

RATINGS 11-21-15

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.

Rivalry Week is here! Lots of big games, rivalry games, celebrations and farewells. Conference titles and playoff implications abound.

Big games: Beamer's last regular season game, last against Virginia, possibly last ever, is the biggest in Virginia. Will it be London's last, also? I hope it's as exciting as the ratings predict. Stanford and Notre Dame are also separated by 1 point, in a game with national implications. If Stanford won out, they might get in; a Notre Dame win definitely puts the Irish in. Along with all of the in-state rivalries, we have the SEC-ACC showdowns. The SEC did not do well in their exhibition games last week, losing one and getting taken to overtime in two others. The ratings give the SEC 2 and the ACC 2. Lots of conference division titles up for grabs. The Iron Bowl and Egg Bowl decide the SEC West; an Alabama win rolls the Tide into the championship game. The Big 12 playoffs continue, with Oklahoma controlling its destiny (though with a concussed quarterback) and Baylor trying out the third-string-quarterback-rallies-the-team-trick that Ohio State used last year. The Buckeyes, meanwhile, have become Penn State fans. If Michigan State loses, the Ohio State – Michigan game is for the division. Both the AAC and C-USA are in the exciting position of having winner-take-all battles between the top two teams in a division (the AAC West and both of the divisions in C-USA). The same is true of the Pac 12 South, although the SC-UCLA winner has no shot at the playoffs (I wonder if anyone has asked UCLA coach Jim Mora about the playoffs.) And the 24-team FCS playoffs begin with 8 games and the top 8 teams getting a bye. The Coastal Carolina – Citadel match should be fun; if you're into mascots, The Citadel plays Gamecocks and Chanticleers in consecutive weeks. Presumably they are confident, but not cocky.

Here are the picks:

Virginia Tech 31, Virginia 30

North Carolina 40, NC State 31

Florida 24, Florida State 19 (the Gators need a win to keep playoff hopes alive)

Georgia 30, Georgia Tech 24 (the "Clean Old-Fashioned Hate Game")

Louisville 30, Kentucky 24

Alabama 33, Auburn 16 (the Iron Bowl, Auburn tries to steel one)

Ole Miss 31, Mississippi State 30 (the Egg Bowl, scrambled)

LSU 30, Texas A&M 24

Oklahoma 38, Oklahoma State 35 (“Bedlam” and, by the way, the Big 12 title)

Baylor 42, TCU 41 (Baylor could win the Big 12 if Oklahoma loses)

Kansas State 35, Kansas 20

Indiana 42, Purdue 37 (for the Old Oaken Bucket)

Michigan 21, Ohio State 19 (a game that means everything and possibly means nothing)

Michigan State 30, Penn State 14 (would put Sparty in the Big 10 title game)

Iowa 42, Nebraska 27 (to keep the Hawkeye dream alive)

Northwestern 20, Illinois 10 (for Chicago area supremacy)

Northern Illinois 35, Ohio 23 (for the MAC West title)

Western Kentucky 36, Marshall 25 (for the CUSA East title)

Louisiana Tech 35, Southern Miss 29 (for the CUSA West title)

Navy 31, Houston 28 (for the AAC West title)

Temple 26, UConn 10 (for the AAC East title)

Southern Cal 28, UCLA 24 (for the Pac 12 South title)

Stanford 32, Notre Dame 31 (Notre Dame trying to reach the playoffs)

Oregon 55, Oregon State 24 (the Civil War, nearing Appomattox)

