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★ 35 BOWL DOUBLE ISSUE! ★
BOWL ISSUE 82-46 64% LAST 4 YEARS!!!
NFL SELECTIONS FOR WK 15 & 16 INSIDE!

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NEWS AND NOTES DOUBLE BOWL ISSUE

This issue of Power Sweep is a special double issue which has 35 bowl game forecasts plus the 15th & 16th weeks of the NFL. This action-packed double issue traditionally does exceptionally well, with a 23 year record of 64% on the ★ basis. This is our biggest and best bowl issue ever, as it contains many Key Selections for the bowls and is 32 FULL pages!!!! Let's go over this super Double Bowl Issue so you can utilize it to the fullest. All of the Bowl Selections are rated from 1★ to 4★ with 4★'s being the highest. 3★ & 4★ Selections are considered Key Selections. 2★'s are considered Other Selections. The 1★ plays are very light selections and are to be played nowhere near as strong as the Key Selections. We have a half page dedicated to EVERY bowl game which should provide every piece of information that you will need. Read each bowl write-up and we think you will find them to be the most in-depth write-ups available. We supply much more information than just our selections for this year's bowl games.

Included in this issue are our exclusive Power Plays forecasts for each game. Power Plays takes into account things like: strength of opponents faced, and is adjusted after games for weather, garbage yards, injuries, etc. It is the most accurate set of power ratings in the country. These forecasts give you a projected box score for each game so you can see a possible outcome for the game. The forecasts include yards rushing, yards passing, turnovers, special teams edges and, of course, a score based on the Power Plays ratings. They also list the average opponent power rating of the teams that they faced this year. Keep in mind these projections are based solely on the Power Plays statistical formulas. Our Power Sweep projected winner at the bottom of each bowl takes into account ALL factors, including the Power Plays numbers, emotion, bowl experience, talent matchups, turf edge, momentum, special teams, coaching, etc. Many times the intangibles in bowls outweigh the pure statistical forecasts. We supply the projected forecasts at the top of the page to give you some solid statistical information.

On page 32 of this newsletter you'll find the Computer Corner Power Ratings forecasts for the bowls. The Computer Corner Plays are rated in different categories and, of course, the higher the difference between the Computer Forecast and the actual Vegas Line, the stronger the play is. They are strictly the computer's forecast & do not take into account all the intangibles that our overall write-ups do. These projections have done very well through the years. The bowl checklists included with each bowl write-up are invaluable as every stat and ranking is analyzed with checks going to the better unit. Each check represents approximately one point.

Page 28 will be our Pro Selections for Week 16 in the NFL. These selections will be made on Sunday (Dec 11th) two weeks before the games are played. The Week 15 results will be unknown. This is not easy to do as the Week 15 results will determine the next week's selections as well as playoff chances. Due to that uncertainty we will not have an NFL 4★ for that week, but we will have ★ rated Key Selections. The last 2 years we forecasted the NFL Week 16 two weeks in advance and went **5-1 on the Key Selections (13-3 on ★'s)!!** We do put a lot of work into the advance forecasts and they have done well throughout the years.

The staff here at Northcoast Sports would like to wish you & your family Happy Holidays & a prosperous New Year. As always, thank you for reading Power Sweep. We hope to hear from you in our questionnaire which will be coming in the next couple of issues.

Who Faced the Toughest Schedule in 2011?

What makes our Toughest Opponents Faced rankings far superior to the NCAA method is that ours takes into account 9 sets of power ratings, combines them and factors in every team's schedule this year. We did this not only for the bowl teams, but for all the NCAA teams & found out which teams played the toughest schedules this year. UCLA ranked #30 in the NCAA rankings with an opp W/L % of 55.1% playing 7 gms vs teams with winning records but played our #1 toughest schedule including games against #4 Stanford, #5 USC & #6 Oregon. Per the NCAA, Wyoming faced the #62 toughest schedule with an opp W/L % of 50.4% facing 6 teams with winning records but took on our #98 schedule facing 2 FBS opp (Weber St & Texas St). UCLA had the toughest slate among bowl teams (finished 6-7) and Ohio had the easiest. The 2011 bowl teams are in **boldface**.

1	**UCLA**	31	**Alabama**	61	**Northwestern**	91	**Utah St**
2	**Iowa St**	32	Boston College	62	**Louisville**	92	**BYU**
3	Colorado	33	**Florida**	63	**Virginia**	93	Miami, Oh
4	Kansas	34	Duke	64	Navy	94	Kent St
5	Mississippi	35	**Nebraska**	65	**Florida St**	95	Troy
6	**Baylor**	36	Kentucky	66	**Iowa**	96	ULM
7	Arizona	37	Rice	67	**Boise St**	97	WKU
8	Oregon St	38	Washington St	68	New Mexico St	98	**Wyoming**
9	**Oklahoma St**	39	**Clemson**	69	East Carolina	99	**Southern Miss**
10	**Texas**	40	**Georgia**	70	**Purdue**	100	Colorado St
11	**Auburn**	41	**Arkansas**	71	Fresno St	101	UCF
12	**Oklahoma**	42	Miami, Fl	72	UAB	102	**TCU**
13	**Texas A&M**	43	**Tulsa**	73	Idaho	103	Tulane
14	**Washington**	44	**Ohio St**	74	**Louisiana Tech**	104	Bowling Green
15	USC	45	**South Carolina**	75	North Texas	105	Cent Michigan
16	Minnesota	46	**Marshall**	76	**West Virginia**	106	Buffalo
17	Tennessee	47	**North Carolina**	77	Connecticut	107	Memphis
18	**Notre Dame**	48	**Michigan**	78	USF	108	Middle Tenn
19	**Stanford**	49	**Penn St**	79	Ball St	109	Akron
20	**Missouri**	50	New Mexico	80	**Wisconsin**	110	**Houston**
21	**Kansas St**	51	**Illinois**	81	**NC State**	111	**Air Force**
22	**LSU**	52	**Wake Forest**	82	UTEP	112	**Louisiana**
23	**California**	53	Indiana	83	**Georgia Tech**	113	**Northern Illinois**
24	**Vanderbilt**	54	UNLV	84	**Rutgers**	114	**Western Michigan**
25	Maryland	55	**Michigan St**	85	Florida Atlantic	115	Hawaii
26	**Mississippi St**	56	San Jose St	86	**Cincinnati**	116	East Michigan
27	Texas Tech	57	Syracuse	87	**Nevada**	117	**FIU**
28	**Arizona St**	58	**Pittsburgh**	88	**Toledo**	118	**Arkansas St**
29	**Utah**	59	**SMU**	89	**San Diego St**	119	**Temple**
30	**Oregon**	60	**Virginia Tech**	90	Army	120	**Ohio**

Above ratings are based on overall strength of schedule. Now take a look at the toughest schedules of opponents units faced:

Rush Offenses - Here are the teams that took on the 10 toughest slates of rushing offenses:
1.) **Notre Dame**, 2.) Kansas, 3.) Miami, FL, 4.) **Texas**, 5.) **Purdue**, 6.) **Penn St**, 7.) Texas Tech, 8.) **Oklahoma**, 9.) **Boise St**, 10.) **Oklahoma St**

Pass Offenses - Here are the teams that took on the 10 toughest slates of passing offenses:
1.) **Stanford**, 2.) **UCLA**, 3.) **Washington**, 4.) **Oregon**, 5.) **Utah**, 6.) Arizona, 7.) **Texas**, 8.) **Oregon St**, 9.) **Oklahoma St**, 10.) **California**

Rush Defenses - Here are the teams that took on the 10 toughest slates of rush defenses:
1.) Tennessee, 2.) **Pittsburgh**, 3.) Mississippi, 4.) **Syracuse**, 5.) Colorado, 6.) USC, 7.) **Auburn**, 8.) **UCLA**, 9.) **Wake Forest**, 10.) **Iowa St** 10.) Miami, FL

Pass Defenses - Here are the teams that took on the 10 toughest slates of pass defenses:
1.) Colorado, 2.) Oregon St, 3.) **Oregon**, 4.) **Utah**, 5.) **UCLA**, 6.) **Arizona St**, 7.) UNLV, 8.) Tennessee, 9.) **Illinois**, 10.) **Washington**

Total Offenses - Here are the teams that took on the 10 toughest slates of total offenses:
1.) Kansas, 2.) **Oklahoma St**, 3.) **Texas**, 4.) **UCLA**, 5.) Oregon St, 6.) **Oregon**, 7.) **Oklahoma**, 8.) **Stanford**, 9.) **Texas A&M**, 10.) Colorado

Total Defenses - Here are the teams that took on the 10 toughest slates of total defenses:
1.) Tennessee, 2.) Mississippi, 3.) Kentucky, 4.) **Auburn**, 5.) **Alabama**, 6.) **LSU**, 7.) **Florida**, 8.) **Vanderbilt**, 9.) **Georgia**, 10.) **UCLA**

DOUBLE BOWL ISSUE AND HOW TO USE IT

We have been hard at work putting together our jam-packed Double Bowl Issue of Power Sweep as this is our biggest and best issue of the season. The Double Bowl Issue is 32 full pages loaded with the most information available on the bowls, including selections. We have complete write-ups on all 35 bowl games. The key above shows how we coded the Individual Player stats. This issue provides our exclusive Power Plays forecasts for each game. Power Plays takes into account things like: strength of opponents played, weather, garbage yards, injuries, etc. It is the most accurate set of Power Ratings in the country. These forecasts give you a projected box score for each game so you can get an idea of how it will be played. The forecasts include yards rushing, yards passing, turnovers, special teams edges and, of course, a score based on the Power Plays Ratings. They also list the Average Opponent Power Rating that they faced this year. These projections are based solely on the Power Plays statistical formulas. Our Power Sweep selections at the bottom of each bowl takes into account ALL factors, including the Power Plays numbers, emotion, bowl experience, talent matchups, momentum, special teams, coaching, etc. Many times the intangibles in bowls outweigh the pure statistical forecasts. We supply the Power Plays projected forecast at the top of the page to give you some solid statistical information. We have not provided a score as we had done in the past (always right at the number) because we did not want to commit to the Over or Under on Dec 11th (press time for this issue) and we want to have yet another huge winning year with the Private Play Hotline Triple Totals Plays (46-28 62% on units last 10 years!). The bowl checklists are invaluable as every stat and ranking is analyzed with checks going to the better unit. Each check represents approximately one point. **Our next Power Sweep will be available December 28th** so don't call next week looking for the next issue. You are all set as in addition to Week 15 of the NFL, Week 16 is also included in this issue.

HOW TO USE THE STATS IN EACH WRITEUP:
In all bowl games Bold/Capital = 1st Tm All-Conf • Bold only = 2nd Tm All-Conf • Italics = out for the game.

BOWL ISSUE 82-46 64% L4Y 196-111 64% on ★'s!!!

We look forward to the outcome of this year's Double Bowl Issue! The last 4 years anyone who purchased the Double Bowl Issue has enjoyed a record of **82-46-64% winners and on the ★ basis 196-111 64% with the 4★'s the last 3 years going 10-5 67%!** As mentioned above, we have included both NFL Week 15 and Week 16 in this issue. There will be NO changes to the Power Sweep Issue for the NFL Week 16. If you have not renewed your subscription to Power Sweep for the 2012 season, time to save is running out. Sign up now for 2012 as you will be paying just $79 to renew for download (add $40 for mail delivery) and when you become a 2012 subscriber, you will be offered special pricing on all of the 2011 season Late Phone Packages! On 1/1/12 there will be a price increase so make sure to renew before year's end! All bonus offers are included, just see page 32 for details!

COLLEGE AND NFL 4★ KEY SELECTIONS NOW 17-10-1 63% ON THE YEAR!!!
UNDERDOG 10-4 71% TY WITH 6 OUTRIGHT UPSET WINNERS!!! (4) ANGLE 34-17 67% L/8Y!!!

Power Sweep has been rolling out winners consistently this year and last week the **NFL Key Selections** went **2-0 100%** (4★ was a winner). The NFL ★'s **have recorded 14 POWER SWEEPS since 2007 (all selections winning)**. On the year the 4★'s in Power Sweep (college and NFL) have combined to go **17-10-1 63%!** Our NFL (4) Angle record is **34-17 67%** over the last 8 years and over the L13W the (3) and (4) Angles have combined to go **19-12-1 61%!!!**

MARQUEE PRIVATE PLAY HOTLINE PLAYS 58-34 63% ON THE YEAR!!!
COLLEGE and NFL LATE PHONES GO 3-0-1 LAST WEEK!

As always we recap our Late Phone record on page and we are very pleased to have recorded another College LPS Winner to end the reg season with a 3★ on the Under on the Army/Navy game. We had 3 NFL LPS and last Sunday and went 2-0-1 (Denver push). With the GOY on deck, we are looking forward to a solid weekend again next week!!!

The Newsletter Contest

Here is the Newsletter contest for the 2011 football season. We are happy to provide you with the records and standings from the Power Sweep, Gold Sheet, Power Plays, the Sports Reporter, Winning Points, Pointwise and Playbook. The newsletters are graded from the lines in USA Today. All of the Newsletters are written on Sunday night and by Tuesday most subscribers have access to them online. There will be 6 categories in all. Net winners in College, NFL, and combined as well as the win percentage in College, NFL and combined. An (*) indicates that a Sunday or Monday night game is pending. As of presstime, the regular season college contest is final.

College Wins			College Win %		NFL Wins			NFL Win %		Combined Wins			Combined Win %	
Pointwise	61-46	+15	Pointwise	57.0%	Winning Points	31-21	+10	Winning Points	59.6%	Pointwise	96-76	+20	Pointwise	55.8%
Power Plays	74-63	+11	Playbook	56.6%	Power Sweep	16-11	+5	Power Sweep	59.3%	Playbook	52-40	+12	Playbook	56.5%
Playbook	30-23	+7	Power Plays	54.0%	Pointwise	35-30	+5	Playbook	56.4%	Power Plays	81-75	+6	Power Plays	51.9%
Power Sweep	26-29	-3	Power Sweep	47.3%	Playbook	22-17	+5	Gold Sheet	53.8%	Winning Points	69-64	+5	Winning Points	51.9%
Winning Points	38-43	-5	Winning Points	46.9%	Gold Sheet	21-18	+3	Pointwise	53.8%	Power Sweep	42-40	+2	Power Sweep	51.2%
Sports Reporter	26-32	-6	Sports Reporter	44.8%	Sports Reporter	14-16	-2	Sports Reporter	46.7%	Sports Reporter	40-48	-8	Sports Reporter	45.5%
Gold Sheet	19-35	-16	Gold Sheet	35.2%	Power Plays	7-12	-5	Power Plays	36.8%	Gold Sheet	40-53	-13	Gold Sheet	43.0%

TEMPLE (8-4)

NEW MEXICO BOWL

WYOMING (8-4)

Dec 17 • 2:00 pm ESPN • University Stadium • Albuquerque, NM

POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
TEMPLE	287	80	24	2.1	✓✓✓✓	90.0
WYOMING	178	215	19	1.5	–	98.7

OWLS   ATS: 8-4 O/U: 5-7

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
BERNARD PIERCE	#229	11/9	248	1415	34	1381	25	5.6
Matt Brown	#416	12/3	142	897	30	867	5	6.1
Chris Coyer	#241	7/0	57	529	38	491	3	8.6
Chester Stewart	#134	10/0	64	230	101	129	0	2.0
Kenny Harper	#488	12/0	33	128	0	128	1	3.9

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Chester Stewart	#134	10/0	83	54	65.1	748	2	2
Mike Gerardi	#173	12/3	63	32	50.8	442	3	2
Chris Coyer	#241	7/3	38	22	57.9	294	5	0

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
EVAN RODRIQUEZ	#43	12/11	33	427	12.9	2	55
Rod Streater	#313JC	12/12	41	340	18.9	2	47
Joe Jones	#244	12/7	27	296	11.0	0	36
Deon Miller	#177	12/11	18	253	14.1	3	35

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	BLK	In20
Brandon McManus	#45	12	45	2065	45.9	2	39.5	2	15

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Brandon McManus	#45	12	46-46	7-7	4-7	2-5	0-0	13-19	41

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
MLB	Stephen Johnson	#500	12/12	113	2	2	5	0
FS	Kevin Kroboth	#264	12/12	71	0	1	6	2
OLB	Tahir Whitehead	#456	12/11	59	5	7	1	0
CB	Kee-ayre Griffin	#105	11/11	49	1	1	2	2
DE	ADRIAN ROBINSON	#126	12/12	47	6	5	0	1
SS	Justin Gildea	#426	12/12	46	3	1.5	3	3
CB	Maurice Jones	#275	12/3	42	0	1	4	0
CB	Ahkeem Smith	#237	12/1	39	3.5	0	0	1
DE	Morkeith Brown	#505	12/12	35	4	1	0	0
OLB	Blaze Caponegro	#361	12/8	35	1	3	1	0
CB	Zamel Johnson	#542	12/8	25	0	1.5	2	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Matt Brown	18	182	10.1	0	Matt Brown	26	695	26.7	1
					Joe Jones	7	183	26.1	0

COWBOYS   ATS: 7-5 O/U: 2-8-1

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Alvester Alexander	#329	12/10	145	708	30	678	6	4.7
Brett Smith	#57	12/12	123	774	129	645	10	5.2
Ghaali Muhammad	#484	8/0	60	388	9	379	6.3	2
Brandon Miller	–	12/3	61	343	10	333	5.5	2
Kody Sutton	#209	5/0	26	114	1	113	4.3	0

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Brett Smith	#57	12/12	385	233	60.5	2495	18	8

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Chris McNeill	#335	9/8	42	504	12.0	4	58
Mazi Ogbonna	#75JC	12/11	39	430	11.0	3	48
Dominic Rufran	#337	12/4	35	378	10.8	2	49
Josh Doctson	#291	11/7	32	361	11.3	4	80
Robert Herron	–	11/8	40	348	8.7	3	45
Brandon Miller	–	12/3	20	199	9.9	1	40
Alvester Alexander	#329	12/9	11	187	17.0	0	48

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Austin McCoy	#74	12	72	2903	40.3	16	36.7	0	22

KICKING	PS#	GP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Daniel Sullivan	#37	12	29-33	3-3	3-5	1-2	0-0	7-10	48
Stuart Williams	#235	2	6-6	0-0	0-0	26	114	1	113

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
SS	Luke Ruff	#223	12/12	97	0	2	0	0
WLB	Brian Hendricks	#138	12/12	92	1	2.5	4	0
CB	Tashaun Gipson	#456	12/12	87	0.5	2	5	3
DE	Gabe Knapton	#254	12/12	74	6.5	0.5	0	0
SS	Luke Anderson	#228JC	12/9	71	0	2.5	9	2
MLB	Devyn Harris	#298	12/7	61	0	1.5	3	0
DE	Josh Biezuns	#186	12/12	60	5	4.5	3	0
LEO	Korey Jones	#331JC	12/10	56	4	2	2	0
CB	Blair Burns	#423	12/8	48	0	1.5	4	4

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chris McNeill	6	101	16.8	1	Dominic Rufran	15	313	20.9	0
Blair Burns	5	73	14.6	0	Ghaali Muhammad	12	252	21.0	0

	TU	UW		TU	UW		TU	UW
QB	-	✓✓	RB	✓1/2	-	WR	1/2	✓

	TU	UW	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	-	1/2	TU avg 6-5 318, 4 Sr, 21 sk all'd (11.3%), 5.3 ypc. UW avg 6-4 296, 3 Sr, 11 sk all'd (2.8%), 4.9 ypc.
DL	✓		TU avg 6-3 279, 2 Sr, 13.5 of tm 32 sks, 3.6 ypc. UW avg 6-3 270, 1 Sr, 16.5 of tm 22 sks, 5.1 ypc.
LB	✓		Johnson #1 tkl'r w/113, 4 tfl, Whitehead #3, 12 tfl. Hendricks #2 tkl'r w/92, 3.5 tfl, Anderson #5.
DB	1/2		TU #44 pass eff D, 193 ypg (57%), 11-12 ratio. UW #90 pass eff D, 202 ypg (61%), 17-13 ratio.

CCH	-	✓1/2	This is Addazio's 1st ssn as a HC while Christensen has a bowl win under his belt.
Turf/ Crowd	-	✓1/2	UW deserves the edge for both altitude and playing in front of Mountain West fans.
MTCH	✓✓	-	Both want to run the ball but the Owls have a far superior rush D.
INT	-	1/2	Wyoming is 5-2 ATS as a dog this season pulling 3 upsets.
ST	✓✓✓	-	SCH	-	✓

OVERALL - TEMPLE by 2' ✓'s

Second meeting with UW (16 pt HF) beating TU in the '90 ssn opener. The Owls have reached at least 8 wins for a 3rd str ssn for the 1st time in their hist. However, unlike LY when an 8-4 team sat at home, this 8-4 team is excited to be bowling. WY is thrilled to be here after a 3-9 ssn LY and being picked 6th in the MW. The Pokes finished 4th in the conf, had their most wins S/'98 and the biggest turnaround in the MW TY. This is just the Owls' 4th all-time bowl but their 2nd in the L/3Y. They are 1-2 SU/1-1 ATS in bowls with the win and cover in '79. UW is in a bowl for the 2nd time in 3Y under Christensen. In their last visit to the NM Bowl ('09), Christensen also had a true Fr at the helm and upset Fresno in 2OT as a DD dog. This is Addazio's 1st bowl as a HC but he went to 6 bowls as an asst at Fla, incl 2 as OC. Of the 70 bowl tms, the Owls faced the fewest bowl tms going 0-3 (1-2 ATS) in those gms. UW went 2-4 SU but 4-2 ATS vs bowl tms. These two both ply'd BG TY with WY (+9') pulling a 28-27 upset on the road with a blk'd PAT (WY outgained 514-396) while TU was upset (-13') in a 13-10 loss at BG (TU outgained 318-284). TU is a veteran squad with 13 Sr st'rs among 15 upperclassmen while WY is a young squad with 8 frosh/soph st'rs and 15 others in the 2 deep.

The Owls bring in our #77 off as they are a run 1st offense that has started 3 diff QB's TY, as LY's starting QB's tried to fit the "Tebow-ish" offense Addazio brought over from Fla. It was not until the Ohio gm when Coyer was brought in to replace Stewart and had 184 yds rush (10.8) that they found the QB to fit the system. Coyer started the L/3 but was KO'd in the ssn finale (inj, exp to ret). The Owls have the best set of RB's in the MAC. Pierce was the MAC East OPOW 4x's and when he missed (inj) the Mia,OH gm bkp Matt Brown won the awd. Pierce is 2nd in the FBS in ppg (13.6) with 25 rush TD's. While the Owls do not pass a lot when they do, 1st Tm MAC TE Rodriguez is the top target. The Owls have a Sr heavy OL (5 of top 6) avg 6'5" 318, with four 12 gm st'rs with 2 Sr's splitting 12 sts at C. They have all'd 21 sks (11.3%) but some of that was due to poor QB play and they have paved the way for 256 ypg rush (5.3). The Owls have our #61 D despite losing a #1 NFL DC. The DL avg 6'3" 279 and had just 13.5 of the tm's 32 sks (42%). DE Robinson, who after a down year in '10 when he was asked to drop into pass coverage, ret'd to his pass rush role leading the DL with 6 sks. The Owls have a solid LB corps led by #1 tkl'r MLB Johnson (2x MAC East DPOW) and SLB Whitehead (#3 tkl'r), who leads with 12 tfl. The Owls have our #44 pass eff D all'g an outstanding 11-12 ratio led by FS Kroboth (#2 tkl'r) who leads with 8 pd. The Owls have our #4 ST unit. P/PK Brandon McManus has a 38.6 net and 13 FG's TY. PR Brown avg 10.1 ypr and leads the MAC with 26.7 ypr (1 TD) on KR's.

WY was a tm without a QB in the offssn, after losing LY's st'r to a Jan trans. That left 2 trues and a JUCO battling for the job. When Smith took the 1st snap, he became the 3rd true to start at QB S/'74. Smith is #2 MW in ttl off (only behind Kellen Moore), set the MW frosh record for ttl yds and is a threat to break one every time he runs (tm leading 10 rush TD). The RB spot suffered a blow when bkp Muhammad went out in early Nov, but the Pokes have compensated by moving Miller between RB and WR, keeping defenses guessing. The Pokes also lost leading WR McNeill a gm later but another true frosh, Doctson, has stepped up with 176 (17.6) and 3 TD's in his absence. The OL, with 3 Sr st'rs, is T+#12 FBS all'g just 11 sks (2.8%) on the shifty Smith, while paving the way for 4.9 ypc. Overall UW has our #71 off (27.0 ppg, 399 ypg) and #90 D (27 ppg, 432 ypg). Run D has been a prob for the Pokes, as they're all'g 230 ypg (5.1) and 26 rush TD's which doesn't bode well vs TU's #7 rush off. However, WY is #4 FBS in TO margin and DL Biezuns leads with 5 FF. Hendricks is the top LB tkl'r, but Jones leads the unit with 4 sks. UW ranks #90 pass eff D all'g 202 ypg (61%) with a 17-13 ratio. Frosh CB Burns is #2 MW in int while S Anderson is #3 MW in pd. The ST's unit is #76 avg 13.4 on PR and 20.4 on KR while all'g 5.3 on PR and 22.8 on KR. Another true Fr, Sullivan, hit 7-10 FG with a long of 48 and while Sr P McCoy's avg is down (42.8 LY) he's landed 22 In20.

