

Ratings 11-24-12

Welcome back to By the Numbers, a rating system for college football teams. Descriptions of the system and ratings from past weeks and years can be found at www.roanoke.edu/mcsp/minton/bynumbers.html.

Make a good leftover lunch - a turkey sandwich with turkey soup, perhaps some turkey pie - and watch the reruns on Saturday. After a great weekend of games last Saturday, it's quite a letdown to get Stanford-UCLA for the second week in a row, Tulsa-Central Florida for the second time in a month, and two teams (Wisconsin, Georgia Tech) that finished third in a 6-team division. Sad. Georgia Tech is in the interesting position of having the championship game cost them a bowl, since a loss would drop them to 6-7. Maybe they could just take a "pass" on the game and stay at 6-6; oh, yeah, Georgia Tech doesn't pass well.

There are two good championship games. Alabama-Georgia serves as a national semifinal game. Somehow it's hard to take Georgia seriously (I've listened to too many diehard Dawgs, I guess) but it is a fact that UGa is 1-0 against #2-ranked teams this year. The background picture this week honors the unsung hero of Georgia's last national championship in 1980-81. He single-handedly beat Clemson that year. How does Clemson outgain Georgia 400-200 yards and lose 20-16? 72-yard punt return for TD, 98-yard INT return by the man pictured here intercepting a pass in the end zone in the championship game. Name that Dawg.

The MAC game of Northern Illinois - Kent State is a legitimate title matchup of 11-1 teams. Believe it or not, Kent State has a decent shot at a BCS bowl with a win. If they are ranked #16 or higher in the BCS and are ranked above the Big East champ, they are automatic! Go, Golden Flashes! Do whatever a Golden Flash is supposed to do. The official Kent State Golden Flash, by the way, bears a striking resemblance to Rooney.

Do you think the Orange Bowl would be happy with Georgia Tech - Kent State? How about UCLA-Wisconsin in the Rose, and Kansas State-Syracuse in the Fiesta? The conference championship games could make life miserable for the major bowls.

You may not like a rating system like mine that has Oregon on top, but if you'd taken it to Vegas last week you could have made some money. 77% winners and 61% against the spread! The system very consistently went with the favorites, and for whatever reason most of them covered the spread.

The Division III playoffs have reached the quarterfinals, with 7 unbeaten teams (Wesley is 10-1, losing to the six-fingered men of Mary Hardin-Baylor) remaining. Mount Union (surprise!) is #1 in the polls, but my system has the Purple Raiders 4th, behind MHB, Linfield, and Wesley.

Here are predictions, based on the ratings with 4 points added for home field.

Thursday:

Rutgers over Louisville by 5 (for the Big East title)

Saturday:

Kansas State over Texas by 12 (for the Big 12)

Oklahoma over TCU by 8

Arkansas State over Middle Tennessee by 8 (for the Sun Belt)

Boise State over Nevada by 6 (for the Mountain West)

Conference Championships:

Alabama over Georgia by 4

Stanford over UCLA by 10

Nebraska over Wisconsin by 10

Florida State over Georgia Tech by 14

Tulsa over Central Florida by 2

Northern Illinois over Kent State by 3

Division III Quarterfinals:

Mount Union over Widener by 9

Mary Hardin-Baylor over Wesley by 9

St. Thomas over Hobart by 8

Linfield over Wisconsin-Oshkosh by 11

Saturday 12/8:

Navy over Army by 14 (for the Commander-in-Chief trophy)

1	Oregon	89.65
2	Alabama	88.79
3	Notre Dame	88.42
4	Florida	87.49
5	Texas A&M	86.32
6	Kansas St	86.29
7	Stanford	85.08
8	Georgia	84.93
9	Oklahoma	84.17
10	Ohio State	83.48
11	South Carolina	83.29
12	LSU	83.28
13	Oregon St	82.04
14	Nebraska	79.25
15	UCLA	78.83
16	Oklahoma St	78.55
17	Florida St	78.55
18	Clemson	77.97
19	Texas	77.78
20	Michigan	77.33
21	Southern Cal	77.11
22	Arizona St	75.24
23	Arizona	75.07
24	Baylor	74.50
25	Northwestern	74.29
26	Northern Illinois	73.86
27	Penn State	73.83
28	Wisconsin	73.58
29	Utah St	73.25
30	Vanderbilt	73.08
31	Mississippi St	72.77
32	TCU	72.29
33	Washington	72.25
34	Texas Tech	72.17
35	Mississippi	71.69
36	San José St	71.44
37	West Virginia	71.42
38	Michigan St	71.36
39	Fresno St	71.31
40	Iowa St	71.03
41	Missouri	70.66
42	Boise St	70.55
43	Kent St	70.31
44	Rutgers	70.07
45	Cincinnati	69.90
46	Brigham Young	69.70



