

Ohio State Moves To No. 2 In AP Poll, No. 3 In Coaches Poll After Blowout Win



College football coaches and the Associated Press think Ohio State and head coach Ryan Day keeps getting better with each game.

After starting the year as the No. 4 team in the nation, the Buckeyes took a nosedive, falling as far as No. 11 after a loss to Oregon and a shaky win over Tulsa. Since then, Ohio State steadily climbed the rankings, reaching No. 2 in the AP and No. 3 in the Amway Coaches poll after Week 12.

The Buckeyes are coming off consecutive wins over ranked opponents, including a 28-point win over then-No. 19 Purdue on Nov. 13 and a 59-7 defeat of then-No. 7 Michigan State the following week. The string of victories helped Ohio State move behind Georgia and Alabama in the Coaches poll and take the second spot behind the Bulldogs in the AP.

With its blowout loss in Columbus, Michigan State fell outside of the top 10 in both polls. Michigan is the sixth-best team according to the AP and Coaches, setting up a premier matchup on Nov. 27 in Ann Arbor, Mich.

The last time Ohio State and Michigan played in a top 10 matchup was on Nov. 25, 2015, with the No. 6-ranked Buckeye claiming a 30-27 overtime victory over the No. 10 Wolverines thanks to a game-winning 15-yard touchdown run from Curtis Samuel.

In the third College Football Playoff rankings released on Nov. 16, Ohio State was No. 4 behind Georgia, Alabama and Oregon. The first two teams out were Cincinnati and Michigan. With the Ducks suffering their second defeat with a 38-7 loss to Utah, they will undoubtedly be out of the top four, allowing the Buckeyes to solidify further their spot in the CFP in the next poll.

USA TODAY AMWAY COACHES POLL

RANK	TEAM	RECORD	PTS	1ST VOTES	PREV	CHANGE
1	GEORGIA	11-0	1550	62	1	—
2	ALABAMA	10-1	1450	-	2	—
3	OHIO STATE	10-1	1428	-	4	+1
4	CINCINNATI	11-0	1388	-	3	-1

RANK	TEAM	RECORD	PTS	1ST VOTES	PREV	CHANGE
5	NOTRE DAME	10-1	1258	-	6	+1
6	MICHIGAN	10-1	1250	-	7	+1
7	OKLAHOMA STATE	10-1	1210	-	9	+2
8	MISSISSIPPI	9-2	1049	-	10	+2
9	OKLAHOMA	10-1	1010	-	11	+2
10	BAYLOR	9-2	977	-	13	+3
11	OREGON	9-2	864	-	5	-6
12	IOWA	9-2	722	-	14	+2
13	MICHIGAN STATE	9-2	698	-	8	-5
14	TEXAS A&M	8-3	683	-	16	+2
15	BRIGHAM YOUNG	9-2	675	-	15	—
16	HOUSTON	10-1	572	-	17	+1
17	PITTSBURGH	9-2	507	-	19	+2
18	WISCONSIN	8-3	485	-	20	+2
19	UTAH	8-3	478	-	25	+6
20	TEXAS-SAN ANTONIO	11-0	475	-	18	-2
21	WAKE FOREST	9-2	404	-	12	-9
22	SAN DIEGO STATE	10-1	257	-	23	+1
23	UL LAFAYETTE	10-1	236	-	21	-2
24	NC STATE	8-3	196	-	24	—
25	KENTUCKY	8-3	91	-	NR	+1

AP POLL

RANK	TEAM	RECORD	PTS	PREV	CONFERENCE
1	GEORGIA	11-0	1,550 (62)	1	SEC
2	OHIO STATE	10-1	1,434	5	Big Ten
3	ALABAMA	10-1	1,423	2	SEC
4	CINCINNATI	11-0	1,416	3	American Athletic
5	NOTRE DAME	10-1	1,262	6	IA Independents
6	MICHIGAN	10-1	1,246	8	Big Ten
7	OKLAHOMA STATE	10-1	1,209	9	Big 12
8	OLE MISS	9-2	1,060	10	SEC
9	BAYLOR	9-2	1,046	11	Big 12
10	OKLAHOMA	10-1	1,001	12	Big 12
11	OREGON	9-2	849	4	Pac-12
12	MICHIGAN STATE	9-2	778	7	Big Ten
13	BRIGHAM YOUNG	9-2	771	14	IA Independents
14	TEXAS A&M	8-3	628	16	SEC
15	UTSA	11-0	583	15	Conference USA

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16	UTAH	8-3	561	24	Pac-12
17	IOWA	9-2	538	18	Big Ten
18	WISCONSIN	8-3	517	19	Big Ten
19	HOUSTON	10-1	516	17	American Athletic
20	PITTSBURGH	9-2	445	20	ACC
21	WAKE FOREST	9-2	344	13	ACC
22	SAN DIEGO STATE	10-1	273	23	Mountain West
23	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	10-1	246	22	Sun Belt
24	NORTH CAROLINA STATE	8-3	141	25	ACC
25	ARKANSAS	7-4	105	21	SEC