Florida (9-3)..... 17	SMU (7-5)..... 7	Orlando, FL.....Bright House Networks Stad ..... 41,045..... ESPN2
2011 — (12-3-2011) #24 Southern Miss (10-2) ..... 49	#7 Houston (12-0) ..... 28	Houston, TX.....Robertson Stadium ..... 32,413..... ABC
2012 — (12-4-2012) Tulsa (9-3) ..... 33	Central Florida (9-3) ..... 27	Tulsa, OK.....H.A. Chapman Stadium ..... 17,635..... ESPN2
2013 — (12-7-2013) Rice (9-3) ..... 41	Marshall (9-3) ..... 24	Houston, TX.....Rice Stadium ..... 20,247..... ESPN2
2014 — (12-6-2014) Marshall (11-1)..... 26	Louisiana Tech (8-4)..... 23	Huntington, WV.....Joan C Edwards Stadium ..... 23,711..... ESPN2
2015 — (12-5-2015) Western Kentucky (10-2) ... 45	Southern Miss (9-3) ..... 28	Bowling Green, KY....LT Smith Stadium ..... 16,823..... ESPN2
2016 — (12-3-2016) Western Kentucky (9-3) ..... 58	Louisiana Tech (8-4)..... 44	Bowling Green, KY....LT Smith Stadium ..... 13,213..... ESPN

### ALL-TIME WAC CHAMPIONS (1962-2012)

1962 New Mexico (2-1-1)	1983 BYU (7-0)	1999 Fresno State (5-2), Hawaii (5-2) & TCU (5-2)
1963 New Mexico (3-1)	1984 BYU (8-0)	2000 TCU (7-1) & UTEP (7-1)
1964 Arizona (3-1), Utah (3-1) & New Mexico (3-1)	1985 Air Force (7-1) & BYU (7-1)	2001 Louisiana Tech (7-1)
1965 BYU (4-1)	1986 San Diego State (7-1)	2002 Boise State (8-0)
1966 Wyoming (5-0)	1987 Wyoming (8-0)	2003 Boise State (8-0)
1967 Wyoming (5-0)	1988 Wyoming (8-0)	2004 Boise State (8-0)
1968 Wyoming (6-1)	1989 BYU (7-1)	2005 Boise State (7-1) & Nevada (7-1)
1969 Arizona State (6-1)	1990 BYU (7-1)	2006 Boise State (8-0)
1970 Arizona State (7-0)	1991 BYU (7-0-1)	2007 Hawaii (8-0)
1971 Arizona State (7-0)	1992 Hawaii (6-2), Fresno State (6-2) & BYU (6-2)	2008 Boise State (8-0)
1972 Arizona State (5-1)	1993 Wyoming (6-2), Fresno State (6-2) & BYU (6-2)	2009 Boise State (8-0)
1973 Arizona (6-1) & Arizona State (6-1)	1994 Colorado St. (7-1)	2010 Boise State (7-1), Nevada (7-1) & Hawaii (7-1)
1974 BYU (6-0-1)	1995 Colorado State, Air Force, Utah & BYU (6-2)	2011 Louisiana Tech (6-1)
1975 Arizona State (7-0)		2012 Utah State (6-0)
1976 BYU (6-1) & Wyoming (6-1)	1996 BYU (Mountain, 8-0) Wyoming (Pacific, 7-1)	
1977 Arizona State (6-1) & BYU (6-1)	1997 New Mexico (Mountain, 6-2) Colorado State (Pacific, 7-1)	
1978 BYU (5-1)	1998 Air Force (Mountain, 7-1) BYU (Pacific, 7-1)	
1979 BYU (7-0)		
1980 BYU (6-1)		
1981 BYU (7-1)		
1982 BYU (7-1)		

### WAC GAMES: 1996-1998

1996 — (12-7-1996) #6 BYU (12-1)..... 28	#20 Wyoming (10-1)..... 25	Las Vegas, NV.....Sam Boyd Stadium ..... 41,238..... ABC
1997 — (12-6-1997) #20 Colorado State (9-2) ..... 41	New Mexico (9-2) ..... 13	Las Vegas, NV.....Sam Boyd Stadium ..... 12,706..... ABC
1998 — (12-5-1998) #17 Air Force (10-1)..... 20	BYU (9-3) ..... 13	Las Vegas, NV.....Sam Boyd Stadium ..... 32,745..... ABC





2017 PAC-12 CONFERENCE SCHEDULES & RESULTS

Table with 6 columns representing different conferences: ARIZONA (7-3), ARIZONA STATE (5-5), CALIFORNIA (5-5), COLORADO (5-6), OREGON (5-5), OREGON STATE (1-9), STANFORD (7-3), UCLA (5-5), USC (9-2), UTAH (5-5), WASHINGTON (8-2), WASHINGTON STATE (9-2). Each cell contains a list of games with dates, opponents, and scores.

