

## RATINGS 11-14-15

Welcome back to By the Numbers! This is a rating system that uses wins, losses, points for, points against and schedule (and nothing else) to rank college football teams. A more thorough description of the system is at [www.roanoke.edu/mcsp/minton/bynumbers.html](http://www.roanoke.edu/mcsp/minton/bynumbers.html). Last week, it picked 78% winners and 55% against the spread.

Near upsets and upsets! Utah and Stanford fall from the once-beaten category, guaranteeing that the Pac-12 champion will have at least 2 losses. Also getting loss number two were LSU and Temple. Baylor is no longer unbeaten, and UCLA took a bad loss. Houston and Oklahoma State needed 21-point rallies to stay unbeaten. TCU came from behind against Kansas (!) and Michigan needed two overtimes to edge Indiana. By these standards, Clemson and Iowa were easy winners, but I know that their fans were quite uneasy at times.

The playoff conversation starts to get interesting. Last year, it was a question of which of the Big 5 conferences would be left out (Big 12, the big loser). It may not be that easy this year. You can say the Pac-12 is out, but what if Stanford beats Notre Dame? The SEC winner should be in, but what if it's Florida after a loss to Florida State? What if Michigan wins the Big 10?

You'll notice that my ratings have a new number one. I suspect that the committee will do the same on Tuesday. The idea of a number one being demoted while winning used to be outrageous. Computer ratings and the committee have given us a better perspective on that. The committee has done a remarkably good job of reconsidering the merits of each team after each game. I don't think anyone could have watched the 3:30 games on Saturday and not rated Alabama over Clemson.

The schedule is a bit schizo this week. While the Big 10 and Big 12 start their playoffs, the big boys in the SEC are running charity scrimmages. Ohio State is in the divisional semifinals against an injured Michigan State, with a trip to Michigan the following week. After its big win over Baylor, Oklahoma hosts an injured TCU. Unbeaten Oklahoma State awaits the Sooners later, but the Cowboys host Baylor on Saturday. Meanwhile, the SEC and related ACC teams schedule a win for themselves and a payday for their victims: Auburn vs Idaho, South Carolina vs The Citadel, Florida State vs Chattanooga, , Alabama vs Charleston Southern, Georgia versus Georgia Southern, and so on.

A couple of rivalry games this week: Toledo and Bowling Green are MAC contenders, Arizona and Arizona State tangle, and the band plays on with Cal and Stanford (the background shows a group of football players descending on the Stanford band, kind of like the ending of Blazing Saddles). The lowest predicted score is Northwestern–Wisconsin, the highest predicted score is Baylor–Oklahoma State, the most ridiculous is Florida 47, Florida Atlantic -1.

Here are the picks:

Oklahoma State 45, Baylor 38

Wisconsin 14, Northwestern 10

North Carolina 42, Virginia Tech 30

Duke 31, Virginia 28 (another tough week for the Commonwealth)

Bowling Green 38, Toledo 33

Boise State 31, Air Force 26 (for a Mountain West division lead)

Arizona State 41, Arizona 36 (the Duel in the Desert for the Territorial Cup – excited yet?)

Utah 33, UCLA 24 (Pac-12 South second place at stake)

Stanford 40, Cal 28

Oklahoma 42, TCU 31

Ohio State 27, Michigan State 18 (for the Big 10 East lead)

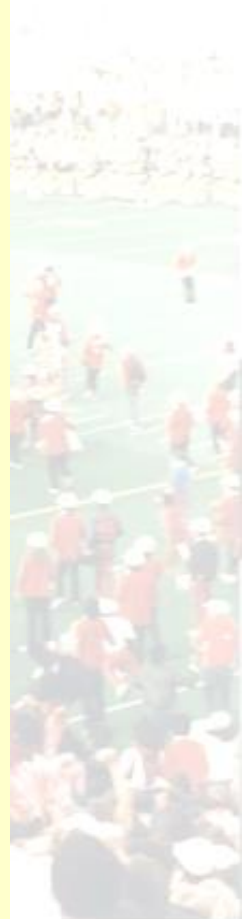
Memphis 34, Temple 31 (an AAC East title for the Owls?)

