

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. The “wins” column shows ratings using only wins and losses (no points, as required of BCS computer systems). Offense/defense breaks the points-only ratings (no wins/losses) into components. A more thorough description of the system can be found at [www.roanoke.edu/mcsp/minton/bynumbers.html](http://www.roanoke.edu/mcsp/minton/bynumbers.html).

Injuries and other tragedies caught up to a sizable chunk of the top 15, with seven teams going down. Florida State and Missouri had big wins and look to be legitimate contenders. The Pac-12 North and SEC West look so strong that Oregon and/or Alabama may stumble yet. The most likely party-crasher for the national championship was Louisville, but the house of cards fell on Thursday Knight to UCF. Baylor and Texas Tech remain unbeaten, but both have their toughest conference games to come (for the Red Raiders, Sooner than for the Bears).

Last week I used Baylor to illustrate the meaning of the offensive rating, with its #1 rating of 72.4 meaning that they would score 72 points against an average (over all 250 D1 teams) defense. It seems that Iowa State is above average on defense, as Baylor only scored 71 last week. Baylor is still #1 on offense (and, in fact, #1 in the overall points ratings) at 73.2 followed by Oregon (64.6), Florida State (62.1), Arizona State (60.6) and Texas A&M (57.4). The top five on defense are Alabama (26.7), Florida (25.7), Virginia Tech (24.6), Florida State (23.8) and Stanford (22.3).

Here’s a reminder of where the score predictions come from. Friday night’s game is Boise at BYU. The overall ratings are 89.0 and 97.7, respectively. Add in 4 points for home field and BYU is 12.7 points better; rounded off, pick BYU by 13. For the game score, take one team’s offense minus the other’s defense. The points ratings predict BYU to score  $42.0 - 11.4 = 30.6$  and Boise  $42.6 - 19.3 = 27.3$ . We have to somehow bump up a 31-27 win to a 13 point win. Add 4 to BYU and take away 5 from Boise and you get 35-22, BYU.

The biggest game of the week might be Texas Tech at Oklahoma. The Red Raiders are 7-0, but the last five games include the Oklahomas, Baylor and Texas. We will find out if they are for real or not. On a similar note, Missouri has beaten Georgia and Florida back-back to take a 2-game lead in the SEC East. However, a loss against South Carolina would leave a one-game lead with Ole Miss and Texas A&M remaining; it could become interesting. Tennessee comes off an upset of South Carolina and gets to go to Alabama. Ouch. The Pac-12 North is loaded, with Washington and Oregon State off to great starts along with powerful Oregon and Stanford (and Mike Leach making enemies for Washington State). UCLA lost to Stanford last week, gets Oregon this week. Stanford rebounded from its loss at Utah to beat UCLA, and now travels to Oregon State.

Last week’s ACC hoopla brought back memories of top 5 ACC showdowns between Virginia Tech and Miami (2005 and 2000) and between Georgia Tech and Virginia (1990). The Hokies-Canes game on 11/9 looms as a division championship game. The MudDobbers and Wahoos play this week.

