

By the Numbers Bowl Edition

Welcome to the bowl edition of By the Numbers. Here you will find some commentary on each of the (41!) bowl games as well as the computer's picks. With more than a month off for some teams, a bowl game can be more like a first game of the year than the logical conclusion of the season, so the computer picks are not especially reliable.

There was an interesting juxtaposition of commentary on selection Sunday. First, an outcry over Alabama being selected over Ohio State. The Buckeyes were more deserving because they won the Big 10, had a better resume, looked better playing, and so on. Then there was the report that Vegas established Alabama as the favorite to win it all. Hmmm. What I get out of this is that Ohio State is a more "deserving" team but Alabama is a "better" team. Whether you agree or not, it's informative that the committee chose the better team (or maybe they really don't want to choose a two-loss team). A Clemson-centric way of looking at it (surprise that I would think this way!) is whether the football world wants a Clemson-Ohio State rematch or Clemson-Alabama round 3. Anticipating that Ohio State would be chosen, I had wondered how Clemson would handle being favored in a playoff game. Would the Tigers get complacent? How mad would the Buckeyes be? All moot: for the fifth time in five games (three of them as the #1 team!) Clemson is the underdog.

One more Clemson bit. When I was at Clemson, Georgia was the big rival. The campuses are about an hour apart, and the teams traded national championships in 1980 and 1981. About ten years ago, I had a long plane flight sitting next to a guy wearing an ugly red hat with a G on it. He was a huge football fan and we got to reminiscing about the days when both teams were national powers (neither was close at the time). Our section of the plane would probably have traded us for a couple of 6-month-old crying babies. But Clemson and Georgia could play for this year's championship, with the game in Atlanta!

The background features an earth-shattering collision between a Georgia star and Clemson star in the 1981 game. Both went on to fame in the NFL, although both had disappointing conclusions to their careers. To exaggerate, the Georgia man is best known for being traded and the Tiger is best known for eating, dancing, and ruining Walter Payton's Super Bowl. Name the two!

I have been unhappy with the large gaps between my ratings based on wins and ratings based on points. This has continued all year, where usually they have converged together by now. Nine of the 40 games below have asterisks next to them, indicating that while the overall rating picks one team, the points rating picks the other team. For example, depending on which rating you use, the Hokies are either 3-point favorites or 6-point underdogs. On a related note, the overall ratings do not treat the Big 12 kindly. Note Oklahoma at #9! And the Big 10 is probably overrated here (see Ohio State #2, Penn State #4). Bettor beware!

The highest-ranked teams not in a bowl are Georgia Tech (#37) and JMU (#42) and North Dakota State (#55) who are in the FCS tournament.

For each game, starting with the six on December 16, I list the computer's pick (no home field, even though Navy and FAU play on their home fields), TV information, and some unscientific and possibly useless comments. The final regular season ratings follow the picks.

Enjoy the games and have a great holiday!

12/16 Celebration NC A&T 31, Grambling 26

12:00 ABC Atlanta

The traditional battle of conference champions from the SWAC and the MEAC.

NC A&T (11-0): QB Lamar Raynard threw for 26 TDs against only 5 int. A&T beat Charlotte.

Grambling (11-1): Lost only to Tulane. QB DeVante Kincade had a big season. Always a favorite to win the Battle of the Bands.

12/16 New Orleans Bowl Troy 35, North Texas 33

1:00 ESPN New Orleans

A good matchup of high-scoring teams in lesser conferences who played good schedules.

Troy (10-2): Won at LSU, and won their last 6. QB Brandon Silvers leads an improving offense.

The defense went toe-to-toe with LSU's physical attack.

NT (9-4): The Mean Green are led by QB Mason Fine (a fine 3749 yds passing) and K Trevor Moore, who made 9 of 11 field goals from beyond 40 yards.

12/16 Cure Bowl Western Kentucky 24, Georgia State 21

2:30 CBSSN Orlando

Part of a busy opening day lineup. I may not bother finding out which cable number CBSSN is.

WKU (6-6): QB Mike White threw for 3826 yards and D'Andre Ferby led a robotic ground game.

Lost four of last five, though to good teams.

GaSt (6-5): 1-4 at home, 5-1 on road. QB Conner Manning is not one of *those* Mannings.

12/16 Las Vegas Bowl Oregon 36, Boise State 35

3:30 ABC Las Vegas

A high-scoring fun affair if Oregon is ready to play; lots of turmoil below the surface. Boise is 3-0 in the Vegas Bowl in this decade.

Ducks (7-5): Coach Taggart is off to Florida State. RB Royce Freeman is a talent and QB Justin Herbert played well at the end of the year. Oregon was 8th in the country rushing.

Boise (10-3): Brett Rypien to Cedric Wilson fuels the offense. Avenged a loss to Fresno to win the Mountain West championship.

12/16 New Mexico Bowl Marshall 28, Colorado State 26 *

4:30 ESPN Albuquerque

The Ram offense against the Herd defense. Two teams who did not finish strong.

Marsh (7-5): Lost 4 of last 5. WR Tyre Brady should go to Vegas with his 7 TD catches and 777 yards receiving. Obi Obialo is not the running back you are looking for.