And here are the ratings:

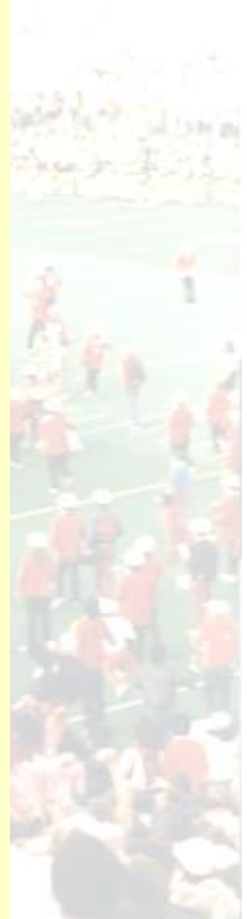


		Overall	Wins	Offense	Defense
1	Alabama	110.23	43.53	44.40	23.75
2	Clemson	109.72	41.65	50.24	19.15
3	Oklahoma	107.68	35.49	53.32	19.19
4	Notre Dame	106.95	39.64	48.81	16.34
5	Iowa	106.69	44.57	42.76	15.18
6	Ohio State	106.55	39.06	42.74	22.18
7	Oklahoma St	103.79	37.74	49.42	10.36
8	Florida	103.28	37.42	38.06	20.87
9	North Carolina	102.25	31.44	51.54	12.78
10	Michigan	101.44	31.95	40.81	20.82
11	Michigan St	101.42	36.16	38.90	17.05
12	Baylor	100.81	27.04	57.26	9.34
13	Navy	100.74	32.24	43.47	16.03
14	LSU	100.49	33.26	43.40	14.12
15	TCU	100.43	32.30	48.61	10.01
16	Stanford	99.99	30.55	45.53	14.34
17	Southern Cal	99.05	27.54	44.29	17.24
18	Utah	99.01	30.73	41.39	15.79
19	Mississippi	98.97	27.83	48.11	12.82
20	Florida St	98.57	27.11	41.86	19.04

21	Houston	97.91	29.44	44.36	11.79
22	Northwestern	97.40	34.01	30.35	18.43
23	Wisconsin	96.99	26.75	35.18	22.26
24	Tennessee	96.77	24.39	43.56	16.47
25	Memphis	96.59	28.02	47.35	7.39
26	Arkansas	95.40	26.04	42.83	11.58
27	Pittsburgh	95.38	26.77	37.04	16.34
28	Mississippi St	95.14	24.29	39.35	16.74
29	Texas A&M	95.12	26.89	39.83	12.75
30	Bowling Green	94.51	22.98	50.92	5.34
31	West Virginia	94.06	22.07	40.26	16.10
32	UCLA	93.83	22.68	42.20	12.76
33	Georgia	93.39	23.95	37.87	14.30
34	Oregon	93.36	25.97	49.93	-0.53
35	Toledo	93.24	24.23	37.85	13.58
36	Penn State	93.00	24.19	33.92	16.97
37	California	92.24	20.75	44.93	8.63
38	Washington St	91.37	23.08	39.89	8.40
39	Louisville	90.57	17.66	38.59	14.91
40	Temple	89.65	19.87	36.77	11.50
41	Auburn	89.50	19.38	36.52	12.01
42	Texas Tech	89.46	17.36	53.55	-2.42
43	Brigham Young	88.96	17.59	38.20	11.37
44	Miami FL	87.96	19.37	35.73	8.96
45	North Carolina St	87.90	12.86	41.37	11.86
46	Illinois	87.85	16.96	33.27	14.38
47	Duke	87.32	14.22	39.75	10.22
48	Western Kentucky	87.19	16.79	42.86	3.36
49	Nebraska	86.49	12.87	42.97	6.71
50	South Florida	86.08	13.57	35.17	12.58
51	Arizona St	86.04	14.17	39.67	7.16
52	Virginia Tech	85.91	10.22	40.77	11.01
53	Georgia Southern	85.90	14.38	36.94	9.25
54	Appalachian St	85.38	12.89	36.43	10.45
55	Georgia Tech	85.05	5.25	42.53	13.73
56	Washington	84.94	7.35	32.86	20.31
57	Arizona	84.86	12.93	44.75	0.79
58	Texas	84.39	12.58	33.96	10.86
59	Missouri	83.92	12.52	25.26	18.47
60	Western Michigan	83.75	10.63	40.81	5.03
61	Iowa St	83.65	10.74	35.22	10.22
62	Cincinnati	83.31	10.21	42.03	3.25
63	Minnesota	83.30	12.21	32.28	10.31
64	Boise St	83.10	5.61	40.99	9.91
65	Northern Illinois	83.01	9.34	40.68	5.02
66	Illinois St	82.67	16.10	32.63	3.20
67	North Dakota St	82.38	12.98	33.80	5.46
68	Indiana	82.34	10.99	43.59	-1.78
69	Air Force	82.34	8.25	36.40	9.08
70	Central Michigan	82.20	8.88	31.95	12.32



