

RATINGS 11-23-19

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The best college football weekend of the season is here! Yes, it can get overshadowed by the big-money conference championships and playoffs, but this week harkens back to a simpler time (how many times do we get to use “harken” in a sentence?). A full seventeen (17!) of the matchups mentioned below date back more than 100 years. At stake is not millions of dollars, but the Old Oaken Bucket, the Fremont Cannon, Paul Bunyan’s Axe, the Chancellor’s Spurs, and a bunch of Cups, including one whose football was so poorly rendered that students at both schools renamed it the Egg Trophy.

We have the Civil War, the War on I-4, the Battle Line Rivalry, the Iron Bowl, the Duel in the Desert, Bedlam, and Clean Old-Fashioned Hate. The playoffs can’t beat that. Some games have history, but no special name. The longest uninterrupted FBS rivalry is ... (any guesses?) Iowa State and Kansas State, going at it for the 103rd straight year. (Actually, that game has recently adopted the great name Farmageddon!) The most games played in any rivalry is 128 by Wisconsin and Minnesota (it’s tied at 60-60-8!). Vanderbilt and Tennessee can claim the South’s oldest rivalry, dating back to 1892. Can’t you guys find a name? The Warty on I-40? At least Minnesota and Wisconsin have Paul Bunyan’s Axe.

True, there is that thing about the M-W winner going to the Big Ten Championship Game. The UVA – Tech game is also for a division title. Who would have thought it five weeks ago? The rating system uses the full season, so the Hokies have not been forgiven for BC and Duke.

Virginia 30, Virginia Tech 24 (Commonwealth Cup)

Wisconsin 30, Minnesota 28 (and Paul Bunyan’s Axe goes to ...)

The SEC gets a little more serious with the Iron Bowl, Egg Bowl, and LSU-Texas A&M. There are also the four SEC-ACC games (a small step up from last week’s FCS schedule).

Mississippi State 33, Mississippi 24 (Egg Bowl)

Missouri 28, Arkansas (Battle Line Rivalry)

Auburn 28, Alabama 27 (Iron Bowl)

LSU 49, Texas A&M 27 (first game in 1899)

Tennessee 34, Vanderbilt 14 (first game in 1892)

Florida 36, Florida State 14 (Sunshine Showdown)

Kentucky 31, Louisville 30 (Governor’s Cup)

Clemson 40, South Carolina 17 (Palmetto Bowl)

Georgia 41, Georgia Tech 9 (Clean Old-Fashioned Hate)

Another game with bowl implications is Cincinnati versus Memphis. It's an odd scenario with this being the leaders of the two divisions and the top two ranked Group of 5 schools. If Memphis wins, they play each other again the next week, but if Cincinnati wins the Bearcats (always liked that name) play Navy for the AAC title. Perhaps this is the Rodney Daingerfield Bowl, since the AAC is very vocal about not getting enough respect.

Memphis 32, Cincinnati 28

Texas 42, Texas Tech 27 (for the Chancellor's Spurs)

Iowa 26, Nebraska 14 (the Heroes Game)

Washington 40, Washington State 31 (the Apple Cup)

UCF 42, USF 22 (the War on I-4)

Oregon 45, Oregon State 24 (the Civil War)

Oklahoma 42, Oklahoma State 36 (Bedlam)

Kansas State 31, Iowa State 30 (Farmageddon)

Georgia Southern 35, Georgia State 31 (Will the Real GS stand up?)

Illinois 34, Northwestern 17 (Land of Lincoln Trophy)

Indiana 31, Purdue 28 (for The Old Oaken Bucket)

Nevada 34, UNLV 17 (for the Fremont Cannon)

Arizona State 33, Arizona 17 (the Duel in the Desert; first game 1899!)

