

RATINGS 11-05-16

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 in my new book *Sports Math* (now available!) and my (redesigned!) website www.roanoke.edu/mcsp/minton/bynumbers.html . Last week the ratings were a solid 80% on winners and 54% against the spread.

Not much drama on Saturday, with most of the top teams blowing out weaker opponents. Nebraska and Texas A&M fared poorly with backup quarterbacks, and Baylor just fared poorly, but otherwise no big surprises. Florida maintained its SEC East lead with an impressive 10-31 loss at Arkansas. Can anybody spell re-alignment? Here's an idea, one that I've not heard proposed. Have your 12-14 team conference play an unbalanced schedule, with a few rivalry games played annually but mostly rotate the schedule around. Then the top two teams in the standings play each other in the conference championship game. You could put in a rule outlawing rematches to avoid, say, Alabama and Auburn playing in consecutive weeks.

This is looking like another meh week for games. There are some "if" games like Baylor at Oklahoma (if Baylor hadn't fallen apart), Stanford at Oregon (if this were a different year), North Carolina at Duke (if this were basketball), Notre Dame at Army (if this was 1946). Two good games that are not on most radars are Tulsa at Navy for the AAC West lead and Appalachian State at Troy for the Sun Belt lead. App State and Troy are both one loss teams (#38 and #43 in my rankings) with the loss occurring at Tennessee in overtime and at Clemson by 6, respectively. Not bad. The Trojans that are getting attention are out west with the national game of the week of Southern Cal at Washington. SC has been improving and Washington is still an unknown quantity.

My 50-year anniversary game is also lacking in star quality. On November 12, 1966, #5 Georgia Tech played at Virginia, escaping with a 14-13 win. This week the Mud Dobbers are in Blacksburg and are again ranked #5 (in the ACC Coastal Division this time). The 1966 Georgia Tech team was on its way to a 9-0 start, before finishing with losses to Georgia and Florida (in the Orange Bowl). Bobby Dodd was the coach then, not the stadium. Running back Lenny Snow (featured in the background) finished 21st in the nation with 761 yards. There were not many uptempo offenses then. QB Kim King balanced 1 touchdown pass with 8 interceptions. My favorite player was placekicker Bunky Henry, who made all 32 extra points plus 5 of 10 field goals. Henry's claim to fame was not on the football field (or Saturday Night Live – that was Buck Henry) but on the golf course, where he had a decent PGA career with a win at the 1969 National Airlines Open. The Tech freshmen team was led by QB Joe Bill Faith, of whom the varsity coaches did not have much.

Here are the predictions.

Virginia Tech 35, Georgia Tech 20

Miami 33, Virginia 19

Washington 35, Southern Cal 22

North Carolina 34, Duke 17

Stanford 31, Oregon 21

Oklahoma 45, Baylor 29

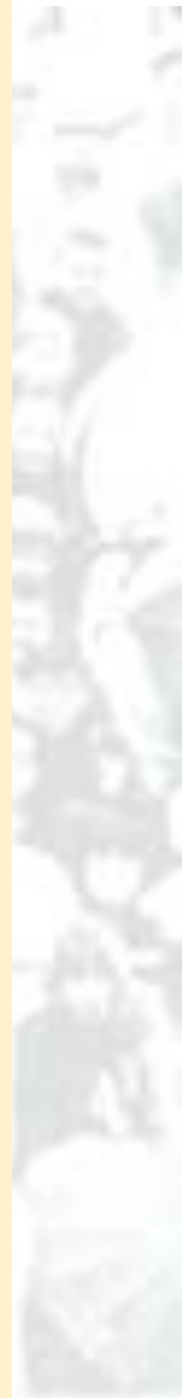
Navy 39, Tulsa 38

Troy 26, App State 20

And the ratings:

		Overall	Wins	Offense	Defense
1	Alabama	153.2	99.7	50.8	27.5
2	Michigan	151.5	92.2	58.7	25.3
3	Ohio State	148.0	89.6	53.6	25.1
4	Clemson	146.6	94.1	48.0	21.1
5	Washington	143.3	87.3	51.7	18.4
6	Auburn	141.2	85.0	45.3	22.6
7	Louisville	138.9	79.0	57.7	12.5
8	Wisconsin	138.1	82.5	37.9	25.6
9	Penn State	137.4	83.6	45.2	15.0
10	Texas A&M	137.2	82.8	45.6	15.3
11	Colorado	136.9	79.6	42.8	21.6
12	Washington St	136.9	80.6	49.6	13.4
13	LSU	134.7	75.5	37.6	26.7
14	Southern Cal	134.5	79.0	42.1	17.2
15	Florida St	133.8	79.0	43.7	13.8
16	Western Michigan	133.7	79.1	46.8	10.2
17	Boise St	133.4	82.2	40.1	12.1
18	Virginia Tech	132.9	76.5	41.8	16.6
19	North Carolina	132.9	79.4	42.5	12.0
20	West Virginia	132.8	77.9	39.6	16.8
21	Tennessee	131.8	78.3	45.3	8.0
22	Stanford	131.5	76.5	32.6	22.4
23	Nebraska	131.1	78.3	36.8	14.8
24	Oklahoma	131.1	73.3	50.8	7.4
25	Utah	130.3	77.3	36.3	14.8
26	Florida	128.3	72.1	32.2	20.6
27	Mississippi	127.9	68.5	50.6	6.1
28	Arkansas	127.7	74.3	39.0	9.5
29	Houston	127.7	70.5	42.4	11.2
30	Tulsa	127.4	71.5	48.0	3.5
31	North Dakota St	127.4	77.2	29.6	14.4
32	Minnesota	127.2	72.8	39.3	10.0

33	South Florida	127.0	70.7	49.3	2.2
34	Oklahoma St	127.0	69.1	46.1	7.5
35	San Diego St	125.6	68.7	35.2	15.5
36	Temple	125.1	67.4	39.0	12.2
37	Eastern Washington	124.9	71.0	46.6	-0.7
38	Troy	124.7	69.3	38.9	8.8
39	Brigham Young	124.5	66.7	36.7	13.9
40	Miami FL	124.4	62.7	40.7	15.0
41	Navy	124.1	69.2	39.0	7.3
42	Wyoming	123.7	71.3	41.3	1.1
43	Appalachian St	123.1	69.2	29.1	14.6
44	Pittsburgh	122.9	65.2	46.5	2.0
45	Arizona St	122.8	65.8	42.3	5.0
46	Toledo	122.2	65.1	40.9	6.2
47	Memphis	122.2	62.1	42.2	8.8
48	TCU	122.1	61.2	42.4	9.4
49	Iowa	122.0	63.3	34.6	14.2
50	Georgia Tech	121.7	65.3	36.1	9.4
51	Indiana	121.3	65.2	37.7	6.8
52	Kansas St	121.1	60.1	37.0	14.0
53	Northwestern	120.7	58.7	37.1	14.7
54	UCLA	120.4	58.7	37.8	13.2
55	Georgia	120.4	65.4	32.1	10.0
56	The Citadel	120.2	73.0	27.1	4.2
57	California	120.1	63.0	48.9	-4.3
58	Mississippi St	120.0	60.7	41.4	5.9
59	Central Florida	120.0	58.6	39.2	10.9
60	Western Kentucky	119.9	59.4	44.4	4.3
61	Texas	119.4	58.3	41.1	8.0
62	Kentucky	119.4	64.7	36.3	4.2
63	Baylor	119.2	57.9	41.7	7.3
64	Wake Forest	118.7	61.9	28.6	14.0
65	South Carolina	118.7	62.7	25.5	15.9
66	North Carolina St	118.4	57.4	34.3	13.5
67	Maryland	117.9	59.9	34.3	8.8
68	Oregon	117.5	57.1	47.8	-1.9
69	Air Force	117.4	59.1	35.0	7.9
70	Colorado St	117.1	59.9	32.2	9.0
71	Vanderbilt	116.8	58.9	28.5	13.2
72	Louisiana Tech	116.5	56.1	42.6	2.2
73	Texas Tech	116.0	53.2	51.3	-3.9
74	New Mexico	115.1	60.1	37.3	-1.6
75	Chattanooga	115.0	62.3	28.5	4.1
76	Oregon St	114.8	54.7	33.9	8.5
77	South Dakota St	114.2	58.6	38.2	-2.7
78	Syracuse	114.0	57.7	33.1	3.2
79	Jacksonville St	113.6	57.8	29.0	6.2
80	James Madison	112.7	55.2	41.9	-5.6
81	Ohio U.	112.6	57.1	29.1	4.6
82	Youngstown St	112.5	56.6	22.9	11.0