71	Louisiana Tech	81.77	8.47	39.06	4.69
72	San Diego St	81.53	8.47	30.85	12.30
73	Arkansas St	81.52	12.10	39.79	-1.49
74	Maryland	81.16	7.77	36.50	6.66
75	Kansas St	81.10	6.05	35.61	9.70
76	Marshall	81.03	9.51	31.32	9.21
77	South Dakota St	80.71	11.38	29.45	7.79
78	Virginia	80.26	5.55	35.86	8.00
79	East Carolina	80.25	6.58	35.53	6.94
80	South Carolina	80.04	6.12	33.81	8.77
81	Vanderbilt	79.51	6.34	23.37	17.57
82	Kentucky	79.13	7.73	33.50	4.64
83	Jacksonville St	78.82	10.72	29.99	3.40
84	Syracuse	78.26	1.65	40.12	3.96
85	Utah St	78.03	1.29	36.83	7.16
86	Southern Miss	77.52	2.92	35.96	4.56
87	Connecticut	77.15	4.03	26.33	11.80
88	Harvard	76.71	2.93	32.08	6.40
89	Rutgers	76.61	5.22	35.22	-0.02
90	Tulsa	76.49	3.85	40.26	-3.54
91	James Madison	76.29	4.83	41.14	-6.24
92	Dartmouth	76.26	4.58	25.69	9.49
93	William & Mary	76.02	5.48	31.43	1.95
94	McNeese*St	76.00	10.00	19.28	27.28
95	Ohio U.	75.78	5.33	27.99	4.99
96	Portland St	75.40	4.51	30.97	2.14
97	Northern Iowa	75.20	4.32	24.23	8.63
98	Boston College	75.19	-5.25	25.29	20.31
99	Middle Tennessee St	75.12	0.76	37.18	0.22
100	Wake Forest	75.02	-1.76	26.97	13.55
101	Purdue	74.10	-0.88	35.34	1.73
102	Colorado	73.49	-2.69	31.00	6.94
103	Coastal Carolina	73.41	4.29	31.21	-2.78
104	Buffalo	73.37	-0.40	31.57	3.03
105	Chattanooga	72.79	2.07	23.44	6.42
106	Pennsylvania	72.39	2.33	31.57	-3.08
107	Charleston Southern	72.11	3.85	23.90	1.87
108	Akron	71.66	-0.97	24.02	7.06
109	Nevada	71.58	-0.62	27.10	3.31
110	Southern Utah	71.30	-3.83	26.69	7.30
111	San José St	71.13	-4.60	31.63	2.95
112	Oregon St	70.64	-2.60	26.85	3.85
113	Fordham	70.48	1.36	35.27	-10.26
114	The Citadel	70.30	-2.07	28.46	0.68
115	New Mexico	70.26	-1.93	26.08	2.77
116	Youngstown St	70.24	-3.86	29.22	2.15
117	Western Illinois	70.04	1.56	27.14	-3.50
118	Colorado St	70.00	-6.38	32.47	1.66
119	Troy	69.85	-6.72	30.83	3.37
120	South Alabama	69.23	1.28	28.39	-6.40