North Carolina 31, NC State 23 (cleverly called "the Carolina-State Game")

I may have missed a game. It doesn't have a name, unless you let them use "The Game". Fifty years ago Ohio State came in undefeated and ranked #1. They were a 17-point favorite. Woody said before the game that if they won he would call this his best team ever. New Michigan coach Bo Schembechler had other ideas, and the Michigan 24-12 win has been called the biggest upset in college football history. A repeat performance this year might be a bigger upset. The 1969 upset opened the door for a #1 versus #2 Texas-Arkansas game two weeks later, declared by President Nixon to be for the national championship. Michigan's win sent them to the Rose Bowl to play Southern Cal (highlighted last week). Texas went on to play #9 Notre Dame for the national championship in the Cotton Bowl (one of Notre Dame's bowl "upgrades" from the past). Which bowl did Ohio State play in?

Ohio State 37, Michigan 28

Here are this week's ratings:

		Overall	Wins	Offense	Defense
1	Ohio St	130.89	70.77	61.51	26.50
2	Clemson	122.67	63.90	51.61	25.01
3	LSU	122.61	66.51	58.28	14.73
4	Penn St	120.14	62.36	48.29	24.06

5	Georgia	119.41	62.86	44.06	25.81
6	Wisconsin	118.97	60.01	48.65	23.90
7	Oklahoma	118.21	61.57	55.21	13.37
8	Oregon	118.15	61.20	47.63	21.31
9	Utah	117.85	61.12	41.81	26.46
10	Michigan	117.41	59.85	47.18	21.70
11	Alabama	117.00	54.76	55.34	19.30
12	Notre Dame	116.77	61.28	44.95	20.42
13	Florida	115.96	57.79	45.42	22.58
14	Baylor	114.27	59.92	42.75	18.19
15	Auburn	114.08	53.98	43.53	24.85
16	Minnesota	113.63	59.43	45.92	14.08
17	Iowa	112.83	55.96	36.13	26.48
18	Cincinnati	111.78	61.11	37.51	15.61
19	Memphis	111.38	56.88	48.10	9.67
20	Boise St	110.05	57.41	42.16	11.58
21	Navy	109.96	54.74	43.68	13.39
22	USC	109.78	54.54	46.46	10.41
23	Iowa St	108.87	49.70	46.79	14.26
24	Oklahoma St	108.38	51.47	45.42	12.05
25	SMU	107.83	54.26	50.39	1.99
26	UCF	106.26	47.30	50.32	7.42
27	Appalachian St	105.94	49.99	41.67	11.69
28	Washington	105.66	45.40	41.40	17.38
29	Air Force	105.63	50.69	39.30	12.34
30	Texas	105.61	46.26	45.69	11.81
31	Kansas St	105.33	46.46	39.84	16.69
32	Texas A&M	104.92	43.29	43.27	16.46
33	Arizona St	103.34	45.98	36.56	15.63
34	Wake Forest	103.33	49.00	40.76	7.38
35	Virginia	102.92	46.18	40.67	10.21
36	Louisville	102.33	47.30	44.23	3.69
37	Louisiana	102.29	42.12	40.25	14.48
38	Michigan St	102.00	41.81	37.33	17.08
39	Indiana	100.99	40.52	41.06	12.53
40	Tennessee	100.72	42.19	35.43	15.26
41	TCU	100.53	38.26	40.99	14.47
42	Virginia Tech	100.44	43.65	37.77	10.29
43	Washington St	100.24	38.55	51.28	3.06
44	California	99.82	42.75	30.06	17.66
45	BYU	99.07	43.60	35.76	8.93
46	Miami FL	98.81	39.26	35.95	13.89
47	Mississippi St	98.71	37.56	41.06	10.78



