

RATINGS 11-1-14

Welcome back to By the Numbers! This is a rating system that uses only wins, losses, points for, points against and schedule to rank college football teams. A more thorough description of the system can be found at www.roanoke.edu/mcsp/minton/bynumbers.html.

Once again, the Tigers pull out a tight one; this time it was Auburn, which remains number one in my system. And TCU won a thriller over West Virginia in which the offenses and the refs had a lot of problems with accuracy. Because of the importance of strength of schedule in this system, the top four remain the same (and likely will for the rest of the year).

It's November, and every game assumes extra importance with division standings and bowl eligibility at stake. The biggest games this week are Kansas State at TCU and Notre Dame at Arizona State. K-State leads the Big 12, but a TCU win could put the Frogs in a strong position for a Final Four berth. Another important Big 12 game this week is Oklahoma and Baylor, with both teams in the running for big bowl games. The SEC offers Alabama at LSU; as Ole Miss found out, Baton Rouge is still a tough place to play. Another Tiger win could put Bama in bad shape with games remaining against Mississippi State and Auburn.

Meanwhile, we have a showdown in Tempe. The emphasis is on "show." Notre Dame actually is still in the hunt for the Final Four. Arizona State has big bowl aspirations and is looking for its first win ever against Notre Dame (this is meeting #4). Last year, the Irish won 37-34 with their shamrock helmets. This year, Arizona State is unveiling their much anticipated "Desert Fire" uniforms, with white helmets offsetting "pure anthracite" jerseys. Did Santa leave them in their stockings last Christmas? The walk-off begins at 3:30.

There are always "upset alerts" to sound in college football. An outside shot is the Virginia – Florida State game. Stop laughing, I wasn't trying to be funny. Florida State plays down to its opposition, and the Virginia defense may return to creating turnovers with the help of Jameis Winston. Florida State is in between games at Louisville and at Miami. Another game I wonder about is Oregon at Utah. The Ducks finally overcame their Stanford jinx, so a letdown on the road against a good Ute defense could happen. The Ducks have quacked up in similar games the last several years.

And, I almost forgot to mention the Big 10. "The game" is finally here (the one with two good teams) with Ohio State at Michigan State. The Buckeyes certainly did not leave it all in Happy Valley, so maybe they'll give Sparty a fight. In the West Division (I miss Legends and Leaders, but Maryland had to go somewhere and neither division was named Losers, for people who refuse to shake hands.), Iowa and Minnesota battle for first place (again, not a laugh line).

This week's predictions:

