



## 97<sup>th</sup> ROSE BOWL GAME

JANUARY 1, 2011

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### **Big Ten Game of the Week: Ohio State at Wisconsin, Saturday, 4 p.m./7 p.m. (ESPN)**

Jim Tressel's team is definitely in for a challenge as they face a physically imposing Badger team this weekend. This match-up is Big Ten football at its core – a hard nose, gridiron battle that will go down to the wire. At least that's what Bret Bielema is hoping for as he looks for his first victory in three attempts versus the Buckeyes. 327, 322, 323, 315 and 313; no were not talking about the *Biggest Loser* here, rather, these are the numbers in weight of the starting offensive line for Wisconsin. And they will need every one of those pounds to remain above the yellow line and stop the Buckeyes. Quarterback Scott Tolzien is looking for redemption and a much better performance than that of last year when he went for 250 yards, zero touchdowns and two interceptions against Ohio State – which consequently also resulted in touchdowns. And we all know about the one man/boy wonder, Terrelle Pryor (enough said). Will The Ohio State Buckeyes fall to the No. 1 curse after a milestone for Tressel and his 100<sup>th</sup> win as head coach? With an undefeated Michigan State team not on their schedule, Ohio State looks to secure this victory for a pivotal stake in this 2010 season. Although Wisconsin hasn't beaten a ranked conference team since 2007, the jump around crew couldn't be any more pumped for this Saturday night game in Camp Randall with all the pomp and circumstance surrounding the GameDay hype. Will it be the 'House of Pain' for the Buckeyes or will Pryor continue to surge toward Arizona?

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### **Pac-10 Game of the Week: Oregon State at Washington, Saturday, 7:15 p.m./10:15 p.m. (ESPN)**

There is a quiet conspiracy theory circulating around college football right now which has to do with the Oregon State Beavers. After the unveiling of the first Harris Poll of the season, the Beavers are unranked. Many skeptics are speculating voters are holding Oregon State as a pawn against the Boise State Broncos...the Rose Bowletin agrees some people have way too much time on their hands. Mike Riley's team has looked a bit like a fast moving roller coaster. With losses to TCU and Boise State, the Beavers went into Tucson last weekend and shattered the (unrealistic) dreams of Wildcat fans everywhere and strengthened those of the Smurf Turf lovers. But more importantly, they lost a key player in their high-powered offense, senior flanker, James Rodgers, who suffered a season-ending knee injury. The question on the minds of OSU fans – how will they bounce back? J-Rod's absence will certainly be felt; he ranked sixth in the nation with an average of 176.075 all-purpose yards this season and was averaging 18.33 yards on punt returns and 28.67 yards on kickoff returns. But he was also a spiritual leader for Oregon State and team captain. After a last-second victory to USC a couple of weeks ago, Washington was on its own amusement park ride with its lost at home to Arizona State. The joys and sorrows those desert teams bring! Washington holds a 57-33-4 series advantage over Oregon State, but the Beavers have won the last six match-ups. In a Pac-10 Conference race which has everyone running at light speed, this weekend's game will be a potential huge win for its victor.

## National Game of the Week: Arkansas at Auburn, Saturday, 12:30 p.m./3:30 p.m. (CBS)

In the year of the quarterbacks we've already seen some outstanding head-to-head match-ups this season. Saturday at Jordan-Hare Stadium will be no exception as Cam Newton and Ryan Mallett square off in yet another SEC duel. And while Heisman talk revolves around Arkansas' Mallett, Newton is making a name for himself in the statistics column. Current standings: Newton: 189 yards passing (65%), 112 yards rushing, 21 total touchdowns and five interceptions. Mallett: 349 yards passing (69%), 13 touchdowns and six interceptions. Despite its 6-0 record, Auburn has been living on the edge, with three of its victories by three points and four games that came down to the final possession in regulation or overtime. Similar to its conference brethren in Baton Rouge – War Eagle is wondering if it's luck or skill that has carried them to perfection. One thing is certain, if Arkansas doesn't step up to the defensive plate, this one could get ugly as Newton is a serious threat in the air and on land. Questions are circulating for the Razorbacks and whether or not they can run the football effectively. So far, the answer is no. Arkansas and Auburn have played 19 games since their first in 1984, and Auburn leads the series 10-8-1 with six of those games being decided by three points or fewer. Nine of these games have been decided by seven points or fewer and they have never faced one another while ranked. Expect a high scoring game in a wide-open SEC west race where both teams are looking to book their trip to Hotlanta in December.

