

RATINGS 11-7-15

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. In spite of the numerous factors missing from the system, it does well predicting games. Last week, it picked 79% winners and 59% against the spread.

It's crazy! We followed the Michigan-Michigan State punt fiasco with the Georgia Tech-Florida State blocked field goal with the Miami-Duke kickoff return. And then the Arkansas-Ole Miss game! If you didn't see it, here's a brief summary. Tie game in regulation, 20 seconds left, Ole Miss goes for it on 4th down at the Arkansas 49 and fails; Arkansas completes a pass to get into field goal range; field goal is blocked. Ole Miss quickly scores 7 in overtime. Arkansas goes backwards and faces 4th and 25 at the 40. They complete a pass to the 25 but the receiver is immediately tackled; on the way down he heaves it over his shoulder back to the 42 where it is picked up by an Arkansas running back who takes it for a first down to the Ole Miss 9, fumbles, and Arkansas recovers at the 11. What? Arkansas eventually scores and decides to go for two. The quarterback rolls out and gets sacked; except he was brought down by his face mask; redo the try from the one, the quarterback goes in for a 53-52 win!

A couple of conference divisions were decided on Saturday, but the playoff picture is still unclear. The Ole Miss loss cleared the way for Alabama, but the Tide visits Mississippi State this week. So LSU is not out of it. And we're all ignoring Florida, which is definitely in the SEC Championship game.

Florida illustrates my theme for the week: possible playoff teams not getting much attention. The Big 12 was on the outside of the first official poll, but Baylor and Oklahoma State are still unbeaten, and Oklahoma controls its destiny with games at Baylor, TCU at home, and at Oklahoma State. If any of those teams runs the table, they would have a good argument for a playoff berth. Out west, Utah and Stanford are possible playoff teams. Stanford's season ender against Notre Dame could be huge. How high would an undefeated Iowa team rank if they win out? My ratings have Iowa #1 if only wins and schedule are considered. Could an unbeaten Houston get in after wins over ranked Memphis, Navy, and Temple squads?

The highest- and lowest-scoring predictions are Bowling Green - Western Michigan (the two first place teams in the MAC divisions, by the way) and BYU - Missouri, respectively. I expect that Vegas will not take many bets on the BYU - Missouri game, given that much of the Missouri team is threatening to strike if the Missouri president does not resign. That may turn ugly, as spillover from Ferguson affects everybody.

Last week's background was The Bear, this week it's the Bears. Specifically, we have a Baylor celebration in last year's 48-14 win at Oklahoma that broke a 37-game losing streak on the road against ranked teams, and was the first Baylor win ever in Norman.

Here are the picks:

Oklahoma 43, Baylor 42

Georgia Tech 34, Virginia Tech 28

Louisville 27, Virginia 16

North Carolina 38, Miami 23

Oklahoma State 42, Iowa State 25

Alabama 27, Mississippi State 19

Florida 34, South Carolina 14

Stanford 49, Oregon 33

Utah 45, Arizona 28

Iowa 38, Minnesota 10

Houston 38, Memphis 36

Bowling Green 45, Western Michigan 41

BYU 19, Missouri 12

And here are the ratings:

		Overall	Wins	Offense	Defense
1	Clemson	111.47	43.39	51.79	20.07
2	Notre Dame	108.88	42.69	49.85	16.45
3	Alabama	108.61	41.54	43.89	23.29
4	Iowa	106.76	44.78	40.99	17.24
5	Oklahoma	106.02	33.06	53.89	18.11
6	Ohio State	105.97	39.07	42.53	21.34
7	LSU	104.05	38.30	45.21	14.89
8	Oklahoma St	103.96	37.18	50.38	10.97
9	Utah	103.25	37.03	43.14	16.65
10	Stanford	103.21	35.34	46.84	15.09
11	Florida	103.21	36.73	38.71	21.38
12	Michigan	102.92	33.41	40.45	23.35
13	Baylor	102.22	29.51	58.47	8.77

