

RATINGS 10-26-19

Welcome back to By the Numbers! This is a rating system that uses wins, losses, points for and against, and schedule (and nothing else) to rank college football teams. Descriptions of the system are at the website www.roanoke.edu/mcsp/minton/bynumbers.html .

It has not been a very good couple of weeks for trick plays. Arkansas tried a fake punt where the punter “threw” a chest pass ... right to an Alabama player. Duke, inside the NC ten down by 3 with less than a minute left, tried a fake run halfback jump pass, which instead of going ten yards for a win to an open Duke player instead went five yards to a surprised Carolina player for the Heels win. Gardner-Webb, up 7 with 10 seconds left, tried to run off a few extra seconds by having the punter rugby punt; the punt was blocked and returned for a TD and Campbell (the Fighting Camels!) won in OT.

My brother’s fifth grade basketball coach congratulated the team on finishing in second place in the conference. They were 1-4, with three teams tied for first at 4-1. By that logic, everybody in the Coastal Division of the ACC is either in first or second. Virginia at North Carolina will help untangle those standings. The pick:

Virginia 28, North Carolina 27

One of the nice aspects of the playoff system is that the ranking committee also decides the big bowl matchups. The highest ranked “Group of Five” team gets a major bowl. Unbeaten Appalachian State has a shot. My ratings have unbeaten SMU at the top, with fellow AAC members Cincinnati, Navy, UCF and Memphis in the top six. Boise State is the other top six team ahead of #7 App State. This Thursday is “unbeaten Thursday” with Appalachian and Baylor both on TV. SMU has a tough game at Memphis on Saturday. The predictions:

Appalachian State 45, Georgia Southern 20

Baylor 41, West Virginia 17

SMU 41, Memphis 39

Like society, college football was starting to change in 1969. The top southern teams were still all-white, but the conferences were integrating. The top teams were still running, but SMU and Florida and others were discovering the forward pass. In 1969, Georgia averaged 119 yards passing on 22 attempts, while running 56 times per game. Florida threw 41 times per game for an unheard-of 306 yards. A tough trivia question: who was Florida’s super sophomore QB, shown in the background? The 1969 game ended in a tie, 13-13. We didn’t have to break ties back then. We were casual about conference championships. In 1969, Tennessee was the SEC champ at 5-1, “better than” LSU’s 4-1. Tennessee then lost to Florida in the Gator Bowl. LSU missed out on the bowls when the Cotton Bowl reneged on a deal and

let Notre Dame play for the national championship. The other bowls had been decided, so no luck of the Irish for LSU. This year's pick, in a game that will probably decide the SEC East:

Florida 24, Georgia 21

Over the years, the Georgia-Florida "World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party" has always been entertaining and is often important. Back in the day, Florida State – Miami mattered, and anything Notre Dame mattered. This week, two West Coast games are far more important, with Oregon and Utah still having outside shots at the playoffs. This week's predictions:

Florida State 28, Miami 26

Notre Dame 45, Virginia Tech 16

Utah 24, Washington 23

Oregon 30, Southern Cal 21

This week's ratings:

		Overall	Wins	Offense	Defense
1	Ohio St	131.83	70.63	63.25	30.33
2	Penn St	121.47	64.18	50.88	25.40
3	LSU	121.09	65.61	56.03	17.39
4	Clemson	119.77	63.50	47.80	25.15
5	Oregon	117.98	61.48	46.79	24.36
6	Alabama	117.78	56.78	56.71	20.23
7	Auburn	116.22	57.59	47.23	24.72
8	Wisconsin	114.89	52.09	48.61	27.35
9	Utah	114.42	55.83	42.59	27.20
10	Cincinnati	114.23	62.24	39.04	21.73
11	Oklahoma	114.22	53.79	57.16	14.84
12	Florida	114.22	58.12	44.25	21.99
13	SMU	111.30	60.42	49.83	6.03
14	Baylor	111.13	56.88	44.97	15.20
15	Michigan	110.66	52.89	45.12	19.20
16	Georgia	110.64	50.35	43.67	23.98
17	Minnesota	110.27	56.69	44.02	14.25
18	Iowa	108.70	50.62	36.03	26.41
19	Navy	108.50	53.35	44.00	14.30
20	Boise St	108.42	55.56	39.87	15.29
21	Notre Dame	108.00	50.21	45.02	16.20
22	UCF	107.48	48.75	53.48	8.40
23	Kansas St	107.25	50.90	40.92	17.51
24	Washington	106.82	46.96	45.54	17.07
25	USC	106.22	48.41	43.90	15.28

