

Ratings (11/7)

The BCS world is looking pretty orderly right now. Florida and Alabama are in the SEC Championship game, with the winner to play Texas for the national championship. Unless one of them loses. It doesn't seem likely, but Florida is at South Carolina and has Florida State left; Alabama has road games against Miss State and Auburn; Texas goes to Texas A&M. (Just a thought: don't think any of these are likely? Then I guess you don't buy the SEC-is-the-greatest line.) My thought is that with TCU #4 and the Gators and Tide lined up for a knock-out game, a loss by Texas could drop a Bevo-sized patty in the BCS punchbowl. Would we really allow TCU in the title game? My guess is that the SEC champ will be there, even if they lose a game. I don't see TCU or Cincinnati being moved up above the SEC winner. Of course, TCU has a tough game this week and Cincinnati is just starting the beastly part of their Big East schedule. My point is that only the top 3 have the classic pedigree, and if we can't justify 2 of the 3 in the title game, it will get very interesting. Meanwhile, if you're a TCU fan, here's blood in your eye.

The big game of the week, at least according to the ESPN Game Day bunch, is Utah at TCU. It's the last realistic chance for TCU to lose, and the Utes do well on the big stage. Georgia Tech can wrap up the ACC Coastal by winning at Duke. Nebraska and Kansas State try to stay on top of the Big 12 North. Navy took Notre Dame out of the BCS bowl picture last week. That should improve the quality of the BCS games, anyway. The Irish could drop another one this week; not that it matters much for their bowl positioning.

One of the interesting subplots going on this year is the Heisman watch. With Heisman-designates McCoy and Tebow not putting up big numbers, running backs Mark Ingram of Alabama, CJ Spiller of Clemson and Dion Lewis of Pittsburgh are getting a little attention. "Little" because none of them are very large and because the award has become a QB award. It's surprising that an Alabama player has never won. Most national championships, most bowl games, but no Heisman. Here's one that was tough for me: which Alabama player came closest to winning? (Hint: QB, #12). And, by the way, the real QB trophy is the Davey O'Brien Award. Where did O'Brien play?

The following predictions are straight from the ratings, with 4 points added for home field. Enjoy the games!

Virginia Tech over Maryland by 23 (Bowl position and pride; enough to spear the turtle?)

Boston College over Virginia by 7 (Clemson fans cheer for Hoos – this week)

Georgia Tech over Duke by 17 (And Miami fans cheer for Duke; Wake almost beat GT)

TCU over Utah by 16 (Last big hurdle for the #4 Horned Frogs)

Cincinnati over WVU by 13 (Big East heats up, Bearcats with (good) QB controversy.)

Pittsburgh over Notre Dame by 6 (Are Irish just a Middle-level team?)

