

WEEK FOUR COLLEGE MATCHUP HISTORY

Home Team	Year in '14 column	Neutral site	Year in '14 column	Neutral site	Year in '14 column	Neutral site	Year in '14 column	Neutral site	Year in '14 column	Neutral site	Year in '14 column	Neutral site	Year in '14 column	Neutral site	Year in '14 column	Neutral site	Year in '14 column	Neutral site	
NC Open	2017	-	NC Open	2017	-	NC Open	2017	-	NC Open	2017	-	NC Open	2017	-	NC Open	2017	-	NC Open	2017
2016	-	2016	-	2016	-	2016	-	2016	-	2016	-	2016	-	2016	-	2016	-	2016	-
2015	-	2015	-	2015	-	2015	-	2015	-	2015	-	2015	-	2015	-	2015	-	2015	-

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**2018 COLLEGE STREAKERS
WILL BEGIN AFTER WEEK 4**

These Power Play Forecasts are the most unique in the country because they are based on **Northcoast Sports' Private Power Ratings**. Our ratings are unlike any computer rating, as we take into account all of the following: Strength of Opponents Individual Units (Rushing Offense and Defense, Passing Offense, & Defense, Scoring Offense and Defense, Garbage Yards, Weather, Injuries, Home Field Edge, and Successful Unbalanced Attacks). Here is how each is reflected:

Strength of Opponent: Our ratings do not just take the opposing team's overall power rating into account. For example, last year, Florida Atlantic's defense vs the rush was rated at 119. They faced Alabama and allowed "just" 256 yds rushing and **dropped 5 spots** in the national overall defensive ratings. However, Power Plays took into account the potent Crimson Tide run attack and had forecasted the Owls yielding 289 yds. Due to the fact they did better than the forecast, Power Plays raised their rating to 112 even though they slipped in the national (straight yardage) rankings. Another example last season was Wisconsin vs UTEP. Wisconsin held UTEP to just 77 yards rushing and stayed the same in the overall defense in the national statistics. However, our ratings had them rated at 15 and moved them down, as they should have yielded just 50 yards to a weak UTEP rush attack. Next time an announcer on TV tells you that a certain team is #3 in the country vs the run **you better check Northcoast Sports' Power Ratings and see how good a rush defense they really have!** The top twenty ratings in Power Ratings for each offensive and defensive category will be listed in each week's issue of Power Plays.

Garbage yards: These are yards that a team gains or allows in the final minutes of a game when it has been decided. For example, Team A is ahead 63-0 and allows 93 yards passing for a TD vs its fourth string defense. These yards are **counted** into national ratings, **but not in Northcoast Sports' Power Ratings!**

Weather: If a game is played in miserable weather conditions and is low scoring, the straight statistics credit the defense with outstanding performances. Our Power Ratings reflect the conditions and do not give excess credit to the defenses.

Injuries: When Missouri played Vanderbilt last year, Tigers QB James Franklin was injured early in the game. His backup, who had seen very little action (rFR), was not prepared and hit on 30%, 9-30 passes. The offensive coordinator simplified the offense. In the national statistics Vanderbilt's overall defense **MOVED UP 8 NOTCHES**. In Phil's Power Ratings they **went from #11 dropping out of the Top 15**, as the poor performance WAS NOT reflective of an outstanding performance by the defense.

Home Field Edges: The weekly projection of yards and points is weighted with the home field factored in.
Successful Unbalanced Attacks: Last season, Tulsa was held to 155 yards passing vs Houston. This dropped Tulsa in the national passing offense ratings & **RAISED** the Cougars in the pass defense ratings. In our ratings the two units **remained** rated around the same. Why? Tulsa rushed for 350 yards & **DID NOT HAVE TO RELY ON THE PASS** & when they did they hit 18 of 32. While Houston's pass defense looked good in the national ratings, only Northcoast Sports' Power Ratings reflected the TRUTH!

There you have it. More than just numbers, **THESE RATINGS REFLECT** the true strength of each unit and allow them to have **the most accurate forecast of yards gained and points allowed in the country!** No other rating system takes into account all the **previous factors**. Next time you hear that a team is rated third in the country in pass defense, just remember, yards are not everything and Northcoast Sports' Power Plays will show you how strong the team really is.