We've been huge Cowboy fans this year as they've been part of the Big Dog Plays of the Week seven times and they went 6-1 ATS pulling the outright upset vs BG (+9'), SDSt (+18') and AF (+16'). Temple has had some poor gms as a fav, incl losing to Toledo by 23 (-8), BG (-13') who UW beat (-13') and at Ohio (-4). While TU rates a little better on D, UW has a slight edge on offense and is clearly worth using as a dog.

FORECAST: WYOMING (+) over Temple   RATING: 3★

UTAH ST (7-5)

IDAHO POTATO BOWL

OHIO (9-4)

Dec 17 • 5:30 pm ESPN • Bronco Stadium • Boise, ID

POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
UTAH ST	258	213	28	2.6	–	97.1
OHIO	163	228	27	2.2	✓✓✓	87.6

AGGIES   ATS: 6-6 O/U: 7-4-1

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
ROBERT TURBIN	#331	12/12	229	1436	20	1416	19	6.2
Michael Smith	#249JC	12/3	102	728	15	713	7	7.0
Kerwynn Williams	#391	12/0	72	488	8	480	3	6.7
Chuckie Keeton	#123	10/8	67	382	99	283	4	4.2
Adam Kennedy	#173JC	7/4	49	248	20	228	0	4.7
Stanley Morrison	#495	12/5	13	110	18	92	0	7.1

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Chuckie Keeton	#123	10/8	174	106	60.9	1200	11	2
Adam Kennedy	#173JC	7/4	92	65	70.7	909	10	4

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Matt Austin	#237JC	12/7	34	465	13.7	6	49
Stanley Morrison	#495	12/5	25	416	16.6	3	71
Chuck Jacobs	#457JC	12/4	18	210	11.7	2	41
Travis Van Leeuwen	#205	12/5	14	188	13.4	2	36
Eric Moats	#368	12/4	15	181	12.1	1	53

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	BLK	In20
Tyler Bennett	#235JC	12	52	2323	44.7	2	38.2	0	18

KICKING	PS#	GP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Josh Thompson	–	12	54-55	2-3	2-4	2-2	0-0	6-9	43

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
ILB	BOBBY WAGNER	#408	12/12	140	4	6.5	0	2
ILB	Kyle Gallagher	#426	12/12	91	1.5	2	5	1
FS	McKade Brady	#464	12/12	80	0	1	6	0
CB	Nevin Lawson	#515	12/12	63	0	0	9	1
CB	Jumanne Robertson	#281JC	12/9	44	0	0	11	0
ILB	Maurice Alexander	#215JC	11/8	42	3	3	0	0
SS	Alfred Bowden	#179JC	12/4	39	0	1.5	2	0
OLB	Bojay Filimoeatu	#29JC	12/12	39	2	8	1	0
OLB	Tavaris McMillian	#585	12/5	38	0	5.5	0	0
LB	Levi Koskan	–	11/2	26	5.5	4.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kerwynn Williams	7	98	14.0	0	Kerwynn Williams	36	817	22.7	0
Eric Moats	5	16	3.2	0	Chuck Jacobs	14	376	26.9	0

BOBCATS   ATS: 6-7 O/U: 7-6

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Donte Harden	#193	11/11	172	990	51	939	2	5.5
Tyler Tettleton	#109	13/13	150	858	231	627	9	4.2
Ryan Boykin	#1005	13/2	104	462	27	435	1	4.2
Beau Blankenship	#85	12/0	82	425	10	415	4	5.1

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Tyler Tettleton	#109	13/13	389	248	63.8	3082	26	10
Kyle Snyder	#232	5/0	8	5	62.5	38	0	1

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
LaVon Brazill	#495	13/11	66	1038	15.7	10	78
Riley Dunlop	#308	13/13	40	551	13.8	6	36
Donte Foster	#264	12/6	29	350	12.1	5	33
Jordan Thompson	#101	13/10	23	252	11.0	2	27
Donte Harden	#193	11/11	23	230	10.0	2	50
Phil Bates	#30	12/11	15	197	13.1	1	50
Mario Dovell	#389	12/0	8	151	18.9	0	58
Bakari Bussey	#140	13/4	11	112	10.2	0	27

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Paul Hershey	–	12	48	1898	39.5	20	36.8	2	22

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Matt Weller	#49	12	45-46	10-10	8-9	6-12	0-2	24-33	49

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
MLB	Noah Keller	#127	13/13	105	1	6	4	1
FS	Gerald Moore	#321	13/13	77	1	4	3	2
SLB	Alphonso Lewis	#161	13/7	60	0	4	3	0
DE	Tremayne Scott	#421	13/13	60	3.5	4.5	0	0
SLB	Jelani Woseley	#748	12/9	50	0	4.5	0	1
FS	Josh Kristoff	#457	12/6	48	0.5	2.5	5	1
CB	Travis Carrie	–	13/12	47	0	1.5	12	4
SS	Nate Carpenter	#427	13/6	47	1	1	9	2
DT	Corey Hasting	#1562	13/4	42	3	2.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
LaVon Brazill	24	141	5.9	0	Donte Harden	21	552	26.3	0
Travis Carrie	9	128	14.2	1	Ryan Clark	20	459	23.0	0

	USU	OU		USU	OU		USU	OU
QB	-	1/2	RB	✓1/2	-	WR	-	✓1/2

	USU	OU	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	-	-	USU avg 6-5 289, 2 Sr, 17 sk all'd (6.3%), 5.8 ypc. OU avg 6-4 306, 2 Sr, 22 sk all'd (5.4%), 4.7 ypc.
DL	1/2		USU avg 6-2 269, 1 Sr, 11.5 of tm 23 sks, 3.5 ypc. OU avg 6-2 265, 1 Sr, 13 of tm 21 sks, 3.7 ypc.
LB	✓		Wagner #1 tkl'r w/140, 10.5 tfl, Gallagher #2. Keller #1 tkl'r w/105, 7 tfl, Lewis #3 w/60.
DB	-	1/2	USU #49 pass eff D, 240 ypg (60%), 15-4 ratio. OU #41 pass eff D, 229 ypg (54%), 23-15 ratio.

CCH	-	✓	While OU has not had recent bowl success, Solich has the exp with the extra prep time.
Turf/ Crowd	✓1/2	-	Utah St played here last December and is accustom to the blue turf.
MTCH	-	-	Both tms similar in wanting to run the ball. Each has also played weak schedules.
INT	-	-	Both tms are pleased with a bowl appearance and extra practices.
ST	-	✓✓	SCH	✓	-

OVERALL - OHIO by 1/2 ✓'s

Just the 2nd all-time meeting between these teams as Utah St won 5-0 (-2') at Ohio in 1994. USU is making its 6th bowl appearance (1-4 SU/0-1 ATS) and 1st S/'97 (longest bowl draught among TY's tms). This is Ohio's 6th all-time bowl and 4th in HC Solich's 7 ssn's. Solich is now 2-6 SU and ATS in bowls. The Aggies are 7-1 SU and 2-0 ATS vs the MAC. USU's only bowl victory was over Ball St in the '93 Vegas Bowl (42-33, NL). The Aggies have played here in Boise in the L/4 yrs when Boise St was in the WAC. In TY's MAC Champs game Ohio led NI 20-0 at half with a 292-77 yd edge but lost on a last second FG 23-20 (+6') being outgained 405-372 for the gm. Ohio will look to take their frustrations out here. The Bobcats started the season with a trip out west defeating New Mexico St 44-24 (-6') with a 452-368 yd edge.

HC Andersen did a great job getting his Aggies here as they experienced heartbreak after heartbreak to open the ssn. In USU's 1st 7 gms, they entered the 4Q leading in each one but lost 5 of them. However, when things looked at their worst, USU turned its ssn around. Trailing on the road at Hawaii 28-7 and having just lost starting QB Keeton to a neck inj before HT, the Aggies reversed their role and knocked off the Warriors with a TD with :14 left. The victory turned USU's ssn around as they won their L/5 gms incl 3 wins coming in the final minute and another in OT. Keeton hasn't played since his inj but Kennedy has directed USU to each of its wins during the streak and has comp 10% more of his passes and even has a better ypc avg. But the heart and soul of the off is the run gm (#6 in the NCAA, 278 ypg). Behind an OL (6'5" 289) led by two 1st Tm WAC selections (Larsen and Gapelu), the RB duo of Turbin (WAC OPOY) and Smith have comb for 2,129 yds (6.4) and 26 TD's. Andersen would like to see more out of the pass off as the Aggies have a 22-6 ratio but no rec is avg more than 40 ypg. LB Wagner (1st Tm WAC) is the leader of the def and is a tackling machine having posted 115 tkls or more in each of the L/3Y. USU switched to a 3-4 def TY (DL avg 6'2" 269) and trimmed the rush numbers from 179 ypg (4.9) LY to 128 ypg (3.5) TY. While tms are avg nearly the same yds thru the air vs USU, the Aggies have only picked off 4 passes TY which is more than just two other tms in all of the FBS (NM and Akron). ST's have hurt the Aggies at times as they failed to cover an onside K in a loss to AU, fmbl'd 2 punts incl one which led to a TD in a loss to CSU, failed on a fake FG in a loss to BYU and missed 3 FG's in a loss to FSU. They also allowed 2 KR TD's (26.0 ypr) but they do have KR Williams who LY set an FBS record with 1,444 KR yds.

The Bobcats returned 7 off st'rs TY and have our #48 off. They did have to replace their starting QB and turned to soph Tettleton, who won the job with an impressive spg. He is a dual-threat, who is the Bobcats #2 rusher and is #2 in the MAC in ttl off. With top RB Harden banged up at times (out 2 gms, inj), the Bobcats had 3 RB's who each had 100 yd gms TY with each having 400+ yds on the ssn. The Bobcats receiving corps is led by Brazill, who became the Bobcats all-time leading receiver TY. While Brazill leads the team with 66 rec, Ohio does spread the ball around as they have 4 other receivers with 23+ rec's. Much of OU's offensive success is due to a strong OL that avg's 6'4" 306 and whose 5 st'rs each started all 13 gms. On the D side OU ret'd just 4 st'rs and have our #74 defense. The DL which avg 6'2" 265 had a lot to due with the tms early success as they started 4-1. They did suffer some injuries midssn and had just 62% (13) of the tm's sks. The Bobcats LB unit has been solid with 3 of the top 5 tkl'rs led by MLB Keller, who has been their D leader. The secondary ranks #41 in our ranks of D, all'g a 23-15 ratio. CB Carrie leads with 4 int and 12 pbu and is #4 in the MAC in pd. OU has our #53 ST's unit led by K Weller, the MAC STPOY and leads the MAC with 24 FG's made. P Hershey saw his avg drop TY as after leading the MAC LY in net punting (39.6) OU is #5 TY (36.8). KR Harden is #2 in the MAC avg 26.3 ypr while the tm avg just 8.3 ypr.

The checklist shows Ohio with a slight edge on offense with the defenses being even. Utah St has the familiarity but the deciding factor is the special teams which we rate the Aggies dead last.

FORECAST: OHIO over Utah St   RATING: 1★

LOUISIANA (8-4)

NEW ORLEANS BOWL

SAN DIEGO ST (8-4)

Dec 17 • 9:00 pm ESPN • Superdome • New Orleans, LA

POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
LOUISIANA	106	270	28	2.6	–	92.4
SAN DIEGO ST	184	225	33	1.8	–	92.1

One of the biggest surprises in the FBS TY was the Ragin Cajuns, who were the unanimous choice to finish in the basement of the SBC, but 1st yr HC Hudspeth would have none of that as UL finished undefeated at home for the 1st time S/'87. This will be their 1st bowl gm as an FBS member and while the New Orleans Bowl usually selects the SBC champ, the Cajuns got the nod due to the close proximity as well as setting a school rec'd avg 29,176. UL went 1-3 SU but 3-1 ATS vs bowl elig tms being outscored 41-29 and outgained 496-398 but with the avg line +16. You have to question SDSt's motivation here as while they're excited to make the postssn in B2B yrs for the 1st time in their DI hist, they were passed along by their hometown bowl, as well as with all other MWC bowls and landed here vs an SBC school. While SDSt's home att avg has increased, it's hard to judge how many will make the 1,800 mile trip. SDSt has B2B winning ssns for the 1st time S/'95-'96 and did tally their most wins away from home (4) since '86. First yr HC Long (DC here LY) has plenty of bowl exp taking his NM tm to 5 postssn appearances his L/7Y there. SDSt went 1-4 SU/2-3 ATS vs bowl tms being outscored 33-25 and outgained 458-418.

The Ragin Cajuns are led by the SBC's pass eff leader QB Gautier who finished #19 FBS as he wasn't named the tms str until the 4th gm of the ssn. He has gone on to throw for the 4th most single ssn yds in UL hist. His primary target is TE Green, who is an NFL prospect and a matchup problem with his 6'6" frame. He missed 1 gm and battled through a shoulder inj in the 1H of the ssn, but avg'd over 6 rec and scored 6 of his 7 TD's over his L/6 gms. WR Lawson is the deep threat. When Gautier isn't being used as a running option, he is handing it off to true RB Harris, who has 6 ttl TD's over the L/4 gms. The OL has struggled down the stretch, only avg 67 rush ypg (2.9) the L/3 gms. The Ragin Cajuns rec'd an FBS rec'd with 7 IR for TD's, incl 2 vs Okla St and 1 vs Ariz. The DL is led by DE Smith, whose tm leading 13 tfl incl 6.5 sks. LB Kelley made the transition over from S look easy as he easily led UL with 107 tkls. LY's leader Lewis-Buchanan finished #2. All four DB's had at least one pick-six but CB Bentley, who had 2 of them and is their best cover corner, dislocated his shoulder in the finale. He was initially ruled out for the bowl, but there are whispers that he could be well enough to play (certainty is that he won't be 100%). On ST's PR Surgent led the SBC avg 9.2, while also handling KR. While he didn't take any to the house, he does provide stability in the return gm. K Baer hit 16-18 incl 5-6 from 40+ with a long of 49. He is the FBS career leader in FG % with a 91.7% success rate! Baer also handles the P duties with a net of 37.8 incl 24 In20.

SDSt's #53 offense boasts two big weapons in potential NFL'ers QB Lindley and RB Hillman. Lindley has set SDSt records for career QB sts, comp, pass yds (also MWC leader), ttl off and pass TD's even though he struggled with inexp WR's TY. RB Hillman was in a battle with UO's James for the rushing title until gm 10 vs Boise, when he was hobbled by a sprained ankle and limited to 3 carries. Hillman currently ranks #3 FBS in rushing and passed SDSt-great Marshall Faulk for 100 yd rushing gms in a season when he went over that mark in the finale (9). TE Escobar has come on with 18 rec's for 306 yds and 2 TD in the L/3 gms. The OL features 3 Sr str's and has kept Lindley relatively clean allowing 10 sks (2.5%) while paving the way for Hillman. SDSt has been a 2H tm TY, behind a D that all'd just 135 ypg, forced 1.5 TO's per gm and all'd just 6 ppg after the break. LB Burris is #1 MWC with 19 tfl. Aztecs are #56 pass eff D all'g 199 ypg (56%) with a 15-14 ratio led by Parker who has 14 pd, 1 FR and 3 FF's. The ST's unit has struggled as PK Perez went thru a stretch of 5 missed FG's, incl 2 in the 2H in a 3 pt loss to Wyo. There are high spots (SDSt #20 FBS net punt, #8 PR D) and low spots (#100 PR avg, #117 KR D) along this unit however both Lockett and Davis have KR TD's.

SDSt's offense has multiple weapons behind the arm of Lindley and the legs of Hillman and they've topped 31 pts seven times TY. The Aztecs defensive numbers are skewed because they all'd only 12 ppg to UNLV, NM and Colo St. The Cajuns have gone Over the total 8 times TY and their gms have also totaled more than 60 pts 8 times this season.

RAGIN' CAJUNS ATS: 8-4 O/U: 8-4

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Alonzo Harris	#77	11/8	149	666	28	638	8	4.3
Blaine Gautier	#161	12/0	109	630	166	464	3	4.3
Qyendarius Griffin	#148	11/1	69	210	0	210	3	3.0
Aaron Spikes	#107	10/2	30	148	28	120	1	4.0

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Blaine Gautier	#161	12/10	304	192	63.2	2488	20	5
Chris Masson	#322	9/2	42	23	54.9	437	2	4

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
JAVONE LAWSON	#267	12/12	54	899	16.6	6	60
Harry Peoples	#329JC	11/12	46	647	12.2	1	31
LADARIUS GREEN	#326	12/11	46	485	10.5	7	43
Darryl Surgent	#511	12/10	25	425	17.0	6	65
Alonzo Harris	#77	11/8	15	146	9.7	1	22

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brett Baer	#48	12	75	3038	40.5	17	37.8	0	24

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Brett Baer	#48	12	44-46	7-8	4-4	5-6	0-0	16-18	49

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	LANCE KELLEY	#185	12/12	107	3	5	6	1
DL	Devon Lewis-Buchanan	#456	12/12	78	1.5	9	6	1
DB	Jemarlous Moten	#165JC	12/12	69	0	1	5	3
DB	Lionel Stokes	#353JC	12/12	69	0	1.5	5	2
DB	DWIGHT BENTLEY	#461JC	12/12	65	0	3	6	3
LB	Jake Molbert	#417	11/7	61	1	4	0	0
S	Melvin White	#416	12/12	59	1.5	7	5	2
DB	Le'Marcus Gibson	#147	11/11	44	0	1.5	2	0
DL	Derreck Dean	#324	12/12	41	1.5	5	0	0
DL	BERNARD SMITH	#268JC	12/7	40	6.5	6.5	1	0
DL	Tyrell Gaddies	#697JC	12/8	29	2	5	1	0
DL	Chris Tucker	#389JC	12/4	27	3.5	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Darryl Surgent	25	231	9.2	0		Darryl Surgent	32	676	21.1	0
						Javone Lawson	13	264	20.3	0

AZTECS ATS: 5-7 O/U: 4-6-1

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
RONNIE HILLMAN	#236	12/11	287	1709	53	1656	19	5.8
Walter Kazee	#882	9/0	74	349	10	339	4	4.6
Adam Muema	#155	5/1	39	255	11	244	2	6.3
Colin Lockett	#803	12/10	7	103	7	96	0	13.7

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Ryan Lindley	#74	12/12	398	209	52.5	2740	20	8
Brian Stahovich	#10	12/0	1	1	100.0	5	0	0

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Colin Lockett	#803	12/10	52	885	17.0	5	68
GAVIN ESCOBAR	#107	12/5	47	710	15.1	7	55
Dylan Denso	#892	12/11	44	525	11.9	0	33
Ronnie Hillman	#236	12/11	20	221	11.1	1	71

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
BRIAN STAHOVICH	#10	12	57	2472	43.4	22	38.9	0	17

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Abelardo Perez	#296JC	12	44-46	3-5	1-3	1-4	0-1	5-13	42

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	MILES BURRIS	#131	12/12	72	8	11	1	0
DL	Jerome Long	#464	12/12	69	5	3	0	0
S	Nat Berhe	#204	12/12	57	0	3	4	2
DL	Larry Parker	#229	12/12	56	0	2.5	7	7
DL	Jake Fely	#258	12/12	53	1.5	3.5	0	0
DB	LEON McFADDEN	#542	12/12	42	1	1.5	12	2
LB	Nick Tenhaeff	#290	12/0	41	0	1	0	0
LB	Logan Ketchum	#227	8/8	39	1.5	3	2	0
LB	Rene Siluano	#355	12/0	33	0	1	2	1
DL	Larry Gibbs	–	12/5	32	2	4.5	2	0
S	Gabe Lemon	#546	12/8	32	0	0	4	1
DL	JJ Autele	#290	10/10	27	0	3.5	0	0
DL	Demetrius Barksdale	–	12/4	27	3	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD		KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Leon McFadden	12	70	5.8	0		Colin Lockett	29	613	21.1	1
Larry Parker	10	45	4.5	0		Brandon Davis	15	353	23.5	1

	UL	SDSt		UL	SDSt		UL	SDSt			
QB	-	1/2	RB	-	✔✔	WR	1/2	-	CCH	-	✔1/2

While Long is making 1st bowl app w/Aztecs, he's a veteran with multi-year experience.

	UL	SDSt	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	-	✔1/2	UL avg 6-4 311, 1 Sr, 25 sk all'd (6.4%), 3.6 rpc. SD avg 6-5 294, 3 Sr, 10 sk all'd (2.5%), 5.1 rpc.
DL	-	-	UL avg 6-2 266, 3 Sr, 17 of tm 27 sks, 3.8 rpc. SD avg 6-2 255, 3 Sr, 11 of tm 28 sks, 4.2 rpc.
LB	-	1/2	UL Kelley #1 tkl'r w/107, 8.5 tfl, Lewis-Buchanan #2. SD Burris #1 tkl'r w/72, 19 tfl, Fely #5.
DB	-	✔	UL #76 pass eff D, 249 ypg (64%), 20-14 ratio. SD #56 pass eff D, 199 ypg (56%), 15-14 ratio.

Turf/ Crowd	✔✔✔	No question Ragin Cajuns excited and will have sizeable crowd edge with in-state bowl.
MTCH	-	✔	We favor the Aztecs running gm led by Hillman vs Louisiana LB's.
INT	✔		Great undefeated conf ssn for UL and they're 7-1 ATS as dog.
ST	-	-	

SCH - ✔1/2

OVERALL →
SAN DIEGO ST by 5 ✔'s

FORECAST: OVER Louisiana/SDSt   **RATING: 1★**

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2011 SPECIAL TEAMS RATINGS

In the text of the bowl write-ups, we have ranked each special teams unit. We devised a formula which takes into account net punting, kick returns, punt returns & kick return defense. The total opportunities for each team was also factored into the equation. As an example, this year, Pittsburgh punted 66 times and returned 24 punts all year. Their net punting average was weighted over 3 times as much as their punt return average ranking due to the difference in attempts. We added a new category a few years ago for net return TD/Blk's. A negative number means a team allowed more blocks & TD's than they garnered. A positive number means that they blk'd more kicks and scored more TD's on returns than they allowed. If a team blocked a punt AND returned the same punt for a TD, we only gave credit for one TD/Blk. However if a team fumbled a punt snap and the other team recovered it we counted that as a blocked punt.

A few years ago we added a formula to grade the kickers and we looked at them in 6 categories. The first was overall accuracy and that % was multiplied by 5 (graded everything on a scale of 1-5). Then we took the amount of FG's made and divided it into the largest amount of FG's made (24) and that percentage was multiplied by 5. Each accounted for 30% of the overall grade. Then we looked at the FG's between 40-49 yds (both # of kicks and %) and that accounted for 30% of the grade. The 50+ factors accounted for 10% of the grade. This grading method gave kickers with stronger legs a higher grade. In past years we have listed a special teams rating, a kicker rating and then two years ago added a combined special teams rating. The K rating accounts for about 26% of the overall grade. This year we just list them by the combined rating, but for you long-time readers looking for the individual ratings that are in the chart listed below.

