

# COLLEGE BONUS

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## HOW THE TOP 25 FARED

-  **NO. 1 OHIO ST.**  
def. Michigan 42-39  
Next: Bowl game
-  **NO. 2 MICHIGAN**  
lost to Ohio State 42-39  
Next: Bowl game
-  **NO. 3 FLORIDA**  
def. Western Carolina 62-0  
Next: at Florida State (Sat.)
-  **NO. 4 USC**  
def. California 23-9  
Next: vs. Notre Dame (Sat.)
-  **NO. 5 ARKANSAS**  
def. Mississippi State 28-14  
Next: vs. LSU (Fri.)
-  **NO. 6 NOTRE DAME**  
def. Army 41-9  
Next: at Southern Cal (Sat.)
-  **NO. 7 RUTGERS**  
lost to Cincinnati 30-11  
Next: vs. Syracuse (Sat.)
-  **NO. 8 WEST VIRGINIA**  
def. Pittsburgh 45-27 (Thur.)  
Next: vs. South Florida (Sat.)
-  **NO. 9 LSU**  
def. Mississippi 23-20 (OT)  
Next: at Arkansas (Fri.)
-  **NO. 10 LOUISVILLE**  
def. South Florida 31-8  
Next: at Pittsburgh (Sat.)
-  **NO. 11 TEXAS**  
did not play  
Next: vs. Texas A&M (Fri.)
-  **NO. 12 WISCONSIN**  
def. Buffalo 35-3  
Next: Bowl game
-  **NO. 13 BOISE STATE**  
def. Utah State 49-10  
Next: at Nevada (Sat.)
-  **NO. 14 WAKE FOREST**  
lost to Virginia Tech 27-6  
Next: at Maryland (Sat.)
-  **NO. 15 AUBURN**  
def. Alabama 22-15  
Next: Bowl game
-  **NO. 16 OKLAHOMA**  
def. Baylor 36-10  
Next: at Oklahoma State (Sat.)
-  **NO. 17 CALIFORNIA**  
lost to Southern Cal 23-9  
Next: vs. Stanford (Dec. 2)
-  **NO. 18 GEORGIA TECH**  
def. Duke 49-21  
Next: at Georgia (Sat.)
-  **NO. 19 VIRGINIA TECH**  
def. Wake Forest 27-6  
Next: vs. Virginia (Sat.)
-  **NO. 20 BOSTON COLLEGE**  
def. Maryland 38-16  
Next: at Miami (Thur.)
-  **NO. 21 MARYLAND**  
lost to Boston College 38-16  
Next: vs. Wake Forest (Sat.)
-  **NO. 22 TENNESSEE**  
def. Vanderbilt 39-10  
Next: vs. Kentucky (Sat.)
-  **NO. 23 BRIGHAM YOUNG**  
def. New Mexico 42-17  
Next: at Utah (Sat.)
-  **NO. 24 NEBRASKA**  
did not play  
Next: vs. Colorado (Fri.)
-  **NO. 25 CLEMSON**  
did not play  
Next: vs. South Carolina (Sat.)



The Associated Press

Ohio State's Antonio Pittman breaks free of the Michigan defense for a 56-yard TD run in the third quarter Saturday.

# CLASSIC RERUN?

No. 1 Ohio State earns a spot in BCS title game with 42-39 win, but Michigan's effort may cause BCS chaos, plenty of debate and a rematch.

By JOEY JOHNSTON  
The Tampa Tribune

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** — Ohio State coach Jim Tressel barely had time to blink. The final seconds had ticked away Saturday night at Ohio Stadium, giving the Buckeyes a 42-39 regular-season finale victory against the previously unbeaten Michigan Wolverines. This game-for-the-ages lived up to the hype.

There was so much to absorb. The top-ranked Buckeyes (12-0) clinched a spot in the Jan. 8 BCS Championship Game in Glendale, Ariz., where they could capture the program's second national title in five seasons. It was the first outright Big Ten Conference championship since 1984 for Ohio State, now on a 19-game winning streak.



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Buckeyes fans celebrate Saturday's victory against their Wolverine archrivals in the storied Big Ten series' first matchup of No. 1 vs. No. 2.

