

PSU Makes Alamo Bowl Amid BCS Chaos

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So I don't really need to say it but I'm going to anyway: The 2007 college football season was the most incredibly unpredictable, utterly frustrating, and chaotically turbulent in recent history. I believe the best way to commemorate the irregularity is to create a timeline. So, if I may...

Week 1: History was made from the beginning when the defending Division I-AA (three years straight...and yes I said Division I-AA...and sorry I meant FCS) Champion Appalachian State Mountaineers knocked off an unsuspecting #5 Michigan. To

accentuate this embarrassment—and this is great—the Mountaineers wound up losing two games in their division; to Wofford and Georgia Southern. Who the hell are Wofford and Georgia Southern??

Week 2: As if ASU didn't turn the BCS world upside down already (they took Michigan from #5 to who knows), Michigan got a 39-7 smackdown from the Oregon Ducks. Their season's shot, right? The biggest story, however, had to be the upstart South Florida Bulls team going 2-0 with a 26-23 win over #23 Auburn on the road. Who do they think they are? #11 Georgia's loss to South Carolina and #22 Boise State's loss to Washington turned some heads as well.

Week 3: The highlight of the week here has to be Utah's obliteration of #11 UCLA. The Bruins saw their season's hopes slip away after getting thumped 44-6. Second to this carnage has to be the Kentucky Wildcats season-spoiling upset over #9 Louisville and its gun-slinging offense. One might also take note of #21 Boston College and its relatively seamless victory over the 15th-ranked Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets.

Week 4: Since this was a comparatively "normal" week I'll concentrate on what we were all thinking about on Saturday, September 22. The 10th-ranked Penn State Nittany Lions—who have a very realistic path to the BCS Championship—lose 14-9 to

the bruised and battered Michigan Wolverines. What gives? At risk of concentrating on one of a hundred reasons why Penn State should have won this game, I will simply say that I would like to think we could take care of business against a team that loses to a I-AA foe and gets blown out the following weekend. Does this indicate the decadence of the Big Ten? Ohio State's BCS Championship performance and future seasons will have to say, but I'm leaning towards yes for now. Oh, and in another stunner, #18 Louisville loses 38-35 to SYRACUSE. Is there something in the Gatorade?

Week 5: I'm not kidding; I think someone released a video

called "How to Coach Football". Or maybe "How to Lose a Game". The jury's out.

Now forget about #21 Penn State (loses 27-20 to Illinois...come on). Think about a dominating #3 Oklahoma going down in a heartbreaker to COLORADO. Think about #10 Rutgers (one of 2007's BCS darlings) getting beat fairly handily by the Maryland Terrapins. Think #7 Texas getting thrashed in a 41-21 demoralization against Kansas State in their own backyard. Think #21 South Florida beating a BCS-bound #5 West Virginia. Think about a formidable #4 Florida getting edged by the Auburn Tigers. This is madness

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