



The BCS estimation is a weekly column that predicts which 10 teams will make it to the Orange Bowl, Sugar Bowl, Fiesta Bowl, Rose Bowl and National Championship game.

With the 2010 college football season rounding the corner and heading home, there's a lot of things that we can look back on. We've learned that the term "reloading" isn't applicable to some programs; that replacing juniors and seniors lost to the NFL with blue chip recruits won't give you the same success you've experienced in the past (looking at you, Texas and Florida). We've learned that some conferences absolutely do not deserve a BCS Bowl bid (looking at you with white hot rage in my eyes, Big East). But more importantly, we've learned that baseball analogies never, ever, ever mix with football articles, so I apologize for that first sentence.

This is going to be a slightly abbreviated version of the BCS estimation. With the holidays, the Ohio State basketball season beginning, etc... I feel I deserve a break for at least one week, right? No? Well fine! Go somewhere else for your BCS predictions!

I'm just kidding, I didn't mean that. I'm just crazy stressed with work right now; and with family in for Thanksgiving and everything else going on in my life, I just need a breather. Will you forgive me? Yes? Excellent!

We just got through our first fight. We'll be stronger for it. That's a guarantee.

Orange Bowl: Virginia Tech vs. TCU

I'm making an official request to rename this the Boring Bowl. Haha, that was an awesome joke I just made.

Why Virginia Tech? Because they beat Miami this past weekend, clinching the Coastal division and insuring them a trip to the ACC Championship game. They're either going to play Florida State or North Carolina State in the conference Championship game, but quite honestly, I don't want to dive into ESPN's team pages to find out who has the edge to make it there. If I did that, I might give the ESPN servers the idea that people actually care about the ACC, which they don't. In the end, it comes down to morals, and I didn't want to mislead the fine folks at ESPN, so there you go.

Why TCU? Because they're the third ranked team in the country right now, and my brain can't allow myself to process a team ranked that high being left out. Now my sense-of-humor bone (totally exists) would love it, but my brain is bigger than my sense-of-humor bone. Sometimes. Anyway, with Boise closing the gap between themselves and the Frogs, it's only logical to think that TCU will be hopped by Boise if (*when) they beat Nevada this Friday. Since the Orange Bowl (or any BCS bowl for that matter) won't be required to take a non-AQ because Boise already got in, they might overlook TCU and their tiny, non-AQ fan base for someone sexier like Oklahoma State. Stay tuned, this has the potential to be both hilarious and tragic at the same time.

Sugar Bowl: LSU vs. Ohio State

If Ohio State couldn't make it to the National Championship Game, my second best scenario would be for them to have the opportunity to get the *can't-beat-the-SEC* monkey off their backs in the Sugar Bowl. Ta-da!

Why LSU? Because they survived their game against Ole Miss by taking the lead with a last minute touchdown. Yes, you read that correctly. LSU continues its mind-bending run of fourth quarter heroics, making me think that not only does Les Miles have a deal with the Devil, but

everyone associated with the school does. They have to be careful because they travel to Arkansas to try and stop the toughest passing attack in the conference. The Razorbacks have plenty of offense to knock off the Tigers, and if they do, Alabama could steal their spot in the Sugar Bowl with a win over Auburn.

Why Ohio State? Because Devier Posey's dropped touchdown pass against Iowa late in the fourth quarter didn't cost the Buckeyes their Big Ten title hopes. Watching Posey drop that pass was one of the craziest sports moments I've ever had. It literally felt like history (a chance at six straight Big Ten titles) had slipped through our hands just like the ball slipped through Posey's. Seriously, [watch it again](#) . If Terrelle doesn't create magic on the next play by converting a 4th and 10 with a 14 yard scramble, Buckeye Nation would be looking for tickets to the Capital One Bowl. That is a terrifying thought.

Oh, and hey, it's Michigan week. Go egg the house of someone you know who roots for Michigan, or something equally devious. (David Regimbal or TheClevelandFan is not responsible for anything you do this week... this was not an endorsement, just a... thought).

Fiesta Bowl: Pitt vs. Nebraska

Think of the poor Pitt fans that would have to travel all the way across the country to see their team get obliterated into the next galaxy.

Why Pitt? Because they outlasted South Florida this past Saturday, further tightening their... soft grasp on their Big East standings lead. Funny story -- I remember looking for the score of this game at halftime, and after seeing it was 3-3, I literally was repelled to check back in. I literally had no idea who won this game until I checked ESPN five minutes ago. Now I feel like I'm on to something. If Big East football makes me not want to do my favorite thing (watch football), what else could it prevent? I bet if we smeared some Big East football on bombs, terrorists would stop using them.

My goal to bring peace to the world is finally coming to fruition. Thanks Big East football!

Why Nebraska? Because despite their loss to Texas A&M, they still control their own destiny in the Big 12 North. With a win this weekend, they'll clinch the division and book their flights to where ever the Big 12 championship game is played (probably somewhere in Texas). Who do the Cornhuskers play this weekend, you ask? They play Colorado. Yeah, Nebraska is winning that game.

Rose Bowl: Wisconsin vs. Boise State

Wisconsin pretty much sealed the deal to reach the Rose bowl this past Saturday, and Boise is one Oregon or Auburn loss away from playing in the National Championship Game. My soul just vomited.

Why Wisconsin? Because they nearly pounded the wings off of Michigan's stupid helmets. I think I heard a stat that Wisconsin ran 34 plays in the second half, of which 33 of them were runs. And Michigan could not stop it. God that team is awful. Anyway, the Badgers are absolutely steam rolling teams right now. Wisconsin is looking very tough, and would compete against anyone in the country. And they would absolutely annihilate the Broncos.

Why Boise State? Because they're still undefeated, la dee freaking dah. They play Nevada this Friday (as previously mentioned), and the Wolfpack provide the only realistic chance to give the Broncos a loss the remainder of this season. Since I'm already bored by talking about Boise, I'll use this space for something else.

Has anyone else seen the BCS rankings this week? If not, [take a look](#) . Notice anything funny? Like, how all the unbeaten teams are ranked together, followed by all the ranked one loss teams, followed by all the ranked two loss teams, followed by all the ranked three loss teams... Dang BCS projections, way to mix things up. Psh, lazy.

National Championship Game: Auburn vs. Oregon

Honestly, my perfect scenario (outside of Ohio State somehow finding their way into the championship game) would be for these two teams to win out (preventing evil Boise State from

sneaking in), then Oregon absolutely drubbing Auburn by 35 points. That would quiet down the SECdominancemediahappyOMGSECiloveyou crap we've all dealt with the last four years.

Why Auburn? Because Cam Newton isn't ineligible yet. The moment he is will be the moment I yank Auburn from this prediction. But as it stands, he's still the best player in college football, playing on a team that he has made unstoppable up until this point. Alabama should be a serious test, but we've all seen Alabama play some questionable football this year. We just have to wait and see what happens.

Why Oregon? Because LaMichael James didn't assault anyone during their bye-week, so they're still going to put up silly numbers against bad defenses the final two weeks. The Ducks will host Arizona this week and then travel to Corvallis next weekend for the civil war. If they score less than 100 combined points during these two games, I will give each reader who emails me one dollar. Just kidding, I won't, but still.

Okay, so maybe this wasn't an abbreviated version of the article. After thinking about it, I couldn't hurt you like that. That's how much I care.