

RATINGS 11-30-13

Welcome back to By the Numbers.

Wow! They did it again! A fifth win with a go-ahead touchdown or goal line stand in the last minute of the game! I'm talking, by the way, about Central Florida, which essentially wrapped up a BCS berth (by virtue of being AAC champion) with a last-second win over South Florida. Perhaps you thought I was talking about Auburn? I prefer to stick to non-fiction.

BCS berths on the line this weekend, with some decent championship games. I'm generally against the money-grubbing in these games, which all-too-often are rematches. But, this gives Ohio State a real test, lets Duke take a curtain call, gives Northern Illinois another chance to give away its BCS bowl, and decides top Tiger in the SEC. Oh, and there's also a Pac-12 game, featuring what my computer thinks is the number two team in the country. Arizona State has been well under the radar most of the year. You know that my system combines points ratings and win ratings; you might think that Arizona State has piled up a bunch of points to artificially pad its rating. However, the Sun Devils are actually fifth in the points ratings and number one in the win ratings! The win ratings line up as Arizona State, Missouri, Auburn, Stanford, Ohio State (Florida State at #7 due to strength of schedule).

This is the first year I've broken down offensive and defensive ratings, and the results are interesting. One of the top fives is Baylor, Florida State, Arizona State, Oregon, Ohio State - pretty good teams, right? That is the offensive top five. The game has changed over the years.

This week's predictions:

(Th) Louisville 28, Cincinnati 22
(F) Northern Illinois 35, Bowling Green 25 (MAC)
(S) Oklahoma State 33, Oklahoma 21 (Bedlam, Big 12)
Baylor 50, Texas 32 (Big 12)
Ohio State 31, Michigan State 24 (Big 10)
Marshall 34, Rice 32 (C-USA)
Missouri 30, Auburn 29 (SEC)
Arizona State 35, Stanford 28 (Pac-12)
Florida State 45, Duke 24 (ACC)
Fresno State 38, Utah State 29 (MWC)

Last week's trivia answers: Pat Sullivan and Johnny Musso.

Arizona State's football history includes three unbeaten seasons, a unanimous player of the year who became a Supreme Court Justice, and one Rose Bowl win (1987). However, its most famous game may have been a loss in the 1997 Rose Bowl. The ASU quarterback snaked his way into the end zone with 1:40 left to take a 17-14 lead, but Ohio State came back with a touchdown pass with 20 seconds left to win 20-17. Name the two quarterbacks in this classic shootout.

		Overall	Wins	Offense	Defense
1	Florida St	115.86	113.65	61.70	22.18
2	Arizona St	113.82	117.53	56.97	16.10
3	Alabama	111.48	113.24	48.39	25.14
4	Ohio State	110.91	114.95	54.74	14.85
5	Missouri	110.90	117.18	46.83	19.45
6	Stanford	110.77	115.72	44.02	24.09
7	Baylor	110.29	109.08	64.08	12.58
8	Auburn	109.60	116.42	48.14	16.01
9	Oregon	109.46	109.91	56.02	17.36
10	South Carolina	107.92	113.73	44.75	19.18
11	Oklahoma St	107.17	109.59	49.57	18.57
12	UCLA	105.17	108.54	47.12	17.54
13	Michigan St	104.39	110.61	36.10	23.57
14	Clemson	103.64	105.75	49.70	15.24
15	Wisconsin	102.69	103.13	43.81	22.61
16	Washington	101.56	101.17	47.71	18.77
17	LSU	101.54	104.08	47.66	14.49
18	Southern Cal	100.72	104.20	39.79	20.14
19	Georgia	100.55	103.63	50.69	9.67
20	Oklahoma	99.62	104.50	40.13	16.61
21	Texas A&M	99.51	101.70	53.35	7.23
22	Northern Illinois	97.42	105.83	43.99	5.28
23	Notre Dame	96.99	101.60	39.22	15.19
24	Central Florida	96.72	102.49	42.30	10.16
25	Arizona	96.70	97.81	43.16	16.09
26	Iowa	96.03	99.36	36.88	18.42
27	Texas	95.97	99.50	42.69	12.26
28	Louisville	95.17	96.70	39.64	17.42
29	North Dakota St	95.07	100.63	36.43	14.61
30	Duke	94.94	99.94	41.74	10.00
31	Eastern Illinois	94.67	100.01	47.47	3.49
32	Mississippi	93.71	96.43	38.96	14.87
33	Michigan	93.59	95.97	44.29	9.91
34	Miami FL	93.53	96.21	46.24	7.44
35	Virginia Tech	93.38	96.11	31.84	21.64
36	Brigham Young	93.27	93.44	41.18	15.92
37	Kansas St	92.54	91.92	42.70	14.83
38	Minnesota	92.02	96.91	34.35	14.53
39	Nebraska	92.01	95.79	40.93	9.59
40	Fresno St	91.76	95.76	47.60	2.33
41	Washington St	91.31	93.94	41.57	9.92
42	Mississippi St	90.89	92.48	36.62	15.95
43	Oregon St	90.84	91.34	44.55	9.58
44	Georgia Tech	90.23	88.05	45.01	12.43



