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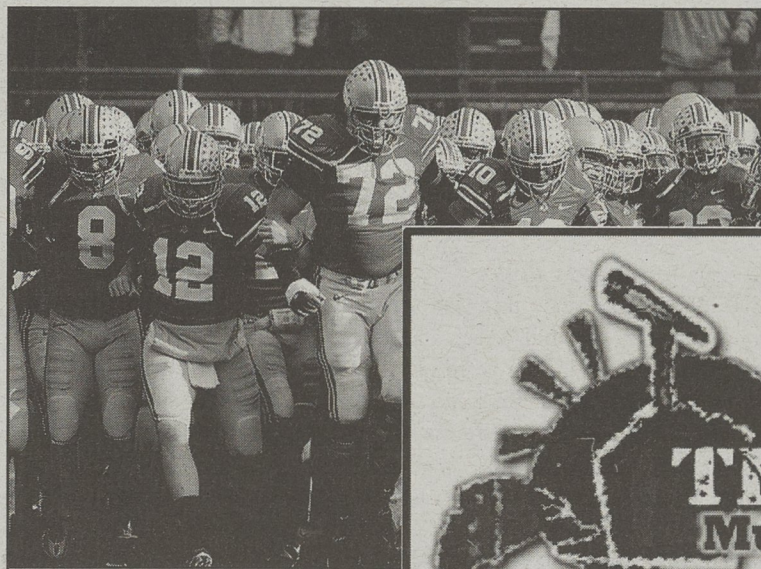
people!! And, no, not March Madness! This is September! These kinds of things aren't supposed to happen!!!

**Week 6:** So that Illinois team still thinks it's worth something. It beats #5 Wisconsin 31-26. The Kansas Jayhawks have a football team? 30-24 over #24 Kansas State. Could #21 Rutgers lose two in a row? Most certainly...in BCS hell. The Scarlet Knights lose 28-23 to #20 Cincinnati. (This is getting a little silly. Cincinnati?) But hold on to your horses, folks. #2 USC, No, It couldn't happen...The Trojans are supposed to be the messiah of college football, really?...Wow...To Stanford you say?...Last play of the game?...Highly unusual...I guess I can believe it. The 2007 season has been a little off.

**Week 7:** You know, I really do like an underdog. Truly. But this is ridiculous. #18 Illinois loses 10-6 to the gloriously uninteresting Iowa Hawkeyes. #19 Wisconsin? Those damn Penn State Lions took care of them. Quite handily actually; 38-7. Here's the news though folks. #1 and #2 BOTH go down in week 7. I'm super serious. #1 LSU loses to the Cinderella #17 Kentucky in triple overtime. As if this weren't enough #2 California loses to the Oregon State Beavers. Seriously, I'm not kidding. I couldn't write a script more unbelievable than this.

**Week 8:** #2 South Florida goes down to Rutgers. #23 Cincinnati? Fo'get about it. Beat 24-17 by Pitt. Vanderbilt decided they'd show up for a game. They beat #6 South Carolina in a 17-6 spoiler. #21 Tennessee? Try unranked Tennessee. They get slammed 41-17 by an ailing Crimson Tide. The 7<sup>th</sup>-ranked heartbreakers in Kentucky? The only hearts they break this week are their own. 45-37 loss to the 15<sup>th</sup>-ranked Gators. #12 California? Surely they can't lose two in a row. Er, I guess they can and they did. Looks like a 30-21 loss to their Pac-10 rival, the UCLA Bruins. Indifference? No. Resignation? Yes.

**Week 9:** I really don't wanna untangle this knot. #1 and #2 stay alive! Now that is news! Otherwise nothing glaring but look at #23 UConn handing #10 South Florida its second straight loss. I mean, honestly. The Huskies? Does anyone have a crystal ball? I'm going to Vegas.



Penn State rivals, the Ohio State Buckeyes, standings and will finish the 2007 regul

**Week 10:** South Florida loses its third straight. From #2 to unranked in three weeks? Only in 2007, folks. And #2 goes down again! The weekly holder of that damning ranking, Boston College, loses its dream season in a 27-17 heartbreaker to Florida State.

**Week 11:** This is becoming physically exhausting. #12 Michigan loses to Wisconsin. I don't even wanna go through the chain of events that proves why that's screwed up. Same applies to #22 Alabama's loss to Mississippi State. Rising #13 UConn gets flogged by Cincinnati. #8 Boston College goes down to Maryland. And like a cherry on top another #1 goes down when Ohio State gets upset—at home—by the Fighting Illini. I could create a brilliant tapestry of patterns and conclusions here but suffice to say that this is just befuddling.

**Week 12:** You know, you do the best you can and then it just sort of snowballs out of control. ANOTHER top-2 team is...poof!...thrown out of the BCS discussion when #2 Oregon gets flattened by the highly unqualified Arizona Wildcats. #4 Oklahoma is rejuvenating and...Yes, they just lost by a touchdown to Texas

Tech...No, I don't know how it happened...Why yes, I would agree that's quite irregular...Yes, the Louisiana State Tigers are at the top of the heap again...No, I wouldn't bet on it. For all we know they could lose next week.

**Week 13:** So #1 LSU goes down again while holding the top

that the Tigers will lose. They're playing the Oklahoma Sooners after all, who beat them quite plainly in the regular season. I don't, however, believe that the West Virginia offense would ever allow a loss to the deplorable Pittsburgh Panthers. No, it just won't happen.

**Week 14:** I suppose one can never be dissatisfied with breaking even. The Tigers got romped and I was right. But in the name of all things sacred, how could the Mountaineers lose to the Pittsburgh Panthers? This is not of this world. Plato?...Yes, this

match-up emblazoned at the top of every preseason outline. One need take into account how they got there, however. Well it's like being an art connoisseur, really. If you hadn't any experience then it's just beautiful colors and, yes, the details are quite intricate as well. But if one knows the artist, the motives behind the piece and its subtleties; then that is when the entire picture begins to materialize.

And so it is and will be. Something entirely unexpected is bound to happen. Perhaps after 10 overtimes they will call the

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