

RATINGS 11-11-17

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.

Wow! OU and The U and The Ohio State U! What looked like a full day of nail-biters was not at all. Is this bringing clarity to the season or was it just another wacky weekend in college football?

Ah, my ratings finally got it right! Actually, for this time of year last week to this week might be the biggest shakeup in these ratings that I've seen in 30 years. Several big games and big blowouts. The fallout is interesting as Clemson greatly benefitted from Auburn's blowout of the Dawgs (strength of schedule) from Miami's (and hence the ACC's) big move up. Somehow the program just doesn't like Oklahoma very much, I'm not sure why. Perhaps it's the penalty I coded in for playing the same fight song over and over again. (Boomer Sooner, Rocky Top, and the FSU Chop are on my list – what are on yours?)

You can divide teams at this point into playoff contenders, those playing for conference and bowl glory, those fighting to get into a bowl of any sort, and those looking around for someone to blame. Odd to see Nebraska, Tennessee, Florida State, and Florida all needing to win out to have a shot at a bowl.

The background highlights the USC-UCLA rivalry. The Trojans look far superior this year, but it's been a big game over the years. With the Juice on the Loose I thought about writing about the 1967 game – again. But I'll go with the 1988 matchup of #2 USC and #6 UCLA. Both had Heisman finalist quarterbacks. USC won the game 31-22, but UCLA's quarterback went on to the better pro career (winning 3 Super Bowls in 4 years beats sometimes starting in Detroit, DC and Carolina) and announcing career. Can you name the two quarterbacks?

This is the week when most of the top teams prepare for Rivalry Week by playing FCS teams. In state, Virginia goes to Miami to play the hottest team in the country. Virginia Tech tries again to figure out the Pittsburgh puzzle. Both teams need a win.

Here are some predictions:

LA confidential: USC 45, UCLA 26

Get a bigger band: Stanford 35, Cal 21

Badgers stay unbeaten? Wisconsin 30, Michigan 17

Bad timing: Miami 40, Virginia 10

Tough Enough? Virginia Tech 33, Pittsburgh 10

Bounce Back: Notre Dame 44, Navy 20 and Georgia 38, Kentucky 13

Conference Glory: Wyoming 20, Fresno State 17 and West Virginia 30, Texas 24

Found Someone to Blame: LSU 27, Tennessee 16

And here are the ratings:

		Overall	Wins	Offense	Defense
1	Clemson	131.98	78.91	45.40	24.50
2	Alabama	131.77	76.90	47.52	24.54
3	Miami FL	131.33	81.57	43.85	20.88
4	Notre Dame	130.77	76.87	51.68	17.92
5	Ohio St	129.17	69.97	55.43	19.36
6	Wisconsin	129.06	74.59	46.04	22.33
7	Penn St	128.62	70.05	51.17	22.15
8	Georgia	127.57	73.76	43.90	21.85
9	UCF	126.33	73.81	49.05	13.53
10	Oklahoma	125.11	67.87	55.60	11.84
11	Auburn	123.40	66.30	44.80	20.47
12	USC	122.07	68.69	45.36	13.39
13	Washington	121.74	61.52	43.98	23.51
14	NC State	120.95	67.73	43.02	14.23
15	Oklahoma St	120.76	61.33	56.31	8.96
16	Virginia Tech	120.68	62.73	41.27	21.95
17	Michigan	120.35	65.18	38.89	20.24
18	Michigan St	120.14	67.89	35.34	19.63
19	Iowa	119.56	61.99	41.62	19.80
20	TCU	119.01	59.70	40.33	22.74
21	Washington St	117.94	63.64	40.58	14.58
22	Stanford	117.30	60.21	42.05	16.08
23	Northwestern	116.96	61.70	39.75	15.53
24	Mississippi St	116.90	59.66	43.27	14.60
25	Memphis	116.66	65.51	45.37	4.10
26	Georgia Tech	115.69	57.49	44.28	13.44
27	Iowa St	115.20	53.92	42.45	18.82
28	Boston College	114.82	58.93	37.04	16.62
29	Wake Forest	114.37	56.07	45.08	11.24
30	South Carolina	113.23	60.63	31.57	15.82
31	South Florida	113.14	59.03	39.82	9.48