45	Utah	90.20	89.09	42.14	13.72
46	Vanderbilt	89.07	93.44	37.00	9.61
47	Penn State	88.58	92.03	35.77	11.71
48	Houston	88.17	88.33	39.97	11.91
49	North Carolina	87.62	86.06	40.66	13.21
50	Bowling Green	86.97	87.06	35.54	15.21
51	Texas Tech	86.67	87.49	42.36	6.99
52	Ball St	86.58	90.85	41.52	2.69
53	Boise St	86.55	84.93	42.05	10.78
54	Utah St	86.37	83.13	36.80	18.25
55	Pittsburgh	85.55	86.75	34.77	12.90
56	Boston College	85.38	87.49	38.34	7.81
57	East Carolina	85.36	86.02	42.72	5.53
58	Cincinnati	85.10	86.63	36.84	9.87
59	Navy	84.48	86.63	36.81	8.34
60	Indiana	84.47	84.44	49.63	-1.26
61	Tennessee	84.34	86.59	35.16	9.72
62	Marshall	84.29	82.85	45.97	4.26
63	Toledo	84.24	87.78	38.45	4.43
64	Florida	83.67	81.99	29.32	20.64
65	Northwestern	83.19	83.69	35.98	10.27
66	Rice	82.39	86.39	33.08	7.20
67	Maryland	82.12	83.42	34.29	9.70
68	TCU	81.66	78.13	34.42	16.19
69	North Texas	81.32	81.81	32.30	12.04
70	SE Louisiana St	81.13	85.00	36.15	3.04
71	Buffalo	80.73	82.34	33.66	8.43
72	Syracuse	80.58	82.45	32.23	9.32
73	Louisiana-Lafayette	79.80	83.46	36.97	1.15
74	San Diego St	78.37	82.50	29.58	6.38
75	Eastern Washington	77.97	83.47	37.35	-3.83
76	Colorado	77.63	79.53	35.66	2.82
77	Texas-San Antonio	77.35	79.92	29.54	7.66
78	San José St	77.30	78.78	38.56	0.18
79	Illinois	77.13	76.32	39.80	2.14
80	UNLV	77.11	79.40	35.07	2.29
81	Western Kentucky	76.60	79.70	31.19	4.47
82	South Dakota St	76.59	80.36	30.33	4.33
83	Coastal Carolina	76.43	82.88	39.20	-8.64
84	Middle Tennessee St	75.98	77.88	32.79	3.99
85	Montana	74.83	77.93	33.28	0.56
86	Colorado St	74.77	71.44	38.01	5.20
87	West Virginia	74.66	72.96	36.59	4.13
88	Tulane	74.60	76.52	27.87	7.45
89	Arkansas St	74.60	77.36	30.52	3.57