Tressel, trying to keep his cool while thousands from the sellout crowd of 105,708 poured onto the field and grabbed souvenir clumps of turf, was immediately approached by a television reporter.

"Coach, do you think Michigan deserves a rematch?"

*A rematch?*

"Don't dismiss the possibility.

"There can't be many teams in the nation better than Michigan," said

Tressel, who believes a team should win its conference title in order to play for the national championship. "But I'm not going to get into it. My opinion doesn't have a vote. There's football still to be played."

The chance of an Ohio State-Michigan rematch in the desert?

It's definitely there.

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Teams combine for 900 yards of offense.

# Chester Uses Arm To Lead FAMU To Florida Classic Win

JUNIOR THROWS 5 TD PASSES TO PICK UP GAME'S MVP TROPHY

Florida A&M 35, Bethune-Cookman 21

By NICK WILLIAMS  
The Tampa Tribune

**ORLANDO** — For the last two seasons, Florida A&M junior Albert Chester felt he was categorized as a quarterback who couldn't stay in the pocket and who would run at the first sign of trouble.

On Saturday at the 27th Florida Classic, the 71,216 fans inside the Citrus Bowl Stadium witnessed his evolution as he picked up

his second Florida Classic MVP trophy after leading FAMU with 339 passing yards and five touchdowns in a 35-21 victory over rival Bethune-Cookman.

"From last year and throughout the season, people tried to make me do what they think I was uncomfortable doing," said Chester, who completed 22 of 34 passes. "Really, I just try to do whatever I can do to move the ball. I don't feel like I'm weak in one area. I may throw a little funny, people may say, but I get it there."

He got it there by picking apart the defense's secondary, following an interest-

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Chester spreads the wealth.



Tribune photo by JOSEPH BROWN III

FAMU's Anthony Edwards, who rushed for 58 yards on 10 carries, runs the ball during the fourth quarter Saturday in Orlando.

# Louisville Gets Its Revenge Vs. USF

FORMER JESUIT STAR SCORES 2 TOUCHDOWNS

Louisville 31, USF 8

By BRETT McMURPHY  
The Tampa Tribune

**LOUISVILLE, Ky.** — This year, Louisville freshman running back Anthony Allen will be the one making all the telephone calls.

Allen, of Jesuit High, rushed for two touchdowns as the No. 10 Cardinals defeated the University of South Florida 31-8 Saturday night, avenging last year's stunning loss to the Bulls.

A senior at Jesuit High last season who already had committed to Louisville, Allen could only watch from the stands last year as the Bulls shocked the Cardinals.

"After that game I got a call from every USF coach saying 'Did you see what we did to your team?'" Allen said. "This time I'll make a couple calls, no coaches, but to a couple of their players I know."

For the second consecutive road game, USF (7-4, 3-3 Big East) needed a late touchdown reception from Amp Hill to avoid being shut out.

At Cincinnati on Oct. 22, the Bulls came within 50 seconds of being shut out in a 23-6 loss. Louisville blanked the Bulls until 5:53 remained, when Matt Grothe hit Hill for a 44-yard touchdown pass.

USF coach Jim Leavitt said he was unsure about the Bulls' recent road struggles.

"It seems like teams at home in the Big East have been pretty successful," Leavitt said. "We didn't have any offense. We really got shut down offensively both here and at Cincinnati."

Grothe finished with 237 yards passing, but was under constant pressure. The Cardinals sacked Grothe six times while winning their 17th consecutive home game (the nation's second-longest streak) before 40,348 at Papa John's Stadium.

"We just didn't play very well," Grothe said. "They came out and rammed it down our throat. They came out to play and we didn't. They did a good job of checking out of bad plays and into good

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Louisville torches USF secondary.



## A 'Rudy' Moment In Gators' Rout

Senior walk-on Tim Higgins gets a memorable carry in UF's 62-0 victory.

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## FSU Struggles But Gets Bowl-Eligible

Western Michigan nearly has chance to tie at end, but 'Noles escape 28-20.

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## Trojans Stay In National Title Hunt

USC beats Cal to clinch its fifth Pac-10 title in a row but has eyes on bigger goal.

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