32	LSU	113.00	58.08	34.25	15.98
33	Arizona	112.99	55.26	51.79	2.17
34	Boise St	112.87	58.47	41.73	7.64
35	Toledo	111.34	57.63	40.64	6.03
36	Louisville	111.34	53.76	47.99	3.85
37	Navy	110.70	57.20	37.75	7.89
38	Florida St	110.46	52.62	33.20	17.95
39	San Diego St	110.45	55.50	31.33	15.95
40	West Virginia	110.22	50.71	45.32	7.77
41	FL Atlantic	109.52	53.06	43.86	4.35
42	Texas A&M	109.33	53.77	39.32	7.47
43	Oregon	109.30	50.77	42.69	8.02
44	Houston	108.71	53.58	31.22	14.28
45	James Madison	108.53	53.41	33.14	12.12
46	Texas	107.90	44.13	36.58	19.49
47	Arizona St	107.64	49.84	40.50	7.32
48	Purdue	107.35	44.30	33.95	20.52
49	Ohio	107.09	48.43	44.05	4.25
50	Syracuse	107.06	47.99	42.15	6.67
51	UCLA	106.98	50.24	44.33	1.29
52	Texas Tech	106.79	44.34	45.67	7.36
53	California	106.66	48.36	37.40	9.93
54	SMU	106.61	49.34	44.95	0.96
55	Minnesota	106.24	44.77	37.08	14.00
56	Kentucky	106.09	52.58	33.08	7.22
57	Army	105.79	49.58	32.25	11.28
58	N Illinois	105.58	48.19	34.15	10.70
59	Virginia	105.49	50.02	33.48	8.70
60	N Dakota St	105.33	44.64	36.24	12.72
61	Maryland	105.33	47.90	42.07	2.56
62	Missouri	105.11	45.23	47.25	0.39
63	Utah	104.66	44.48	33.54	13.95
64	Marshall	103.93	48.67	31.81	8.30
65	Indiana	103.81	43.92	37.17	8.95
66	Duke	103.33	41.77	34.49	13.30
67	Fresno St	103.26	44.50	31.94	12.03
68	Kansas St	102.73	38.88	38.76	11.39
69	Nebraska	102.45	42.91	38.49	5.58
70	S Dakota St	102.37	43.10	39.41	4.21
71	Wyoming	102.12	44.88	27.41	13.19
72	Pittsburgh	101.86	41.37	34.09	10.57
73	Florida	101.42	44.32	31.48	8.14
74	Mississippi	101.28	44.55	41.99	-3.03
75	Troy	100.38	45.49	28.21	7.25
76	Rutgers	100.19	39.12	32.08	11.39



77	Colorado	100.19	39.71	32.74	9.94
78	Temple	99.67	43.77	29.28	6.70
79	C Michigan	99.41	42.35	30.91	6.31
80	W Michigan	99.38	40.09	40.91	-0.74
81	North Texas	99.01	44.74	37.82	-4.78
82	Weber St	98.47	40.00	29.10	8.89
83	Tulane	98.41	41.05	30.42	6.04
84	Colorado St	97.96	37.18	37.67	2.82
85	Tennessee	97.79	40.33	28.23	7.64
86	North Carolina	97.64	36.42	34.51	6.20
87	South Dakota	97.48	34.91	38.88	3.43
88	W Illinois	97.27	35.49	35.71	5.30
89	Southern Utah	96.71	41.67	32.92	-1.55
90	Northern Iowa	96.71	37.07	31.15	6.35
91	Arkansas	96.67	39.02	35.75	-0.95
92	Utah St	96.55	36.60	33.33	4.40
93	Vanderbilt	96.28	39.32	31.74	1.70
94	Stony Brook	96.14	42.21	27.56	1.68
95	Florida Intl	96.05	43.98	24.77	1.89
96	Jacksonville St	95.64	40.03	26.03	4.87
97	Cincinnati	95.15	37.90	28.34	4.17
98	Delaware	95.12	39.51	23.52	6.76
99	Elon	94.50	45.13	22.59	-1.35
100	Furman	94.48	37.53	33.36	-2.03
101	Cent Arkansas	94.39	38.10	29.69	0.64
102	Akron	94.33	36.33	24.51	8.04
103	Buffalo	94.01	31.55	32.25	5.86
104	Miami OH	93.95	33.91	28.79	6.03
105	Sam Houston St	93.68	38.99	35.94	-8.57
106	Air Force	93.25	31.60	37.71	-1.56
107	MTSU	93.17	35.58	24.34	6.31
108	E Michigan	93.01	28.53	29.38	10.27
109	Northern Arizona	92.79	32.77	31.13	2.33
110	Southern Miss	92.58	35.42	24.72	4.66
111	Arkansas St	92.30	28.29	33.09	5.10
112	Samford	91.38	35.60	24.71	1.42
113	Wofford	91.37	40.44	22.47	-2.82
114	E Washington	91.34	34.20	31.73	-3.81
115	Richmond	91.16	32.28	31.82	-1.79
116	Yale	91.05	36.13	24.64	-0.02
117	Appalachian St	91.04	29.29	28.76	4.94
118	UAB	90.99	33.99	28.83	-1.52
119	Tulsa	90.65	28.75	35.02	-1.57
120	Youngstown St	90.60	26.44	29.31	7.11
121	NC A&T	90.27	35.58	25.64	-2.24