90	McNeese St	74.55	78.48	34.99	-2.66
91	Towson	74.50	77.61	33.87	-0.39
92	Jacksonville St	74.31	79.17	31.61	-0.89
93	Arkansas	74.11	73.47	30.65	7.93
94	Florida Atlantic	73.71	73.15	28.05	10.02
95	Tennessee St	73.64	81.70	19.45	5.88
96	Iowa St	72.61	70.60	36.05	3.01
97	Maine	72.38	78.12	27.80	-0.37
98	Wake Forest	72.32	70.96	25.21	12.60
99	Ohio U.	72.19	74.98	31.32	0.26
100	Southern Illinois	71.85	73.57	29.47	3.33
101	Youngstown St	71.55	75.41	32.60	-3.26
102	Northern Iowa	70.71	70.67	26.66	7.54
103	SMU	70.59	70.92	34.58	-1.06
104	Nevada	70.52	68.57	33.06	3.76
105	Harvard	70.17	76.32	28.17	-3.63
106	Rutgers	70.16	71.51	31.39	0.21
107	Akron	69.88	73.08	24.13	4.46
108	Sam Houston St	69.83	73.06	32.14	-3.66
109	Memphis	69.56	65.75	27.18	11.38
110	Kentucky	69.54	66.79	32.00	4.99
111	North Carolina St	69.42	66.08	31.55	6.17
112	Fordham	69.20	76.09	30.07	-7.62
113	South Alabama	69.05	68.66	32.23	0.78
114	Virginia	69.03	66.24	30.06	6.47
115	Tennessee-Martin	68.98	75.99	23.29	-1.23
116	Troy	68.85	71.32	35.05	-6.46
117	Northern Arizona	68.77	74.91	21.72	1.41
118	Central Michigan	68.53	72.36	23.98	2.30
119	Villanova	68.48	68.73	28.92	2.55
120	California	68.46	67.60	35.84	-2.75
121	Louisiana-Monroe	67.99	72.14	24.52	0.72
122	New Hampshire	67.94	69.62	28.87	-0.05
123	Kansas	67.92	67.87	24.73	6.62
124	Bethune-Cookman	67.72	73.99	21.23	0.63
125	Chattanooga	67.60	70.62	23.80	2.71
126	Princeton	67.38	69.92	34.14	-7.17
127	Kent St	66.96	66.54	25.68	5.22
128	Old Dominion	66.78	68.19	39.70	-11.69
129	Murray St	66.30	72.25	26.60	-5.74
130	Missouri St	66.04	63.79	29.24	3.42
131	William & Mary	65.81	66.71	17.05	10.73
132	South Florida	64.68	62.73	23.63	7.19
133	Furman	64.16	68.30	20.58	0.73
134	Illinois St	64.14	65.23	26.42	-0.63

135	Purdue	63.77	63.94	25.13	1.62
136	Samford	63.66	66.44	27.46	-4.67
137	Eastern Kentucky	63.55	67.64	21.60	-0.83
138	South Carolina St	63.49	66.66	19.64	2.42
139	Georgia Southern	63.27	63.34	29.61	-3.24
140	Wyoming	63.15	61.57	32.10	-3.42
141	Texas St-San Marcos	63.12	65.40	20.87	2.13
142	Liberty	63.03	62.50	23.76	3.25
143	Central Arkansas	62.95	65.66	25.55	-3.39
144	Cal Poly SLO	62.93	60.82	24.62	4.62
145	Tulsa	61.74	60.18	27.35	-0.15
146	Connecticut	61.23	58.79	25.15	2.85
147	Temple	60.62	54.32	29.84	3.18
148	Southern Utah	59.31	64.37	13.49	1.49
149	Montana St	59.08	58.77	27.24	-4.60
150	Delaware	59.08	62.40	28.31	-11.01
151	New Mexico	58.84	55.82	35.64	-9.28
152	Charleston Southern	58.52	66.08	15.95	-5.47
153	Hawai'i	58.17	51.35	33.38	-2.12
154	Richmond	57.92	57.18	25.18	-3.11
155	James Madison	57.57	56.76	23.86	-2.04
156	Army	57.04	52.88	27.65	-1.46
157	Sacred Heart	56.84	62.16	19.40	-7.37
158	South Dakota	56.77	56.58	19.51	0.57
159	Dartmouth	56.49	57.34	19.30	-1.05
160	Tennessee Tech	56.46	59.70	20.91	-6.19
161	Northwestern St	56.36	60.44	20.30	-6.90
162	Stony Brook	55.63	55.08	18.69	0.74
163	Wofford	55.59	56.31	17.71	-0.19
164	Lehigh	55.34	62.61	20.94	-13.29
165	The Citadel	55.16	54.62	22.47	-3.54
166	Western Illinois	54.69	52.20	21.15	0.16
167	Brown	54.68	54.66	21.23	-3.56
168	Louisiana Tech	53.93	51.75	20.26	-0.18
169	Jackson St	53.70	60.50	17.42	-10.77
170	Gardner-Webb	53.52	58.86	10.29	-1.69
171	Alabama-Birmingham	53.42	52.67	29.06	-11.61
172	Air Force	53.25	49.59	28.25	-6.70
173	Portland St	53.20	50.37	27.68	-7.40
174	San Diego	53.16	54.89	22.81	-9.26
175	Appalachian St	52.87	51.67	21.13	-3.59
176	Sacramento St	52.86	52.34	22.39	-5.86
177	Yale	52.62	54.65	19.48	-6.95
178	Western Michigan	52.47	51.12	21.42	-4.08
179	Massachusetts	52.26	51.27	17.94	-1.34



