

RATINGS 11-02-19

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 .

An uneventful weekend for most, as the top five had the week off. The biggest news might come from the selection committee on Tuesday night, as they decide what to do with the top five: super-impressive LSU and Ohio State, defending champion Clemson with the no good horrible schedule (Alabama's has been worse so far) and the one-loss Pac-12 teams, Oregon and Utah. Some interesting choices.

This week's got a great game: unbeaten versus unbeaten in the conference with the top two teams. Yes, we're all looking forward to Penn State and Minnesota. Oh, and that other one with LSU and Alabama should also be good. The picks:

Penn State 35, Minnesota 28
Alabama 38, LSU 37

Two of the three unbeaten I highlighted last week lost, with only Baylor squeaking by. I'll try to jinx the Bears again, and see if I can get a reverse jinx going for App State.

Baylor 31, TCU 23
Appalachian State 31, South Carolina 30

UVa looks like they might make it seven-for-seven in the ACC Coastal: seven teams, seven years, seven champions. The Hokies hung tough against Notre Dame until their prevent defense prevented the victory. Like the Hoos, they control their own destiny in the Coastal. As does Wake Forest in the Atlantic, which had an impressive win over the Woofpack.

Virginia 35, Georgia Tech 13
Wake Forest 40, Virginia Tech 28

Fifty years ago the polls had Ohio State #1 (some things never change) followed by Texas, Tennessee, and Arkansas (some things do change). Two of those teams were in the same conference, but which teams and which conference? The season ended with Penn State on the outside looking in. They accepted an Orange Bowl bid, passing up a chance to play #1 in the Cotton Bowl for the national championship. Depending on who tells the story, this may have been a courageous stand against racism at the Cotton Bowl. An unbeaten Lions team would not be left out this year, but would a one-loss team have a chance? The background features the quarterback who led Penn State to unbeaten seasons in 1968 and 1969 (though Franco Harris and Lydell Mitchell may have deserved some credit, too). Can you name him?

Do you think games last too long? Somebody at ESPN did a film analysis after a low-scoring 9-inning World Series game went over 4 hours. Compared to a regular season game, there were 17 extra minutes of commercials, and about 30 extra minutes of pitchers taking their time because of the importance of the situation. With replays, "injuries" ordered from the sidelines, and timeouts, a college football game can also go 4 hours.

There are a number of other games of interest (but probably not 4-hour interest) this weekend. Here are the picks for a low-scoring game in the Big 10, two high-scoring games in the Big 12, two games for religious independents, and an important Group of Five game.

Wisconsin 20, Iowa 10

Texas 32, Kansas State 31

Oklahoma 45, Iowa State 33

Notre Dame 35, Duke 24

BYU 42, Liberty 20

Boise State 35, Wyoming 21

And the ratings (notice 5 AAC teams in the top 22!):

		Overall	Wins	Offense	Defense
1	Ohio St	129.61	68.36	61.84	30.25
2	Penn St	121.07	64.20	51.28	25.01
3	LSU	120.35	65.18	55.82	17.39
4	Oregon	118.13	61.70	49.73	22.54
5	Alabama	117.34	56.55	57.04	20.14
6	Clemson	116.76	58.70	48.93	23.92
7	Auburn	114.45	56.64	44.79	25.03
8	Wisconsin	113.76	50.98	48.60	27.03
9	Utah	113.14	55.73	41.84	25.92
10	Georgia	112.14	53.90	44.86	22.84
11	Oklahoma	111.82	50.76	56.90	14.20
12	Florida	111.69	54.67	44.77	20.80
13	Cincinnati	110.13	58.51	40.52	16.01
14	Minnesota	109.95	57.11	44.17	13.77
15	Michigan	109.79	51.79	44.98	19.65
16	Baylor	108.92	55.14	42.72	15.26
17	Navy	107.82	51.42	45.22	15.00
18	Notre Dame	107.10	51.28	42.17	16.42
19	Iowa	107.04	49.00	35.52	25.95
20	SMU	106.96	53.90	50.52	4.24
21	UCF	106.53	48.02	52.69	8.82
22	Memphis	106.27	52.32	46.72	8.42