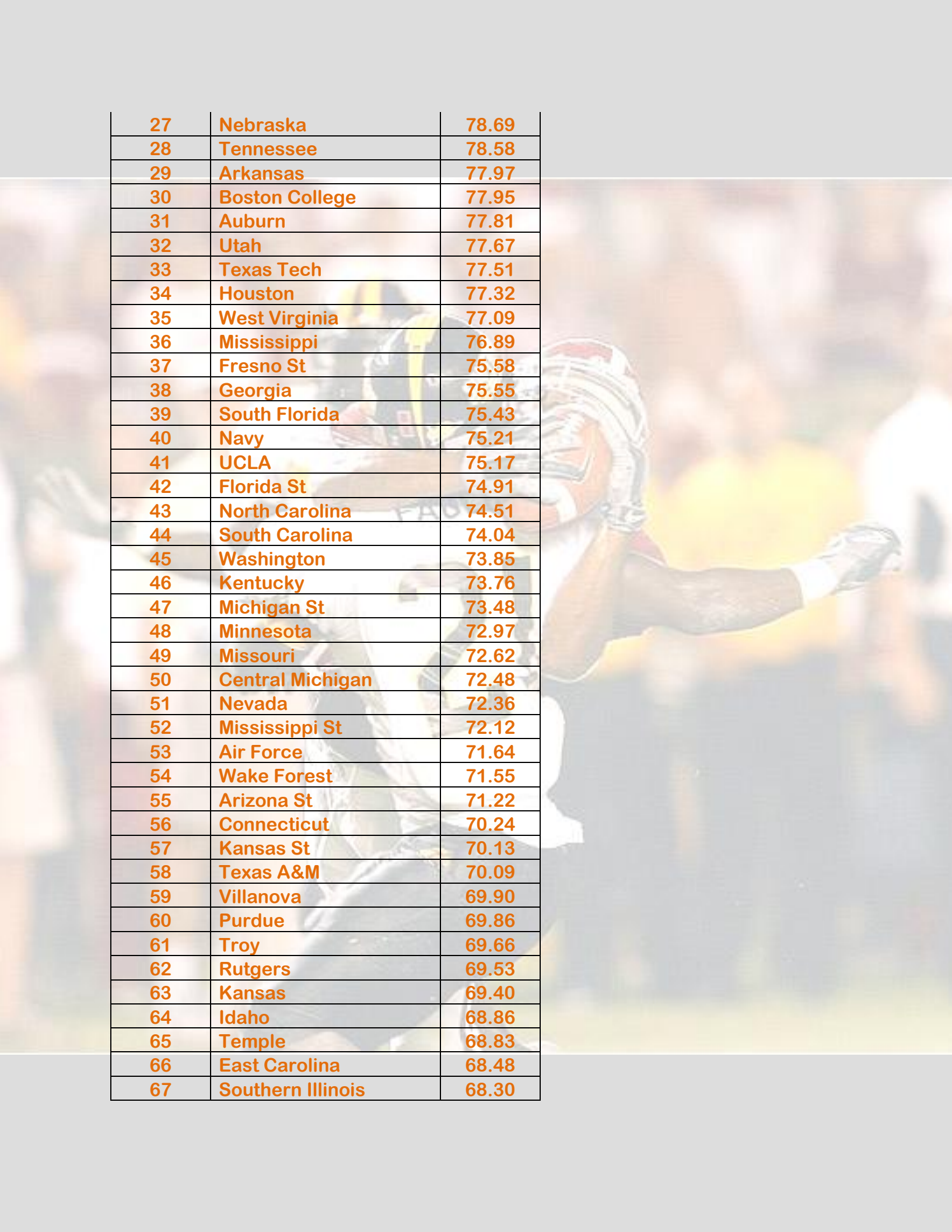
Florida over South Carolina by 14 (Tebow looks for big numbers, Spurrier for W, any W)

Cal over Arizona by 1 (Arizona controls destiny in Pac 10, but tough schedule left)

