

THE BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP

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ALL THESE YEARS**

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The college football national championship for the highest level of competition is decided by a complicated arrangement called the Bowl Championship Series (also known as the BCS) that has been developed over the last 15 years. It remains a source of great controversy every fall as teams rise and fall in the rankings and thereby increase or decrease their chance of playing for the championship. A recent book called “Death to the BCS” raised a number of economic and political issues associated with the controversy. This talk reviews the history of rating teams and discusses statistical issues associated with the BCS. This includes a discussion of alternative methods for rating teams and alternative approaches for choosing a champion.

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