TCU 35, Kansas State 31

Michigan State 45, Ohio State 37

Alabama 26, LSU 24

Oklahoma 45, Baylor 35

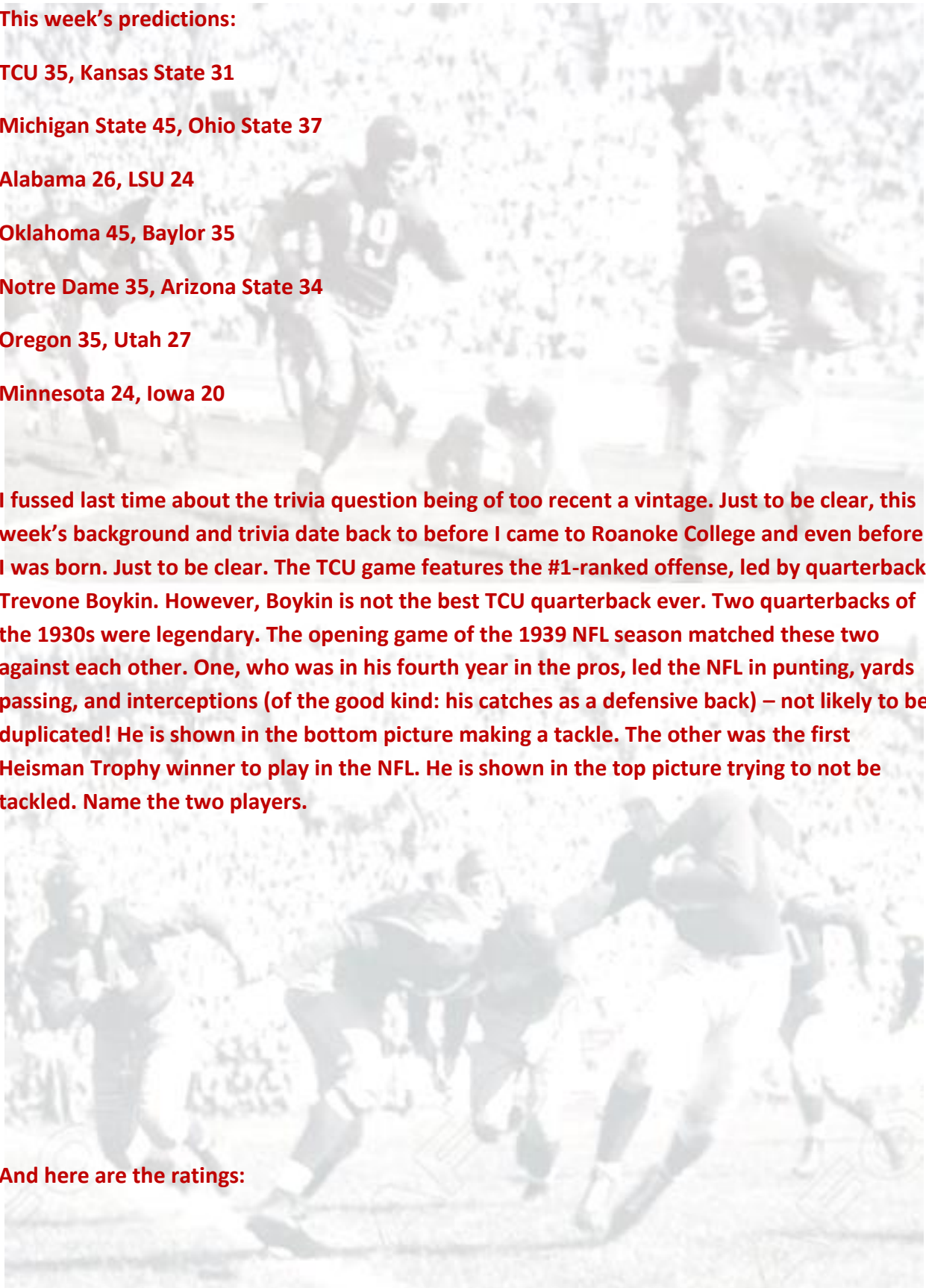
Notre Dame 35, Arizona State 34

Oregon 35, Utah 27

Minnesota 24, Iowa 20

I fussed last time about the trivia question being of too recent a vintage. Just to be clear, this week's background and trivia date back to before I came to Roanoke College and even before I was born. Just to be clear. The TCU game features the #1-ranked offense, led by quarterback Trevone Boykin. However, Boykin is not the best TCU quarterback ever. Two quarterbacks of the 1930s were legendary. The opening game of the 1939 NFL season matched these two against each other. One, who was in his fourth year in the pros, led the NFL in punting, yards passing, and interceptions (of the good kind: his catches as a defensive back) – not likely to be duplicated! He is shown in the bottom picture making a tackle. The other was the first Heisman Trophy winner to play in the NFL. He is shown in the top picture trying to not be tackled. Name the two players.