CSU (7-5): WR Michael Gallup is one of the best; ahead of the Herd? Has the poll position? CSU lost back to back games 10-13 and 52-59; an identity crisis?

12/16 Camellia Bowl Arkansas State 28, Middle Tennessee 27

8:00 ESPN Montgomery

Could be higher scoring than the prediction, although it couldn't get closer.

ArkSt (7-4): a perennial bowl team, QB Justice Hanson passed for 3630 yards (6th in FBS), RB Warren Wand was magical, and DB Blaise Taylor is up for the national service award.

MTSU (6-6): Won at Syracuse, then lost QB Brent Stockstill for 6 games (2-4 record). Nothing statistically outstanding for the season but Stockstill is back.

12/19 Boca Raton Bowl Florida Atlantic 35, Akron 21

7:00 ESPN Boca Raton

Lane Kiffin's first year has been a success, with 10 wins and a C-USA championship. This is played on FAU's home field, and the ratings have Akron's chances as Zip.

FAU (10-3): The 6th ranked rushing team, Devin Singletary went for 1796 yards and 29 TDs and QB Jason Driskel directed a high-scoring offense.

Akron (7-6): Runner-up in the MAC, but negative point differential. Freshman QB Kato Nelson helped the team to a 5-1 mark at home. Home is not Boca.

12/20 Frisco Bowl SMU 45, Louisiana Tech 32

8:00 ESPN Frisco, TX

A new bowl at the home of the Division I FCS championship game, a little north of Dallas.

SMU (7-5): Bad news, the Mustangs were 6-1 at home, 1-4 away; the good news, this one's basically at home. 40 points per game ranked 8th. Ben Hicks threw for over 3400 yards.

LT (6-6): J'Max Smith is the QB, not a retail outlet. RB Boston Scott is near 1000 yards.

12/21 Gasparilla Temple 30, Florida International 26

8:00 ESPN St. Petersburg

It's not good when the best part of a bowl is its name. Gasparilla is a Tampa thing, celebrating a legendary pirate. Both teams had negative net points for the year, but the rules say one will win.

Tem (6-6): Beat Navy and new QB Frank Nutile has the team playing better.

FIU (8-4): FIU did not fare well against the Owls of FAU, but Butch Davis will have his gang ready to rumble. QB Alex McGough is tough on crime.

12/22 Bahamas Bowl Ohio 42, UAB 30

12:30 ESPN Nassau

The Bobcats and Blazers are both green, so the bowl has that going for it. UAB is an amazing story, dropping the sport in 2015 and 2016 and making it to a bowl this year.

Ohio (8-4): QB Nathan Rourke and RB A.J. Ouellette lead a powerful running attack.

UAB (8-4): Won 4 of last 5, RB Spencer Brown gained 1292 yards and QB A.J. Erdely had a solid year. They made a bowl in 2014; does this count as two in a row?

12/22 Idaho Potato Bowl Central Michigan 21, Wyoming 17 *

4:00 ESPN Boise

Along with the blue field, this one is of interest because of the hype surrounding Wyoming QB Josh Allen, projected by some as the #1 overall draft pick this year.

CMU (8-4): Won their last 5 games, but the Chips fell in 4 out of 5 in a midseason slump. RB Jonathan Ward will go over 1000 yards for the season early in this game.

Wyo (7-5): Despite (because of?) the hype, Allen had a mediocre season, but the Cowboys lost their last 4 with Allen ailing. He has a strong arm and can run, similar to Carson Wentz.

12/23 Birmingham Bowl South Florida 35, Texas Tech 30 *

12:00 ESPN Birmingham

The win ratings like USF but the point ratings do not. Regardless, this should be a fun shootout

USF (9-2): Had 2 games cancelled by weather. Quentin Flowers is a great story and put up big numbers for a high-scoring offense.

TT (6-6): Nik Shimonek directs this year's Red Raider passing attack, which was 12th in the nation. WR Keke Coutee has to be adorable.

12/23 Armed Forces San Diego State 24, Army 18

3:30 ESPN Fort Worth

Both teams love to run the ball. RB Eli Penny of the Arizona Cardinals thinks little brother got snubbed by the Heisman. Just his two cents' worth. Elis know about Heisman snubs of bros.

SDS (10-2): Rashaad Penny ran for 2027 yards, including 200+ in his last four, and 19 TDs. The Aztecs beat Stanford and won at Arizona State.

Army (9-3): 368 rushing yards per game led the nation. QB Ahmad Bradshaw threw for 279 yards *for the season* but ran for 1566 and was clutch against Navy.

12/23 Dollar General Bowl Toledo 38, Appalachian State 22

7:00 ESPN Mobile

The MAC champions versus the Sun Belt co-champs. Good game at a bargain price.

Tol (11-2): Logan Woodside threw for 3758 yards and 28 TDs, Terry Swanson ran for 1319, and the Rockets scored 39 points per game (12th in the nation).

App (8-4): Veteran QB Taylor Lamb threw for 27 TDs and helped Jalin Moore with the running.

12/24 Hawaii Bowl Houston 17, Fresno State 15

8:30 ESPN Honolulu

The Outland Trophy winner Ed Oliver of Houston is the best of many defensive studs here. Can you remember when we used to actually get scores like 17-15?

