

AP Top 25: Ohio State Rises To No. 3



After a season-opening win against Minnesota on Thursday night, Ohio State moved to No. 3 in the latest Associated Press Top 25, released on Tuesday.

Alabama received 59 of a possible 63 first-place votes — a sizable increase from the 47 it garnered in the preseason. In their first game, the Crimson Tide blew out Miami 44-13 behind a record-breaking performance from quarterback Bryce Young. The second-year signal-caller completed 27 of 39 passes for 344 yards and four touchdowns.

Georgia climbed three spots to No. 2 after defeating Clemson 10-3. The Bulldogs claimed their first regular-season win over an AP top-five opponent since it beat Florida in 2012. The Tigers fell three spots to No. 6.

Ohio State holds the third spot, followed by Oklahoma, which fell from No. 2 to No. 4 after struggling against Tulane — the Sooners escaped with a 40-35 win in Norman, Okla., but it took all 60 minutes.

Texas A&M, Clemson, Cincinnati, Notre Dame, Iowa State and Iowa round out the top 10. With five ranked matchups, three losses by ranked teams to unranked opponents and several close games, college football's opening weekend created significant movement in the first in-season poll.

Here is the full AP Top 25:

1. Alabama (59)
2. Georgia (4)
3. Ohio State
4. Oklahoma
5. Texas A&M
6. Clemson
7. Cincinnati
8. Notre Dame
9. Iowa State
10. Iowa
11. Penn State

12. Oregon
13. Florida
14. USC
15. Texas
16. UCLA
17. Coastal Carolina
18. Wisconsin
19. Virginia Tech
20. Ole Miss
21. Utah
22. Miami
23. Arizona State
24. North Carolina
25. Auburn

Ohio State will host No. 12 Oregon on Saturday. The Ducks survived an early-season upset bid from Fresno State in their first game. Still, they remain a challenging non-conference opponent for the Buckeyes this weekend.