

Ohio State Falls To No. 7 In AP and Coaches Polls



After 10 years, Ohio State finally lost to its archrival in The Game, falling to Michigan 42-37 in Ann Arbor on Nov. 27 and seeing its Big Ten Championship and College Football Playoff hopes dashed in the final week of the regular season.

The Buckeyes dropped to No. 7 in the AP and Coaches poll after Ryan Day suffered his first conference loss as the program's head coach. Ohio State dropped four spots from their No. 2 and No. 3 overall rankings the team earned following its dominant win over Michigan State the week before.

Ohio State's five-spot drop was its second-largest in the AP Poll this season, with the greatest being the six ranks the team fell after losing to Oregon on Sept. 11. However, the Buckeyes experienced their most significant move in the Coaches poll since Week 6 after a blowout victory over Rutgers that caused Ohio State to move up three spots.

Michigan is ahead of Ohio State for the first time since the week of the team's 2018 matchup. The Wolverines entered that game at No. 4, while the Buckeyes claimed the 10th spot before then-quarterback Dwayne Haskins led his team to a 62-39 win in The Game.

In the polls, Cincinnati, Oklahoma State, and Notre Dame also all moved up ahead of Ohio State. The Bearcats look poised to be the first Group of Five team to make the College Football Playoff with a win against No. 16 Houston the American Conference Championship. In contrast, Oklahoma State could make its first appearance in the CFP with a win over No. 9 Baylor in the Big 12 title game. The Fighting Irish are on the outside looking in with no conference championship and will need teams in front of them to lose if they want to compete for a national title.

COACHES POLL TOP 25

RANK	TEAM	RECORD	PTS	1ST VOTES	PREV	CHANGE
1	GEORGIA	12-0	1550	62	1	—
2	ALABAMA	11-1	1440	-	2	—
3	MICHIGAN	11-1	1408	-	6	+3
4	CINCINNATI	12-0	1399	-	4	—

RANK	TEAM	RECORD	PTS	1ST VOTES	PREV	CHANGE
5	OKLAHOMA STATE	11-1	1285	-	7	+2
6	NOTRE DAME	11-1	1250	-	5	-1
7	OHIO STATE	10-2	1133	-	3	-4
8	MISSISSIPPI	10-2	1097	-	8	—
9	BAYLOR	10-2	1046	-	10	+1
10	OREGON	10-2	932	-	11	+1
11	OKLAHOMA	10-2	851	-	9	-2
12	IOWA	10-2	845	-	12	—
13	MICHIGAN STATE	10-2	840	-	13	—
14	BRIGHAM YOUNG	10-2	741	-	15	+1
15	PITTSBURGH	10-2	640	-	17	+2
16	HOUSTON	11-1	607	-	16	—
17	UTAH	9-3	596	-	19	+2
18	WAKE FOREST	10-2	531	-	21	+3
19	SAN DIEGO STATE	11-1	396	-	22	+3
20	NC STATE	9-3	334	-	24	+4
21	UL LAFAYETTE	11-1	268	-	23	+2
22	KENTUCKY	9-3	226	-	25	+3
23	TEXAS A&M	8-4	202	-	14	-9
24	CLEMSON	9-3	170	-	NR	+3
25	ARKANSAS	8-4	128	-	NR	+1

AP TOP 25 POLL

RANK	TEAM	RECORD	PTS	PREV	CONFERENCE
1	GEORGIA	12-0	1,550 (62)	1	SEC
2	MICHIGAN	11-1	1,449	6	Big Ten
3	CINCINNATI	12-0	1,422	4	American Athletic
4	ALABAMA	11-1	1,388	3	SEC
5	OKLAHOMA STATE	11-1	1,291	7	Big 12
6	NOTRE DAME	11-1	1,264	5	IA Independents
7	OHIO STATE	10-2	1,147	2	Big Ten
8	OLE MISS	10-2	1,105	8	SEC
9	BAYLOR	10-2	1,066	9	Big 12
10	OREGON	10-2	932	11	Pac-12
11	MICHIGAN STATE	10-2	877	12	Big Ten
12	BRIGHAM YOUNG	10-2	839	13	IA Independents
13	OKLAHOMA	10-2	837	10	Big 12
14	UTAH	9-3	667	16	Pac-12
15	IOWA	10-2	662	17	Big Ten

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16	HOUSTON	11-1	603	19	American Athletic
17	PITTSBURGH	10-2	589	20	ACC
18	WAKE FOREST	10-2	485	21	ACC
19	SAN DIEGO STATE	11-1	416	22	Mountain West
20	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	11-1	317	23	Sun Belt
21	NORTH CAROLINA STATE	9-3	310	24	ACC
22	CLEMSON	9-3	269	-	ACC
23	ARKANSAS	8-4	214	25	SEC
24	TEXAS A&M	8-4	117	14	SEC
25	KENTUCKY	9-3	82	-	SEC