

## By the Numbers, 10-29-11

Congratulations to Joe Paterno on his 409<sup>th</sup> win, setting a new Division 1 record! For the background, I had hoped to use a picture of Assistant Coach Paterno from 1961, since I've been doing 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary backgrounds. Oddly enough, Google couldn't find me one. The background I've got is a better trivia question, though. It's the Penn State QB from 1961, who has been instrumental in a large number of Penn State wins over the years. You don't see too many quarterbacks wearing number 25 anymore. The Lions, if you haven't noticed, have opened up a two-game lead in the Big 10 Bleeders division. With three tough games left, though, it could get very interesting.

The big game this week, of course, is the LSU-Alabama game. Conventional wisdom has the winner passing Go and collecting a BCS Championship Game. Nothing is that automatic in college football, but both teams (especially LSU) will be highly favored in their remaining games. The main discussion point is whether the loser should *also* be in the Championship Game. My ratings are fully capable of reaching that conclusion; a loss to a highly ranked team does not lower a team's rating much in my system. The only drawback is that, as of this week, neither team is #1. Oklahoma State is (hence the snazzy black-and-orange color scheme below). The Cowboys have certainly had a great season and would seem to be only home wins over K-State and Oklahoma (and no conference championship game) away from an unbeaten season and a spot in the title game. We'll see.

The ratings do actually include all Division 1 schools, both FBS and FCS. The top FCS team below is North Dakota State, unbeaten and winners over Minnesota, at #60 (right above Virginia). My ratings undervalue the official #2, Montana State, and #3, Appalachian State, but have Georgia Southern, Northern Iowa and Sam Houston State about right. The official #9 is #3 on my list: the Wofford Terriers. Sam Houston State, by the way, has never been named Sam Houston Institute of Technology.

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

Alabama over LSU by 3

Virginia over Maryland by 2

Notre Dame over Wake Forest by 7

Oregon over Washington by 7

Oklahoma State over Kansas State by 17

Arkansas over South Carolina by 1

Cincinnati over Pittsburgh by 4

1	Oklahoma St	98.93
2	LSU	98.44
3	Alabama	97.83
4	Oklahoma	97.16
5	Stanford	95.29
6	Boise St	94.54
7	Oregon	90.90
8	Michigan	88.36
9	South Carolina	87.54
10	Nebraska	87.46
11	Clemson	87.20
12	Texas	86.79
13	Wisconsin	86.29
14	Texas A&M	86.23
15	Kansas St	86.23
16	Houston	85.97
17	Virginia Tech	85.68
18	Southern Cal	85.43
19	Georgia	85.03
20	Arizona St	84.65
21	Michigan St	84.02
22	Arkansas	83.85
23	Penn State	83.83
24	Notre Dame	83.58
25	Missouri	83.27
26	Ohio State	80.69
27	Baylor	80.53
28	West Virginia	80.50
29	Southern Miss	80.44
30	TCU	79.73
31	Georgia Tech	79.71
32	Auburn	79.71
33	Cincinnati	79.57
34	Washington	79.52
35	North Carolina	79.29
36	Toledo	79.14
37	Illinois	78.05
38	Tulsa	78.02
39	Florida St	77.92
40	Texas Tech	77.78
41	Florida	77.72
42	Miami FL	77.32
43	Tennessee	76.86
44	Utah	75.09
45	Mississippi St	74.84



46	Vanderbilt	74.72
47	Iowa St	74.29
48	SMU	74.18
49	Arkansas St	74.15
50	South Florida	73.34
51	San Diego St	73.28
52	Temple	73.03
53	Rutgers	73.00
54	Syracuse	72.98
55	Nevada	72.86
56	UCLA	72.66
57	Wake Forest	72.28
58	California	72.26
59	Brigham Young	71.95
60	North Dakota St	71.83
61	Virginia	71.79
62	Iowa	71.72
63	Arizona	71.54
64	Pittsburgh	70.98
65	Purdue	70.68
66	Louisville	69.84
67	Georgia Southern	69.53
68	Louisiana-Lafayette	69.21
69	Northern Illinois	69.14
70	Air Force	69.02
71	Wofford	68.88
72	Louisiana Tech	68.32
73	Western Michigan	68.03
74	Wyoming	68.01
75	Florida Int'l	67.90
76	Marshall	67.46
77	Northern Iowa	67.26
78	North Carolina St	67.12
79	Sam Houston St	67.02
80	Appalachian St	66.51
81	Hawai'i	66.33
82	East Carolina	66.20
83	UTEP	66.00
84	Maryland	65.86
85	Mississippi	65.85
86	Washington St	65.74
87	Ohio U.	65.71
88	Kansas	65.07
89	Duke	64.95
90	Kentucky	64.92