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### RANKINGS

(As of Oct. 14, 2010)

#### USA Today Coaches

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

#### Associated Press

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

#### Harris Poll

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

## FROM ONE CONTROVERSY TO THE NEXT

Before last week the conversation was “Do they deserve to go to the national championship game?” This week the conversation is “Do they deserve to go to the national championship game?” Only there is a huge difference between seven days of the same conversation...the domination in Tuscaloosa came to an end. On the brink of the first BCS standings of the 2010 season, Boise State fans near and far are anxious for Sunday’s release and potential fate of their beloved Broncos. Will they pass an undefeated Big Ten and/or Pac-10 team? Do they deserve to pass them? These are the questions burning on the minds of voters nationwide and the root of the ever-constant BCS debate. Here’s what our BCS hopefuls have in store this weekend:

Boise State on the road at San Jose State...shouldn’t be much of a challenge for the Broncos;  
BYU at TCU...this could have been a “marquee” match-up in the Mountain West, not in 2010;  
Utah at Wyoming...the Utes have won nine of their last 10 games against the Cowboys;  
Nevada at Hawaii...toughest contest of the weekend for the non-AQ’s; the Wolf Pack haven’t beaten the Warriors in Honolulu since 1948! Look for a very high-scoring game;  
Air Force at San Diego State...the Aztecs have lost 23 straight to ranked opponents and three in a row to the Falcons.

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## INSIDE THE REMAINING PERFECT RECORDS

Since 1980, there have been 30 teams with undefeated records including their bowl results (some multiple times). Those have included Georgia, Clemson, BYU, Penn State, Miami (FL), Notre Dame, Washington, Alabama, Auburn, Nebraska, Michigan, Tennessee, Tulane, Florida State, Marshall, Oklahoma, Ohio State, USC, Utah, Texas and Boise State.

Nebraska leads this group with three unblemished seasons – 1994, 1995 and 1997. Boise State is the only non-AQ that has two undefeated seasons on record – 2006 and 2009...are they headed for the trifecta as well? A deeper look into those teams who still have a zero after the dash in the standings.

	<b>W-L</b>	<b>Points For (Avg.)</b>	<b>Points Against (Avg.)</b>	<b>Margin (Avg.)</b>
1. Oregon	6-0	326(54.33)	98 (16.33)	38.00
2. Utah	5-0	245 (49.00)	78 (15.60)	33.40
3. Boise State	5-0	237 (47.40)	74 (14.80)	32.60
4. TCU	6-0	250 (41.67)	62 (10.33)	31.33
5. Ohio State	6-0	259 (43.17)	81 (13.50)	29.67
6. Nebraska	5-0	208 (41.60)	64 (12.80)	28.80
7. Missouri	5-0	177 (35.40)	56 (11.20)	24.20
8. Nevada	6-0	258 (43.00)	113 (18.83)	24.17
9. Oklahoma State	5-0	263 (52.60)	146 (29.20)	23.40
10. Michigan State	6-0	215 (35.83)	110 (18.33)	17.50
11. Auburn	6-0	220 (36.37)	128 (21.33)	15.33
12. LSU	6-0	155 (25.83)	91 (15.17)	10.67
13. Oklahoma	5-0	164 (32.80)	114 (22.80)	10.00

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## SHOPPING FOR BOWLS

A handful of teams are already bowl eligible for post-season play this season. Has your team made the cut? Below is a quick look by conference:

Michigan State and Ohio State (Big Ten); TCU (Mountain West); Oregon (Pac-10) and LSU and Auburn (SEC).