UH (7-4): Won 3 of last 4, including USF and Navy. D'Eriq King moved from WR to QB and improved the Cougar offense. King and Duke Catalan and Major Applewhite (coach): royalty!

FSU (9-4): Losses at Alabama, Washington, and a rematch at Boise State. KeeSean Johnson is a good WR (no relation) but the strength is the defense, ranked 9th in the country.

12/26 Dallas Bowl West Virginia 31, Utah 30

1:30 ESPN Dallas

An interesting matchup in the old Cotton Bowl. I hope the game is as good as predicted!

WVU (7-5): Will Grier and David Sills are among the few successful early transfers around, so WVU is reclamation central. The 'Eers could finish the year with 3 1000+ yards receivers.

Utah (6-6): It's nice to have major award winners, but the Utes' stars are kicker Matt Gay and punter Mitch Wishnowski. They just need to toughen up the starting 22.

12/26 Quick Lane Bowl Duke 24, Northern Illinois 20

5:15 ESPN Detroit

If this were basketball, "NI" would probably mean Northern Iowa, the score would be much higher, and it would probably be more fun to watch.

Duke (6-6): Won 4, then lost 6, then won last 2 to get here. QB Daniel Jones had a so-so year but good fundamental David Cutcliffe defense keeps the Devils in games.

NIU (8-4): They won at Nebraska. DL Sutton Smith is good, WR Spencer Tears apart defenses, and they benched Santa: running QB Marcus Childers took over for Daniel Santacaterina.

12/26 Cactus Bowl UCLA 35, Kansas State 34 *

9:00 ESPN Phoenix

Chip Kelly against Bill Snyder, Los Angeles against Manhattan (the Kansas variety), passing against running: a game of contrasts in the desert. Josh Rosen is a possible #1 pick at QB.

UCLA (6-6): Rosen threw for 3717 yards. RB Bolu Olorunfunmi was not run fun, and Soso Jamabo was just that, so Brandon Stephens now starts. Defense gave up 37 points per game.

KSt (7-5): beat Oklahoma State and Iowa State under QB Skylar Thompson. Good kicking game.

12/27 Independence Bowl Florida State 31, Southern Miss 16

1:30 ESPN Shreveport

Noles DB Derwin James is taking his talents to the NFL, not to Shreveport. Jimbo is off to A&M. This is a classic big time underperforming team against an outmanned excited team.

FSU (6-6): Had to win 4 of last 5 to get here. Cam Akers is an outstanding running back, but the O line struggled all year. The defense was good, but not having James is a problem.

USM (8-4): DB Tarvarius Moore is excellent, QB Kwadra Griggs kept USM on top.

12/27 Pinstripe Bowl Iowa 24, Boston College 22

5:15 ESPN Bronx

A tough game for a tough borough. Good Sam Huff-style football in Yankee Stadium.

Iowa (7-5): Kept Ohio State out of the playoffs. DB Joshua Jackson and LB Josey Jewell anchor a strong and alliterative defense. TE Noah Fant is also an award winner.

BC (7-5): Vastly improved, won 5 of last 6 with rookie RB A.J. Dillon ran for 1432 yards. Beat Louisville and FSU. Darius Wade replaced injured QB Anthony Brown and did an excellent job.

12/27 Foster Farms Purdue 34, Arizona 31

8:30 FOX Santa Clara

A (very) poor man's Rose Bowl out west. Arizona's Khalil Tate got considerable hype as the next Lamar Jackson, and can take over a game. Great offense versus strong defense.

Pur (6-6): Top 15 in fewest points allowed. Opponents don't have a prayer when 6'0" 260 pound Richie Worship runs the ball near the goal line.

Zona (7-5): Tate passed for 1289 yards but ran for 1353. The team ran for 324 yards per game, 4th best and scored a 6th best 42 points per game.

12/27 Texas Bowl Texas 35, Missouri 34

9:00 ESPN Houston

The Longhorns need to show improvement under new Coach Tom Herman, but face a high-powered offense that lost its offensive coordinator to UCF. The coaching carousel affects bowls!

Tex (6-6): S DeShon Elliott had 6 interceptions and returned 2 for TDs. Two good young QNs shared time. Kicker Joshua Rowland doesn't need the "w" as much as the team does.

Miz (7-5): Drew Lock threw for 3695 yards and 43 TDs! 39 points per game ranked 10th. The running attack is also strong, Ish (RB Ish Witter ran for 992 yards). Tigers won last 6 games.

12/28 Military Bowl Navy 27, Virginia 24

1:30 ESPN Annapolis

The Hoos return to a bowl, but get Navy at Navy. Service teams always prepare well.

Navy (6-6): Lost 6 of last 7, all vs. bowl teams. 346 yards rushing per game ranked 2nd, and QB Malcolm Perry is explosive. Bennett Moehring anchors the kicking game (don't slip mooring)

UVa (6-6): QB Kurt Benkert showed flashes of brilliance, throwing to converted RB Zaccheaus and Evan Butts (a tight end). S Brenton Nelson is a star, but he'll be tackling in this game.

12/28 Camping World Virginia Tech 31, Oklahoma State 28 *

5:15 ESPN Orlando

Another great offense versus defense matchup. Bud Foster will need a great game plan to contain the Pokes. The Cowboys averaged 46 points per game (2nd), the Hokies gave up 13 (5th).