2017 BIG 12 CONFERENCE SCHEDULES & RESULTS

Table with 6 columns representing different conferences: BAYLOR (1-9), IOWA STATE (6-4), KANSAS (1-9), KANSAS STATE (5-5), OKLAHOMA (9-1), OKLAHOMA STATE (8-2), TCU (8-2), TEXAS (5-5), TEXAS TECH (5-5), WEST VIRGINIA (7-3). Each cell contains a list of games with dates, opponents, and scores.



2017 CONFERENCE USA SCHEDULES & RESULTS

Table with 6 columns representing different conferences: CHARLOTTE (1-9), FIU (6-3), FLORIDA ATLANTIC (7-3), LOUISIANA TECH (4-6), MARSHALL (7-3), MIDDLE TENNESSEE (5-5), NORTH TEXAS (7-3), OLD DOMINION (4-6), RICE (1-9), SOUTHERN MISS (6-4), UAB (7-3), UTEP (0-10). Each cell contains a list of games with dates, opponents, and scores.

2017 FBS INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS SCHEDULES & RESULTS

Table with 4 columns representing independent schools: ARMY (8-2), BRIGHAM YOUNG (3-8), MASSACHUSETTS (3-7), NOTRE DAME (8-2). Each cell contains a list of games with dates, opponents, and scores.







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2017 NCAA DIVISION I FBS CONFERENCE STANDINGS



Table of 2017 NCAA Division I FBS Conference Standings. Includes sections for ACC, Big Ten, SEC, C-USA, Pac-12, American, MWC, MAC, Big 12, Sun Belt, and 2017 Independent Standings. Each section lists teams with columns for Conference W-L, Non-Conference W-L, All W-L, Power Rating, and East/West Division.

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PAC-12 CONFERENCE SCHOOL & STADIUM STATS

Table of Pac-12 Conference School & Stadium Stats. Columns include Year School Was Founded, First Season Major Football Enrollment, Home Stadium (Opened), Stadium Capacity, Playing Field Surface Type / Manufacturer, Record Crowd, and Stadium Won-Loss Record.

# HEISMAN TROPHY VOTING (1977-1990)

In a continuing series, we list the Heisman Trophy winners from 1935-2016. We list the top 4 in the Heisman Trophy voting for each year along with their school, position and the total points that each candidate received that season. We list the years 1977 to 1990 in this issue.

PLAYER, SCHOOL	POS	PTS	PLAYER, SCHOOL	POS	PTS	PLAYER, SCHOOL	POS	PTS
<b>1977</b>			<b>1982</b>			<b>1987</b>		
1st Earl Campbell, Texas	RB	1,547	1st *Herschel Walker, Georgia	RB	1,926	1st Tim Brown, Notre Dame	WR	1,442
2nd Terry Miller, Oklahoma State	RB	812	2nd John Elway, Stanford	QB	1,231	2nd Don McPherson, Syracuse	QB	831
3rd Ken MacAfee, Notre Dame	TE	343	3rd Eric Dickerson, SMU	RB	465	3rd Gordie Lockbaum, Holy Cross	WR/DB	657
4th Doug Williams, Grambling State	QB	266	4th Anthony Carter, Michigan	WR	142	4th Lorenzo White, Michigan State	RB	632
<b>1978</b>			<b>1983</b>			<b>1988</b>		
1st *Billy Sims, Oklahoma	RB	827	1st Mike Rozier, Nebraska	RB	1,801	1st *Barry Sanders, Oklahoma State	RB	1,878
2nd Chuck Fusina, Penn State	QB	750	2nd Steve Young, BYU	QB	1,172	2nd Rodney Peete, Southern California	QB	912
3rd Rick Leach, Michigan	QB	435	3rd Doug Flutie, Boston College	QB	253	3rd Troy Aikman, UCLA	QB	582
4th Charles White, Southern California	RB	354	4th Turner Gill, Nebraska	QB	190	4th Steve Walsh, Miami (FL)	QB	341
<b>1979</b>			<b>1984</b>			<b>1989</b>		
1st Charles White, Southern California	RB	1,695	1st Doug Flutie, Boston College	QB	2,240	1st *Andre Ware, Houston	QB	1,073
2nd Billy Sims, Oklahoma	RB	773	2nd Keith Byars, Ohio State	RB	1,251	2nd Anthony Thompson, Indiana	RB	1,003
3rd Marc Wilson, BYU	QB	589	3rd Robbie Bosco, BYU	QB	443	3rd Major Harris, West Virginia	QB	709
4th Art Schlichter, Ohio State	QB	251	4th Bernie Kosar, Miami (FL)	QB	320	4th Tony Rice, Notre Dame	QB	523
<b>1980</b>			<b>1985</b>			<b>1990</b>		
1st George Rogers, South Carolina	RB	1,128	1st Bo Jackson, Auburn	RB	1,509	1st *Ty Detmer, BYU	QB	1,482
2nd Hugh Green, Pittsburgh	DE	861	2nd Chuck Long, Iowa	QB	1,464	2nd Raghieb Ismail, Notre Dame	WR	1,177
3rd Herschel Walker, Georgia	RB	683	3rd Robbie Bosco, BYU	QB	459	3rd Eric Bieniemy, Colorado	RB	798
4th Mark Herrmann, Purdue	QB	405	4th Lorenzo White, Michigan State	RB	391	4th Shawn Moore, Virginia	QB	465
<b>1981</b>			<b>1986</b>			*Winner as junior.		
1st Marcus Allen, Southern California	RB	1,797	1st Vinny Testaverde, Miami (FL)	QB	2,213	**Winner as sophomore.		
2nd Herschel Walker, Georgia	RB	1,199	2nd Paul Palmer, Temple	RB	672	†Winner as freshman.		
3rd Jim McMahon, BYU	QB	706	3rd Jim Harbaugh, Michigan	QB	458	#Had one year of eligibility remaining.		
4th Dan Marino, Pittsburgh	QB	256	4th Brian Bosworth, Oklahoma	LB	395			