NORTHCOAST SPORTS PLUS OR MINUS POWER RATINGS

The Power Ratings listed below are not based on the Power Plays, they are based on last year's final computer power rating numbers with the pluses and minuses from the off season changes factored in. They are then adjusted during the course of the season based on the final score of the games that are played on a weekly basis. The Power Ratings listed below can be used for you as a base power ratings to forecast up coming lines and strength of opponents, etc. Once again, they are not based on Power Plays and **they differ from what we have shown in recent years**, which has been our actual computer Power Ratings. These are Northcoast Sports Plus or Minus Power Ratings.

SEC		BIG TEN		BIG 12		PAC-12		ACC		AAC							
Start	Current	Start	Current	Start	Current	Start	Current	Start	Current	Start	Current						
Alabama	147	140	Ohio St	145	133	Oklahoma	142	131	Washington	141	126	Clemson	144	129	Memphis	130	117
Georgia	143	133	Penn St	136	126	Oklahoma St	130	124	Stanford	134	119	Miami, FL	133	122	UCF	126	112
Miss St	133	125	Michigan	139	122	TCU	128	117	Utah	131	117	Boston College	133	121	Houston	120	107
LSU	130	120	Michigan St	140	119	Texas	134	117	USC	133	111	Duke	133	121	USF	114	107
Texas A&M	129	120	Wisconsin	143	119	West Virginia	128	116	Wash St	118	111	N Carolina St	130	118	Temple	124	106
Auburn	134	119	Iowa	128	117	Iowa St	133	115	California	128	110	Virginia Tech	126	117	Navy	124	106
Missouri	128	116	Minnesota	123	111	Kansas St	131	110	Arizona St	121	109	Wake Forest	128	114	Cincinnati	108	103
Florida	130	115	Indiana	124	108	Baylor	128	108	Colorado	119	109	Pittsburgh	132	112	Tulane	114	100
S Carolina	132	115	Northwestern	128	107	Kansas	111	103	Oregon	125	108	Syracuse	116	109	Tulsa	112	98
Vanderbilt	116	110	Purdue	124	106				Arizona	129	106	Georgia Tech	125	108	SMU	108	92
Mississippi	122	109	Maryland	117	104				UCLA	122	99	N Carolina	127	107	E Carolina	105	92
Kentucky	117	107	Illinois	115	101				Oregon St	110	97	Louisville	128	107	Connecticut	103	84
Tennessee	115	100	Nebraska	121	101						Virginia	112	104				
Arkansas	121	98	Rutgers	111	91						Florida St	129	104				

MOUNTAIN WEST		CUSA		MAC		SUN BELT		INDEPENDENT						
Start	Current	Start	Current	Start	Current	Start	Current	Start	Current					
Boise St	131	118	North Texas	112	105	Toledo	118	104	Appalachian St	116	107	Notre Dame	136	118
Fresno St	124	114	FAU	125	104	Buffalo	115	103	Troy	117	103	BYU	114	109
Utah St	117	112	Marshall	119	103	E Michigan	113	101	Arkansas St	111	101	Army	119	101
Air Force	115	105	La Tech	119	103	Ohio	122	101	Georgia Southern	108	99	UMass	110	89
Nevada	117	101	UAB	112	100	N Illinois	117	100	ULM	110	93	Liberty	95	85
Nevada	117	101	Middle Tenn	118	99	Akron	106	97	Coastal Carolina	102	89	New Mexico St	102	79
San Diego St	120	101	FIU	106	98	Miami, OH	117	95	Georgia St	99	88			
UNLV	110	96	S Miss	103	91	W Michigan	111	94	Louisiana	97	86			
Wyoming	119	96	WKU	101	88	Ball St	96	88	S Alabama	103	86			
New Mexico	104	92	Old Dominion	109	86	C Michigan	107	88	Texas St	93	76			
Hawaii	89	88	UTSA	99	84	Bowling Green	106	86						
Colorado St	106	87	Charlotte	99	83	Kent St	97	86						
San Jose St	90	82	Rice	96	79									
			UTEP	94	78									

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