		Special Tms Including K Punts	Net Punts	KR Off	PR Off	KR Def	BLK/ w/TB TD	ST Ranking	ST Rating	Kick Rating	FG Total	%	50+
1.	Florida St	12.0	42.0	24.8	10.5	19.0	16.8	1	9.60	3.52	20-25	80%	1-3
2.	LSU	11.3	41.6	22.0	13.8	19.8	18.6	2 3	9.32	4.51	16-18	89%	0-1
3.	Arkansas	11.0	37.3	23.2	12.8	22.4	18.3	3 9	8.55	3.94	18-24	75%	1-1
4.	Temple	10.9	35.3	26.6	11.3	18.8	17.4	4	9.48	3.31	13-19	68%	0-0
6.	Ohio St	10.6	37.7	25.6	10.2	18.3	17.4	2 8	8.77	2.94	15-18	83%	0-1
7.	TCU	10.6	33.7	28.6	10.4	20.6	20.1	6 5	8.84	2.20	13-16	81%	0-0
8.	Auburn	10.4	34.3	24.3	6.9	21.8	16.5	2 6	8.81	2.83	11-15	73%	0-0
10.	Kansas St	10.3	37.7	25.5	8.7	19.8	18.7	0 19	7.87	2.28	17-22	77%	1-1
10.	Texas A&M	10.3	35.6	21.3	13.6	20.3	17.8	1 25	7.39	2.88	25-29	86%	1-2
11.	Florida	10.1	37.3	22.4	5.8	22.2	20.7	5 32	7.22	1.74	23-28	82%	3-5
12.	Western Michigan	10.1	37.0	22.7	10.0	17.3	15.2	1 12	8.33	2.29	15-21	71%	0-1
13.	Southern Miss	10.0	38.7	22.0	13.6	21.8	20.3	2 20	7.80	4.26	24-33	73%	0-2
14.	Oregon	9.9	41.7	24.9	9.7	19.5	19.5	3 7	8.79	2.35	8-13	62%	0-1
15.	Nebraska	9.9	38.5	25.9	8.2	23.6	20.7	-1 30	7.27	4.27	19-22	86%	3-6
16.	Louisiana Tech	9.9	40.2	22.1	11.4	18.0	17.2	-1 14	8.21	2.45	14-19	74%	0-0
17.	Arizona St	9.8	34.5	24.1	15.3	22.0	21.2	3 15	8.25	3.50	14-21	67%	0-0
18.	Texas	9.6	35.5	24.1	14.9	23.3	21.8	2 31	7.23	3.79	17-20	85%	1-2
19.	Utah	9.6	39.2	21.9	8.3	19.9	18.4	7 24	7.89	2.58	17-24	71%	0-0
23.	Arkansas St	9.5	37.7	19.7	8.7	17.6	17.1	1 34	7.15	1.71	22-32	69%	2-4
24.	Boise St	9.4	37.8	20.9	11.9	17.8	17.2	3 10	8.54	2.87	6-9	67%	0-0
25.	Purdue	9.4	38.1	27.5	5.9	20.7	-2 35		7.12	3.35	16-21	76%	2-3
26.	California	9.4	40.2	19.8	5.3	20.3	19.6	2 41	6.76	3.15	19-22	86%	1-1
29.	Cincinnati	9.2	39.1	22.6	7.8	19.1	18.9	0 29	7.28	2.50	16-22	73%	0-0
30.	Oklahoma	9.1	36.9	20.6	5.4	20.0	18.7	0 67	6.60	2.48	18-29	62%	1-1
31.	Rutgers	9.0	35.8	24.2	7.0	22.4	21.6	4 28	6.85	2.12	18-28	64%	2-5
32.	BYU	9.0	36.0	23.4	10.5	19.8	18	1 24	7.40	2.71	14-24	58%	0-1
34.	Air Force	8.9	36.5	22.1	10.3	17.7	16.3	3 22	7.22	1.50	15-18	83%	0-0
37.	Oklahoma St	8.8	37.7	23.4	3.1	24.2	18.1	1 39	6.85	4.74	20-23	87%	0-0
38.	FIU	8.8	34.7	26.3	6.9	18.3	17.4	1 28	6.65	3.68	21-25	84%	0-1
41.	Houston	8.8	36.4	21.4	5.1	24.0	22.2	2 52	7.52	2.19	10-12	83%	0-1
43.	Pittsburgh	8.7	37.2	21.1	6.5	18.3	18.0	2 53	6.51	2.40	19-28	68%	1-3
44.	Missouri	8.6	37.0	21.2	8.9	18.3	17.4	1 28	7.30	3.41	14-23	61%	0-1
45.	Iowa	8.6	36.0	21.8	7.2	20.9	20.8	1 48	6.64	2.49	14-20	70%	1-3
46.	Michigan St	8.6	35.3	24.3	11.2	23.7	21.3	0 65	6.37	3.90	16-22	73%	2-5
47.	Iowa St	8.5	36.7	23.7	6.7	21.0	19.6	-1 40	6.77	1.89	10-16	63%	1-3

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48.	Washington	8.5	39.7	23.7	7.4	23.8	22.6	-2 62	6.30	2.53	11-15	73%	1-2
49.	Louisville	8.4	36.4	22.8	5.2	25.1	21.5	2 58	6.34	2.51	11-16	69%	2-2
51.	Clemson	8.4	35.1	22.9	7.5	19.8	19.1	0 59	6.33	2.40	19-25	76%	0-0
52.	Penn St	8.3	35.7	23.4	7.0	21.8	19.8	3 63	6.67	3.26	16-24	67%	0-1
53.	Ohio	8.3	36.8	21.7	8.3	19.6	18.8	-1 63	6.26	3.49	24-33	73%	0-2
54.	Vanderbilt	8.3	38.8	22.5	6.2	18.8	18.1	1 29	7.52	1.35	7-13	54%	0-0
55.	Tulsa	8.3	36.6	21.8	6.2	21.0	19.0	-3 80	5.61	2.25	15-17	88%	3-3
56.	Stanford	8.2	36.3	22.5	11.1	20.8	20.3	1 50	6.58	2.97	16-20	80%	0-0
58.	Northern Illinois	8.2	35.6	19.8	6.8	20.3	20.0	4 61	6.30	3.13	19-24	79%	0-1
60.	UCLA	8.1	38.2	21.0	4.3	24.8	20.4	-1 73	5.91	3.48	11-16	69%	1-1
63.	Notre Dame	7.9	34.0	23.3	0.3	21.4	20.6	2 74	5.83	4.42	10-15	67%	1-1
65.	Alabama	7.9	36.4	23.7	12.2	21.7	21.3	0 56	6.36	2.98	18-29	62%	0-4
67.	Mississippi St	7.8	38.0	17.7	12.0	20.4	19.8	1 51	6.57	2.46	11-18	61%	0-1
70.	Marshall	7.7	36.2	22.4	10.6	22.7	22.0	6 33	6.33	1.46	11-15	73%	0-0
71.	Wake Forest	7.7	36.3	19.9	6.8	21.4	19.9	2 54	5.99	2.65	16-20	80%	0-0
73.	Virginia Tech	7.5	33.6	19.8	10.3	19.1	18.0	1 76	5.81	4.51	14-20	70%	0-2
75.	San Diego St	7.4	38.9	19.9	5.2	25.5	20.6	3 45	6.66	3.42	5-13	38%	0-1
76.	Wyoming	7.4	36.9	20.4	13.4	22.8	21.7	1 60	6.08	2.13	7-10	70%	0-0
77.	Louisiana	7.3	37.8	19.6	8.0	22.8	22.7	0 86	5.24	1.56	16-18	89%	0-0
77.	West Virginia	7.3	34.6	23.7	12.3	24.5	23.6	0 82	5.50	1.71	16-22	73%	0-0
79.	Northwestern	7.2	35.0	21.8	12.8	18.6	-1 66		6.18	2.52	6-10	60%	0-0
80.	Wisconsin	7.2	37.7	21.2	15.3	22.7	21.4	-2 72	5.91	3.02	7-10	70%	1-3
82.	NC State	7.1	35.4	21.6	11.4	21.9	22.0	1 75	5.79	3.25	10-15	67%	0-1
84.	North Carolina	7.1	36.1	22.2	4.9	19.1	18.6	2 51	5.77	2.56	16-22	73%	0-1
84.	Georgia Tech	7.1	36.9	19.3	4.0	20.9	20.5	1 81	5.57	2.69	9-13	69%	0-1
87.	Georgia	6.7	34.8	22.4	6.7	23.5	20.3	-3 89	4.70	4.04	20-33	61%	2-6
88.	Nevada	6.7	36.4	21.4	12.2	25.5	23.7	1 57	5.27	1.70	13-19	68%	0-4
90.	SMU	6.7	33.6	20.0	10.7	20.5	5.8	1 87	5.69	2.03	8-12	67%	0-0
91.	Virginia	6.7	34.5	21.7	5.8	21.2	20.6	-1 92	5.01	2.25	15-22	68%	0-1
94.	Michigan	6.6	36.3	19.7	9.0	21.3	19.6	1 54	5.04	1.70	10-14	71%	0-0
97.	South Carolina	6.3	35.7	21.0	7.6	22.1	21.2	-1 95	4.94	3.23	7-10	70%	0-0
100.	Baylor	6.1	38.2	23.0	21.9	19.9	0 64		4.95	3.39	9-16	56%	0-1
104.	Toledo	5.9	35.3	21.5	8.3	20.7	19.6	1 84	5.44	0.96	15-18	83%	0-0
118.	Illinois	4.5	34.8	16.0	2.0	23.0	20.1	-2 118	2.93	4.13	8-9	89%	0-0
120.	Utah St	0.3	38.2	2.3	8.3	26.0	24.5	-2 120	-1.00	2.74	6-10	60%	0-1

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KEY SELECTIONS

4★ CHICAGO over Seattle - Despite their QB/RB issues this is a good situation for the Bears. SEA is off their 1st MNF game S/'07 vs a beat up DIV foe and have to travel on a short week. In the 1st meeting LY CHI lost 23-20 as a 5 pt HD as the Seahawks were coming off their bye week. CHI won the rematch as our 4.5★ NFL Playoff GOY 35-24 as a 10 pt HF in a game that wasn't as close as the final score. CHI had a 35-10 lead with 4:40 left (448-147 yd edge) when they relaxed and allowed SEA to score TD's on drives of 74 and 55 yds. SEA comes in down 3 starting OL vs a CHI defense that is 17th with 29 sacks on the year. CHI held KC to 3 and DEN to 13 in the past 2 weeks and had a chance to win in OT if not for a fumble. Despite his error, Barber had 109 yds rush (4.0) and Hanie stayed within the system (115 yds 63%) and didn't turn the ball over. SEA will try to run the ball but CHI is only allowing 80 ypg rush (3.5) the L8. SEA has the #26 and #20 units the L4W (+4 TO's) vs CHI #25, #11 (-1 TO's) the same span. We'll take the home team in the better situation with playoff need. **Could we use this as the 2011 NFL GOY?** **FORECAST: CHICAGO 24 Seattle 10**

3★ New Orleans over MINNESOTA - This is the 4th meeting in as many years incl playoffs with MIN being 2-0-1 ATS. NO pushed the 2010 season opener 14-9 as a 5 pt HF with a 308-253 yd edge. Brees had a decent day (237, 75%, 1 TD) vs a much more talented and healthier secondary. The Saints offense avg'd 28 FD/gm on the road the first 3 but after HC Payton was inj'd and he stopped calling plays they avg'd 19 FD/gm the next 3. Look for a return to normalcy as Payton started calling plays in the 2H of LW's win vs TEN where Brees went 17-20 for 188 yds and 2 TD's. MIN's defensive stats are very misleading as over the L5W they've only allowed 322 ypg but 33 ppg and they've trailed by 17+ at HT in 4 of the games with teams playing it conservative in the 2H. LW the Vikings trailed 28-7 and yet another comeback failed on the last play which wears on a team that is 2-11 on the season. Ponder was taken out of the game (115 yds 52% 2-3) for his own safety and the Vikings cover was due to the Lions not being ready for QB Webb (109 yds rush 15.6). The Saints will not let up as they are now tied with SF for the #2 seed (SF holds tie-breaker) and look for the offense to continue to try to get Brees the NFL passing record. **FORECAST: New Orleans 34 MINNESOTA 13**

OTHER SELECTIONS

2★ HOUSTON over Carolina - The Texans have a big situational edge here with the Panthers in their 4th road game in 5 Wks. Non-conf road teams between DIV home games are 5-13 ATS losing by a 25-18 avg score. HOU has a great matchup edge with Foster and Tate (1777 rush yds combined 4.6) vs the Panthers rush defense (129 ypg 4.5) CAR lost both starting rookie DT's prior to ATL LW and tried to overload the box but Ryan burned them passing (320 yds, 4-0 ratio). Newton's size makes him tough to bring down but he continues to takes hits especially after running the ball. The length of the NFL season may be catching up to him as in his L/4 games (minus the winless Colts) he's thrown for only 55% comp with a 3-7 ratio while throwing for 63% comp and a 10-7 ratio in the others. Yates should have plenty of time to manage the game here behind an OL that has started every game together TY and despite getting sacked 5 times against CIN that can be explained by him making his first NFL road start. Look for HOU to keep it simple and focus on their strengths for the win. **FORECAST: HOUSTON 27 Carolina 13**

2★ Cincinnati over ST LOUIS - This game features one of the most improved teams with CIN against one of the most disappointing teams with STL. While they are the road team the Bengals get the situational edge after a home game with HOU with a home game vs ARZ on deck. STL is off LW's MNF game at SEA and can't be looking forward to their road game vs PIT on deck. CIN is 6-1 ATS vs NDIV foes TY while the Rams are 2-6 ATS. None of the opening day starters on the Rams OL were expected to be in the same spot vs SEA with 3 on IR, 1 benched and FA RG Harvey Dahl having had to play RT. STL is 1-5 ATS at home TY and if the NO game is omitted they have been outgained by 150 ypg (0 TO's surprisingly) with a 26-11 avg score. They have also been outrushed 199-88 (5.7-4.1) in those 5 losses. While CIN hasn't proven to be an elite team TY they are 6-0 SU/5-1 ATS vs a foe w/a losing record for a 27-18 avg score thanks to a defense holding them to 92 ypg rush (3.7). STL could have started 3rd string QB Tom Brandstater on MNF so we'll call for CIN by 2TD's. STL could be 2-11 ATS and playing against them could make for a great GOY. **FORECAST: Cincinnati 28 ST LOUIS 14**

OTHER GAMES

Jacksonville at ATLANTA - This is the Falcons only home game in a 4 week span while the Jaguars were home for 3 straight. ATL HC Mike Smith used to be the DC for the Jaguars from 2003-07 and this is his first meeting vs his former team. Jacksonville's defense has kept them in numerous games but will it be enough for a Falcon's squad still fighting for a playoff berth? **Grab this Thursday Marquee for just $9 on the pph after 3pm gameday or get it included as part of our NFL GOY Exec Club Service (see pg 2).**

Dallas at TAMPA BAY - Saturday Night. It is unknown at presstime if DAL dropped a second straight allowing the NYG to pull even with them. The Cowboys also host PHI next Sat and if they lost the div record could be the tiebreaker. The Cowboys have played down to their competition recently and are just 1-8-1 ATS as an AF since winning and covering here in Tampa in the 2009 season opener (-5, 34-21). The Bucs were coming off B2B seasons in which they were a combined 1-10 ATS as a HD but TY they are 1-1 ATS incl an upset over NO. In LY's home finale TB came away with their season largest MOV knocking off a playoff bound Seahawks team 38-15. Can they do it again? **Grab tonight's winner for just $9 after 11am Saturday Morning on the Northcoast Sports Debit Card.**

NY GIANTS 20 Washington 17 - The Redskins upset the Giants 28-14 as a 2.5 pt HD in the season opener. Grossman hit for 305 yds (62%) with 2 TD's as while the yardage was even WAS held the Giants to 1-10 on 3D. While we'll never call the Redskins a letdown spot the Giants are off NO, GB and a SNF game vs DAL and they may have the Battle of New York on deck. Both teams have battled attrition especially on the OL and DL which has led to the Skins losing 8 of their L/9 (3-6 ATS) while NY dropped 4 straight prior to DAL. Several factors have us calling for the Skins to keep it close as their offense has adjusted to the injuries and over the last month they've avg'd 380 yds which is their best 4 game stretch TY. The Giants D has been mauled of late allowing 432 ypg but to be fair they have faced the leagues top 4 offenses in the L/5 games. The concern is NY's pass rush that got 26 sks the first 7 games but has just 7 in the L/5 and WAS's 3 wins have come when they allowed 1 fewer sacks. We'll also grab extra "playoff need" value as the NYG are just 5-13-1 ATS as a HF the L3Y.

Green Bay 21 KANSAS CITY 10 - GB celebrated their NFC North title with a 30 pt win over OAK which came at a price as #1 WR Jennings (knee) status is unknown. KC was throttled LW being held to 3 pts, 1 FD and 4 yds at HT LW vs the Jets. While Rodgers is avg 323 ypg (69%) with a 20-2 ratio on the road TY, GB is only 4-3 ATS away from Lambeau. Their largest MOV on the road has been by 12 pts and they have only outgained road teams by 8 ypg. GB is playing a bend but don't break defense that has allowed 8 games of 400+ yds which has forced 32 takeaways already TY (32 LY). KC is 5-1 ATS as a NDIV HD and will rely on their ground game to try and control the tempo here. While the offensive problems are well noted (6 straight of 10 pts or less) the D has allowed 318 ypg the L/5 which includes 431 yds to NE. Aside from SS Berry, KC has only had 2 games missed by a starter and have a respectable pass defense (22-17 ratio). There is little line value with GB here and non-div AF's with 12 or more wins are 1-14-2 ATS so while the Packers get the win covering with a rising spread is another issue.

Miami 27 BUFFALO 19 - MIA is 5-2 SU/ATS vs the Bills including a 35-8 win as a 3 pt HF TY. BUF took the opening drive 70/9pl settling for a FG. Their next 7 drives went for 82 total yards ending in 1 FG, 2 Ints, 4 punts being one blocked. MIA scored 21 pts off BUF miscues and held them to 0 for 12 on 3rd Dns. MIA lost their first 7 games by 15 ppg. The offense got turned around and they averaged 28 ppg the next 5 winning 4 of them before QB Moore getting knocked out LW they totaled just 204 yards and 11 FD's in a 26-10 loss to PHI. BUF was the polar opposite getting off to a 5-2 start with an off avg 30 ppg before losing their next 6 avg just 12.8 ppg. Despite MIA being on the road they still may have the scheduling edge having been home for 2 straight and 4 of the L/5 while BUF is off a cross country beating and is playing only their 2nd game at home in the L/6. We would lean with the Dolphins if Moore is ok but would back off if Losman is making his first start since 2008 when he played for these Bills.

Tennessee 24 INDIANAPOLIS 10 - Even with Manning at the helm, the Titans have more than held their own vs the Colts with an 8-3 ATS record. This will be the 1st AF for Munchak while Caldwell is 1-4 ATS as a HD. TEN has a great edge with their OL (13 of 14 starts together) vs the depleted Colts defense. TEN has only allowed more than 2 sacks in one game TY (@PIT) while IND is avg only 1.6 sk/gm on the season. The OL is also gelling as when Chris Johnson tops 100+ yards rushing (4x TY) it opens the entire offense up to play action and the Titans have avg'd 27 ppg going 4-0. That's a favorable matchup against the Colts who are among the league's worst rushing D (145 ypg) and allowed the highest pass comp (72%!). We also like the no-quit character that 1st year HC Munchak brings to this squad as they are 4-0 SU/ATS playing the week after a SU loss covering those games by 15 ppg. That attitude and knowing they got outgained in the first meeting is what you need to deal with the pressure of not wanting to be the Colts first "W" of the year.

Detroit 31 OAKLAND 28 - Both teams have playoff need. The Lions get a boost with the return of Suh from suspension but it's unknown if FS Delmas (knee) or CB Houston (knee) will be available here. That combined with having faced Rodgers, Brees and having a big lead vs MIN has the Lions allowing 403 ypg the L4W. This is only going to be the 3rd home start for Palmer TY (317 yds 56% 3-4 ratio at home) who admitted that he was starting to get worn down due to having to catch up with the system. The Raiders are 2-2 ATS as a HF TY but the wins came vs CLE (-7 but FD's 18-18) and CHI (-3 but outgained 401-341). They were mauled by the Packers LW down 46-7 and outgained 388-245 with Rodgers having exited late in the 3rd Qtr. DET had held MIN to 213 yds and 14 pts before Ponder went out and they simply weren't prepared for Webb which is forgivable. We'll call for DET by a FG in a higher scoring game and wait and see if OAK's speed assets finally return.

New England 38 DENVER 24 - This was a hotly contested game by the networks for flex scheduling and John Fox has covered all 3 meetings against Belichick. In 11 starts Tebow has had six 4th Qtr/OT wins including a 13-10 win LW vs CHI. A closer look at the sked shows that since the DET thumping they've been dealt a very favorable hand. Vs OAK, Palmer was getting his 1st start coming off the bye, Cassel hurt his throwing hand getting pulled after just 93 yds before the final drive, the Jets were off a SNF vs NE and had to travel on Thursday. They took advantage of a beat up SD team who missed 2 long FG's, got MIN without RB Peterson and capitalized on a critical Ponder mistake to set up the game winning FG and got CHI at home with Hanie and without Forte. Brady is avg 336 ypg (66%) with an 18-5 ratio with just 6 sks on the road TY. NE did allow 463 yds LW vs WAS and big plays again hurt them (all'd 7 for 22+ yds) but that is certainly not DEN's strength. Expect NE to jump out to a big lead early to force Tebow out of the option and pass the ball vs a unit with a respectable 21-18 ratio.

PHILADELPHIA 24 NY Jets 17 - The Eagles are 1-5 SU/ATS at home TY with their only win coming after the bye when Reid's game plans are at their best. They are also just 2-7 SU/ATS vs NDIV foes TY as despite a 390-353 yd edge they have been killed by poor ball protection (-11 TO's) losing by a 26-23 avg score. PHI did get Vick back LW and the rust of his layoff was apparent as he had 208 yds (50%) with a 1-1 ratio. PHI had 3 takeaways which they converted into 17 pts. Sanchez has taken a lot of heat TY as he still struggles to go thru his reads but he's also not getting a lot of help from the #20 ground game. Age has fully caught up to Tomlinson who has just 564 yds from scrimmage (6.7) and Shonn Greene has under performed with just 67 ypg (4.2) and a pair 100 yd rushing efforts TY. The Jets lack speed on the perimeter which is a break for the Eagles secondary that has given up a 23-12 ratio TY. PHI has a big speed edge and the Jets have a big hole with SS Leonhard (knee) hitting the IR. We aren't impressed with the Jets win over a KC team which has scored 10 or less in 6 straight now vs a PHI team with loads of big play potential that will enjoy the spoiler role.

ARIZONA 21 Cleveland 16 - This is the 3rd road game in a 4 week span for the Browns and the only NDIV game in their final 6 games of the year. ARZ clearly has the situational edge at home for the 3rd straight with a road trip vs CIN on deck. CLE is 1-4 SU/2-3 ATS on the road TY where they have been outgained by 89 ypg (-2 TO's). Its unknown if McCoy (concussion) will play here and the mental state of the Browns also uncertain after they went all out vs PIT but failed to beat a QB with 1 leg. ARZ knocked off SF with Skelton at the helm (282 yds 68% 3-2) and have a huge confidence and special teams edge here. ARZ's #24 pass defense has been much better from BAL on (6-1 ATS) allowing 238 ypg (57%) with a solid 4-5 ratio. ARZ also has a big edge with our #4 spec tms vs CLE's #27. We'll call for ARZ by 5 as the injury report here will be key.

Baltimore at SAN DIEGO - SNF - Send the Ravens on the road vs a non-div opponent and they've struggled losing outright to TEN, JAX and SEA as 5', 10 and 6' pt fav's. Their win over Indy LW allowed them to keep pace with PIT as both AFC North leaders are making West Coast prime time appearances. Baltimore must now step it up on defense as in their last 8 games they've faced 6 offenses ranked 23 or higher. The Chargers are playing for pride and this will be the test if they play hard for soon to be departed HC Turner. The Chargers of course snapped their 6 game SU/ATS losing streak vs JAX and then got a second straight win vs a BUF squad that has now dropped 6 straight. Can SD grab a 3rd straight win getting and their first against a team that has a winning record when they played?

Pittsburgh at SAN FRANCISCO - MNF. PIT is off a physical victory over CLE as the status of Roethlisberger (high ankle), Ctr Pouncey (high ankle), DE Hood (groin) and any possible suspension of LB Harrison are unknown. This is SF's final home game of the year and have to believe that SF HC Harbaugh has emulated both the Ravens and Steelers defensive units and they've already lost to Baltimore. SF looks to cap off a wildly successful record at home (6-1SU/ 6-0-1 ATS) as a win matched their best mark since 2001. Still have to be careful when laying points to Pittsburgh as despite being 1-2 SU/ATS as a dog TY they are 9-4 ATS in that role the L4Y.