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL'S TWO TRADITIONAL WEEKLY POLLS

### ASSOCIATED PRESS MEDIA POLL (11-12-2017)

RK	TEAM	1ST	REC	PTS	PVS
1.	ALABAMA	(57)	10-0	1,521	1
2.	MIAMI (FL)	(4)	9-0	1,438	7
3.	OKLAHOMA		9-1	1,367	5
4.	CLEMSON		9-1	1,358	4
5.	WISCONSIN		10-0	1,322	6
6.	AUBURN		8-2	1,199	10
7.	GEORGIA		9-1	1,151	2
8.	OHIO STATE		8-2	1,036	11
9.	NOTRE DAME		8-2	1,001	3
10.	OKLAHOMA STATE		8-2	898	12
11.	TCU		8-2	875	8
12.	USC		9-2	866	15
13.	PENN STATE		8-2	818	16
14.	UCF		9-0	807	14
15.	WASHINGTON STATE		9-2	614	19
16.	WASHINGTON		8-2	575	9
17.	MISSISSIPPI STATE		7-3	492	18
18.	MEMPHIS		8-1	437	20
19.	MICHIGAN		8-2	315	21
20.	STANFORD		7-3	287	—
21.	LSU		7-3	276	—
22.	MICHIGAN STATE		7-3	259	13
23.	SOUTH FLORIDA		8-1	236	22
24.	WEST VIRGINIA		7-3	222	23
25.	NORTH CAROLINA STATE		7-3	178	—

### USA TODAY COACHES POLL (11-12-2017)

RK	TEAM	1ST	REC	PTS	PVS
1.	ALABAMA	(63)	10-0	1,575	1
2.	MIAMI (FL)		9-0	1,465	6
3.	CLEMSON		9-1	1,406	4
4.	WISCONSIN		10-0	1,395	3
5.	OKLAHOMA		9-1	1,386	7
6.	AUBURN		8-2	1,250	10
7.	GEORGIA		9-1	1,184	2
8.	OHIO STATE		8-2	1,076	11
9.	NOTRE DAME		8-2	947	5
10.	USC		9-2	917	14
11.	PENN STATE		8-2	912	13
12.	UCF		9-0	910	12
13.	OKLAHOMA STATE		8-2	902	15
14.	TCU		8-2	814	9
15.	WASHINGTON		8-2	642	8
16.	WASHINGTON STATE		9-2	587	20
17.	MEMPHIS		8-1	509	19
18.	MICHIGAN		8-2	394	22
19.	MISSISSIPPI STATE		7-3	373	18
20.	SOUTH FLORIDA		8-1	361	21
21.	LSU		7-3	282	25
22.	NORTH CAROLINA STATE		7-3	271	24
23.	STANFORD		7-3	206	—
24.	MICHIGAN STATE		7-3	179	16
25.	WEST VIRGINIA		7-3	171	—

#### OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES:

Virginia Tech 110, Northwestern 72, Arizona 49, Iowa State 27, Boise State 6, Georgia Tech 6, Army 3, Iowa 2, South Carolina 2

#### OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES:

Virginia Tech 94, Northwestern 67, Arizona 54, Boise State 40, South Carolina 33, Iowa 16, Kentucky 16, Army 14, San Diego State 11, Iowa State 9, Troy 5, Ohio 2