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Wyoming Cowboys Picked Among Nation's Best for 2005 College Football Season By ESPN.com Writers

Laramie, Wyo. (April 21, 2005) -- Spring practice is wrapping up for most college football programs, including the Wyoming Cowboys, who concluded their spring drills on April 16. But it is never too early to start looking ahead to the upcoming college football season. On Thursday, ESPN.com posted some early preseason rankings by their college football experts. Two of **ESPN.com's senior writers, Ivan Maisel and Pat Forde**, both had the **Wyoming Cowboys in their preseason Top 25 rankings**.

Maisel picked the Cowboys No. 21, while Forde placed the Pokes in the No. 25 spot in his rankings. Wyoming was the only Mountain West Conference school selected by either Maisel or Forde.

Wyoming returns 19 starters and 48 letterwinners from last year's team that concluded the season with a 7-5 record and a 24-21 victory over UCLA in the 2004 Pioneer PureVision Las Vegas Bowl.

Below are Maisel's and Forde's 2005 Preseason Top 25 rankings as of April.

Ivan Maisel, ESPN.com Senior Writer Preseason Top 25 College Football Rankings (April Edition)

1. USC
2. Texas
3. Michigan
4. Iowa
5. Florida
6. Virginia Tech
7. Auburn
8. Miami
9. Oklahoma
10. Tennessee
11. Ohio State
12. Louisville
13. Texas A&M
14. Florida State
15. Georgia
16. Nebraska
17. Arizona State
18. LSU
19. Boise State
20. Wisconsin
- 21. Wyoming**
22. Alabama
23. Georgia Tech
24. Bowling Green
25. Purdue

Pat Forde, ESPN.com Senior Writer Preseason Top 25 College Football Rankings (April Edition)

1. USC
2. Michigan
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11. LSU
12. Florida State
13. Virginia Tech
14. Georgia
15. Boise State
16. Texas Tech
17. Auburn
18. Texas A&M
19. Fresno State
20. Arizona State
21. Bowling Green
22. Cal
23. Pittsburgh
24. Iowa State
- 25. Wyoming**