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ROSE BOWL STADIUM (CAPACITY: 91,000)

“Home of the Big Ten and Pac-10 Conference Champions”

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### **Big Ten Game of the Week: Northwestern at Penn State, Saturday, 12:30 p.m./3:30 p.m. (ABC/ESPN2)**

Joe Paterno looks to add yet another line item to his already illustrious record book as he goes for win No. 400 this weekend in Happy Valley. The Nittany Lions' head coach would be just the third college coach to record 400 victories, joining John Gagliardi and Eddie Robinson, and the first to do so at Division I-A/FBS level. But don't even think about insinuating to ol' JoePa that it even matters – after all, it's about the team and the players, right? Sorry coach, trying to turn a cheek to this milestone will be difficult! The blue and white had another record of significant note last weekend as Evan Royster went for 150 yards and two touchdowns to become the all-time rushing leader at Penn State – a huge accomplishment considering the company of legendary names that have graced the field of Beaver Stadium. A homecoming of sorts for Wildcats quarterback Dan Persa who is from Bethlehem, Pa., about 170 miles from State College and grew up going to Penn State football games. Persa, coming off a concussion suffered last weekend against Indiana, will play in Saturday's big game. It will be a third-down battle pitting the Nittany Lion defense and NU offense. The Wildcats are third-best in the Big Ten converting 50.8 percent on third down. Something will have to give as Penn State has allowed a conference-low 28.3 percent conversion rate. A quick look at the tape: the Wildcats have won six straight road games and the youngest coach in the conference looks to take down a mighty, mighty legend. “We Are...Penn State!”

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### **Pac-10 Game of the Week: Arizona at Stanford, Saturday, 5 p.m./8 p.m. (ABC/ESPN-GP)**

After barely skating by UCLA last weekend and an out-of-character fake punt play call from head coach Mike Stoops, Arizona starts its journey into the bulk of its season. First test: on the road in Palo Alto to face the Stanford Cardinal in primetime on ABC. This series which dates back to 1979 will be an ultimate test of each teams' character. Both currently sit at 7-1 and have suffered losses at the hands of teams from the state of Oregon (Arizona to the Beavers and Stanford to the Ducks). No doubt, this game keeps the winner in the driver's seat to test the “O” for conference contention down the road. Wildcats' quarterback Nick Foles will return this weekend despite his backup Matt Scott doing a stellar job for the injured captain. The battle at the quarterback position will definitely be worth the watch as the Foles/Scott duo takes on the ever-powerful Andrew Luck. We know both offenses are good, we know the Wildcats' defense has been dominate. But the Cardinal has some tricks up its sleeve and so far this season has posted 18 takeaways, including 10 interceptions, to go along with 20 sacks. To throw some salt in the paws of the Wildcats, Stanford will honor its 1970 Rose Bowl Game team at halftime. Don't for one second tell me that wasn't planned out purposely this weekend. The Cardinal is coming off one of the most dominating defensive performances in school history after its 41-0 shutout over Washington. Arizona owns a 14-11 series advantage over Stanford, including a 43-38 victory over the Cardinal last season. However, Stanford is 4-0 at home this season and 15-2 dating back to the final home game of the 2007 season. A great conference match-up to kick off November!

## National Game of the Week: TCU at Utah, Saturday, 12:30 p.m./3:30 p.m. (CBSC)

The dream for one of these Mountain West Conference hopefuls will come to an end Saturday afternoon as the Horned Frogs head to Salt Lake City to face the Utes. Say what you want, this is about more than just a conference title – this game is all about the BCS. Sure, Utah is jumping ship and heading to the Pac-12, but don't think for a second head coach Kyle Whittingham wouldn't like that asterisk next to the record books as the first non-AO to make the BCS championship game. On the opposite side of the field, the competition enters having just leaped over Boise State in the current BCS standings. The Horned Frogs are the highest ranked opponent Utah has hosted at Rice-Eccles Stadium since it opened in 1998. Shocking to some, TCU is the highest ranked in Texas and one of only five undefeated teams left in the country (along with this weekend's foe). However, they are 0-3 in Salt Lake and last year's 55-28 TCU win snapped a three-game Utah winning streak in the series. A quarterback duel will be on hand as TCU's Andy Dalton and Utah's Jordan Wynn look to keep their teams unscathed by games' end. It's the second consecutive year GameDay broadcasts live from Salt Lake (the actual game is on CBSC) as two of the nation's Top 10 scoring offenses and defenses look to make a huge statement. The Utes have won 21 straight at home (third-longest in the nation, second-longest in school history and longest in MWC history) and looks for its 22<sup>nd</sup> in front of a "Black Out" crowd. The winner to this one definitely sits in the driver's seat of the non-AO battle as the experts agree the strength of schedule in the MWC is numerically much more impressive than the WAC (sorry Broncos). Bottom line: find a television and tune in.

