

## FINAL RATINGS

As a Clemson fan, I had to celebrate with a season wrap-up! I love the Sports Illustrated cover of "How Great Was That?" because it was a fantastic championship game! Getting beaten up in the first quarter was not the standard mode for this Clemson team, but they hung in there, made some big throws and catches, and got a couple of breaks. Very exciting!

Over the years, I have been accused of having a line in my code that says something like  
If Team = Clemson then Rating = Rating + 4.

This is the first time I have done something like that. But let's not be insulting, I didn't add 4 points to Clemson's rating just because I'm a fan. I only had to add 3.5 to get the Tigers past Alabama. So that's interesting. Since both teams finished 14-1, the difference is strength of schedule. I thought with a good schedule of ACC teams that did great in bowl games (9-3!) that Clemson would have a better strength of schedule, but it didn't work out that way. Part of the 3-point difference between Clemson and Alabama has to do with Clemson not winning by large margins very often, but even in the version of the ratings that only considers wins and losses the Tide rises above.

I suppose I should have also added some points to James Madison's rating to get the national champion Dukes rated above North Dakota State. JMU comes in at #45, which is not bad. The ACC gets five teams in this top 20, the most of any conference. The SEC, Big 10, and Pac 12 get four each, with three for the Big 12. Here are the ratings:

|    |               | Overall | Wins | Offense | Defense |
|----|---------------|---------|------|---------|---------|
| 1  | Clemson       | 142.9   | 83.9 | 51.4    | 20.3    |
| 2  | Alabama       | 142.5   | 84.5 | 50.6    | 27.8    |
| 3  | Ohio State    | 136.9   | 76.7 | 50.1    | 24.8    |
| 4  | Washington    | 133.1   | 73.4 | 48.8    | 21.0    |
| 5  | Michigan      | 133.1   | 69.5 | 51.5    | 23.4    |
| 6  | Florida St    | 130.7   | 74.6 | 46.5    | 15.7    |
| 7  | Oklahoma      | 129.6   | 71.3 | 53.4    | 10.4    |
| 8  | Wisconsin     | 128.7   | 70.6 | 40.0    | 22.6    |
| 9  | Southern Cal  | 128.6   | 71.4 | 44.5    | 16.8    |
| 10 | Penn State    | 128.1   | 70.0 | 48.8    | 12.9    |
| 11 | LSU           | 127.3   | 66.5 | 39.7    | 24.7    |
| 12 | Stanford      | 124.3   | 68.1 | 35.0    | 19.9    |
| 13 | Colorado      | 124.3   | 65.7 | 39.9    | 18.1    |
| 14 | Louisville    | 124.2   | 61.5 | 51.9    | 11.5    |
| 15 | Virginia Tech | 123.7   | 64.4 | 42.5    | 15.8    |
| 16 | Oklahoma St   | 123.4   | 64.4 | 45.1    | 12.4    |
| 17 | Auburn        | 123.3   | 61.7 | 39.9    | 20.9    |
| 18 | West Virginia | 123.2   | 65.9 | 39.9    | 15.3    |
| 19 | Florida       | 122.9   | 65.7 | 34.3    | 20.3    |
| 20 | Miami FL      | 122.7   | 61.7 | 41.9    | 17.5    |