122	Louisiana Tech	90.23	30.25	30.42	-0.02
123	Illinois St	90.17	28.11	25.58	7.51
124	Kennesaw	90.00	33.95	22.03	2.86
125	Illinois	89.92	27.36	26.55	6.94
126	New Hampshire	89.91	35.66	22.50	-0.10
127	Connecticut	89.79	33.61	26.96	-2.12
128	UNLV	89.50	28.45	31.85	-0.87
129	UT San Antonio	89.11	27.98	23.75	6.88
130	Georgia St	88.68	33.07	21.64	1.13
131	Montana	88.55	29.40	30.86	-3.51
132	East Carolina	88.23	31.78	33.65	-10.30
133	Old Dominion	87.68	30.23	25.47	-1.43
134	BYU	87.58	26.13	20.49	8.79
135	Monmouth NJ	87.28	34.09	27.72	-9.82
136	WKU	87.19	27.21	24.87	1.99
137	CS Sacramento	86.59	24.83	31.39	-2.86
138	McNeese St	86.55	30.31	21.72	-0.58
139	South Alabama	86.23	25.19	21.03	6.13
140	Bowling Green	86.09	24.40	31.64	-3.77
141	Nevada	86.02	21.24	31.48	0.42
142	Oregon St	85.75	23.02	30.51	-1.66
143	Baylor	85.40	17.33	32.55	3.00
144	Nicholls St	85.03	32.36	20.32	-5.72
145	New Mexico	84.98	23.98	23.45	2.18
146	New Mexico St	84.95	22.89	32.52	-5.49
147	ULM	84.87	24.00	37.22	-11.88
148	UC Davis	84.48	22.36	30.31	-3.75
149	Massachusetts	84.35	18.55	32.55	-1.24
150	Austin Peay	84.04	27.07	23.91	-4.74
151	Mercer	83.88	24.09	21.70	1.04
152	Idaho	83.78	21.87	22.69	2.76
153	Hawaii	83.60	21.38	26.95	-1.29
154	Bethune-Cookman	83.40	30.56	14.72	-1.80
155	Montana St	83.16	19.79	23.15	3.53
156	W Carolina	82.79	23.21	27.23	-6.05
157	Grambling	82.66	28.93	19.83	-6.60
158	Maine	82.60	21.14	25.07	-1.59
159	ULL	82.50	24.25	27.24	-8.15
160	Kent	82.25	25.49	16.21	0.60
161	Villanova	81.67	19.58	17.74	5.49
162	S Illinois	81.53	17.37	25.93	-0.11
163	Howard	80.78	26.99	24.05	-12.92
164	Dartmouth	80.77	27.20	15.10	-4.29
165	Colgate	80.53	19.72	19.19	1.01
166	Columbia	80.41	27.10	14.47	-4.42