26	Memphis	105.65	50.93	45.31	9.09
27	Iowa St	105.58	45.56	46.50	14.90
28	Wake Forest	105.00	53.16	43.24	6.56
29	Michigan St	104.84	44.65	39.87	20.89
30	Air Force	104.37	47.95	41.92	13.26
31	Oklahoma St	104.35	46.17	47.35	10.15
32	Appalachian St	104.16	48.94	44.18	9.13
33	Texas	104.08	45.24	48.78	9.27
34	Texas A&M	103.95	43.72	45.28	14.48
35	Arizona St	101.39	43.61	35.56	17.96
36	TCU	101.06	40.78	41.68	14.77
37	Louisville	100.52	46.98	42.33	4.52
38	San Diego St	99.95	48.52	24.61	18.75
39	Indiana	99.62	40.71	41.24	11.71
40	Stanford	98.75	41.69	35.07	14.41
41	Utah St	98.67	43.38	34.91	12.12
42	North Carolina	97.81	39.40	37.06	13.12
43	Florida St	97.81	41.52	38.26	9.09
44	Hawaii	97.40	44.40	42.19	0.28
45	Pittsburgh	97.37	41.99	29.23	16.40
46	Virginia	97.16	38.23	37.78	12.33
47	Wyoming	96.90	41.51	33.48	11.59
48	Louisiana	96.52	36.72	37.62	12.91
49	Mississippi St	96.37	36.38	40.84	9.76
50	Washington St	96.30	31.27	51.93	5.31
51	California	96.24	37.96	29.70	18.46
52	Missouri	96.21	34.26	38.15	14.88
53	Tulane	95.96	35.23	43.07	8.04
54	BYU	95.78	38.78	37.28	8.64
55	Kentucky	95.40	35.45	32.66	16.75
56	UCLA	95.32	36.26	42.11	6.02
57	N Dakota St	94.32	37.45	33.76	10.29
58	Nebraska	93.82	34.40	38.49	8.37
59	Oregon St	93.18	33.72	40.13	6.03
60	South Carolina	93.12	29.12	41.66	10.50
61	FL Atlantic	93.03	33.33	37.94	8.37
62	Tennessee	93.01	31.43	34.42	14.38
63	Miami FL	92.92	33.11	33.93	12.41
64	Arizona	92.92	35.20	38.67	4.88
65	Duke	92.88	33.04	37.43	8.90
66	Tulsa	92.44	33.11	35.95	9.17
67	CS Sacramento	92.12	30.09	36.88	11.48
68	Colorado	91.76	32.25	37.79	6.79



69	Illinois	91.38	30.44	37.85	8.19
70	Georgia St	91.37	36.76	41.33	-3.75
71	Marshall	91.22	36.36	32.76	4.99
72	Temple	91.10	36.39	30.22	7.20
73	Texas Tech	90.71	27.62	38.16	9.96
74	West Virginia	90.23	32.35	32.82	7.79
75	W Michigan	90.19	30.15	37.98	5.48
76	Mississippi	90.08	26.85	36.19	11.39
77	Montana	89.73	30.03	39.07	3.41
78	Miami OH	89.69	34.87	31.82	4.09
79	Louisiana Tech	89.66	34.72	34.60	1.43
80	Boston College	89.50	33.05	36.47	1.38
81	South Florida	89.25	32.45	31.74	6.30
82	Fresno St	88.92	26.38	39.24	6.06
83	Houston	88.85	25.72	35.72	10.29
84	Arkansas St	88.39	31.20	37.38	0.17
85	James Madison	88.32	29.17	35.01	5.07
86	Virginia Tech	88.27	32.96	34.75	0.16
87	Purdue	88.10	25.04	35.60	9.45
88	WKU	87.47	32.10	23.28	10.78
89	Northwestern	87.31	22.72	28.62	17.53
90	Southern Miss	87.15	29.67	31.89	4.60
91	Toledo	86.70	30.80	30.39	3.48
92	Ga Southern	86.38	29.25	30.58	4.54
93	S Dakota St	85.77	26.45	32.73	4.61
94	Maryland	85.76	22.94	37.77	4.21
95	Weber St	85.55	29.90	26.32	5.86
96	Ball St	85.20	24.04	35.84	3.29
97	Kansas	85.16	23.43	35.46	4.38
98	UAB	84.90	28.47	31.41	1.05
99	Syracuse	84.30	24.09	31.66	5.15
100	Ohio	84.16	23.72	35.39	1.56
101	NC State	84.05	25.05	27.48	7.42
102	Nevada	83.99	34.09	26.57	-3.88
103	San Jose St	83.73	25.64	33.46	-0.15
104	Buffalo	83.61	24.10	29.52	5.54
105	E Michigan	83.11	25.01	32.39	0.22
106	Arkansas	82.84	19.59	32.69	6.47
107	Northern Iowa	82.79	24.40	26.58	6.05
108	ULM	82.09	25.63	34.58	-5.36
109	MTSU	82.02	21.14	32.06	2.98
110	Vanderbilt	81.80	20.60	29.78	5.44
111	C Michigan	81.31	22.35	31.56	0.08



