



STATS College Football Bullet Points **Saturday, December 1, 2007**

COACHES POLL RANKINGS USED

Pittsburgh (4-7) at (1)West Virginia (10-1)

* West Virginia has won four of its last five games in the "Backyard Brawl" versus Pittsburgh, rushing for over 400 yards in each of the last two games, both wins.

* The Mountaineers' 66 points against Connecticut were their most since an 80-7 victory over Rutgers in November of 2001. Their 517 yards rushing were the school's most since getting 536 yards versus East Carolina in September 2002.

* The No. 1 ranking in the USA Today Coaches Poll marks the first time in the school's history that the Mountaineers have received a No. 1 ranking. The highest ranking before that was No. 3.

* West Virginia is averaging 50.4 points, 501.6 total yards, and 341.6 rushing yards in five home games this season.

* Last week, Pat Bostick threw for a career high 298 yards in Pitt's 48-37 loss to South Florida.

* Steve Slaton is the nation's active leader in career TDs (55) and active points per game (9.7). He also is third in all-purpose ypg (139.9), sixth in rushing ypg (115.1) and seventh in yards per carry (5.98) by a running back.

* Patrick White and Steve Slaton became just the third pair of teammates in FBS history to exceed 1,000 yards rushing in back-to-back seasons, joining Arkansas' Darren McFadden and Felix Jones (2006-07) and Minnesota's Marion Barber III and Laurence Maroney (2003-04).

(8)Oklahoma (10-2) at (2)Missouri (11-1)

* Missouri lost 41-31 to Oklahoma on October 13 in Norman, and has lost five straight games against the Sooners overall. A win Saturday would give Missouri its first conference championship since winning the Big 8 in 1969.

* The Tigers' win over Kansas Saturday night clinched their first Big 12 North title. Missouri has won 11 games in a season for the first time in school history.

* Oklahoma will be appearing in the Big 12 Championship Game for the sixth time in eight years. The Sooners sport a 4-1 record in previous appearances, winning in 2000, 2002, 2004, and 2006.

* Oklahoma ranks third nationally in scoring offense (43.8 per game) and has scored at least 40 points in eight games this season, tying a school record (1971 and 2003).

* Mizzou is the only school in the country to score at least 30 points in every game this season.

* Sam Bradford threw four touchdown passes against Oklahoma State Saturday, giving him 32 for the season. That breaks the previous FBS freshman record of 29 shared by Colt McCoy (Texas, 2006) and David Neill (Nevada, 1998).

* Jeremy Maclin, who leads the Big 12 Conference and ranks 2nd in the NCAA in all-purpose yards (209.1 ypg), is the only player in the nation to have touchdowns via receiving (nine TDs), rushing (four), punt return (two) and kickoff return (one).

* Chase Daniel broke his own Missouri record for total offense in a season Saturday night. With 367 yards versus Kansas, he now has 4,209 for the year (3,906 in 2006).

(5)Virginia Tech (10-2) at (12)Boston College (10-2)

* Virginia Tech has lost two in a row to Boston College, averaging just 6.5 points and 223 yards of total offense in those contests.

* The Eagles have won 10 regular-season games for just the second time in school history (1940). For the first time in school football history, Tech has put together four-straight seasons of 10 or more wins.

* It's been over 100 years since Virginia Tech played the same team twice in a season when the Hokies beat William & Mary twice in a three-day span in 1906 (winning 12-0 on Oct. 6 and then winning 28-0 on Oct. 8 at home).

* Opponents are converting just 28.4% of their third downs against the Hokies, tied with UCLA for the second best defensive third-down efficiency in the nation (Troy, 24.8%).

* Andre Callender is one of just three FBS players with over 600 yards both rushing and receiving this season, with Nebraska's Marlon Lucky and BYU's Harvey Unga the other two.

* Matt Ryan topped 300 yards for the fourth consecutive game – and eighth time this season – last Saturday. Ryan was named ACC Offensive Back of the Week for the sixth time in 12 weeks.

* Branden Ore had season highs of 31 carries and 147 yards Saturday versus Virginia. Ore topped the century mark for the eighth time in his career but the first time this season.

(15)Tennessee (9-3) at (7)LSU (10-2)

* LSU and Tennessee did not face each other during the regular season. Their last two games went down to the wire, with the Volunteers winning 30-27 in OT in 2005 (in Baton Rouge), and LSU taking a 28-24 victory last year (in Knoxville) on an Early Doucet TD reception with 0:09 left in the game.

