

RATINGS 11-23-13

Welcome back to By the Numbers.

A lot of scary results in the top ten last Saturday. Aggies and Ducks and Bears, oh my! The situation for the national championship game is now a great example of “the edge of chaos.” Alabama and Florida State at the top is stable; nobody is arguing about this, even my computer. But, we’re only an upset or two away from a big mess. Ohio State is ready to step in if Bama or FSU falters, but Auburn or Missouri could have strong cases to give the SEC a chance at another title. Throw in Oklahoma State, Michigan State and Clemson and you could have multiple one-loss teams feeling abused. Next year we have a 4-team playoff; this year it would be FSU, SEC champ, Ohio State (if they win) and who else? My computer likes a 2-loss Pac-12 champion, but it’s a tough choice.

We would all be happy about a second straight freshman Heisman winner if it weren’t for the pending assault case on Jameis Winston. Candidates 2-4 (Manziel, Petty for Baylor and Mariota for Oregon) all had bad Saturdays, so who steps up? If Alabama remains unbeaten, perhaps it’s time to give Tide QB AJ McCarron his due. He has as many national championships as losses: that’s a nice stat. He’s had some fantastic fourth quarter drives; the success is not all due to his teammates. If it turns out that Winston’s reputation goes up in smoke, maybe the good guy who stays at the Manning camp and is still dating Miss Alabama can be honored.

College football is great! This week we have two Governor’s Cups, a Commonwealth Cup, a Territorial Cup, and an Apple Cup. There’s the Egg Bowl, two Victory Bells, an Old Oaken Bucket, and a Legends Trophy. We have a Civil War, the Chancellor’s Spurs, and some Clean Old Fashioned Hatred. A couple of oddities in researching the rivalry games are the Platypus Trophy shown below and the Alabama mascot from the 1971 Iron Bowl. Who thought these were good ideas? (Q: is that Bobby Moore / Ahmad Rashad with the Platypus Trophy?)



Numerous division titles are on the line this week. Duke controls its destiny; if Duke loses, then Virginia Tech is next in line (possibly as the winner of a five-way tie). Rice controls its destiny in Conference-USA. UCF and Fresno State have the inside track on BCS berths. The SEC finishes with two great games, Alabama-Auburn in the Iron Bowl and Missouri-Texas A&M. The ACC is more competitive than usual in the ACC-SEC rivalry games. Texas Tech – Texas on Thanksgiving doesn’t quite replace Aggies versus Horns, but it’s not bad.

This week's predictions:

(Th) Texas 38, Texas Tech 29 (Chancellor's Spurs)
Ole Miss 26, Mississippi State 24 (Egg Bowl)

(F) Oregon 48, Oregon State 26 (Civil War, Platypus Trophy)
Buffalo 26, Bowling Green 24 (MAC East)
Miami 24, Pittsburgh 23
East Carolina 41, Marshall 37 (C-USA East)
Washington 34, Washington State 31 (Apple Cup)

(S) Alabama 28, Auburn 26 (Iron Bowl, SEC West)
Florida State 42, Florida 12 (Florida Cup)
Ohio State 45, Michigan 31
South Carolina 31, Clemson 29 (Palmetto Bowl)
Missouri 45, Texas A&M 32 (SEC East)
Stanford 30, Notre Dame 14 (Legends Trophy)
Arizona State 42, Arizona 24 (Territorial Cup)
USC 26, UCLA 24 (Victory Bell)
Duke 31, North Carolina 30 (ACC Coastal)
Virginia Tech 28, Virginia 7 (Commonwealth Cup)
Georgia 38, Georgia Tech 35 (Clean Old-Fashioned Hatred)
Indiana 46, Purdue 23 (Old Oaken Bucket)
Kansas State 34, Kansas 14 (Governor's Cup)
Maryland 27, NC State 21 (last ACC game)
Rice 28, Tulane 19 (C-USA West)
Louisiana Lafayette 38, Louisiana Monroe 17 (Battle on the Bayou, Sun Belt)
Colorado State 41, Air Force 23 (Rams-Falcon Trophy)
Florida Atlantic 36, Florida International 3 (Shula Bowl)