**This week's predictions are:**

**BYU 35, Boise 22**

**Georgia Tech 35, Virginia 19**

**Virginia Tech 35, Duke 17**

**Alabama 41, Tennessee 14**

**Oklahoma 31, Texas Tech 28**

**Missouri 40, South Carolina 21**

**Oregon 45, UCLA 31**

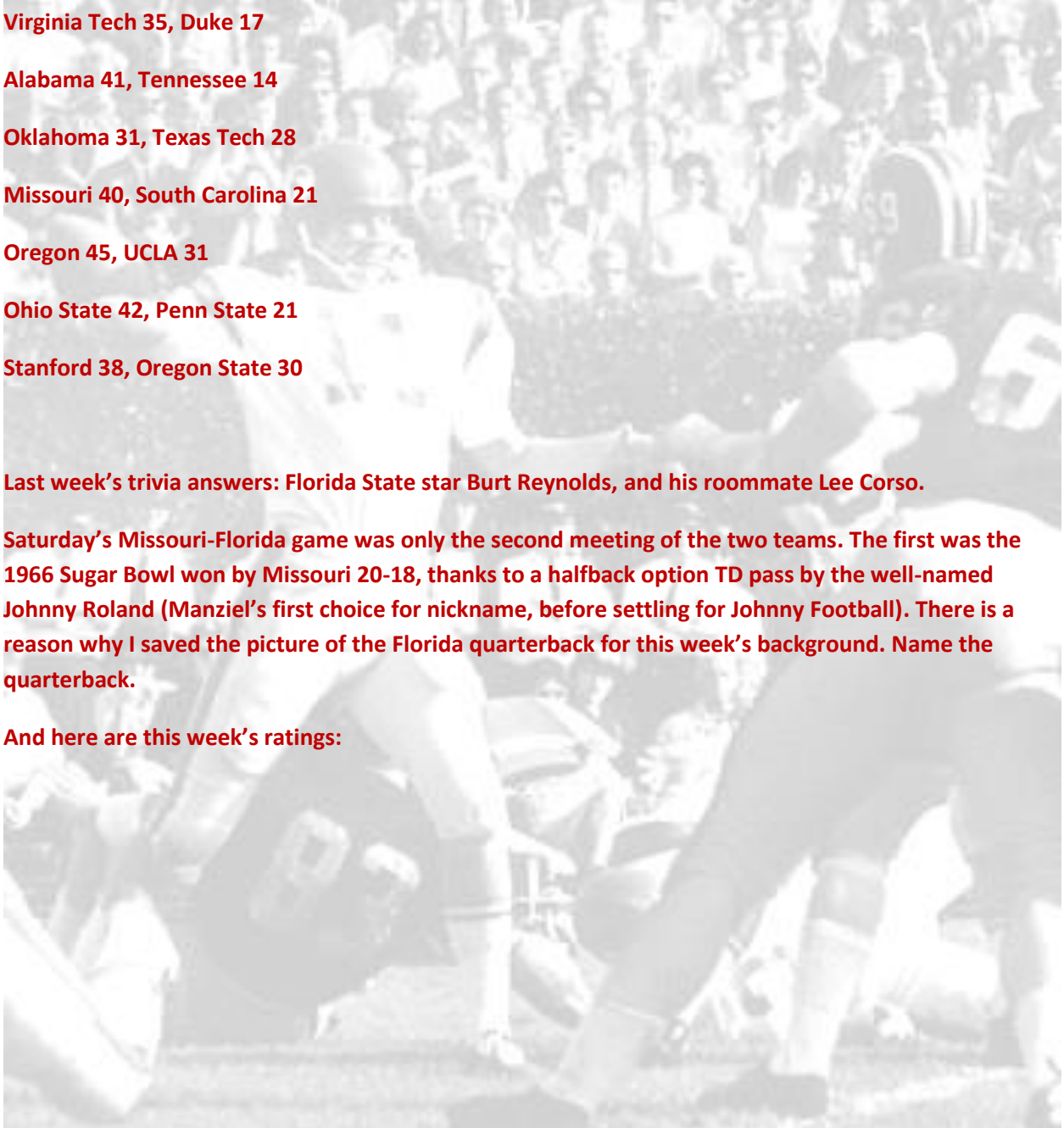
**Ohio State 42, Penn State 21**

**Stanford 38, Oregon State 30**

**Last week's trivia answers: Florida State star Burt Reynolds, and his roommate Lee Corso.**

**Saturday's Missouri-Florida game was only the second meeting of the two teams. The first was the 1966 Sugar Bowl won by Missouri 20-18, thanks to a halfback option TD pass by the well-named Johnny Roland (Manziel's first choice for nickname, before settling for Johnny Football). There is a reason why I saved the picture of the Florida quarterback for this week's background. Name the quarterback.**

