

Ratings (11/21)

I hope you're all ready to relax and enjoy a big turkey. No, I'm not making a Charlie Weis or Al Groh joke. (It's not been a good year for Parcells/Belichick protégés.) And I'm not saying that the Detroit and Dallas games will be as bad as this weekend's Cowboys-Redskins or Lions-Browns fiascos. I'm just wishing you a pleasant Thanksgiving, taking time to be thankful for family, friends, ACC division titles ... all the good things in life.

This week in college football is rivalry week. There are 11 games between a University Of and the corresponding engineering/ag school (12 if Utah-BYU counts). Plus 5 border wars between neighboring University Ofs. And 2 intracity rivalries. Amazingly, none of them are likely to have any impact on conference races. The game that has the biggest conference impact is 9-2 Temple (?) at Ohio for the MAC East title. Otherwise, it's all for the love of hating the big rival and, of course, bowl implications.

Texas remains #1 on my computer. The main difference between my computer and the BCS computers is my use of points. The Horns have a big point differential that improves their rank. Nevertheless, my rankings are essentially a three-way tie for first, with TCU, Oregon, Georgia Tech and Cincinnati close behind. I'm always amazed that the simple system that I use (just schedule, wins, and points; no use of home team, yearly trends – Who's hot, who's not – or other reasonable factors) ends up agreeing with the official polls as much as it does.