91	Eastern Michigan	64.50
92	Northwestern	64.41
93	Navy	64.40
94	Fresno St	64.27
95	Ball St	64.23
96	Montana St	64.22
97	Central Florida	63.85
98	Oregon St	63.34
99	Bowling Green	63.28
100	Maine	63.23
101	San José St	63.15
102	Utah St	63.10
103	Rice	63.07
104	Connecticut	62.75
105	Miami OH	62.65
106	Harvard	62.13
107	Montana	62.03
108	Minnesota	62.01
109	Boston College	61.89
110	Indiana St	61.21
111	North Texas	61.06
112	Cal Poly SLO	60.84
113	New Hampshire	60.64
114	Western Kentucky	60.38
115	Brown	60.06
116	Chattanooga	60.05
117	Furman	59.97
118	Lehigh	59.93
119	Towson	59.75
120	Colorado	59.38
121	Old Dominion	59.19
122	Samford	58.94
123	Army	58.82
124	Kent St	58.79
125	Illinois St	58.31
126	Youngstown St	57.46
127	Troy	57.44
128	Northwestern St	57.26
129	New Mexico St	57.17
130	James Madison	57.08
131	Central Michigan	56.60
132	Southern Utah	56.32
133	Portland St	56.08
134	South Dakota	55.84
135	Massachusetts	55.64



136	Buffalo	55.52
137	Eastern Kentucky	55.50
138	Indiana	55.44
139	Louisiana-Monroe	55.33
140	Central Arkansas	55.29
141	Middle Tennessee St	54.95
142	Liberty	54.89
143	Stony Brook	54.75
144	Delaware	54.66
145	Idaho	53.81
146	Eastern Washington	53.59
147	Colorado St	53.45
148	The Citadel	53.42
149	UNLV	53.17
150	Tennessee Tech	53.04
151	Jacksonville St	52.79
152	Holy Cross	52.69
153	Norfolk St	52.21
154	South Dakota St	52.18
155	North Dakota	50.70
156	Tennessee-Martin	50.42
157	Texas St-San Marcos	49.79
158	Alabama-Birmingham	49.68
159	Georgetown DC	49.67
160	Weber St	49.61
161	Bethune-Cookman	49.30
162	Stephen F. Austin	49.20
163	Murray St	49.20
164	William & Mary	49.18
165	Rhode Island	48.93
166	Sacramento St	48.77
167	Bucknell	48.75
168	Tulane	48.71
169	Akron	48.68
170	Northern Arizona	48.64
171	Southern Illinois	48.62
172	Florida Atlantic	48.49
173	South Carolina St	48.35
174	Richmond	48.29
175	Elon	48.07
176	Albany NY	47.85
177	South Alabama	47.84
178	UC-Davis	47.73
179	Memphis	47.12
180	McNeese St	46.78



181	Missouri St	46.32
182	Jacksonville FL	46.04
183	Jackson St	45.56
184	Coastal Carolina	45.37
185	Western Illinois	45.20
186	Yale	45.00
187	Lafayette	44.80
188	Duquesne	44.71
189	New Mexico	44.66
190	Hampton	44.31
191	Cornell NY	44.28
192	Tennessee St	43.34
193	Presbyterian	43.25
194	Florida A&M	43.10
195	Alabama St	42.66
196	North Carolina A&T	42.65
197	Colgate	42.38
198	Drake	41.79
199	Morgan St	41.58
200	Pennsylvania	41.21
201	Bryant	41.15
202	Eastern Illinois	40.81
203	Gardner-Webb	40.04
204	Monmouth NJ	39.92
205	Villanova	39.69
206	Texas-San Antonio	39.66
207	SE Louisiana St	39.46
208	Howard	39.08
209	Georgia St	39.00
210	Campbell	38.43
211	Idaho St	37.88
212	Western Carolina	37.55
213	San Diego	37.08
214	Austin Peay	36.89
215	Dartmouth	36.68
216	Alabama A&M	36.60
217	Dayton	36.57
218	Nicholls St	36.54
219	Sacred Heart	35.75
220	Lamar	35.64
221	SE Missouri St	35.56
222	Princeton	34.04
223	Northern Colorado	33.18
224	Robert Morris PA	32.91
225	Marist	32.11



226	Butler	31.05
227	Fordham	30.25
228	Southern U.	29.94
229	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	29.45
230	Charleston Southern	29.43
231	Prairie View A&M	29.15
232	Grambling St	29.07
233	VMI	28.65
234	Central Conn St	28.46
235	Wagner	28.00
236	St Francis PA	27.15
237	North Carolina Central	26.68
238	Delaware St	25.31
239	Morehead St	24.56
240	Savannah St	23.36
241	Columbia	21.60
242	Texas Southern	19.71
243	Alcorn St	18.79
244	Davidson	18.18
245	Mississippi Valley St	17.90
246	Valparaiso	10.97