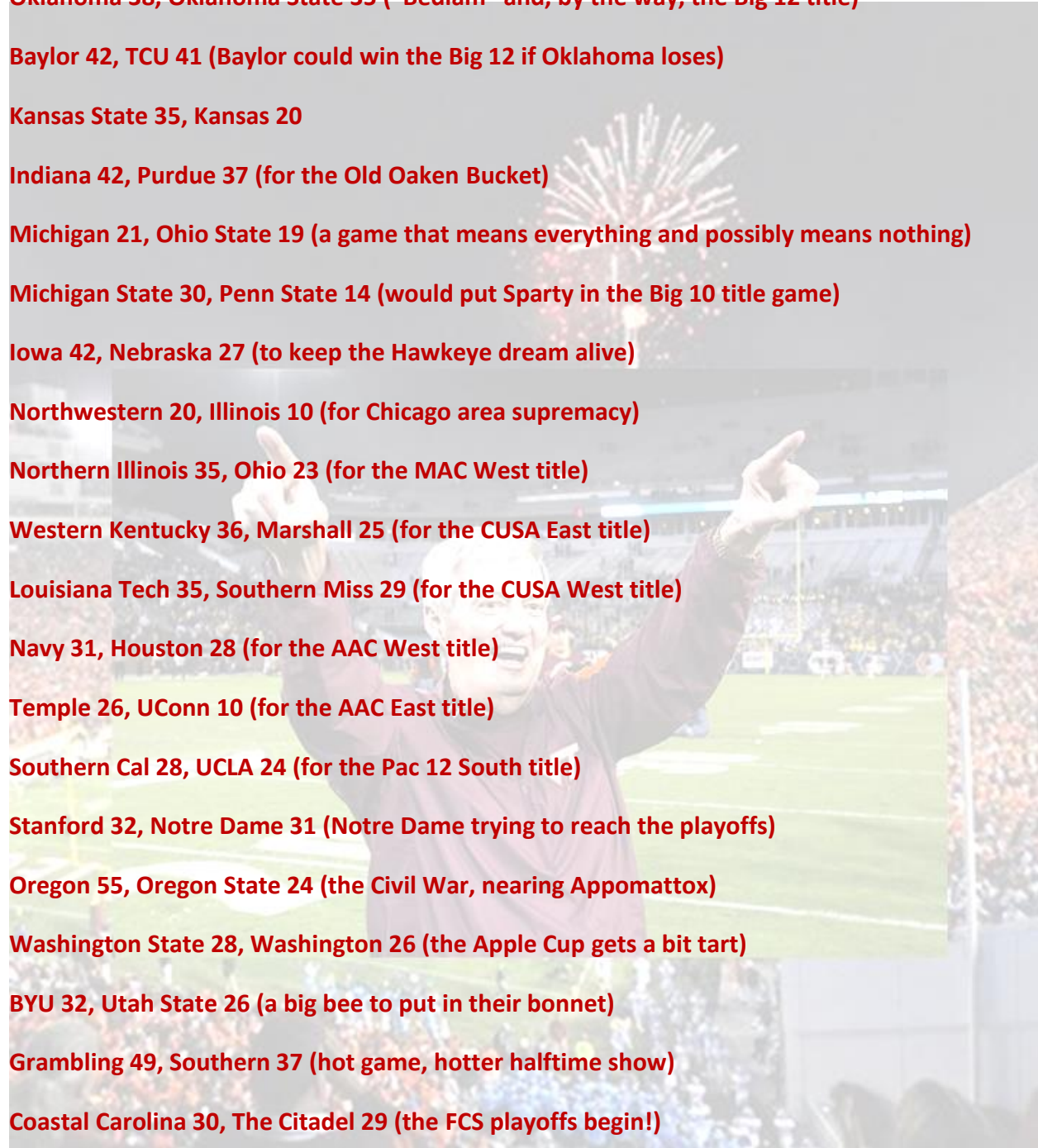
Washington State 28, Washington 26 (the Apple Cup gets a bit tart)

BYU 32, Utah State 26 (a big bee to put in their bonnet)

Grambling 49, Southern 37 (hot game, hotter halftime show)

Coastal Carolina 30, The Citadel 29 (the FCS playoffs begin!)