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|----|--------------------|-------|------|------|------|
| 21 | Tennessee          | 122.6 | 65.7 | 47.9 | 5.9  |
| 22 | Washington St      | 121.8 | 60.7 | 45.7 | 12.8 |
| 23 | Western Michigan   | 121.6 | 63.3 | 45.0 | 9.6  |
| 24 | North Carolina     | 121.5 | 62.7 | 42.6 | 12.5 |
| 25 | Pittsburgh         | 120.3 | 61.1 | 51.8 | 2.3  |
| 26 | Georgia Tech       | 120.2 | 64.4 | 37.4 | 12.3 |
| 27 | South Florida      | 120.1 | 63.2 | 49.5 | 1.5  |
| 28 | Kansas St          | 119.3 | 59.0 | 38.6 | 15.9 |
| 29 | Texas A&M          | 119.3 | 58.2 | 43.6 | 12.0 |
| 30 | Iowa               | 119.1 | 59.6 | 36.5 | 16.9 |
| 31 | Utah               | 118.8 | 60.9 | 36.7 | 14.1 |
| 32 | Minnesota          | 118.7 | 60.5 | 37.3 | 13.7 |
| 33 | Nebraska           | 118.5 | 62.0 | 35.2 | 13.5 |
| 34 | Boise St           | 118.1 | 60.6 | 37.6 | 12.0 |
| 35 | North Dakota St    | 117.4 | 62.8 | 30.1 | 14.7 |
| 36 | Western Kentucky   | 117.0 | 55.0 | 46.7 | 7.5  |
| 37 | Tulsa              | 116.6 | 56.7 | 47.6 | 3.2  |
| 38 | Brigham Young      | 116.1 | 55.8 | 35.3 | 15.4 |
| 39 | Northwestern       | 116.0 | 54.8 | 36.5 | 15.3 |
| 40 | Temple             | 115.9 | 54.4 | 37.8 | 14.2 |
| 41 | North Carolina St  | 115.7 | 55.0 | 36.2 | 14.8 |
| 42 | Houston            | 115.6 | 54.2 | 40.7 | 11.1 |
| 43 | Georgia            | 115.3 | 58.3 | 33.5 | 12.0 |
| 44 | San Diego St       | 114.9 | 55.2 | 36.1 | 12.7 |
| 45 | Appalachian St     | 114.9 | 58.2 | 30.2 | 14.3 |
| 46 | James Madison      | 114.3 | 55.8 | 44.0 | 2.2  |
| 47 | Mississippi        | 113.9 | 52.5 | 45.5 | 4.3  |
| 48 | Navy               | 113.3 | 52.6 | 42.2 | 5.9  |
| 49 | Memphis            | 112.9 | 50.2 | 43.4 | 7.0  |
| 50 | Arkansas           | 112.9 | 53.4 | 39.1 | 6.8  |
| 51 | Air Force          | 112.8 | 55.2 | 38.1 | 5.5  |
| 52 | Eastern Washington | 111.6 | 53.3 | 41.8 | 1.0  |
| 53 | TCU                | 111.5 | 48.2 | 38.3 | 11.2 |
| 54 | Toledo             | 111.3 | 50.5 | 41.8 | 4.0  |
| 55 | Troy               | 111.3 | 53.6 | 34.3 | 7.3  |
| 56 | Kentucky           | 110.6 | 52.2 | 36.8 | 5.1  |
| 57 | Wake Forest        | 110.5 | 51.1 | 29.5 | 13.7 |
| 58 | Baylor             | 110.0 | 46.6 | 40.2 | 7.8  |
| 59 | Vanderbilt         | 110.0 | 49.8 | 30.4 | 13.2 |
| 60 | Mississippi St     | 109.9 | 48.8 | 40.1 | 4.5  |
| 61 | California         | 109.7 | 49.1 | 47.1 | -3.5 |
| 62 | Youngstown St      | 109.6 | 53.5 | 28.4 | 9.3  |
| 63 | Indiana            | 108.7 | 46.8 | 35.5 | 8.9  |
| 64 | Colorado St        | 108.3 | 47.0 | 39.8 | 3.1  |
| 65 | Notre Dame         | 107.9 | 40.6 | 41.8 | 8.8  |
| 66 | Boston College     | 107.9 | 50.1 | 29.5 | 8.4  |
| 67 | Wyoming            | 107.9 | 48.3 | 41.0 | -0.8 |
| 68 | New Mexico         | 107.8 | 50.4 | 37.2 | 0.0  |
| 69 | UCLA               | 107.7 | 43.9 | 33.7 | 11.8 |
| 70 | Texas              | 107.5 | 42.6 | 38.3 | 8.7  |