**And here are this week's ratings:**



		Overall	Wins	Offense	Defense
1	Florida St	124.99	124.26	62.06	23.76
2	Oregon	116.01	112.49	64.59	16.09
3	Baylor	115.32	107.05	73.21	13.74
4	Missouri	114.79	119.85	49.32	17.49
5	Alabama	114.08	112.93	48.52	26.70
6	Stanford	110.38	111.54	45.76	22.25
7	Clemson	109.24	112.33	47.25	16.75
8	Ohio State	106.98	108.67	52.76	10.95
9	Arizona St	106.69	103.40	60.63	10.11
10	Auburn	105.70	108.86	41.64	18.60
11	LSU	105.14	104.58	51.72	13.43
12	Texas A&M	102.73	103.83	57.35	2.86
13	Georgia	102.51	104.26	49.28	9.76
14	UCLA	102.47	100.72	45.00	19.14
15	Miami FL	102.19	101.95	48.67	12.96
16	Virginia Tech	101.82	104.23	32.79	24.57
17	Texas Tech	101.70	104.29	43.96	13.00
18	Oklahoma	100.06	103.83	38.26	15.28
19	Louisville	99.92	97.12	44.00	19.06
20	South Carolina	99.05	99.03	41.40	16.66
21	Oregon St	98.77	100.37	50.05	5.33
22	Michigan	98.68	100.90	49.23	5.15
23	Mississippi	98.46	99.96	39.05	16.19
24	Central Florida	98.28	99.96	43.53	11.24
25	Notre Dame	97.91	101.79	36.95	14.20
26	Washington	97.84	92.17	43.10	22.04
27	Brigham Young	97.70	94.58	41.96	19.28
28	Florida	97.46	96.97	31.47	25.66
29	Wisconsin	96.87	90.68	44.33	20.57
30	Fresno St	96.80	101.56	48.24	0.47
31	Utah	96.16	92.31	46.94	13.79
32	Northern Illinois	95.77	103.24	42.55	1.13
33	Arizona	95.66	91.86	44.27	15.87
34	Michigan St	95.46	98.11	31.80	18.65
35	Oklahoma St	95.11	92.48	45.68	12.16
36	North Dakota St	94.87	97.83	35.98	13.39
37	Southern Cal	93.30	90.18	36.96	19.75
38	Georgia Tech	92.97	85.41	45.22	17.68
39	Pittsburgh	92.58	92.85	38.55	12.44
40	Nebraska	92.52	89.36	45.45	10.51
41	Texas	91.53	90.56	42.92	8.80
42	Tennessee	91.51	91.57	40.09	10.11
43	Boston College	91.00	90.19	38.70	12.24
44	Houston	90.83	89.54	48.41	3.08