VT (9-3): Josh Jackson is solid at QB but needs more than Cam Phillips to throw to. LB Tremaine Edwards is outstanding. Look for Salem RB Coleman Fox to get more time.

OSU (9-3): Uinitas Award winner Mason Rudolph threw for 4553 yards, and Biletnikoff winner James Washington gained 1422 yards. In their losses the Cowboys scored 31, 57, and 40 points!

12/28 Alamo Bowl **Stanford 23, TCU 21 ***

9:00 ESPN **San Antonio**

The runner-up bowl for Pac-12 and Big 12. Stanford lost to USC twice, TCU to Oklahoma twice.

Stan (9-4): Doak Walker winner Bryce Love is the key; when he's healthy the Cardinal wins.

Backup Cameron Scarlett is the wrong shade of red. QB KJ Costello is much improved.

TCU (10-3): Excellent defense when not facing OU. 17.6 points allowed ranks 12th. QB Kenny Hill is good if inconsistent, WR John Diarse made a great catch against Oklahoma.

12/28 Holiday Bowl **Michigan State 21, Washington State 17**

9:00 FOX **San Diego**

Two 9-3 teams in another Rose Bowl-style matchup. Dantonio versus Leach, hard-nosed running versus Air Raid passing make an interesting bowl game.

MSU (9-3): Nice comeback year for Sparty, which beat Michigan and Penn State. QB Brian Lewerke managed the offense with RB LJ Scott.

WSU (9-3): Luke Falk threw for 3593 yards and Hercules Mata'afa gave the D-line strength and led the nation in "a"s. I'm not sure about LB Frankie Luvu.

12/29 Belk Bowl **Wake Forest 35, Texas A&M 29**

1:00 ESPN **Charlotte**

A rematch? Jimbo beat Wake 26-19 earlier in the year. Aggies would prefer Neiman-Marcus.

WF (7-5): John Wolford and Greg Dortch give the Deacs a good passing attack, leading to 33.7 points per game. Kicker Mike Weaver is excellent, 19 for 22 on field goals.

A&M (7-5): QB issues, but WR Christian Kirk is outstanding. Jimbo called the coaching move to A&M a "no-brainer" and Noles fans thought that was his coaching style.

12/29 Sun Bowl **NC State 34, Arizona State 27**

3:00 CBS **El Paso**

Two coaching surprises: Dave Doeren is still at NC State and ASU replaced Todd Graham with Herm Edwards! Should be an entertaining game. The Sun Devils in the Sun Bowl.

NCS (8-4): Ryan Finley is a good QB, Nyheim Hines is mister versatile, and Bradley Chubb an All-American at defensive tackle (leading the NCAA in stolen towels).

ASU (7-5): Manny Wilkins, Demario Richard and N'Keal Harry lead the Devils.

12/29 Music City Bowl **Northwestern 35, Kentucky 20**

4:30 ESPN **Nashville**

The battle of the Wildcats. Only the second meeting ever, in Kentucky's back yard.

NW (9-3): Won their last 7 to finish 7-2 in the Big 10. QB Clayton Thorson throws bolts but RB Justin Jackson and Pat Fitzgerald's defense are the heart of the team.

Ky (7-5): QB Stephen Johnson is a strong leader. LB Courtney Love was a service award winner, perhaps for promoting teen spirit.

12/29 Arizona Bowl **Utah State 38, New Mexico State 29**

5:30 CBSSN **Tucson**

A battle of Aggies. New Mexico State's first bowl in 57 years! In 1960 they played in the Sun Bowl against Utah State.

USt (6-6): Not the best when your star is a kicker, but Dominik Eberle is a weapon. Jordan Love took over the QB duties, but didn't especially do better than Kent Myers.

NMS (6-6): Great story, won 3 of last 4 to become bowl eligible. QB Tyler Rogers threw for 3825 yards, and over 400 in the last game.

12/29 Cotton Bowl **Ohio State 41, Southern Cal 30**

8:30 ESPN North Texas

A great "Rose Bowl" game between conference champs and storied programs. Both teams had good cases for making the playoff, hopefully they both come to play.

OSU (11-2): Arguments about how good JT Barrett is, but not about JK Dobbins, who ran for 1364 yards. Averaged 42.5 points and allowed 19.9. Hence the large point spread here. CB Denzel Ward is the best.

USC (11-2): Sam Darnold threw for 3787 yards and Ronald Jones ran for 1486. Won 5 straight since bad loss to Notre Dame.

12/30 Gator Bowl **Louisville 35, Mississippi State 34**

12:00 ESPN Jacksonville

Hard to say what we're getting here. Louisville mailed it in last year. Miss State lost its coach to Florida and offense to injury.

Lvl (8-4): Lamar Jackson's stats this year match his Heisman year, but the "new hotness" takes the trophy these days. 3489 passing (25 TDs) and 1443 rushing (17 TDs) is pretty awesome.

MSU (8-4): Backup QB Keytaon Thompson is key, taking over for all-everything Nick Fitzgerald. If they can't air it out, they'll have to go to RB Aeris Williams, who did go over 1000 yards.