And here are the ratings:



		Overall	Wins	Offense	Defense
1	Auburn	125.21	71.40	55.29	21.95
2	Mississippi St	121.79	69.91	52.12	19.05
3	Alabama	119.77	63.29	50.73	26.41
4	Mississippi	119.53	63.75	46.33	29.45
5	TCU	114.25	57.99	55.79	16.39
6	LSU	114.02	58.87	45.79	24.37
7	Kansas St	114.00	60.73	45.93	21.08
8	Oregon	113.21	60.01	53.18	13.04
9	Florida St	113.21	63.79	48.72	11.20
10	Oklahoma	112.67	55.00	53.86	19.37
11	Michigan St	110.00	54.94	52.09	14.54
12	Georgia	108.25	51.24	52.61	15.83
13	Notre Dame	107.93	56.48	44.22	14.67
14	UCLA	107.77	57.38	44.02	12.96
15	Nebraska	107.43	53.82	47.02	15.08
16	Baylor	106.55	49.60	55.21	11.72
17	Ohio State	106.04	49.50	52.98	12.83
18	Clemson	106.04	52.80	40.40	19.90
19	West Virginia	103.88	49.44	45.06	15.43
20	Missouri	103.66	51.80	35.82	20.22
21	Florida	103.59	48.40	46.17	15.34
22	Arizona St	103.53	53.48	43.31	9.61
23	Wisconsin	102.11	45.21	44.31	18.83
24	Arizona	102.10	50.33	42.17	12.40
25	Utah	101.68	49.02	38.73	16.99
26	Texas A&M	101.33	47.09	46.05	12.01
27	Boise St	100.36	50.72	42.81	6.76
28	Southern Cal	99.61	44.83	42.79	14.73
29	Tennessee	98.54	41.44	41.16	19.34
30	Colorado St	97.53	49.30	35.79	9.07
31	Georgia Tech	97.44	43.90	44.61	9.04
32	Miami FL	96.31	41.62	39.52	15.10
33	Arkansas	95.84	37.50	43.21	17.09
34	North Dakota St	95.69	45.29	32.20	14.76
35	Minnesota	95.59	44.50	35.35	12.67
36	Duke	95.50	42.47	41.14	10.04
37	Maryland	95.39	43.88	40.73	7.84
38	Iowa	95.23	42.16	35.22	15.80
39	Louisville	94.88	39.57	38.92	15.54
40	Marshall	94.32	38.78	45.83	8.56
41	Louisiana Tech	93.92	39.43	39.76	12.52
42	Kentucky	93.28	39.17	39.56	11.57
43	Oklahoma St	92.56	41.21	37.55	8.38
44	Washington	92.32	40.11	33.93	13.24
45	South Carolina	91.51	35.61	48.18	4.45



46	Stanford	91.15	35.94	28.98	22.21
47	Boston College	91.06	37.78	34.96	12.94
48	Nevada	90.39	39.42	34.75	8.74
49	Memphis	90.03	33.78	40.47	11.52
50	California	89.58	37.00	47.24	-1.74
51	Brigham Young	89.14	35.37	41.51	5.61
52	Texas	89.13	34.54	30.09	18.39
53	Utah St	88.72	36.70	32.89	10.96
54	North Carolina St	87.68	35.63	37.27	5.75
55	East Carolina	87.08	33.54	38.33	6.69
56	Virginia Tech	86.42	29.83	32.53	17.02
57	Central Florida	85.96	33.05	34.91	8.12
58	North Carolina	85.31	33.26	46.81	-5.76
59	Cincinnati	85.14	31.89	40.46	2.45
60	Toledo	84.95	33.51	39.08	0.65
61	Louisiana-Lafayette	84.93	35.37	33.52	3.08
62	Virginia	84.78	29.17	32.85	13.71
63	Michigan	84.50	29.46	30.74	14.62
64	Houston	84.43	29.25	31.60	13.95
65	Penn State	84.30	28.56	29.21	17.13
66	Illinois St	83.97	31.24	35.19	5.86
67	Iowa St	83.85	30.25	39.52	2.89
68	Syracuse	83.68	29.04	30.21	13.81
69	Arkansas St	83.66	29.76	35.82	6.96
70	Purdue	83.26	29.26	36.42	6.18
71	Illinois	83.23	32.64	35.09	1.79
72	Northwestern	82.65	28.57	28.76	13.46
73	Indiana St	82.21	31.15	29.30	7.52
74	Rutgers	81.91	30.02	31.93	6.02
75	Georgia Southern	81.85	24.24	40.39	7.03
76	UTEP	81.77	31.08	33.09	2.76
77	Pittsburgh	81.59	24.66	40.72	5.36
78	Air Force	81.27	31.74	26.24	7.24
79	Rice	80.54	28.00	33.64	4.26
80	Indiana	80.22	27.65	36.61	1.07
81	Texas Tech	80.03	28.17	39.35	-3.01
82	Temple	79.90	24.45	32.26	9.96
83	Oregon St	79.39	26.52	34.13	3.35
84	Northern Illinois	79.32	29.42	35.35	-2.87
85	New Hampshire	79.23	29.78	33.26	-1.60
86	Jacksonville St	78.91	27.51	30.88	3.75
87	Coastal Carolina	78.88	30.64	32.45	-3.10
88	Wyoming	78.84	28.84	28.75	3.51
89	Western Michigan	78.59	24.45	34.26	4.66
90	Navy	77.76	23.13	34.84	4.22
91	San José St	77.46	25.38	30.25	4.32



