



College football is like your favorite movie -- it can be the most entertaining thing in the world no matter how frequently you watch it. The only difference -- instead of it concluding with that perfect plot twist you love so much, the movie abruptly ends in a scene where *your* parents passionately make out with excessive tongue.

Or at least, that's what the BCS feels like to me -- more so this year than any other -- after the announcement that LSU and Alabama would be playing in the BCS National Championship game this January.

I realize there are a lot of factors that led to this outcome -- that being a rematch of a game played just four weeks ago to determine which team is the best in college football. What I'm trying to get at is that none of those factors make a lick of sense to anyone living outside of Alabama or SEC wonderland.

Uh, these two teams kind of already played.

First and foremost, this game is an insult because these two teams have already played each other. Alabama and LSU met on the field and LSU prevailed. If the university presidents and bowl directors are going to cram the whole "*we can't have a playoff because that would take away from the importance of the regular season*" argument down our throats, then why in the hell are we getting a rematch of a game that has already been settled on the field? It goes directly against the logic they use to rob us of a postseason process that actually makes sense, and that in itself is a level of stupidity my mind can't process.

If the people in charge want us to believe the regular season *is* an actual playoff, would they care to explain how Alabama somehow tapped into the super awesome, super secret double-elimination magic that has allowed them a second shot at a team they already lost to?

Don't give me that "Alabama is better than Oklahoma State" crap.

If we had used this logic, Ohio State and Michigan would've played in a rematch for the National Championship back in 2006. Everyone outside of SEC homers admitted that Ohio State and Michigan were, without a question, the top two teams in the country that year. The reason these two teams didn't get a rematch was in part because of the national clamoring that someone else deserved a shot. Those people were right. Florida deserved a shot at the title because Michigan had blown their chance *on the field*. And what happened? The Florida team that everyone deemed deserving destroyed the heavily favored Buckeyes.

Is Alabama better than Oklahoma State? Maybe. But that's not what's important. Alabama already lost to the team they're about to play for a national championship. They had their chance, *at home* mind you, and they blew it. Oklahoma State deserves a shot at the title, just like Florida did back in 2006.

It's pure and absolute conjecture to say Alabama is without a doubt better than Oklahoma State. Debating which team is better is pointless because you can't draw from on-the-field results (the only true measuring stick in deciding who is better than who). The only thing we can determine without a shadow of a doubt is that Alabama isn't as good as LSU. And for that reason alone, they don't deserve a chance at redemption. People focus too much on trying to determine who the number two team in the country is when really -- we're trying to determine who the number one team is. Alabama already lost to that number one team, and that should eliminate them from the conversation completely.

Seriously, Oklahoma State *deserves* a shot.

Honestly, who can say without a shadow of a doubt that Alabama is better than Oklahoma State? The answer is *absolutely no one*. I know its easy to say "*HERP DERP THE SEC IS THE BEST CONFERENCE*", so because Alabama is a part of that, they get some sort of unseen advantage over Oklahoma State.

Frankly, I think Oklahoma State's resume looks better than Alabama's. I watched Mark May argue in favor of Alabama when comparing these two teams, saying you have to look at each squad when they were at their worst to determine which one is better. So of course, when you use that *one perspective*, Alabama looks better than Oklahoma State because a loss to LSU at home in overtime looks a lot better than a double overtime loss to Iowa State on the road.

But on the flip side, Alabama has only defeated three teams with a winning record, and one of those victories came over a 7-5 Auburn team. The Cowboys on the other hand defeated more than twice as many teams than Alabama with winning records (seven in total). In fact, there were only three teams on Oklahoma State's schedule that finished under .500. The Cowboys had twice as many victories over teams that finished the season in the top 25, and their margin of victory against those four opponents was *22 points*.

Seriously, this team didn't deserve a shot? We're giving Alabama a mulligan because they play

in the best conference in college football? The same Alabama team that not only failed to win their own conference, but didn't even win their *own freaking division*?

Honestly, what does a rematch accomplish?

If Alabama wins -- the two teams will be knotted up 1-1 in their *series*, and the actual question we're trying to answer with this game, that whole "who is number one?" thing, goes unanswered. On the other side, if LSU wins, *again*, that will provide the same answer we received four weeks ago -- that LSU is the better team.

It's a no win situation for everyone involved -- not just the teams or coaches, but for the fans who make this sport as incredible as it is. My honest hope is that the LSU - Bama game never ends and that both teams just keep matching each other with field goals in endless overtimes. I hope that in the 42nd overtime, each coach agrees to call it a game and both teams are awarded half the national championship trophy. That would be the perfect ending to this now lost and pointless season.

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