83	Notre Dame	112.4	46.9	40.1	6.8
84	Arkansas St	112.3	54.6	30.0	6.1
85	SMU	112.1	54.7	30.7	5.0
86	Illinois	111.7	52.9	29.5	7.6
87	Duke	111.5	47.2	32.5	11.5
88	Samford	111.5	56.4	36.8	-5.0
89	Old Dominion	111.3	54.2	33.9	0.3
90	Middle Tennessee St	111.2	52.8	37.0	-1.2
91	Boston College	110.6	52.5	27.6	7.2
92	Cincinnati	110.5	51.9	26.2	9.2
93	Idaho	110.5	58.3	27.2	-0.4
94	East Carolina	110.4	48.5	35.9	3.9
95	Central Arkansas	110.3	52.5	26.6	7.4
96	Arizona	110.3	51.5	34.1	1.2
97	Sam Houston St	110.2	52.2	43.7	-9.6
98	Michigan St	109.9	45.2	35.6	7.2
99	Georgia Southern	109.9	51.9	28.7	5.0
100	Utah St	109.8	50.5	31.2	4.4
101	Western Illinois	109.7	57.3	28.0	-1.8
102	Northern Iowa	109.1	44.7	29.6	11.9
103	Wofford	108.7	53.4	22.5	6.4
104	Central Michigan	108.5	49.3	32.0	1.9
105	Army	108.5	44.6	30.8	9.1
106	Southern Miss	107.8	48.7	34.3	-1.7
107	Eastern Michigan	107.7	51.6	28.0	0.7
108	Akron	107.5	51.0	35.6	-6.5
109	Rutgers	107.2	49.0	28.7	2.3
110	South Alabama	107.2	48.3	27.5	4.3
111	Northern Illinois	107.0	45.6	32.9	2.2
112	Cal Poly SLO	107.0	50.8	32.0	-4.0
113	Montana	106.7	45.6	37.8	-3.4
114	North Dakota	106.4	52.4	21.8	2.6
115	Virginia	106.4	42.5	31.8	5.7
116	Missouri	106.2	41.0	39.3	-0.2
117	Texas-San Antonio	106.1	46.4	29.2	2.5
118	Tulane	106.0	44.2	29.3	5.1
119	Hawai`i	105.9	48.8	30.6	-2.6
120	Connecticut	105.6	45.7	22.7	8.6
121	Coastal Carolina	105.4	47.0	33.0	-3.9
122	Purdue	105.1	47.2	34.2	-6.0
123	Villanova	105.1	48.9	18.7	7.1
124	Miami OH	104.9	45.1	22.7	7.7
125	Richmond	104.8	48.1	29.3	-3.3
126	Kent St	104.6	44.8	25.3	4.8
127	Charleston Southern	104.5	47.2	31.3	-4.7
128	Liberty	104.3	46.9	27.1	-0.5
129	North Carolina A&T	103.8	51.2	26.0	-6.3
130	Illinois St	103.6	44.6	23.7	4.0
131	Northern Arizona	103.5	44.9	25.0	2.1
132	Iowa St	103.3	35.6	32.7	6.4

