

The Furls Power 15

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Furls is back with his weekly release of The Power 15, in which he ranks his top fifteen teams in the nation. Clearly, the Buckeyes still reside at the top of this list, but there were a couple teams that made big moves up last week. Furls also continues to take heat from West Virginia fans due to the fact he refuses to rank them anywhere near his top five ... and takes jabs at their schedule each week.



1. Ohio State: (No Movement). I wish I could move them up a position. They dominated a game that many thought was ripe for upset, and they looked completely unphased by the crowd and national attention again. This team is special not only for its play on the field, but for its composure in the big game.

2. Michigan: (No Movement). The Wolverines looked impressive again, but were not really tested. I suspect that we will learn a lot more about this team in the coming weeks with games against Michigan State and Penn State.

3. USC: (No Movement). The Trojans are holding on to their number three spot by the slimmest of margins after nearly being upset by Washington State. I am not one that thinks that a team must win all of its games with style, but USC was not impressive. Their saving grace? Jarrett was injured.

4. Auburn: (No Movement). The Tigers are also holding on by a thread. They looked very

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vulnerable on the road against South Carolina. If I had someone to jump them, they would have been jumped.

5. LSU: (Up 8). I think I really missed the boat on this team, but I am man enough to admit when I am wrong. WHEN they beat Florida this week, I will appear to be justified in running them as far as I have this week. They will win decisively, on the road. This team plays some of the best defense in the country and the offense is pretty good. I would order a rematch of the Auburn/LSU game on pay per view if I could.

6. Oklahoma: (No Movement). We'll find out if I am right about the Sooners this week. I am predicting that they will catapult up the list with a decisive win over Mack Cooper's boys.

7. Oregon: (Up 2): Flip-flopped with the gators. The Ducks continue to make me a believer. I liked this team at the beginning of the season, but every time I get high on them, they let me down. A convincing win this week against Cal, and their move up my poll will be justified.

8. West Virginia: (Down 1). I wish these guys would just lose so I can stop sifting through the hate mail from their bare footed, toothless fans. This team has not played ANYONE and will not move until they beat someone (I guess they will be number seven until 2007). WVU's opponent's records this year? 6-12.

9. Florida: (Down 4). The Gators looked vulnerable against a very average Alabama team. The parity of the SEC is going to give these teams some very serious problems and none of these "elite" SEC teams seems to be able to distance themselves from the pack.

10. Tennessee: (Down 2). I am getting more and more lukewarm about this Volunteer team. I think we will learn more about them this week against an overrated Georgia team. On paper it looks like the Volunteers should lose this tough road game between two highly ranked

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teams, but since Georgia is so overrated Tennessee should be able to walk off with this one.

11. Clemson: (Down 1). They pounded LaTech as if they were West Tech, but that is what you are supposed to do with LaTech. I will give LaTech this; they schedule aggressively. The Bulldogs get passed around like... (insert your own one liner here). We should learn a bit more about a relatively untested (I don't count teams that nearly lose to Troy St. as tests, regardless of their ranking, as tests) Tigers team this week against an undefeated Wake squad.

12. Texas: (Down 1). Big chance to move up this week in their game against the Sooners. They pounded Sam Houston and gave their young QB a chance to put up some numbers. Now he gets another shot at the spotlight and we will see if he is the "Real McCoy." Sorry, I could not resist that horrible pun. I have not heard it since the Buckeyes pounded the 'Horns in September.

13. California: (Down 1). Maybe they are not going to win my "Crash and Burn" award this year. We'll see. Saturday's game is a perfect chance for them to get back into the running.

14. Nebraska: (No Movement). Hanging on to the poll by a thread. There is no way that Kansas should be able to hang with anyone in a sport other than basketball.

15. Georgia: (No Movement) You should be able to kiss the dogs good bye after they suffer a loss at the hands of the Vols, or perhaps Phil Fulmer will return back to his normal form (not the round joke, the Cooper/Brown big game choke joke).