12/30 Liberty Bowl **Memphis 38, Iowa State 33 ***

12:30 ABC Memphis

Another team playing at home, and another game that my ratings have little clue about. Memphis only lost twice, both at UCF, but they didn't play anybody. Iowa State won at Oklahoma, but lost 3 of last 4 games.

Mem (10-2): Riley Ferguson threw for nearly 4000 yards and led an offense that scored 45 points per game. WR Anthony Miller is the go-to-guy, with 1407 yards and 17 TDs.

ISU (7-5): The Cyclones are the versatile Joel Lanning, QB Kyle Kempt, and RB David Montgomery. Beat OU and TCU, lost to Texas and K-State.

12/30 Fiesta Bowl **Penn State 31, Washington 26**

4:00 ESPN Glendale

A playoff team from last year and a two-time almost playoff team. Penn State was 7th in the nation in scoring, Washington 6th in fewest points allowed.

PSU (10-2): Saquon Barkley had the same yards per carry as last year, but ran less and caught more. Trace McSorley to TE Mike Gesicki is tough to defend. Back to back losses on the road at Ohio State and Michigan State (by 1 and 3 points) kept the Lions out of the playoffs.

UW (10-2): Talent on both sides of the ball. QB Jake Browning is excellent and WR Dante Pettis does a little bit of everything. Only losses were on the road at Stanford and Arizona State.

12/30 Orange Bowl **Wisconsin 26, Miami 21**

8:00 ESPN Miami

At one point, these were the two unbeaten teams that the playoff committee refused to rank high enough. Were they exposed as pretenders or just had bad games at the wrong time?

W (12-1): Only allowed 13 points per game, but Ohio State moved the ball well. RB Jonathan Taylor ran for 1847 yards but only 41 versus the Buckeyes. Linebacker T.J. Edwards leads a stout defense and TE Troy Fumagalli is excellent.

U (10-2): After three straight great games at home, the Canes came up short against Pitt and Clemson. Numerous injuries were covered up by a string of close wins. The turnover chain and players like DeeJay Dallas have brought the swag and swagger back to Miami.

1/1 Outback Bowl Michigan 22, South Carolina 17

12:00 ESPN2 Tampa

Five years makes a difference. This is a rematch of the 2013 Outback Bowl, a game famous for Jadeveon Clowney's hit-and-scoop, a play that today would get him ejected for targeting.

Mich (8-4): Injuries and QB problems hurt the Wolverines. LB Devin Bush led a defense that played well. RB Karan Higdon was the best of a shaky offense.

SC (8-4): QB Jake Bentley brought South Carolina back to a bowl game, but the offensive coordinator was fired.

1/1 Peach Bowl UCF 34, Auburn 31 *

12:30 ESPN Atlanta

Two question marks. Is UCF that good? If their Georgia Tech game had not been cancelled, we might know better. Can Auburn play away from home, or did injuries cost them the SEC?

UCF (12-0): From 0-12 to 12-0 in two years. Amazing. They handled a coaching change with class. McKenzie Milton threw for 3795 yards and 35 TDs, but the Auburn defense is tough.

Aub (10-3): Big-time talent on defense, and the Gus Malzahn offense is always dangerous. If Johnson and Pettway are healthy, it could be a point explosion for the Tigers.

1/1 Citrus Bowl Notre Dame 33, LSU 21

1:00 ABC Orlando

Teams with similar records and styles, both with young QBs and outstanding running backs.

ND (9-3): Lost 2 of last 3. Josh Adams ran for 1386 yards behind OL Quenton Nelson. When QB Brandon Wimbrush plays well the offense scores points.

LSU (9-3): Derrius Giuce ran for 1153 yards, but QB Danny Etling has been shaky. LB Arden Key is huge and fast. Tigers won 6 of last 7.

1/1 Rose Bowl Georgia 34, Oklahoma 30 *

5:00 ESPN Pasadena

Semifinal #1, and a good matchup of a strong SEC defense against an unstoppable Oklahoma offense. OU coach Lincoln Riley is the youngest in FBS; a plus or a minus?

UGA (12-1): Freshman QB Jake Fromm handled the team well, but RB Nick Chubb and LB Roquan Smith are the stars of this team.

OU (12-1): Baker Mayfield has ridiculous stats, 4340 yards, 41 TDs, 5 INTs. OT Orlando Brown and TE Mark Andrews are award winners, and Trey Sermon is tres good at WR.

1/1 Sugar Bowl Clemson 28, Alabama 24

8:45 ESPN New Orleans

Semifinal #2, and the third in the popular Clemson-Alabama trilogy. The first two were great games with the #1 team losing; I'm hoping for a new script. Loads of talent on the field.

CU(12-1): Kelly Bryant did a great job taking over for a legend, and the defense is loaded: Christian Wilkins, Dexter Lawrence, Clelin Ferrell, Dorian O'Daniel are all NFL quality.

Ala (11-1): Award winners on the offense, defense, and special teams. Minkah Fitzpatrick was Defensive Player of the Year. Jalen Hurts to Calvin Ridley is deadly but diversity was missing.

1/8 Championship Game

8:00 ESPN Atlanta, Georgia

Alabama is the Vegas favorite. How many years in a row do I get to keep this sentence?