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ARIZONA (SU: 6-7 ATS: 7-5-1) G

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE	TOTAL
S 11	Carolina	T	-7	28-21	37'
S 18	at Washington	W	+3	21-22	44
S 25	at Seattle	L	-3	10-13	43
O 2	NY Giants	L	+1	27-31	44'
O 9	at Minnesota	W	+3	10-34	45
O 16	BYE				
O 23	Pittsburgh	L	+3'	20-32	44
O 30	at Baltimore	L	+12	27-30	43
N 6	St Louis OT	W	-3	19-13	41
N 13	at Philadelphia	L	+13'	21-17	46'
N 20	at San Francisco	W	+10	7-23	40'
N 27	at St Louis	W	+2'	23-20	40
D 4	Dallas OT	W	+4'	19-13	47
D 11	San Francisco	W	+3'	21-19	39'
D 18	Cleveland				
D 24	at Cincinnati (Sat)				
J 1	Seattle				

ATLANTA (SU: 8-5 ATS: 6-7) A

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE	TOTAL
S 11	at Chicago	L	-2	12-30	37'
S 18	Philadelphia (N)	W	+2'	35-31	49'
S 25	at Tampa Bay	W	+2	13-16	46
O 2	at Seattle	L	-5	30-28	39
O 9	Green Bay (N)	L	+5'	14-25	53
O 16	Carolina	W	-3'	31-17	50
O 23	at Detroit	W	+4	23-16	47'
O 30	BYE				
N 6	at Indianapolis	W	-6'	31-7	45'
N 13	New Orleans OT	L	E	23-26	49'
N 20	Tennessee	L	-6'	23-17	44
N 27	Minnesota	W	-9'	24-14	44
D 4	at Houston	L	-1	10-17	38
D 11	at Carolina	L	-2'	31-23	47'
D 15	Jacksonville (Th)				
D 24	at New Orleans (M)				
J 1	Tampa Bay				

BALTIMORE (SU: 10-3 ATS: 7-5-1) A

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE	TOTAL
S 11	Pittsburgh	W	-1	35-7	36'
S 18	at Tennessee	L	-5'	13-26	38
S 25	at St Louis	W	-5	37-7	42
O 2	NY Jets (N)	W	-4'	34-17	43'
O 9	BYE				
O 16	Houston	W	-7	29-14	45
O 24	at Jacksonville (M)	L	-10	7-12	38'
O 30	Arizona	W	-12	30-27	43
N 6	at Pittsburgh (N)	L	+3	23-20	42
N 13	Seattle	W	-7	31-24	40'
N 20	Cincinnati	T	-7	31-24	40'
N 24	San Diego (Th)	W	3	16-6	38
D 4	Cleveland	W	-7	24-10	38
D 11	Indianapolis	L	-16'	24-10	41'
D 18	at San Diego (N)				
D 24	Cleveland (Sat)				
J 1	at Cincinnati				

BUFFALO (SU: 5-8 ATS: 5-7-1) A

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE	TOTAL
S 11	at Kansas City	W	+4'	41-7	39'
S 18	Oakland	W	-4	38-35	42
S 25	New England	L	+7	34-31	54
O 2	at Cincinnati	L	-3	20-23	45
O 9	Philadelphia	W	+3	31-24	52'
O 16	at NY Giants	T	+3	24-27	50
O 23					
O 30	† Washington	W	-4	23-0	45
N 6	Pittsburgh (N)	W	+3	23-20	42
N 13	at Miami	L	+5'	7-44	48
N 20	Miami	L		8-35	44
N 27	NY Jets	W	+9	24-28	42'
D 4	Tennessee	L	-1	17-23	43'
D 11	at San Diego	L	+7	10-37	48
D 18	Miami				
D 24	Denver (Sat)				
J 1	at New England				

CAROLINA (SU: 4-9 ATS: 7-5-1) G

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE	TOTAL
S 11	at Arizona	T	-7	28-21	37'
S 18	Green Bay	W	+10	23-30	45
S 25	Jacksonville	W	-3	16-10	43
O 2	at Chicago	W	+6'	29-34	42'
O 9	New Orleans	W	+6'	27-30	51
O 16	at Atlanta	L	+3'	17-31	50
O 23	Washington	W	-2'	33-20	43'
O 30	Minnesota	L	-3	21-24	46
N 6	BYE				
N 13	Tennessee	L	-3'	3-30	46'
N 20	at Detroit	L	+7	35-49	47
N 27	at Indianapolis	L	-3'	27-19	47
D 4	Tampa Bay	W	+1	38-19	47
D 11	Atlanta	L	+2'	23-31	47'
D 18	at Houston				
D 24	Tampa Bay (Sat)				
J 1	at New Orleans				

CHICAGO (SU: 7-6 ATS: 6-6-1) G

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE	TOTAL
S 11	Atlanta	W	+2	30-12	41
S 18	at New Orleans	L	+6	13-30	47
S 25	Green Bay	W	+4'	17-27	44'
O 2	Carolina	L	-6'	34-29	42'
O 10	at Detroit (M)	W	+5	13-24	47'
O 16	Minnesota (N)	W	-2'	39-10	41
O 23	vs Tampa Bay (London)	W	-1'	24-18	43'
O 30	BYE				
N 7	at Philadelphia (M)	W	+8	30-24	47
N 13	Detroit	L	-3	37-13	43
N 20	San Diego	W	-4'	31-20	45
N 27	at Oakland	W	+3	20-25	41
D 4	Kansas City	L	-7	3-10	35'
D 11	at Denver OT	T	+3	10-13	35'
D 18	Seattle				
D 25	at Green Bay (N)				
J 1	at Minnesota				

CINCINNATI (SU: 7-6 ATS: 7-5-1) G

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE	TOTAL
S 11	at Cleveland	W	+6'	27-17	36
S 18	at Denver	W	+3'	22-24	40
S 25	San Francisco	L	-2	8-13	40
O 2	Buffalo	W	+3	23-20	45
O 9	at Jacksonville	W	-2'	30-20	37
O 16	Indianapolis	W	-6	27-17	40'
O 23	BYE				
O 30	at Seattle	L	-1'	34-12	37
N 6	at Tennessee	W	+2'	24-17	41'
N 13	Pittsburgh	L	+4	17-24	40'
N 20	at Baltimore	T	+7	24-31	40'
N 27	Cleveland	L	-6'	23-20	37
D 4	at Pittsburgh	L	+6'	7-35	42'
D 11	Houston	L	-2'	19-20	37'
D 18	at St Louis				
D 24	Arizona (Sat)				
J 1	Baltimore				

CLEVELAND (SU: 4-9 ATS: 4-7-2) G

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE	TOTAL
S 11	Cincinnati	L	-6'	17-27	36
S 18	at Indianapolis	W	-2	27-19	39
S 25	Miami	T	-1	17-16	41
O 2	Tennessee	L	+1	13-31	38
O 9	BYE				
O 16	at Oakland	L	+6'	17-24	44
O 23	Seattle	T	-3	6-3	41
O 30	at San Francisco	W	+9	10-20	38'
N 6	Houston	L	+10	12-30	41
N 13	St Louis	L	-3	12-13	36'
N 20	Jacksonville	W	-2	14-10	34
N 27	at Cincinnati	W	+6'	20-23	37
D 4	at Baltimore	L	+7	10-24	38
D 11	at Pittsburgh	L	+16'	10-24	41'
D 18	at Arizona				
D 24	at Baltimore (Sat)				
J 1	Pittsburgh				

DALLAS (SU: 7-5 ATS: 4-7-1) G

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE	TOTAL
S 11	at NY Jets (N)	L	+6	24-27	40
S 18	at San Francisco OT	T	+3	27-24	42
S 25	Washington	W	-3	18-16	45
O 2	Detroit	L	-2'	30-34	46
O 9	BYE				
O 16	at New England	L	+6	16-20	55'
O 23	St Louis	W	-13'	34-7	43
O 30	at Philadelphia (N)	L	+3	7-34	48'
N 6	Seattle	W	-11	23-13	45
N 13	Buffalo	W	-5'	44-7	48
N 20	at Washington OT	L	+7	27-24	41'
N 24	Miami (Th)	W	-7	20-19	44
D 4	at Arizona OT	L	-4'	13-19	47
D 8	at Pittsburgh (Th)	W	+14	3-14	40
D 17	Tampa Bay				
D 24	Philadelphia (Sat)				
J 1	at NY Giants				

DENVER (SU: 8-5 ATS: 7-5-1) G

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE	TOTAL
S 12	Oakland (M)	L	-3	20-23	41
S 18	Cincinnati	L	-3	24-22	40
S 25	at Tennessee	W	+7	14-17	43'
O 2	Green Bay	L	+12'	23-49	46'
O 9	San Diego	W	-3	24-29	47
O 16	BYE				
O 23	at Miami OT	W	-1	18-15	41'
O 30	Detroit	W	+3	10-45	42
N 6	Oakland	W	-3	38-24	42
N 13	at Kansas City	W	+3	17-10	42
N 17	NY Jets (Th)	W	+6	17-13	40
N 27	San Diego OT	W	+5'	16-13	42
D 4	at Minnesota	L	-1'	35-32	37'
D 11	Chicago OT	T	-3	13-10	35'
D 18	New England				
D 24	at Buffalo (Sat)				
J 1	at Kansas City				

DETROIT (SU: 8-5 ATS: 6-6-1) A

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE	TOTAL
S 11	at Tampa Bay	W	+1'	27-20	42'
S 18	Kansas City	W	-8	48-3	45
S 25	at Minnesota OT	T	-3	26-23	44'
O 2	at Dallas	W	+2'	34-30	46
O 10	Chicago (M)	L	-5	24-13	47'
O 16	San Francisco	L	-4'	19-25	46
O 23	Atlanta	L	-4	16-23	47'
O 30	at Denver	L	-3	45-10	42'
N 6	BYE				
N 13	at Chicago	L	+3	13-37	43
N 20	Carolina	W	-7	49-35	47'
N 24	Green Bay (Th)	W	+6'	15-27	55'
D 4	at New Orleans (N)	L	+8'	17-31	53'
D 11	Minnesota	W	-10	34-28	46'
D 18	at Oakland				
D 24	San Diego (Sat)				
J 1	at Green Bay				

GREEN BAY (SU: 13-0 ATS: 9-4) G

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE	TOTAL
S 8	New Orleans (Th)	W	-4'	42-34	48
S 18	at Carolina	L	-10	30-23	45
S 25	at Chicago	W	-4'	27-17	44'
O 2	Denver	W	-12'	49-23	46'
O 9	at Atlanta (N)	W	-5'	25-14	53
O 16	St Louis	W	-14	24-3	47'
O 23	at Minnesota	W	-10	33-27	46'
O 30	BYE				
N 6	at San Diego	W	-5'	45-38	51
N 14	Minnesota (M)	W	-13	45-7	49'
N 20	Tampa Bay	W	-13'	35-26	48'
N 24	at Detroit (Th)	W	-6'	27-15	55'
D 4	at NY Giants	W	-6'	38-35	54
D 11	Oakland	W	-12'	46-16	51'
D 18	at Kansas City				
D 25	Chicago (N)				
J 1	Detroit				

HOUSTON (SU: 10-3 ATS: 10-3) G

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE	TOTAL
S 11	Indianapolis	W	-9	34-7	44
S 18	at Miami	L	-3	23-13	48
S 25	at New Orleans	W	+3'	33-40	52
O 2	Pittsburgh	W	-3'	17-10	45
O 9	Oakland	L	-4'	20-25	48
O 16	at Baltimore	L	+7	14-29	45
O 23	at Tennessee	W	+3	41-7	44
O 30	Jacksonville	W	-9'	24-14	41
N 6	Cleveland	W	-10	30-12	41
N 13	at Tampa Bay	W	-3'	37-9	45'
N 20	BYE				
N 27	at Jacksonville	W	-6	20-13	37'
D 4	Atlanta	W	+1	17-10	47
D 11	at Cincinnati	W	+2'	20-19	37'
D 18	Carolina				
D 22	at Indianapolis (Th)				
J 1	Tennessee				

INDIANAPOLIS (SU: 0-13 ATS: 4-9) A

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE	TOTAL
S 11	at Houston	W	+9	7-34	44
S 18	Cleveland	L	+2	19-27	39
S 25	Pittsburgh (N)	W	+10'	20-23	39'
O 3	at Tampa Bay (M)	W	+10	17-24	40
O 9	Oakland	L	-4'	20-25	48
O 16	at Cincinnati	W	+6	17-27	40'
O 23	New Orleans (N)	L	+14	7-62	49
O 30	at Tennessee	W	+7'	10-27	43'
N 6	Atlanta	W	+6'	7-31	45'
N 13	Jacksonville	L	-3	3-17	37'
N 20	BYE				
N 27	Carolina	L	+3'	19-27	47
D 4	New England	W	+20'	24-31	48'
D 11	at Baltimore	W	+16'	10-24	41'
D 18	Tennessee				
D 22	Houston (Th)				
J 1	Tennessee				

JACKSONVILLE (SU: 4-9 ATS: 5-8) G

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE	TOTAL
S 11	Tennessee	W	-1	16-14	37
S 18	at NY Jets	L	+9	3-32	38'
S 25	at Carolina	L	+3	10-16	43
O 2	New Orleans	L	+7	10-23	45
O 9	Cincinnati	L	+2	20-30	37
O 16	at Pittsburgh	W	+12'	13-17	40
O 24	Baltimore (M)	W	+10	12-7	38'
O 30	at Houston	L	+9'	14-24	41
N 6	BYE				
N 13	at Indianapolis	W	-3	17-3	37'
N 20	at Cleveland	L	+2	10-14	34
N 27	Houston	L	+6	13-20	37'
D 5	San Diego (M)	W	+3	14-38	39'
D 11	Tampa Bay	W	+3	41-14	41
D 15	at Atlanta (Th)				
D 24	at Tennessee (Sat)				
J 1	Indianapolis				

KANSAS CITY (SU: 5-8 ATS: 7-6) G

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE	TOTAL
S 11	Buffalo	L	-4'	7-41	39'
S 18	at Detroit	L	+8	3-48	45
S 25	at San Diego	W	+14	17-20	40
O 2	Minnesota	W	+3	22-17	40
O 9	at Indianapolis	W	+1	28-24	38'
O 16	BYE				
O 23	at Oakland	W	+3'	28-0	42
O 31	San Diego (M)	W	+3	23-20	44'
N 6	Miami	L	-4	3-31	40
N 13	Denver	L	-3	10-17	42'
N 21	at New England (M)	W	+16'	3-34	46'
N 27	Pittsburgh (N)	W	+10'	9-13	40
D 4	at Chicago	W	+7	10-3	35'
D 11	at NY Jets	L	+10'	10-37	36
D 18	Green Bay				
D 24	Oakland (Sat)				
J 1	at Denver				

MIAMI (SU: 4-9 ATS: 6-6-1) G

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE	TOTAL
S 12	New England (M)	L	+7	24-38	46
S 18	Houston	W	+3	13-23	48
S 25	at Cleveland	T	-1	16-17	41
O 2	at San Diego	W	+7	16-26	44'
O 9	BYE				
O 17	at NY Jets (M)	L	+7	6-24	42
O 23	Denver OT	L	+1'	15-18	41'
O 30	at NY Giants	W	+9'	17-20	42'
N 6	at Kansas City	W	+4	31-3	40
N 13	Washington	L	-4	20-9	37'
N 20	Buffalo	W	-3	35-8	44
N 24	at Dallas (Th)	L	+7	19-20	44
D 4	Oakland	W	-3'	34-14	43
D 11	Philadelphia	L	-3	10-26	45
D 18	at Buffalo				
D 24	at New England (Sat)				
J 1	NY Jets				

MINNESOTA (SU: 2-11 ATS: 5-7-1) A

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE	TOTAL
S 11	at San Diego	L	+7	17-24	41'
S 18	Tampa Bay	L	-2	20-24	41
S 25	Detroit OT	T	+3	23-26	44'
O 2	at Kansas City	L	-3	17-22	40
O 9	Arizona	L	-3	34-10	45
O 16	at Chicago	L	+2'	10-39	41'
O 23	Green Bay	L	+10	27-33	46'
O 30	at Carolina	W	-3	24-21	46
N 6	BYE				
N 14	at Green Bay (M)	L	+13	7-45	49'
N 20	Oakland	L	-2	21-27	45'
N 27	at Atlanta	L	+9'	14-24	44
D 4	Denver	L	+1'	32-35	37'
D 11	at Detroit	W	+10	28-34	46'
D 18	New Orleans				
D 24	at Washington (Sat)				
J 1	Chicago				

NEW ENGLAND (SU: 10-3 ATS: 7-6) A

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE	TOTAL
S 12	at Miami (M)	W	-7	38-24	46
S 18	San Diego	W	-7	35-21	43
S 25	at Buffalo	L	-7	31-34	54'
O 2	at Oakland	W	-6	31-19	55
O 9	NY Jets	W	-9	30-21	50'
O 16	Dallas	L	-6	20-16	55'
O 23	BYE				
O 30	at Pittsburgh	L	-3	17-25	52'
N 6	NY Giants	L	-9	20-24	51
N 13	at NY Jets	W	+2	37-16	49
N 21	Kansas City (M)	W	-16'	34-3	46'
N 27	at Philadelphia	W	-3	38-20	51
D 4	Indianapolis	W	-20'	31-24	48'
D 11	at Washington	W	-8	34-27	47'
D 18	at Denver				
D 24	Miami (Sat)				
J 1	Buffalo				

NEW ORLEANS (SU: 10-3 ATS: 9-4) A

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE	TOTAL
S 8	at Green Bay (Th)	L	-4'	34-42	48
S 18	Chicago	W	-6	30-13	47
S 25	Houston	L	-3'	40-33	52
O 2	at Jacksonville	W	-7	23-10	45
O 9	at Carolina	L	-6'	30-27	51
O 16	at Tampa Bay	W	-6	20-26	49'
O 23	Indianapolis (N)	W	-14	62-7	49
O 30	at St Louis	L	-13'	21-31	48'
N 6	Tampa Bay	W	-8'	27-16	51
N 13	at Atlanta OT	W	E	26-23	49'
N 28	NY Giants (M)	W	-7	49-24	51
D 4	Detroit (N)	W	-8'	31-17	53'
D 11	at Tennessee	W	-3'	22-17	50
D 18	at Minnesota				
D 26	at Atlanta (M)				
J 1	Carolina				

NY GIANTS (SU: 6-6 ATS: 5-6-1) G

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE	TOTAL
S 11	at Washington	L	-2'	14-28	39'
S 19	St Louis (M)	W	-7	28-16	44
S 25	at Philadelphia	W	+8'	29-16	47'
O 2	at Arizona	L	-1	31-27	44'
O 9	Seattle	L	-9'	25-36	43'
O 16	Buffalo	T	-3	27-24	50
O 23	BYE				
O 30	Miami	L	-9'	20-17	42
N 6	at New England	W	+9	24-20	51
N 13	at San Francisco	L	+3'	20-27	42'
N 20	Philadelphia (N)	L	-6	10-17	45
N 28	at New Orleans (M)	L	+7	24-49	51
D 4	Green Bay	W	+6'	35-38	54
D 11	at Dallas (N)				
D 18	Washington				
D 24	at NY Jets (Sat)				
J 1	Dallas				

NY JETS (SU: 8-5 ATS: 6-7) A

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE	TOTAL
S 11	Dallas (N)	L	-6	27-24	40
S 18	Jacksonville	W	-9	32-3	38'
S 25	at Oakland	L	-3	24-34	41
O 2	at Baltimore (N)	L	+4'	17-34	43'
O 9	at New England	L	+7	21-30	50'
O 17	Miami (M)	W	-7	24-6	42
O 23	San Diego	L	-1	27-21	43'
O 30	BYE				
N 6	at Buffalo	W	+2'	27-11	45
N 13	New England	L	-2	16-37	49
N 17	at Denver (Th)	L	-6	13-17	40
N 27	Buffalo	L	-9	28-24	42'
D 4	at Washington	W	-3	34-19	38'
D 11	Kansas City	W	-10'	37-10	36
D 18	at Philadelphia				
D 24	NY Giants (Sat)				
J 1	at Miami				

OAKLAND (SU: 6-7 ATS: 4-9) G

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE	TOTAL
S 12	at Denver (M)	W	+3	23-20	41
S 18	at Buffalo	L	+4	35-38	42
S 25	NY Jets	W	+3	34-24	41
O 2	New England	L	+6	19-31	55
O 9	at Houston	W	+4'	25-20	48
O 16	Cleveland	W	-6'	24-17	45
O 23	Kansas City	L	-3'	0-28	42
O 30	BYE				
N 6	Denver	L	-7	24-38	42
N 10	at San Diego (Th)	W	+7	24-17	51
N 20	Minnesota	W	+7	27-21	45'
N 27	Chicago	L	-3	25-20	41
D 4	at Miami	L	+3'	14-34	43
D 11	at Green Bay	L	+12'	16-46	51'
D 18	Detroit				
D 24	at Kansas City (Sat)				
J 1	San Diego				

PHILADELPHIA (SU: 5-8 ATS: 5-8) G

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE	TOTAL
S 11	at St Louis	W	-4	31-13	44
S 18	at Atlanta (N)	L	-2'	31-35	49'
S 25	NY Giants	L	-8'	16-29	47'
O 2	San Francisco	L	-9'	23-24	43'
O 9	at Buffalo	L	-3	24-31	52'
O 16	at Washington	W	-3	20-13	47
O 23	BYE				
O 30	Dallas	L	-3	34-7	48'
N 7	Chicago (M)	L	-8	24-30	47
N 20	Arizona	W	-13'	17-21	46'
N 27	New England	L	+3	20-38	51
D 1	at Seattle (Th)	W	+3	14-31	48'
D 11	at Miami	W	+3	26-10	45
D 18	NY Jets				
D 24	at Dallas (Sat)				
J 1	Washington				

PITTSBURGH (SU: 10-3 ATS: 6-7) G

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE	TOTAL
S 11	at Baltimore	L	+1	7-35	36'
S 18	Seattle	W	-14	24-0	40
S 25	at Indianapolis (N)	L	-10'	23-20	39'
O 2	at Houston	L	+3'	10-17	45
O 9	Tennessee	W	-3	38-17	40
O 16	Jacksonville	L	-12'	17-13	40
O 23	at Arizona	W	-3'	32-20	44
O 30	New England	W	+3	25-17	52'
N 6	at Baltimore (N)	W	-3	23-20	42
N 13	Cincinnati	W	-4	24-17	40'
N 20	BYE				
N 27	at Kansas City (N)	L	-10'	13-9	40
D 4	Cincinnati	L	-6'	35-7	42'
D 8	Cleveland (Th)	W	-14	14-3	40
D 19	at San Francisco (M)				
D 24	St Louis (Sat)				
J 1	at Cleveland				

ST LOUIS (SU: 2-10 ATS: 2-10) A

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE	TOTAL
S 11	Philadelphia	W	+4	13-31	44
S 19	at NY Giants (M)	L	+7	16-28	44
S 25	Baltimore	L	+5	7-37	42
O 2	Washington	W	+3	10-17	44
O 9	BYE				
O 16	at Green Bay	L	+14	3-24	47'
O 23	at Dallas	L	+13'	7-34	43
O 30	New Orleans	W	+13'	31-21	48'
N 6	at Arizona OT	L	+3	13-19	41'
N 13	at Cleveland	W	+3	13-12	36'
N 20	Seattle	L	-3	7-24	40
N 27	Arizona	L	-2'	20-23	40
D 4	at San Francisco	W	+13'	0-26	38
D 12	at Seattle (M)				
D 18	Cincinnati				
D 24	at Pittsburgh (Sat)				
J 1	San Francisco				

SAN DIEGO (SU: 6-7 ATS: 4-9) G

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE	TOTAL
S 11	Minnesota	W	-8'	24-17	41'
S 18	at New England	L	+7	21-35	43
S 25	Kansas City	L	-14	20-17	44'
O 2	Miami	L	-7	26-16	44'
O 9	at Denver	W	-3	29-24	46'
O 16	BYE				
O 23	at NY Jets	L	+1	21-27	43'
O 31	at Kansas City (M)	L	-3'	20-23	44'
N 6	Green Bay	L	+5'	38-45	51
N 10	Oakland (Th)	L	-7	17-24	51
N 20	at Chicago	L	+4'	20-31	45
N 27	Denver OT	L	-5'	13-16	42
D 5	at Jacksonville (M)	W	-7	38-14	39'
D 11	Buffalo	W	-7	37-10	48
D 18	Baltimore (N)				
D 24	at Detroit (Sat)				
J 1	at Oakland				

SAN FRANCISCO (SU: 10-3 ATS: 10-2-1) G

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE	TOTAL
S 11	Seattle	W	-5'	33-17	38
S 18	Dallas OT	T	+3	24-27	42
S 25	at Cincinnati	W	+2	13-8	40
O 2	at Philadelphia	W	+9'	24-23	43'
O 9	Tampa Bay	W	-3	48-3	41
O 16	at Detroit	W	+4'	25-19	46
O 23	BYE				
O 30	Cleveland	W	-9	20-10	38'
N 6	at Washington	W	-4'	19-11	37
N 13	NY Giants	W	-3'	27-20	42'
N 20	Arizona	W	-10	23-7	40'
N 24	at Baltimore (Th)	L	+3	6-16	38'
D 4	St Louis	W	-13'	26-0	38
D 11	at Arizona (M)	L	-3'	19-21	39'
D 19	Pittsburgh (M)				
D 24	at Seattle (Sat)				
J 1	at St Louis				

SEATTLE (SU: 5-7 ATS: 7-4-1) A

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE	TOTAL
S 11	at San Francisco	L	+5'	17-33	38
S 18	at Pittsburgh	W	+14	0-24	40
S 25	Arizona	W	-3	13-10	43
O 2	Atlanta	L	+3	28-30	39
O 9	at NY Giants	W	+9'	36-25	43'
O 16	BYE				
O 23	at Cleveland	T	+3	3-6	41
O 30	Cincinnati	L	+1'	12-34	37
N 6	at Dallas	W	+11	13-23	45
N 13	Baltimore	L	+6'	22-17	41
N 20	at St Louis	W	+3	24-7	40
N 27	Washington	L	-3	17-23	37'
D 1	Philadelphia (Th)	L	-3	31-14	48'
D 12	St Louis (M)				
D 18	at Chicago				
D 24	San Francisco (Sat)				
J 1	at Arizona				

TENNESSEE (SU: 7-6 ATS: 7-6) G

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE	TOTAL
S 11	at Jacksonville	L	+1	14-16	37
S 18	Baltimore	W	+5'	26-13	38
S 25	Denver	L	-7	17-14	43'
O 2	at Cleveland	W	-1	31-13	38
O 9	at Pittsburgh	L	+3	17-38	40
O 16	BYE				
O 23	Houston	L	-3	7-41	44
O 30	Indianapolis	W	-7'	27-10	43'
N 6	Cincinnati	L	-2'	17-24	41'
N 13	at Carolina	W	+3'	30-3	46'
N 20	at Atlanta	W	+6'	17-23	44
N 27	Tampa Bay	W		23-17	44
D 4	at Buffalo	L	+1	17-23	43'
D 11	New Orleans	L	+3'	17-22	50
D 18	at Indianapolis				
D 24	Jacksonville (Sat)				
J 1	at Houston				