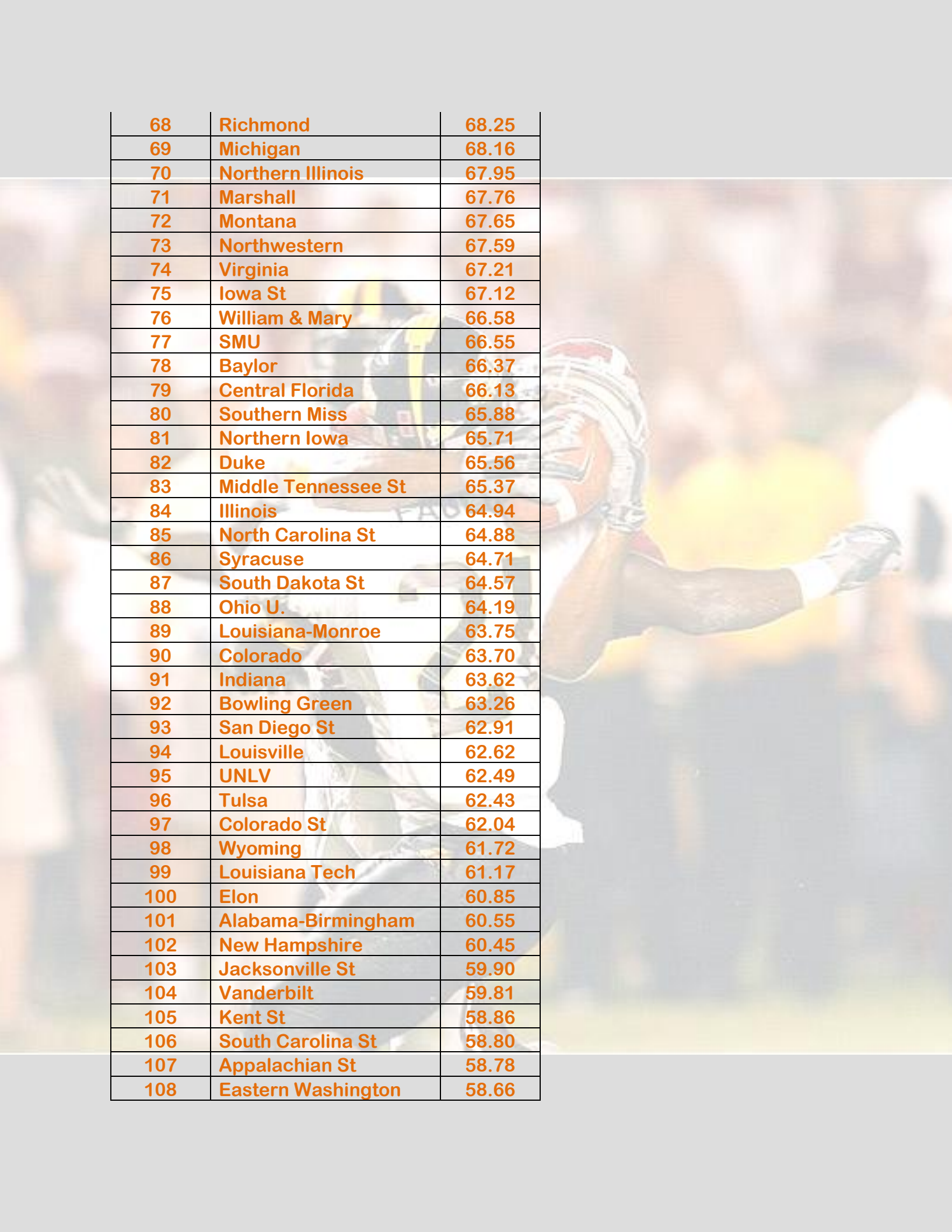
Ohio State over Iowa by 6 (Same old Big 10 song, no new Stanzi for Hawkeyes)

Southern Cal over Stanford by 9 (Prediction fits up/down pattern of Pac 10)