23	Kansas St	106.12	49.09	40.70	18.37
24	Boise St	105.05	51.86	41.70	11.00
25	Oklahoma St	104.41	46.83	47.53	10.28
26	Washington	104.37	43.31	46.01	16.40
27	Wake Forest	104.26	50.32	44.24	8.54
28	Iowa St	103.66	43.12	46.69	14.19
29	USC	103.10	45.74	43.79	12.18
30	Michigan St	103.10	42.79	39.60	20.32
31	Texas	102.45	43.08	49.03	8.88
32	Air Force	102.02	45.99	39.13	13.83
33	Texas A&M	101.88	41.76	44.46	13.77
34	Arizona St	99.68	42.31	35.13	16.87
35	San Diego St	99.39	48.23	24.44	18.94
36	Appalachian St	99.34	41.95	42.35	9.29
37	Louisville	99.21	44.60	42.46	5.32
38	Indiana	99.09	39.56	41.70	12.49
39	Virginia	98.53	40.57	39.92	11.53
40	BYU	97.73	41.28	38.04	10.47
41	Stanford	97.08	40.04	33.89	14.64
42	Pittsburgh	97.00	41.98	28.76	16.98
43	Mississippi St	96.99	37.09	43.14	9.11
44	Tulane	96.95	37.39	43.97	7.78
45	TCU	96.73	34.51	40.73	14.31
46	Louisiana	96.61	37.30	37.69	13.31
47	Missouri	95.70	33.49	39.40	14.40
48	California	95.56	37.35	29.06	19.27
49	UCLA	95.43	37.11	40.35	7.96
50	Washington St	95.35	30.74	51.77	4.83
51	N Dakota St	95.29	38.63	36.52	9.43
52	Wyoming	95.20	39.56	34.34	10.12
53	Miami FL	95.11	35.52	34.77	14.87
54	North Carolina	95.06	34.53	38.82	12.02
55	Utah St	94.52	38.80	34.56	9.23
56	Kentucky	94.50	34.82	31.80	17.26
57	Oregon St	94.49	35.87	42.98	4.64
58	Tennessee	94.41	33.73	34.12	16.15
59	South Carolina	93.95	31.36	40.28	12.00
60	Hawaii	93.34	38.01	41.90	0.00
61	Florida St	93.32	35.14	36.02	9.66
62	FL Atlantic	93.05	34.31	39.13	6.98
63	Duke	92.34	31.94	38.24	9.26
64	Boston College	91.35	33.84	40.18	2.28
65	Illinois	91.17	31.17	37.24	8.33

66	Ga Southern	91.10	36.34	31.07	7.45
67	Georgia St	90.74	36.27	41.79	-4.07
68	Temple	90.50	35.31	30.54	7.85
69	Fresno St	90.23	30.81	38.94	4.78
70	Mississippi	90.06	26.13	36.46	13.06
71	Weber St	89.67	34.74	29.95	7.13
72	W Michigan	89.62	29.57	37.86	5.98
73	Nebraska	89.42	28.44	37.64	7.20
74	Tulsa	89.19	28.52	34.42	9.75
75	West Virginia	89.08	29.78	32.24	9.97
76	Louisiana Tech	89.05	34.12	34.15	2.20
77	Purdue	89.02	27.52	36.24	8.82
78	South Florida	88.89	31.57	32.44	6.90
79	Marshall	88.79	33.09	30.54	6.54
80	Texas Tech	88.72	25.19	37.79	9.64
81	Montana	88.72	30.15	35.97	4.83
82	CS Sacramento	88.62	27.95	35.23	8.27
83	Arizona	88.61	29.76	38.88	2.18
84	Virginia Tech	88.52	30.99	35.55	3.64
85	Arkansas St	88.12	31.88	37.59	-0.56
86	Miami OH	87.92	33.45	31.11	3.31
87	Colorado	87.90	27.77	35.14	6.80
88	James Madison	87.52	28.16	34.00	6.48
89	Houston	86.40	22.84	34.58	10.17
90	Southern Miss	86.20	28.49	31.71	5.03
91	Buffalo	85.62	26.59	30.73	7.07
92	Toledo	85.57	29.49	31.31	2.51
93	WKU	85.12	27.58	25.35	9.88
94	Maryland	84.41	22.02	36.35	4.54
95	Nevada	83.81	33.58	24.41	-0.44
96	S Dakota St	83.73	24.18	31.17	5.15
97	C Michigan	83.56	24.30	33.44	2.29
98	Ball St	83.21	21.85	34.90	3.23
99	Northwestern	83.18	18.81	26.71	15.39
100	Kansas	83.05	20.85	34.75	4.29
101	Ohio	82.87	22.54	35.54	0.80
102	NC State	82.73	23.65	27.27	7.23
103	San Jose St	82.66	23.94	36.33	-2.38
104	Cent Arkansas	82.34	30.96	26.47	-2.67
105	Northern Iowa	81.95	24.03	25.00	7.07
106	Dartmouth	81.55	23.76	26.11	5.32
107	UAB	81.24	22.60	29.93	2.26
108	Syracuse	81.00	20.56	31.65	2.66

