

Welcome back to By the Numbers. I forgot to mention last week, but past years of ratings are archived at [www.roanoke.edu/mcsp/minton/bynumbers.html](http://www.roanoke.edu/mcsp/minton/bynumbers.html).

One by-product of starting early this year is that I will have more weeks to write more fun things. Said a little differently, I will have more space and time to indulge whatever crazed rants are on my mind. If that seems like an ominous note on which to begin this week's commentary, well, you are warned.

The conference races are still at their early stages, but in scanning conference standings, I note that Michigan leads the Legends division of the Big 10, while Illinois and Penn State lead the Leaders division.

I'm sorry (rant warning!) but the Big 10 seriously calls their divisions Legends and Leaders? Wow. Were they going for alliteration, or was Immortals too obvious? Meanwhile, Clemson and Wake Forest lead the ACC's Atlantic Division, known to the Big 10 as Decent Teams Who Have One or Two Good Players Division. Duke and North Carolina are near the top of the But Our Basketball Teams Are Good Division. With two more teams next year, the ACC divisions will have seven teams each. They should lump together Miami, Georgia Tech and all the teams on probation and have a Seven Deadly Sins Division.

The Big East leftovers, meanwhile, can have a one-division structure, called the Bad to the Bone Division (Bad for short). For basketball, they can split into three divisions, maintain the George Thorogood theme, and call them One Bourbon, One Scotch and One Beer. Or perhaps West Virginia and Kentucky are anchors of a new conference with Hatfields and McCoys divisions.

How about Crips and Bloods for the PAC-12 divisions? They could go a little more Hollywood with Jets and Sharks, but I have an ugly vision of a team calling a time-out and Zac Efron stepping out of the huddle to do a number.

The SEC can take LSU and Auburn and add Clemson, Missouri and Memphis and form Tiger Division. I assume that Army would be allowed in; sponsored by Under Armour.

For Conference-USA, perhaps Aliens and Predator; Conference AVP?

Ok, I think that's out of my system now. Let's look at this week's ratings. You may notice that Clemson dropped from #4 to #9 in spite of winning 36-14. Two main reasons: they played a weak Boston College team and a previous opponent, Auburn, lost badly. It takes several weeks for this and other computer systems to stabilize; that's one reason the BCS doesn't start releasing standings until next week.

This week's predictions:

Michigan over Michigan State by 9 (I wouldn't take this pick to a bookie.)

Oklahoma State over Texas by 3 (Cowboys not likely to score 70 this week.)

Virginia Tech over Wake Forest by 6 (Big win for the Deacs last week; another one?)

Florida State over Duke by 1 (Devils at 3-2, Noles at 2-3; interesting)

Oregon over Arizona State by 5 (PAC-12 showdown)

This week's background commemorates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a football revolution: name this first "soccer style" kicker, who kicked for Cornell in 1961.



1	Oklahoma	90.75
2	Alabama	89.84
3	Boise St	88.20
4	LSU	87.40
5	Oklahoma St	86.09
6	Wisconsin	84.11
7	Stanford	81.95
8	Michigan	81.29
9	Clemson	80.73
10	Texas	78.72
11	Oregon	78.04
12	Georgia	77.09
13	Arizona St	77.01
14	South Carolina	76.89
15	Texas A&M	76.75
16	Georgia Tech	76.48
17	Illinois	76.18
18	Kansas St	75.91
19	West Virginia	75.82
20	Notre Dame	75.73
21	Arkansas	75.35
22	Baylor	75.27
23	Nebraska	74.98
24	Penn State	74.76
25	Virginia Tech	74.10
26	Houston	72.57
27	North Carolina	72.11
28	Florida	72.08
29	Texas Tech	71.50
30	Rutgers	71.27
31	South Florida	70.85
32	Tennessee	70.69
33	Washington	70.64
34	Auburn	70.12
35	Southern Cal	69.65
36	SMU	69.28
37	Toledo	68.81

38	TCU	68.77
39	Michigan St	68.40
40	Missouri	68.20
41	Vanderbilt	67.82
42	Cincinnati	67.72
43	Tulsa	67.60
44	Temple	67.30
45	Utah	66.92
46	Georgia Southern	66.80
47	Southern Miss	66.65
48	Pittsburgh	66.46
49	Western Michigan	65.87
50	Iowa St	65.70
51	Brigham Young	65.28
52	Iowa	64.97
53	Wofford	64.64
54	Wake Forest	64.18
55	Louisiana-Lafayette	63.97
56	UCLA	63.83
57	San Diego St	63.69
58	Maryland	63.68
59	Florida St	63.22
60	Ohio State	63.09
61	Miami FL	62.99
62	Mississippi St	62.52
63	Syracuse	62.20
64	Nevada	62.19
65	Florida Int'l	61.46
66	California	61.45
67	Air Force	61.04
68	Central Florida	60.38
69	Ohio U.	59.89
70	Utah St	59.85
71	Northern Iowa	59.21
72	Kansas	59.16
73	Arkansas St	58.67
74	Washington St	58.57
75	Montana St	58.41
76	Virginia	58.08
77	Hawai`i	58.05
78	North Carolina St	57.68