47	Louisiana Tech	69.66
48	Louisville	69.41
49	Central Florida	69.11
50	North Carolina	69.09
51	Syracuse	69.04
52	North Dakota St	69.00
53	Miami FL	68.96
54	San Diego St	68.08
55	Ball St	67.86
56	Arkansas St	67.43
57	Toledo	67.15
58	Tulsa	67.11
59	Utah	66.93
60	Purdue	66.70
61	Tennessee	66.10
62	Louisiana-Monroe	65.97
63	North Carolina St	65.21
64	Arkansas	65.03
65	Louisiana-Lafayette	64.76
66	Georgia Tech	64.72
67	Virginia Tech	64.27
68	Minnesota	63.91
69	Pittsburgh	63.77
70	Middle Tennessee St	63.62
71	Navy	63.29
72	California	63.29
73	Montana St	63.22
74	Iowa	63.12
75	Duke	62.27
76	Sam Houston St	62.11
77	South Dakota St	61.90
78	East Carolina	61.89
79	Western Kentucky	61.48
80	Eastern Washington	61.06
81	Bowling Green	61.05
82	SMU	60.84
83	Georgia Southern	60.84
84	Auburn	60.84
85	Nevada	59.89
86	Indiana	59.78
87	Cal Poly SLO	59.13
88	Ohio U.	58.97
89	Washington St	58.87
90	Illinois St	58.82
91	Central Arkansas	58.57
92	Kentucky	58.12



93	Virginia	58.03
94	Connecticut	58.03
95	Wofford	57.95
96	South Florida	57.90
97	Kansas	57.83
98	Indiana St	57.67
99	Rice	57.56
100	Troy	57.42
101	Appalachian St	57.25
102	Eastern Kentucky	57.08
103	Wake Forest	57.07
104	Tennessee-Martin	57.06
105	Temple	56.77
106	Youngstown St	56.29
107	Southern Illinois	56.28
108	Old Dominion	56.03
109	Northern Iowa	55.92
110	Maryland	55.46
111	Central Michigan	55.42
112	Stony Brook	55.04
113	Houston	55.02
114	Air Force	54.80
115	Towson	54.76
116	Western Michigan	54.45
117	Northern Arizona	54.41
118	Texas-San Antonio	54.34
119	Marshall	54.29
120	Eastern Illinois	53.85
121	Boston College	53.73
122	Tennessee St	53.59
123	North Texas	53.52
124	Wyoming	53.48
125	Jacksonville St	53.34
126	Illinois	52.75
127	Colorado St	52.45
128	Buffalo	52.45
129	Florida Atlantic	52.34
130	Villanova	52.27
131	Miami OH	52.14
132	McNeese St	51.64
133	Florida Int'l	51.63
134	Samford	51.62
135	Chattanooga	51.61
136	UTEP	51.45
137	Memphis	51.32
138	The Citadel	51.25



139	Richmond	51.16
140	Coastal Carolina	51.15
141	Texas St-San Marcos	50.69
142	Bethune-Cookman	50.67
143	Southern Utah	50.49
144	Murray St	50.29
145	Missouri St	49.95
146	James Madison	49.88
147	Harvard	49.87
148	Alabama-Birmingham	49.81
149	Colorado	49.69
150	New Mexico	49.24
151	Army	49.13
152	New Hampshire	49.07
153	North Dakota	48.71
154	Montana	48.71
155	Sacramento St	48.66
156	Eastern Michigan	48.42
157	Albany NY	48.38
158	UNLV	48.34
159	Lehigh	47.31
160	South Alabama	45.86
161	Tulane	45.82
162	UC-Davis	45.70
163	Stephen F. Austin	45.49
164	Northern Colorado	44.26
165	Colgate	44.16
166	Akron	43.94
167	Maine	43.90
168	Portland St	43.89
169	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	43.28
170	Wagner	43.22
171	SE Louisiana St	43.19
172	Furman	42.71
173	Idaho	42.59
174	Southern Miss	42.15
175	Alabama St	41.99
176	North Carolina A&T	41.97
177	Liberty	41.91
178	Hawai'i	41.84
179	New Mexico St	41.61
180	Delaware	41.02
181	Drake	40.79
182	Howard	40.68
183	Jackson St	40.53
184	Weber St	40.50



185	Brown	40.47
186	South Dakota	40.32
187	Delaware St	40.04
188	Tennessee Tech	40.00
189	SE Missouri St	39.97
190	South Carolina St	39.89
191	Northwestern St	39.81
192	Pennsylvania	39.72
193	Elon	39.64
194	Princeton	39.29
195	Massachusetts	39.04
196	Fordham	38.76
197	San Diego	38.50
198	Western Illinois	38.38
199	Dartmouth	38.23
200	North Carolina Central	38.10
201	Florida A&M	38.06
202	Alabama A&M	37.10
203	William & Mary	36.89
204	Monmouth NJ	34.86
205	Western Carolina	34.80
206	Jacksonville FL	34.38
207	St Francis PA	34.29
208	Duquesne	33.40
209	Dayton	33.36
210	Butler	33.22
211	Lafayette	33.20
212	Austin Peay	32.81
213	Cornell NY	32.30
214	Lamar	31.95
215	Georgetown DC	31.88
216	Mississippi Valley St	31.44
217	Gardner-Webb	31.25
218	Norfolk St	31.06
219	Charleston Southern	30.81
220	Robert Morris PA	30.45
221	Hampton	29.95
222	Holy Cross	29.64
223	Georgia St	29.14
224	Morgan St	28.47
225	Southern U.	28.41
226	Nicholls St	28.06
227	Columbia	27.85
228	Bucknell	27.47
229	Bryant	27.14
230	Morehead St	27.07



231	Prairie View A&M	26.48
232	Central Conn St	26.21
233	Alcorn St	26.11
234	Marist	26.09
235	VMI	25.73
236	Yale	25.26
237	Sacred Heart	24.25
238	Idaho St	24.05
239	Rhode Island	22.25
240	Presbyterian	22.19
241	Texas Southern	19.97
242	Savannah St	19.24
243	Grambling St	17.92
244	Davidson	13.91
245	Campbell	10.00
246	Valparaiso	9.98

