



Ohio State dominated the first half of the game, and then held off the surging Arkansas Razorbacks in the second half to win the 77th Sugar Bowl 31-26, and finally break their bowl game hex against the SEC. It was the first win in ten tries against SEC schools in bowl games for the Buckeyes, and they did it in one of the wildest and most entertaining bowl games in recent memory.

After a blocked OSU punt with just over a minute to go appeared to hand the victory to the Razorbacks, reserve Buckeye defensive end Solomon Thomas intercepted Ryan Mallet deep in OSU territory with 58 seconds to play to seal the win and give Ohio State their sixth BCS game victory.

Ohio State (12-1, 7-1) is now 6-3 in BCS games overall, and 5-3 under Jim Tressel, who now has back-to-back BCS victories after winning the Rose Bowl a year ago. The Razorbacks fell in their first ever BCS appearance, but all three losses for Arkansas (10-3, 6-2) came to teams that will finish in the Top 10 in the nation.

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