45	Eastern Illinois	90.69	91.87	46.75	0.95
46	Penn State	90.17	89.62	35.58	14.12
47	Washington St	89.26	88.35	40.74	8.57
48	Boise St	88.99	84.67	42.63	11.41
49	Vanderbilt	88.13	87.80	40.59	6.71
50	Mississippi St	87.79	84.41	37.93	13.51
51	Ball St	87.77	89.13	39.92	4.51
52	Duke	87.49	84.64	44.58	5.76
53	TCU	87.45	83.71	33.76	17.84
54	East Carolina	87.45	84.52	42.08	8.33
55	Maryland	87.39	88.47	34.76	9.69
56	Iowa	87.13	84.45	35.19	14.52
57	Toledo	85.58	86.49	38.92	3.92
58	Minnesota	85.44	87.39	31.80	9.38
59	Northwestern	85.21	84.33	37.06	8.02
60	Indiana	84.82	79.89	52.47	-1.83
61	Bowling Green	84.46	82.22	32.67	13.66
62	Kansas St	84.44	75.52	39.03	17.08
63	Marshall	83.65	78.05	42.88	7.53
64	Rutgers	83.51	84.50	36.66	3.92
65	Louisiana-Lafayette	83.29	81.77	44.17	-0.12
66	Ohio U.	83.17	83.61	36.40	4.66
67	West Virginia	82.97	81.06	33.95	10.36
68	Buffalo	82.55	81.48	33.35	9.28
69	Tulane	82.21	85.96	32.69	2.49
70	Rice	82.18	83.34	30.13	8.85
71	North Texas	82.09	80.64	30.92	11.79
72	Coastal Carolina	81.59	85.50	41.10	-6.77
73	Utah St	81.55	70.59	41.19	14.96
74	Illinois	81.19	74.11	46.68	3.38
75	Tennessee St	81.06	88.04	25.58	3.67
76	Colorado	80.28	81.59	30.98	5.81
77	Bethune-Cookman	79.26	88.04	19.75	5.02
78	Wake Forest	79.23	79.42	26.06	11.29
79	Fordham	78.97	82.16	38.18	-5.50
80	Syracuse	77.99	76.67	33.90	4.42
81	Arkansas	77.93	77.48	28.71	8.25
82	Youngstown St	77.42	80.45	33.21	-1.89
83	Towson	77.41	76.21	38.24	-0.71
84	McNeese St	77.26	75.94	35.83	1.72
85	Maine	76.81	79.70	31.01	-0.11
86	Villanova	76.73	73.92	29.85	9.36
87	Western Kentucky	76.71	74.51	31.93	6.34
88	Eastern Washington	76.51	77.89	32.82	-0.01
89	Navy	76.41	72.32	28.63	12.13



90	North Carolina	75.89	67.28	37.27	9.59
91	Cincinnati	75.78	69.03	35.96	8.04
92	San José St	75.77	72.76	33.11	5.41
93	SE Louisiana St	75.73	73.89	31.90	4.84
94	South Alabama	75.61	74.09	35.21	0.94
95	San Diego St	74.96	75.21	25.86	7.02
96	Arkansas St	74.35	72.33	34.89	0.68
97	UNLV	74.32	76.05	34.70	-4.66
98	North Carolina St	73.88	70.18	30.83	6.74
99	Southern Illinois	73.72	70.70	30.11	6.30
100	SMU	73.59	71.89	37.54	-3.22
101	Virginia	73.03	67.13	28.91	11.02
102	Nevada	72.47	69.68	37.53	-2.75
103	Montana	72.18	68.20	33.15	3.09
104	Kentucky	71.47	62.88	36.17	6.11
105	Northern Arizona	70.99	74.03	24.85	-0.17
106	Kansas	70.83	69.00	27.85	3.84
107	Sam Houston St	70.78	70.38	31.42	-1.89
108	South Carolina St	70.70	71.31	24.40	3.56
109	Iowa St	70.34	62.19	34.58	5.88
110	Harvard	70.22	72.41	28.72	-3.58
111	Troy	70.01	69.08	31.91	-2.39
112	Colorado St	69.97	62.09	38.22	1.47
113	California	69.95	66.17	32.24	1.40
114	Texas St-San Marcos	69.89	69.32	21.10	7.78
115	Northern Iowa	69.70	63.63	30.81	5.95
116	Louisiana-Monroe	69.49	71.50	22.39	2.26
117	Florida Atlantic	69.12	62.14	27.60	9.90
118	Middle Tennessee St	69.03	64.51	31.38	2.40
119	Murray St	68.69	73.22	29.78	-9.64
120	Samford	68.58	65.75	32.49	-1.64
121	Jacksonville St	68.20	71.34	23.62	-1.95
122	Old Dominion	68.17	62.51	41.62	-7.03
123	Montana St	68.15	65.20	30.48	0.08
124	Memphis	67.99	57.81	23.49	17.55
125	Tennessee-Martin	67.62	72.30	21.70	-2.90
126	South Florida	66.99	64.20	25.63	3.50
127	Lehigh	66.74	72.17	24.46	-7.66
128	William & Mary	66.67	63.28	22.07	7.61
129	South Dakota St	66.64	63.84	30.04	-1.26
130	Wyoming	66.53	59.57	34.34	0.47
131	Central Michigan	66.51	68.19	20.20	1.87
132	Princeton	66.48	63.80	33.46	-5.00
133	Akron	66.16	63.36	23.91	4.38
134	Georgia Southern	65.90	60.81	34.42	-3.01