Last week's trivia answer: Sonny Jurgensen

With Alabama at #1 and Auburn #4, Saturday's game is the highest-ranked Iron Bowl ever. The previous best matchup was in 1971 between #3 Alabama and #5 Auburn. You might remember that year as the first four-team playoff held. On Thanksgiving Day, #1 Nebraska beat #2 Oklahoma in one semifinal. Then on Saturday, Alabama beat Auburn in the other semifinal. Nebraska beat Alabama on New Year's Day for the national championship. Auburn's quarterback in 1971 is the only man to play the Iron Bowl as a Heisman winner; the trophy had been given out on Thanksgiving. However, Alabama's "Italian Stallion" running back (not Sylvester Stallone) dominated the game. Name the two stars of this game.

And here are this week's ratings:



		Overall	Wins	Offense	Defense
1	Florida St	116.92	115.21	62.40	22.19
2	Alabama	113.26	115.63	48.31	26.53
3	Arizona St	112.11	116.26	55.08	15.94
4	Baylor	110.79	108.44	64.91	14.34
5	Ohio State	110.21	113.12	55.23	15.68
6	Missouri	109.25	114.84	47.90	18.07
7	Stanford	109.22	113.05	44.22	24.32
8	Oregon	108.57	107.47	56.64	18.47
9	Auburn	107.04	113.27	46.83	15.93
10	Oklahoma St	106.54	108.79	49.65	18.45
11	Clemson	106.17	109.15	51.32	15.33
12	Wisconsin	105.05	106.01	44.83	23.63
13	South Carolina	104.80	109.84	44.16	18.05
14	Southern Cal	102.51	106.63	40.41	20.79
15	UCLA	102.21	104.69	46.22	17.07
16	Michigan St	102.14	107.70	36.57	22.14
17	LSU	101.50	103.09	48.52	15.38
18	Texas A&M	99.95	102.63	54.56	6.12
19	Washington	99.81	98.20	48.72	18.13
20	Oklahoma	99.23	104.07	40.30	16.46
21	Northern Illinois	98.65	107.68	45.36	4.65
22	Georgia	98.37	100.53	50.13	9.70
23	Arizona	97.81	98.44	43.42	18.08
24	Notre Dame	97.38	103.14	38.95	14.55
25	Central Florida	96.39	101.65	42.93	10.30
26	Fresno St	96.13	101.94	46.85	5.28
27	Mississippi	95.53	99.41	39.89	14.49
28	Duke	94.43	99.23	42.35	9.53
29	Louisville	94.38	96.13	39.27	17.04
30	North Dakota St	94.27	99.73	36.16	14.59
31	Virginia Tech	94.06	96.82	33.22	21.29
32	Eastern Illinois	93.98	99.65	46.98	3.17
33	Texas	93.51	96.92	42.21	10.78
34	Brigham Young	93.10	92.52	41.54	16.90
35	Iowa	92.85	95.48	35.68	17.76
36	Washington St	92.59	96.35	42.49	9.03
37	Nebraska	92.52	96.78	40.78	9.92
38	Miami FL	92.34	94.57	45.31	8.22
39	Kansas St	92.13	90.98	43.68	14.59
40	Michigan	91.73	94.81	42.55	9.08
41	Georgia Tech	91.67	90.19	45.27	13.02
42	Minnesota	91.17	96.43	34.85	13.00
43	Oregon St	90.78	92.47	43.77	8.92
44	North Carolina	89.69	89.19	41.61	13.19