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### RANKINGS

(As of Nov. 4, 2010)

#### USA Today Coaches

1. Oregon
2. Auburn
3. Boise State
4. TCU
5. Alabama
6. Utah
7. Wisconsin
8. Ohio State
9. Oklahoma
10. Nebraska
11. LSU
12. Stanford
13. Arizona
14. Missouri
15. Michigan State
16. Iowa
17. South Carolina
18. Oklahoma State
19. Arkansas
20. Virginia Tech
21. Mississippi State
22. Baylor
23. Nevada
24. Florida State
25. NC State

#### Associated Press

1. Oregon
2. Boise State
3. Auburn
4. TCU
5. Alabama
6. Utah
7. Wisconsin
8. Ohio State
9. Nebraska
10. Stanford
11. Oklahoma
12. LSU
13. Arizona
14. Missouri
15. Iowa
16. Michigan State
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#### Harris Poll

1. Oregon
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#### BCS Standings

1. Oregon
2. Auburn
3. TCU
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## IT ALL COMES DOWN TO THIS WEEKEND

As discussed in the national game of the week, the showdown in Salt Lake City this weekend will eliminate one of the final three BCS busters standing. After this weekend, the questions will be can the two teams left stay undefeated...*and* will they *both* get a nod from the BCS? Boise State hosts the Warriors from Hawai'i. Will they bring down another ranked team as they did with Nevada? On a side note, the last team to take down Boise State...yep, you got it...Hawaii in November 2007.

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### HATS OFF

One thing every college football fan has noticed this season is the prevalence of student athletes' helmets jumping off their head. For anyone who has every tried on a helmet, I find this quite puzzling. My problem has typically been the opposite...how the heck do you pry those things off?! As serious head injuries also continue to headline the news, helmets have become a huge conversation and research topic. This week we take a look inside of what goes in to the helmet fashion.

The National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) establishes performance standards for all football helmets. For a proper fit, the helmets edge should be about one inch above the eyebrows for a snug fit. Traditional helmets often come with inserts in all shapes and sizes and can assist in achieving the best fit. Padding is typically designed in multiple pieces and varying thickness – the back pad, neck pad and side padding of the helmet while a pad for the crown can be found in the roof of the helmet. Chin straps are designed to keep the helmet securely anchored to the head as well as protect the chin.

Face masks are designed for specific helmet models and specific positions; therefore there is no "standard" face mask model. Typically there are two types of face masks referenced – *open cage* and *closed cage*. The open cage is usually preferred by quarterbacks, running backs, wide receivers and defensive backfield players as it has two or three horizontal bars and no vertical bar above the nose which allows for better visibility. The closed cage usually is the choice of linemen since it has a vertical bar running the length of the mask over the nose with two, three, or four horizontal bars which helps to keep other players' fingers and hands out of their eyes.

Abbreviations have also been established by the NOCSAE and are used by helmet makers to give information needed to determine the type of protection you need: **OPO**: Oral Protection Only, **NOPO**: Nose and Oral Protection Only, **EGJOP**: Eye Glass, Jaw and Oral Protection, **EGOP**: Eye Glass and Oral Protection, **JOP**: Jaw and Oral Protection, **NJOP**: Nose, Jaw, and Oral Protection, **ROPO**: Reinforced Oral Protection Only and **RJOP**: Reinforced Jaw and Oral Protection. Additionally there are abbreviations used to indicate face mask styles: **DW**: Double Wire Configuration, **SW**: Single Wire Configuration, **R**: Reinforced, **UB**: U-Bar Attached and **K**: Kicker/Punter.