And here are the ratings:



		Overall	Wins	Offense	Defense
1	Alabama	111.04	43.93	45.45	22.87
2	Oklahoma	110.21	40.01	52.04	19.43
3	Clemson	110.08	41.96	49.61	18.93
4	Iowa	107.56	44.96	42.63	15.62
5	Notre Dame	106.80	39.77	47.83	15.44
6	Ohio State	106.04	37.75	41.97	22.09
7	Michigan St	105.40	41.57	39.11	18.25
8	Baylor	104.81	33.09	56.79	10.39
9	Michigan	104.27	36.13	41.15	20.64
10	Oklahoma St	103.28	36.05	48.84	10.60
11	North Carolina	103.08	32.97	50.12	12.92
12	Stanford	102.81	34.55	45.36	14.88
13	Navy	102.37	34.26	43.12	16.43
14	Florida	102.10	36.26	36.75	19.45
15	Mississippi	101.88	31.67	48.05	13.72
16	TCU	101.11	31.68	48.51	11.32
17	Northwestern	100.72	38.08	30.69	19.63
18	Florida St	100.69	29.32	43.40	18.52
19	LSU	98.84	30.59	41.32	14.28
20	Utah	98.60	29.88	39.19	16.76
21	Oregon	98.02	31.35	51.91	0.64
22	Tennessee	97.88	26.52	42.51	16.13
23	Southern Cal	97.85	26.52	42.64	15.92
24	Mississippi St	97.82	28.44	41.51	14.43
25	Pittsburgh	97.47	29.36	38.79	15.03
26	UCLA	97.44	28.09	41.07	14.36
27	Texas A&M	97.11	28.97	39.23	14.22
28	Wisconsin	96.72	26.19	34.30	21.88
29	Toledo	96.38	27.81	38.38	14.77
30	West Virginia	96.16	23.85	41.30	16.60
31	Arkansas	95.61	25.16	45.32	9.45
32	Houston	95.24	25.55	42.53	10.79
33	Georgia	94.58	25.81	37.01	14.31
34	Memphis	94.48	25.42	44.63	6.96
35	Washington St	94.04	26.26	39.30	10.10
36	Penn State	93.36	23.84	34.28	16.64
37	Bowling Green	93.25	21.34	50.01	3.95
38	Temple	93.07	24.15	36.25	13.51
39	California	92.78	21.14	44.28	8.78
40	Texas Tech	91.33	19.44	53.82	-2.13
41	Brigham Young	91.01	19.69	38.82	11.75
42	Miami FL	90.82	22.03	36.89	10.08
43	Louisville	90.58	17.35	39.37	13.24
44	Auburn	90.44	20.64	36.96	10.91
45	South Florida	90.21	17.83	38.39	12.65
46	Western Kentucky	89.97	18.86	44.85	4.23
47	North Carolina St	89.76	15.17	41.78	11.70
48	Arizona St	89.25	18.45	41.21	6.62
49	Nebraska	88.41	15.13	43.18	6.97



