

## RATINGS 11-04-17

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](http://www.roanoke.edu/mcsp/minton/bynumbers.html).

This week my top 4 match the playoff committee's top four from last week. That doesn't make them right, but it is some comfort to have WT, I mean UCF, out of the top five. My ratings give no respect to the Big 12 for some reason. This is a fun time of year when there are enough results in for rankings to make sense and enough games left for some large plot twists. Will there be a two-loss team in the playoffs this year? Washington is the only one loss left in the Pac-12, TCU and Oklahoma in the Big 12, Wisconsin in the Big 10, Clemson and Miami in the ACC, and Alabama and Georgia in the SEC; and Notre Dame. It's not hard at all to find a scenario in which most or even all of those teams get to two losses. This week has two huge games and several important ones. TCU and Oklahoma play for the Big 12 lead; they may get a rematch in a few weeks.

Miami and Notre Dame renew a rivalry whose biggest game occurred in 1988. I recommend the ESPN documentary "Catholics vs Convicts" for an interesting telling of that story (by Notre Dame alums, so not especially objective). The documentary is partly about the game (intense as it gets, fueled by classless coaches Lou Holtz and Jimmy Johnson) and partly about the making of the "Catholics vs Convicts" t-shirt by Notre Dame student Pat Walsh. The contrast between the teams was mostly black and white, so the slogan captured a lot of attention and has the feel of a modern political rally. However, the Notre Dame QB was black and the Miami QB white (and Catholic). The game itself was a classic, with two important and badly incorrect official's calls (one each way) and a failed 2-point conversion at the end of the game that gave Notre Dame a 31-30 win (insanely high scoring for its time, though not in the same league as Oklahoma's 55-52 victory on Saturday). The t-shirt subplot has a good twist involving Digger Phelps.

Other important games include Georgia at Auburn (Dawgs trying to stay unbeaten, Auburn trying to stay in the SEC race), Iowa at Wisconsin (back to back tough games for the Badgers, but both played in the Dairy Air), and Washington at Stanford (playoff and Heisman Love implications).

Here are some predictions:

**29 Years Later: Notre Dame 37, Miami 35**

**For first place: Oklahoma 34, TCU 28**

**SEC Unbeatens: Georgia 24, Auburn 16 and Alabama 38, Mississippi State 27**

**State schools: Virginia Tech 27, Georgia Tech 21 and Louisville 38, Virginia 33**

**Big Ten Big Games: Wisconsin 24, Iowa 14 and Ohio State 31, Michigan State 23**

**Could be important: NC State 21, Boston College 20**

**Pac-12 North lead: Washington 27, Stanford 21**

**For bowls, not last place: Wake Forest 31, Syracuse 30**

**And here are the ratings:**

		<b>Overall</b>	<b>Wins</b>	<b>Offense</b>	<b>Defense</b>
1	<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>131.22</b>	<b>76.62</b>	<b>54.68</b>	<b>19.46</b>
2	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>128.73</b>	<b>73.08</b>	<b>47.82</b>	<b>24.84</b>
3	<b>Georgia</b>	<b>128.68</b>	<b>76.00</b>	<b>44.46</b>	<b>24.16</b>
4	<b>Clemson</b>	<b>128.13</b>	<b>74.59</b>	<b>44.82</b>	<b>24.33</b>
5	<b>Penn St</b>	<b>127.24</b>	<b>69.20</b>	<b>52.21</b>	<b>21.89</b>
6	<b>UCF</b>	<b>126.33</b>	<b>74.50</b>	<b>49.66</b>	<b>15.10</b>
7	<b>Miami FL</b>	<b>125.17</b>	<b>76.04</b>	<b>41.95</b>	<b>17.86</b>
8	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>125.01</b>	<b>70.54</b>	<b>44.63</b>	<b>22.10</b>
9	<b>Ohio St</b>	<b>124.77</b>	<b>65.53</b>	<b>54.35</b>	<b>18.47</b>
10	<b>Washington</b>	<b>121.91</b>	<b>62.76</b>	<b>44.34</b>	<b>25.03</b>
11	<b>Oklahoma</b>	<b>121.05</b>	<b>63.40</b>	<b>55.26</b>	<b>11.09</b>
12	<b>Michigan St</b>	<b>120.97</b>	<b>69.27</b>	<b>37.01</b>	<b>21.32</b>
13	<b>Virginia Tech</b>	<b>119.95</b>	<b>63.57</b>	<b>41.09</b>	<b>22.28</b>
14	<b>USC</b>	<b>119.86</b>	<b>66.29</b>	<b>45.37</b>	<b>14.17</b>
15	<b>Iowa</b>	<b>119.18</b>	<b>62.30</b>	<b>42.03</b>	<b>21.12</b>
16	<b>TCU</b>	<b>118.99</b>	<b>60.66</b>	<b>41.54</b>	<b>23.33</b>
17	<b>Michigan</b>	<b>117.46</b>	<b>62.53</b>	<b>39.41</b>	<b>19.13</b>
18	<b>Oklahoma St</b>	<b>117.13</b>	<b>56.92</b>	<b>55.06</b>	<b>10.13</b>
19	<b>NC State</b>	<b>117.13</b>	<b>62.68</b>	<b>44.55</b>	<b>12.95</b>
20	<b>Auburn</b>	<b>116.39</b>	<b>58.39</b>	<b>42.00</b>	<b>19.38</b>
21	<b>Iowa St</b>	<b>115.05</b>	<b>55.28</b>	<b>41.67</b>	<b>20.51</b>
22	<b>Northwestern</b>	<b>114.60</b>	<b>59.83</b>	<b>39.63</b>	<b>15.37</b>
23	<b>Washington St</b>	<b>114.42</b>	<b>59.71</b>	<b>39.94</b>	<b>14.75</b>

24	Memphis	114.18	63.05	45.57	4.07
25	Mississippi St	113.98	57.64	42.67	13.68
26	Boston College	113.40	58.80	38.35	15.01
27	Toledo	112.89	60.91	43.80	5.49
28	Stanford	112.32	54.65	40.95	15.24
29	South Florida	111.15	57.43	40.07	9.50
30	Arizona	110.59	52.63	52.62	1.93
31	South Carolina	109.99	56.98	30.85	16.42
32	Boise St	109.76	54.86	39.06	10.46
33	Georgia Tech	109.74	50.17	43.51	12.21
34	Wake Forest	109.71	50.75	41.73	13.16
35	San Diego St	108.87	54.26	32.26	15.83
36	LSU	108.66	53.61	34.34	14.09
37	Arizona St	107.72	51.32	41.03	8.12
38	Florida St	107.25	49.72	32.13	17.96
39	West Virginia	107.22	47.66	46.21	6.56
40	SMU	107.06	51.60	45.18	1.94
41	James Madison	106.99	52.10	34.53	11.75
42	Texas	106.95	42.81	37.00	21.55
43	Oregon	106.94	48.69	42.93	7.77
44	Navy	106.79	52.07	37.26	8.55
45	Houston	106.73	52.08	31.40	14.25
46	Louisville	105.93	47.12	48.16	2.12
47	Syracuse	105.18	46.59	40.25	8.86
48	Purdue	105.13	42.48	33.66	20.78
49	FL Atlantic	105.10	48.12	43.27	3.59
50	Texas A&M	105.05	50.40	36.90	6.78
51	Virginia	104.95	50.85	34.79	8.04
52	Texas Tech	104.64	42.46	46.03	7.21
53	N Illinois	103.98	47.87	32.70	11.68
54	Maryland	103.95	46.87	43.71	1.94
55	California	103.89	45.75	37.43	9.58
56	Nebraska	103.35	44.80	38.89	8.00
57	Utah	102.72	43.06	32.88	14.77
58	Duke	102.70	42.70	34.83	13.26
59	UCLA	102.28	44.77	43.54	0.73
60	Kansas St	102.11	39.71	39.90	10.69
61	Kentucky	101.73	48.38	31.87	6.22
62	Pittsburgh	101.70	42.80	33.91	11.53
63	Minnesota	101.49	39.96	34.55	14.17
64	Indiana	101.45	41.16	37.74	9.28
65	Fresno St	101.26	41.75	32.74	13.01
66	Army	101.17	43.98	32.29	10.24
67	Ohio	101.02	41.90	44.85	0.10
68	Marshall	100.92	44.85	32.10	8.68