133	Ball St	102.1	40.8	27.3	1.8
134	San José St	101.8	42.8	27.3	-1.7
135	Georgia St	101.6	38.3	25.3	5.9
136	Lehigh	101.4	42.1	32.6	-7.1
137	Louisiana-Lafayette	101.2	42.8	23.0	1.2
138	North Texas	101.1	40.5	27.3	-0.1
139	South Dakota	101.1	43.1	32.8	-9.2
140	Kennesaw St	100.4	43.8	31.4	-10.6
141	Mercer	100.1	45.7	25.1	-7.6
142	UNLV	100.1	37.5	32.9	-4.4
143	Louisiana-Monroe	100.0	45.6	26.4	-8.8
144	Southern Utah	99.8	41.7	24.9	-2.8
145	UNC-Charlotte	99.7	41.9	26.9	-5.3
146	New Hampshire	98.9	41.7	21.3	-1.4
147	Nevada	98.6	37.4	21.4	3.4
148	Grambling St	98.6	38.6	27.2	-4.0
149	New Mexico St	98.5	43.2	27.4	-10.4
150	Missouri St	97.8	41.0	24.5	-6.3
151	Massachusetts	97.4	33.9	30.0	-3.3
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153	Kansas	96.6	35.2	23.9	-1.1
154	Maine	96.3	40.5	18.8	-3.7
155	Tennessee-Martin	96.3	35.5	24.7	-3.1
156	Northern Colorado	96.1	38.4	24.2	-6.9
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158	Princeton	96.1	34.6	25.2	-2.8
159	Stony Brook	95.7	39.7	13.3	1.4
160	UTEP	94.9	35.7	22.6	-4.6
161	Furman	94.9	32.0	24.0	-1.1
162	Indiana St	94.5	34.5	25.3	-6.6
163	Eastern Illinois	94.5	36.3	23.9	-7.9
164	Bowling Green	93.8	34.6	27.5	-10.9
165	Harvard	93.8	38.6	19.4	-8.2
166	Nicholls St	93.7	32.8	23.1	-4.3
167	Fresno St	93.6	30.3	23.0	-1.2
168	Albany NY	93.6	33.5	19.8	-2.3
169	Southern Illinois	93.3	28.1	29.0	-5.1
170	Gardner-Webb	93.3	32.7	18.2	-0.4
171	San Diego	93.1	31.2	22.0	-2.7
172	Marshall	93.0	28.7	25.5	-3.1
173	Texas St-San Marcos	92.1	35.4	24.0	-12.7
174	St Francis PA	91.4	29.9	15.7	1.2
175	Fordham	91.4	34.1	26.1	-14.8
176	Tennessee St	91.2	32.9	24.0	-11.5
177	SE Louisiana	91.1	32.5	21.8	-9.0
178	Duquesne	91.0	33.1	23.7	-12.1
179	Portland St	90.6	28.8	29.1	-12.6
180	Western Carolina	90.6	31.0	22.7	-9.3
181	North Carolina Central	90.4	39.7	14.4	-13.0
182	Buffalo	90.2	28.6	19.9	-4.2