The outer shell in adult, college and high school football helmets is made of the same plastic material used in astronaut helmets, GE Lexan molded polycarbonate alloy. Some manufacturers, however, use an unbranded molded polycarbonate for their shell.

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### ROAD TRIP

The competition is thinning out and the Rose Bowl Game presented by VIZIO picture will only get clearer. Huge Pac-10 game this weekend in Northern California – and we'll be on hand to catch all the action!

Rutgers at South Florida (Annual Bowl Outing)  
Arizona at Stanford

## WEEKLY TELEVISION SCHEDULE

(All times listed below are PT/ET and subject to change)

### Thursday, November 4

Buffalo at Ohio, 4:30 p.m./7:30 p.m. (ESPNU)

Georgia Tech at Virginia Tech, 4:30 p.m./7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

### Friday, November 5

Western Michigan at Central Michigan, 3 p.m./6 p.m. (ESPNU)

Central Florida at Houston, 5 p.m./8 p.m. (ESPN2)

### Saturday, November 6

#### **COLLEGE GAMEDAY – 7 A.M./10 A.M. – WEEK FIVE: SALT LAKE CITY (TCU AT UTAH)**

Air Force at Army, 9 a.m./Noon (CBSC)

Illinois at Michigan, 9 a.m./Noon (ESPN)

Iowa at Indiana, 9 a.m./Noon (BTN)

Louisville at Syracuse, 9 a.m./Noon (ESPN-GP)

Maryland at Miami, 9 a.m./Noon (ESPNU)

Minnesota at Michigan State, 9 a.m./Noon (BTN)

North Carolina State at Clemson, 9 a.m./Noon (ESPN-GP)

Wisconsin at Purdue, 9 a.m./Noon (BTN)

Florida at Vanderbilt, 9:21 a.m./12:21 p.m. (ESPN-GP)

Charleston Southern at Kentucky, 9:30 a.m./12:30 p.m. (ESPN-GP)

Baylor at Oklahoma State, 9:30 a.m./12:30 p.m. (FSN)

Idaho State at Georgia, 9:30 a.m./12:30 p.m. (ESPN-GP)

Lafayette at Colgate, 10 a.m./1 p.m. (ESPN-GP)

UT-Chattanooga at Auburn, 10 a.m./1 p.m. (ESPN-GP)

UNLV at BYU, 11 a.m./2 p.m. (MTN)

Penn at Princeton, Noon/3 p.m. (Versus)

Alabama at LSU, 12:30 p.m./3:30 p.m. (CBS)

Hawaii at Boise State, 12:30 p.m./3:30 p.m. (ESPNU)

Nebraska at Iowa State, 12:30 p.m./3:30 p.m. (ABC/ESPN-GP)

North Carolina at Florida State, 12:30 p.m./3:30 p.m. (ABC/ESPN-GP)

Northwestern at Penn State, 12:30 p.m./3:30 p.m. (ABC or ESPN2)

TCU at Utah, 12:30 p.m./3:30 p.m. (CBSC)

Washington at Oregon, 12:30 p.m./3:30 p.m. (ABC/ESPN2/ESPN-GP)

California at Washington State, 1 p.m./4 p.m. (FSNW)

Fresno State at Louisiana Tech, 1 p.m./4 p.m. (ESPN-GP)

Nevada at Idaho, 2 p.m./5 p.m. (ESPN-GP)

Wyoming at New Mexico, 3 p.m./6 p.m. (MTN)

Arkansas at South Carolina, 4 p.m./7 p.m. (ESPN)

Louisiana-Lafayette at Ole Miss, 4 p.m./7 p.m. (ESPNU)

Oklahoma at Texas A&M, 4 p.m./7 p.m. (FSN)

Oregon State at UCLA, 4 p.m./7 p.m. (Versus)

Louisiana-Monroe at Florida International, 4:30 p.m./7:30 p.m. (ESPN-GP)

Arizona at Stanford, 5 p.m./8 p.m. (ABC or ESPN-GP)

Missouri at Texas Tech, 5 p.m./8 p.m. (ABC or ESPN-GP)

Tennessee at Memphis, 5 p.m./8 p.m. (CBSC)

Texas at Kansas State, 5 p.m./8 p.m. (ESPN2)

Colorado State at San Diego State, 7 p.m./10 p.m. (MTN)

Arizona State at USC, 7:30 p.m./10:30 p.m. (FSN)

## BIG TEN NEWS

### **Michigan State's place in football history rests with remaining schedule**

By David Mayo, The Grand Rapids Press

For today, Mark Dantonio wants Minnesota to serve as a measuring stick for the Michigan State football team, which it better not be. For weeks, Spartans faithful wanted it to be their 1966 team, which it most assuredly isn't.