121	North Carolina A&T	68.98	3.62	18.44	-0.20
122	Richmond	67.99	-3.60	30.90	-5.49
123	Western Carolina	67.86	-2.71	28.34	-4.45
124	Villanova	67.54	-4.23	18.33	6.79
125	Tulane	67.35	-5.40	25.88	0.32
126	Towson	66.61	-4.31	22.01	0.89
127	UNLV	66.42	-12.56	32.93	0.48
128	SMU	66.41	-8.69	34.41	-6.17
129	Eastern Illinois	66.36	-0.48	19.61	-2.46
130	Montana	66.08	-6.05	22.30	1.60
131	Ball St	65.30	-9.09	27.35	-1.35
132	Yale	65.16	-4.36	20.47	-1.13
133	Tennessee-Martin	65.03	-2.77	28.64	-11.75
134	Louisiana-Lafayette	64.96	-8.14	25.16	-1.29
135	Kansas	64.81	-8.21	25.17	-1.56
136	Florida Int'l	64.35	-10.47	25.29	0.17
137	South Dakota	64.23	-8.44	20.98	1.47
138	Northern Arizona	63.77	-5.78	30.46	-12.69
139	Eastern Kentucky	63.56	-8.99	24.44	-2.94
140	Massachusetts	63.42	-13.32	27.22	-0.28
141	Bethune-Cookman	63.07	-0.59	23.53	-14.45
142	Central Arkansas	62.80	-6.33	21.07	-5.00
143	Colgate	62.78	-5.84	20.37	-4.99
144	Idaho	62.65	-10.12	30.64	-9.91
145	Old Dominion	62.60	-6.61	22.23	-6.30
146	Princeton	62.51	-11.94	26.69	-3.87
147	Kent St	62.48	-10.76	18.04	3.13
148	Southern Illinois	62.30	-15.79	33.73	-6.31
149	Fresno St	62.30	-12.01	27.97	-5.56
150	Indiana St	61.74	-10.50	25.30	-6.34
151	Eastern Washington	61.70	-6.35	28.15	-14.81
152	New Hampshire	61.38	-9.96	21.63	-4.28
153	Rice	61.19	-10.75	26.29	-8.35
154	Sam Houston St	61.09	-14.62	32.72	-9.86
155	Samford	60.98	-14.04	29.55	-7.76
156	Dayton	60.72	-1.88	12.88	-7.95
157	Georgia St	60.63	-14.01	23.40	-2.51
158	Texas St-San Marcos	59.93	-13.91	28.39	-9.40
159	North Dakota	59.81	-11.46	19.93	-4.50
160	Wofford	59.79	-14.65	21.81	-2.16
161	Army	59.57	-20.07	25.81	0.48
162	Weber St	59.43	-11.41	16.36	-1.94
163	Lehigh	59.18	-11.55	25.60	-11.62
164	SE Missouri St	59.07	-14.36	21.45	-3.99
165	Florida Atlantic	59.07	-19.04	22.06	1.62
166	Cal Poly SLO	58.76	-17.96	31.15	-9.68
167	Texas-San Antonio	58.58	-18.06	23.17	-2.01
168	Hawai`i	58.14	-16.91	22.72	-4.19
169	Holy Cross	57.98	-17.64	23.93	-4.83
170	New Mexico St	57.89	-14.53	29.25	-14.51