14	TCU	102.14	33.22	52.78	9.30
15	Michigan St	100.83	36.16	39.42	15.48
16	Southern Cal	100.80	29.05	45.69	18.62
17	North Carolina	100.60	30.31	49.11	13.02
18	Navy	100.38	33.18	42.98	14.78
19	Mississippi	98.18	27.14	47.38	12.93
20	Northwestern	98.15	35.02	31.61	18.09
21	Memphis	97.41	30.63	47.14	6.58
22	Tennessee	97.37	24.03	46.26	16.16
23	Florida St	97.17	25.38	41.66	18.44
24	Wisconsin	97.16	27.18	34.98	22.69
25	UCLA	96.96	27.73	43.57	12.88
26	Mississippi St	96.96	26.41	40.62	17.59
27	Houston	95.83	25.41	45.31	11.42
28	Texas A&M	94.46	25.95	39.87	12.71
29	Penn State	93.78	25.90	33.87	17.09
30	Pittsburgh	93.70	25.48	36.76	14.55
31	Bowling Green	93.10	21.11	50.75	4.90
32	Temple	93.06	24.43	37.01	14.11
33	California	92.80	21.89	43.87	9.97
34	Brigham Young	92.34	22.86	38.87	12.53
35	Arkansas	92.02	21.73	42.35	9.77
36	West Virginia	91.96	19.02	38.63	16.94
37	Toledo	91.63	21.73	36.80	14.34
38	Auburn	91.32	22.64	38.15	10.98
39	Oregon	90.98	22.80	49.67	-1.58
40	Georgia	90.79	19.54	38.52	13.43
41	Miami FL	90.02	21.80	35.70	11.31
42	Duke	89.17	16.74	41.12	10.50
43	Louisville	89.11	14.88	37.40	16.57
44	Washington St	88.75	19.48	39.36	7.57
45	North Carolina St	88.67	13.47	42.06	12.68
46	Washington	88.61	12.16	34.72	21.64
47	Boise St	88.49	12.71	43.31	12.00
48	Illinois	88.05	17.27	34.01	14.13
49	Texas Tech	87.26	14.59	51.08	-1.35
50	Western Kentucky	87.20	17.10	42.77	3.48
51	Georgia Tech	86.87	8.63	43.88	12.82
52	Texas	86.45	15.64	33.96	12.35
53	Nebraska	85.11	11.01	44.19	4.95
54	Western Michigan	84.61	13.04	41.01	4.15
55	Appalachian St	84.45	11.40	36.39	10.57
56	Virginia Tech	84.44	8.15	41.27	10.00
57	Georgia Southern	84.24	13.55	35.90	7.68
58	Arizona St	83.76	11.64	38.74	6.18
59	Iowa St	83.12	10.88	34.43	9.89
60	Kansas St	83.10	8.64	34.94	12.33
61	Cincinnati	82.87	9.12	42.43	3.62
62	South Florida	82.62	9.50	32.28	12.64
63	Central Michigan	82.62	10.43	31.44	12.23



64	Indiana	82.46	12.50	41.37	-0.85
65	Minnesota	82.44	11.75	29.69	11.77
66	Arizona	82.19	9.09	44.52	-0.13
67	Northern Illinois	82.10	7.99	40.61	5.03
68	Virginia	82.05	9.19	34.80	9.10
69	Louisiana Tech	82.02	8.74	39.24	5.19
70	San Diego St	81.64	9.89	30.60	11.34
71	Illinois St	81.46	15.58	32.08	1.84
72	Maryland	81.10	7.79	38.43	4.97
73	North Dakota St	80.97	10.75	34.15	4.98
74	Kentucky	80.91	10.72	33.21	5.81
75	Missouri	80.85	7.67	24.99	17.94
76	Air Force	80.67	6.22	35.48	8.93
77	Utah St	80.62	5.67	36.80	8.22
78	East Carolina	80.55	7.21	35.95	6.84
79	Harvard	80.30	7.96	33.15	8.01
80	South Dakota St	80.26	10.69	28.37	9.04
81	Arkansas St	80.05	11.13	38.21	-1.90
82	South Carolina	79.19	5.07	33.80	8.45
83	Marshall	78.19	8.38	27.77	7.55
84	Rutgers	77.78	8.08	36.49	-1.79
85	Tulsa	77.58	5.99	39.85	-2.84
86	Jacksonville St	77.23	9.31	26.94	4.75
87	James Madison	77.15	4.77	43.65	-6.09
88	Connecticut	76.79	3.72	26.54	11.50
89	Syracuse	76.74	0.69	39.41	2.55
90	Vanderbilt	76.40	0.91	22.88	17.94
91	Dartmouth	76.00	10.00	19.46	27.69
92	Dartmouth	75.95	3.79	25.60	10.25
93	Boston College	75.19	-5.49	25.53	20.79
94	Northern Iowa	75.01	4.25	25.12	7.78
95	Southern Miss	74.67	1.14	32.93	3.24
96	Buffalo	74.53	2.50	30.75	3.28
97	Middle Tennessee St	74.25	-0.87	38.52	-0.70
98	William & Mary	74.18	2.68	31.28	1.63
99	Ohio U.	73.96	4.13	28.03	2.40
100	Southern Utah	73.63	-0.07	27.77	7.42
101	Wake Forest	73.61	-3.52	27.90	11.85
102	San José St	73.32	-0.65	30.84	4.36
103	Portland St	72.76	0.60	30.02	2.12
104	Purdue	72.73	-2.06	35.17	0.43
105	Colorado	72.65	-2.41	29.85	6.03
106	Coastal Carolina	72.59	3.57	31.25	-3.49
107	Oregon St	72.31	-0.17	26.52	5.53
108	Charleston Southern	71.73	2.66	24.24	2.56
109	Troy	71.38	-5.95	32.57	4.84
110	The Citadel	71.35	-0.05	28.15	1.34
111	Akron	70.71	-2.42	21.86	9.18
112	North Carolina A&T	70.29	5.36	19.89	-0.28
113	Fordham	70.28	0.83	35.83	-10.21