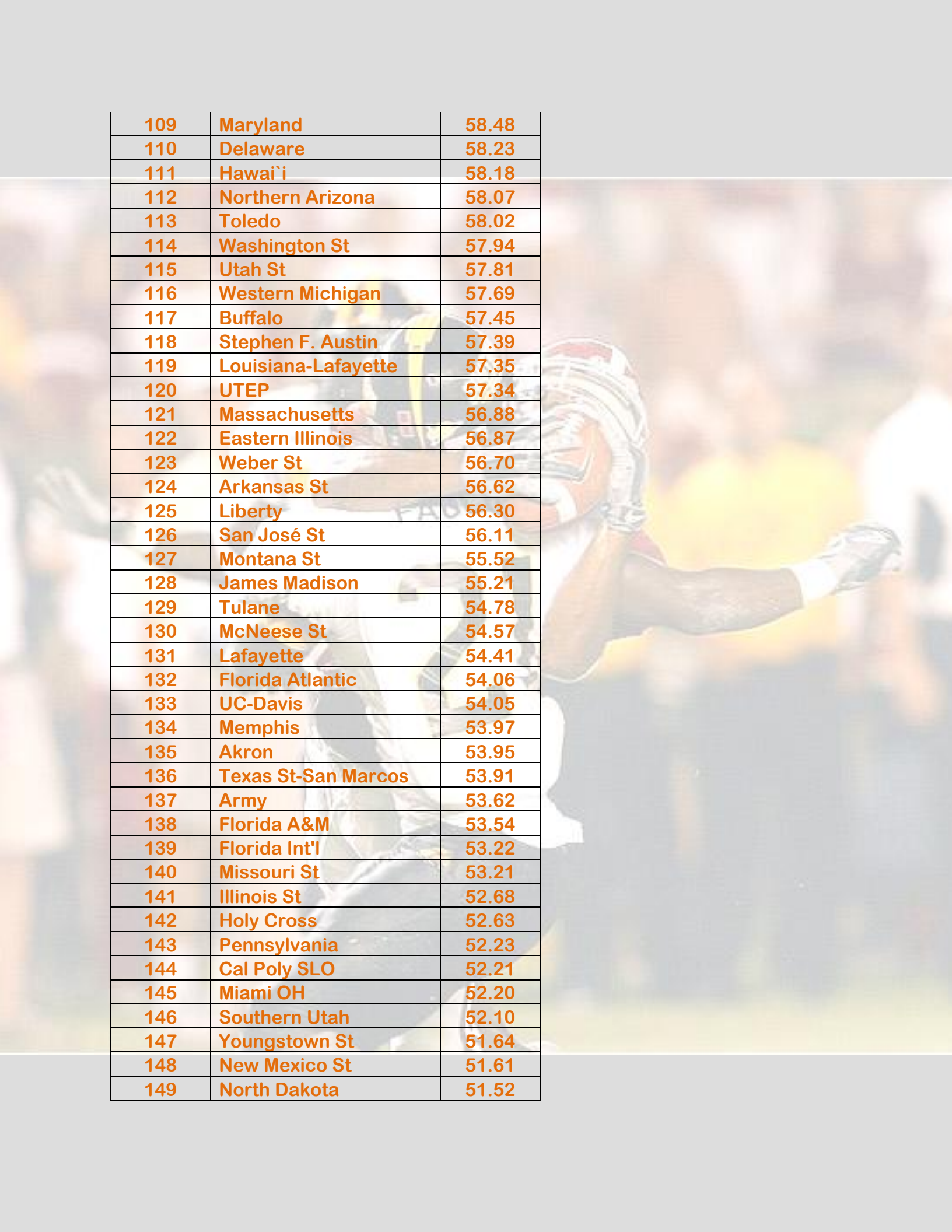
1	Texas	92.55
2	Alabama	92.51
3	Florida	92.13
4	TCU	90.15
5	Oregon	89.08
6	Georgia Tech	86.81
7	Cincinnati	86.17
8	Virginia Tech	86.04
9	Boise St	85.74
10	Southern Cal	85.52
11	Ohio State	85.35
12	Miami FL	84.52
13	LSU	84.21
14	Iowa	83.74
15	Penn State	82.91
16	Arizona	82.91
17	Clemson	82.32
18	Pittsburgh	82.05
19	Stanford	80.90
20	Wisconsin	80.50
21	Oregon St	80.29
22	Oklahoma St	80.03
23	Brigham Young	79.88
24	Notre Dame	79.59
25	California	79.48
26	Oklahoma	79.34