48	Hawaii	98.64	45.63	39.07	1.85
49	Illinois	98.52	39.32	39.31	9.71
50	Pittsburgh	98.40	43.29	27.97	15.46
51	Florida St	98.23	40.80	36.75	9.59
52	Kentucky	98.07	37.11	34.48	16.35
53	San Diego St	98.02	44.95	21.44	18.82
54	Temple	97.58	43.08	29.73	11.95
55	Utah St	97.41	43.58	34.94	5.64
56	Tulane	97.18	36.01	42.23	7.87
57	FL Atlantic	97.14	39.21	38.26	7.47
58	Oregon St	96.91	37.38	42.91	4.66
59	Missouri	96.79	33.73	36.77	15.39
60	N Dakota St	96.68	39.25	35.55	8.97
61	Nebraska	96.67	35.11	39.84	10.18
62	North Carolina	96.59	35.14	39.74	10.03
63	Wyoming	96.22	39.31	31.01	12.28
64	Colorado	96.15	38.74	34.19	9.68
65	UCLA	95.84	38.18	39.55	4.30
66	South Carolina	95.16	31.91	37.41	13.09
67	Arkansas St	94.80	40.86	37.59	0.06
68	W Michigan	94.55	36.58	37.26	5.50
69	Texas Tech	94.47	30.42	40.86	9.92
70	Purdue	94.34	33.73	37.53	8.49
71	James Madison	94.03	34.07	38.76	6.03
72	Mississippi	93.89	29.89	37.75	12.27
73	WKU	93.51	36.49	29.03	11.26
74	West Virginia	93.49	33.78	32.39	11.46
75	Boston College	93.49	34.55	39.80	3.01
76	Stanford	93.38	33.46	31.76	12.23
77	Marshall	92.90	37.03	29.17	8.85
78	Miami OH	92.45	39.20	29.48	4.54
79	CS Sacramento	92.37	34.37	31.33	8.92
80	Tulsa	91.97	31.36	33.78	9.49
81	Ga Southern	91.95	35.34	31.84	6.06
82	Montana	91.86	35.26	34.65	3.15
83	Arizona	91.45	32.57	37.22	3.13
84	Georgia St	91.18	36.16	38.66	-3.76
85	Nevada	91.15	42.01	26.29	0.72
86	Southern Miss	90.86	32.79	32.20	6.39
87	Houston	90.80	29.21	34.07	9.15
88	Louisiana Tech	90.67	33.42	33.27	3.99
89	Weber St	90.45	35.54	28.54	5.36
90	Buffalo	90.18	31.14	32.78	6.31



91	Duke	90.01	29.72	34.01	6.55
92	Fresno St	89.83	30.21	37.09	2.36
93	C Michigan	89.76	32.75	34.18	1.71
94	South Florida	89.72	32.29	28.99	7.41
95	Syracuse	87.32	26.45	34.03	4.14
96	UAB	87.11	30.00	27.58	5.34
97	Kansas	87.02	24.16	35.01	5.47
98	Maryland	86.81	25.94	35.87	1.71
99	ULM	86.58	30.30	36.82	-5.60
100	Ohio	86.34	24.70	36.72	1.35
101	Montana St	86.15	27.69	28.86	4.74
102	E Michigan	86.00	27.68	32.44	0.79
103	Northwestern	85.69	21.40	26.55	14.30
104	Kent	85.62	27.14	32.41	0.60
105	Toledo	85.22	27.65	31.42	-0.07
106	Army	85.02	20.62	29.47	10.73
107	Charlotte	84.57	27.50	32.43	-2.52
108	NC State	84.24	23.75	27.95	6.13
109	S Dakota St	83.68	22.55	29.73	4.54
110	Florida Intl	83.64	25.06	28.02	2.81
111	San Jose St	83.49	22.86	36.29	-2.89
112	Liberty	83.32	24.26	31.04	0.06
113	Cent Arkansas	83.28	30.34	25.39	-2.50
114	Yale	82.99	27.69	32.88	-7.18
115	Georgia Tech	82.94	23.46	27.60	3.63
116	Troy	82.77	21.33	38.49	-4.87
117	Ball St	82.58	18.41	36.28	0.77
118	Vanderbilt	82.42	21.27	28.58	4.26
119	Northern Iowa	82.13	24.60	22.58	5.11
120	East Carolina	81.64	21.94	30.61	-0.61
121	Dartmouth	81.50	23.07	23.01	5.15
122	Colorado St	81.50	20.50	32.46	-0.88
123	Arkansas	81.25	17.93	32.74	1.62
124	MTSU	81.18	18.78	31.93	1.13
125	Coastal Car	81.00	19.10	29.55	2.62
126	Wofford	80.58	21.68	26.51	1.19
127	Rutgers	79.92	21.75	23.69	2.25
128	N Illinois	79.81	19.17	27.91	1.20
129	SE Louisiana	79.75	18.74	30.47	-0.92
130	Texas St	79.63	21.62	22.14	3.26
131	Villanova	79.59	20.52	32.77	-6.00
132	Towson	79.58	19.17	27.34	1.19
133	North Texas	79.33	16.63	34.25	-2.95



