

Viking

TOP 25

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PRESEASON RANKINGS

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AS THE 2019-2020
COLLEGE FOOTBALL
SEASON BEGINS IN
LESS THAN 100 DAYS,
HERE IS OUR LIST
FOR THE TOP 25
TEAMS IN THE
NATION.

1. 

THE CLEMSON TIGERS ARE AT THE HELM OF COLLEGE FOOTBALL, AND AREN'T GOING DOWN ANYTIME SOON. THE OFFENSE, LED BY STUD QUARTERBACK TREVOR LAWRENCE, RUNNING BACK TRAVIS ETIENNE, AND THE TANDEM OF WIDE RECEIVERS TEE HIGGINS AND JUSTYN ROSS, LOOK TO REPEAT AS NATIONAL CHAMPS.

6. 

WITH MUCH OF A VERY TALENTED OFFENSE COMING BACK LED BY SHEA PATTERSON, JIM HARBAUGH'S TEAM IS POISED TO HAVE A BREAKOUT YEAR WHERE THEY CAN FINALLY GET OVER THE HUMP. THE DEFENSE HAS SOME RELOADING TO DO, BUT HOPES ARE HIGH IN ANN ARBOR.

2. 

DESPITE A CRUSHING DEFEAT IN THE TITLE GAME THIS PAST JANUARY, THE CRIMSON TIDE OF ALABAMA BOAST THE NUMBER ONE SPOT IN THE 2019 RECRUITING CLASS BY A SIZABLE MARGIN. PROJECTED TOP PICK AND QUARTERBACK TUA TAGOVAILOA HAS AN ARSENAL OF TARGETS TO THROW TO, INCLUDING THE NATION'S TOP RECEIVER JERRY JEUDY.

7. 

COMING OFF AN IMPRESSIVE 10-3 YEAR WITH FIRST YEAR COACH DAN MULLEN THAT CAPPED OFF WITH A PEACH BOWL WIN OVER MICHIGAN, EXPECTATIONS ARE AS HIGH AS THEY'VE EVER BEEN IN GAINESVILLE, AND WITH THE TALENT THE GATORS HAVE COMING BACK (LED BY QUARTERBACK FELIPE FRANKS) THEY ARE UNQUESTIONABLY GEORGIA'S BIGGEST THREAT IN THE SEC EAST.

3. 

HEAD COACH KIRBY SMART HAS BUILT A POWERHOUSE AT GEORGIA SINCE HE ARRIVED A FEW YEARS BACK. ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE FAILED TO DEFEAT CONFERENCE RIVAL ALABAMA SINCE 2007, THE BULLDOGS LOOK TO CHALLENGE THEM FOR THE SEC THRONE WITH RUNNING BACK D'ANDRE SWIFT LEADING THE CHARGE.

8. 

THE TIGERS RETURN THEIR STARTING QUARTERBACK JOE BURROW AND MUCH OF A VAUNTED DEFENSE FROM A YEAR AGO, WITH ONE OF THE BEST DEFENSIVE BACK GROUPS IN THE NATION LED BY GRANT DELPIT AND KRISTIAN FULTON. DESPITE ROAD TRIPS TO TEXAS AND ALABAMA, BIG THINGS COULD BE

4. 

A RISING POWERHOUSE PRODUCING HEISMAN QUARTERBACKS, THE OKLAHOMA SOONERS LOOK TO RIDE THEIR MOMENTUM WITH ALABAMA TRANSFER QUARTERBACK JALEN HURTS. WITH THE HELP OF STAR WIDE RECEIVER CEEDEE LAMB AND TAILBACK KENNEDY BROOKS, THE SOONERS LOOK TO RETAIN AS ONE OF THE TOP OFFENSES IN THE COUNTRY.

9. 

COMING OFF A YEAR IN WHICH THE IRISH SHOCKED EVERYBODY AND MADE IT TO THE CFP, THE IRISH RETURN MUCH OF THEIR TEAM FOR THE 2019 SEASON. THE SCHEDULE IS VERY TOUGH AND FEATURES ROAD GAMES AGAINST GEORGIA AND MICHIGAN, BUT WITH STARTING QB IAN BOOK RETURNING THE IRISH LOOK TO MAKE A REPEAT TRIP TO THE PLAYOFF.

5. 

ANOTHER TEAM, ANOTHER TRANSFER QUARTERBACK, AND THIS TIME IT'S FORMER FIVE-STAR JUSTIN FIELDS ON THE OHIO STATE BUCKEYES. ON THE FLIP SIDE, PROJECTED TOP-5 PICK CHASE YOUNG LOOKS TO ANCHOR THE DEFENSE LINE, AND STRONG SAFETY JORDAN FULLER IS POISED FOR A BREAKOUT SEASON.

10. 

THE LONGHORNS SEEM TO FINALLY BE REVITALIZED AFTER A BREAKOUT 10-4 SEASON THAT LED TO A BERTH IN THE BIG 12 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME AND A BOWL WIN OVER GEORGIA. WITH QB SAM EHLINGER AND MUCH OF A TALENTED OFFENSE RETURNING AND GAMES AGAINST LSU AND OKLAHOMA, TEXAS HAS THE CHANCE TO PROVE ITS PLACE AMONG THE BLUE-BLOODS OF COLLEGE FOOTBALL.

11. OREGON 12. TEXAS A&M 13. WASHINGTON 14. PENN STATE 15. UCF

16. UTAH 17. TENNESSEE 18. IOWA 19. AUBURN 20. MISSISSIPPI STATE

21. STANFORD 22. SYRACUSE 23. WASHINGTON STATE

24. ARMY 25. NEBRASKA