

By the Numbers, 11-5-11

With the Game of the Century (2011 edition) done, the argument starts in earnest about the proper place to rank Boise and Alabama. My ratings keep Alabama above Boise, at #4. However, you might also notice that Oklahoma is at #3. That is not because Oklahoma lost first. It's just a judgment, by the numbers, that Oklahoma has played a tougher schedule. I'm actually pretty happy with the top 7 in this week's ratings. It kind of falls apart at that stage, with a little more love for the Big ~~12-10~~ Whatever than I would give. (The Big Whatever might be a good name for the expanded Big East, if that merger lasts long enough to have a name.)

This week's background celebrates the 50th anniversary of one of the more unusual mascots in college football. The name is not as relevant right now as I'd like it to be.

This week decides several division championships. In the ACC, the Techs battle for one title (although UVa fans will correctly point out that they are not Tech-nically eliminated), while Clemson and Wake Forest decide the other division. Cincinnati can put a stranglehold on the Big East with a win over West Virginia. Penn State looks to make headlines on the field and keep a lead in the Big 10 Readers division, while Michigan State and Iowa battle in the Ledgers division. Oregon and Stanford play for the Pac-10 North (Arizona State is a likely winner in the south, despite a collapse against UCLA). With a home win over Auburn, Georgia can essentially wrap up the SEC East. Boise and TCU renew their rivalry in a regular season game, after bowl games 2 of the last 3 years. And Arkansas State and Louisiana-Lafayette (I'd always abbreviated the Rajin Cajuns' name with La-La, but I saw La-Lafay online and like that better) play for the Sun Belt lead, with an automatic bowl game for the champ. Oh, and evenly matched Florida State and Miami renew their rivalry in the unranked Sunshine State.

For the computer's pick of this and other top games of the week, simply subtract the teams' ratings and add 4 points for home field. We have

Virginia Tech over Georgia Tech by 1

Virginia over Duke by 15

Clemson over Wake Forest by 19

Georgia over Auburn by 9

South Carolina over Florida by 10

Stanford over Oregon by 6

Oklahoma State over Texas Tech by 19

Penn State over Nebraska by 5

Cincinnati over West Virginia by 7

Michigan State over Iowa by 2

Arkansas State over La-Lafay by 8

Florida State over Miami by 4

1	LSU	99.46
2	Oklahoma St	99.42
3	Oklahoma	98.13
4	Alabama	96.49
5	Stanford	92.94
6	Boise St	91.26
7	Oregon	90.81
8	Texas	89.48
9	Wisconsin	87.32
10	Kansas St	86.56
11	Texas A&M	85.92
12	Clemson	85.73
13	Houston	85.51
14	South Carolina	85.33
15	Arkansas	85.22
16	Michigan	84.55
17	Georgia	84.42
18	Virginia Tech	84.27
19	Penn State	83.83
20	Southern Cal	83.80
21	Baylor	83.26
22	Nebraska	82.83
23	Notre Dame	82.78
24	Arizona St	82.15
25	Michigan St	81.95
26	Missouri	81.71
27	Southern Miss	81.33
28	TCU	80.39
29	Cincinnati	80.35
30	Auburn	79.75
31	Georgia Tech	79.62
32	Florida	79.06
33	Ohio State	78.67
34	Florida St	78.20
35	Miami FL	77.92
36	Illinois	77.89
37	Tulsa	77.86
38	West Virginia	77.70
39	Washington	77.58
40	Tennessee	76.68
41	North Carolina	76.44
42	Texas Tech	76.40
43	Utah	75.96
44	Iowa St	75.70
45	Iowa	75.45



46	Mississippi St	75.39
47	Toledo	75.19
48	UCLA	74.53
49	Rutgers	74.05
50	Arkansas St	73.72
51	Virginia	73.37
52	Vanderbilt	73.11
53	SMU	72.96
54	California	72.93
55	North Dakota St	72.40
56	Brigham Young	71.95
57	Louisville	71.92
58	South Florida	71.91
59	Nevada	71.69
60	San Diego St	71.47
61	Northern Illinois	71.12
62	Pittsburgh	70.89
63	Wake Forest	70.61
64	Temple	70.32
65	Louisiana Tech	70.09
66	North Carolina St	69.81
67	Arizona	69.80
68	Syracuse	69.56
69	Air Force	69.37
70	Louisiana-Lafayette	69.18
71	Purdue	68.79
72	Georgia Southern	67.96
73	Northern Iowa	67.80
74	Northwestern	67.76
75	Ohio U.	67.75
76	Marshall	67.69
77	Western Michigan	67.61
78	Kentucky	67.23
79	Sam Houston St	66.73
80	Wyoming	66.67
81	Wofford	65.97
82	Navy	65.92
83	Kansas	65.41
84	Florida Int'l	65.28
85	Ball St	65.25
86	Montana St	65.10
87	Rice	65.09
88	East Carolina	65.02
89	Hawai'i	64.79
90	Connecticut	64.69