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|-----|---------------------|-------|------|------|------|
| 71  | Louisiana Tech      | 107.4 | 44.8 | 43.9 | -0.3 |
| 72  | South Carolina      | 107.0 | 48.0 | 26.8 | 11.5 |
| 73  | South Dakota St     | 106.9 | 50.2 | 35.4 | -0.1 |
| 74  | Arizona St          | 106.6 | 45.8 | 40.3 | 0.1  |
| 75  | Old Dominion        | 106.6 | 48.9 | 35.3 | 0.9  |
| 76  | Idaho               | 106.5 | 51.4 | 33.1 | -0.6 |
| 77  | Texas Tech          | 106.2 | 41.8 | 49.8 | -5.0 |
| 78  | Oregon              | 106.0 | 43.5 | 45.2 | -3.2 |
| 79  | Oregon St           | 106.0 | 42.9 | 34.5 | 8.1  |
| 80  | Arkansas St         | 105.4 | 45.3 | 29.8 | 8.1  |
| 81  | The Citadel         | 105.3 | 52.3 | 25.0 | 3.6  |
| 82  | Duke                | 105.2 | 41.8 | 32.7 | 9.4  |
| 83  | Central Florida     | 105.0 | 40.4 | 34.9 | 8.7  |
| 84  | Maryland            | 104.7 | 43.7 | 33.2 | 5.1  |
| 85  | Syracuse            | 104.0 | 44.1 | 35.2 | 0.8  |
| 86  | Michigan St         | 103.8 | 36.4 | 35.8 | 10.1 |
| 87  | Sam Houston St      | 103.5 | 45.8 | 40.9 | -8.3 |
| 88  | Wofford             | 103.5 | 46.9 | 23.3 | 7.8  |
| 89  | Chattanooga         | 103.3 | 44.3 | 30.4 | 3.6  |
| 90  | Jacksonville St     | 103.2 | 44.7 | 28.4 | 4.9  |
| 91  | Missouri            | 102.9 | 39.0 | 38.4 | 1.7  |
| 92  | Iowa St             | 101.9 | 34.5 | 36.3 | 7.3  |
| 93  | Army                | 101.8 | 38.4 | 30.1 | 8.1  |
| 94  | Ohio U.             | 101.6 | 40.9 | 26.9 | 7.4  |
| 95  | SMU                 | 101.4 | 40.7 | 32.9 | 1.4  |
| 96  | Arizona             | 101.4 | 40.4 | 35.7 | -1.0 |
| 97  | Northern Iowa       | 100.1 | 35.5 | 28.8 | 9.1  |
| 98  | Central Arkansas    | 99.7  | 41.4 | 25.2 | 3.7  |
| 99  | Middle Tennessee St | 99.5  | 39.2 | 37.8 | -6.4 |
| 100 | Illinois            | 99.2  | 36.4 | 29.7 | 4.8  |
| 101 | Charleston Southern | 99.1  | 39.1 | 30.7 | -0.1 |
| 102 | Villanova           | 99.1  | 39.7 | 19.4 | 10.3 |
| 103 | Southern Miss       | 99.0  | 37.5 | 33.5 | -0.9 |
| 104 | Northern Illinois   | 98.9  | 35.5 | 32.0 | 2.9  |
| 105 | Hawai'i             | 98.9  | 41.0 | 30.6 | -3.0 |
| 106 | Georgia Southern    | 98.6  | 36.9 | 29.2 | 3.1  |
| 107 | Eastern Michigan    | 98.0  | 37.8 | 28.9 | 0.6  |
| 108 | Richmond            | 97.9  | 40.9 | 26.5 | -1.3 |
| 109 | Coastal Carolina    | 97.8  | 37.8 | 30.2 | -1.1 |
| 110 | Central Michigan    | 97.6  | 36.2 | 29.3 | 1.5  |
| 111 | Louisiana-Lafayette | 97.6  | 37.3 | 25.3 | 3.9  |
| 112 | Tulane              | 97.5  | 32.8 | 28.6 | 6.4  |
| 113 | North Dakota        | 97.5  | 39.6 | 24.0 | 1.8  |
| 114 | Samford             | 97.4  | 38.3 | 31.6 | -4.2 |
| 115 | Cincinnati          | 97.3  | 33.7 | 24.6 | 8.5  |
| 116 | Utah St             | 96.9  | 32.0 | 30.1 | 4.4  |
| 117 | South Alabama       | 96.8  | 36.4 | 26.8 | 1.7  |
| 118 | Virginia            | 96.6  | 31.5 | 30.7 | 3.9  |
| 119 | Texas-San Antonio   | 96.6  | 33.6 | 27.2 | 4.4  |
| 120 | Illinois St         | 96.6  | 35.1 | 24.7 | 4.9  |