92	Central Michigan	77.46	25.37	27.13	7.44
93	Washington St	77.31	21.11	43.03	-1.71
94	Middle Tennessee St	77.26	24.79	32.32	2.72
95	Eastern Washington	77.02	27.16	39.33	-8.85
96	Alabama-Birmingham	76.69	22.41	35.45	2.13
97	South Dakota St	76.45	25.79	30.57	0.79
98	Northern Iowa	75.50	19.92	33.87	4.90
99	Youngstown St	75.48	25.71	25.12	3.96
100	South Alabama	75.38	22.48	22.72	11.46
101	Vanderbilt	74.76	21.77	28.28	5.56
102	Chattanooga	74.74	19.17	32.47	5.63
103	Colorado	74.24	19.13	37.63	-0.70
104	Villanova	74.23	20.89	32.50	1.48
105	Sam Houston St	73.67	23.45	29.99	-1.67
106	San Diego St	73.30	20.73	21.18	10.73
107	Bowling Green	72.92	22.32	31.93	-3.63
108	Southern Illinois	71.90	18.96	30.22	1.14
109	Southern Miss	71.77	20.36	25.33	3.38
110	Liberty	71.67	21.24	31.52	-4.54
111	Florida Atlantic	71.67	18.39	29.95	1.79
112	Fresno St	71.60	20.13	32.64	-3.97
113	McNeese St	71.45	18.78	26.30	4.24
114	Western Kentucky	71.13	16.63	42.64	-9.33
115	Louisiana-Monroe	71.05	18.02	23.54	7.27
116	Idaho St	70.93	19.22	35.22	-6.71
117	Texas St-San Marcos	70.89	19.03	28.38	0.34
118	Richmond	70.83	19.80	26.87	0.43
119	Kansas	70.72	18.86	23.37	5.19
120	Missouri St	70.31	17.20	24.48	5.83
121	South Florida	70.29	17.47	24.44	5.39
122	Texas-San Antonio	69.20	14.48	25.15	6.94
123	Harvard	69.03	19.18	21.22	2.58
124	Ball St	68.60	13.13	29.75	3.08
125	SE Louisiana	68.59	15.87	26.40	1.84
126	Akron	68.06	12.63	24.98	7.34
127	Hawai'i	67.78	12.15	26.44	5.98
128	Bryant	67.76	19.66	19.32	0.51
129	Fordham	67.22	13.73	31.23	-2.86
130	Ohio U.	67.21	14.82	22.19	4.36
131	Florida Int'l	67.02	11.07	24.87	7.45
132	New Mexico	66.94	15.07	28.50	-3.04
133	Wake Forest	66.74	12.94	21.40	7.09
134	Montana	66.69	17.52	20.02	0.72
135	Northwestern St	65.90	15.10	30.06	-7.27
136	Samford	65.80	8.98	30.80	1.94
137	Eastern Kentucky	65.80	16.38	25.84	-5.45



