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Six years before the very first Associated Press College Football Sportswriters Poll, Dick Dunkel Sr. created the most accurate "yardstick" for college football teams in existence.

The Dunkel Index is a progressive statistical formula that has historically proven to be an accurate measurement when applied to the performance of an organized group of athletes versus another organized group of athletes. It is the one of the few known formulas to incorporate the strength of one team's schedule against another's. The Index basically reflects all the intangibles that can affect the performance of any team, on any given day, regardless of the circumstances.

The keys to the Dunkel Index are found in knowing that it is a "statistical" formula with an emphasis on a team's recent performance. Most mathematicians and statisticians will support the fact that the larger a "sampling" is, the more accurate the projections that are derived from that "sampling" are. The Index is now enjoying an almost 70 year history in College Football and a 62 year history in Men's College Basketball. And, just for the record, The Dunkel College Football Index enjoyed an 86.9 percen t raw accuracy record for the 1997-98 Bowl Season.

Another factor that also applies to statistics is a margin of error. In the case of the Dunkel Index, a 3 to 4 percent is enjoyed in College Football and Men's College Basketball. In the other sports that are also rated by the Index the percentage is slightly higher. I.e. Women's College Basketball ranges between 3 to 6 percent. This is because the history is not as extensive as the previous two. As time progresses, these ranges will also fall.

The last factor to be evaluated by the consumer is a concept that encompasses human emotion. It is known as the "Upset Factor". The Upset Factor can be found when one team arrives to play a game in a state-of-mind condition commonly known as "UP". This condition has time and again proven to be a determining factor in the results of many a contest. It is applicable to all sports and is the most elusive to predict. To be fair, please keep in mind when reviewing the Index pairings that the upset factor can apply to any game regardless of what the rating difference may be. However, our studies of this phenomena have revealed the following scenarios. When viewing football pairings, games that have a Rating Difference between 6 and 1, the probability that the lower rated team will win the game increases proportionately as the Rating Difference decreases. When viewing basketball pairings, the Rating Differences that apply are between 4 and 1. In any given game, in any sport rated by the Index, when a Rating Diffe rence is 0, it's absolutely anybody's best guess as to which team will emerge with the win.

Lastly, one should know, that when reviewing the Index, the Upset Factor can apply to from ten percent to as many as thirty percent of the games that are rated on any particular day.

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20.	Baylor	94.0		20.	Wisconsin	91.9

1983

1.	Miami,Fla	107.0
2.	Nebraska	106.0
3.	Auburn	103.9
4.	Florida	103.7
5.	Michigan	101.2
6.	OhioState	100.0
7.	Clemson	99.8
8.	Brig.Young	98.5
9.	Georgia	97.8
10.	Alabama	97.6
	U.C.L.A.	97.6
12.	Texas	97.3
13.	FloridaSt	96.0
14.	Tennessee	95.8
	Va.Tech	95.8
16.	Iowa	95.7
17.	Pittsburgh	94.9
18.	Oklahoma	94.4
19.	Wash.St	93.9
20.	PennState	93.5

1982

1.	PennState	106.7
2.	Nebraska	104.1
3.	Georgia	102.1
4.	U.C.L.A.	99.8
5.	FloridaSt	98.4
6.	OhioState	98.3
7.	Clemson	97.3
8.	Maryland	97.2
	So.Calif	97.2
10.	S.M.U.	97.1
11.	ArizonaSt	96.8
12.	Oklahoma	96.1
	L.S.U.	96.1
14.	Pittsburgh	95.1
	Miami,Fla	95.1
	N.Carolina	95.1
17.	Texas	94.9
	Washington	94.9
19.	Arizona	94.8
20.	Auburn	94.0

1981

1.	PennState	104.2
2.	Washington	102.5
3.	Clemson	102.3
4.	Pittsburgh	101.2
5.	Georgia	100.7
6.	Michigan	100.3
7.	Miami,Fla	100.1
8.	Nebraska	99.7
9.	S.M.U.	99.5
10.	Alabama	98.8
11.	Texas	98.0
12.	Brig.Young	97.8
13.	Oklahoma	97.6
14.	ArizonaSt	97.3
15.	N.Carolina	96.2
16.	So.Calif	94.0
17.	U.C.L.A.	93.7
18.	OhioState	92.8
19.	Arkansas	92.4
20.	W.Virginia	92.1

1980

1.	Oklahoma	107.3
2.	FloridaSt	106.8
3.	Pittsburgh	106.0
4.	Michigan	105.9
5.	Nebraska	104.5
6.	Alabama	104.0
7.	PennState	103.2
8.	Brig.Young	102.2
9.	So.Calif	101.5
10.	Georgia	101.4
11.	S.M.U.	98.2
12.	OhioState	97.6
13.	U.C.L.A.	97.5
14.	Washington	96.4
15.	NotreDame	95.8
16.	Baylor	95.0
	ArizonaSt	95.0
18.	N.Carolina	94.4
19.	Houston	93.9
20.	Miss.St	92.8

1979

1.	Alabama	109.2
2.	So.Calif	108.5
3.	Oklahoma	107.8
4.	OhioState	106.4
5.	Houston	102.5
6.	Nebraska	102.3
	Arkansas	102.3
8.	TexasA&M	100.3
9.	Washington	98.6
10.	Brig.Young	98.2
11.	FloridaSt	97.5

1978

1.	Oklahoma	112.0
2.	Alabama	107.5
3.	Mich.St	107.6
4.	Nebraska	105.3
5.	So.Calif	104.9
6.	PennState	104.7
7.	Texas	103.3
8.	NotreDame	102.6
9.	Houston	101.7
10.	Michigan	101.3
11.	Arkansas	99.7