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|-----|--------------------|------|------|------|-------|
| 121 | Miami OH           | 96.2 | 33.4 | 25.1 | 5.9   |
| 122 | Western Illinois   | 95.6 | 36.8 | 28.5 | -3.6  |
| 123 | East Carolina      | 95.6 | 31.0 | 33.6 | -1.1  |
| 124 | Purdue             | 95.2 | 32.6 | 34.3 | -4.9  |
| 125 | Akron              | 94.0 | 32.2 | 31.5 | -4.5  |
| 126 | New Hampshire      | 93.7 | 34.2 | 24.8 | -1.2  |
| 127 | San José St        | 93.7 | 31.7 | 27.6 | -0.7  |
| 128 | Nevada             | 93.6 | 30.4 | 25.6 | 2.8   |
| 129 | Rutgers            | 93.2 | 31.6 | 25.7 | 0.2   |
| 130 | South Dakota       | 93.2 | 31.8 | 31.7 | -6.1  |
| 131 | Cal Poly SLO       | 93.0 | 32.3 | 30.3 | -6.1  |
| 132 | Kansas             | 92.2 | 27.7 | 27.1 | 1.4   |
| 133 | Southern Utah      | 92.1 | 30.6 | 26.7 | -2.4  |
| 134 | Grambling St       | 92.0 | 34.8 | 22.7 | -4.0  |
| 135 | UNLV               | 91.8 | 28.3 | 33.9 | -7.2  |
| 136 | Mercer             | 91.8 | 33.4 | 24.5 | -4.7  |
| 137 | Connecticut        | 91.7 | 28.4 | 20.3 | 6.0   |
| 138 | Lehigh             | 91.6 | 30.7 | 32.2 | -9.3  |
| 139 | North Texas        | 91.1 | 28.8 | 26.0 | -1.6  |
| 140 | Georgia St         | 91.1 | 27.3 | 23.0 | 3.3   |
| 141 | Louisiana-Monroe   | 91.1 | 33.3 | 26.4 | -8.0  |
| 142 | Bowling Green      | 90.8 | 29.8 | 28.4 | -6.3  |
| 143 | Kennesaw St        | 90.7 | 30.2 | 29.3 | -7.8  |
| 144 | Maine              | 90.6 | 32.1 | 21.1 | -2.4  |
| 145 | Albany NY          | 90.4 | 30.3 | 20.9 | -0.3  |
| 146 | Liberty            | 90.3 | 29.5 | 23.9 | -2.5  |
| 147 | Montana            | 90.2 | 23.9 | 32.6 | -3.9  |
| 148 | Kent St            | 90.0 | 25.4 | 23.3 | 2.8   |
| 149 | Ball St            | 89.6 | 23.6 | 28.0 | -0.4  |
| 150 | Princeton          | 89.4 | 26.7 | 24.7 | -1.8  |
| 151 | New Mexico St      | 89.2 | 28.5 | 27.9 | -7.9  |
| 152 | Florida Int'l      | 88.7 | 25.8 | 23.9 | -1.6  |
| 153 | Massachusetts      | 88.6 | 23.8 | 30.1 | -5.3  |
| 154 | San Diego          | 88.2 | 26.0 | 24.2 | -3.3  |
| 155 | Northern Arizona   | 88.0 | 24.7 | 25.3 | -3.2  |
| 156 | Weber St           | 87.9 | 28.8 | 20.9 | -4.6  |
| 157 | Southern Illinois  | 87.6 | 22.4 | 28.7 | -4.6  |
| 158 | North Carolina A&T | 87.3 | 30.4 | 22.7 | -9.9  |
| 159 | UNC-Charlotte      | 87.0 | 23.9 | 24.9 | -4.4  |
| 160 | Tennessee-Martin   | 86.7 | 24.3 | 22.6 | -3.3  |
| 161 | Fordham            | 86.5 | 26.5 | 28.0 | -12.1 |
| 162 | Duquesne           | 86.5 | 26.2 | 24.5 | -8.2  |
| 163 | Indiana St         | 86.5 | 24.5 | 25.6 | -7.1  |
| 164 | Furman             | 86.5 | 20.1 | 26.0 | -1.6  |
| 165 | Northern Colorado  | 86.2 | 24.1 | 24.7 | -6.4  |
| 166 | Stony Brook        | 85.9 | 25.3 | 13.9 | 2.1   |
| 167 | Marshall           | 85.9 | 20.9 | 24.2 | -2.4  |
| 168 | William & Mary     | 85.7 | 24.6 | 19.3 | -3.1  |
| 169 | Rice               | 85.6 | 21.6 | 26.0 | -5.8  |
| 170 | UTEP               | 85.6 | 22.3 | 25.0 | -5.7  |