## WEEKLY TELEVISION SCHEDULE

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

### Thursday, October 14

Kansas State at Kansas, 4:30 p.m./7:30 p.m. (FSN)

South Florida at West Virginia, 4:30 p.m./7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

### Friday, October 15

Cincinnati at Louisville, 7 p.m./10 p.m. (ESPN)

### Saturday, October 16

#### **COLLEGE GAMEDAY – 7 A.M./10 A.M. – WEEK FIVE: MADISON (OHIO STATE AT WISCONSIN)**

Arkansas State at Indiana, 9 a.m./Noon (ESPNU)

Boston College at Florida State, 9 a.m./Noon (ESPN)

Fordham at Yale, 9 a.m./Noon (YES)

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

Maryland at Clemson, 9 a.m./Noon (ESPN-GP)

Miami (OH) at Central Michigan, 9 a.m./Noon (ESPN-GP)

Minnesota at Purdue, 9 a.m./Noon (ESPN2)

Missouri at Texas A&M, 9 a.m./Noon (FSN)

North Carolina State at East Carolina, 9 a.m./Noon (CBSC)

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

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

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

Western Michigan at Notre Dame, 11:30 a.m./2:30 p.m. (NBC)

California at USC, 12:30 p.m./3:30 p.m. (FSN)

Iowa at Michigan, 12:30 p.m./3:30 p.m. (ABC/ESPN)

Arkansas at Auburn, 12:30 p.m./3:30 p.m. (CBS)

SMU at Navy, 12:30 p.m./3:30 p.m. (CBSC)

Texas at Nebraska, 12:30 p.m./3:30 p.m. (ABC/ESPN)

Wake Forest at Virginia Tech, 12:30 p.m./3:30 p.m. (ESPNU)

BYU at TCU, 1 p.m./4 p.m. (Versus)

South Carolina at Kentucky, 3 p.m./6 p.m. (ESPN2)

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

Iowa State at Oklahoma, 4 p.m./7 p.m. (FSN)

McNeese State at LSU, 4 p.m./7 p.m. (ESPN-GP)

Mississippi State at Florida, 4 p.m./7 p.m. (ESPNU)

Ohio State at Wisconsin, 4 p.m./7 p.m. (ESPN)

Arizona at Washington State, 4:30 p.m./7:30 p.m. (Versus)

Air Force at San Diego State, 5 p.m./8 p.m. (CBSC)

Boise State at San Jose State, 5 p.m./8 p.m. (ESPN-GP)

Ole Miss at Alabama, 6 p.m./9 p.m. (ESPN2)

Oregon State at Washington, 7:15 p.m./10:15 p.m. (ESPN)

New Mexico State at Fresno State, 7:30 p.m./10:30 p.m. (ESPNU)

## BIG TEN NEWS

### **Majestic and (usually) memorable, Big Ten's stadiums offer a special fall atmosphere**

By Bill Livingston, Cleveland Plain Dealer

The Pac-10 is a sightseer's dream, filled with alluring places like Los Angeles and the Bay Area, the desert oases of Tucson and Phoenix and the foggy gray and evergreen of the Pacific Northwest. The Big Ten, the traditional sparring partner of the Pac-10 in the game played in the greatest setting God invented for any sport, the Rose Bowl, doesn't have the glitz.

[http://www.cleveland.com/livingston/index.ssf/2010/10/livingston\\_big\\_ten\\_coll.html](http://www.cleveland.com/livingston/index.ssf/2010/10/livingston_big_ten_coll.html)

### **Would a little tweaking of Penn State's uniforms be that horrible?**

By David Jones, The Patriot-News

Four years ago I had the opportunity to have a couple of drinks in a Columbus hotel suite with Joe Paterno and his friend, Nike chieftain Phil Knight. I had preconceived notions about Knight. I was prepared to dislike him based on what I'd been told by activists about his foreign labor practices. Whatever Knight's professional scruples, you rarely arrive at his station at life without being able to mix with strangers. And Knight was hilarious that night.