69	N Dakota St	100.65	40.16	33.93	12.41
70	Missouri	99.78	39.94	46.05	-1.59
71	Florida	99.74	43.83	30.64	8.53
72	S Dakota St	99.29	39.55	39.40	4.38
73	Wyoming	98.73	41.23	28.55	11.57
74	Rutgers	98.62	38.19	32.91	11.00
75	Troy	98.20	44.35	27.76	6.87
76	Colorado	97.93	37.83	32.59	10.05
77	South Dakota	97.89	35.77	39.50	5.81
78	Florida Intl	97.61	48.15	24.64	3.45
79	Tennessee	97.17	39.82	29.83	8.27
80	Mississippi	96.81	39.93	41.35	-4.29
81	Weber St	96.49	40.30	26.58	9.18
82	North Texas	96.30	43.05	37.56	-5.93
83	Elon	96.30	49.60	24.67	-1.78
84	W Michigan	96.23	36.53	40.94	-0.80
85	Vanderbilt	96.17	39.94	32.36	3.06
86	Colorado St	95.66	35.38	35.02	5.23
87	Temple	95.57	38.77	28.34	7.16
88	W Illinois	95.31	34.33	36.78	3.98
89	Akron	95.31	39.31	25.28	8.83
90	Tulane	95.10	36.51	31.73	5.60
91	C Michigan	95.09	38.15	28.04	7.09
92	Arkansas St	94.80	32.74	34.68	6.94
93	Arkansas	94.56	37.17	36.86	-1.76
94	Northern Iowa	94.51	34.58	33.35	5.08
95	Cincinnati	94.45	37.94	28.24	5.56
96	Stony Brook	94.25	41.21	27.05	1.89
97	Utah St	93.96	33.86	34.43	3.58
98	Southern Utah	93.27	38.83	31.20	-1.54
99	Delaware	92.99	38.45	23.37	6.11
100	Jacksonville St	92.89	37.01	26.89	4.26
101	Cent Arkansas	92.19	37.18	29.62	-0.46
102	North Carolina	92.18	29.48	32.80	6.62
103	E Michigan	92.08	28.09	28.23	12.78
104	Air Force	92.06	30.73	39.24	-1.80
105	Sam Houston St	91.80	37.49	35.18	-7.39
106	Furman	91.43	34.89	31.67	-1.35
107	Wofford	91.00	41.14	22.51	-1.60
108	MTSU	90.75	33.12	23.84	7.14
109	Southern Miss	90.01	32.43	23.07	6.98
110	Northern Arizona	89.93	28.95	30.06	4.42
111	Richmond	89.92	32.66	32.77	-3.24
112	UNLV	89.75	29.89	32.19	0.60
113	Buffalo	89.53	25.85	32.10	5.53