WASHINGTON (SU: 4-9 ATS: 6-7) G

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE	TOTAL
S 11	NY Giants	W	+2'	28-14	39'
S 18	Arizona	L	-3'	22-21	44
S 26	at Dallas (M)	W	+3	16-18	45
S 2	at St Louis	L	-3	17-10	44
O 16	BYE				
O 16	Philadelphia	L	+3	13-20	47
O 30	at Carolina	L	+2'	20-33	43'
O 30	† Buffalo (Toronto)	L	+4	0-23	45
N 6	San Francisco	L	+4'	11-19	37
N 13	at Miami	W	+4	9-20	37'
N 20	Dallas OT	W	+3	24-27	41'
N 27	at Seattle	W	+3	23-17	37'
D 4	NY Jets	L	+3	19-34	38'
D 11	New England	L	+8	27-34	47'
D 18	at NY Giants				
D 24	Minnesota (Sat)				
J 1	at Philadelphia				

ST PETERSBURG BOWL

FIU (8-4) — **MARSHALL (6-6)**

Dec 20 • 8:00 pm ESPN • Tropicana Field • St Petersburg, FL

POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
FIU	148	215	25	1.9	✔	90.5
MARSHALL	107	220	18	2.3	–	92.5

GOLDEN PANTHERS ATS: 6-6 O/U: 4-8

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kedrick Rhodes	#133	12/10	224	1164	43	1121	8	5.0
Darriet Perry	#151	12/2	122	469	9	460	6	3.8
T.Y. Hilton	#419	12/11	16	111	10	101	0	6.3

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Wes Carroll	#92	12/10	181	59.7	2224	14	4
Jake Medlock	#167	4/2	53	36	67.9	363	1	4

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
T.Y. HILTON	#419	12/11	64	950	14.8	7	83
Wayne Times	#239	12/8	51	531	10.4	2	76
Kedrick Rhodes	#133	12/10	24	248	9.5	0	52
Jacob Younger	#400	11/7	18	257	14.3	1	43
Glenn Coleman	#186	10/8	14	128	9.1	1	27
Willis Wright	#109	11/1	10	133	13.3	1	40
Dominique Rhymes	#306	10/3	9	112	12.4	0	44

PUNTING	PS#	GP	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Josh Brisk	#84	11	53	2259	42.6	15	34.7	0	13

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
JACK GRIFFIN	#57	12	35-35	9-10	7-8	5-6	0-1	21-25	46

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	Winston Fraser	#372	12/12	107	4	3	2	1
S	Jonathan Cyprien	#570	12/12	74	1	3.5	8	1
LB	Jordan Hunt	#148JC	12/12	72	3	6.5	0	0
DB	Jose Cheeseborough	–	12/12	56	2	0	3	0
S	Sam Miller	#376	12/12	52	3	1	5	2
DB	Richard Leonard	#284	12/2	46	0	2	6	2
DB	Terrance Taylor	#297	11/8	40	0	0	3	1
DL	Greg Hickman	#330	12/4	33	5	6	2	1
DL	Isame Faciane	#428	12/9	31	3	5.5	3	0
DL	James Jones	#169	12/9	31	3	2	1	0
DL	Tourek Williams	#471	12/12	30	4.5	7.5	3	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
T.Y. HILTON	8	186	23.2	1	T.Y. HILTON	16	512	32.0	0
					Wayne Times	10	251	25.1	0

THUNDERING HERD ATS: 6-5 O/U: 5-6

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tron Martinez	#193	11/10	144	629	38	591	3	4.1
Travon Van	#73	12/2	132	586	57	529	3	4.0
Rakeem Cato	#97	12/8	54	159	131	28	0	0.5

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Rakeem Cato	#97	12/8	265	155	58.5	1833	13	10
AJ Graham	#100	5/4	103	64	62.1	714	7	4

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Aaron Dobson	#406	12/12	42	587	14.0	0	77
Antavious Wilson	#316	11/9	29	462	15.9	1	53
Troy Evans	#202JC	10/8	24	314	13.1	2	38
Jermaine Kelson	#288	12/3	21	177	8.4	0	35
Travon Van	#73	12/2	19	148	7.8	0	24
Tron Martinez	#193	11/10	16	148	9.2	0	25
CJ Crawford	#56	12/1	16	137	8.6	1	27

PUNTING	PS#	GP	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Kase Whitehead	#43	12	69	2763	40.0	19	36.2	1	20

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Tyler Warner	#51	11	30-30	6-7	2-2	2-4	0-0	10-13	45
Justin Haig	#78	12	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-2	23

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
S	OMAR BROWN	#453	12/12	107	0	4.5	3	4
LB	George Carpenter	#472	12/12	91	4	4.5	1	0
LB	Tyson Gale	#393	12/12	85	0	10	4	1
DL	VINNY CURRY	#451	12/12	72	11	10	0	1
LB	Devin Arrington	#408	12/12	71	0	2.5	4	2
LB	Kellen Harris	#234	12/5	55	0.5	4.5	0	0
DB	Monterius Lovett	#563	12/7	53	0	0	3	2
DL	Delvin Johnson	#202	12/11	42	2	8.5	1	0
DB	Rashad Jackson	#283	11/9	41	0	4.5	9	4
DL	Jeremiah Taylor	–	11/10	39	3.5	3.5	0	0
DL	Marques Aiken	#478	11/11	37	1	4.5	2	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Andre Booker	14	138	9.9	1	Andre Booker	31	782	25.2	0

	FIU	MU		FIU	MU		FIU	MU		FIU	MU
QB	1/2	-	RB	✔	-	WR	-	-			

	FIU	MU	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	1/2	-	FIU avg 6-3 284, 1 Sr, 13 sk all'd (3.6%), 4.0 ypc. MU avg 6-4 296, 3 Sr, 26 sk all'd (7.1%), 3.6 ypc.
DL	-	✔	FIU avg 6-3 267, 1 Sr, 13 of tm 34 sks, 3.4 ypc. MU avg 6-4 274, 2 Sr, 20.5 of tm 25 sk, 4.2 ypc.
LB	-	-	FIU Fraser #1 tkl'r w/107, Hunt #3, 9.5 tfl. MU Carpenter #2 tkl'r w/91, Gale #3, 10 tfl.
DB	✔	-	FIU #18 pass eff D, 227 ypg (56%), 9-15 ratio. MU #65 pass eff D, 263 ypg (63%), 24-14 ratio.

CCH	✔	-	Edge to FIU with 2nd str bowl appearance while Holliday is in his inaugural bowl.
Turf/ Crowd	1/2	-	FIU gets a slight edge with an in-state gm, but don't feel they'll have a huge crowd edge.
MTCH	-	-	The Panthers have the better #'s but Marshall has played the tougher competition. No edge.
INT	-	-	FIU continuing to build winning ways while MU is excited.
ST	1/2	-	SCH	-	✔✔✔

OVERALL - FIU by 1 ✔

First meeting. After winning the SBC LY FIU was the coaches pick to repeat so the 3rd place finish was a disappointment. The 8 reg ssn wins was still the best in Golden Panther history. MU is pleased just to get to the postssn after not much hype in the pressn. FIU HC Cristobal won his 1st and only bowl gm LY beating Toledo 34-32 in the Little Caesars Bowl. MU HC Holliday is coaching his 1st bowl and the Herd was 6-2 SU/ATS in bowls winning and covering their last in '09. FIU was 1-3 SU/ATS vs bowl caliber squads being outscored 24-20 (-4) and outgained 394-294 (-100) while MU was 2-5 SU/3-3 ATS also being outscored (38-17) and outgained (466-343). Both played Louisville and UCF with FIU going 2-0 SU/ATS (+7 ppg, -34 ypg) and MU 1-1 SU/2-0 ATS (-3 ppg, -92 ypg). FIU went 4-2 SU/3-3 ATS on the road TY while MU was 2-5 SU/2-4 ATS. FIU has just 4 Sr st'rs but fields 17 upperclassmen. MU has 10 Sr st'rs but just 13 upperclassmen.

Carroll started the 1st 9 gms at QB for FIU, but Medlock was upgraded to st'r in a surprise move due to HC Cristobal wanting to jump-start the offense. Medlock was inj'd in his 2nd start, and Carroll regained the job, so expect both to play in the bowl. Medlock gives FIU an added dimension under center as he has the ability to tuck and run the ball. The biggest playmaker for FIU is Hilton, who battled numerous inj's early on in the ssn and has been held to under 100 rec yds the L/6 gms. The running game became the strength of the offense as Rhodes ran for over 100 yds in 3 of the L/5 gms, avg 110 yds in that span. The OL (6'3" 284) has been stable all ssn avg'd 158 rush ypg (4.0) in conf play and all'd 13 sks (3.6%) incl none the L/3 gms. The Panthers def led the SBC in sks (34), while finishing 3rd in ttl (348), rush off (121, 3.4) and int's (13). The DE's (DL avg 6'3" 267) are the strength of the line as Williams and Hickman comb for 23 tfl incl 9.5 sks. Despite losing 3 of their top 5 tkl'rs coming into the ssn, MLB Fraser rose up to lead the tm TY with 107 tkls (LY's leader Cyprien finishing #2). FIU led the conf in pass eff D (227, 56%, 9-13) with rFr Justin Halley leading the Panthers w/4 int. The ST's (#38) is a strength as Hilton would have led the nation in PR (23.2! with 1 TD), but only had 8 att's so he didn't qualify. He finished #3 in NCAA in KR (32.0). K Griffin hit 5-7 from 40+. P Brisk avg was 42.6 with 13 In20.

MU is bowling for the 2nd time in the L3Y after a 4Y draught. HC Holliday has the Herd heading in the right direction. In his 1st yr they ended the ssn on a 4-1 run and that has carried over TY. MU got a big win over CUSA East Champ SM in wk 2 while also beating a BCS school. The Herd had their backs against the wall at 3-5 but, just like LY, rallied down the stretch incl winning their final 2 by 1 pt and a thrilling OT home finale in a winner take all vs 5-6 EC. QB Cato became the 1st true to start an opener at MU in 36Y. He had his obvious struggles and was benched after 6 gms as the Herd stood 2-4 avg just 13 ppg and 272 ypg. So Graham got his 1st career st vs Rice and is a better runner than Cato but was lost for the yr vs Tulsa. Cato took advantage of his 2nd chance and is a big reason MU is bowling (497 ttl yds in L2). MU is thin at the bkp QB spot as WR Kelson is listed at #2. The run gm is led by Martinez and Van who basically are mirror images of each other. WR Dobson's numbers may be down TY but is one of the most underrated in the nation (Randy Moss type). The OL avg 6'4" 296 with 3 Sr st'rs allowing 26 sks (7.1%) paving the way for 123 ypg (3.6). The unit was banged up but should be 100%. Overall MU is #107 in our rankings and #76 on def. The DL avg 6'4" 274 with 2 Sr's and has 20.5 of the tms 25 sks. AA Curry, who passed up the draft, is the heart and soul of the entire unit (#2 in NCAA in tfl and #6 sks). O Brown leads the back 7 along with LB's Carpenter and Gale. MU has our #65 ranked pass eff D all'g 263 ypg (63%) with a 24-14 ratio. MU is ranked #70 in ST. The Herd avg 22.4 KR and 10.6 PR while all'g 22.7 and 8.0. Curry is also a force on ST blocking 3 kicks.

Cristobal took over this FIU program in 2007. He deserves credit after getting the Panthers to a 2nd straight bowl. It is now Doc Holliday who in his 2nd ssn took Marshall to a bowl and he did so by playing a much tougher sked. Five of Marshall's losses were to bowl tms and the only other gm they lost was at UCF, when they easily covered vs a tm that was the CUSA Champ in '10. This fierce competition throughout the ssn will give them an edge here vs a tm which played one of the 5 weakest skeds in CFB.

FORECAST: MARSHALL over FIU **RATING: 2★**

POINSETTIA BOWL

LA TECH (8-4) — **TCU (10-2)**

Dec 21 • 8:00 pm ESPN • Qualcomm Stadium • San Diego, CA

POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
LA TECH	85	225	22	2.3	–	95.2
TCU	160	210	27	2.8	–	91.6

BULLDOGS ATS: 10-2 O/U: 4-8

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Lennon Creer	#6	10/10	198	877	40	838	9	4.2
Hunter Lee	#1402	12/2	115	605	19	586	4	5.1
Colby Cameron	#325	6/5	37	188	31	157	0	4.2
Ray Holley	#222	4/2	36	156	12	144	4	4.0

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Nick Isham	#96	9/7	257	155	60.3	1457	8	7
Colby Cameron	#325	6/5	172	97	56.4	1403	11	2

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
QUINTON PATTON	#47	12/12	74	1135	15.3	10	90
Taulib Ikharo	#317	12/11	50	496	9.9	4	35
David Gru	#1420	12/2	25	330	13.2	1	45
Myles White	#96	9/4	23	304	13.2	2	75
Richie Casey	#184	12/3	17	189	11.1	1	26
Hunter Lee	#1402	12/2	13	126	9.7	0	28
Andrew Guillot	#335	8/1	12	118	9.8	0	33

PUNTING	PS#	GP	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
RYAN ALLEN	#86	12	78	3612	46.3	28	40.2(t)	0	37

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Matt Nelson	#38	12	43-43	7-8	3-4	4-7	0-0	14-19	47

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	ADRIEN COLE	#157	12/12	120	2	11	5	1
LB	Jay Dudley	#187	12/11	92	0	7	3	4
S	Jamel Johnson	#250	12/12	77	0	0.5	1	2
S	Chad Boyd	#152	12/12	71	0	2.5	6	3
DB	TERRY CARTER	#81	12/11	58	0	2.5	10	1
DL	MATT BROHA	#310	12/11	42	7.5	2	2	0
S	Christian Lacey	#186	12/5	35	8.5	2.5	0	0
S	Javontay Crowe	#334	9/2	33	0	1.5	4	1
LB	IK Enemkpali	#300	11/0	31	3.5	4	0	0
S	Quinn Giles	#265	11/4	31	0	0	3	3

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Andrew Guillot	14	168	12.0	0	Lyle Fitte	22	575	26.1	1
					Levander Liggins	13	273	21.0	0

HORNED FROGS ATS: 5-7 O/U: 8-4

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Waymon James	#80	12/1	107	826	2	824	6	7.7
Matthew Tucker	#96	12/3	116	689	5	684	11	5.9
Ed Wesley	#183	8/8	104	666	17	649	5	6.2
Aundre Dean	#6	11/0	31	140	10	130	0	4.2
Matt Brown	#56	9/0	24	122	4	118	6	4.9

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Casey Pachall	#27	12/12	314	213	67.8	2715	24	6
Matt Brown	#56	9/0	5	3	60.0	90	0	0

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
JOSH BOYCE	#228	12/12	56	932	16.6	9	74
Skye Dawson	#1565	12/5	41	415	10.1	4	73
Brandon Carter	#59	11/0	23	352	15.3	3	75
Antoine Hicks	#38	12/12	33	347	10.5	1	39
Logan Brock	#121	12/12	10	115	11.5	3	38
Waymon James	#80	12/1	10	113	11.3	0	35

PUNTING	PS#	GP	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Anson Kelton	#85	12	64	2573	40.2	14	33.7(t)	0	12

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Ross Evans	#56	12	57-60	6-7	3-3	4-6	0-0	13-16	47

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	Kenny Cain	#91	10/8	67	1	2	4	1
LB	TANK CARDER	#500	12/12	66	0	4.5	2	2
S	Tekerrein Cuba	#54	11/11	65	0	1	2	0
CB	Johnny Fobbs	#443	12/12	61	0	0.5	5	1
CB	Jason Verrett	#59JC	12/9	55	0	1.5	4	1
DE	STANSLY MAPONGA	#173	12/12	51	8.5	3.5	2	0
S	Jonathan Anderson	#181	12/0	47	0	1	0	1
CB	Devin Johnson	–	12/8	45	2.5	5.5	2	0
DT	DJ Yendrey	#504	12/11	37	3	5	0	0
CB	Greg McCoy	#329	12/12	30	0	0	4	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ed Wesley	11	120	10.9	0	GREG McCOY	29	915	31.6	2
Brandon Carter	7	119	17.0	0	Waymon James	7	188	26.9	1

	LT	TCU		LT	TCU		LT	TCU		LT	TCU
QB	-	✔1/2	RB	✔1/2	WR	✔	-				

	LT	TCU	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	-	1/2	LT avg 6-3 317, 1 Sr, 24 sk all'd (5.5%), 3.7 ypc. TCU avg 6-4 301, 3 Sr, 13 sk all'd (4.0%), 5.2 ypc.
DL	1/2	-	LT avg 6-4 280, 2 Sr, 29 of tm 32 sks, 3.4 ypc. TCU avg 6-3 268, 0 Sr, 20 of tm's 24 sks, 5.2 ypc.
LB	-	-	Cole #1 tkl'r w/120, 13 tfl, Dudley #2, 7 tfl. Cain #1 tkl'r w/67, 3 tfl, Carder #2, 4.5 tfl.
DB	1/2	-	LT #12 pass eff D, 253 ypg (59%), 20-20 ratio. TCU #67 pass eff D, 220 ypg (58%), 21-9 ratio.

CCH	-	✔✔	Patterson has taken this prog to B2B BCS gms vs Dykes in 1st bowl gm.
Turf/ Crowd	-	1/2	Familiarity gives the Horned Frogs the edge having visited here this year.
MTCH	-	-	Both tms are built similiar and this gm will be won in the trenches.
INT	-	✔✔1/2	BCS hopes dashed for TCU while LT will be fired up.
ST	-	1/2	SCH	-	-

OVERALL - TCU by 3 ✔'s

First meeting. LT is making its 6th bowl appearance and their 1st under HC Dykes (WAC COY) as is 2-2-1 SU (2-1 ATS). TCU is 6-4 SU/4-5-1 ATS in bowls under Patterson and ply'd an undefeated Boise in this bowl in '08, winning by 1 but failing to cover (-3). Tech stumbling out of the gate to a 1-4 start with 3 of its 1st 4 losses coming by a comb 9 pts, but got its ssn turned around in a big way and won 7 consec (most S/'74) with 5 coming on the road en route to claiming the WAC Title (first S/'01). LT has covered in 9 of its L/10 incl the L/7 and are 5-0 ATS vs bowl tms TY. Frogs went 5-2 SU vs bowl tms (2 losses by a comb 9 pts) and 3-4 ATS outscoring those foes 35-29 and outgaining them 455-413. TCU tallied its 3rd MWC Title in its last go-round in the conf. For the 8th time under HC Patterson, TCU has 10 wins (4th str yr) and their 19 Sr's became the 4th str class to set a TCU win record. Frogs may be in a letdown spot here as they've landed BCS gms the L2Y and held their breath for a 3rd str, but failed to jump into the Top 16. TCU traveled 30,000 to the Rose Bowl LY and 20,000+ to the Fiesta Bowl in '09, but expect less for this non-BCS gm.

LT began the ssn off with Fr QB Isham (started 1st 7) before Dykes made a decision that very well may have saved his tm's ssn. Late in the 3Q vs USt and trailing 17-14, Isham was only 10-22-63 and was sk'd twice and the staff said they knew he was losing his confidence. With the ssn literally hanging in the balance, Dykes inserted Cameron who not only led his tm to ten 4Q pts and the win, but the Bulldogs haven't lost a gm since. Cameron has provided a much needed spark and epitomizes what Dykes wants out of his spread off and LT is avg 446 ypg with him at QB. The OL (6'3" 317) paved the way for 150 ypg (3.7). RB Creer is LT's featured back but with inj's hampering him all ssn long, former walk-on Lee has stolen the spotlight (leading rusher L/3). WR Patton is a bonafied threat and has the most rec's and rec yds by a Bulldog S/'00. LT utilizes a base 4-3 def with a Cover 2 and rarely blitzes. They rely on the DL (6'4" 280) which has accounted for 29 of the tm's 32 sks led by DE Broha (#2 all-time in sks at LT). LB Cole (WAC DPOY) leads a D that has scored 6 def TD's TY and is #3 in the NCAA in IR TD's (5). Tech is also #3 in the NCAA in int (20), #11 in 3rd down def (32%), #11 in TO margin and has all'd just 9 ppg in the L/3 gms. LT has also held 11 of its 12 opp TY below its rush avg and didn't allow a 100 yd rusher thru the 1st 10 games. LT has a tremendous weapon in P Allen (Ray Guy finalist) who is #3 FBS (46.3 ypg) with a superb net of 40.2. Allen has placed an NCAA leading 37 punts In20 with only 5 TB's. LT has also posted a KR for a TD in 6th consec yrs (#1 in the NCAA). Overall LT has our #68 off, #25 def and #16 ST's.

Much of the focus early was how TCU would replace record-setting QB Andy Dalton. Casey Pachall squelched any worries and, in fact, is on pace to reset Dalton's records for single-season comp's, %, TD passes and yds. His 473 pass yds in the upset of Boise are the most in the Patterson era and 2nd most in a single gm in TCU hist. The Frogs use the three-headed monster of James, Tucker and Wesley at RB and they account for 86% of TCU's rush yds and 63% of the rushing TD's. WR Boyce enters this gm with the chance to become the 2nd ever 1,000 yd rec at TCU, so look for him to be targeted often. The OL (6'4" 301) has all'd just 13 sks (4.0%). The D has been the real surprise here as after leading the NCAA in ttl D the L3Y they were gashed in the opener for 564 yds (most yds S/'06) and 50 pts (most pts S/'05). In the L/6 gms they've trimmed it to 302 ypg but have started the same 11 players on def in just 2 gms TY. The DL has accounted for 83% of TCU's sks, led by DE Maponga who has 5 FF to go along with his 8.5 sks. The LB unit took a hit when they lost Preseason AA Brock in the opener and Carder (MWC DPY in '10) has come on in the 2H of the season. The Frogs rank #67 in pass eff D all'g 220 ypg (58%) with a disappointing 21-9 ratio. TCU is #1 FBS in KR avg led by McCoy who set a schl rec'd with 229 KR yds vs BU. PR Wesley currently ranks #17 FBS in PR and PK Evans is the MWC's career scoring leader. TCU all's 9.3 (1 TD) on PR and 20.6 on KR. Overall the Frogs rank #24 on offense, #38 on D and #7 on ST's.

TCU may be the more talented team, but non-NYD bowl winners usually come from the team that is more excited to be here. After B2B BCS appearances and lobbying TY for a 3rd straight, this is not the matchup TCU wanted. LA Tech has now improved its record 3 straight years, and while an 8 win season is an improvement, a bowl win vs a team that won the Rose Bowl LY will be a feather in their cap. The most surprising number from our checklist has the Bulldogs with the better DL, which even we had to double check. LT has covered all 6 as a dog TY (3 outright) and an upset wouldn't surprise us.