[http://blog.pennlive.com/davidjones/2010/10/would\\_a\\_little\\_tweaking\\_of\\_pen.html](http://blog.pennlive.com/davidjones/2010/10/would_a_little_tweaking_of_pen.html)

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## PAC-10 NEWS

### **Cal, Stanford could be turning point**

By Andy Katz, ESPN.com

The Bay Area schools, California and Stanford, appear to be the final hurdle before the Pac-10 unveils next week its two-division, 12-team setup for the 2011-12 football season. Pac-10 athletic directors weren't able to arrive at a consensus during two days of meetings last week in San Francisco, but a compromise is in the words, according to multiple sources.

<http://sports.espn.go.com/ncaa/news/story?id=5677006>

### **Pac-10 more powerful this year**

By Jay Drew, The Salt Lake Tribune

At least one national expert believes that that Pac-10 has passed the Southeastern Conference (SEC) as the best college football conference in the land this season. Computer guru Jeff Sagarin, whose rankings appear weekly in USA Today, has the Pac-10 (82.6 rating) ranked first among all leagues this week, followed by the SEC (77.46) and the Big 12 (76.8).

<http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/sports/50466576-77/state-pac-utah-west.html.csp>

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## NATIONAL NEWS

### **Colorado to re-brand itself with fresh start in move to Pac-10**

By Vicki Michaelis, USA Today

The University of Colorado, which opened its last season of Big 12 football last week with a 26-0 loss at Missouri, is going west next year to the Pacific-10 for what, in the 1800s, would have been considered gold prospecting. In 2010, it's called conference jumping.

[http://www.usatoday.com/sports/college/football/2010-10-11-colorado-pac-10\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/sports/college/football/2010-10-11-colorado-pac-10_N.htm)

### **Nebraska vs Texas brings out some Husker haters**

By Eric Olson, Associated Press

Nebraska fans don't like Texas, and that's putting it mildly. Guess what? Texas and its fans don't seem to care. Folks of the Cornhusker persuasion have been counting down the days to Saturday's game with the Longhorns for 10 months. Texas fans have been thinking about this game for, oh, 10 days.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gzlfy6TBXZWszE6-MGkcz1Op29dgD9IOUUVG3?docId=D9IOUUVG3>

## THIS WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

### Saturday, Oct. 16

Illinois at Michigan State  
Arkansas State at Indiana  
Iowa at Michigan  
Minnesota at Purdue  
Ohio State at Wisconsin

Standings: 1. Michigan State, Ohio State,  
Iowa, Purdue, No. 5 Michigan

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## RESULTS FROM LAST WEEK

Illinois 33, Penn State 13  
Ohio State 38, Indiana 10  
Michigan State 34, Michigan 17  
Wisconsin 41, Minnesota 23  
Purdue 20, Northwestern 17

## THIS WEEK IN THE PAC-10

### Saturday, Oct. 16

California at USC  
Arizona at Washington State  
Oregon State at Washington

Standings: 1. Oregon, 2. Oregon State, 3.  
Stanford, 4. Arizona, 5. California

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## RESULTS FROM LAST WEEK

Stanford 37, USC 35  
Oregon State 29, Arizona 27  
Arizona State 24, Washington 14  
California 35, UCLA 7  
Oregon 43, Washington State 23

## THIS WEEK IN THE TOP 5

(Based on Current AP Standings)

No. 1 Ohio State at No. 18 Wisconsin  
No. 2 Oregon (Bye)  
No. 3 Boise State at San Jose State  
BYU at No. 4 TCU  
Texas at No. 5 Nebraska

## RESULTS FROM LAST WEEK

(Based on Last Week's AP Standings)

No. 19 South Carolina 35, No. 1 Alabama 21  
No. 2 Ohio State 38, Indiana 10  
No. 3 Oregon 43, Washington State 23  
No. 4 Boise State 57, Toledo 14  
No. 5 TCU 45, Wyoming 0

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## ROSE BOWL GAME PREDICTIONS