50	Washington	87.76	10.59	34.50	20.07
51	Illinois	87.18	15.52	33.46	13.08
52	Minnesota	87.15	17.22	33.76	10.46
53	Virginia Tech	86.97	10.61	40.42	12.15
54	Duke	86.57	12.70	40.01	8.79
55	Appalachian St	86.55	14.06	36.59	10.34
56	Georgia Southern	86.48	14.29	37.00	9.45
57	Northern Illinois	86.05	13.68	39.62	6.55
58	Indiana	85.82	15.14	44.36	-0.69
59	Air Force	85.82	13.11	37.41	8.97
60	Illinois St	85.62	18.45	34.04	4.70
61	Texas	85.30	13.53	33.71	10.80
62	Arizona	84.64	12.52	44.69	-0.48
63	Kansas St	84.58	11.67	37.03	8.16
64	San Diego St	84.25	11.21	32.46	12.51
65	Georgia Tech	84.24	4.93	40.94	12.39
66	Missouri	84.18	12.09	24.80	18.83
67	North Dakota St	84.02	14.52	33.79	6.19
68	Central Michigan	83.88	11.55	31.97	11.62
69	Iowa St	83.65	9.81	36.25	9.10
70	Western Michigan	83.51	9.74	39.19	5.89
71	Virginia	83.32	9.87	37.07	7.36
72	Boise St	83.20	5.72	40.52	9.14
73	Marshall	83.13	12.38	31.16	9.46
74	Louisiana Tech	82.88	11.53	36.17	4.93
75	East Carolina	82.62	8.83	36.27	7.81
76	Arkansas St	82.38	12.97	40.00	-2.04
77	Cincinnati	82.12	9.39	42.09	-0.01
78	Connecticut	81.13	9.47	26.32	13.18
79	Maryland	80.85	7.20	35.85	5.97
80	Utah St	80.62	5.88	36.43	6.57
81	Southern Miss	80.50	7.34	37.38	3.38
82	Kentucky	80.21	8.17	34.12	4.80
83	South Dakota St	79.95	10.28	28.56	6.91
84	Jacksonville St	79.50	11.49	29.55	3.18
85	Vanderbilt	79.29	6.10	22.47	16.92
86	James Madison	78.78	8.46	41.70	-6.74
87	Syracuse	78.77	1.74	39.67	4.23
88	Rutgers	78.59	7.73	35.23	0.23
89	South Carolina	78.33	3.54	32.80	7.61
90	Harvard	78.08	5.25	31.90	5.59
91	Ohio U.	77.97	7.87	29.32	4.42
92	Northern Iowa	77.61	6.84	25.87	8.32
93	Boston College	77.34	-3.14	25.77	21.06
94	Portland St	77.22	8.32	29.67	1.57
95	Middle Tennessee St	77.21	3.66	36.39	1.06
96	Tulsa	77.11	4.50	40.00	-3.93
97	Dartmouth	77.07	6.16	23.92	9.85
98	Wake Forest	77.02	0.47	27.34	13.87
99	Purdue	76.59	2.50	35.58	1.85



100	McNeese*St	76.00	10.00	17.82	25.95
101	Akron	75.18	3.24	25.30	7.62
102	William & Mary	75.14	3.94	28.78	3.10
103	Colorado	74.73	-0.44	29.30	7.42
104	Chattanooga	74.25	4.43	24.26	4.76
105	The Citadel	74.16	3.47	28.38	1.68
106	Western Illinois	73.76	6.30	28.12	-2.83
107	Colorado St	73.75	-0.48	32.01	2.30
108	San José St	73.28	-1.55	31.66	2.90
109	Charleston Southern	73.28	5.99	24.56	-0.05
110	Southern Utah	73.24	0.14	27.06	5.15
111	Buffalo	72.65	-1.36	31.44	1.28
112	Pennsylvania	71.89	1.82	30.45	-3.85
113	Nevada	71.65	-1.62	27.26	3.32
114	Richmond	71.33	0.58	30.13	-3.28
115	Coastal Carolina	71.29	0.89	29.00	-2.67
116	Fordham	70.94	1.75	34.69	-10.38
117	Troy	70.89	-5.55	30.55	3.39
118	Oregon St	70.65	-2.01	27.28	1.32
119	SMU	70.41	-4.02	35.94	-5.26
120	New Mexico	70.10	-3.02	25.59	2.98
121	Eastern Illinois	69.77	3.54	19.73	-0.72
122	Youngstown St	69.47	-5.21	27.97	1.94
123	Western Carolina	69.42	0.31	26.40	-3.97
124	Montana	68.87	-2.80	24.11	1.09
125	South Alabama	67.83	-1.42	26.42	-5.65
126	Villanova	67.81	-4.53	18.88	5.97
127	Tennessee-Martin	67.44	0.59	28.09	-10.98
128	Towson	67.43	-3.59	22.91	-0.25
129	North Carolina A&T	67.42	1.03	17.43	-0.96
130	UNLV	66.77	-10.88	32.44	-1.72
131	Ball St	66.29	-7.92	28.95	-3.36
132	Sam Houston St	66.08	-8.39	33.45	-7.77
133	Indiana St	65.61	-5.49	25.68	-5.05
134	Georgia St	65.58	-7.08	22.94	-0.26
135	Tulane	65.45	-7.62	24.90	-1.83
136	Kansas	65.21	-7.19	24.47	-2.57
137	Florida Int'l	65.16	-8.06	24.56	-1.63
138	South Dakota	64.97	-6.09	19.28	0.55
139	Louisiana-Lafayette	64.60	-9.21	25.77	-2.70
140	Yale	64.43	-6.08	20.64	-2.17
141	Bethune-Cookman	64.41	0.58	22.90	-13.34
142	Samford	64.29	-10.05	30.76	-7.34
143	North Dakota	63.88	-6.71	21.20	-3.25
144	Kent St	63.87	-9.76	18.55	3.43
145	Old Dominion	63.83	-5.51	23.54	-7.32
146	Idaho	63.80	-9.09	31.90	-11.00
147	New Hampshire	63.71	-7.27	21.75	-3.48
148	Colgate	63.71	-4.67	19.62	-4.84
149	Southern Illinois	63.46	-13.94	34.49	-7.95



