
AP Poll: #27

Posted by CougarPeasant - 2008/02/18 14:32

Although it's on another thread, I thought I'd put it on it's own thread, with the list of teams:

AP Top 25

1. Memphis (72) 25-0 1,800
2. Tennessee 23-2 1,699
3. North Carolina 24-2 1,592
4. Kansas 24-2 1,567
5. Duke 22-2 1,519
6. UCLA 22-3 1,498
7. Texas 21-4 1,310
8. Butler 24-2 1,228
9. Stanford 21-4 1,156
10. Xavier 21-4 1,122
11. Wisconsin 21-4 1,033
12. Georgetown 20-4 989
13. Connecticut 20-5 925
14. Purdue 21-5 877
15. Indiana 21-4 796
16. Drake 23-2 612
17. Washington State 20-5 581
18. Louisville 20-6 543
19. Michigan State 20-5 503
20. Vanderbilt 22-4 432
21. Notre Dame 19-5 361
22. Texas A&M 20-5 345
23. Saint Mary's 22-3 302
24. Kansas State 18-6 247
25. Marquette 18-6 176

Others Receiving Votes

Pittsburgh 59, Brigham Young 43, Clemson 39, Gonzaga 18, Arizona 8, Mississippi State 7, Rhode Island 6, Kent State 3, Stephen F. Austin 2, Western Kentucky 1, Cornell 1.

Re:AP Poll: #27

Posted by Mars - 2008/02/18 15:45

#18 Louisville

ESPN predicts a 4-seed for the 'Ville in the NCAA Tourny.

Yes, the BCS still exists in basketball...

Re:AP Poll: #27

Posted by Gunk - 2008/02/19 11:49

In defense of Louisville they are a much different team now than when we played them. Still...they are getting some major love here.

Re:AP Poll: #27

Posted by Phillycougar - 2008/02/19 12:27

I think that this is about where we should be. I did a little analysis to see if there really was a BCS bias. Here is what I found.

Teams with 20+ wins not in the top 25

School	-	Conference	-	RPI
Gonzaga	-	West Coast	-	39 *
W Kentucky	-	Sun Belt	-	49
S Alabama	-	Sun Belt	-	34 *
Stephen Austin	-	Southland	-	57
Robert Morris	-	NorthEast	-	100+
New Mexico	-	MWC	-	54
BYU	-	WMC	-	29 *
Kent State	-	Mid American	-	43
Rhode Island	-	A-10	-	26 *

* also receiving votes

My first thought was that every team with 20+ wins in a BCS conference is in the top 25 so maybe there is a bias. But looking at the RPI numbers it looks like BYU is ranked about where they should be.

Also note that at the time I did this there were three teams in the top 25 that had less than 20 wins and all of them are in "BCS" conferences.

Kansas State (18-6)
ND (19-5)
Pittsburgh (19-6)

Not entirely sure what those stats say about a bias but my gut tells me BYU is ranked about where they should be. Now if they could play all the NCAA tourney games in the Marriott center that would be a different story altogether.

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Re:AP Poll: #27

Posted by Mars - 2008/02/19 18:55

Gunk wrote:

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No doubt the Cards are playing better later in the season. But do you think BYU is playing better or worse than they were in the middle of the season, when they had games at Boise State, Wake Forest, and UNLV?

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