114	UT San Antonio	89.30	29.97	24.88	6.67
115	Illinois St	89.15	28.73	25.60	7.24
116	Miami OH	89.03	27.58	28.50	5.57
117	Tulsa	88.71	26.94	35.33	-1.20
118	NC A&T	88.67	34.06	26.65	-2.12
119	Illinois	88.67	27.37	27.56	5.89
120	Samford	88.57	33.29	25.01	0.30
121	E Washington	88.30	31.40	33.46	-6.32
122	Louisiana Tech	88.04	28.44	30.87	-0.41
123	Appalachian St	87.89	25.95	30.36	3.05
124	Youngstown St	87.34	22.17	29.58	7.47
125	UAB	87.26	29.88	29.25	-2.66
126	Yale	86.86	31.29	23.83	-0.13
127	East Carolina	86.82	31.95	34.08	-11.36
128	Connecticut	86.61	31.06	25.48	-2.12
129	Kennesaw	86.13	31.10	20.62	1.50
130	Georgia St	86.09	30.05	20.60	2.83
131	Monmouth NJ	85.53	33.82	27.39	-10.39
132	Bowling Green	85.48	25.32	31.69	-3.49
133	Montana	85.21	26.70	30.90	-5.22
134	New Hampshire	85.09	29.93	23.15	-2.06
135	WKU	85.05	25.94	24.29	2.03
136	UC Davis	83.65	21.71	31.07	-2.63
137	New Mexico St	83.51	21.88	32.68	-4.83
138	New Mexico	83.51	21.65	24.13	4.04
139	McNeese St	83.39	27.56	19.71	0.27
140	Baylor	83.38	16.16	32.86	2.31
141	BYU	82.86	20.35	19.99	8.28
142	CS Sacramento	82.85	22.12	29.37	-3.47
143	Maine	82.84	23.60	24.03	-0.15
144	Villanova	82.81	22.35	19.51	5.99
145	W Carolina	82.59	24.46	27.32	-5.19
146	Oregon St	82.59	19.84	31.22	-2.94
147	ULM	82.09	21.14	37.51	-12.22
148	Nevada	81.94	17.44	31.30	-1.44
149	Old Dominion	81.70	22.49	24.12	-1.59
150	Austin Peay	81.39	24.37	24.13	-4.87
151	Hawaii	81.25	19.86	26.74	-1.84
152	Montana St	81.17	19.16	21.06	4.59
153	ULL	81.14	23.50	28.42	-8.64
154	South Alabama	81.11	19.38	20.07	5.12
155	S Illinois	80.96	18.36	25.75	0.45
156	Idaho	80.82	19.20	22.10	2.63
157	Nicholls St	80.62	28.21	19.25	-7.03
158	Mercer	79.79	18.49	21.08	2.00



159	Kent	79.75	23.20	15.28	1.42
160	Grambling	79.56	25.63	19.68	-6.69
161	Bethune-Cookman	79.08	25.19	15.46	-3.09
162	Massachusetts	78.83	11.34	30.66	-0.45
163	Charleston So	78.36	21.89	14.02	0.95
164	Howard	78.13	23.77	24.88	-13.00
165	Kansas	77.63	14.37	27.89	-4.72
166	NC Central	77.53	25.84	15.18	-7.53
167	Dartmouth	77.38	24.01	13.21	-3.50
168	Duquesne	77.34	20.57	22.27	-8.08
169	Colgate	77.32	16.07	18.94	1.21
170	Albany NY	76.96	15.66	15.26	4.51
171	Alcorn St	76.65	22.03	19.71	-9.18
172	Citadel	76.08	17.36	17.10	-1.79
173	Columbia	75.78	21.83	14.43	-5.82
174	Towson	75.55	19.35	13.98	-2.64
175	SE Louisiana	75.50	13.41	27.05	-7.92
176	William & Mary	75.39	16.65	14.72	-0.19
177	Liberty	75.15	17.92	24.75	-12.50
178	E Illinois	74.85	19.64	15.52	-6.31
179	Princeton	74.78	12.89	29.13	-11.11
180	San Diego	74.13	14.72	19.87	-5.90
181	Missouri St	74.12	13.16	26.62	-10.59
182	TN Martin	74.08	13.63	12.66	2.64
183	Central Conn	73.59	18.58	20.12	-12.66
184	Rice	73.07	13.91	20.02	-7.62
185	Ball St	73.06	14.71	21.96	-10.66
186	Rhode Island	72.59	12.00	21.28	-7.54
187	Charlotte	72.39	10.36	16.68	-1.25
188	North Dakota	72.11	8.81	23.88	-7.09
189	Harvard	71.83	14.09	17.44	-8.40
190	SF Austin	71.81	15.46	12.54	-5.35
191	San Jose St	71.00	10.00	24.20	-18.20
192	ETSU	70.88	13.88	18.46	-11.49
193	Tennessee St	70.86	10.29	16.38	-4.69
194	Southern Univ	70.27	15.98	19.83	-17.21
195	Hampton	70.17	16.52	7.97	-6.30
196	Chattanooga	70.05	8.33	18.34	-6.05
197	Penn	69.58	10.44	18.60	-10.29
198	St Francis PA	68.77	9.89	8.16	-1.16
199	Ga Southern	68.74	3.73	22.37	-7.22
200	Coastal Car	68.52	1.93	24.66	-7.68
201	Holy Cross	68.43	9.05	16.53	-9.26
202	E Kentucky	68.43	6.75	19.29	-8.95
203	Idaho St	68.37	3.92	25.91	-11.94