114	Youngstown St	70.24	-2.68	28.75	1.45
115	Chattanooga	70.14	-1.70	22.65	6.00
116	Richmond	70.02	0.14	31.26	-5.36
117	Pennsylvania	69.75	-0.74	30.73	-4.34
118	UNLV	69.70	-7.86	32.94	2.82
119	Nevada	69.63	-3.20	25.64	3.74
120	Colorado St	68.34	-8.17	30.86	1.93
121	Western Illinois	68.26	-0.94	26.03	-3.09
122	Towson	67.58	-2.59	22.25	1.19
123	South Alabama	67.55	-1.05	28.07	-6.76
124	Western Carolina	67.25	-3.21	28.29	-4.85
125	Tulane	67.13	-5.65	25.01	1.39
126	New Mexico	67.03	-5.35	24.75	1.00
127	Louisiana-Lafayette	66.93	-5.24	26.55	-1.20
128	Florida Int'l	66.30	-9.02	26.35	2.44
129	SMU	66.27	-9.85	34.64	-4.80
130	Tennessee-Martin	65.79	-0.59	29.91	-13.62
131	Villanova	65.59	-7.28	18.40	6.32
132	Eastern Washington	65.08	-2.79	29.55	-12.10
133	Ball St	64.85	-9.41	26.80	-1.10
134	Princeton	64.67	-8.58	26.78	-2.63
135	South Dakota	64.59	-6.88	19.90	1.77
136	Northern Arizona	63.94	-5.73	29.54	-11.02
137	Rice	63.88	-7.95	27.06	-5.74
138	Eastern Illinois	63.88	-4.30	20.89	-4.41
139	Central Arkansas	63.68	-6.69	21.97	-2.83
140	Kent St	63.03	-9.86	19.31	2.45
141	Yale	63.00	-7.06	19.30	-1.34
142	Kansas	62.99	-8.86	24.95	-4.64
143	Idaho	62.88	-9.50	30.66	-9.76
144	Bethune-Cookman	62.85	-0.59	23.29	-14.35
145	Eastern Kentucky	62.80	-10.38	24.70	-2.81
146	Massachusetts	62.69	-14.80	29.20	-1.71
147	Montana	62.37	-9.97	20.20	0.04
148	Southern Illinois	62.33	-16.06	35.02	-6.76
149	Indiana St	62.03	-9.51	24.77	-5.98
150	Texas St-San Marcos	61.67	-11.42	29.08	-8.64
151	Wofford	61.30	-12.27	22.16	-1.52
152	Lehigh	61.26	-8.25	24.26	-9.08
153	Army	61.06	-17.59	25.11	2.04
154	Old Dominion	60.88	-8.76	21.90	-7.00
155	New Hampshire	60.84	-10.88	22.58	-4.95
156	Colgate	60.62	-8.89	17.95	-3.53
157	Hawai'i	60.61	-13.61	24.34	-3.62
158	Fresno St	60.43	-13.22	27.37	-7.65
159	Dayton	60.37	-2.09	12.22	-7.46
160	Florida Atlantic	60.24	-16.18	23.24	-0.02
161	Weber St	59.98	-10.58	17.18	-2.10
162	Grambling St	59.34	-6.73	27.00	-18.65
163	SE Missouri St	58.97	-15.16	19.93	-1.26