[http://www.mlive.com/spartans/index.ssf/2010/11/michigan\\_states\\_place\\_in\\_footb.html](http://www.mlive.com/spartans/index.ssf/2010/11/michigan_states_place_in_footb.html)

### **Here they come**

By Bill Rabinowitz

It is four hours before kickoff on Oct. 16, and Nebraska Cornhuskers fans have already jammed Stadium Drive alongside Memorial Stadium. It is a sea of red. Spontaneous chants of "Go Big Red!" erupt from tailgaters milling around or slowly making their way to the stadium for the game against Texas.

<http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/sports/stories/2010/10/30/here-they-come.html?sid=101>

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## PAC-10 NEWS

### **The Sun Devils Embark on a "Business Trip" to L.A. Against USC**

By Kristian Siuta, The Bleacher Report

USC has been every team's nemesis in the Pac-10 for the last decade. Yet just last Saturday, as the Coliseum torch was lit at the beginning of the fourth quarter, the Oregon Ducks dominated the final stanza and earned the spot as the conference's torchbearer. The Arizona State Sun Devils want to be included in that conversation.

<http://bleacherreport.com/articles/507876-asu-football-the-sun-devils-embark-on-a-business-trip-to-la>

### **LaMichael James and the Ducks Have Sped to the Top**

By Ben Spicer, The Bleacher Report

Speed. If college football has a more blatant utilization for winning, many are unaware of it. Speed has frequently overpowered brawn of late, and the fact is apparent. Speed in major college football is equivalent to winning seasons and BCS bowl appearances.

<http://bleacherreport.com/articles/506425-swiftly-so-lamichael-james-and-oregon-have-sped-to-the-top>

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## NATIONAL NEWS

### **Up in the wind**

By Ryan McGee, ESPN.com

In every college football program, no matter how large or small, there are teams within the team. The offense hangs out with the offense, the defense hangs out with the defense and the coaches hang out with the coaches. But deep in the oft-ignored back pages of every media guide are photos of the seldom-recognized groups that are just as vital to the success of the program as the players and coaches.

[http://espn.go.com/ncf/blog/\\_/name/mcgee\\_ryan/id/5740321/up-wind](http://espn.go.com/ncf/blog/_/name/mcgee_ryan/id/5740321/up-wind)

### **It's tight everywhere, not just the BCS**

By Peter Schrager, Foxsports.com

A lot has been made in the media this season of the unlikely bedfellows currently sitting in the top two spots of the latest BCS standings, and rightfully so. But the real story of the 2010 college football season isn't the usual race to the top of the BCS polls.

<http://msn.foxsports.com/collegefootball/story/tight-bcs-race-isnt-only-intriguing-battle-in-college-football-110110>

## THIS WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

### Saturday, Nov. 6

Illinois at Michigan  
Iowa at Indiana  
Minnesota at Michigan State  
Northwestern at Penn State  
Wisconsin at Purdue

Standings: 1. Ohio State, Michigan State, 3.  
Wisconsin, Iowa, 5. Illinois

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## RESULTS FROM LAST WEEK

Illinois 44, Purdue 10  
Northwestern 20, Indiana 17  
Iowa 37, Michigan State 6  
Penn State 41, Michigan 31  
Ohio State 52, Minnesota 10

## THIS WEEK IN THE PAC-10

### Saturday, Nov. 6

Arizona State at USC  
Arizona at Stanford  
California at Washington State  
Washington at Oregon  
Oregon State at UCLA

Standings: 1. Oregon, 2. Stanford, Arizona,  
4. Oregon State, 5. USC

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## RESULTS FROM LAST WEEK

Oregon 53, USC 32  
Arizona 29, UCLA 21  
Arizona State 42, Washington State 0  
Oregon State 35, California 7  
Stanford 41, Washington 0

## THIS WEEK IN THE BCS TOP 5

(Based on Current BCS Standings)