204	Texas St	68.22	4.79	16.20	-3.78
205	UTEP	67.92	5.25	15.18	-4.12
206	Cornell	67.84	9.31	13.01	-7.56
207	N Colorado	66.40	1.37	25.15	-12.70
208	Presbyterian	66.31	9.89	10.02	-9.16
209	Prairie View	65.99	5.27	17.49	-11.27
210	Northwestern LA	65.60	6.73	13.49	-10.20
211	Cal Poly	65.59	-3.27	17.93	-1.32
212	Norfolk St	65.08	10.06	10.10	-12.54
213	SE Missouri St	64.32	-2.64	16.39	-3.79
214	Alabama St	63.77	7.10	4.29	-6.05
215	Murray St	63.54	2.36	12.73	-8.76
216	Gardner Webb	62.52	-0.29	10.64	-5.68
217	Lehigh	61.97	0.85	29.25	-27.18
218	Abilene Chr	61.92	-1.74	13.28	-7.90
219	Bucknell	61.61	4.06	6.64	-9.76
220	Florida A&M	61.45	1.30	11.38	-11.22
221	Tennessee Tech	60.94	-3.83	13.72	-8.00
222	Sacred Heart	59.81	-1.21	16.41	-17.00
223	S Carolina St	59.62	-4.91	6.20	-2.34
224	Fordham	59.18	1.20	13.00	-18.38
225	Indiana St	59.12	-3.81	18.58	-17.44
226	Bryant	59.07	1.69	16.00	-22.30
227	Drake	59.05	3.45	6.04	-14.75
228	Alabama A&M	58.84	0.94	7.41	-13.29
229	Butler	58.80	-0.02	8.74	-13.43
230	Wagner	58.56	-2.11	8.73	-11.24
231	Dayton	56.95	-4.05	7.04	-11.00
232	Portland St	56.61	-13.76	21.35	-13.22
233	Lafayette	56.43	-1.46	1.10	-9.80
234	Delaware St	56.19	-2.45	7.78	-15.78
235	Savannah St	55.88	-3.51	10.44	-17.80
236	Campbell	55.31	-6.85	12.23	-16.56
237	Incarnate Word	55.14	-3.72	16.40	-25.33
238	Morgan St	54.66	-6.77	12.81	-18.87
239	Jacksonville	54.25	-0.29	11.95	-27.65
240	Robert Morris	53.75	-6.81	2.88	-11.16
241	Houston Bap	53.67	-10.31	4.34	-8.15
242	Brown	53.13	-6.38	2.97	-13.38
243	Ark Pine Bluff	52.47	-8.30	12.36	-21.84
244	Jackson St	52.45	-9.57	5.20	-13.05
245	Lamar	52.27	-7.77	9.92	-20.61
246	Valparaiso	51.66	-8.61	11.03	-22.13
247	VMI	49.82	-10.60	1.94	-14.99
248	TX Southern	47.77	-14.42	6.49	-19.57



249	Georgetown	45.09	-19.44	-0.29	-12.79
250	Marist	43.74	-16.56	3.77	-24.08
251	MS Valley St	43.68	-13.17	5.05	-30.02
252	Morehead St	42.29	-13.16	6.09	-34.56
253	Stetson	38.50	-22.73	-2.28	-22.90
254	Davidson	31.94	-33.22	0.70	-28.27