138	Montana St	65.78	14.78	32.31	-9.30
139	Cal Poly SLO	65.67	15.42	28.21	-6.51
140	Tulane	65.50	11.75	22.45	4.93
141	Central Arkansas	65.32	12.14	32.83	-6.55
142	Connecticut	64.86	10.68	23.29	4.27
143	James Madison	64.77	15.84	25.47	-6.74
144	Stephen F. Austin	63.99	14.16	28.87	-9.29
145	Eastern Illinois	63.28	7.89	29.95	-1.69
146	Western Illinois	62.85	7.88	25.00	2.22
147	Old Dominion	62.77	9.92	33.05	-9.45
148	Western Carolina	62.14	11.01	24.86	-4.65
149	Bethune-Cookman	61.87	12.54	19.80	-2.80
150	Appalachian St	61.83	3.53	34.72	-2.82
151	Wofford	61.32	8.11	20.98	2.02
152	Presbyterian	61.30	16.03	8.63	1.11
153	William & Mary	61.17	9.73	24.00	-4.09
154	North Texas	60.67	5.50	30.75	-5.03
155	Tulsa	60.61	6.15	31.67	-7.18
156	Bucknell	60.39	13.22	18.51	-6.37
157	Yale	60.00	10.00	27.37	16.53
158	Charleston Southern	59.73	8.62	18.19	-0.02
159	Alcorn St	59.58	7.66	28.27	-8.87
160	South Carolina St	59.45	12.11	15.72	-4.06
161	UNLV	59.32	8.42	24.04	-6.56
162	Northern Arizona	59.27	10.89	19.49	-6.24
163	Massachusetts	58.65	1.39	34.03	-6.52
164	Lamar	58.23	10.67	28.38	-17.37
165	Sacred Heart	57.94	8.98	15.68	-2.60
166	Buffalo	57.74	3.53	29.88	-8.19
167	Dartmouth	57.64	10.32	21.14	-11.02
168	Albany NY	57.44	7.58	18.04	-3.86
169	North Carolina A&T	56.95	6.85	18.86	-4.68
170	Miami OH	56.23	0.40	23.70	-0.58
171	The Citadel	56.14	2.61	21.62	-2.40
172	SMU	55.75	7.06	14.96	-4.13
173	Army	55.43	1.42	30.33	-10.91
174	South Dakota	55.41	4.44	20.14	-5.80
175	New Mexico St	55.15	0.49	25.00	-4.72
176	Tennessee-Martin	53.96	3.38	20.06	-7.58
177	Troy	53.66	0.61	21.40	-5.05
178	Idaho	53.62	-3.34	30.80	-7.96
179	Grambling St	53.22	6.97	16.81	-12.16
180	Eastern Michigan	52.79	2.99	14.72	-4.52
181	Stony Brook	52.25	-0.90	11.48	3.84
182	San Diego	52.02	9.38	11.79	-14.18
183	Kent St	51.78	-3.93	16.81	2.39