For the sake of maintaining original predictions, the Rose Bowletin is keeping to its January game forecast despite smarter judgment – and more importantly, reality. The Arizona Wildcats suffered its first loss last weekend to Oregon State, Oregon continues its impressive dominance over its competition, and a new team has landed onto the Rose Bowl Game radar prediction, Stanford. At this point as we all like to say, “It’s really anyone’s game.” With No. 1 Alabama losing, both Rose Bowl Game conference anchors are sitting atop and worrying the ol’ faithful that the most non-traditional game could be in the foreseeable future. A side note – prior to the start of this season the Rose Bowletin received a call from a national reporter about what we would do if we lost both a Big Ten *and* a Pac-10 team to the national championship game. And we chuckled. Were we not included on some future telling memo? A lot of time is left but halfway through the season things are slowly taking shape. For now, we can all simply offer our “educated” guesses:

### ESPN.com

Michigan State vs. Boise State

### Sports Illustrated

Oregon vs. Boise State

### Phil Steele

Oregon vs. Iowa

### CollegeFootballNews

Oregon vs. Ohio State

### CBS Sports

Stanford vs. Boise State

### The Rose Bowletin

Arizona vs. Boise State

## NEWS, NOTES AND QUOTES

The Football Bowl Association has unveiled a new website, [FootballBowlAssociation.com](http://FootballBowlAssociation.com). The site will feature a full bowl schedule and page dedicated to each of the 35 bowl games.

Over 2,400 high school football players in Southern Nevada donned pink helmet ribbons last week, furnished by MAACO Bowl Las Vegas, as a part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

So long Russ, welcome Uga VIII. Georgia will have a ceremonial 'passing of the collar' this weekend as the new mascot, weighing in at 55 pounds, is introduced to the Bulldog nation. Grandson of Uga VI, Uga VIII's registered name is "Big Bad Bruce," in honor of Dr. Bruce Hollett, the university's school of veterinary medicine. Russ had been the interim mascot following the death of Uga VII last year.

The number of bowl games in 1960 was 8; in 1970 they jumped to 11; 1980, there were 15; 1990 a slight increase to 19. In 2000 it jumped to 25 and we are now at a staggering 35 – 27 more than just 50 years ago.

Last week Nebraska AD Tom Osborne unveiled plans to renovate Memorial Stadium with new seating to include 2,000 to 2,200 club seats on a new, covered and heated club level, roughly 2,800 additional general seats and 500 skybox seats. The capacity would grow to more than 90,000.

Purdue returns home to Ross-Ade Stadium for its only home game in the month of October this weekend against the struggling Minnesota Golden Gophers. The Boilermakers will be wearing throwback jerseys (replicas of their white 2001 Rose Bowl Game jerseys) honoring the 2000 Big Ten Championship team led by Drew Brees.

Virginia Tech left guard Greg Nosal lost his finger tip in the first half of last Saturday's game against Central Michigan when it got caught between two helmets. After a brief search, team doctors found the severed finger tip inside his glove and determined that it could be reattached. The team surgeon gave the 6-foot-6, 293-pound redshirt junior the option of having the finger repaired on the spot, or having the hand bandaged and the tip put on ice to be reattached later. He chose to keep playing, took pain medication and went back in. Now that's tough!

A sign of things to come – good or bad? The Oregon Ducks are 6-0 for the first time since 2002, but that season they dropped six of their final seven, including a 38-17 loss to Wake Forest in the now-defunct Seattle Bowl.

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 2,222, Rose Bowl Game 1,450, Orange Bowl 384 and Sugar Bowl 251.

Key date – Sunday; the initial 2010 BCS standings will be released and revealed on ESPN at 5:15 p.m. PT/8:15 p.m. ET and at [FootballFoundation.org](http://FootballFoundation.org).

Quote of the week – "It's simple: Don't ever get tackled with the ball. Make the defense intercept a lateral or fall on a fumble...The other rule? If the band runs on the field, barrel into the trombone player."

Scott Terrell, Tucson Citizen

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