109	North Texas	80.43	18.66	37.62	-2.22
110	Arkansas	80.02	16.80	32.93	3.94
111	E Michigan	79.98	21.74	31.42	-1.24
112	Georgia Tech	79.94	19.41	27.88	5.32
113	Vanderbilt	79.55	17.69	28.02	6.48
114	Coastal Car	79.54	18.63	29.11	4.12
115	Liberty	79.45	20.97	29.55	0.32
116	Kent	79.16	19.08	31.00	0.69
117	Colorado St	78.93	18.12	34.75	-2.36
118	ULM	78.86	20.49	34.99	-5.94
119	Army	78.69	14.34	28.09	8.74
120	MTSU	78.36	16.73	30.11	2.70
121	Florida Intl	77.84	18.91	27.43	1.18
122	Texas St	77.73	19.49	19.53	8.03
123	Charlotte	77.58	18.92	33.02	-5.07
124	East Carolina	77.18	16.67	28.57	1.38
125	Montana St	76.61	17.01	26.07	2.01
126	Yale	76.08	22.03	26.86	-6.81
127	TN Martin	75.52	17.60	23.28	1.27
128	N Illinois	75.18	12.60	28.46	1.92
129	North Dakota	75.14	19.72	23.08	-2.31
130	Princeton	75.06	14.98	26.41	0.49
131	UC Davis	75.01	15.05	30.41	-3.72
132	Furman	74.50	12.51	24.75	4.05
133	Towson	74.01	13.25	27.51	-0.92
134	Villanova	73.95	13.89	30.64	-5.06
135	SE Missouri St	73.92	18.59	21.70	-2.46
136	SE Louisiana	73.75	12.57	31.11	-4.29
137	Troy	73.72	10.02	35.38	-5.23
138	Rutgers	73.69	16.39	21.47	0.12
139	S Illinois	73.55	14.20	24.84	-0.66
140	McNeese St	73.41	16.91	21.43	-1.25
141	UNLV	73.19	11.32	29.35	-2.24
142	E Washington	73.06	10.17	35.45	-7.14
143	New Hampshire	72.58	14.81	15.25	5.69
144	NC A&T	72.39	14.72	22.98	-2.42
145	Monmouth NJ	72.31	14.75	25.17	-4.83
146	Idaho	72.21	11.94	24.89	-1.07
147	Sam Houston St	71.96	11.53	21.14	2.60
148	Nicholls St	71.89	14.80	23.85	-4.63
149	Florida A&M	71.72	22.79	20.72	-12.58
150	Illinois St	71.37	12.60	16.99	3.84
151	Youngstown St	71.00	10.00	27.95	1.50

152	Austin Peay	70.87	11.30	26.47	-5.15
153	San Diego	70.80	12.09	27.07	-6.98
154	UT San Antonio	70.62	12.36	22.28	-3.00
155	Elon	70.36	9.42	25.05	-2.49
156	New Mexico	70.35	9.91	25.49	-3.61
157	Wofford	70.29	9.55	25.83	-3.63
158	Alcorn St	69.91	10.78	23.44	-3.82
159	Connecticut	69.69	9.75	24.70	-4.26
160	Bowling Green	69.58	12.76	20.34	-4.18
161	Kennesaw	69.03	7.12	28.25	-5.94
162	Rice	68.74	2.62	20.94	6.63
163	Abilene Chr	68.69	9.31	22.22	-3.69
164	Portland St	68.53	6.13	23.68	-1.30
165	Central Conn	68.21	9.23	21.47	-4.04
166	SUNY Albany	67.68	4.21	28.05	-5.23
167	Richmond	67.30	8.50	17.24	-1.10
168	Stony Brook	67.27	7.70	24.01	-6.87
169	Harvard	67.12	3.36	22.89	-0.34
170	Maine	67.02	5.23	27.20	-7.42
171	Jacksonville St	66.57	7.26	20.94	-4.98
172	Citadel	66.28	5.74	23.03	-5.76
173	Holy Cross	65.97	9.13	15.05	-3.08
174	South Alabama	65.68	3.06	15.33	4.01
175	Idaho St	65.57	2.36	28.03	-8.03
176	S Carolina St	65.22	9.14	18.71	-8.63
177	New Mexico St	65.10	2.23	24.89	-5.91
178	Northern Arizona	65.04	4.80	33.78	-18.37
179	Delaware	64.77	5.02	21.86	-7.42
180	Old Dominion	64.50	0.51	17.88	1.92
181	Cal Poly	64.36	2.14	22.70	-5.44
182	Incarnate Word	63.61	5.68	20.72	-10.05
183	South Dakota	63.32	-1.88	28.15	-8.12
184	Southern Univ	63.23	4.66	16.36	-5.28
185	William & Mary	63.14	-0.36	21.70	-4.15
186	Duquesne	62.75	6.56	14.18	-6.83
187	E Kentucky	62.43	-0.66	20.75	-4.56
188	Bethune-Cookman	61.98	8.12	13.68	-10.35
189	Chattanooga	61.85	-0.12	22.51	-8.50
190	Tennessee Tech	60.60	3.87	24.54	-18.99
191	Grambling	60.34	-3.06	17.29	-3.13
192	UTEP	60.25	-1.93	18.54	-6.12
193	Lamar	59.73	2.07	15.87	-10.08
194	Samford	58.85	-3.26	28.68	-17.98