45	Utah	88.88	86.29	43.74	13.28
46	East Carolina	88.80	90.12	43.75	7.48
47	Boston College	88.63	92.46	38.27	9.06
48	Texas Tech	88.60	89.65	43.94	7.46
49	Vanderbilt	88.12	91.60	36.98	10.35
50	Mississippi St	87.59	87.88	36.80	14.69
51	Pittsburgh	87.39	89.71	34.21	14.07
52	Toledo	86.92	91.81	38.16	5.86
53	Ball St	86.70	92.16	40.22	2.73
54	Houston	86.48	86.74	40.74	9.64
55	Boise St	86.16	84.66	42.66	9.97
56	Utah St	84.82	80.90	37.34	17.46
57	Cincinnati	84.72	86.51	36.67	9.65
58	Penn State	84.61	87.31	34.22	10.64
59	Bowling Green	84.01	83.01	36.13	13.57
60	Navy	84.00	86.13	37.27	7.79
61	Florida	82.75	80.97	29.29	20.24
62	Indiana	82.64	81.85	48.27	-0.31
63	Louisiana-Lafayette	82.42	87.28	37.67	1.76
64	Tennessee	82.08	83.44	35.42	8.80
65	Buffalo	81.82	83.90	35.04	7.85
66	Maryland	81.17	82.83	33.07	9.79
67	San Diego St	80.83	85.52	30.43	7.61
68	Rice	80.82	83.82	33.63	6.88
69	Northwestern	80.81	80.11	35.35	10.58
70	TCU	80.80	78.16	33.00	15.80
71	Marshall	80.53	78.65	44.31	3.09
72	SE Louisiana St	80.34	84.25	36.02	2.68
73	North Texas	79.43	80.24	31.15	11.15
74	Eastern Washington	78.71	84.72	37.90	-3.99
75	Syracuse	78.49	79.55	31.51	9.46
76	Colorado	77.84	80.91	36.19	1.17
77	Illinois	77.53	77.43	39.46	2.23
78	West Virginia	76.73	76.09	35.55	6.12
79	Texas-San Antonio	76.58	78.94	29.52	7.58
80	Arkansas St	76.53	80.69	30.11	4.28
81	Montana	75.57	79.05	33.45	0.96
82	Middle Tennessee St	75.55	77.83	32.53	3.63
83	Tulane	75.33	78.06	28.65	6.61
84	Western Kentucky	74.83	76.98	30.59	5.02
85	South Dakota St	74.41	77.46	30.47	3.38
86	Coastal Carolina	74.09	80.15	38.39	-9.29
87	Towson	73.95	77.10	33.70	-0.48
88	UNLV	73.79	75.63	33.73	1.26
89	McNeese St	73.72	77.74	34.77	-3.05



90	Rutgers	73.63	76.74	32.47	0.49
91	Arkansas	73.41	73.82	29.51	7.19
92	Florida Atlantic	73.08	71.64	29.05	10.02
93	San José St	73.07	73.45	35.80	0.59
94	Colorado St	73.05	70.23	36.77	4.32
95	Wake Forest	72.95	72.55	25.05	12.35
96	Memphis	72.95	70.28	26.96	13.79
97	Tennessee St	72.57	81.19	19.35	4.41
98	SMU	72.20	73.02	36.81	-1.95
99	Maine	71.99	77.75	27.93	-0.56
100	North Carolina St	71.56	68.85	31.70	7.68
101	Northern Arizona	71.50	78.77	23.29	1.34
102	Jacksonville St	71.24	76.78	29.44	-2.51
103	Southern Illinois	70.96	72.70	29.16	3.06
104	Youngstown St	70.68	74.44	32.30	-3.32
105	Harvard	70.54	76.61	28.61	-3.19
106	Bethune-Cookman	70.31	77.50	21.79	1.75
107	Nevada	70.05	69.06	32.88	2.42
108	Northern Iowa	69.81	69.65	26.59	7.23
109	Iowa St	69.76	66.61	34.13	4.05
110	Ohio U.	69.58	72.25	29.00	0.43
111	Virginia	69.34	67.17	30.67	5.64
112	Kentucky	69.08	66.18	32.60	4.53
113	Tennessee-Martin	68.30	75.64	22.94	-1.68
114	Villanova	68.29	68.70	28.94	2.50
115	Fordham	68.15	74.28	30.41	-7.53
116	South Alabama	68.11	67.60	32.34	0.25
117	California	68.03	66.91	35.92	-2.52
118	Kansas	67.86	68.29	24.95	6.00
119	Princeton	67.74	70.19	34.58	-6.73
120	Old Dominion	67.64	69.57	39.99	-11.46
121	Chattanooga	67.56	70.45	24.11	2.93
122	Sam Houston St	67.23	70.29	29.74	-3.31
123	Troy	67.19	68.98	34.33	-6.07
124	Central Michigan	66.52	70.51	23.60	0.75
125	South Carolina St	66.34	70.74	19.72	3.85
126	Akron	65.98	67.98	23.11	3.62
127	New Hampshire	65.89	67.84	27.94	-1.23
128	William & Mary	65.82	66.88	17.21	10.72
129	Kent St	65.57	64.88	25.23	5.02
130	Samford	65.56	67.90	28.76	-2.97
131	Texas St-San Marcos	65.10	68.52	20.61	3.10
132	Louisiana-Monroe	65.10	68.27	24.04	0.05
133	Murray St	64.91	70.95	25.76	-6.09
134	Missouri St	64.89	62.54	28.90	3.10