FORECAST: LA TECH (+) over TCU **RATING: 3★**

TEMPLE
(SU: 8-4 ATS: 8-4) Grass

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 1	Villanova (Th)	W	-7'	42-7
S 10	at Akron	W	-15'	41-3
S 17	Penn St	W	+7	10-14
S 24	at Maryland	W	+8'	38-7
O 1	Toledo	L	-8	13-36
O 8	Ball St	W	-9	42-0
O 15	Buffalo (HC)	W	-21	34-0
O 22	Bowling Green	L	-13'	10-13
O 29				
N 2	at Ohio (W)	L	-4	31-35
N 9	Miami, Oh (W)L		-13	24-21
N 19	Army	L	13	42-14
N 25	Kent St (F)W		-17	34-16
D 3				

UTAH STATE
(SU: 7-5 ATS: 6-6) Sprinturf

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	at Auburn	W	+23'	38-42
S 10	Weber St	W	-14	54-17
S 17				
S 24	Col St (W) 2OT	L	-10'	34-35
S 30	at BYU (F)	W	+7	24-27
O 8	Wyoming	L	-12	63-19
O 15	at Fresno St	L	-3	21-31
O 22	LA Tech	L	-6'	17-24
O 29				
N 5	at Hawaii	W	+3'	35-31
N 12	San Jose St	L	-10	34-33
N 19	at Idaho 2OT	L	-9'	49-42
N 26	Nevada	L	-1'	21-17
D 3	at N Mex St	L	-15	24-21

LOUISIANA
(SU: 8-4 ATS: 8-4) Artificial

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	at Okla St	W	+38	34-61
S 10	at Kent St	W	+8'	20-12
S 17	Nicholls St	L	-26'	38-21
S 24	FIU	W	+16'	36-31
O 1	Florida Atl	L	-8'	37-34
O 8	Troy	W	+6	31-17
O 15	at N Texas (HC)	W	-9	30-10
O 22	at WKU	L	-3	23-42
O 29	at Middle Tenn	W	+3	46-30
N 5	ULM	L	-5	36-35
N 12	at Arkansas St	W	+11	21-30
N 26	at Arizona	L	+12'	37-45
D 3				

FIU
(SU: 8-4 ATS: 6-6) AstroPlay

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 1	N Texas (Th)	W	-14	41-16
S 9	at Louisville (F)	W	+3'	24-17
S 17	UCF	W	+6	17-10
S 24	at Louisiana	L	-16'	31-36
O 1	Duke (HC)	L	-4	27-31
O 8	at Akron	L	-17	27-17
O 18	at Ark St (Tue)	W	+8	16-34
O 25	Troy (Tue) OT	L	-6'	23-20
O 29				
N 5	at WKU	L	-3	9-10
N 12	Florida Atl	W	-17'	41-7
N 19	at ULM	L	+1	28-17
N 26	at Middle Tenn	W	-8	31-18
D 3				

LOUISIANA TECH
(SU: 8-4 ATS: 10-2) FieldTurf Mono

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	at S Miss	W	+11'	17-19
S 9	C. Ark OT	L	-17	48-42
S 17	Houston	W	+6'	34-35
S 24	at Miss St OT	W	+19'	20-26
O 1	Hawaii	L	-6	24-44
O 8	at Idaho	W	-4	24-11
O 15				
O 22	Utah St	W	+6'	24-17
O 29	San Jose (HC)	W	-7	38-28
N 5	at Wyoming	W	+3'	41-21
N 12	at Mississippi	W	-2	27-7
N 19	at ULM	W	+1	28-17
N 26	New Mex St	W	+21'	44-0
D 3				

ARIZONA ST
(SU: 6-6 ATS: 3-8-1) Grass

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 1	UC Davis (Th)	W	-37	48-14
S 9	Missouri (F) OT	L	-9	37-30
S 17	at Illinois	W	+2	14-17
S 24	USC	L	-32'	43-22
O 1	Oregon St	L	-17	35-20
O 8	at Utah	L	-3'	35-14
O 15	at Oregon	T	+14	27-41
O 29	Colorado (HC)	W	-31'	48-14
N 5	at Mississippi	W	-3'	41-21
N 12	at Washington St	W	-11'	37-27
N 19	Arizona	L	-10'	27-31
N 25	California (F)	L	-6	38-47
D 3				

NEVADA
(SU: 7-5 ATS: 5-7) FieldTurf

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 10	at Oregon	W	+26'	20-69
S 17	at San Jose St	L	-6	17-14
S 24	at Texas Tech	W	+15'	34-35
O 1	Boise St	W	+27	10-30
O 8	at UNLV	W	-7	37-0
O 15	New Mexico	W	-29'	49-7
O 22	Fresno St	L	-11'	45-38
O 29	at New Mex St	W	-14'	48-34
N 5				
N 12	Hawaii	L	-15'	42-28
N 19	LA Tech	L		
N 26	at Utah St	L	+1'	17-21
D 3	at Boise St	L	-19'	56-33

WYOMING
(SU: 8-4 ATS: 7-5) Synthetic Turf

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	Weber St	L	-13	35-32
S 10	Texas St	W	-21	45-10
S 17	Bowling Green	W	+9'	28-27
S 24	Nebraska	W	+21	14-38
O 1				
O 8	at Utah St	W	+12	19-63
O 15	UNLV	W	-10'	41-14
O 22				
O 29	at San Diego St	W	+18'	30-27
N 5	TCU	W	+19	20-31
N 12	at Air Force	W	+16'	25-17
N 19	New Mex	L	-24	31-10
N 26	at Boise St	W	+35	14-36
D 3	Colorado St	L	-5'	22-19

OHIO
(SU: 9-4 ATS: 6-7) FieldTurf

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	at New Mex St	W	-6'	44-24
S 10	Gardner-Webb	L	-32	30-3
S 17	Marshall	W	-4'	44-7
S 24	at Rutgers	W	+4	26-38
O 1	Kent St	L	-16	17-10
O 8	at Buffalo	L	-8'	37-38
O 15	Ball St (HC)	L	-14	20-23
O 22	at Akron	L	-13'	37-20
N 2	Temple (W)	W	+4	35-31
N 10	at C Mich (Th)	W	-7	43-28
N 16	at Bowl Grn	W	-2	28-13
N 22	Miami, Oh (Tue)	L	-9	21-14
D 2	† Northern Ill	W	+3'	20-23

SAN DIEGO STATE
(SU: 8-4 ATS: 5-7) Grass

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	Cal Poly	W	-23	49-21
S 10	at Army	L	-9	23-20
S 17	Wash St	W	-5	42-24
S 24	at Michigan	W	+10	7-28
O 1				
O 8	TCU	W	+4'	14-27
O 13	at Air Force (Th)	W	+7	41-27
O 22				
O 29	Wyoming	L	-18'	27-30
N 5	New Mexico	L	-35	35-7
N 12	at Colorado St	L	-13'	18-15
N 19	Boise St	W	+18'	35-52
N 26	at UNLV	W	-16'	31-14
D 3	Fresno St	L	-8	35-28

MARSHALL
(SU: 6-6 ATS: 6-5*) FieldTurf

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 4	at W Virg (S)	–	*	13-34
S 10	Southern Miss	W	+7'	26-20
S 17	Ohio	L	+4'	7-44
S 24	Virg Tech	W	+20'	10-30
O 1	at Louisville	W	+11	17-13
O 8	UCF	W	+19'	6-16
O 15	Rice (HC)	L	-5	24-20
O 22	Houston	W	+23'	28-63
O 29	UAB	W	-5	59-14
N 5				
N 12	at Tulsa	W	+19'	17-59
N 19	Memphis	L	-11'	23-22
N 26	E Carolina OT	L	-2'	34-27
D 3				

TCU
(SU: 10-2 ATS: 5-7) Grass

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 2	at Baylor (F)	L	-3'	48-50
S 10	at Air Force	W	+1	35-19
S 17	ULM	L	-29	38-17
S 24	Portland St	L	-44'	55-13
O 1	SMU OT	L	-13	33-40
O 8	at San Diego St	W	-4'	27-14
O 15	Rice (HC)	L	-5	24-20
O 22	New Mexico	L	-44'	69-0
O 28	BYU	L	-13'	38-28
N 5	at Wyoming	L	-19	31-20
N 12	Boise St	L	-16	35-36
N 19	at UNLV	L	-38'	56-9
D 3				

BOISE ST
(SU: 11-1 ATS: 4-8) Blue Astro Turf

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	† Georgia	W	-3	35-21
S 10	at Air Force			
S 17	at Toledo	W	-20	40-15
S 24	Tulsa	L	-28	41-21
O 1	Nevada	W	-27'	30-10
O 7	at Fresno St (F)	W	-20'	57-7
O 15	at Colorado St	W	-32	63-13
O 29	Air Force	L	-29	37-26
N 5	at UNLV	L	-42	48-21
N 12	TCU	L	-16	35-36
N 19	at San Diego St	L	-18'	52-35
N 26	Wyoming	L	-35	36-14
D 3	Nevada	L	-48'	45-0

SOUTHERN MISS
(SU: 11-2 ATS: 9-4) Momentum

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	Louisiana Tech	L	+11'	19-17
S 10	at Marshall	L	-7'	20-26
S 17	SEL	W	-26'	52-6
S 24	at Virginia	W	+3	30-24
O 1	Rice	W	-14	48-24
O 8	at Navy	W	+1	63-35
O 22	SMU (HC)	W	-3	27-3
O 29	at UTEP	W	-10	31-13
N 5	at E Carolina	W	-8	48-28
N 12	UCF	L	-8'	30-29
N 17	at UAB (Th)	L	-23	31-34
N 26	Memphis	W	-13	44-7
D 2	at Houston	W	+13	49-28

NORTH CAROLINA
(SU: 7-5 ATS: 6-5-1) Grass

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	James Madison	W	-19'	42-10
S 10	Rutgers	L	-10	24-22
S 17	Virginia	W	-10	28-17
S 24	at Georgia Tech	T	+7	28-35
O 1	at E Carolina	W	-6'	35-20
O 8	Louisville	L	-13'	14-7
O 15	Miami, Fl	L	-2'	24-30
O 22	at Clemson	L	-13	38-59
O 29	Wake Forest (HC)	W	-6'	49-24
N 5	at NC State	L	-3'	0-13
N 12				
N 17	at Virg Tech (Th)	W	+10	21-24
N 26	Duke	W	-11	37-21
D 3				

WESTERN MICHIGAN
(SU: 7-5 ATS: 8-3*) FieldTurf

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	at Michigan	–	+14*	10-34
S 17	Nicholls St	W	-27	38-7
S 17	C Michigan	W	-7	44-14
S 24	at Illinois	W	+14	20-23
O 1	at Connecticut	W	+3	38-31
O 8	Bowling Grn	W	-10	45-21
O 15	at N Illinois	L	-1'	22-51
O 21	at E Michigan	L	-12	10-14
O 29	Ball St	W	-12	45-35
N 8	at Toledo (Tue)W		+12'	63-66
N 16	at Miami, Oh	W	+1'	24-21
N 25	Akron (F)	W	-27'	68-19
D 3				

LOUISVILLE
(SU: 7-5 ATS: 8-4) FieldTurf

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 1	Murray St (Th)	W	-29	21-9
S 9	FIU (Fri)	L	-3'	17-24
S 17	at Kentucky	W	+5	24-17
S 24				
O 1	Marshall	L	-11	13-17
O 8	at N Carolina	W	+13'	7-14
O 15	at Cincinnati	W	+13'	16-25
O 21	Rutgers (F)	W	-16	16-14
O 29	Syracuse	W	-3	27-10
N 5	at W Virginia	W	+12'	38-35
N 12	Pittsburgh	L	-3	14-21
N 19	at Connecticut	W	+1'	34-20
N 25	at USF (F)	W	+3'	34-24
D 3				

TOLEDO
(SU: 7-5 ATS: 7-5) NeXturf

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 1	New Hamp (Th)	W	-10	58-22
S 10	at Ohio St	W	+17	22-27
S 17	Boise St	W	+20	15-40
S 24	at Syracuse OT	L	+2	30-33
O 1	at Temple	W	+8	36-13
O 8	N Carolina	W	+13'	7-14
O 15	at Cincinnati	W	+13'	16-25
O 21	Rutgers (F)	W	-16	16-14
O 29	Syracuse	W	-3	27-10
N 1	N Illinois (Tue)	L	-8'	60-63
N 8	W Mich (Tue)	L	-12'	66-63
N 18	at C Mich (F)	L	-14'	44-17
N 25	at Ball St (F)	L	-14	45-28
D 3				

CALIFORNIA
(SU: 7-5 ATS: 7-5) Grass*

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	† Fresno St	W	-10'	36-21
S 10	at Colorado	W	-6'	36-33
S 17	Presbyterian	W	-42'	63-12
S 24	at Washington	L	E	23-31
O 1				
O 6	at Oregon (Th)	L	+24	15-43
O 13	USC (Th) HC	L	+3	9-30
O 22	Utah	L	-1	34-10
O 29	at UCLA	L	-5	14-31
N 5	Wash St	W	-30	30-7
N 12	Oregon St	W	-9	23-6
N 19	at Stanford	W	+17	28-31
N 25	Arizona St (F)W		+6	47-38
D 3				

NOTRE DAME
(SU: 8-4 ATS: 5-7) Grass

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	USF	L	-10'	20-23
S 10	at Michigan	L	-3'	31-35
S 17	Michigan St	W	-3	31-13
S 24	at Pittsburgh	L	-7	15-12
O 1	at Purdue	W	-12	38-10
O 8	Air Force	W	-19	59-33
O 22	USC	L	-9'	17-31
N 5	Navy	W	-23	56-14
N 12	† Maryland	L	+2	45-21
N 19	at Boston Coll	W	-24'	16-14
N 26	at Stanford	L	+7	14-28
D 3				

BAYLOR
(SU: 9-3 ATS: 7-4*) Prestige

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 2	TCU (Fr)	W	+3'	50-48
S 10				
S 17	SF Austin	-	-30	48-0
S 24	Rice	W	-20'	56-31
O 1	at Kansas St	L	-16	49-26
O 15	at Texas A&M	L	+8	28-55
O 22				
O 29	at Oklahoma St	W	+14	24-59
N 5	Missouri (HC)	W	-2'	42-39
N 12	Kansas OT	L	-20'	31-30
N 19	Oklahoma	W	+15'	45-24
N 26	† Texas Tech	W	-13'	66-42
D 3				38-24

MISSOURI
(SU: 7-5 ATS: 6-6) FieldTurf

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	Miami, Oh	L	-20	17-6
S 9	at Ariz ST (F) OT	W	-9	30-37
S 17	W Illinois	W	-31	69-0
S 24	at Oklahoma	W	+19	28-38
O 1				
O 8	at Kansas St	L	-4	17-24
O 15	Iowa St (HC)	W	-15'	52-17
O 22	Okla St	L	-3	24-45
O 29	TX A&M OT	W	+10	38-31
N 5	Baylor	L	+2'	39-42
N 12	Texas	L	-17'	5-17
N 19	Texas Tech	L	-18	31-27
N 26	† Kansas	L	-25'	24-10
D 3				

PURDUE
(SU: 6-6 ATS: 6-6) Grass P.A.T.

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	Middle Tenn	L	-14'	27-24
S 10	at Rice	L	-1'	22-24
S 17	SE Missouri	W	-25	59-0
S 24				
O 1	Notre Dame	L	+12	10-38
O 8	Minnesota	W	-14	45-17
O 15	at Penn St	W	+12	18-23
O 22	Illinois (HC)	W	+3'	21-14
O 29	at Michigan	W	+14'	14-36
N 5	at Wisconsin	W	+26'	17-62
N 12	Ohio St OT	W	+7'	26-23
N 19	Iowa	L	+1'	31-34
N 26	at Indiana	W	-7'	33-25
D 3				

NORTH CAROLINA STATE
(SU: 7-5 ATS: 5-6-1) Grass

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	Liberty	L	-28	43-21
S 10	Wake Forest	L	-1'	27-34
S 17	S Alabama	L	-24'	35-13
S 22	Cincinnati (Th)	L	+7	14-44
O 1	Georgia Tech	T	+10	35-45
O 8	C Michigan	W	-10'	38-24
O 22	at Virginia	W	+5	28-14
O 29	at Florida St	L	+19	0-34
N 5	N Carolina	W	+3'	13-0
N 12	Boston Coll	L	+2'	38-14
N 19	Clemson	W	+7'	37-13
N 26	Maryland	W	-12	56-41
D 3				

AIR FORCE
(SU: 7-5 ATS: 5-7) FieldTurf

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	S Dakota	W	-34'	37-20
S 10	TCU	L	-1	19-35
S 17	at UCLA	L	-3'	49-20
S 24	Tenn St	L	-42	63-24
O 1	at Navy W		+3'	35-34
O 8	at Notre Dame	L	+14	33-59
O 13	SD St (Th)	L	-7	27-41
O 22	at Boise St	W	+29	26-37
O 29	at New Mexico	W	-30'	42-0
N 5	Army	L	-16'	24-14
N 12	Wyoming	L	-16'	17-25
N 19	UNLV	W	-24	45-17
N 26	at Colorado St	W	-11'	45-21
D 3				

TEXAS
(SU: 7-5 ATS: 5-7) Grass

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	Rice	W	-24'	34-9
S 10	BYU	L	-7	17-16
S 17	at UCLA	L	-3'	49-20
S 24				
O 1	at Iowa St	W	-9	37-14
O 8	† Oklahoma	W	+11	17-55
O 15	Oklahoma St	L	+7'	26-38
O 22	Kansas		-28	43-0
N 5	Texas Tech	L	-14	52-20
N 12	at Missouri	L	-1	5-17
N 19	Kansas St	L	-13	13-17
N 24	at TX A&M (Th)	W	+8	27-25
D 3	at Kansas	W	-3	24-48

FLORIDA STATE
(SU: 8-4 ATS: 6-6) Grass

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	ULM	W	-29'	34-0
S 10	Charl Sthrn	W	-57	62-10
S 17	Oklahoma	J	-13	13-23
S 24	Clemson	L	+2'	30-35
O 1				
O 8	at Wake Forest	L	-10	30-35
O 15	Duke	W	-12	41-16
O 22	Maryland	W	-18'	41-16
O 29	NC State	W	-19	34-0
N 3	at Boston Coll	W	-14	38-7
N 12	Miami, Fl	L	-10	23-19
N 19	at Virginia (HC)	L	-13	13-14
N 26	Florida	L	-3	21-7
D 3				

WASHINGTON
(SU: 7-5 ATS: 7-5) Field Turf

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	E Wash	L	-18	30-27
S 10	Hawaii	W	-5'	40-32
S 17	at Nebraska	W	+18	51-17
S 24	California	W	E	31-23
O 1	at Utah	W	+10	31-14
O 8				
O 15	Colorado	W	-16	52-24
O 22	at Stanford	W	+20	21-65
O 29	Arizona	W	-24	42-31
N 5	Oregon	W	+16'	17-34
N 12	at USC	L	+11'	17-40
N 19	at Oregon St	L	-1'	21-38
N 26	† Wash St	W	+3	38-21
D 3				

TULSA
(SU: 8-4 ATS: 7-5) Field Turf

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	at Oklahoma	W	+24'	14-47
S 10	Tulane	W	-12	31-3
S 17	Oklahoma St	W	+13'	33-59
S 24	at Boise St	W	+28	21-41
O 1	North Texas	L	-23	41-24
O 8				
O 15	UAB	L	-21	37-20
O 22	at Rice	W	-10'	38-20
O 29	SMU (HC)	W	-2'	38-7
N 3	at UCF (Th)	W	+1'	24-17
N 12	Marshall	W	-19'	59-17
N 19	at UTEP	W	-13'	57-28
N 26	Houston	L	-16	48-14
D 3				

RUTGERS
(SU: 8-4 ATS: 8-4) FieldTurf

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 1	NC Cent (Th)	W	-43'	48-0
S 10	at N Carolina	W	+10	22-24
S 17				
S 24	Ohio	W	-4	38-26
O 1	at Syracuse 2OT	W	+1'	19-16
O 8	Pittsburgh	W	+6'	34-10
O 15	Navy (HC)	L	-3'	21-20
O 21	at L'ville (F)	L	+14	16-14
O 29	W Virginia	W	+6'	31-41
N 5	at Connecticut	W	+2'	20-17
N 12	† Army	W	-9	27-12
N 19	Cincinnati	W	+2'	20-3
N 26	at Connecticut	L	-3'	22-40
D 3				

WAKE FOREST
(SU: 6-6 ATS: 7-5) Field Turf

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	at Syracuse	W	+6'	29-36
S 10	NC State	W	+1'	34-27
S 17	Gardner-Webb	W	-34'	48-5
S 24				
O 1	at Boston Coll	W	+1	27-19
O 8	Florida St	W	+10	35-30
O 15	at Virg Tech	W	+6	17-38
O 22	at Duke	W	-4	24-23
O 29	at N Carolina	W	+6'	24-49
N 5	Clemson	W	+16'	28-31
N 12	Maryland	W	+9'	31-10
N 19	Maryland	W	+9'	31-10
N 26	Vanderbilt	W	+1'	7-41
D 3				

IOWA
(SU: 7-5 ATS: 5-7) Artificial Turf

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	Tenn Tech	W	-38'	34-7
S 10	at Iowa St 3OT	L	-6'	41-44
S 17	Pittsburgh	W	-3	31-27
S 24	ULM	W	-45	45-17
O 1				
O 8	at Penn St	L	+4'	3-41
O 15	Northwestern	W	-6'	41-31
O 22	Indiana (HC)	W	-23	45-24
O 29	at Minnesota	W	-15'	21-22
N 5	Michigan	W	+2'	17-21
N 12	Michigan St	L	+3	21-37
N 19	at Purdue	L	-1'	31-34
N 26	Nebraska (F)	W	+9'	7-20
D 3				

TEXAS A&M
(SU: 6-6 ATS: 3-9) Grass

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 4	SMU (S)	W	-15'	46-14
S 10				
S 17	Idaho	L	-35'	37-7
S 24	Oklahoma St	W	-2'	29-30
O 1	† Arkansas	L	-2	38-42
O 8	at Texas Tech	W	-9	45-40
O 15	Baylor	W	-8	55-28
O 22	Iowa St	W	-20	33-17
N 5	at Oklahoma	W	+13'	25-41
N 12	Kansas St 4OT	L	-6	50-53
N 19	Kansas	L	-8	61-7
N 24	Texas (Th)	L	-8	25-27
D 3				

UTAH
(SU: 7-5 ATS: 5-7) FieldTurf

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	at Montana St (Th)	W	-29'	27-10
S 10	at USC	L	+8'	14-23
S 17	at BYU	W	+3'	54-10
S 24				
O 1	Washington	L	-10	14-31
O 8	Arizona St	W	+3'	14-35
O 22	at Pittsburgh	W	+3'	26-14
O 29	at Air Force	W	+3'	34-21
N 5	at Colorado St	W	+3'	34-21
N 12	UCLA	L	-7	31-6
N 19	at Wash St OT	L	-3'	30-27
N 26	Colorado	L	-22	14-17
D 3				

UCLA
(SU: 6-7 ATS: 5-8) Grass

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	at Houston	W	+2	34-38
S 10	San Jose St	L	-21	27-17
S 17	Texas	W	-3'	20-49
S 24	at Oregon St	W	+4'	27-14
O 1	at Stanford	W	+22'	19-45
O 8	Wash St	L	-3'	28-25
O 20	at Arizona (Th)	W	+5	12-48
O 29	Cal (HC)	W	-5	31-14
N 5	Arizona	W	+8'	27-24
N 12	at Utah	W	+7	6-31
N 19	Colorado	L	-10	45-6
N 26	at USC	L	+16'	0-50
D 2	at Oregon	W	+31'	31-49

BYU
(SU: 9-3 ATS: 8-4) Grass

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	at Mississippi	L	-3	14-13
S 10	at Texas	L	+7	16-17
S 17	Utah	L	-3'	10-54
S 23	UCF (Fr)	W	-2	24-17
S 30	Utah St (F)	L	-7	24-27
O 8	SJ St (HC)	W	-13'	29-16
O 15	at Oregon St	W	+3	38-28
O 22	Idaho St	W	-22	56-3
O 28	at TCU (Fr)	W	+13'	28-38
N 5				
N 12	Idaho	W	-22	42-7
N 19	New Mex St	W	-22'	42-7
N 26	at Hawaii	W	-8	41-20

IOWA ST
(SU: 7-5 ATS: 7-5) Grass

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	N Iowa	W	-10'	20-19
S 10	Iowa 3OT	W	+6'	44-41
S 16	at Conn	W	+4	24-20
S 24				
O 1	Texas	L	+9	14-37
O 8	at Baylor	W	+16	26-49
O 15	at Missouri	W	+15'	17-52
O 22	TX A&M (HC)	W	+20	17-33
O 29	at Texas Tech	W	+14	41-7
N 5	Kansas	W	-14	13-10
N 12				
N 18	Okla St 2OT	W	+27'	37-31
N 26	at Oklahoma	W	+28	6-26
D 3	at Kansas St	W	+10'	23-30

MISSISSIPPI STATE
(SU: 6-6 ATS: 6-6) Grass P.A.T.