195	N Colorado	58.62	-3.76	14.96	-4.19
196	Campbell	58.52	1.54	15.47	-12.00
197	Northwestern LA	58.48	-2.88	23.71	-14.46
198	Southern Utah	58.26	-5.09	23.33	-11.67
199	Drake	58.04	0.90	13.20	-10.09
200	Robert Morris	57.98	0.03	13.00	-8.87
201	Murray St	57.78	-4.24	14.99	-5.67
202	Houston Bap	56.94	-6.76	27.64	-17.05
203	Indiana St	56.83	-7.24	11.94	-1.00
204	Dayton	56.49	-1.97	26.52	-23.44
205	Columbia	56.25	-6.81	15.93	-7.01
206	Alabama St	56.04	-5.84	13.37	-6.27
207	Penn	55.71	-5.32	18.57	-13.00
208	SF Austin	55.57	-7.84	21.91	-13.29
209	VMI	55.31	-6.84	23.66	-17.03
210	Lehigh	55.30	-4.31	8.82	-5.61
211	Mercer	55.19	-7.33	19.34	-12.38
212	Ark Pine Bluff	54.97	-8.32	17.97	-10.22
213	Missouri St	54.62	-8.22	13.05	-6.32
214	Rhode Island	54.56	-12.18	20.32	-8.45
215	Prairie View	54.51	-12.15	25.90	-14.19
216	ETSU	53.91	-13.65	11.29	0.91
217	Sacred Heart	53.70	-6.70	14.93	-12.53
218	Fordham	53.26	-9.08	19.98	-15.51
219	Charleston So	53.14	-7.16	14.21	-12.59
220	Georgetown	53.11	-11.07	11.77	-5.01
221	Norfolk St	52.24	-10.18	18.87	-15.47
222	St Francis PA	52.02	-11.24	12.72	-8.46
223	Jackson St	51.89	-7.70	17.01	-17.79
224	Davidson	51.76	-8.99	15.10	-14.49
225	Gardner Webb	51.18	-8.61	16.13	-17.49
226	Akron	50.42	-13.20	8.78	-5.90
227	Massachusetts	50.18	-7.92	21.34	-26.11
228	Wagner	50.17	-16.30	10.48	-4.12
229	Hampton	49.87	-11.54	17.46	-18.17
230	Cornell	49.70	-16.00	9.42	-4.62
231	Colgate	49.21	-13.02	10.57	-10.98
232	Tennessee St	48.76	-16.05	17.83	-15.31
233	Alabama A&M	48.19	-13.22	16.90	-19.57
234	North Alabama	47.88	-14.87	12.67	-13.92
235	NC Central	47.68	-11.27	3.79	-10.34
236	Lafayette	47.23	-18.34	11.64	-9.89
237	Stetson	46.49	-12.46	5.21	-13.14

238	W Illinois	46.44	-20.07	14.63	-12.55
239	Marist	45.79	-12.06	7.48	-17.71
240	Bucknell	45.50	-16.44	11.36	-16.46
241	E Illinois	45.07	-22.37	9.21	-7.49
242	W Carolina	44.02	-18.93	13.06	-18.56
243	Morgan St	41.99	-18.89	6.92	-17.53
244	Brown	41.16	-26.19	21.70	-24.66
245	Valparaiso	39.80	-21.69	4.90	-17.24
246	Morehead St	39.35	-21.18	10.23	-24.40
247	Bryant	38.40	-27.29	4.68	-13.08
248	MS Valley St	37.66	-27.38	3.31	-13.43
249	Merrimack	37.43	-28.15	8.94	-18.60
250	Butler	36.85	-24.72	6.45	-22.14
251	Howard	35.20	-24.29	8.84	-29.23
252	LIU Post	34.87	-32.69	3.40	-13.42
253	TX Southern	33.24	-31.87	14.70	-29.90
254	Jacksonville	33.13	-31.87	5.95	-21.40
255	Delaware St	30.90	-33.87	2.03	-20.40
256	Presbyterian	28.07	-37.89	0.91	-21.00
257	VA-Lynchburg	16.01	-47.64	-5.78	-31.46