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| 171 | Eastern Illinois       | 85.5 | 24.5 | 21.9 | -5.8  |
| 172 | Missouri St            | 85.5 | 27.3 | 22.6 | -10.4 |
| 173 | SE Louisiana           | 85.4 | 26.6 | 23.4 | -10.5 |
| 174 | Tennessee Tech         | 85.2 | 22.9 | 22.1 | -4.8  |
| 175 | Florida Atlantic       | 84.6 | 20.4 | 27.3 | -8.0  |
| 176 | Pennsylvania           | 84.2 | 23.7 | 17.4 | -3.5  |
| 177 | Gardner-Webb           | 83.8 | 21.3 | 19.0 | -2.9  |
| 178 | Nicholls St            | 83.8 | 20.1 | 24.2 | -6.7  |
| 179 | North Carolina Central | 83.7 | 29.3 | 14.3 | -9.1  |
| 180 | Fresno St              | 83.5 | 16.1 | 19.5 | 2.8   |
| 181 | Delaware               | 82.6 | 19.3 | 19.7 | -4.0  |
| 182 | Southern U.            | 82.1 | 24.0 | 24.5 | -16.2 |
| 183 | McNeese St             | 82.0 | 16.4 | 23.7 | -5.7  |
| 184 | Colgate                | 81.6 | 15.7 | 21.8 | -3.8  |
| 185 | St Francis PA          | 81.2 | 16.5 | 19.5 | -3.4  |
| 186 | Buffalo                | 81.0 | 16.1 | 19.5 | -3.5  |
| 187 | Montana St             | 81.0 | 15.4 | 17.8 | -1.0  |
| 188 | Tennessee St           | 80.5 | 20.4 | 22.9 | -13.9 |
| 189 | Towson                 | 80.4 | 17.7 | 19.4 | -7.0  |
| 190 | Harvard                | 80.2 | 19.8 | 16.1 | -7.2  |
| 191 | Dayton                 | 80.1 | 19.1 | 16.9 | -7.2  |
| 192 | East Tennessee St      | 79.8 | 22.7 | 10.4 | -6.1  |
| 193 | Texas St-San Marcos    | 79.3 | 19.4 | 20.1 | -12.7 |
| 194 | Western Carolina       | 78.9 | 14.7 | 24.2 | -11.8 |
| 195 | Portland St            | 78.7 | 11.7 | 28.4 | -12.3 |
| 196 | VMI                    | 77.9 | 13.8 | 16.1 | -4.7  |
| 197 | South Carolina St      | 77.9 | 17.0 | 12.0 | -4.9  |
| 198 | Prairie View A&M       | 77.1 | 20.1 | 18.2 | -17.2 |
| 199 | UC-Davis               | 77.1 | 11.1 | 20.6 | -7.8  |
| 200 | SE Missouri St         | 76.7 | 8.9  | 14.3 | 0.5   |
| 201 | Murray St              | 76.1 | 12.9 | 20.2 | -12.4 |
| 202 | Wagner                 | 76.0 | 10.0 | 15.9 | 11.6  |
| 203 | Monmouth NJ            | 75.3 | 12.9 | 17.6 | -11.6 |
| 204 | Lamar                  | 75.2 | 11.8 | 13.5 | -6.4  |
| 205 | Houston Baptist        | 74.3 | 16.4 | 10.7 | -11.7 |
| 206 | Bryant                 | 74.0 | 7.8  | 22.5 | -12.9 |
| 207 | Drake                  | 73.2 | 14.4 | 12.5 | -13.9 |
| 208 | Stephen F. Austin      | 73.1 | 10.7 | 20.4 | -17.1 |
| 209 | Dartmouth              | 73.0 | 8.0  | 11.2 | -4.4  |
| 210 | Idaho St               | 72.6 | 8.4  | 20.6 | -15.5 |
| 211 | Sacred Heart           | 72.1 | 7.7  | 17.0 | -11.9 |
| 212 | Bucknell               | 71.7 | 5.6  | 11.2 | -4.4  |
| 213 | Alcorn St              | 71.7 | 10.8 | 15.3 | -15.5 |
| 214 | Eastern Kentucky       | 71.0 | 3.2  | 16.9 | -8.7  |
| 215 | Hampton                | 70.7 | 11.3 | 7.1  | -10.6 |
| 216 | Presbyterian           | 70.6 | 9.7  | 5.3  | -6.9  |
| 217 | Holy Cross             | 69.7 | 6.4  | 15.7 | -15.1 |
| 218 | Rhode Island           | 69.5 | 7.4  | 14.7 | -15.9 |
| 219 | Bethune-Cookman        | 69.0 | 6.6  | 11.7 | -13.0 |
| 220 | Cornell NY             | 68.8 | 5.3  | 15.5 | -15.6 |