* LSU became just the fourth team in the history of the AP poll to lose twice in one season as the No. 1-ranked team. The others were Minnesota in 1960, Nebraska in 1984, and Notre Dame in 1990.

* Tennessee will be making its fifth appearance in the SEC Championship Game, tied with Alabama for second most among conference schools (Florida, 8). The Vols are 2-2 in previous appearances, including a 31-20 loss to LSU in 2001.

* Offensively, the Tigers have scored a school-record 482 points this year, which includes going over the 40-point mark a school record seven times. LSU is averaging 40.2 points per game.

* Tennessee's offensive line has allowed just four sacks this season, and just three against starting quarterback Erik Ainge. Overall, the Vols have attempted 451 passes, meaning UT's opponents are averaging one sack in every 112.8 attempts.

* Arian Foster became the 13th Tennessee player to rush for 1,000 yards in a season. With 118 yards against Kentucky, Foster has 1,107 for the year, fifth most in the SEC.

* Craig Steltz is one of three finalists for the Thorpe Award, given annually to the top defensive back in college football. Steltz, a senior from New Orleans, leads LSU in tackles with 89, five of which have gone for losses. Steltz also leads the SEC in interceptions with 6 to go with 7 pass breakups.

* Erik Ainge set career highs on Saturday with 397 yards and seven touchdowns passing. The seven TD passes are a new school record.

* Playing his final game at Tiger Stadium, senior Jacob Hester set career highs in carries (28) and yards (126) in Saturday's loss to Arkansas, and tied a career high with two touchdowns.

UCLA (6-5) at (9)USC (9-2)

* USC is looking to avenge last season's 21-12 loss to cross-town rival UCLA, which broke the Trojans' seven-game win streak in the series. The Trojans will clinch their sixth consecutive Pac-10 title with a win.

* The Trojans' defense also had a stellar performance last week, recording six sacks and limiting the Sun Devils to 16 rushing yards on 35 attempts. USC is sixth in the nation in scoring defense (16.7 points per game), and one of Arizona State's touchdowns came on a kickoff return and the other came in the fourth quarter when the game was out of reach.

* UCLA is second-worst in the Pac-10 in scoring (24.4), and had just one touchdown in its 16-0 win over then-No. 9 Oregon last Saturday. The Bruins finished with season lows of 10 first downs and 220 yards, but still managed to snap a three-game losing streak.

* The Trojans have allowed just seven passing touchdowns all season, tied with Utah for the fewest among FBS teams.

* USC linebackers coach Ken Norton Jr. was a 1987 All-American linebacker at UCLA.

* Fred Davis has 104 career catches (16th on USC's career receptions list), one shy of tying the USC tight ends reception record (105 by Joe Cormier, 1983-85). His 15.4 average per catch in 2007 is best among the nation's tight ends.

* John David Booty threw for a season-high 375 yards and career-high tying four touchdowns last Thursday versus Arizona State. Booty has gone three straight games without being intercepted since throwing four against Stanford.

Washington (4-8) at (10)Hawaii (11-0)

* Hawaii is 1-1 all-time against the Huskies but has dropped five of its last six games versus Pac-10 opponents.

* Hawaii has won 12 games in a row, the longest winning streak in school history and the longest active winning streak in the nation.

* A win Saturday over Washington will virtually assure the Warriors of an at-large bid to a BCS game.

* UH's win over five-time defending champion Boise State on Friday gave the Warriors their first outright WAC championship. UH previously shared WAC titles in 1992 and 1999. It also marked the first time Hawaii finished a conference season undefeated (8-0).

* UH's prolific and high-powered offense leads the country in scoring (47.2), ranks second in passing offense (450.9) and third in total offense (528.5). The Warriors have not scored less than 28 points or generated less than 430 yards of offense in any game this season.

* The Huskies fell 42-35 at home last Saturday to archrival Washington State. Redshirt freshman quarterback Jake Locker returned from a neck injury to throw for 224 yards and a touchdown and rush for 103 yards and two TDs.

* In Hawaii's win over Boise State Friday, Colt Brennan gained sole possession of the FBS records for career touchdown passes (126) and touchdowns responsible for (141).

Arizona (5-6) at (13)Arizona State (9-2)

* Arizona State has won two straight versus Arizona and four of its last five. However, Arizona leads the series all-time, 44-35-1. The oldest intercollegiate rivalry trophy in the nation, the Territorial Cup was first presented to Tempe Normal School (now ASU) in 1899.