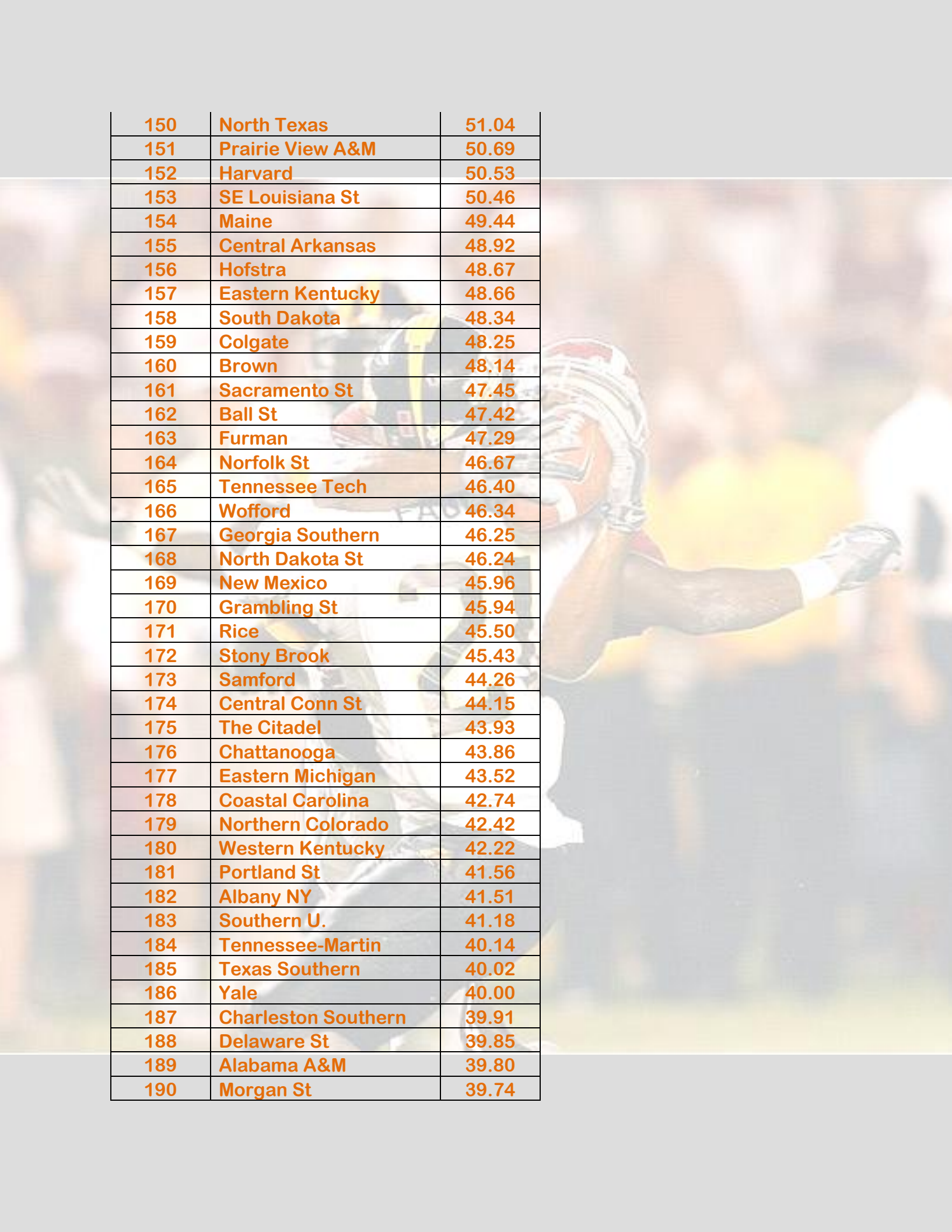
27	Nebraska	78.69
28	Tennessee	78.58
29	Arkansas	77.97
30	Boston College	77.95
31	Auburn	77.81
32	Utah	77.67
33	Texas Tech	77.51
34	Houston	77.32
35	West Virginia	77.09
36	Mississippi	76.89
37	Fresno St	75.58
38	Georgia	75.55
39	South Florida	75.43
40	Navy	75.21
41	UCLA	75.17
42	Florida St	74.91
43	North Carolina	74.51
44	South Carolina	74.04
45	Washington	73.85
46	Kentucky	73.76
47	Michigan St	73.48
48	Minnesota	72.97
49	Missouri	72.62
50	Central Michigan	72.48
51	Nevada	72.36
52	Mississippi St	72.12
53	Air Force	71.64
54	Wake Forest	71.55
55	Arizona St	71.22
56	Connecticut	70.24
57	Kansas St	70.13
58	Texas A&M	70.09
59	Villanova	69.90
60	Purdue	69.86
61	Troy	69.66
62	Rutgers	69.53
63	Kansas	69.40
64	Idaho	68.86
65	Temple	68.83
66	East Carolina	68.48
67	Southern Illinois	68.30