		Overall	Wins	Offense	Defense
1	Clemson	129.32	74.61	47.25	24.23
2	Ohio St	127.48	69.18	54.67	19.44
3	Georgia	127.44	73.12	45.18	23.59
4	Penn St	126.55	66.82	53.54	21.40
5	Wisconsin	126.20	69.88	45.47	24.51
6	Alabama	125.29	67.43	47.44	23.55
7	UCF	124.29	72.25	51.24	10.82
8	Notre Dame	124.19	69.16	49.12	16.79
9	Oklahoma	123.73	65.57	55.77	13.79
10	Miami FL	121.20	68.58	41.47	17.74
11	Washington	121.14	62.20	45.60	21.99
12	Auburn	120.79	63.36	43.34	21.82
13	USC	120.08	67.39	44.49	13.53
14	Virginia Tech	117.50	60.24	38.22	22.88
15	Michigan St	117.46	63.99	35.10	20.91
16	Stanford	117.26	60.63	42.20	17.78
17	Northwestern	116.41	59.40	41.45	18.04
18	TCU	115.45	55.23	40.11	22.55
19	Michigan	115.24	57.89	38.34	20.23
20	Iowa	115.14	55.09	42.94	19.12
21	NC State	115.04	59.27	42.19	14.05
22	Memphis	114.83	60.33	50.48	3.80
23	Oklahoma St	114.20	52.19	56.07	7.50
24	Washington St	113.56	58.05	40.46	13.70
25	Boston College	112.80	55.99	38.14	16.88
26	Louisville	112.05	53.08	49.29	7.74
27	LSU	111.64	56.09	36.17	15.81
28	Mississippi St	111.30	53.07	40.73	14.42
29	Wake Forest	110.97	51.73	44.36	11.76
30	South Carolina	109.92	56.43	31.81	15.41
31	Oregon	109.71	49.71	45.38	10.27
32	South Florida	109.43	54.00	40.15	9.07
33	Iowa St	109.39	46.45	40.22	18.97
34	Toledo	109.10	54.11	42.17	6.08
35	Boise St	108.28	51.93	40.07	9.07
36	Purdue	108.09	46.53	35.43	20.40
37	Georgia Tech	107.81	48.02	42.26	10.91
38	Florida St	107.61	47.74	36.20	16.85
39	San Diego St	107.58	51.61	32.93	14.88
40	Arizona St	107.56	50.45	40.84	8.46
41	FL Atlantic	107.41	51.21	42.47	5.42
42	James Madison	107.36	52.86	32.53	13.06
43	Texas	105.68	41.67	36.46	19.84
44	UCLA	105.48	48.07	43.38	3.88



45	Duke	105.48	44.48	36.92	15.15
46	Arizona	105.37	45.52	49.31	1.07
47	Navy	105.35	48.83	36.23	9.70
48	Houston	104.84	48.03	30.93	14.78
49	Kansas St	104.81	42.84	40.27	12.31
50	West Virginia	104.75	43.97	44.38	6.52
51	Texas Tech	104.56	42.32	44.35	8.29
52	Texas A&M	104.53	47.78	38.39	6.89
53	Missouri	104.28	44.99	47.71	0.66
54	Utah	104.11	42.86	36.64	14.14
55	N Dakota St	102.72	41.94	35.10	13.43
56	Indiana	102.62	40.79	39.48	10.34
57	SMU	102.56	45.01	45.32	-1.27
58	Virginia	102.42	44.43	34.49	9.98
59	Fresno St	102.32	43.63	30.85	14.44
60	California	102.26	41.58	36.42	11.45
61	Army	101.86	44.63	33.90	8.90
62	Pittsburgh	101.83	40.94	34.99	12.66
63	Kentucky	101.58	46.70	32.56	6.78
64	S Dakota St	101.34	42.78	39.23	4.74
65	N Illinois	101.25	43.10	33.15	10.17
66	Minnesota	101.09	39.99	33.89	13.19
67	Maryland	100.66	42.96	39.55	2.49
68	Syracuse	99.84	39.86	38.83	5.29
69	Ohio	99.65	38.80	42.13	2.93
70	Troy	99.12	42.57	31.76	6.95
71	Nebraska	99.06	38.83	40.30	3.23
72	Mississippi	98.75	40.79	41.17	-1.02
73	Florida	98.65	39.99	32.48	8.48
74	Weber St	98.08	40.33	27.89	11.20
75	C Michigan	97.89	41.36	32.48	4.75
76	Temple	97.42	40.58	30.22	6.88
77	North Texas	96.84	42.32	37.56	-4.23
78	Tulane	96.77	38.38	31.17	7.24
79	North Carolina	95.79	32.86	36.66	6.66
80	Colorado	95.71	34.24	32.36	8.92
81	Marshall	95.40	36.41	29.47	8.14
82	Rutgers	94.59	34.32	29.16	9.20
83	W Michigan	94.48	34.07	38.91	-0.48
84	Vanderbilt	93.96	36.26	31.77	2.45
85	Florida Intl	93.76	39.59	29.27	0.01
86	Southern Utah	93.71	36.89	33.40	-0.64
87	Colorado St	93.62	31.73	36.06	3.35
88	Kennesaw	93.55	39.53	24.31	4.52
89	Arkansas	93.25	32.83	37.02	-0.02