* The Sun Devils managed just 16 yards rushing Saturday versus USC, their fewest in a game in over five years (-2 yards against Cal on Nov. 9, 2002). The Sun Devil defense had their streak of consecutive games with a takeaway snapped at 12 by USC.

* The Wildcats lost six of their first eight games, but have won three in a row. They haven't won four straight games since Sept. 16-Oct. 14, 2000.

* The ASU defense has allowed an average of 1.1 points in the fourth quarter this season.

* Redshirt freshman kicker Thomas Weber has been named one of the three finalists for the Lou Groza Award, given to the nation's top kicker. Weber has made 20 of his 21 field goal attempts this season, including all six attempts from 40+ yards away.

* Rudy Carpenter now has 61 touchdown passes in his career. He is only the fourth Sun Devil all-time to throw at least 60 touchdowns, joining Andrew Walter (85), Jake Plummer (65) and Danny White (64).

* Rudy Burgess is one of just three active FBS players to have accumulated at least 1,000 rushing, receiving, and return yards in their careers. The others are Chris Johnson of East Carolina and Rafael Little of Kentucky.

(19)Brigham Young (9-2) at San Diego State (4-7)

* The Cougars have won five of the last six games against SDSU, including a 47-17 victory last season at LaVell Edwards Stadium.

* BYU's 17-10 win over Utah marked the fewest points the Cougars have scored in a winning effort since beating New Mexico 10-7 on September 13, 2003.

* BYU has won a MWC record 15 straight league games, dating back to a 31-17, road victory over No. 15 TCU last season. The streak includes a record 10 straight road victories against league opponents. The Cougars' 15-game league win streak is the longest since winning 25 straight October 2, 1982 to October 19, 1985.

* The Cougars have scored 41 touchdowns on the season. Of the 41 TDs, 21 have been scored via the passing game while 20 have been scored on the ground.

* BYU is the only team in the nation that has not allowed a 100-yard rusher. Prior to Saturday's game, LSU had not allowed a 100-yard rusher; however, Arkansas' Darren McFadden rushed for 206 yards in the Razorbacks' overtime victory in Baton Rouge.

* San Diego State, which allows a league-worst 494.5 yards and 33.2 points per game, has given up 1,364 yards and 100 points in its last two losses.

* Sophomore tight end Dennis Pitta ranks fifth in the nation among all tight ends. Pitta is averaging nearly 70 yards per game and has produced four touchdowns on the season.

Oregon State (7-4) at (20)Oregon (8-3)

* The home team has won every game since 1996, when the Ducks posted a 49-13 win in Corvallis.

* Prior to last Saturday's 16-0 loss at UCLA, the Ducks had gone 267 games without being shutout.

* The Ducks have the top rushing offense in the Pac-10 (all games) at 247.6 yards per game, while the Beavers are the top team against the run, allowing 64.0.

* The Ducks have worn a different uniform combination in every game this season. Oregon's kit collection features jerseys and pants in black, green, white and yellow, and helmets in green, white and yellow. Every component has been worn at least once in 2007 with the exception of the yellow helmet.

* Dennis Dixon has been named one of three finalists for both the Maxwell Award and the Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award. The Maxwell Award is given to the Collegiate Player of the Year as presented by the Maxwell Football Club, while the O'Brien Award is bestowed upon the nation's top collegiate quarterback.

* Oregon kickers are 0-for-3 in field goal attempts over the past three Civil Wars while SR PK Alexis Serna has connected on all eight of his attempts against the Ducks in his career.

* With 44 yards at UCLA, JR WR Jaison Williams became the eighth Duck in history to eclipse 2,000 career receiving yards (2,017).

IDLE TEAMS

- (3)Ohio State (11-1) Regular season over
- (4)Georgia (10-2) Regular season over
- (5)Kansas (11-1) Regular season over
- (11)Florida (9-3) Regular season over
- (14)Illinois (9-3) Regular season over
- (16)Wisconsin (9-3) Regular season over
- (17)Clemson (9-3) Regular season over
- (18)Texas (9-3) Regular season over
- (21)Auburn (8-4) Regular season over
- (21)Virginia (9-3) Regular season over
- (23)Boise State (10-2) Regular season over
- (24)Cincinnati (9-3) Regular season over
- (25)Arkansas (8-4) Regular season over

BCS POLL

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