112	Texas St	81.25	24.11	21.04	8.11
113	North Texas	81.24	19.61	36.51	-1.38
114	Cent Arkansas	81.18	29.88	24.66	-3.37
115	Kent	80.95	20.57	31.80	1.34
116	Georgia Tech	80.78	21.38	27.98	3.64
117	N Illinois	80.17	17.11	31.00	4.79
118	Army	79.21	15.80	28.46	6.69
119	TN Martin	78.83	21.06	26.19	0.97
120	Villanova	78.80	20.98	30.74	-3.54
121	Coastal Car	78.55	16.21	28.31	4.65
122	Liberty	78.48	20.09	27.81	-0.22
123	Dartmouth	78.18	19.25	23.51	4.44
124	Colorado St	77.90	15.72	36.04	-4.08
125	Florida Intl	77.71	18.14	27.49	0.78
126	Montana St	77.11	18.54	27.34	-1.11
127	Idaho St	76.86	15.78	30.05	-0.75
128	Troy	76.85	15.13	35.94	-5.82
129	UNLV	76.72	14.98	32.41	-2.40
130	Charlotte	76.32	17.87	33.14	-8.00
131	Nicholls St	75.94	19.52	24.86	-2.86
132	Florida A&M	75.81	29.33	19.65	-11.06
133	Sam Houston St	75.76	16.43	20.85	4.84
134	East Carolina	75.68	16.32	24.24	1.37
135	UC Davis	75.60	15.63	30.34	-4.01
136	Rutgers	75.21	18.60	21.70	-0.29
137	Portland St	74.86	14.94	27.23	-1.81
138	North Dakota	74.69	18.29	25.03	-4.51
139	Princeton	74.55	11.37	29.04	0.36
140	Furman	73.88	10.02	25.51	4.01
141	Kennesaw	73.68	11.18	30.92	-3.45
142	Towson	73.59	11.60	29.83	-3.14
143	McNeese St	73.26	16.35	22.80	-3.28
144	Illinois St	73.14	14.65	17.95	3.55
145	UT San Antonio	72.90	16.39	21.60	-3.03
146	New Mexico	72.32	11.85	27.92	-4.74
147	Yale	72.28	18.64	22.14	-8.13
148	Idaho	72.28	11.18	27.03	-3.06
149	South Dakota	72.15	8.78	28.76	-1.93
150	SE Louisiana	71.79	10.99	29.49	-6.49
151	S Illinois	71.70	11.17	22.53	0.01
152	E Washington	71.66	7.76	34.98	-8.00
153	Elon	71.02	12.72	22.80	-4.04
154	Youngstown St	71.00	10.00	25.22	1.22



155	Incarnate Word	70.97	17.56	21.10	-8.93
156	Rice	70.45	5.04	21.10	6.49
157	NC A&T	70.25	12.45	22.64	-5.44
158	Connecticut	69.89	8.71	24.82	-3.54
159	SE Missouri St	69.72	13.02	21.54	-6.42
160	Central Conn	69.71	10.60	23.13	-4.81
161	New Hampshire	69.63	10.93	13.66	4.02
162	Southern Univ	69.60	12.23	18.52	-2.64
163	Bowling Green	69.25	12.76	18.70	-4.40
164	Harvard	68.88	8.35	24.30	-5.07
165	Alcorn St	68.83	8.29	23.84	-4.65
166	Stony Brook	68.82	8.61	25.40	-6.65
167	Monmouth NJ	68.38	10.11	23.62	-7.96
168	Abilene Chr	68.34	7.70	21.02	-2.24
169	SUNY Albany	68.22	4.35	26.91	-3.98
170	Delaware	67.82	10.78	21.64	-8.28
171	Wofford	67.36	4.58	21.72	-1.26
172	San Diego	66.64	6.83	22.87	-7.22
173	South Alabama	66.60	4.61	14.16	4.37
174	Austin Peay	65.69	4.77	23.49	-7.44
175	Old Dominion	65.50	3.26	17.00	0.57
176	Jacksonville St	65.38	5.86	21.85	-8.04
177	Northern Arizona	65.18	4.02	34.23	-18.46
178	Cal Poly	64.98	3.75	24.22	-8.59
179	E Kentucky	64.68	4.03	19.35	-4.83
180	New Mexico St	64.43	0.81	24.25	-6.08
181	S Carolina St	64.41	8.59	20.63	-12.87
182	Campbell	64.28	10.68	11.89	-7.25
183	Holy Cross	64.16	7.45	12.86	-4.21
184	Citadel	64.10	1.75	20.29	-4.20
185	Chattanooga	63.99	5.13	19.27	-7.97
186	Ark Pine Bluff	63.93	4.86	21.28	-9.76
187	Murray St	63.56	4.46	20.91	-9.77
188	Bethune-Cookman	62.86	10.46	11.65	-10.27
189	UTEP	62.79	1.39	17.24	-3.95
190	Houston Bap	62.60	-0.92	32.06	-16.17
191	Lamar	62.48	4.95	16.36	-8.58
192	Tennessee Tech	61.43	3.56	28.09	-21.08
193	Columbia	61.34	-5.41	17.39	1.35
194	William & Mary	61.07	-4.24	21.39	-4.88
195	Indiana St	60.92	-1.62	13.65	-1.00
196	Richmond	60.80	0.77	14.25	-5.10
197	Robert Morris	60.72	2.48	14.18	-7.52