134	Furman	79.20	17.93	25.74	3.52
135	E Washington	79.10	18.40	36.30	-7.93
136	Nicholls St	78.96	22.99	25.24	-3.35
137	North Dakota	78.67	22.76	25.56	-4.08
138	Monmouth NJ	78.64	22.87	27.02	-5.75
139	SE Missouri St	78.24	23.60	23.26	-3.97
140	UNLV	78.13	17.72	27.96	-1.11
141	S Illinois	77.97	18.69	24.54	0.62
142	Austin Peay	77.59	18.58	27.55	-3.20
143	SUNY Albany	77.51	19.03	27.11	-3.55
144	Rice	77.18	13.64	22.98	6.95
145	UC Davis	77.16	16.08	29.46	-2.85
146	Princeton	76.57	18.12	22.92	-0.51
147	Kennesaw	76.37	17.37	27.58	-4.68
148	TN Martin	75.91	17.69	22.56	-1.22
149	New Mexico	75.71	16.03	26.73	-3.66
150	McNeese St	75.69	18.47	21.53	-1.76
151	Illinois St	75.34	17.58	15.88	4.17
152	Central Conn	75.02	17.83	25.02	-6.09
153	UT San Antonio	74.73	15.54	24.38	-3.13
154	Sam Houston St	74.58	13.44	20.35	3.32
155	New Hampshire	74.48	15.54	16.25	4.38
156	NC A&T	74.07	14.91	24.32	-3.87
157	Elon	73.60	12.93	23.43	-1.52
158	Idaho	73.29	13.56	24.42	-4.11
159	Maine	73.10	13.02	26.76	-6.22
160	South Dakota	72.85	10.96	29.08	-6.42
161	San Diego	72.47	13.28	27.13	-8.50
162	Alcorn St	72.16	12.21	21.33	-2.05
163	Florida A&M	71.55	19.82	19.23	-11.64
164	Connecticut	71.47	11.83	23.50	-5.44
165	William & Mary	71.41	9.94	22.78	-2.36
166	South Alabama	71.22	7.21	19.50	4.09
167	Bowling Green	71.01	14.70	20.00	-6.94
168	Youngstown St	71.00	10.00	25.34	-1.41
169	S Carolina St	70.31	14.31	18.99	-7.14
170	New Mexico St	69.90	8.91	24.83	-6.80
171	Holy Cross	69.63	10.91	17.07	-2.38
172	E Kentucky	69.18	8.66	20.12	-3.55
173	Citadel	68.56	7.76	22.56	-6.34
174	Richmond	68.50	7.96	17.38	-1.60
175	Chattanooga	68.26	8.65	21.32	-7.05
176	Delaware	68.21	7.98	20.96	-5.92