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|-----|-----------------------|------|-------|------|-------|
| 221 | Sacramento St         | 68.6 | 3.1   | 18.4 | -16.2 |
| 222 | Florida A&M           | 68.5 | 11.9  | 9.4  | -19.0 |
| 223 | Elon                  | 68.3 | 5.6   | 8.4  | -10.2 |
| 224 | Brown                 | 67.1 | 3.1   | 9.9  | -11.3 |
| 225 | Yale                  | 67.0 | 3.9   | 12.2 | -14.9 |
| 226 | Columbia              | 66.0 | -0.8  | 12.8 | -11.6 |
| 227 | Lafayette             | 65.4 | -1.1  | 14.7 | -14.9 |
| 228 | Northwestern St       | 65.2 | -2.6  | 14.6 | -13.2 |
| 229 | Texas Southern        | 64.7 | 3.6   | 6.1  | -14.2 |
| 230 | Alabama A&M           | 64.6 | 6.9   | 10.6 | -23.3 |
| 231 | Norfolk St            | 64.5 | 3.5   | 4.2  | -12.8 |
| 232 | Austin Peay           | 63.6 | -2.6  | 20.3 | -22.9 |
| 233 | Robert Morris PA      | 62.8 | -5.1  | 5.9  | -7.2  |
| 234 | Central Conn St       | 62.8 | -6.1  | 15.2 | -15.2 |
| 235 | Jacksonville FL       | 62.7 | -1.1  | 16.8 | -23.8 |
| 236 | Georgetown DC         | 62.2 | -5.5  | 4.2  | -6.5  |
| 237 | Savannah St           | 61.8 | 2.6   | 3.3  | -17.4 |
| 238 | Alabama St            | 61.7 | -1.4  | 7.0  | -15.9 |
| 239 | Marist                | 60.1 | -5.3  | 10.7 | -18.4 |
| 240 | Jackson St            | 59.4 | -2.5  | 1.2  | -14.5 |
| 241 | Howard                | 58.6 | -4.1  | 8.2  | -21.4 |
| 242 | Morehead St           | 57.6 | -9.2  | 15.4 | -24.2 |
| 243 | Morgan St             | 57.2 | -3.4  | 4.2  | -21.7 |
| 244 | Valparaiso            | 55.7 | -8.9  | 6.6  | -20.8 |
| 245 | Campbell              | 55.5 | -10.6 | 6.3  | -18.5 |
| 246 | Stetson               | 55.4 | -11.0 | 5.2  | -17.1 |
| 247 | Butler                | 52.4 | -14.9 | 5.4  | -19.5 |
| 248 | Delaware St           | 49.8 | -14.5 | 3.5  | -24.7 |
| 249 | Mississippi Valley St | 47.5 | -11.4 | -0.2 | -30.9 |
| 250 | Arkansas-Pine Bluff   | 44.9 | -13.5 | -3.2 | -31.6 |
| 251 | Davidson              | 37.4 | -34.5 | -3.8 | -21.7 |