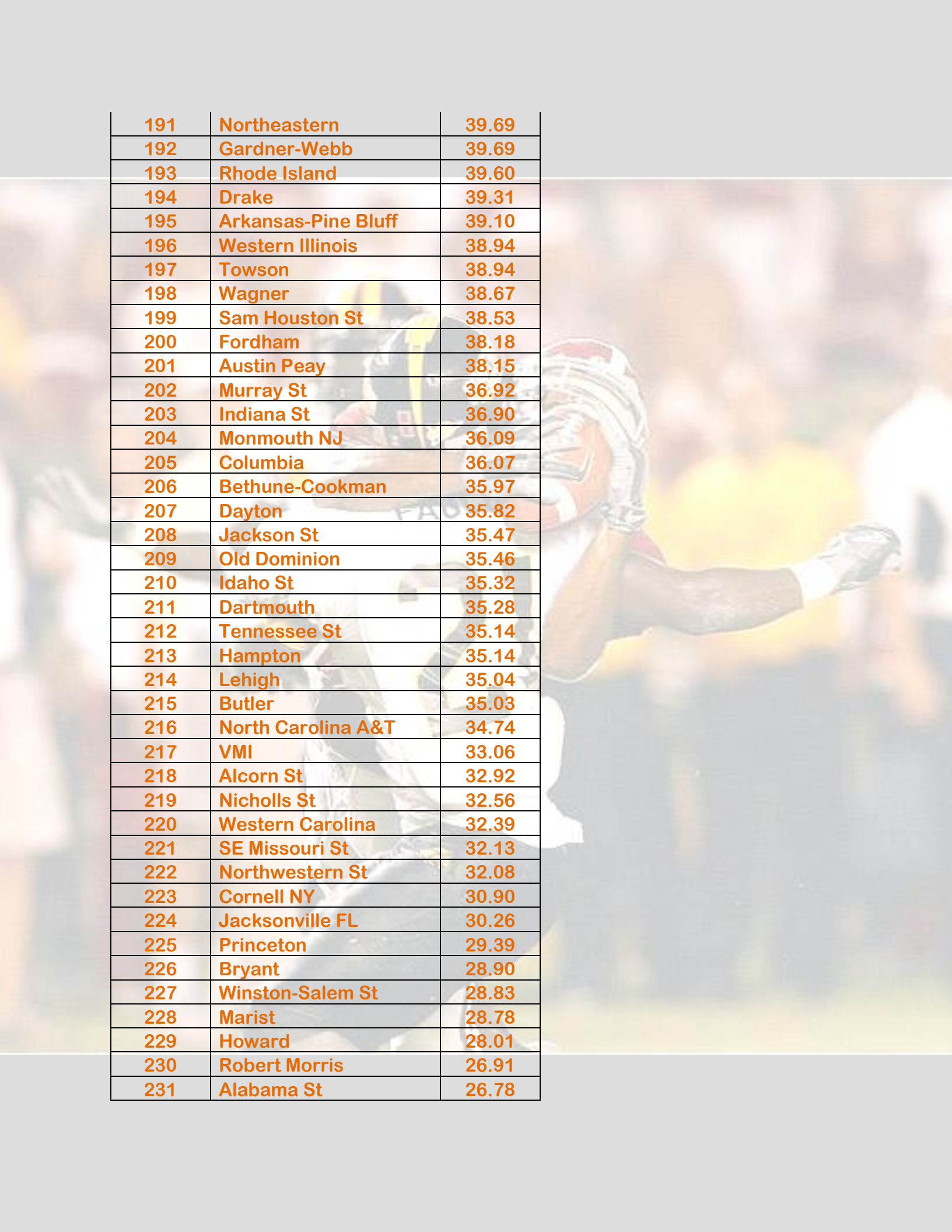
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69	Michigan	68.16
70	Northern Illinois	67.95
71	Marshall	67.76
72	Montana	67.65
73	Northwestern	67.59
74	Virginia	67.21
75	Iowa St	67.12
76	William & Mary	66.58
77	SMU	66.55
78	Baylor	66.37
79	Central Florida	66.13
80	Southern Miss	65.88
81	Northern Iowa	65.71
82	Duke	65.56
83	Middle Tennessee St	65.37
84	Illinois	64.94
85	North Carolina St	64.88
86	Syracuse	64.71
87	South Dakota St	64.57
88	Ohio U.	64.19
89	Louisiana-Monroe	63.75
90	Colorado	63.70
91	Indiana	63.62
92	Bowling Green	63.26
93	San Diego St	62.91
94	Louisville	62.62
95	UNLV	62.49
96	Tulsa	62.43
97	Colorado St	62.04
98	Wyoming	61.72
99	Louisiana Tech	61.17
100	Elon	60.85
101	Alabama-Birmingham	60.55
102	New Hampshire	60.45
103	Jacksonville St	59.90
104	Vanderbilt	59.81
105	Kent St	58.86
106	South Carolina St	58.80
107	Appalachian St	58.78
108	Eastern Washington	58.66