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

Thursday

Texas over Texas A&M by 18

Friday

Temple over Ohio by 2

Nebraska over Colorado by 13

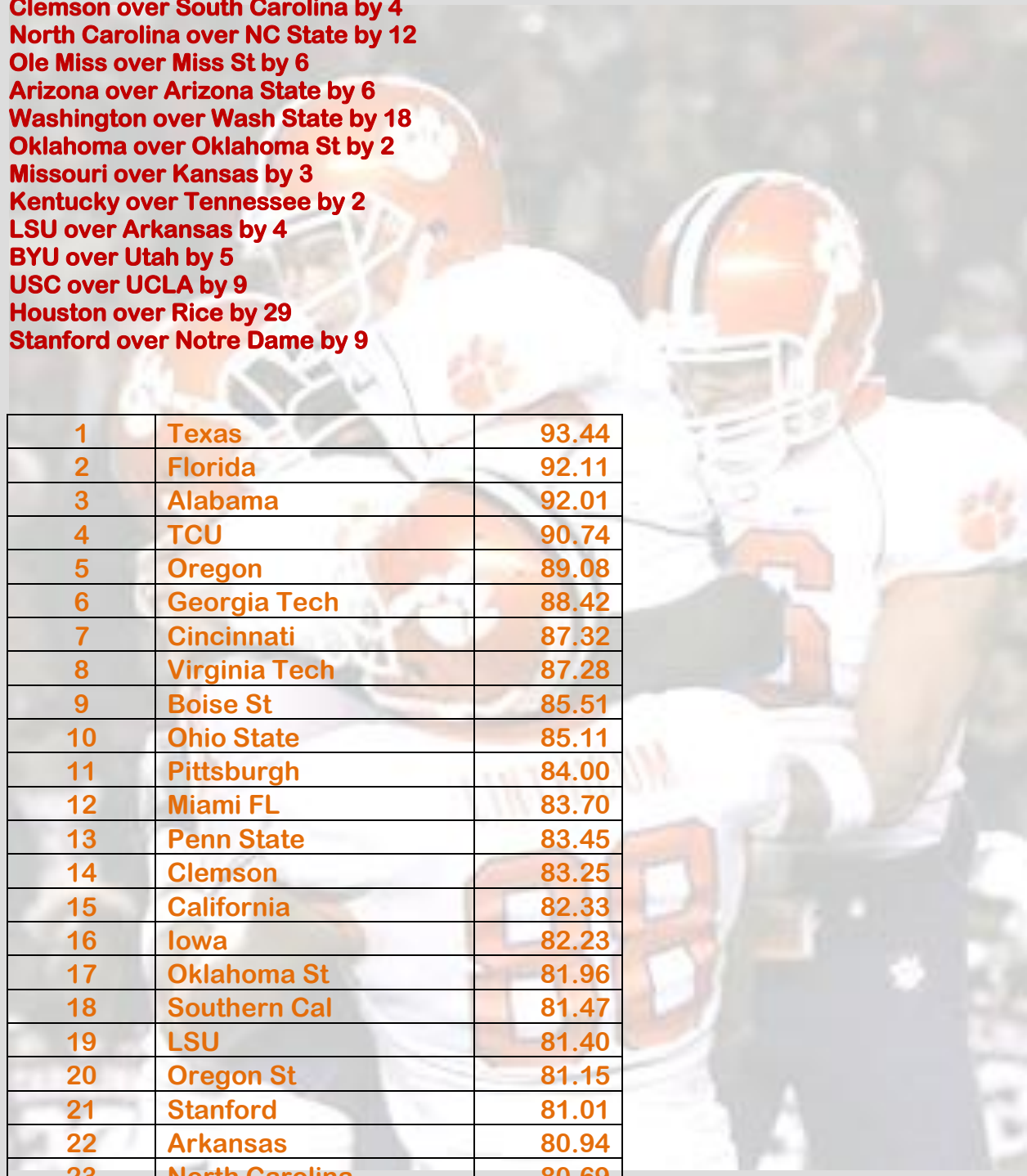
Pittsburgh over West Virginia by 2

Alabama over Auburn by 11

Boise over Nevada by 14

Saturday

Virginia Tech over Virginia by 15
Florida over Florida State by 20
Georgia Tech over Georgia by 17
Clemson over South Carolina by 4
North Carolina over NC State by 12
Ole Miss over Miss St by 6
Arizona over Arizona State by 6
Washington over Wash State by 18
Oklahoma over Oklahoma St by 2
Missouri over Kansas by 3
Kentucky over Tennessee by 2
LSU over Arkansas by 4
BYU over Utah by 5
USC over UCLA by 9
Houston over Rice by 29
Stanford over Notre Dame by 9



1	Texas	93.44
2	Florida	92.11
3	Alabama	92.01
4	TCU	90.74
5	Oregon	89.08
6	Georgia Tech	88.42
7	Cincinnati	87.32
8	Virginia Tech	87.28
9	Boise St	85.51
10	Ohio State	85.11
11	Pittsburgh	84.00
12	Miami FL	83.70
13	Penn State	83.45
14	Clemson	83.25
15	California	82.33
16	Iowa	82.23
17	Oklahoma St	81.96
18	Southern Cal	81.47
19	LSU	81.40
20	Oregon St	81.15
21	Stanford	81.01
22	Arkansas	80.94
23	North Carolina	80.69
24	Nebraska	80.60
25	Mississippi	80.33
26	Arizona	80.07

27	Oklahoma	79.56
28	Texas Tech	79.52
29	Brigham Young	79.38
30	Wisconsin	77.96
31	Utah	77.88
32	West Virginia	77.84
33	Auburn	77.34
34	Tennessee	77.04
35	Boston College	77.03
36	Missouri	76.62
37	Florida St	76.62
38	UCLA	76.09
39	Notre Dame	76.09
40	Navy	76.05
41	Houston	75.78
42	Georgia	75.73
43	South Carolina	75.01
44	Nevada	75.01
45	Kentucky	74.94
46	South Florida	74.30
47	Connecticut	73.39
48	East Carolina	73.28
49	Central Michigan	73.24
50	Minnesota	72.86
51	Air Force	72.65
52	Michigan St	72.62
53	Villanova	72.29
54	Fresno St	72.15
55	Central Florida	71.88
56	Temple	71.58
57	Rutgers	71.02
58	Wake Forest	70.95
59	Texas A&M	70.90
60	Washington	70.68
61	Mississippi St	70.64
62	Northwestern	70.02
63	Arizona St	69.47
64	Kansas	69.15
65	Southern Miss	69.09
66	Purdue	69.09
67	Troy	68.95



68	Richmond	68.74
69	Marshall	68.66
70	Montana	68.60
71	Kansas St	68.35
72	Virginia	67.95
73	Iowa St	67.48
74	Middle Tennessee St	67.43
75	William & Mary	67.36
76	Southern Illinois	66.82
77	Duke	66.60
78	Idaho	66.57
79	Michigan	66.49
80	SMU	66.48
81	Syracuse	66.41
82	Ohio U.	65.85
83	Bowling Green	65.37
84	Baylor	65.36
85	Northern Illinois	65.03
86	North Carolina St	64.93
87	Appalachian St	64.21
88	Louisville	64.16
89	Wyoming	64.13
90	Illinois	63.94
91	Colorado	63.58
92	Elon	63.52
93	South Dakota St	62.94
94	Northern Iowa	62.64
95	UNLV	62.34
96	Indiana	62.10
97	Eastern Washington	61.99
98	Alabama-Birmingham	61.99
99	Louisiana Tech	61.96
100	Jacksonville St	61.22
101	Vanderbilt	60.94
102	Weber St	60.93
103	Tulsa	60.85
104	Louisiana-Monroe	60.83
105	New Hampshire	60.73
106	San Diego St	60.71
107	Maryland	60.51
108	Colorado St	60.11