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 1	at Memphis (Th)	W	-30	59-14
S 10	at Auburn	L	-6	34-41
S 15	LSU (Th)	L	+3'	6-19
S 24	La Tech OTL		-19'	26-20
O 1	at Georgia	L	-20	21-3
O 8	at UAB	W	-6	21-3
O 15	at S Carolina	W	+3	12-14
O 22	at Kentucky	W	-10	28-16
N 5	UT Martin (HC)	W	-33'	55-17
N 12	Alabama	L	-14	13-10
N 19	at Arkansas	W	+13'	17-44
N 26	Mississippi	W	-17	31-3
D 3				

OKLAHOMA
(SU: 8-4 ATS: 6-6) Grass

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 1	Memphis (Th)	W	-24'	47-14
S 10				
S 17	at Florida St	W	-23	13-13
S 24	Missouri	W	-19	38-28
O 1	Ball St	W	-39'	62-6
O 8	† Texas	L	-11	55-17
O 15	at Kansas	L	-35'	47-17
O 22	at Texas A&M	L	-13'	58-17
O 29	at Kentucky	L	-10	28-16
N 5	Texas A&M	W	+13'	25-41
N 12	at Baylor	W	-15'	38-45
N 19	Baylor	L	-15'	38-45
N 26	Iowa St	W	-28	6-26
D 3	at Okla St	W	+3'	10-44

NORTHWESTERN
(SU: 6-6 ATS: 5-7) Grass

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	at Boston Coll	W	+4'	24-17
S 10	E Illinois	L	-33	42-21
S 17	Army	L	-5'	14-21
S 24				
O 1	at Illinois	W	+10	35-38
O 8	Michigan	W	+7'	24-42
O 15	at Iowa	W	+6'	31-41
O 22	Penn St (HC)	L	+7'	7-24
O 29	Indiana	W	-8'	59-38
N 5	at Nebraska	W	+17'	28-25
N 12	Michigan St	W	+6	17-31
N 19	Rice	W	-16'	26-13
N 26	at Ohio St	L	+17	17-31
D 3				

GEORGIA TECH
(SU: 8-4 ATS: 4-6-2) Grass

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 1	W Carolina (Th)W		-34	63-21
S 10	at Middle Tenn	N	11	49-21
S 17	Army	L	-5'	14-21
S 24	N Carolina	T	-7	35-28
O 1	at NC State	T	-10	45-35
O 8	Maryland	L	-15	21-16
O 15	at Virginia	L	-7	21-24
O 22	Miami, Fl	L	-7	7-24
O 29	Clemson	L	-3	17-31
N 5				
N 19	Virg Tech (Th)	L	-16	26-37
N 26	Georgia	L	+4'	17-31
D 3				

ILLINOIS
(SU: 6-6 ATS: 5-7) Field Turf

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	Arkansas St	L	-20	33-15
S 10	S Dakota St	W	-27	56-3
S 17	Arizona St	W	-2	17-14
S 24	W Mich	L	-14	23-20
O 1	at Indiana	W	-4	41-20
O 8	Ohio St	L	-3'	7-17
O 15	at Purdue	L	-3'	14-21
O 22	at Penn St	W	+21	7-10
N 12	at Michigan	L	-1	14-31
N 19	Wisconsin	W	+14'	17-28
N 26	at Minnesota	W	-10'	7-34
D 3				

ARIZONA ST (6-6)

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BOISE ST (11-1)

POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
ARIZONA ST	79	295	27	2.6	–	104.9
BOISE ST	151	340	42	2.3	–	91.5

WILDCATS ATS: 3-8-1 O/U: 10-2

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Cameron Marshall	#93	12/9	219	1083	45	1038	18	4.7
Jamal Miles	#70	12/11	29	244	7	237	0	8.2
Kyle Middlebrooks	#166	12/3	42	175	25	150	0	3.6
Brock Osweiler	#53	12/12	75	285	158	128	3	1.7
PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%		YDS	TD	INT
Brock Osweiler	#53	12/12	469	296	63.1		3641	24	12
RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Gerell Robinson	#11	12/11	64	1156	18.1	6	51
Aaron Pflugrad	#214	12/11	40	620	15.5	5	60
Mike Willie	#64	12/11	36	455	12.6	3	34
Jamal Miles	#70	12/11	60	361	6.0	6	25
Rashad Ross	#167	12/0	17	245	14.4	1	37
Cameron Marshall	#93	12/9	23	192	8.3	0	47
George Bell	#12	12/2	16	170	10.6	0	24
PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	BLK	In20
Josh Hubner	#79	12	56	2338	41.8	25	37.6	0	23
KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Alex Garoutte	#38	12	49-50	5-6	5-8	4-7	0-0	14-21	49
POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	Vontaze Burfict	#3	12/12	68	5	2	3	1
LB	Colin Parker	#60	12/12	67	2.5	3.5	2	0
S	Eddie Elder	#48	12/10	63	0	0	4	1
S	Clint Floyd	#76	12/11	62	0	0.5	3	3
LB	Oliver Aaron	#280	12/3	52	2	5	1	0
LB	Shelly Lyons	#128	12/8	48	0	5	3	2
CB	Osahon Irabor	#118	12/12	45	0	0	6	1
CB	Deveron Carr	#161	12/12	42	0	1.5	10	0
DL	Davon Coleman	#443	12/3	41	2.5	2.5	1	0
NB	Alden Darby	#712	12/1	41	0	1	2	3
S	Keelan Johnson	#102	12/3	41	1	1	1	2
DL	Bo Moos	#56	12/12	32	5	5	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jamal Miles	14	232	16.6	1	Jamal Miles	30	788	26.3	2

BRONCOS ATS: 4-8 O/U: 6-6

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
DOUG MARTIN	#297	12/11	232	1216	68	1148	15	4.9
DJ Harper	#292	11/0	114	564	11	553	8	4.9
Drew Wright	#412	10/0	43	222	4	218	3	5.1
Kellen Moore	#24	12/12	19	3	68	-65	0	-3.4
PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%		YDS	TD	INT
KELLEN MOORE	#24	12/12	405	300	74.1		3507	41	7
Joe Southwick	#41	8/0	30	23	76.7		198	1	1
RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TYLER SHOEMAKER	#453	12/6	59	959	16.3	15	62
Matt Miller	#140	12/8	58	647	11.2	8	48
Mitch Burroughs	#151	12/8	45	441	9.8	1	29
Gabe Linehan	#44	12/7	23	252	11.0	5	32
Doug Martin	#297	12/11	25	229	9.2	2	71
Kyle Efaw	#102	12/7	26	226	8.7	6	29
Kirby Moore	#104	12/2	20	217	10.9	1	30
PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brad Elkin	#45	12	41	1714	41.8	8	37.8(t)	0	13
KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Dan Goodale	–	11	50-56	1-2	2-3	0-0	3-5	32
Matt Frisina	#538	5	13-15	1-2	2-2	0-0	3-4	30
POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	Byron Hout	#30	12/12	65	0	4	4	0
S	GEORGE ILOKA	#264	12/10	57	0	2	1	1
DL	SHEA McCLELLIN	#268	12/12	46	6	3.5	0	1
S	Cedric Febis	#473	11/10	40	0	3	1	1
DL	JC Percy	#455	12/0	43	0	1	0	1
DL	TYRONE CRAWFORD	#39	11/10	42	6.5	7	0	0
LB	Aaron Tevis	#72	12/12	41	0	2.5	6	1
S	Travis Stanaway	–	12/3	33	0	2	0	1
DL	Billy Winn	#121	12/11	30	1	5	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Mitch Burroughs	18	239	13.3	0	Doug Martin	8	214	26.8	0
Chris Potter	14	147	10.5	0	Dallas Burroughs	8	138	17.2	0

	ASU	BSU		ASU	BSU		ASU	BSU			ASU	BSU
QB	✔✔		RB	-	1/2	WR	✔1/2	-	CCH	-	✔

Petersen cont's to have his team prepared but Erickson is in final gm here.

	ASU	BSU	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	-	1/2	ASU avg 6-4 297, 3 Sr, 24 sk all'd (5.0%), 4.2 ypc. BSU avg 6-2 274, 3 Sr, 8 sk all'd (1.8%), 4.5 ypc.
DL		✔	ASU avg 6-2 269, 3 Sr, 15.5 of tm 26 sk, 4.2 ypc. BSU avg 6-3 282, 4 Sr, 19.5 of tm 20 sks, 3.8 ypc.
LB	-	-	ASU Burfict #1 tckl'r w/68, 7 tfl, Parker #2 w/67. BSU Hout #1 tckl'r w/65, 4 tfl, Febis #4 w/46.
DB	1/2	-	ASU #72 pass eff D, 271 ypg (65%), 18-13 ratio. BSU #38 pass eff D, 196 ypg (56%), 19-14 ratio.

	ASU	BSU
Turf/ Crowd		✔✔

ASU fans expected P12 Champ gm and Boise's played here twice in 2Y.

| MTCH | | |

When matching the players and positions up, no real edges to either team.

| INT | ✔✔ | |

Have to feel ASU ply'rs will rally behind soon-to-be HOF HC.

| ST | 1/2 | | SCH | ✔1/2 | - |

OVERALL – BOISE ST by 2 ✔'s

The last and only ASU/BSU gm was in '96, a 56-7 ASU win. This will be the last hurrah for ASU HC Erickson as he was fired foll'g the loss to Cal. Once controlling their own destiny in the P12 South, ASU dropped 4 consec to end the yr backing into this bowl where they've never played. BSU is no doubt disappointed to be here as a missed FG vs TCU cost them not only the MW Title, but also the BCS bid. ASU has the sked edge (#29-70). ASU went 3-4 SU (2-4-1 ATS) vs bowl caliber tms despite score (32-29) and yd (435-414) edges. BSU went 7-1 SU but just 2-6 ATS vs bowl tms outscoring them 38-22 and outgaining them 453-345. The Sun Devils also struggled on the road going 1-4 SU (1-3-1 ATS) while BSU ply'd here earlier TY and accounted for much of the audience in that contest. BSU's Sr's enter this gm tied for most wins by a class at 49. BSU has 10 wins for the 6th consec yr, which is 2nd to VT for longest active streak.

ASU has our #21 off avg 34 ppg and 451 ypg but a -3 TO ratio in each of the L/2 gms cost them a berth in the P12 Title gm. Osweiler (6'8") had a solid 1st ssn as ASU's full-time QB avg over 300 ypg on the ssn (3 gms of 350+). He did struggle with int's in their 6 losses however tossing 8 of 12 incl 4 over the L/2W. The MVP of the ASU off TY was RB Marshall who surpassed the 1,000 yd mark despite playing on a bad ankle most of the ssn. Marshall was given a more than expected role TY due to an offssn inj to Deantre Lewis (539 rush yds in '10). Marshall finished 2nd in the P12 in rush TD's and is just 1 away from the schl rec'd. The WR's feature the steady hands of Pflugrad and the dominance of Robinson who became the 1st ASU WR w/1,000 yds S/05 (5 gms of 100+ rec yds over the L/7). The OL avg 6'4" 297and paved the way for 141 ypg (4.2) while all'g just 24 sks (5%). C Gerhart didn't miss a start despite an ankle inj. ASU lost 2 ret st'rs prior to the yr and the reigning P12 Def FOY Onyeali for 4 gms. ASU still has our #66 D all'g 26 ppg and 419 ypg. The undersized ASU DL avg 6'2" 269 and all'd 148 rush ypg (4.2) while recording 15.5 of the tm's 26 sks. Onyeali saw his production (11.5 tfl in '10, 4.5 TY) slip as he was never really 100%. The face of the ASU def is the volatile LB Burfict whose hard-hitting and constant temper (benched for the final 24:00 in ssn finale due to per fouls) strike fear in opposing QB's. ASU has our #72 pass eff D ranking all'g 271 ypg (65%) w/an 18-13 ratio. Some of the struggles could be blamed on the loss of '10 1st Tm P12 CB Bolden who tore his ACL in spg. ASU has our #17 ST unit led by Miles who already has 2 ret TD's TY.

BSU's #12 off is led by the NCAA's car rec'd holder for wins, QB Kellen "The Surgeon" Moore who is also the 1st in NCAA history to have 4 ssns of 3,000 ttl yds and 3,000 pass yds. He is currently in the FBS's top 15 for passing, pass ypg, ttl pass yds and is #4 FBS in pass eff, but he's not the only weapon BSU has. RB Martin has tallied his 2nd 1,000 yd season, becoming the 6th to do so in multiple yrs in Boise hist. Moore also has a solid set of WR's with Shoemaker the BSU rec'd holder for TD's in a ssn and rFr Miller the record in single-ssn rec's and TD's by a Fr. The OL keeps Moore clean as they're tied for #1 FBS in sks all'd with 8 (1.8%). The Broncos avg 25.6 FD per gm, good for #9 FBS and they're #2 in 3rd down eff, conv 54%. Boise comes in at #19 in our D rankings behind the solid play from the DL which has tallied 19.5 of the tm's 20 sks and features 4 Sr st'rs. The LB's have comb for 0 sks TY but Hout does lead the tm in tkls. BSU is #38 pass eff D all'g 196 ypg (56%) with a 19-14 ratio but has been marred by inj's at CB since gm 3. The kicking unit has been an area of concern TY (see: TCU) and the two K's have missed a comb 8 PAT. M. Burroughs is #7 FBS in PR, but has yet to hit paydirt while BSU all'g 9.0 ypr on PR. The KR gm avg's 20.9 on just 27 ret's and the KR D is #7 FBS all'g just 17.8 ypr. P Elkin has landed 23 In20, which is the most here in at least 11Y. BSU takes great pride in its ST's unit (#24), and cch's allow players to change formations and calls if they see a weakness on the other side. That has resulted in 7 blk'd kicks so far this year.

On paper, the Broncos would clearly be the better team, but the game is played on the field. The Broncos impressive stretch including 3 straight bowl covers have made them a fan favorite and they're paying the price in the line. It's not easy to back a tm that has dropped 4 in a row both SU/ATS and went from a probable P12 Title gm to the LV Bowl but this is their 1st bowl game in 4 years. LY Maryland rallied behind a departing Fridge and we expect the same fever here. Talent-wise, the gap is not as disparate as the records indicate as the level of competition clearly favors the Sun Devils and we will back them here.

FORECAST: ARIZONA ST over Boise St **RATING: 2★**

NEVADA (7-5)

HAWAII BOWL

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SOUTHERN MISS (11-2)

POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
NEVADA	208	260	25	2.7	–	91.8
SOUTHERN MISS	177	265	31	2.7	✔✔✔✔	89.5
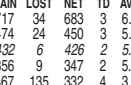
WOLF PACK ATS: 5-7 O/U: 6-6

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Lampford Mark	#420	7/4	130	742	14	728	8	5.6
Mike Ball	#90	9/5	135	743	39	7041	14	5.2
Cody Fajardo	#151	9/7	119	765	85	680	11	5.7
Stephon Jefferson	#334	11/2	69	436	13	423	5	6.1
Tyler Lantrip	#277	10/5	55	238	40	198	0	3.6
Nick Hale	#673JC	12/4	107	2	105	0	4.4
PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%		YDS	TD	INT
Cody Fajardo	#151	9/7	199	142	71.4		1647	16	5
Tyler Lantrip	#277	10	170	105	61.8		1496	10	6
RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
RISHARD MATTHEWS	#160JC	12/12	91	1364	15.0	8	90
Shane Anderson	#168	10/9	40	526	13.1	2	55
Kolby Arendse	#303	12/10	26	340	13.1	2	28
Corbin Louks	#139	11/1	26	303	11.7	0	34
Aaron Bradley	#823	9/5	21	272	13.0	3	63
Tray Session	#274	11/3	21	252	12.0	1	33
PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	BLK	In20
Jake Hurst	–	12	48	2013	41.9	10	35.8	1	22
KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Allen Hardison	–	3	19-19	5-6	0-0	2-4	0-0	7-10	48
Jake Hurst	–	11	21-21	3-3	0-1	0-0	0-0	3-4	24
POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	Brandon Marshall	#353	12/12	96	2	5.5	4	0
LB	JM Johnson	#500	12/12	87	0.5	3	1	1
S	Duke Williams	#232	12/12	78	0	3.5	6	1
DB	Khalid Wooten	#456	12/12	65	0	1	4	4
DL	BRETT ROY	#450	12/12	64	10	8.5	6	0
S	Marlon Johnson	#408	11/8	49	0	2	2	1
LB	Jeremiah Green	#303JC	12/12	48	0	2.0	7	3
DL	Kaelin Burnett	–	12/12	48	5	3	0	4
DB	ISAIAH FREY	#234	12/12	30	0	0.5	13	5
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Rishard Matthews	23	307	13.3	1	Kendall Brock	25	562	22.5	0

EAGLES ATS: 9-4 O/U: 7-6

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jamal Woodyard	#162	12/4	107	717	34	683	3	6.4
Tracy Lampley	#86	13/7	84	474	24	450	3	5.4
Kendrick Hardy	#16	5/4	72	432	6	426	2	5.9
Desmond Johnson	#141	6/2	59	356	9	347	2	5.9
Austin Davis	#285	13/13	101	467	135	332	4	3.3
Jeremy Hester	#139	13/2	59	299	8	291	2	4.9
PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%		YDS	TD	INT
Austin Davis	#285	13/13	434	268	61.8		3331	28	11
RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Ryan Balentine	#285	13/10	49	742	15.1	8	77
Kelvin Bolden	#29JC	12/11	55	647	11.8	6	60
Tracy Lampley	#86	13/7	43	549	12.8	3	61
Dominique Sullivan	#76	13/8	27	386	14.3	2	69
Quentin Pierce	#158	13/6	17	166	9.8	1	47
Jamal Woodyard	#162	12/4	17	159	9.4	2	23
PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Peter Boehme	#145	13	38	1627	42.8	4	38.7	0	11
KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Danny Hrapmann	#32	13	58-59	11-11	5-7	6-11	0-2	22-31	49
POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	Ronnie Thornton	#391	13/13	104	1	7.5	3	2
S	Jamie Collins	#31	13/13	94	6.5	13	8	1
S	Jacorius Cotton	#214	13/13	91	0	1.5	5	1
DB	Darron Johnson	#164	13/13	70	0	0	12	4
DL	CORDARRO LAW	#451	13/13	57	7.5	10	3	0
DB	MARQUESE WHEATON	#418	13/13	55	0	2.5	10	3
S	Kendrick Presley	#63	11/11	53	0	0.5	3	1
LB	Jeremy Snowden	#241	13/8	51	1	4	4	0
DB	Emmanuel Johnson	#309	11/1	36	1	2	3	3
LB	Korey Williams	#63	4/4	35	1	2.5	2	3
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
TRACY LAMPLEY	29	350	12.1	1	Tracy Lampley	19	405	21.3	0
					Tray Becton-Martin	14	351	25.1	0

	UN	SM		UN	SM		UN	SM		UN	SM
QB	-	1/2	RB	-	-	WR	-	-	CCH	-	-

Although Ault in HOF, Fedora is young and enthusiastic and if still the HC, we'll call it even.

	UN	SM	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	-	-	UN avg 6-4 300, 2 Sr, 15 sk all'd (3.4%), 5.2 ypc. SM avg 6-4 310, 2 Sr, 13 sk all'd (3.4%), 5.3 ypc.
DL	-	✔	UN avg 6-3 259, 3 Sr, 18.5 of tm 22 sks, 4.5 ypc. SM avg 6-3 266, 20 of tm 24 sks, 3.2 ypc.
LB	-	-	Marshall #1 tckl'r w/96, 7.5 tfl, Johnson #2 w/87. Thornton #1 tckl'r w/104, 9.5 tfl, Snowden #8.
DB	-	-	UN #8 pass eff D, 227 ypg (49%), 23-15 ratio. SM #11 pass eff D, 233 ypg (58%), 14-18 ratio.

	UN	SM
Turf/ Crowd	✔	

UN visited the Island twice in the L/2Y both in the reg ssn and here in the Hawaii Bowl.

| MTCH | | ✔ |

SM rates as the better team, but no specific advantage to give the edge here.

| INT | | |

Fedora leaving may be a distraction but the move is still ?.

| ST | - | ✔✔✔ | SCH | 1/2 | - |

OVERALL – SOUTHERN MISS by 4 ✔'s

SM is 2-0 SU/ATS vs UN winning a pair of gms in '97 and '98. The Pack is making its 12th bowl appearance (4-7 SU/1-6 ATS) and is 2-6 SU/1-5 ATS in bowls under Ault. UN is playing in a bowl for a 6th consec ssn (2-4 SU/1-5 ATS, failing to cover in L/4) but did end a 4 gm bowl losing streak LY. The Pack is playing in Honolulu for the 4th straight yr (at UH twice, '09 Hawaii Bowl) but the trip to paradise has been anything but as they've lost their L/7 gms to UH here (incl L/2 this ssn) and they were embarrassed by SMU 45-10 (-12') in the '09 Hawaii Bowl. UN did beat UCF 49-48 (-2') in OT in the '05 Hawaii Bowl. Normally the CUSA Champ would play in the Liberty Bowl but due to contract issues and bowl obligations, SM will be making its first appearance in the Hawaii Bowl. SM is bowling for a 10th str ssn (1-2 SU/ATS under Fedora) and unlike the L/2Y it's off a SU win. They pulled the outright upset over Houston (49-28, 13 pt AD) to earn their 1st CUSA Champ. SM started 1-1 with a conf loss but played as well as any tm in the country for the next 8 wks (8-0 SU/7-1ATS, avg win by 21 ppg +122 ypg) and finished the reg ssn with a school record 11 wins (11-2).

Former QB Kaepernick is no longer carrying Ault's pistol off but the Pack is still moving the ball well under WAC FOY Fajardo (UN is 6-2 since he took over as st'r) as the Pack is #5 in the FBS in ttl off (523 ypg) with the strength still being the run gm (#8 NCAA, 252 ypg). UN's OL (6'4" 300) "The Union" keeps producing quality players having accounted for at least one All-WAC selection in the L/11Y (1st and 2nd Tm picks TY) and the starting unit has started 95% of TY's gms together. The UN backfield has gone with a "carry-by-committee" approach TY instead of a featured back and the internal competition has kept the RB's hungry and productive. Despite the dismissal of then-leading rusher Ball, Mark has cracked the 100 yd mark in UN's L/5 gms. WR Matthews (1st Tm WAC) has 7 100 yd gms TY but suffered a knee sprain in the ssn finale (CS). DT Roy (1st Tm WAC) headlines the def unit and is #9 in the NCAA in tfl (18.5) incl 10 sks (#8). Ault felt TY's secondary could be one of the best in the prog hist as the starting CB's have recorded 9 of the tm's 15 int led by the CB duo of Frey (5) and Wooten (4). But in a gm where UN needed its def the most, the Pack had held WAC champion LT to just 123 ttl yds thru 3Q's as UN built a 20-3 lead but completely came unraveled giving up 289 yds (237 pass) and 3 TD's in the 4Q en route to losing the inside track to the WAC Title. After inj's sidelined PK Martinez (hip) and Hardison (hamstring), P Hurst is pulling double duty (3-4 FG's) but has still remained effective punting landing 22 of this 48 In20. The PR unit is allowing 15.4 ypr (2 TD's) and UN hasn't scored a KR TD S/'98.

QB Davis is the clear-cut leader and while he is not a household name is one of the most under-rated at his position. He has thrown multiple TD passes in 10 gms, finished the ssn strong (L4 avg 296 ypg, 57% 10-3) and is a threat to run (lead tm in TD rush). The running gm was by committee due to inj as 6 different players led in a gm. RB/WR Lampley does it all avg 178 ypg the L/2. The WR unit is solid as Bolden and Balentine create a nice 1-2 punch. The OL avg 6'4" 310 with 2 Sr's but all 5 are upperclassmen and blk for the CUSA's best rush attack (#23 NCAA) allowing 15 sks (3.4%). SM has our #20 off and #41 def. The DL avg 6'3" 266 with 3 Sr's and a Jr and has 20 (83%) the tm's 24 sks. DE Law leads a very talented group that has held 7 opp's (incl L/2) to 70 yds or under. A big blow TY was the inj to LB Williams but as a group this unit has stepped up. SM is ranked #11 in pass eff def allowing 233 ypg (58%) with a 14-18 (tied #5 in NCAA) ratio. Ten different players have int's and they have a NCAA record 8 IR TD's! The ST's come in ranked #13. K Hrapmann has had a down yr. SM is ranked #21 in net punting. The return gm is led by Lampley and as a group have 3 PR TD. SM avg 22.0 on KR and 13.6 on PR (#12 NCAA) while allowing 21.8 and 6.3.

Both tms can move the ball and we'll go with the Over. In the L/8 gms UN has avg'd 303 ypg at HT and with many big leads, the 2H numbers have been underwhelming. In this gm, we feel it'll be close and look for some points with both offenses better than both defenses. This bowl has avg'd 77 ppg the L/6Y and we'll call for another Christmas Eve shootout.