150	Northern Arizona	63.44	-7.63	31.87	-13.80
151	Eastern Kentucky	63.40	-8.98	22.59	-2.83
152	Fresno St	63.30	-9.96	27.19	-6.36
153	Texas St-San Marcos	62.89	-10.23	26.74	-6.58
154	Massachusetts	62.77	-14.42	25.64	-0.19
155	Florida Atlantic	62.71	-15.13	23.17	3.06
156	Wofford	62.68	-10.14	22.70	-3.19
157	Eastern Washington	62.61	-6.62	28.20	-13.56
158	Princeton	62.50	-12.72	25.23	-2.72
159	Texas-San Antonio	62.26	-12.41	23.21	-1.73
160	Liberty	61.79	-9.65	22.93	-6.29
161	New Mexico St	61.78	-9.38	30.48	-14.21
162	Central Arkansas	61.43	-8.53	19.58	-5.35
163	Weber St	61.25	-9.26	16.04	-1.28
164	Rice	61.24	-11.46	26.43	-8.75
165	Holy Cross	60.72	-14.98	24.57	-3.50
166	Miami OH	60.57	-14.44	21.39	-1.43
167	Army	60.37	-19.36	25.16	0.87
168	UTEP	59.93	-11.85	18.61	-3.69
169	Lehigh	59.69	-10.85	26.37	-13.38
170	SE Missouri St	59.66	-13.97	20.79	-3.73
171	Grambling St	58.66	-7.39	26.11	-20.30
172	Dayton	58.48	-5.66	12.13	-9.08
173	Hawai'i	58.34	-17.00	22.71	-4.91
174	Cal Poly SLO	58.28	-17.80	29.42	-10.69
175	North Carolina Central	58.13	-8.00	13.88	-8.60
176	Brown	57.98	-14.98	26.12	-11.90
177	Wyoming	57.15	-20.90	22.12	-2.07
178	Stony Brook	56.90	-17.27	11.19	3.39
179	North Texas	56.57	-14.94	18.69	-8.06
180	Delaware	56.57	-17.39	11.93	1.97
181	Alcorn St	56.24	-16.74	23.24	-11.02
182	Furman	56.15	-16.37	15.57	-4.07
183	Louisiana-Monroe	56.11	-19.78	20.37	-4.43
184	Montana St	55.96	-21.55	32.51	-14.59
185	Elon	55.87	-15.78	13.53	-3.51
186	South Carolina St	55.42	-16.23	12.51	-3.01
187	Monmouth NJ	55.28	-17.71	15.73	-4.62
188	Central Florida	55.05	-22.01	20.03	-3.76
189	Duquesne	54.92	-18.28	15.88	-4.90
190	Prairie View A&M	54.88	-11.92	24.88	-22.50
191	Mercer	54.44	-22.39	19.04	-3.80
192	St Francis PA	53.69	-21.47	18.85	-6.69
193	Eastern Michigan	53.61	-24.32	28.42	-12.67
194	San Diego	53.56	-15.34	13.07	-9.42
195	UNC-Charlotte	53.24	-21.35	20.59	-9.74
196	Tennessee Tech	53.10	-17.27	18.15	-13.09
197	Northern Colorado	52.59	-18.84	19.79	-13.91
198	Maine	52.18	-24.97	14.98	-1.95
199	Jacksonville FL	51.80	-17.46	14.06	-11.98