90	Wyoming	93.24	32.36	24.21	13.41
91	W Illinois	93.08	30.64	34.48	5.01
92	Northern Iowa	93.03	32.27	30.38	6.83
93	Akron	92.94	35.15	26.33	6.81
94	Appalachian St	92.84	31.36	31.95	6.00
95	Southern Miss	92.60	34.92	29.29	3.32
96	Buffalo	92.53	31.27	31.37	5.93
97	Stony Brook	92.42	37.46	26.85	1.92
98	Utah St	92.33	29.61	33.95	5.06
99	Tennessee	92.06	32.97	27.42	6.42
100	South Dakota	91.93	29.08	37.62	1.10
101	Jacksonville St	91.15	34.28	25.06	4.78
102	E Michigan	91.11	28.44	28.90	8.62
103	Sam Houston St	91.01	34.63	38.80	-9.78
104	Wofford	90.04	39.05	22.13	-1.44
105	Air Force	90.04	28.31	36.96	-1.94
106	Arkansas St	89.88	26.58	34.09	2.83
107	Samford	89.74	34.86	24.14	1.38
108	Cent Arkansas	89.69	30.82	28.72	2.08
109	Cincinnati	89.46	31.98	26.05	2.62
110	Elon	89.39	37.41	22.45	-1.21
111	Louisiana Tech	89.26	29.58	30.78	0.60
112	Delaware	89.18	32.20	22.67	5.00
113	MTSU	89.03	29.55	26.15	4.67
114	Furman	88.79	32.44	29.51	-3.12
115	Miami OH	88.66	27.01	27.29	6.01
116	Yale	88.60	33.25	23.53	1.30
117	Youngstown St	88.49	23.99	29.41	7.49
118	E Washington	88.38	30.27	32.88	-4.62
119	Richmond	88.21	29.33	31.16	-2.08
120	NC A&T	87.78	33.81	23.51	-1.48
121	UAB	87.69	29.94	27.76	-0.79
122	Illinois	87.50	25.32	26.62	6.03
123	UT San Antonio	87.31	26.25	21.55	9.38
124	East Carolina	87.04	30.96	33.76	-9.77
125	New Hampshire	86.99	32.31	20.22	1.84
126	Connecticut	85.94	27.23	26.94	-0.74
127	Tulsa	85.81	21.86	33.70	-0.65
128	Illinois St	85.67	22.39	24.56	7.42
129	UNLV	85.41	23.31	31.57	-1.47
130	Nevada	84.96	20.82	31.80	0.50
131	WKU	84.42	25.24	25.94	-0.88
132	Baylor	84.38	15.89	34.17	3.25
133	BYU	84.34	21.62	20.51	9.16
134	CS Sacramento	84.31	22.69	33.06	-4.88



135	Montana	84.19	23.71	30.68	-4.17
136	Northern Arizona	83.69	22.93	27.49	-1.18
137	Old Dominion	83.17	25.79	23.55	-2.35
138	New Mexico St	83.17	21.78	30.30	-3.74
139	Montana St	82.86	20.66	23.60	3.68
140	Grambling	82.55	29.72	21.35	-6.94
141	Massachusetts	82.38	17.67	33.29	-3.23
142	Villanova	82.03	20.40	19.24	6.28
143	Georgia St	81.96	23.33	20.44	1.01
144	Austin Peay	81.84	25.17	23.36	-4.67
145	McNeese St	81.81	24.22	19.57	0.33
146	Bowling Green	81.53	18.13	32.88	-5.57
147	Oregon St	81.38	19.12	29.54	-3.93
148	Mercer	81.30	22.90	21.47	-1.07
149	ULM	81.24	18.72	37.42	-11.62
150	Monmouth NJ	80.83	26.60	26.37	-12.10
151	Maine	79.88	17.54	24.76	-0.78
152	UC Davis	79.86	16.33	31.23	-5.70
153	New Mexico	79.85	16.67	25.05	0.00
154	Bethune-Cookman	79.45	26.52	14.80	-3.87
155	Kansas	79.15	15.26	28.40	-3.20
156	Nicholls St	79.14	21.70	20.59	-4.01
157	Idaho	78.87	15.19	19.28	5.31
158	Dartmouth	78.85	24.46	17.79	-5.61
159	S Illinois	77.89	12.42	25.23	0.60
160	W Carolina	77.71	18.77	25.95	-9.05
161	Hawaii	77.56	14.10	25.45	-2.68
162	Columbia	77.39	23.36	13.90	-3.92
163	South Alabama	77.21	14.25	18.23	3.46
164	Kent	77.09	17.67	17.57	-0.74
165	Albany NY	77.00	15.40	14.52	5.11
166	Towson	76.76	19.34	16.11	-2.35
167	ULL	76.72	16.96	27.48	-10.64
168	SE Louisiana	76.71	14.50	26.35	-6.25
169	Charleston So	76.32	19.85	12.19	-0.18
170	Colgate	76.11	14.87	19.12	-1.02
171	San Diego	75.64	14.15	21.70	-3.81
172	Central Conn	75.51	19.41	20.75	-10.19
173	Citadel	74.94	18.03	17.33	-6.35
174	TN Martin	74.87	13.13	13.19	4.14
175	Howard	74.56	18.99	21.54	-12.80
176	Penn	74.45	16.71	18.93	-7.42
177	NC Central	74.03	19.28	12.59	-5.57
178	Ga Southern	73.68	8.27	23.48	-2.63
179	Liberty	73.63	14.47	25.47	-13.02