180	SE Missouri St	51.93	54.16	20.85	-9.31
181	Idaho	51.09	52.15	22.18	-9.81
182	North Carolina A&T	50.79	52.31	14.12	-2.71
183	UC-Davis	50.68	49.43	15.60	-0.23
184	Alcorn St	50.62	55.98	19.31	-13.72
185	New Mexico St	50.58	51.56	24.18	-12.21
186	Lafayette	50.58	51.30	19.71	-7.35
187	Alabama St	50.49	52.94	19.68	-9.96
188	Eastern Michigan	50.13	53.46	21.56	-13.50
189	Lamar	49.96	49.48	21.49	-8.01
190	UTEP	49.25	47.28	23.73	-8.78
191	Pennsylvania	48.65	49.49	17.86	-7.66
192	Bucknell	48.09	50.86	10.79	-4.00
193	Georgia St	47.14	42.70	21.48	-5.07
194	Nicholls St	46.75	49.41	20.33	-14.74
195	Duquesne	46.63	51.75	10.91	-9.07
196	Southern U.	46.44	53.17	15.72	-16.45
197	Butler	46.31	50.55	16.60	-13.81
198	Delaware St	46.20	52.24	8.43	-8.40
199	Southern Miss	45.75	44.17	21.19	-10.42
200	UNC-Charlotte	45.74	48.10	20.86	-15.89
201	Monmouth NJ	45.35	46.41	15.29	-8.81
202	Miami OH	44.65	41.92	14.63	-3.30
203	Marist	44.62	47.14	14.55	-10.96
204	Florida Int'l	44.38	44.36	12.31	-5.23
205	North Carolina Central	44.10	47.12	11.57	-9.25
206	Hampton	44.08	45.74	17.45	-13.14
207	Morgan St	43.29	46.50	15.40	-14.19
208	Prairie View A&M	43.21	44.01	23.74	-19.08
209	Howard	43.03	44.79	15.34	-12.28
210	St Francis PA	42.87	43.52	10.28	-5.75
211	Dayton	42.50	46.36	12.80	-13.38
212	Western Carolina	42.26	41.01	20.49	-13.79
213	Stephen F. Austin	42.22	41.43	31.53	-25.54
214	North Dakota	40.89	38.98	17.13	-10.87
215	Weber St	40.77	41.92	13.80	-12.17
216	Robert Morris PA	40.64	42.28	10.49	-9.71
217	Rhode Island	40.31	42.65	8.39	-8.99
218	Indiana St	40.27	36.53	17.70	-9.38
219	Bryant	39.94	39.34	14.42	-11.06
220	Florida A&M	39.92	40.04	10.85	-8.57
221	Norfolk St	39.80	39.76	6.24	-3.85
222	Elon	39.20	35.41	16.77	-9.49
223	Austin Peay	39.06	42.35	8.12	-11.41
224	Holy Cross	39.05	35.67	17.75	-11.24



225	Cornell	38.81	38.68	18.84	-17.35
226	Drake	38.51	40.56	5.61	-7.63
227	Idaho St	38.49	34.87	19.47	-13.17
228	Colgate	38.37	38.56	13.64	-13.08
229	Mercer	36.80	43.03	10.89	-20.80
230	Presbyterian	35.88	34.04	15.20	-14.20
231	Alabama A&M	34.68	36.67	5.32	-11.20
232	VMI	32.82	30.35	13.64	-14.86
233	Albany NY	32.59	29.00	11.53	-11.33
234	Wagner	31.65	34.99	4.68	-15.67
235	Jacksonville FL	31.45	30.12	20.35	-24.65
236	Northern Colorado	30.53	22.67	14.69	-10.36
237	Central Conn St	30.42	30.07	16.77	-23.58
238	Georgetown DC	27.31	25.56	9.17	-17.12
239	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	27.09	25.43	16.17	-24.47
240	Savannah St	23.70	24.89	9.34	-25.33
241	Texas Southern	23.40	22.26	1.24	-14.12
242	Mississippi Valley St	22.86	20.30	3.81	-15.15
243	Columbia	22.71	24.62	-0.41	-17.67
244	Houston Baptist	20.23	39.06	-3.66	-41.86
245	Morehead St	18.61	24.47	7.39	-35.50
246	Grambling St	17.87	16.04	5.06	-22.60
247	Campbell	15.66	14.60	5.38	-26.35
248	Valparaiso	10.38	13.62	1.72	-34.43
249	Stetson	10.00	10.00	-4.30	-28.36
250	Davidson	-2.15	-2.68	-7.86	-32.21