135	Kent St	65.80	62.04	24.79	4.54
136	Wofford	65.73	66.57	16.13	6.38
137	Chattanooga	65.52	62.61	24.49	3.30
138	Eastern Kentucky	65.43	66.80	22.14	-0.72
139	Army	65.29	61.05	29.26	0.27
140	Texas-San Antonio	64.96	58.43	27.66	4.89
141	New Hampshire	64.65	60.32	33.93	-4.95
142	Tulsa	64.25	59.18	29.17	0.51
143	Temple	63.21	55.22	23.50	9.40
144	Alabama-Birmingham	62.76	60.41	30.50	-6.36
145	Purdue	61.95	58.91	22.03	2.28
146	Delaware	61.56	66.99	26.76	-15.30
147	Stony Brook	61.43	57.81	18.41	6.22
148	South Dakota	60.64	59.66	18.18	1.76
149	Southern Utah	60.62	61.35	15.26	2.15
150	James Madison	60.40	58.48	23.14	-2.07
151	Jackson St	60.27	65.19	15.14	-4.25
152	Hawai'i	60.24	51.10	26.76	4.77
153	Cal Poly SLO	59.95	53.21	21.98	5.72
154	Brown	59.13	56.75	22.79	-2.34
155	SE Missouri St	57.94	57.14	21.63	-4.73
156	Missouri St	57.89	50.47	23.08	3.51
157	Sacramento St	57.86	53.85	19.73	1.82
158	Central Arkansas	57.69	56.41	24.50	-7.15
159	Nicholls St	57.42	62.45	17.60	-9.80
160	Massachusetts	56.92	51.45	17.54	5.19
161	Illinois St	56.92	54.34	28.42	-9.94
162	Gardner-Webb	56.79	59.17	15.41	-4.35
163	Sacred Heart	56.70	58.12	21.69	-9.33
164	New Mexico	56.37	46.31	33.69	-4.78
165	Alabama St	56.30	56.88	25.56	-12.38
166	Idaho	56.17	55.84	21.07	-6.69
167	Connecticut	55.73	46.05	22.16	5.53
168	Western Illinois	55.23	51.94	16.45	1.34
169	Yale	54.87	50.84	21.36	-2.87
170	Florida Int'l	54.79	56.84	17.05	-7.58
171	Stephen F. Austin	54.02	54.89	33.19	-22.79
172	Liberty	53.84	42.42	25.63	2.68
173	Pennsylvania	53.82	53.42	19.02	-6.96
174	Louisiana Tech	53.75	47.14	20.77	0.35
175	Delaware St	52.41	58.83	7.28	-6.70
176	Eastern Michigan	52.24	50.28	22.77	-10.03
177	Northwestern St	52.15	50.01	23.95	-11.04
178	Tennessee Tech	51.92	51.87	18.26	-8.64
179	Charleston Southern	51.73	54.77	12.85	-7.99