184	Delaware	51.53	2.89	14.10	-6.88
185	Southern Utah	51.32	-0.29	21.43	-9.43
186	SE Missouri St	51.01	0.09	21.98	-11.40
187	Sacramento St	50.05	-0.14	26.50	-17.91
188	Jacksonville FL	49.83	3.32	11.69	-9.44
189	Monmouth NJ	49.57	-1.32	20.33	-11.00
190	Duquesne	49.15	-3.19	16.66	-5.27
191	Maine	48.93	-1.31	12.50	-4.77
192	Southern U.	48.58	4.34	14.86	-17.41
193	Georgia St	48.35	-6.53	27.93	-12.96
194	Northern Colorado	47.96	-1.27	10.33	-5.11
195	Gardner-Webb	47.49	-2.78	14.18	-7.60
196	St Francis PA	47.42	-2.64	24.30	-18.13
197	Mercer	47.34	-9.34	22.38	-5.25
198	North Dakota	46.66	-1.95	8.72	-5.60
199	Colgate	46.09	-5.62	17.36	-9.54
200	Portland St	45.78	-6.61	12.81	-4.12
201	Towson	45.34	-3.00	13.26	-11.70
202	Tennessee Tech	45.24	-4.30	11.86	-8.39
203	Furman	45.02	-6.98	9.93	-2.53
204	Lafayette	43.98	-9.66	17.87	-8.61
205	Morgan St	43.09	-8.70	19.60	-14.17
206	Tennessee St	43.01	-10.71	13.41	-4.82
207	Wagner	42.86	-9.20	12.63	-6.94
208	Holy Cross	42.83	-10.20	13.14	-5.85
209	Brown	42.73	-8.41	10.09	-6.05
210	Princeton	42.25	-8.41	17.58	-14.72
211	Lehigh	41.97	-11.01	24.22	-17.74
212	Dayton	41.96	-6.40	13.99	-15.21
213	Weber St	41.77	-13.67	15.28	-4.87
214	North Carolina Central	41.43	-10.02	15.07	-11.58
215	Elon	41.22	-10.80	9.41	-5.15
216	Murray St	40.85	-9.90	23.59	-21.75
217	UC-Davis	40.84	-10.45	19.95	-17.20
218	Alabama St	40.30	-10.63	12.56	-10.88
219	UNC-Charlotte	39.63	-15.74	28.19	-19.67
220	Norfolk St	39.42	-10.70	-0.17	-0.24
221	Drake	38.01	-10.94	4.21	-7.75
222	Prairie View A&M	37.32	-13.02	21.24	-23.02
223	VMI	36.91	-15.08	19.08	-18.46
224	Austin Peay	35.79	-9.99	5.78	-16.46
225	Alabama A&M	35.55	-12.67	13.87	-20.68
226	Hampton	33.88	-20.37	13.14	-11.29
227	Pennsylvania	33.27	-18.32	15.04	-18.13
228	Georgetown DC	33.00	-20.63	4.59	-4.50
229	Central Conn St	32.70	-20.18	8.81	-10.21



230	Texas Southern	32.52	-14.54	6.19	-17.43
231	Marist	31.62	-17.75	3.62	-11.79
232	Howard	31.06	-22.31	14.61	-16.55
233	Florida A&M	31.04	-19.87	5.59	-11.66
234	Rhode Island	30.35	-21.80	9.43	-14.00
235	Nicholls St	29.75	-15.43	8.90	-25.60
236	Delaware St	28.54	-21.96	3.76	-12.59
237	Houston Baptist	28.41	-13.95	5.61	-28.14
238	Butler	27.84	-19.73	11.21	-25.52
239	Robert Morris PA	26.14	-21.81	5.48	-20.55
240	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	24.74	-20.23	10.27	-31.48
241	Campbell	24.65	-23.63	0.38	-16.16
242	Cornell	23.95	-28.72	8.67	-17.72
243	Jackson St	22.75	-26.88	5.90	-21.00
244	Stetson	22.60	-24.44	5.47	-25.03
245	Columbia	20.83	-28.06	3.42	-21.38
246	Morehead St	19.50	-27.49	10.73	-32.95
247	Savannah St	18.71	-28.61	6.85	-29.19
248	Mississippi Valley St	17.34	-29.88	-0.06	-23.56
249	Valparaiso	9.17	-43.05	5.06	-27.18
250	Davidson	5.13	-46.63	9.39	-35.65