79	Duke	57.60
80	Navy	57.38
81	Mississippi	57.34
82	Ball St	57.20
83	Northern Illinois	56.56
84	Sam Houston St	56.52
85	Wyoming	56.14
86	Maine	56.12
87	Rice	56.06
88	Marshall	55.87
89	Arizona	55.38
90	Purdue	55.11
91	New Hampshire	55.08
92	UTEP	54.75
93	South Dakota	54.67
94	North Texas	54.40
95	Northwestern	54.31
96	Troy	54.01
97	Fresno St	53.72
98	Samford	53.64
99	Louisville	53.57
100	Oregon St	53.55
101	Connecticut	53.54
102	Bowling Green	53.54
103	Appalachian St	53.35
104	Louisiana Tech	53.16
105	North Dakota St	52.88
106	San José St	52.84
107	Lehigh	52.39
108	Kentucky	52.35
109	East Carolina	52.18
110	Coastal Carolina	51.70
111	Furman	51.58
112	Buffalo	51.43
113	Towson	51.40
114	Eastern Michigan	51.40
115	Indiana	50.73
116	Chattanooga	50.59
117	Harvard	50.03
118	Indiana St	49.94
119	Northwestern St	49.18





120	James Madison	49.08
121	Boston College	49.08
122	Kent St	49.03
123	Colorado	48.91
124	Montana	48.71
125	Army	48.56
126	Texas St-San Marcos	48.20
127	Brown	48.09
128	Central Michigan	48.03
129	Delaware	47.77
130	Elon	47.47
131	McNeese St	46.78
132	Colorado St	46.78
133	Eastern Washington	46.59
134	Norfolk St	46.50
135	Tennessee-Martin	46.32
136	Old Dominion	46.24
137	New Mexico St	46.21
138	Southern Utah	46.14
139	Jacksonville St	46.02
140	The Citadel	45.97
141	Tennessee Tech	45.69
142	Miami OH	45.04
143	Yale	45.00
144	Idaho	44.74
145	Florida Atlantic	44.60
146	UNLV	44.37
147	Portland St	44.35
148	Tulane	44.16
149	Weber St	43.73
150	Holy Cross	43.58
151	Minnesota	43.56
152	Cal Poly SLO	43.26
153	Eastern Kentucky	43.25
154	Liberty	43.22
155	North Dakota	43.19
156	Sacramento St	43.00
157	Middle Tennessee St	42.78
158	South Alabama	42.01
159	Western Illinois	41.90
160	Louisiana-Monroe	41.82



161	Richmond	41.74
162	Central Arkansas	41.62
163	UC-Davis	41.58
164	South Carolina St	40.94
165	North Carolina A&T	40.32
166	Massachusetts	40.07
167	Stony Brook	40.02
168	Western Kentucky	39.74
169	Youngstown St	38.95
170	Akron	38.86
171	Southern Illinois	38.82
172	Cornell NY	38.14
173	South Dakota St	38.07
174	New Mexico	37.99
175	Western Carolina	37.88
176	Bucknell	37.65
177	Murray St	37.64
178	Alabama-Birmingham	36.83
179	Jackson St	36.73
180	Bethune-Cookman	36.57
181	Memphis	36.54
182	Illinois St	36.33
183	Northern Arizona	35.38
184	Jacksonville FL	35.16
185	Stephen F. Austin	35.12
186	William & Mary	34.56
187	Hampton	33.96
188	Austin Peay	33.53
189	Albany NY	33.53
190	Drake	33.36
191	Alabama St	33.31
192	Rhode Island	32.72
193	Nicholls St	32.65
194	Lamar	32.59
195	Missouri St	32.57
196	Bryant	31.77
197	Georgetown DC	31.47
198	SE Louisiana St	31.37
199	Morgan St	31.26
200	Texas-San Antonio	30.76
201	Presbyterian	30.72



202	Tennessee St	30.64
203	Gardner-Webb	30.33
204	Colgate	30.25
205	Howard	30.15
206	Duquesne	29.61
207	Florida A&M	29.32
208	Villanova	28.86
209	Idaho St	28.82
210	Eastern Illinois	28.44
211	Monmouth NJ	27.62
212	Lafayette	27.53
213	Georgia St North Carolina	26.72
214	Central	25.69
215	San Diego	25.64
216	Robert Morris PA	24.64
217	Charleston Southern	24.21
218	Dayton	23.77
219	Princeton	22.98
220	Butler	22.52
221	Pennsylvania	22.04
222	Dartmouth	21.99
223	Sacred Heart	21.87
224	Campbell	21.82
225	SE Missouri St	21.42
226	Northern Colorado	21.09
227	Central Conn St	20.74
228	Alabama A&M	20.67
229	Prairie View A&M	18.66
230	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	18.63
231	Marist	18.50
232	VMI	18.20
233	Southern U.	17.90
234	Wagner	17.86
235	Delaware St	16.95
236	Fordham	16.58
237	Savannah St	16.28
238	Grambling St	13.46
239	Texas Southern	12.79
240	Morehead St	11.50
241	St Francis PA	10.94



242	Alcorn St	8.47
243	Columbia	7.54
244	Davidson	3.87
245	Mississippi Valley St	1.77
246	Valparaiso	-1.97

