

Talent vs. Money, what decides the Championship?



Caught in the Grasp
Douglas Smith

The Bowl Championship Series (BCS) is now over and once again, unfortunately, those in charge can say it worked perfectly; they crowned an unprecedented national championship in the Oklahoma Sooners and the masterful Bob Stoops. However, if Florida State would have won the Orange Bowl, then four different teams would have had an argument. Only Miami and Florida State would have had a legitimate complaint. I realized I have talked about this before, but let us look one more time at the behind the scenes aspects.

Before we delve too deep, let us just compliment the Sooners for their domination of the Seminoles on January 3rd. For all intensive purposes, they shut the most powerful offense in the

country out, despite a fluke safety late in the game. For many people, it was utter joy seeing Heisman Trophy winner Chris Weinke under pressure all night, fumbling once and throwing two interceptions. It was absolutely marvelous, but what topped the whole night off was seeing a very dumb-founded Bobby Bowden answer questions at the press conference. He is a very good coach, but his weaknesses were very accentuated in the Seminoles loss.

Okay, now back to the matter at hand. The BCS had a game that involved Oregon State and Notre Dame. The Beavers of Oregon State crushed the Fighting Irish; this was also a very exciting event in the college football bowl season. However, this exposed the problem of whether or not the right team was selected. Four other teams were ranked higher than Notre Dame in the final BCS standings before the bowl games were announced. The three teams with the biggest gripe were Virginia Tech, Nebraska, and Kansas State. Virginia Tech dominated Clemson in their game, but their schedule may

have not been that strong. Nebraska obliterated Northwestern who were probably not worthy opponents in a season that could be described in only one word for Northwestern: lucky. Nebraska also had one more loss than the Fighting Irish. However, two of Kansas State's losses came from the number one Sooners. One was very close, and Kansas State did easily beat Tennessee in the Cotton Bowl.

So why is this such a big deal? Well it comes down to that green stuff one more time. Notre Dame was awarded 12.5 million dollars for reaching a BCS game. Notre Dame does not belong to a conference: they are an independent. This means they get to keep all that money. Is this special treatment of sorts simply because the words 'Notre Dame' will draw people to the game? I think so. A bigwig at Notre Dame was interviewed during the game and said the extra money goes to financial aid for the students. Well, here's my theory about that. First priority is the athletic department and they will get new equipment or what have you. Then comes something that just needed a little bit more funding to be completed. Then the money goes to financial aid.

Most of it is probably reserved for scholarships for athletes. Once again a little bit of special treatment is involved. The financial aid office probably expects some money, a set amount, from the athletic department, so the money is not a surprise help at all.

I swear I am done rambling about this BCS stuff (for this year). It is just that "tweaking" needs to be done. Although I must say that the fact that the Rose Bowl is next year's championship game really throws me off. This means that Penn State could win the Big Ten and have to play in another bowl. Winning the Pac-10 and Big Ten meant playing in the Rose Bowl. I told you there was more to ramble on next year.



Basketball Action...
Behrend spirit

FREE STUFF

Halftime Sponsored by:
RICARDO'S RESTAURANT

Saturday January 13, 2001

Double Header
Men's and Women's Basketball

W & J vs. Behrend Women's Team - 6:00 pm

Thiel vs. Behrend Men's Team - 8:00 pm

Halftime consists of:
Dance Team
Cheerleaders
Pep Band

3-Point Shoot-out
"What's in the Box" Contest

FREE PRIZES TO BE WON!

SCOREBOARD

BEHREND SPORTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

School	C.R.	Overall
Frostburg	2-0	7-4
La Roche	1-0	2-5
Lake Erie	1-1	5-8
Penn State Behrend	1-1	4-8
Pitt-Greensburg	1-1	1-11
Pitt-Bradford	0-1	3-7
Penn State Altoona	0-2	3-6

Wabash College 82 Behrend 70	
Wabash	40 42 82
Behrend	37 33 70

Wabash Player	FG	3-pt	Pts.
Storm	1	1	6
Claxton	3	2	13
Ferguson	7	1	17
DesJean	7	0	18
Short	8	0	20
O'Hara	0	0	0
Hoyer	0	0	0
Burgess	1	0	2
Smith	2	0	4
Buck	0	0	0
Vanscoy	1	0	2

Behrend Player	FG	3-pt	Pts.
McKinney	3	3	13
Curren	3	0	6
Orris	1	1	6
Hairston	3	2	9
Ponsoll	5	1	13
Timm	1	1	3
Merrill	0	0	0
Banner	5	0	15
Schodt	0	0	2
Conley	1	0	3

Dominican Univ. 59 Behrend 53	
Dominican	32 27 59
Behrend	31 22 53

Dominican Player	FG	3-pt	Pts.
Bujalka	3	2	10
Clarke	5	3	13
Winters	0	0	0
Crews	5	1	14
Brice	1	0	7
Cibelli	0	0	3
Higgins	2	0	6
Leuzzi	2	0	6