109	Buffalo	59.39
110	Hawai`i	59.38
111	Utah St	58.95
112	South Carolina St	58.92
113	Delaware	58.13
114	James Madison	58.11
115	Toledo	57.84
116	Louisiana-Lafayette	57.71
117	Western Michigan	57.64
118	Stephen F. Austin	57.50
119	Kent St	57.46
120	Montana St	56.84
121	McNeese St	56.36
122	Liberty	56.34
123	Washington St	56.31
124	Pennsylvania	56.17
125	Northern Arizona	56.16
126	Florida Atlantic	55.58
127	Furman	54.90
128	UTEP	54.85
129	Army	54.44
130	Massachusetts	54.29
131	Florida Int'l	54.20
132	Memphis	54.10
133	Eastern Illinois	53.87
134	Arkansas St	53.54
135	Youngstown St	53.46
136	Lafayette	52.90
137	Akron	52.53
138	Prairie View A&M	52.50
139	Holy Cross	52.48
140	San José St	52.31
141	Illinois St	52.20
142	Texas St-San Marcos	52.05
143	UC-Davis	52.04
144	Missouri St	51.89
145	Harvard	51.54
146	Tulane	51.53
147	Maine	51.39
148	Florida A&M	51.12
149	Chattanooga	51.06



150	Rice	50.89
151	Miami OH	50.73
152	Samford	50.46
153	Georgia Southern	50.45
154	Colgate	50.32
155	New Mexico	50.24
156	Hofstra	50.15
157	New Mexico St	49.80
158	North Texas	49.27
159	North Dakota	49.04
160	Southern Utah	49.02
161	Sacramento St	49.01
162	Ball St	48.19
163	South Dakota	48.12
164	Cal Poly SLO	47.99
165	Norfolk St	47.27
166	Brown	47.14
167	Grambling St	47.02
168	Central Conn St	47.00
169	The Citadel	46.86
170	Wofford	46.65
171	Stony Brook	46.65
172	Tennessee Tech	46.31
173	North Dakota St	46.27
174	Eastern Kentucky	45.59
175	Central Arkansas	45.53
176	SE Louisiana St	45.08
177	Albany NY	44.83
178	Charleston Southern	44.27
179	Northern Colorado	43.98
180	Northeastern	43.32
181	Eastern Michigan	42.62
182	Western Kentucky	42.33
183	Lehigh	42.10
184	Dayton	42.10
185	Coastal Carolina	41.85
186	Southern U.	41.70
187	Columbia	41.58
188	Gardner-Webb	41.24
189	Alabama A&M	41.23
190	Portland St	40.74



191	Morgan St	40.31
192	Sam Houston St	40.19
193	Fordham	40.06
194	Western Carolina	39.99
195	Tennessee-Martin	39.97
196	Old Dominion	39.91
197	Yale	39.77
198	Delaware St	39.47
199	Towson	39.42
200	Western Illinois	38.66
201	Hampton	38.55
202	Texas Southern	38.50
203	Rhode Island	38.36
204	Idaho St	38.29
205	Drake	38.05
206	Austin Peay	37.47
207	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	37.32
208	Butler	37.01
209	Nicholls St	36.97
210	Tennessee St	36.69
211	Jacksonville FL	36.68
212	Princeton	36.39
213	Bethune-Cookman	36.15
214	SE Missouri St	36.02
215	Wagner	35.97
216	North Carolina A&T	35.84
217	Monmouth NJ	35.79
218	Robert Morris	35.11
219	Alcorn St	35.09
220	VMI	34.97
221	Dartmouth	34.78
222	Indiana St	34.29
223	Bryant	34.29
224	Bucknell	33.66
225	Jackson St	32.92
226	Marist	32.51
227	Murray St	32.15
228	Cornell NY	32.06
229	Northwestern St	31.06
230	North Carolina Central	29.60
231	San Diego	28.34



232	Davidson	28.03
233	Winston-Salem St	27.85
234	Howard	27.52
235	Duquesne	27.44
236	St Francis PA	27.34
237	Alabama St	27.26
238	Presbyterian	27.16
239	Sacred Heart	26.44
240	Georgetown DC	24.25
241	Mississippi Valley St	21.75
242	Campbell	19.64
243	Morehead St	18.04
244	Savannah St	17.06
245	Valparaiso	10.00