135	Wyoming	64.28	63.55	33.09	-4.10
136	Purdue	63.83	64.61	24.00	2.31
137	Cal Poly SLO	63.82	62.23	24.96	4.82
138	Illinois St	63.38	64.58	26.23	-1.01
139	Georgia Southern	63.15	62.99	29.92	-2.95
140	South Florida	62.92	61.40	22.59	6.16
141	Liberty	62.52	62.02	23.66	3.17
142	Eastern Kentucky	62.46	66.78	21.05	-1.38
143	Southern Utah	62.14	67.99	13.27	3.84
144	Central Arkansas	62.12	64.99	25.18	-3.71
145	Tulsa	62.05	60.27	27.69	0.53
146	Furman	61.94	65.02	19.86	1.10
147	Montana St	60.13	60.28	27.53	-4.11
148	Army	59.33	56.85	26.77	-0.31
149	New Mexico	59.30	56.63	36.58	-9.89
150	Delaware	58.83	62.25	28.23	-10.95
151	Sacred Heart	58.28	64.54	19.64	-7.12
152	Charleston Southern	58.09	65.71	15.77	-5.45
153	Richmond	57.69	57.04	25.24	-3.16
154	Temple	57.50	50.89	27.33	3.32
155	Connecticut	57.20	53.62	24.48	1.40
156	James Madison	56.88	56.07	23.69	-2.22
157	Dartmouth	56.72	57.49	19.62	-0.61
158	Alabama-Birmingham	56.54	55.60	30.22	-8.89
159	South Dakota	56.41	56.33	19.29	0.63
160	Hawai`i	56.01	48.32	32.03	-1.33
161	Northwestern St	55.83	59.98	20.32	-7.22
162	Tennessee Tech	55.71	59.26	20.44	-6.59
163	Wofford	55.37	55.70	18.15	0.09
164	Lehigh	55.35	62.53	21.16	-13.00
165	Stony Brook	55.32	54.89	18.51	0.80
166	The Citadel	55.26	54.60	22.79	-3.19
167	Brown	54.86	54.80	21.57	-3.27
168	Air Force	54.79	51.15	28.81	-5.30
169	Idaho	54.21	57.10	23.99	-10.70
170	Louisiana Tech	54.04	52.33	20.35	-0.48
171	Portland St	54.00	51.53	28.12	-7.17
172	Western Illinois	53.62	51.08	20.67	-0.02
173	Jackson St	53.37	60.56	16.97	-10.89
174	Sacramento St	53.32	53.16	22.84	-5.99
175	San Diego	53.29	55.04	23.00	-8.99
176	Yale	52.79	54.74	19.81	-6.60
177	Appalachian St	52.69	51.24	21.50	-3.40
178	Lafayette	52.39	52.89	21.16	-6.23
179	Massachusetts	52.37	51.00	16.99	0.66