109	Maryland	58.48
110	Delaware	58.23
111	Hawai i	58.18
112	Northern Arizona	58.07
113	Toledo	58.02
114	Washington St	57.94
115	Utah St	57.81
116	Western Michigan	57.69
117	Buffalo	57.45
118	Stephen F. Austin	57.39
119	Louisiana-Lafayette	57.35
120	UTEP	57.34
121	Massachusetts	56.88
122	Eastern Illinois	56.87
123	Weber St	56.70
124	Arkansas St	56.62
125	Liberty	56.30
126	San José St	56.11
127	Montana St	55.52
128	James Madison	55.21
129	Tulane	54.78
130	McNeese St	54.57
131	Lafayette	54.41
132	Florida Atlantic	54.06
133	UC-Davis	54.05
134	Memphis	53.97
135	Akron	53.95
136	Texas St-San Marcos	53.91
137	Army	53.62
138	Florida A&M	53.54
139	Florida Int'l	53.22
140	Missouri St	53.21
141	Illinois St	52.68
142	Holy Cross	52.63
143	Pennsylvania	52.23
144	Cal Poly SLO	52.21
145	Miami OH	52.20
146	Southern Utah	52.10
147	Youngstown St	51.64
148	New Mexico St	51.61
149	North Dakota	51.52



150	North Texas	51.04
151	Prairie View A&M	50.69
152	Harvard	50.53
153	SE Louisiana St	50.46
154	Maine	49.44
155	Central Arkansas	48.92
156	Hofstra	48.67
157	Eastern Kentucky	48.66
158	South Dakota	48.34
159	Colgate	48.25
160	Brown	48.14
161	Sacramento St	47.45
162	Ball St	47.42
163	Furman	47.29
164	Norfolk St	46.67
165	Tennessee Tech	46.40
166	Wofford	46.34
167	Georgia Southern	46.25
168	North Dakota St	46.24
169	New Mexico	45.96
170	Grambling St	45.94
171	Rice	45.50
172	Stony Brook	45.43
173	Samford	44.26
174	Central Conn St	44.15
175	The Citadel	43.93
176	Chattanooga	43.86
177	Eastern Michigan	43.52
178	Coastal Carolina	42.74
179	Northern Colorado	42.42
180	Western Kentucky	42.22
181	Portland St	41.56
182	Albany NY	41.51
183	Southern U.	41.18
184	Tennessee-Martin	40.14
185	Texas Southern	40.02
186	Yale	40.00
187	Charleston Southern	39.91
188	Delaware St	39.85
189	Alabama A&M	39.80
190	Morgan St	39.74



191	Northeastern	39.69
192	Gardner-Webb	39.69
193	Rhode Island	39.60
194	Drake	39.31
195	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	39.10
196	Western Illinois	38.94
197	Towson	38.94
198	Wagner	38.67
199	Sam Houston St	38.53
200	Fordham	38.18
201	Austin Peay	38.15
202	Murray St	36.92
203	Indiana St	36.90
204	Monmouth NJ	36.09
205	Columbia	36.07
206	Bethune-Cookman	35.97
207	Dayton	35.82
208	Jackson St	35.47
209	Old Dominion	35.46
210	Idaho St	35.32
211	Dartmouth	35.28
212	Tennessee St	35.14
213	Hampton	35.14
214	Lehigh	35.04
215	Butler	35.03
216	North Carolina A&T	34.74
217	VMI	33.06
218	Alcorn St	32.92
219	Nicholls St	32.56
220	Western Carolina	32.39
221	SE Missouri St	32.13
222	Northwestern St	32.08
223	Cornell NY	30.90
224	Jacksonville FL	30.26
225	Princeton	29.39
226	Bryant	28.90
227	Winston-Salem St	28.83
228	Marist	28.78
229	Howard	28.01
230	Robert Morris	26.91
231	Alabama St	26.78

232	Bucknell	26.64
233	St Francis PA	26.44
234	Davidson	25.74
235	Sacred Heart	25.43
236	San Diego	24.37
237	Duquesne	24.22
238	North Carolina Central	23.62
239	Presbyterian	23.52
240	Mississippi Valley St	21.49
241	Georgetown DC	20.71
242	Savannah St	16.38
243	Campbell	15.70
244	Morehead St	12.97
245	Valparaiso	10.00