180	Air Force	51.53	41.40	29.13	-5.11
181	Western Michigan	51.21	47.06	20.08	-5.17
182	Prairie View A&M	50.14	49.04	26.06	-16.75
183	Duquesne	49.98	53.28	15.16	-12.48
184	Georgia St	49.38	42.01	22.59	-4.85
185	UC-Davis	49.28	44.36	12.30	1.74
186	Portland St	48.96	38.26	30.62	-8.41
187	Dayton	48.49	50.67	13.32	-10.53
188	Alcorn St	48.35	49.22	15.45	-10.88
189	Richmond	48.15	37.34	19.22	2.32
190	Southern U.	47.75	51.84	13.75	-14.55
191	Southern Miss	47.53	43.03	18.95	-7.33
192	North Carolina Central	47.44	45.89	13.57	-6.39
193	Furman	47.41	42.39	14.41	-2.15
194	North Carolina A&T	47.29	44.37	13.60	-4.55
195	Monmouth NJ	46.99	41.66	19.64	-7.36
196	Rhode Island	46.68	43.68	12.49	-3.94
197	San Diego	46.29	43.05	23.15	-14.66
198	UNC-Charlotte	46.24	45.15	21.15	-15.88
199	Bryant	45.40	43.81	18.34	-13.19
200	Hampton	44.85	43.85	16.00	-12.27
201	The Citadel	44.27	35.53	22.69	-8.18
202	New Mexico St	43.75	39.28	21.90	-14.20
203	Austin Peay	43.65	45.64	5.91	-7.82
204	Western Carolina	43.35	38.58	22.49	-14.77
205	Miami OH	43.21	32.72	15.36	0.62
206	North Dakota	43.13	38.26	19.99	-12.36
207	Weber St	42.98	42.48	15.29	-14.23
208	UTEP	42.91	29.40	29.21	-9.10
209	Holy Cross	42.45	35.69	18.64	-8.92
210	Florida A&M	41.79	40.40	7.60	-6.46
211	Lamar	41.42	35.76	10.66	-3.62
212	Norfolk St	41.37	40.69	4.23	-4.57
213	St Francis PA	41.01	34.74	14.57	-7.04
214	Lafayette	40.81	33.37	15.96	-6.93
215	Idaho St	40.74	33.09	21.69	-12.43
216	Elon	40.53	34.56	18.61	-12.04
217	Dartmouth	40.03	33.89	15.82	-9.51
218	Indiana St	38.95	30.19	19.96	-10.91
219	Butler	38.41	38.29	9.99	-14.19
220	Morgan St	38.36	33.46	17.69	-14.93
221	Marist	38.30	34.93	13.55	-13.08
222	Wagner	38.28	42.82	5.30	-16.48
223	Howard	36.43	32.58	14.59	-15.35
224	Colgate	35.80	27.78	17.08	-12.35



225	Robert Morris PA	35.25	31.27	8.27	-10.05
226	Appalachian St	35.20	25.08	13.79	-6.60
227	Central Conn St	34.80	32.58	18.40	-23.22
228	Mercer	33.98	37.07	5.49	-18.98
229	Presbyterian	33.53	28.26	17.85	-19.50
230	Albany NY	32.85	27.19	10.49	-12.27
231	Cornell	32.41	23.18	19.58	-16.55
232	Alabama A&M	31.39	27.94	1.84	-8.37
233	Columbia	31.24	28.64	2.50	-10.45
234	Northern Colorado	30.86	18.64	16.61	-10.81
235	Savannah St	30.70	31.69	13.55	-27.31
236	Jacksonville FL	30.14	27.57	17.05	-26.17
237	Georgetown DC	30.07	26.04	10.28	-17.33
238	Bucknell	29.78	25.19	4.45	-10.96
239	Mississippi Valley St	29.22	24.60	7.12	-14.19
240	Drake	29.04	26.45	3.33	-13.54
241	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	28.61	22.55	15.64	-21.21
242	Texas Southern	28.38	24.46	3.90	-12.84
243	Morehead St	26.20	30.37	10.66	-33.74
244	Houston Baptist	21.18	36.38	-1.89	-42.58
245	VMI	19.46	9.75	11.76	-21.38
246	Grambling St	18.18	14.39	1.54	-21.17
247	Stetson	10.00	10.00	-1.46	-33.64
248	Valparaiso	8.20	7.72	-0.42	-34.34
249	Campbell	6.22	-0.02	3.61	-31.95
250	Davidson	2.58	-0.31	-8.05	-28.97