198	Prairie View	60.46	-5.50	28.94	-12.27
199	VMI	60.13	-0.47	24.35	-15.21
200	Drake	60.07	1.22	14.27	-7.55
201	Georgetown	59.72	-3.76	13.20	-0.72
202	Samford	59.53	-2.31	31.22	-21.13
203	SF Austin	59.49	-3.54	24.80	-13.19
204	Maine	59.17	-5.91	23.42	-9.43
205	Alabama St	59.03	-0.83	10.72	-3.86
206	Dayton	58.68	1.25	25.97	-22.75
207	Davidson	58.63	-1.28	20.53	-14.07
208	Duquesne	58.46	-0.01	10.19	-5.85
209	Grambling	58.37	-6.24	14.04	-1.61
210	N Colorado	57.89	-5.79	15.67	-5.06
211	ETSU	57.60	-7.84	12.05	0.59
212	St Francis PA	57.43	-4.58	12.55	-4.70
213	Northwestern LA	57.37	-5.64	22.74	-13.62
214	Southern Utah	57.27	-6.69	20.82	-10.55
215	Fordham	56.81	-3.37	19.49	-14.78
216	Lehigh	56.51	-2.60	6.48	-3.56
217	Rhode Island	55.41	-11.16	20.72	-9.13
218	Missouri St	54.88	-8.39	14.32	-7.74
219	Mercer	54.00	-8.36	19.34	-15.01
220	Stetson	53.59	-4.05	8.65	-11.10
221	Penn	53.30	-10.68	17.83	-12.17
222	Akron	52.73	-11.26	9.48	-4.47
223	Gardner Webb	52.07	-4.42	11.62	-17.37
224	Wagner	51.47	-15.39	9.40	-2.02
225	Charleston So	50.68	-12.86	15.12	-13.09
226	Massachusetts	50.67	-8.23	21.20	-25.37
227	Tennessee St	49.51	-14.87	16.55	-14.77
228	Hampton	49.49	-9.50	16.15	-21.57
229	Norfolk St	49.44	-11.70	16.38	-19.01
230	E Illinois	48.41	-18.27	8.92	-5.36
231	Sacred Heart	48.19	-16.67	13.12	-12.23
232	Bucknell	46.97	-13.76	11.44	-17.51
233	Cornell	46.63	-20.88	8.23	-5.63
234	Colgate	46.36	-17.40	9.64	-12.36
235	Alabama A&M	46.04	-15.59	11.03	-16.97
236	NC Central	45.67	-14.31	2.96	-11.54
237	Morehead St	45.38	-11.89	9.54	-22.07
238	Jackson St	45.37	-15.85	17.48	-24.75
239	Morgan St	43.97	-17.62	10.54	-18.94
240	North Alabama	43.85	-21.67	12.44	-15.74



241	Brown	43.77	-19.45	18.30	-24.76
242	W Illinois	43.20	-27.03	10.83	-8.60
243	TX Southern	40.90	-22.58	18.15	-27.62
244	Marist	40.74	-20.23	6.54	-19.54
245	Bryant	40.65	-23.29	4.28	-13.43
246	Lafayette	40.55	-31.36	11.49	-10.13
247	Merrimack	40.05	-26.86	12.89	-18.76
248	Butler	38.54	-23.18	8.19	-22.75
249	Jacksonville	37.82	-24.08	7.07	-22.23
250	W Carolina	37.59	-26.04	11.60	-24.71
251	MS Valley St	37.45	-28.23	4.42	-14.98
252	Howard	37.19	-22.18	10.38	-29.66
253	Valparaiso	36.60	-25.21	4.77	-21.48
254	LIU Post	33.60	-35.58	4.90	-15.29
255	Presbyterian	30.84	-32.59	0.79	-22.05
256	Delaware St	29.68	-35.81	-3.99	-15.88
257	VA-Lynchburg	20.35	-45.47	-4.02	-26.30