91	Utah St	64.56
92	Washington St	63.98
93	Oregon St	63.84
94	UTEP	63.73
95	Maryland	63.73
96	Mississippi	63.20
97	Miami OH	63.11
98	Central Florida	63.11
99	Western Kentucky	62.87
100	Appalachian St	62.70
101	Eastern Michigan	62.27
102	Bowling Green	62.18
103	Duke	62.10
104	Fresno St	61.79
105	Minnesota	61.69
106	Montana	61.52
107	Furman	61.00
108	North Texas	60.92
109	Indiana St	60.83
110	New Hampshire	60.65
111	Towson	60.56
112	Maine	60.55
113	San José St	60.50
114	Chattanooga	60.47
115	Kent St	60.15
116	Boston College	59.71
117	Lehigh	59.43
118	Old Dominion	58.93
119	Illinois St	58.78
120	Army	58.57
121	Colorado	58.38
122	Brown	58.33
123	Harvard	58.11
124	Cal Poly SLO	57.80
125	Central Arkansas	57.70
126	Portland St	57.27
127	Indiana	57.05
128	Eastern Kentucky	56.98
129	Louisiana-Monroe	56.56
130	Youngstown St	56.45
131	Southern Utah	56.42
132	New Mexico St	56.34
133	South Dakota	56.09
134	Buffalo	55.87
135	Samford	55.77



136	Central Michigan	55.77
137	Idaho	55.66
138	Troy	55.46
139	Middle Tennessee St	54.87
140	UNLV	54.38
141	James Madison	54.33
142	Northwestern St	54.03
143	Delaware	53.49
144	Stony Brook	53.39
145	Eastern Washington	53.34
146	South Dakota St	53.01
147	Liberty	52.74
148	The Citadel	52.67
149	Colorado St	52.55
150	Stephen F. Austin	52.13
151	Jacksonville St	52.04
152	Tennessee Tech	51.39
153	Murray St	51.39
154	Norfolk St	51.22
155	Massachusetts	51.11
156	UC-Davis	50.81
157	Bethune-Cookman	50.57
158	North Dakota	50.33
159	Holy Cross	50.31
160	Alabama-Birmingham	50.13
161	Tennessee-Martin	49.98
162	Florida Atlantic	49.44
163	Georgetown DC	49.10
164	Northern Arizona	48.93
165	Weber St	48.84
166	Rhode Island	48.76
167	Texas St-San Marcos	48.72
168	South Carolina St	48.46
169	Tulane	48.10
170	Sacramento St	47.92
171	South Alabama	47.59
172	William & Mary	47.57
173	McNeese St	47.51
174	Elon	47.05
175	Bucknell	47.02
176	Memphis	46.94
177	Southern Illinois	46.84
178	Akron	46.68
179	Missouri St	46.51
180	Richmond	46.30



181	Coastal Carolina	45.80
182	Lafayette	45.69
183	Yale	45.00
184	Alabama St	44.84
185	New Mexico	44.82
186	Albany NY	44.55
187	Tennessee St	44.23
188	Duquesne	44.04
189	Drake	43.91
190	Jackson St	43.85
191	Florida A&M	43.58
192	Western Illinois	43.54
193	Pennsylvania	43.44
194	Jacksonville FL	43.37
195	Bryant	42.89
196	Hampton	42.22
197	Villanova	41.99
198	Presbyterian	40.80
199	Eastern Illinois	40.34
200	Texas-San Antonio	40.22
201	Colgate	40.10
202	North Carolina A&T	40.09
203	Cornell NY	40.07
204	Howard	39.89
205	SE Louisiana St	39.32
206	Monmouth NJ	39.27
207	Morgan St	39.21
208	Georgia St	39.16
209	San Diego	39.12
210	Gardner-Webb	38.99
211	Campbell	38.59
212	Alabama A&M	38.24
213	Dartmouth	38.16
214	Western Carolina	38.06
215	Idaho St	37.70
216	Austin Peay	36.99
217	Nicholls St	36.00
218	SE Missouri St	35.09
219	Dayton	34.37
220	Grambling St	34.05
221	Sacred Heart	33.31
222	Lamar	32.55
223	Northern Colorado	32.38
224	Marist	31.29
225	Butler	31.17



226	Prairie View A&M	31.05
227	Princeton	30.75
228	Fordham	30.66
229	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	30.07
230	Robert Morris PA	29.40
231	Wagner	29.08
232	Charleston Southern	29.05
233	Central Conn St	28.62
234	VMI	28.61
235	Southern U.	28.29
236	North Carolina Central	27.57
237	St Francis PA	26.09
238	Texas Southern	24.64
239	Morehead St	24.14
240	Columbia	23.34
241	Delaware St	22.93
242	Savannah St	22.46
243	Alcorn St	20.94
244	Mississippi Valley St	20.05
245	Davidson	17.17
246	Valparaiso	10.86