164	UTEP	58.40	-11.50	19.61	-7.25
165	Samford	58.38	-18.08	29.30	-8.22
166	Miami OH	57.82	-17.02	19.86	-1.60
167	Sam Houston St	57.77	-18.31	32.98	-13.10
168	Cal Poly SLO	57.76	-19.52	29.71	-8.25
169	Furman	57.60	-12.89	14.22	-1.99
170	New Mexico St	57.39	-14.92	28.98	-14.59
171	Holy Cross	57.17	-18.68	24.62	-5.75
172	North Dakota	57.13	-14.26	18.24	-5.36
173	Georgia St	57.09	-17.99	22.09	-4.35
174	Brown	56.97	-15.37	25.45	-11.50
175	Louisiana-Monroe	56.84	-19.18	23.56	-4.85
176	Texas-San Antonio	56.62	-21.37	22.99	-1.90
177	Liberty	56.37	-16.71	22.63	-8.39
178	Central Florida	55.68	-21.85	22.02	-2.66
179	Montana St	55.25	-23.30	34.25	-14.01
180	St Francis PA	55.21	-18.74	20.13	-6.07
181	Elon	55.09	-15.85	12.03	-2.13
182	Wyoming	54.95	-23.93	22.46	-2.14
183	Bryant	54.48	-21.12	20.76	-5.37
184	Northern Colorado	54.37	-17.03	22.49	-12.82
185	Maine	54.18	-21.75	16.47	-1.00
186	Georgetown DC	54.18	-19.39	18.39	-6.05
187	Stony Brook	53.99	-21.53	11.44	3.26
188	Kennesaw St	53.41	-19.26	19.63	-9.39
189	Eastern Michigan	53.19	-23.81	29.78	-14.04
190	Columbia	53.07	-23.96	11.63	4.03
191	Duquesne	52.91	-20.43	15.12	-4.58
192	Alcorn St	52.89	-19.84	20.30	-10.60
193	Delaware	52.88	-21.43	11.98	-0.17
194	North Texas	52.84	-18.72	20.49	-12.40
195	Stephen F. Austin	52.68	-18.88	20.97	-13.06
196	South Carolina St	52.63	-21.18	11.55	-0.69
197	SE Louisiana	52.59	-20.64	15.26	-5.23
198	San Diego	52.49	-17.70	14.04	-8.17
199	Monmouth NJ	52.43	-21.87	14.84	-3.57
200	North Carolina Central	52.23	-14.52	12.31	-11.36
201	Mercer	51.94	-27.18	19.17	-2.06
202	UNC-Charlotte	51.71	-22.94	19.99	-9.10
203	Prairie View A&M	50.79	-15.65	24.48	-25.61
204	Northwestern St	50.17	-21.51	27.16	-22.02
205	Albany NY	50.15	-22.84	14.34	-7.47
206	Bucknell	49.03	-26.43	8.78	0.06
207	Tennessee Tech	48.95	-23.43	17.46	-12.82
208	Murray St	48.78	-25.73	22.61	-15.32
209	Jacksonville FL	48.48	-20.80	12.43	-12.47
210	Hampton	48.04	-24.87	13.21	-8.91
211	Tennessee St	47.83	-23.78	13.14	-10.81
212	Lamar	47.59	-30.40	24.44	-13.90
213	Southern U.	47.31	-21.60	19.59	-21.47



214	Gardner-Webb	47.00	-27.06	7.56	-2.96
215	Central Conn St	46.10	-28.96	14.18	-9.28
216	Norfolk St	45.96	-22.07	7.94	-12.58
217	VMI	45.12	-31.69	20.58	-14.48
218	UC-Davis	44.78	-32.37	16.67	-10.52
219	Rhode Island	43.74	-33.42	11.49	-6.55
220	Morgan St	43.68	-26.20	6.99	-11.82
221	Morehead St	43.43	-29.01	13.65	-15.36
222	Sacramento St	42.79	-34.13	9.89	-6.39
223	Presbyterian	42.32	-37.56	8.32	-1.41
224	Marist	42.24	-31.93	9.51	-10.30
225	Missouri St	41.85	-25.89	11.63	-21.47
226	Idaho St	41.61	-31.90	17.24	-19.64
227	Sacred Heart	41.34	-36.17	14.43	-11.82
228	Alabama St	40.16	-29.71	6.38	-15.34
229	Nicholls St	39.07	-33.98	9.04	-15.02
230	Robert Morris PA	38.53	-37.33	3.16	-6.03
231	Cornell NY	38.23	-41.34	13.19	-11.44
232	Lafayette	37.58	-38.04	7.57	-11.87
233	Drake	37.12	-37.61	7.59	-13.60
234	Austin Peay	35.71	-39.58	8.46	-15.39
235	Butler	35.50	-37.70	9.68	-19.62
236	Howard	34.36	-39.63	11.65	-21.87
237	Campbell	33.45	-45.63	6.81	-11.31
238	Alabama A&M	33.31	-37.88	4.08	-19.27
239	Jackson St	32.18	-39.81	6.80	-22.25
240	Florida A&M	31.59	-43.26	7.00	-19.32
241	Wagner	29.25	-48.51	9.48	-20.65
242	Savannah St	28.21	-42.11	5.23	-27.51
243	Texas Southern	28.04	-43.90	1.58	-21.90
244	Delaware St	25.25	-49.65	2.20	-21.84
245	Houston Baptist	23.65	-51.17	-0.15	-21.47
246	Mississippi Valley St	23.03	-45.12	-1.63	-29.61
247	Stetson	22.26	-52.17	2.57	-26.34
248	East Tennessee St	21.74	-50.53	2.17	-29.40
249	Valparaiso	17.57	-54.40	-0.44	-32.08
250	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	16.31	-58.70	-0.89	-29.03
251	Davidson	13.03	-61.36	-3.83	-30.74