Behrend Player	FG	3-pt	Pts.
McKinney	1	1	3
Curren	5	0	12
Orris	1	1	3
Hairston	5	0	12
Ponsoll	2	1	7
Merrill	3	2	10
Banner	1	0	4
Conley	1	0	2

Behrend 80 Allegheny 68	
Behrend	27 53 80
Allegheny	32 36 68

Behrend Player	FG	3-pt	Pts.
McKinney	3	0	6
Curren	3	3	16
Orris	3	2	9
Hairston	5	0	11
Ponsoll	1	0	2
Merrill	2	2	9
Keith	0	0	0
Rhodes	0	0	0
Banner	2	0	7
Conley	3	0	7

Allegheny Player	FG	3-pt	Pts.
Dungee	3	0	6
Catanzarite	3	3	16
Meerstein	3	2	9
Clayton	5	0	11
Johnson	1	0	2
Wilson	1	0	3
Bradley	0	0	0
Moore	0	0	2
Magnusen	6	2	14
Straub	0	0	1
Smith	0	0	0
Casini	2	0	4

Fredonia State 58 Behrend 40	
Fredonia St.	33 25 58
Behrend	14 26 40

Fredonia State Player	FG	3-pt	Pts.
Moore	3	0	6
Duvert	9	0	19
Fitchlee	4	0	10
Campbell	2	0	6
Gibbons	3	1	8
Stores	1	0	3
Kennedy	1	0	2
Smith	2	0	4
Scott	0	0	0

Behrend Player	FG	3-pt	Pts.
Orris	1	0	2
Hairston	3	1	7
Ponsoll	2	0	5
McKinney	1	1	3
Curren	9	0	19
Sammons	0	0	0
Timm	0	0	0
Merrill	0	0	0
Lane	0	0	0
Niland	0	0	0
Banner	1	0	4
Schodt	0	0	0
Conley	0	0	0

NATIONAL SPORTS

NHL STANDINGS

Eastern Conference

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Devils	21	11	8	0	50	135	96
Phil.	19	14	9	0	47	119	117
Pitt.	19	15	6	1	45	124	122
Rangers	16	23	2	1	35	135	156
Islanders	11	24	4	2	28	90	127
Northeast							
Ottawa	22	12	6	0	50	127	96
Toronto	20	13	6	3	49	132	106
Buffalo	21	13	5	1	48	110	97
Boston	14	17	6	4	38	100	128
Montreal	12	24	4	2	30	103	126
Southeast							
Wash.	19	15	8	1	47	115	109
Carolina	16	16	5	2	39	93	107
Atlanta	15	17	8	1	39	118	136
Tampa	12	21	5	2	31	107	142
Florida	8	20	7	6	29	89	122

Western Conference

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Central	27	7	4	1	59	137	79
St. Lou	24	13	3	4	55	129	115
Nash.	15	20	7	1	38	94	113
Chic.	16	20	3	2	37	109	118
Colum.	13	24	4	2	32	97	136
Northwest							
Col.	26	8	7	1	60	129	97
Vancou.	22	12	4	4	52	139	119
Edmon.	20	17	6	1	47	121	120
Calgary	14	16	8	4	40	100	117
Minnes.	13	18	8	2	36	88	99
Pacific							
San Jose	24	10	6	0	54	113	88
Dallas	23	12	4	1	51	114	86
Phoenix	18	10	10	1	47	98	82
L.A.	18	16	7	1	44	142	128
Anaheim	14	19	6	4	38	106	130

NFL 1/6 - 1/7

Oakland 27	Miami 0
Baltimore 24	Tennessee 10
Minnesota 34	New Orleans 16
Giants 20	Eagles 10

NFC CHAMPIONSHIP
Minnesota Vikings at New York Giants
12:30p.m. ET Sunday, Fox

AFC CHAMPIONSHIP
Baltimore Ravens at Oakland Raiders
4:15p.m. ET Sunday, CBS

CLASSIFIEDS

LOFT FOR SALE
top quality, custom made, hinged illuminated study desk, clothes rack, ladder and more - \$175 725-9762

Wanted!
Spring Breakers! Cancun, Bahamas, Florida, & Jamaica. Call Sun Coast Vacations for a free brochure and ask how you can organize a small group and **Eat, Drink, Travel Free & Earn Cash!** Call 1-888-777-4642 or e-mail sales@suncoastvacations.com

Spring Break! Deluxe Hotels, Reliable Air, Free Food, Drinks and Parties. Cancun, Jamaica, Bahamas, Mazatlan & Florida. **Travel Free and Earn Cash!** Do it on the web! Go to StudentCity.com or call 800-293-1443 for info.

SPRING BREAK 2001!
CANCUN & BAHAMAS. EAT, DRINK, TRAVEL FOR FREE, WANTED CAMPUS REPS! Call USA SPRING BREAK, toll free (877) 460.6077, for trip information and rates. 25 Continuous Years of Student Travel! www.springbreak.com

Students, faculty, and staff of Penn State Behrend are welcome to place free classified ads.
Please send ads to BehrColl4@aol.com