177	Cal Poly	68.16	6.06	23.16	-5.69
178	Old Dominion	68.15	3.56	19.33	1.44
179	Portland St	67.94	4.27	24.38	-5.06
180	Grambling	67.82	5.58	18.84	-1.57
181	Abilene Chr	67.46	6.02	20.22	-4.45
182	Jacksonville St	67.40	7.14	19.83	-5.71
183	Stony Brook	66.95	5.14	20.52	-4.86
184	Southern Univ	66.46	7.31	18.47	-6.92
185	Indiana St	66.20	4.20	15.64	-0.59
186	Idaho St	65.60	4.25	21.95	-8.47
187	Northern Arizona	65.50	2.15	33.85	-17.80
188	Harvard	65.28	-0.10	21.34	-2.84
189	Samford	64.36	3.55	26.47	-15.15
190	Robert Morris	64.36	8.32	14.20	-9.25
191	Penn	64.09	5.10	18.43	-9.87
192	Northwestern LA	64.08	3.29	23.10	-12.13
193	SF Austin	62.99	2.01	20.53	-10.58
194	Incarnate Word	62.89	2.20	21.91	-12.46
195	Tennessee Tech	62.75	4.55	22.17	-16.21
196	UTEP	62.71	-0.93	19.59	-6.42
197	Dayton	62.57	6.11	27.59	-24.15
198	Southern Utah	62.35	0.47	21.59	-11.20
199	Bethune-Cookman	61.73	6.40	12.50	-11.54
200	VMI	61.32	1.54	23.76	-17.37
201	Prairie View	61.18	-4.21	26.06	-12.33
202	Sacred Heart	61.15	1.40	15.32	-9.16
203	Alabama St	60.83	0.72	13.52	-7.25
204	Cornell	60.57	-3.11	12.75	-2.04
205	Charleston So	60.48	2.81	14.21	-11.61
206	Houston Bap	60.23	-2.48	26.29	-17.25
207	N Colorado	60.05	-2.84	16.27	-7.21
208	Murray St	59.86	-1.93	14.42	-7.06
209	Drake	59.10	2.03	11.09	-10.88
210	Campbell	59.07	0.34	16.39	-14.02
211	Rhode Island	58.76	-7.07	22.38	-10.90
212	ETSU	58.42	-6.47	12.26	-2.42
213	Mercer	58.23	-3.82	19.88	-14.05
214	St Francis PA	58.19	-4.86	16.17	-9.05
215	Akron	58.04	-4.61	10.55	-4.17
216	Duquesne	57.86	-0.67	11.42	-10.73
217	Colgate	57.73	-2.77	10.67	-7.50
218	Ark Pine Bluff	57.46	-7.13	16.68	-8.37
219	Norfolk St	57.23	-4.68	18.45	-13.97



220	Lamar	57.20	-3.74	13.05	-9.91
221	Columbia	56.99	-5.94	13.40	-7.85
222	Davidson	56.41	-4.99	16.33	-13.49
223	Lafayette	55.95	-5.66	11.73	-9.15
224	Fordham	55.91	-6.64	18.90	-15.12
225	Alabama A&M	55.74	-4.85	19.42	-18.46
226	Missouri St	55.64	-8.00	14.36	-9.44
227	Massachusetts	55.20	-3.11	22.60	-25.30
228	North Alabama	54.66	-6.05	14.85	-15.00
229	Lehigh	54.15	-8.78	6.95	-4.72
230	Georgetown	54.07	-10.66	9.95	-5.42
231	Bucknell	53.70	-6.48	12.02	-13.97
232	Tennessee St	53.01	-11.63	18.69	-15.51
233	W Illinois	52.94	-11.34	16.47	-13.86
234	Brown	52.84	-12.46	25.04	-21.17
235	W Carolina	52.60	-8.29	13.36	-15.64
236	Jackson St	52.31	-9.53	17.63	-19.01
237	E Illinois	51.66	-13.53	10.80	-8.46
238	Hampton	51.27	-9.28	13.59	-17.89
239	Gardner Webb	50.84	-10.58	14.15	-17.79
240	Bryant	48.84	-13.26	6.10	-11.16
241	NC Central	47.93	-11.61	3.19	-12.74
242	Morgan St	47.93	-12.85	7.63	-15.52
243	Stetson	47.44	-10.62	3.05	-15.14
244	Wagner	46.95	-19.16	6.80	-8.72
245	Marist	46.01	-13.12	8.96	-21.28
246	Merrimack	45.37	-18.44	9.08	-15.91
247	Morehead St	42.84	-16.80	8.90	-24.25
248	Jacksonville	40.37	-22.75	9.09	-22.68
249	Howard	39.99	-17.69	7.00	-28.28
250	Butler	39.38	-20.86	5.32	-23.90
251	MS Valley St	38.96	-26.41	1.91	-14.14
252	Delaware St	38.77	-25.16	3.76	-18.13
253	LIU Post	38.42	-28.58	1.55	-12.24
254	Valparaiso	37.84	-25.85	1.58	-17.35
255	TX Southern	37.15	-28.72	13.67	-27.37
256	Presbyterian	37.03	-26.26	0.73	-18.00
257	VA-Lynchburg	21.54	-39.84	-1.89	-35.99