180	Gardner-Webb	52.35	57.47	10.13	-2.02
181	UC-Davis	51.61	50.88	15.89	0.06
182	North Carolina A&T	51.52	53.37	14.44	-2.39
183	Eastern Michigan	51.43	55.31	22.21	-13.23
184	SE Missouri St	51.03	53.61	20.23	-9.75
185	Western Michigan	50.29	48.69	21.56	-5.70
186	Alcorn St	49.96	55.45	18.98	-13.88
187	Alabama St	49.86	52.59	19.32	-10.26
188	Lamar	49.18	48.74	21.31	-8.30
189	UTEP	49.16	47.12	23.31	-7.97
190	Pennsylvania	48.98	49.78	18.22	-7.24
191	Bucknell	48.34	51.07	11.13	-3.64
192	New Mexico St	48.23	48.25	25.13	-13.78
193	Georgia St	47.99	43.96	22.39	-5.32
194	Delaware St	46.77	53.15	8.67	-8.17
195	Duquesne	46.71	52.02	11.01	-9.00
196	Butler	46.56	50.51	17.77	-13.92
197	Nicholls St	46.04	48.66	20.20	-14.93
198	Southern U.	45.88	53.24	15.12	-17.00
199	Monmouth NJ	45.58	46.80	15.49	-8.63
200	UNC-Charlotte	45.11	47.45	20.76	-16.02
201	North Carolina Central	44.85	48.26	11.85	-8.97
202	Marist	44.76	47.37	14.77	-10.79
203	Hampton	44.58	46.62	17.69	-13.07
204	Florida Int'l	43.99	44.93	12.27	-6.65
205	Morgan St	43.98	47.60	15.82	-14.14
206	Howard	43.85	46.04	15.58	-11.93
207	Prairie View A&M	43.01	44.15	23.63	-19.29
208	St Francis PA	42.89	43.63	10.39	-5.60
209	Miami OH	42.70	38.94	14.04	-2.81
210	Dayton	42.45	46.33	12.93	-13.21
211	Western Carolina	41.97	40.45	20.74	-13.56
212	Stephen F. Austin	41.87	41.19	31.49	-25.67
213	Southern Miss	41.76	40.50	18.31	-11.73
214	North Dakota	41.55	39.98	17.24	-10.43
215	Weber St	41.12	42.42	13.97	-11.81
216	Norfolk St	40.87	41.39	6.57	-3.52
217	Florida A&M	40.74	41.18	11.25	-8.21
218	Robert Morris PA	40.73	42.60	10.55	-9.63
219	Bryant	40.08	39.65	14.54	-10.92
220	Rhode Island	40.00	42.42	8.33	-8.98
221	Indiana St	39.31	35.51	17.62	-9.83
222	Idaho St	39.31	35.92	19.89	-12.71
223	Holy Cross	39.19	35.74	18.06	-10.91
224	Elon	39.09	35.10	17.13	-9.28



225	Cornell	39.04	38.86	19.19	-17.01
226	Colgate	38.42	38.53	13.93	-12.82
227	Drake	38.38	40.40	5.67	-7.41
228	Austin Peay	37.76	41.13	7.68	-12.03
229	Mercer	36.78	43.03	11.09	-20.69
230	Presbyterian	35.06	33.11	15.12	-14.42
231	Alabama A&M	34.70	37.08	5.31	-11.36
232	VMI	32.35	29.89	13.50	-14.86
233	Albany NY	32.28	28.81	11.45	-11.39
234	Wagner	31.63	35.09	4.84	-15.63
235	Northern Colorado	31.59	24.24	15.00	-9.94
236	Jacksonville FL	31.11	29.84	20.31	-24.68
237	Central Conn St	30.47	30.28	16.87	-23.48
238	Georgetown DC	27.47	25.61	9.49	-16.73
239	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	26.85	25.54	16.01	-24.71
240	Savannah St	24.36	25.83	9.87	-25.23
241	Texas Southern	22.92	22.03	1.13	-14.49
242	Columbia	22.81	24.61	-0.08	-17.33
243	Mississippi Valley St	22.58	20.30	3.63	-15.30
244	Morehead St	18.36	24.22	7.42	-35.41
245	Houston Baptist	17.63	36.29	-3.31	-44.26
246	Grambling St	17.26	15.13	5.27	-22.63
247	Campbell	15.62	14.61	5.48	-26.17
248	Valparaiso	10.46	13.72	1.89	-34.18
249	Stetson	10.00	10.00	-4.19	-27.98
250	Davidson	-2.21	-2.73	-7.68	-32.09