200	Georgetown DC	51.33	-23.44	16.21	-7.34
201	Northwestern St	51.16	-20.08	23.43	-19.47
202	Hampton	51.02	-21.70	13.98	-8.20
203	Stephen F. Austin	50.95	-21.86	19.39	-13.59
204	Southern U.	50.69	-17.83	20.19	-20.40
205	Murray St	50.69	-24.26	24.09	-15.73
206	Lamar	50.40	-27.21	26.80	-15.24
207	SE Louisiana	49.91	-24.84	14.02	-6.83
208	Kennesaw St	49.65	-24.62	16.18	-9.92
209	Bryant	49.26	-29.07	18.98	-7.77
210	Columbia	49.04	-30.44	9.20	3.27
211	Albany NY	49.04	-25.58	13.27	-7.27
212	Norfolk St	48.43	-20.46	8.31	-10.67
213	Bucknell	48.33	-28.57	7.55	0.66
214	Tennessee St	48.22	-24.01	13.39	-11.54
215	VMI	47.65	-29.01	19.67	-12.57
216	Morehead St	47.21	-22.40	12.96	-15.75
217	Sacred Heart	46.71	-29.55	16.14	-10.66
218	UC-Davis	46.60	-30.47	17.97	-11.55
219	Gardner-Webb	46.54	-27.57	6.21	-3.79
220	Morgan St	46.28	-23.99	6.61	-9.63
221	Presbyterian	45.96	-32.34	8.12	-0.80
222	Rhode Island	43.84	-34.37	12.55	-7.84
223	Nicholls St	43.65	-29.09	12.22	-15.00
224	Missouri St	43.36	-24.22	10.75	-20.77
225	Central Conn St	42.98	-32.93	11.04	-10.40
226	Cornell NY	42.97	-35.38	12.52	-8.62
227	Marist	42.77	-32.01	9.53	-10.63
228	Drake	41.83	-31.17	7.46	-12.04
229	Robert Morris PA	40.64	-34.96	2.97	-5.45
230	Butler	40.59	-31.93	10.54	-17.20
231	Idaho St	40.53	-33.91	14.41	-18.57
232	Sacramento St	40.50	-37.54	10.23	-9.62
233	Alabama St	40.09	-29.54	4.16	-15.26
234	Lafayette	38.16	-38.04	9.06	-13.65
235	Austin Peay	37.42	-37.44	8.55	-15.79
236	Campbell	36.26	-42.04	6.98	-10.98
237	Florida A&M	34.57	-39.64	5.65	-17.08
238	Howard	33.63	-40.66	10.35	-22.77
239	Jackson St	32.18	-38.59	5.03	-23.84
240	Delaware St	32.01	-40.80	4.15	-20.42
241	Alabama A&M	31.87	-38.93	1.70	-20.84
242	Wagner	31.18	-46.75	9.01	-19.45
243	Savannah St	30.00	-40.73	7.06	-28.45
244	Texas Southern	28.46	-42.44	1.96	-24.94
245	Houston Baptist	24.54	-49.82	0.62	-23.54
246	Mississippi Valley St	22.56	-46.87	-2.61	-29.19
247	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	21.94	-50.65	-0.53	-27.78
248	Stetson	21.90	-53.26	0.76	-25.70
249	East Tennessee St	21.80	-50.94	0.96	-29.24



250	Valparaiso	20.82	-50.82	1.67	-32.56
251	Davidson	19.94	-52.42	-3.28	-27.67