183	Delaware	90.2	28.8	18.4	-3.0
184	William & Mary	90.0	30.9	16.9	-5.0
185	Florida Atlantic	89.8	25.7	23.7	-5.2
186	Murray St	89.6	27.7	23.7	-8.4
187	Tennessee Tech	89.5	29.4	19.2	-6.3
188	Southern U.	89.2	33.1	23.7	-16.5
189	South Carolina St	89.2	32.0	14.2	-5.8
190	UC-Davis	89.0	27.3	20.4	-6.0
191	SE Missouri St	88.2	23.3	15.6	2.1
192	Pennsylvania	87.5	27.3	15.5	-5.1
193	Rice	87.4	22.4	24.6	-7.8
194	Colgate	86.8	21.8	20.1	-3.9
195	McNeese St	86.7	21.5	22.9	-6.6
196	VMI	86.6	26.2	15.2	-5.3
197	Lamar	86.3	24.6	15.1	-3.8
198	Prairie View A&M	86.3	32.4	17.7	-17.0
199	Dayton	85.8	26.6	13.7	-6.5
200	Monmouth NJ	85.5	27.3	15.7	-10.2
201	East Tennessee St	85.4	30.9	9.9	-9.3
202	Towson	84.9	21.6	19.0	-7.3
203	Montana St	83.9	19.2	17.6	-5.2
204	Dartmouth	83.2	21.9	9.9	-2.8
205	Idaho St	82.9	22.8	22.0	-16.9
206	Sacred Heart	82.3	21.1	19.2	-13.3
207	Stephen F. Austin	81.7	20.8	21.0	-16.3
208	Hampton	81.1	25.2	8.1	-10.8
209	Presbyterian	80.9	23.2	5.3	-5.6
210	Florida A&M	80.5	27.3	10.4	-17.3
211	Houston Baptist	80.0	22.6	11.4	-13.1
212	Eastern Kentucky	79.8	14.3	17.5	-8.8
213	Holy Cross	79.0	17.3	17.3	-14.7
214	Bucknell	78.7	14.2	11.0	-4.8
215	Drake	77.8	21.0	10.5	-15.8
216	Bethune-Cookman	77.2	16.4	12.3	-12.9
217	Sacramento St	76.9	14.8	15.5	-14.8
218	Bryant	76.9	11.3	20.9	-15.4
219	Elon	76.9	14.9	7.8	-7.2
220	Savannah St	76.7	23.7	2.5	-14.3
221	Alcorn St	76.5	18.0	12.9	-17.5
222	Cornell NY	76.0	13.8	12.6	-12.6
223	Wagner	76.0	10.0	11.1	4.9
224	Northwestern St	74.5	7.0	17.3	-12.1
225	Austin Peay	74.4	9.8	20.9	-19.7
226	Lafayette	73.4	9.1	15.0	-15.4
227	Brown	73.3	10.6	8.5	-11.3
228	Rhode Island	72.9	14.9	9.4	-18.7
229	Georgetown DC	72.8	8.3	4.1	-5.0
230	Columbia	72.0	7.2	9.5	-11.1
231	Robert Morris PA	71.9	5.8	4.9	-4.6
232	Texas Southern	71.4	10.8	4.9	-12.6

233	Jacksonville FL	71.3	10.2	14.7	-21.7
234	Jackson St	70.5	11.0	2.7	-12.8
235	Yale	70.2	7.4	13.8	-19.9
236	Marist	70.1	7.1	8.6	-14.6
237	Alabama St	69.1	7.6	8.4	-17.6
238	Alabama A&M	68.9	11.0	9.9	-24.2
239	Central Conn St	68.5	0.8	12.8	-14.3
240	Howard	67.7	7.2	9.8	-22.0
241	Norfolk St	66.4	4.9	3.3	-15.6
242	Morehead St	65.4	1.9	17.1	-27.7
243	Stetson	63.3	-2.7	6.2	-16.0
244	Morgan St	61.6	2.0	0.9	-21.2
245	Valparaiso	59.9	-4.3	4.4	-20.7
246	Campbell	59.5	-7.3	5.1	-18.3
247	Butler	59.1	-7.0	6.2	-20.9
248	Mississippi Valley St	58.3	-0.5	2.8	-28.1
249	Delaware St	58.0	-3.4	3.6	-25.8
250	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	53.6	-3.5	-1.9	-31.1
251	Davidson	45.1	-25.6	-1.5	-23.5