171	Grambling St	57.87	-8.34	26.13	-19.71
172	Liberty	57.34	-16.06	23.30	-7.92
173	Miami OH	57.22	-18.86	21.64	-2.81
174	UTEP	57.21	-13.68	18.93	-7.04
175	Elon	56.60	-13.60	13.51	-3.24
176	Louisiana-Monroe	56.46	-18.85	23.21	-6.30
177	Brown	56.46	-16.99	25.78	-11.36
178	Montana St	56.34	-21.32	32.52	-12.62
179	Furman	56.24	-15.75	14.79	-2.57
180	St Francis PA	55.72	-18.42	19.92	-5.42
181	North Texas	55.42	-16.63	19.71	-8.36
182	Wyoming	55.16	-23.34	21.92	-2.26
183	Central Florida	54.97	-22.76	21.28	-2.89
184	Alcorn St	54.82	-18.69	23.53	-10.93
185	Mercer	54.63	-22.72	19.72	-2.21
186	Stony Brook	54.54	-20.16	11.13	2.72
187	South Carolina St	54.33	-18.05	11.23	-0.71
188	Delaware	53.81	-21.69	12.44	1.64
189	North Carolina Central	53.58	-14.12	13.24	-9.83
190	Monmouth NJ	53.33	-20.51	15.48	-4.18
191	Georgetown DC	53.28	-21.45	18.08	-5.66
192	Stephen F. Austin	52.90	-18.81	22.25	-14.28
193	Prairie View A&M	52.76	-13.58	24.04	-23.39
194	Kennesaw St	52.65	-19.51	18.22	-9.95
195	Maine	52.54	-24.26	16.52	-2.20
196	Duquesne	52.40	-21.51	15.37	-5.06
197	SE Louisiana	52.25	-20.93	14.61	-5.45
198	Eastern Michigan	52.20	-25.89	28.12	-12.46
199	Bryant	51.29	-25.81	19.66	-6.39
200	San Diego	51.21	-19.59	13.24	-8.47
201	UNC-Charlotte	51.18	-25.37	20.79	-8.38
202	Northern Colorado	51.11	-20.62	19.93	-14.04
203	Tennessee Tech	50.74	-20.96	18.28	-12.85
204	Columbia	50.01	-28.80	9.39	4.66
205	Southern U.	49.85	-19.12	20.31	-19.56
206	Hampton	49.60	-23.28	13.77	-8.11
207	Jacksonville FL	49.21	-20.11	12.15	-11.68
208	Albany NY	48.88	-25.46	13.96	-7.17
209	Murray St	48.85	-26.67	23.74	-15.43
210	Tennessee St	48.36	-23.30	13.50	-10.91
211	Bucknell	47.60	-28.92	7.91	0.27
212	Gardner-Webb	47.45	-25.92	6.44	-2.64
213	Lamar	47.33	-30.72	24.26	-14.34
214	Northwestern St	47.08	-25.08	24.66	-22.90
215	Morgan St	45.66	-23.92	7.03	-10.36
216	Norfolk St	45.32	-24.68	8.68	-11.85
217	VMI	45.21	-31.68	20.27	-14.39
218	Sacred Heart	44.76	-31.76	15.48	-10.61
219	UC-Davis	43.82	-34.31	17.66	-11.74
220	Morehead St	43.22	-28.06	13.21	-17.11



221	Marist	42.79	-31.51	10.49	-10.87
222	Rhode Island	42.33	-36.18	11.50	-6.81
223	Central Conn St	42.14	-33.90	11.38	-10.22
224	Missouri St	42.13	-26.30	11.50	-20.48
225	Presbyterian	42.09	-38.52	8.82	-1.60
226	Cornell NY	41.49	-36.79	12.21	-8.79
227	Sacramento St	41.31	-36.06	10.83	-8.85
228	Idaho St	40.01	-34.63	15.18	-18.36
229	Nicholls St	39.84	-34.22	10.67	-14.80
230	Alabama St	39.41	-30.39	4.47	-14.81
231	Butler	38.36	-33.96	9.29	-17.48
232	Robert Morris PA	38.03	-38.47	2.36	-5.37
233	Lafayette	37.62	-38.36	7.70	-11.89
234	Austin Peay	36.19	-39.11	8.73	-15.48
235	Drake	35.56	-40.40	6.34	-12.95
236	Howard	33.70	-39.59	10.33	-22.65
237	Campbell	33.44	-45.95	6.47	-10.97
238	Jackson St	32.58	-39.13	6.78	-22.53
239	Alabama A&M	32.18	-38.42	2.55	-20.24
240	Florida A&M	32.07	-42.87	6.42	-18.46
241	Wagner	31.79	-45.89	9.92	-18.62
242	Delaware St	28.26	-46.22	3.23	-20.33
243	Savannah St	27.67	-42.93	4.22	-27.17
244	Texas Southern	27.57	-43.62	2.19	-24.48
245	Mississippi Valley St	23.81	-44.25	-1.65	-29.19
246	Houston Baptist	23.45	-50.89	0.60	-23.50
247	Stetson	22.63	-52.02	2.73	-26.16
248	East Tennessee St	22.19	-50.36	2.10	-28.84
249	Valparaiso	19.10	-54.01	1.44	-31.04
250	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	19.04	-55.48	0.51	-28.31
251	Davidson	15.11	-59.41	-2.99	-29.40