Washington at No. 1 Oregon  
Chattanooga at No. 2 Auburn  
No. 3 TCU at No. 5 Utah  
Hawaii at No. 4 Boise State  
No. 3 TCU at No. 5 Utah

## RESULTS FROM LAST WEEK

(Based on Last Week's BCS Standings)

No. 1 Auburn 51, Mississippi 31  
No. 2 Oregon 53, USC 32  
No. 3 Boise State 49, Louisiana Tech 20  
No. 4 TCU 48, UNLV 6  
No. 18 Iowa 37, No. 5 Michigan State 6

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## ROSE BOWL GAME PRESENTED BY VIZIO PREDICTIONS

Ladies and gentleman, Oregon has officially left the building in the land of Rose Bowl Game predictions. After an impressive and dominating win over the Trojans last week the last bunch of non-believers have finally put their *ducks* in the basket and penciled in Oregon for the BCS title game in Arizona. What does that leave for the Rose Bowl Game? Well...looks like Michigan State became closer to the radar along with the Boise State Broncos whom many of our experts feel have slipped out of title contention due to their (lack of) strength of schedule. Will the Rose Bowl Game welcome the 42<sup>nd</sup> team to ever play in the game and just the fifth outside of the Big Ten and Pac-10 Conferences? The Smurf Turf fans and non-AQ believers sure hope so!

### ESPN.com

Michigan State vs. Boise State

### Sports Illustrated

Wisconsin vs. TCU

### The Bleacher Report

Boise State vs. Wisconsin

### CollegeFootballNews

Oregon vs. Ohio State

### CBS Sports

Michigan State vs. Boise State

### The Rose Bowletin

Arizona vs. Boise State

## NEWS, NOTES AND QUOTES

The Oregon Ducks are the new BCS No. 1, the 15<sup>th</sup> different school to hold No. 1 spot and third from the Pac-10 Conference, joining USC and UCLA.

Foreshadow into the future? This marks the second time in BCS history there have been three different No. 1 teams in the first three standings of the year. In 1998, the first season of the BCS, UCLA debuted at No. 1; Ohio State was No. 1 the following week; Tennessee was the top team a week later. The Vols held the No. 1 spot the rest of the season.

For the first time in BCS history, there are three teams from non-AQ conference schools (TCU, Boise State, Utah) in the top five at the same time.

Texas A&M moved former wide receiver Ryan Tannehill to its starting quarterback last weekend against Texas Tech – and what a move it was! Tannehill threw for a school record 449 yards and four touchdowns.

Michigan State and Boise State have announced a three-game series in 2011, 2022-23.

Ratings for ESPN's Sunday *BCS Countdown* were up 22 percent from week one to week two.

Alabama has a long road ahead to get back to the No. 1 or No. 2 spot. This weekend is its first road test as the Crimson Tide head to Death Valley to face No. 12 LSU. Up next: No. 21 Mississippi State and No. 3 Auburn in the much anticipated Iron Bowl on November 26.

The EagleBank Bowl, to be played on December 29 in Washington, D.C. at RFK Stadium, is now the Military Bowl presented by Northrop Grumman. The game will feature teams from the Atlantic Coast Conference and Conference USA, with Army as a possible backup.

Washington quarterback Jake Locker will not play this Saturday as the Huskies head to Eugene to face the Ducks. Locker is out with a broken rib that started as a cartilage injury and has grown into a full fracture.

Tough run for the Horns – Mack Brown now has more home losses in the last month than Bob Stoops has his entire Oklahoma coaching career.

Arkansas has announced plans for a new football facility, which will begin construction immediately and lie to the south of Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium. It will contain, among other things, a new locker room, team meeting rooms, a student-athlete lounge and a study area.

Sign up now to join the official Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/rosebowlgame>) and Twitter (<http://twitter.com/rosebowlgame>) accounts for the Rose Bowl Game. Current standings in the BCS Bowl Twitter Poll: Fiesta Bowl 2,308, Rose Bowl Game 1,520, Orange Bowl 398 and Sugar Bowl 275.

Quote of the week – “It doesn't matter where the Ducks play. It doesn't matter whom the Ducks play. They are like the road show of a Broadway play. They unpack their trunks, put on their outlandish costumes, hit every cue and move on to the next stage.”

Ivan Maisel, ESPN.com

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