180	Coastal Car	72.92	8.29	23.84	-4.92
181	Rhode Island	72.78	11.45	20.98	-6.63
182	Princeton	72.63	8.86	31.23	-13.81
183	Alcorn St	72.50	13.42	19.01	-7.98
184	Rice	72.47	10.54	20.90	-6.11
185	Missouri St	72.38	9.23	25.66	-9.35
186	E Illinois	72.36	15.20	14.85	-6.57
187	Duquesne	71.83	11.89	20.79	-9.41
188	William & Mary	71.32	9.04	15.34	-1.43
189	North Dakota	71.29	6.48	21.80	-4.56
190	Chattanooga	71.00	10.80	15.63	-4.88
191	San Jose St	71.00	10.00	23.18	-18.52
192	Charlotte	70.83	8.42	17.33	-3.83
193	Tennessee St	70.77	10.33	16.26	-5.45
194	Ball St	70.71	10.58	21.49	-11.17
195	Southern Univ	69.73	13.38	19.13	-14.99
196	Harvard	68.52	8.62	14.02	-6.56
197	E Kentucky	68.42	6.34	18.58	-8.32
198	Prairie View	68.40	8.40	17.56	-10.11
199	Idaho St	68.22	3.63	24.65	-11.30
200	Hampton	68.15	13.00	8.00	-7.30
201	N Colorado	67.64	1.55	24.27	-9.58
202	Northwestern LA	67.18	6.97	17.05	-10.73
203	SF Austin	66.90	7.09	12.31	-6.85
204	UTEP	66.81	3.82	13.91	-4.32
205	ETSU	66.80	8.95	13.74	-11.00
206	Texas St	66.69	2.38	17.98	-6.78
207	Holy Cross	65.70	4.42	14.80	-8.79
208	Lehigh	65.22	5.71	29.27	-26.18
209	Presbyterian	65.12	7.53	11.01	-10.60
210	Cornell	64.61	3.48	11.88	-7.35
211	Norfolk St	64.30	7.27	11.56	-12.85
212	Alabama St	64.21	7.63	3.14	-5.14
213	Bryant	64.18	6.65	19.60	-20.35
214	SE Missouri St	64.17	-3.19	16.24	-3.90
215	St Francis PA	64.04	1.28	5.82	0.24
216	Drake	63.56	6.60	9.66	-11.91
217	Murray St	62.91	-0.40	14.16	-8.70
218	Fordham	61.47	3.62	13.28	-16.76
219	Abilene Chr	61.43	-3.84	13.03	-6.68
220	Wagner	61.13	0.64	9.93	-10.30
221	Cal Poly	60.76	-7.32	13.73	-4.40
222	Florida A&M	60.49	-1.23	12.70	-12.16
223	Sacred Heart	59.44	-2.86	15.39	-15.32
224	S Carolina St	59.04	-4.23	6.92	-6.01

225	Savannah St	58.89	-1.09	11.99	-15.67
226	Bucknell	58.77	-0.74	4.44	-8.86
227	Gardner Webb	58.74	-4.88	9.95	-8.93
228	Tennessee Tech	58.13	-8.04	13.06	-9.36
229	Jackson St	57.92	-1.65	4.03	-9.37
230	Indiana St	57.53	-5.94	16.13	-16.71
231	Delaware St	56.66	-0.92	9.41	-18.88
232	Portland St	56.39	-12.02	21.84	-17.18
233	Alabama A&M	55.69	-4.98	7.25	-13.74
234	Butler	55.39	-5.96	9.45	-15.37
235	Valparaiso	55.07	-4.08	11.07	-20.30
236	Lamar	54.39	-7.84	10.18	-16.10
237	Dayton	54.35	-8.82	4.92	-9.62
238	Incarnate Word	54.08	-6.73	16.74	-24.91
239	Brown	53.56	-6.76	3.87	-13.28
240	Lafayette	53.48	-7.43	1.45	-10.18
241	Houston Bab	52.50	-13.89	6.28	-8.85
242	Campbell	52.10	-10.36	11.10	-19.36
243	Morgan St	51.74	-11.07	12.93	-21.16
244	Jacksonville	51.65	-2.20	7.34	-27.64
245	Robert Morris	50.77	-10.60	2.71	-13.99
246	VMI	49.59	-9.65	1.65	-17.14
247	TX Southern	49.34	-13.42	5.06	-16.16
248	Ark Pine Bluff	48.31	-14.64	9.05	-21.08
249	Marist	45.52	-14.40	4.76	-24.10
250	Georgetown	44.41	-21.22	-0.14	-12.88
251	MS Valley St	42.79	-14.97	4.44	-29.86
252	Morehead St	40.86	-16.85	4.97	-32.71
253	Stetson	38.02	-24.46	-3.69	-20.98
254	Davidson	30.60	-34.17	-1.24	-29.03