167	Kansas	80.39	15.69	30.12	-4.89
168	Central Conn	79.26	25.66	20.58	-11.47
169	Alcorn St	79.14	22.43	20.88	-7.78
170	Towson	78.53	21.85	15.49	-3.14
171	SE Louisiana	78.19	15.76	27.28	-7.65
172	Duquesne	78.16	20.25	21.45	-7.88
173	NC Central	78.06	24.33	14.03	-6.16
174	Liberty	78.02	20.60	26.35	-13.60
175	Albany NY	77.76	15.41	14.90	4.12
176	Charleston So	77.26	20.29	12.62	-1.37
177	Rhode Island	77.18	16.53	21.72	-5.64
178	E Illinois	77.10	21.21	15.74	-6.12
179	Princeton	77.08	14.15	29.94	-10.96
180	TN Martin	76.93	15.48	12.85	4.01
181	Missouri St	76.72	14.65	26.20	-8.77
182	Penn	76.43	18.50	18.67	-7.10
183	Citadel	76.14	17.40	16.66	-4.35
184	San Diego	75.37	13.77	21.71	-6.49
185	William & Mary	74.91	14.49	14.75	-1.63
186	Rice	74.88	14.45	22.00	-8.90
187	Tennessee St	74.31	13.99	16.73	-4.44
188	Ball St	74.25	15.76	22.32	-12.54
189	Charlotte	74.21	11.57	17.31	-2.05
190	North Dakota	74.16	10.02	22.38	-5.18
191	Southern Univ	73.04	17.80	19.35	-15.33
192	SF Austin	72.90	15.79	12.06	-5.71
193	Harvard	72.43	13.54	15.74	-7.55
194	Chattanooga	72.38	10.47	18.10	-5.94
195	ETSU	71.25	14.26	16.40	-12.13
196	Coastal Car	71.24	5.32	24.60	-8.42
197	Ga Southern	71.11	5.94	20.89	-5.86
198	San Jose St	71.00	10.00	22.88	-21.03
199	Idaho St	70.85	6.30	25.90	-12.00
200	E Kentucky	70.54	7.78	19.54	-8.39
201	Texas St	70.31	6.05	18.01	-5.15
202	UTEP	70.16	8.10	13.90	-4.13
203	Prairie View	70.06	9.36	17.52	-9.68
204	Hampton	69.51	13.47	9.34	-8.38
205	Cornell	69.48	10.14	12.07	-6.74
206	Holy Cross	69.24	8.83	14.91	-8.43
207	St Francis PA	68.63	8.31	6.12	-0.46
208	Murray St	68.10	7.12	14.62	-8.69
209	N Colorado	68.03	3.06	23.21	-12.07
210	Northwestern LA	67.80	8.20	14.87	-11.13
211	Lehigh	67.59	7.37	29.33	-25.02



212	Cal Poly	66.69	-1.44	16.50	-2.68
213	Norfolk St	66.03	8.92	10.03	-11.67
214	Presbyterian	65.95	8.18	9.61	-10.47
215	S Carolina St	65.84	2.95	9.01	-3.17
216	Alabama St	65.59	7.71	4.66	-5.80
217	SE Missouri St	65.42	-2.88	16.45	-3.90
218	Abilene Chr	65.26	1.16	14.18	-7.42
219	Sacred Heart	65.11	4.92	16.61	-15.23
220	Bucknell	64.64	7.03	6.33	-8.94
221	Bryant	64.38	7.09	17.88	-21.21
222	Drake	63.63	7.16	7.35	-12.67
223	Gardner Webb	63.60	0.82	9.78	-6.72
224	Florida A&M	63.06	2.08	11.59	-11.55
225	Fordham	62.80	4.99	13.91	-18.39
226	Wagner	62.58	2.43	9.65	-11.27
227	Tennessee Tech	61.79	-4.05	13.82	-8.79
228	Indiana St	61.28	-1.62	17.01	-16.48
229	Delaware St	59.79	1.44	8.55	-15.82
230	Portland St	59.61	-9.17	21.78	-15.37
231	Alabama A&M	58.78	-1.19	6.52	-12.83
232	Savannah St	58.60	-1.55	10.93	-17.19
233	Incarnate Word	58.31	-0.12	15.88	-24.78
234	Dayton	58.29	-3.40	6.35	-10.92
235	Lafayette	58.00	-1.08	1.59	-9.99
236	Butler	57.72	-3.19	8.79	-15.08
237	Jackson St	56.87	-3.86	4.53	-12.05
238	Lamar	56.85	-3.01	10.70	-19.40
239	Jacksonville	56.58	2.84	8.35	-25.52
240	Brown	56.47	-3.11	4.42	-13.93
241	Valparaiso	56.35	-3.13	12.72	-22.51
242	Morgan St	55.90	-6.56	12.97	-19.30
243	Campbell	54.51	-7.51	10.69	-19.23
244	Robert Morris	54.46	-6.22	2.27	-12.67
245	Houston Bap	54.37	-10.87	3.60	-8.01
246	VMI	52.62	-7.16	2.29	-16.04
247	Ark Pine Bluff	52.49	-9.49	11.05	-22.01
248	TX Southern	49.26	-13.42	5.08	-18.89
249	Marist	48.21	-10.60	4.41	-24.59
250	Georgetown	47.25	-17.62	-0.95	-12.27
251	MS Valley St	44.68	-11.59	3.57	-31.26
252	Morehead St	42.31	-15.29	5.68	-34.36
253	Stetson	40.67	-21.23	-4.17	-20.69
254	Davidson	34.36	-29.47	0.98	-30.63