FORECAST: OVER Nevada/Southern Miss **RATING: 4★**

NCAA STATISTICS FOR PLAYERS IN BOWLS

QB PASS EFFICIENCY

Rank	Player, Team	Gm	Comp	Att	%	T%-I	I%	Yds	YPA	Rating
1	Robert Griffin III, Baylor	12	267	369	72.4	36-6	9.8	1.6	3998	10.8	192.32
2	Russell Wilson, Wisconsin	13	206	284	72.5	31-3	10.9	1.1	2879	10.1	191.6
3	Case Keenum, Houston	13	383	534	71.7	45-5	8.4	0.9	5099	9.6	177.9
4	Kellen Moore, Boise St	12	300	405	74.1	41-7	10.1	1.7	3507	8.7	176.8
5	Andrew Luck, Stanford	12	261	373	70.0	35-9	9.4	2.4	3170	8.5	167.5
6	Terrance Owens, Toledo	11	147	206	71.4	15-3	7.3	1.5	1812	8.8	166.4
7	Casey Pachall, TCU	12	213	314	67.8	24-6	7.6	1.9	2715	8.7	161.9
8	Bryn Renner, North Carolina	12	212	308	68.8	23-12	7.5	3.9	2769	9.0	161.2
10	Dan Persa, Northwestern	9	193	260	74.2	17-7	6.5	2.7	2163	8.3	160.3
11	Brandon Weeden, Okl St	12	379	522	72.6	34-12	6.5	2.3	4328	8.3	159.2
12	Keith Price, Washington	12	219	325	67.4	29-11	8.9	3.4	2625	8.1	157.9
13	Chandler Harnish, NIU	13	219	348	62.9	26-5	7.5	1.4	2942	8.5	155.7
14	Darron Thomas, Oregon	12	194	316	61.4	30-6	9.5	1.9	2493	7.9	155.2
15	Austin Dantin, Toledo	10	120	185	64.9	15-3	8.1	1.6	1398	7.6	151.9
16	Kirk Cousins, Michigan St	13	240	369	65.0	24-7	6.5	1.9	3016	8.2	151.4
17	EJ Manuel, Florida St	11	183	280	65.4	16-8	5.7	2.9	2417	8.6	151.0
18	Blaine Gautier, La-Lafayette	12	192	304	63.2	20-5	6.6	1.6	2488	8.2	150.3
20	AJ McCarron, Alabama	12	196	294	66.7	16-5	5.4	1.7	2400	8.2	149.8
21	Tyler Wilson, Arkansas	12	257	407	63.1	22-6	5.4	1.5	3422	8.4	148.7
22	Geno Smith, West Virginia	12	314	483	65.0	25-7	5.3	1.5	3978	8.2	148.4
23	Alex Carder, Western Mich	11	299	445	67.2	28-10	6.3	2.3	3434	7.7	148.3
24	Tyler Lantrip, Nevada	12	105	170	61.8	10-6	5.9	3.5	1496	8.8	148.0
25	GJ Kinne, Tulsa	12	230	359	64.1	25-12	7.0	3.3	2876	8.0	147.7
26	Tyler Tettleton, Ohio	13	246	387	63.6	26-10	6.7	2.6	3086	8.0	147.6
27	Aaron Murray, Georgia	13	218	371	58.8	33-12	8.9	3.2	2861	7.7	146.4
29	Cody Fajardo, Nevada	9	142	199	71.4	6-5	3.0	2.5	1647	8.3	145.8
30	Tajh Boyd, Clemson	13	274	453	60.5	31-15	6.8	3.3	3578	7.9	145.0
33	James Vandenberg, Iowa	12	214	360	59.4	23-6	6.4	1.7	2806	7.8	142.7
34	Austin Davis, Southern Miss	13	268	434	61.8	28-11	6.5	2.5	3331	7.7	142.4
35	Landry Jones, Oklahoma	12	339	537	63.1	28-15	5.2	2.6	4302	8.0	142.4
36	Denard Robinson, Michigan	12	133	237	56.1	18-14	7.6	5.9	2056	8.7	142.2
37	Connor Shaw, South Carolina	9	112	171	65.5	12-6	7.0	3.5	1218	7.1	141.5
38	James Franklin, Missouri	12	223	353	63.2	20-10	5.7	2.8	2733	7.7	141.2
40	Brock Osweiler, Arizona St	12	296	469	63.1	24-12	5.1	2.6	3641	7.8	140.1
41	John Brantley, Florida	10	132	224	58.9	10-6	4.5	2.7	1912	8.5	140.0
42	Zach Collaros, Cincinnati	9	154	243	63.4	14-8	5.8	3.3	1854	7.6	139.9
44	Ryan Aplin, Arkansas St	12	274	418	65.6	18-13	4.3	3.1	3235	7.7	138.6
46	Tanner Price, Wake Forest	12	229	376	60.9	20-6	5.3	1.6	2803	7.5	137.9
48	Chuckie Keeton, Utah St	10	106	174	60.9	11-2	6.3	1.2	1200	6.9	137.4
49	Kevin Prince, UCLA	10	112	195	57.4	10-7	5.1	3.6	1627	8.3	137.34

RUSHING

Rank	Player, Team	Gm	Carries	Net	YPC	TD	YPG
1	LaMichael James, Oregon	11	222	1646	7.4	17	149.6
3	Ronnie Hillman, San Diego St	12	287	1656	5.8	19	138.0
4	Montee Ball, Wisconsin	13	275	1759	6.4	32	135.3
5	Trent Richardson, Alabama	12	263	1583	6.0	20	131.9
6	Bernard Pierce, Temple	12	248	1381	5.6	25	125.6
7	David Wilson, Virginia Tech	13	266	1627	6.1	9	125.2
8	Zach Line, SMU	10	208	1224	5.9	17	122.4
9	Robert Turbin, Utah St	12	229	1416	6.2	19	118.0
11	John White, Utah	12	290	1404	4.8	14	117.0
12	Henry Josey, Missouri	10	145	1168	8.1	9	116.8
13	Marcus Coker, Iowa	12	281	1384	4.9	15	115.3
14	Terrance Ganaway, Baylor	12	229	1347	5.9	14	112.3
15	Chris Polk, Washington	12	263	1341	5.1	11	111.8
16	Adonis Thomas, Toledo	9	149	963	6.5	11	107.0
17	Chandler Harnish, Northern Ill	13	185	1382	7.5	11	106.3
20	Isi Sofele, California	12	232	1270	5.5	9	105.8
21	Rex Burkhead, Nebraska	12	261	1268	4.9	15	105.7
22	Michael Dyer, Auburn	12	242	1242	5.1	10	103.5
23	Giovani Bernard, N Carolina	12	226	1222	5.4	13	101.8
24	Christine Michael, Texas A&M	9	149	899	6.0	8	99.9
25	Joseph Randle, Oklahoma St	12	198	1193	6.0	23	99.4
26	Silas Redd, Penn St	12	230	1188	5.2	7	99.0
29	Denard Robinson, Michigan	12	208	1163	5.6	16	96.9
31	Stepfan Taylor, Stanford	12	207	1153	5.6	8	96.1
32	Doug Martin, Boise St	12	232	1148	5.0	15	95.7
33	Cyrus Gray, Texas A&M	11	198	1045	5.3	12	95.0
34	Zac Stacy, Vanderbilt	12	183	1136	6.2	14	94.7
37	Kedrick Rhodes, FIU	12	224	1121	5.0	8	93.4
39	Isaiah Pead, Cincinnati	12	209	1110	5.3	11	92.5
40	Fitzgerald Toussaint, Michigan	11	174	1011	5.8	9	91.9
41	Collin Klein, Kansas St	12	293	1099	3.8	26	91.6
45	Asher Clark, Air Force	12	151	1096	7.3	6	91.3
46	Cierre Wood, Notre Dame	12	199	1042	5.2	9	86.8
47	Cameron Marshall, Arizona St	12	219	1038	4.7	18	86.5
48	Donte Harden, Ohio	12	172	939	5.5	2	85.4
49	Vick Ballard, Mississippi St	12	179	1009	5.6	4	84.1
50	Lennon Creer, Louisiana Tech	10	198	838	4.2	9	83.8
58	Kenjon Barner, Oregon	12	145	909	6.3	11	82.6
58	Malcolm Brown, Texas	9	159	707	4.5	5	78.6
59	Mike Ball, Nevada	12	135	704	5.2	3	78.2

RECEIVING YPG

Rank	Player, Team	Gm	Rec	Yds	YPC	TD	YPG
1	Jordan White, Western Mich	12	127	1646	13.0	16	137.2
2	Kendall Wright, Baylor	12	101	1572	15.6	13	131.0
3	Ryan Broyles, Oklahoma	9	83	1157	13.9	10	128.6
4	Patrick Edwards, Houston	13	79	1524	19.3	18	117.2
5	Rishard Matthews, Nevada	12	91	1364	15.0	8	113.7
7	Justin Blackmon, Okla St	12	113	1336	11.8	15	111.3
10	Chris Givens, Wake Forest	12	74	1276	17.2	9	106.3
11	Marvin McNutt, Iowa	12	78	1269	16.3	12	105.8
13	Keenan Allen, California	12	89	1261	14.2	6	105.1
13	Stedman Bailey, W Virginia	12	67	1197	17.9	11	99.8
13	AJ Jenkins, Illinois	12	84	1196	14.2	7	99.7
16	Gerell Robinson, Ariz St	12	64	1156	18.1	6	96.3
16	Sammy Watkins, Clemson	12	77	1153	15.0	11	96.1
17	BJ Cunningham, Mich St	13	72	1240	17.2	12	95.4
18	Quinton Patton, LA Tech	12	74	1135	15.3	10	94.6
21	Dwayne Frampton, Ark St	12	90	1125	12.5	6	93.8
22	Eric Page, Toledo	12	112	1123	10.0	10	93.6
24	Jarius Wright, Arkansas	11	63	1029	16.3	11	93.6
24	Dwight Jones, N Carolina	12	79	1119	14.2	11	93.3
25	Michael Floyd, Notre Dame	12	95	1106	11.6	8	92.2
27	Ryan Swope, Texas A&M	12	81	1102	13.6	11	91.8
28	Tavon Austin, West Virginia	12	89	1063	11.9	4	88.6
31	Cole Beasley, SMU	11	79	954	12.1	2	86.7
34	Jeremy Ebert, Northwestern	12	71	1025	14.4	11	85.4
34	Nelson Rosario, UCLA	13	61	1106	18.1	4	85.1
36	Darius Johnson, SMU	12	72	998	13.9	7	83.2
37	Justin Johnson, Houston	13	75	1081	14.4	11	83.2
40	Kenny Stills, Oklahoma	10	58	818	14.1	8	81.8
43	LaVon Brazill, Ohio	13	64	1042	16.3	10	80.2
43	Tyler Shoemaker, Boise St	12	59	959	16.3	15	79.9
45	TY Hilton, FIU	12	64	950	14.8	7	79.2
46	Willie Carter, Tulsa	11	61	868	14.2	7	78.9
48	Josh Boyce, TCU	12	56	932	16.6	9	77.7
48	Javone Lawson, Louisiana	12	54	899	16.7	6	74.9
51	Terrance Williams, Baylor	12	55	895	16.9	11	74.6
51	Colin Lockett, San Diego St	12	52	885	17.0	5	73.8
54	Jaz Reynolds, Oklahoma	10	41	715	17.4	5	71.5
54	Tyron Carrier, Houston	13	71	914	10.5	5	70.3
58	Rueben Randle, LSU	13	50	904	18.1	8	69.5
62	Nick Toon, Wisconsin	12	55	822	15.0	9	68.5

TACKLES

Rank	Player, Team	G	Solo	Ast	Total	TPG
6	Curnelius Arnick, Tulsa	12	91	51	142	11.8
8	Bobby Wagner, Utah St	12	62	78	140	11.7
13	Mike Taylor, Wisconsin	13	53	84	137	10.5
15	Brady Amack, Air Force	12	58	67	125	10.4
18	Lavonte David, Nebraska	12				
65		122				10.2
19	Adrien Cole, Louisiana Tech	12	73	48	121	10.1
20	Chris Borland, Wisconsin	13	56	75	131	10.1
20	Marcus McGraw, Houston	13	61	70	131	10.1
27	Manti Te'o, Notre Dame	12	55	60	115	9.6
29	James Morris, Iowa	12	50	55	105	9.6
30	Cameron Lawrence, Miss St	12	41	73	114	9.5
32	Julian Burnett, Georgia Tech	12	58	55	113	9.4
32	Cort Dennison, Washington	12	60	53	113	9.4
32	Stephen Johnson, Temple	12	62	51	113	9.4
35	Jonathan Brown, Illinois	11	43	59	102	9.3
42	Max Gruder, Pittsburgh	12	55	52	107	8.9
42	Lance Kelley, La-Lafayette	12	59	48	107	8.9
42	Winston Fraser, FIU	12	64	43	107	8.9
42	Omar Brown, Marshall	12	65	42	107	8.9
42	Jake Knott, Iowa St	12	69	38	107	8.9
48	Michael Clay, Oregon	10	48	41	89	8.9
51	JK Schaffer, Cincinnati	13	43	60	103	8.6
53	Steve Greer, Virginia	12	43	60	103	8.6
53	Johnnie Simon, Western Mich	12	55	48	103	8.6
53	Christian Kirksey, Iowa	12	56	47	103	8.6
60	Emmanuel Acho, Texas	12	49	53	102	8.5
60	Sam Holl, Baylor	12	76	26	102	8.5
62	Taylor Reed, SMU	11	51	42	93	8.5
64	AJ Klein, Iowa St	12	61	40	101	8.4
66	Pat Schiller, Northern Ill	13	40	68	108	8.3
68	Elliot Coffey, Baylor	12	50	49	99	8.3
68	Earl Wolff, North Carolina St	12	54	45	99	8.3
68	Mike Hicks, Baylor	12	68	31	99	8.3
76	Audie Cole, North Carolina St	12	52	46	98	8.2
77	Luke Ruff, Wyoming	12	51	46	97	8.1
77	Gerald Hodges, Penn St	12	55	42	97	8.1
81	Noah Keller, Ohio	13	39	65	104	8.0
81	Ronnie Thornton, S Miss	13	42	62	104	8.0
81	Brandon Marshall, Nevada	12	45	51	96	8.0

PUNTERS

Rank	Player, Team	Avg	#	Tm Net	rnk
1	Shawn Powell, Florida St	47.0	49	42.0	1
3	Ryan Allen, Louisiana Tech	46.3	78	40.2	8
5	Brandon McManus, Temple	45.9	45	39.5	13
7	Dylan Breeding, Arkansas	45.2	49	37.3	46
7	Kiel Rasp, Washington	45.1	36	39.7	11
9	Trey Barrow, Missouri	45.0	60	37.0	52
10	Brett Maher, Nebraska	45.0	54	38.5	24
11	Tyler Bennett, Utah St	44.7	52	38.2	29
12	Bryan Anger, California	44.6	46	40.2	7
13	Drew Butler, Georgia	44.3	51	34.8	96
13	Jeff Locke, UCLA	44.1	56	38.2	26
15	Brad Wing, LSU	44.1	50	41.6	3
17	Pat O'Donnell, Cincinnati	43.9	56	39.1	17
24	Brian Stahovich, San Diego St	43.4	57	38.9	20
25	Cody Webster, Purdue	43.3	44	38.1	30
29	Kirby Van Der Kamp, Iowa St	42.7	64	36.7	57
31	Josh Brisk, FIU	42.6	53	34.7	100
33	Richard Kent, Vanderbilt	42.5	56	38.2	28
36	Anthony Fera, Penn St	42.0	55	37.8	37
37	Dawson Zimmerman, Clemson	42.0	59	35.1	91
39	Jake Hurst, Nevada	41.9	48	35.8	77
40	Baker Swedenburg, Miss St	41.9	66	38.0	31
41	Josh Hubner, Arizona St	41.8	56	37.6	40
43	Tress Way, Oklahoma	41.8	57	37.0	53
48	Ryan Epperson, Texas A&M	40.9	48	36.9	60
49	Matt Yoklic, Pittsburgh	40.9	57	36.2	66
50	Ben Buchanan, Ohio St	40.8	65	37.7	38
53	Eric Guthrie, Iowa	40.8	47	38.2	27
55	Brett Baer, La-Lafayette	40.5	75	37.8	35
56	Brandon Williams, Northwestern	40.5	44	35.1	92
57	Steven Clark, Auburn	40.5	69	39.0	19
59	Austin McCoy, Wyoming	40.3	72	36.7	56
59	Ryan Doerr, Kansas St	40.3	60	37.0	50
60	Ben Turk, Notre Dame	40.2	46	34.0	104
62	Kase Whitehead, Marshall	40.0	69	36.2	65
63	Mike Sadler, Michigan St	39.8	53	35.3	87
65	Alex Wulfeck, Wake Forest	39.7	62	36.3	64
68	Paul Hershey, Ohio	39.5	48	37.2	47
71	Jimmy Howell, Virginia	39.4	61	35.2	88
77	Joey Scribner-Howard, SC	38.9	47	34.9	93

TACKLES FOR LOSS

Rank	Player	Total	PG	Solo	Ast	Yds
1	Sammy Brown, Houston	28	2.2	24	8	120
2	Vinny Curry, Marshall	21	1.8	18	6	109
3	Jonathan Brown, Illinois	19	1.7	14	10	63
4	Drew Nowak, Western Mich	20	1.7	13	14	77
5	Whitney Mercilus, Illinois	19.5	1.6	17	7	106
6	Derek Wolfe, Cincinnati	19.5	1.6	16	7	92
7	Miles Burris, San Diego St	19	1.6	17	4	81
9	Brett Roy, Nevada	18.5	1.5	16	5	57
10	Jamie Collins, Southern Miss	19.5	1.5	18	3	86
10	Jarvis Jones, Georgia	19.5	1.5	16	7	103
10	Frank Alexander, Oklahoma	18	1.5	14	8	76
13	Chase Thomas, Stanford	17.5	1.5	13	9	96
14	Courtney Upshaw, Alabama	17	1.4	16	2	85
14	Devon Still, Penn St	17	1.4	13	8	72
14	Kawann Short, Purdue	17	1.4	13	8	53
20	Damontre Moore, Texas A&M	15.5	1.4	13	5	64
20	Chris Borland, Wisconsin	18	1.4	12	12	37
21	Cordarro Law, Southern Miss	17.5	1.4	15	5	98
21	Sean Porter, Texas A&M	16	1.3	14	6	85
24	Denicos Allen, Michigan St	17	1.3	14	6	104
26	Ronnell Lewis, Oklahoma	13	1.3	11	4	83
27	Terrell Manning, N Carolina St	13	1.3	11	4	62
28	Brandon Joiner, Arkansas St	15.5	1.3	14	3	98
28	Dexter Heyman, Louisville	15.5	1.3	12	7	63
32	Jim Simon, Ohio St	15	1.3	14	2	58
32	Aaron Donald, Pittsburgh	15	1.3	12	6	70

SACK LEADERS

Rank	Player, Team	Solo	Ast	Total	Sk/gm	Yds
1	Whitney Mercilus, Illinois	14.5	1.2	13	3	95
3	Jarvis Jones, Georgia	13.5	1.0	11	5	90
3	Brandon Joiner, Arkansas St	12.5	1.0	11	2	92
5	Sammy Brown, Houston	12.5	1.0	12	1	78
6	Vinny Curry, Marshall	11	0.9	10	5	69
7	Jake Bequette, Arkansas	8	0.9	7	2	78
8	Brett Roy, Nevada	10	0.8	10	1	36
8	Aaron Donald, Pittsburgh	10	0.8	9	2	56
11	Andre Branch, Clemson	10.5	0.8	10	1	75
12	Corey Lemonier, Auburn	9.5	0.8	9	1	66
12	Derek Wolfe, Cincinnati	9.5	0.8	9	1	66
16	Denicos Allen, Michigan St	10	0.8	9	2	58
18	Melvin Ingram, SC	8.5	0.7	8	1	67

PUNT RETURNS

Rank	Player	AVG	PR's	YDS	TD's
1	Joe Adams, Arkansas	16.2	16	259	3
2	Tyrann Mathieu, LSU	16.2	26	420	2
3	Jared Abbrederis, Wisconsin	16.1	18	289	1
5	Tavon Austin, West Virginia	14.1	19	268	0
6	Rishard Matthews, Nevada	13.4	23	307	1
7	Mitch Burroughs, Boise St	13.3	18	239	0
8	Jordan White, Western Mich	13.1	17	222	0
9	Richard Crawford, SMU	12.7	15	190	1
9	Marquis Maze, Alabama	12.4	31	384	1
12	Tracy Lampley, Southern Miss	12.1	29	350	1
12	TJ Graham, North Carolina St	12.1	16	193	1
14	Jayron Hosley, Virginia Tech	12.0	17	204	0
14	Drew Terrell, Stanford	11.9	16	190	0
16	Keshawn Martin, Michigan St	11.8	23	271	1
16	Greg Reid, Florida St	11.4	35	398	1
17	Ed Wesley, TCU	10.9	11	120	0
19	Eric Page, Toledo	10.9	18	196	1
19	Chris Potter, Boise St	10.5	14	147	0
22	Johnthan Banks, Mississippi St	10.4	16	166	1
22	Ryan Broyles, Oklahoma	10.3	19	196	0
24	Matt Brown, Temple	10.1	18	182	0
24	Jeremy Gallon, Michigan	10.1	19	192	0
28	JD Falslev, BYU	9.3	19	176	1
28	Darryl Surgent, La-Lafayette	9.2	25	231	0
31	Marquel Wade, Arkansas	8.3	12	99	0
33	Justin Brown, Penn St	7.5	26	194	0
39	Tony Logan, Maryland	7.0	16	96	0
41	LaVon Brazill, Ohio	5.9	24	141	0
44	Waynelle Gravesande, Purdue	5.9	22	129	0
48	Jordan Hall, Ohio St	5.8	12	70	0

KICKOFF RETURNS

Rank	Player	Avg	KR's	YDS	TD's
1	Tyler Lockett, Kansas St	35.2	16	563	2
2	TY Hilton, FIU	32.0	16	512	0
3	Greg McCoy, TCU	31.6	29	915	2
4	Raheem Mostert, Purdue	31.0	23	713	0
5	Ameer Abdullah, Nebraska	30.0	24	719	1
11	Chaz Powell, Penn St	28.4	23	652	1
12	Jordan Hall, Ohio St	28.1	22	619	0
12	De'Anthony Thomas, Oregon	27.7	31	858	2
12	TJ Thorpe, North Carolina	27.6	33	912	1
15	George Atkinson III, Notre Dame	27.4	30	822	2
16	Matt Brown, Temple	26.7	26	695	1
17	Marquel Wade, Arkansas	26.5	12	318	1
19	Tavon Austin, West Virginia	26.4	31	821	2
19	Tre Mason, Auburn	26.4	24	633	1
20	Donte Harden, Ohio	26.3	21	552	0
22	Sammy Watkins, Clemson	26.3	26	683	1
22	Jamal Miles, Arizona St	26.3	30	788	2
24	Khalek Shepherd, Wyoming	26.1	16	420	0
24	Morris Claiborne, LSU	26.1	17	443	1
28	Nick Hill, Michigan St	26.0	36	938	0
28	Tommylee Lewis, Northern Ill	26.0	26	676	2
28	Kevin Smith, Washington	25.9	37	958	0
31	Justin Gilbert, Oklahoma St	25.8	22	567	2
31	Dennis Johnson, Arkansas	25.8	18	461	1
31	Jarvis West, Iowa St	25.6	18	458	0
31	Cody Hoffman, BYU	25.4	33	838	1
35	Ty Montgomery, Stanford	25.3	25	632	1
36	Andre Booker, Marshall	25.3	31	782	0
38	Dervon Wallace, Western Mich	25.0	37	923	0
40	Tyron Carrier, Houston	24.8	28	695	1
41	Ralph Abernathy IV, Cincinnati	24.7	37	914	0
45	Jared Abbrederis, Wisconsin	24.4	20	488	0
47	Jordan Bernstein, Iowa	24.0	27	658	0
52	Reggie Dunn, Utah	23.8	25	596	0
54	Andre Hal, Vanderbilt	23.8	29	689	1
56	Venric Mark, Northwestern	23.5	33	774	0
57	Eric Page, Toledo	23.4	30	703	0

ALL PURPOSE YARDS

Rank	Player, Team	Gm	Rush	Rec	PR	KR	TTL	Yards	Plays	Yd/Pl	YDS G
2	Tavon Austin, West Virginia	12	142	1063	268	821	2294	152	15.1	191.2		
3	LaMichael James, Oregon	11	1646	210	135	21	2012	252	8.0	182.9		
6	Sammy Watkins, Clemson	12	229	1153	12	683	2077	136	15.3	173.1		
6	Eric Page, Toledo	12	10	1123	196	703	2032	163	12.5	169.3		
7	Trent Richardson, Alabama	12	1583	327	0	66	1976	293	6.7	164.7		
8	David Wilson, Virginia Tech	12	1627	126	0	376	2129	307	6.9	163.8		
9	Jordan White, Western Mich	12	27	1646	222	0	1895	145	13.1	157.9		
10	Donte Harden, Ohio	11	939	230	0	552	1721	216	8.0	156.5		
10	Ronnie Hillman, San Diego St	12	1656	221	0	0	1877	307	6.1	156.4		
12	Montee Ball, Wisconsin	13	1759	255	0	15	2029	296	6.9	156.1		
12	Ryan Broyles, Oklahoma	9	3	1157	196	0	1356	103	13.2	150.7		
16	De'Anthony Thomas, Oregon	13	440	571	52	858	1921	129	14.9	147.8		
19	TJ Graham, North Carolina St	12	-5	641	193	923	1752	98	17.9	146.0		
20	Matt Brown, Temple	12	867	0	182	695	1744	189	9.3	145.9		
21	TY Hilton, FIU	12	101	950	186	512	1749	104	16.8	145.8		
22	Adonis Thomas, Toledo	9	963	335	0	0	1298	117	7.3	144.2		
24	Henry Josey, Missouri	12	1168	91	0	149	1408	161	8.8	140.8		
26	Rishard Matthews, Nevada	12	-1	1364	307	0	1670	119	14.0	139.2		
27	Chris Polk, Washington	12	1341	324	0	0	1665	292	5.7	138.8		
28	Cody Hoffman, BYU	12	3	821	0	838	1662	87	19.1	138.5		
29	Kendall Wright, Baylor	12	44	1572	39	0	1655	111	14.9	137.9		

PASSES DEFENDED

Rank	Player, Team	PBU	Int	Total	PG
1	Broderick Brown, Oklahoma St	15	5	20	1.7
1	Merrill Noel, Wake Forest	19	1	20	1.7
1	Isaiah Frey, Nevada	13	5	18	1.5
3	EJ Gaines, Missouri	16	2	18	1.5
8	Carrington Byndom, Texas	15	2	17	1.4
8	David Amerson, North Carolina St	5	11	16	1.3
8	Nigel Malone, Kansas St	9	7	16	1.3
14	Desmond Trufant, Washington	13	2	15	1.3
18	Deron Wilson, Southern Miss	12	4	16	1.2
18	Travis Carrie, Ohio	13	4	16	1.2
22	Rashad Jackson, Marshall	9	5	14	1.2
22	Bacarri Rambo, Georgia	7	7	14	1.2
23	Larry Parker, San Diego St	7	7	14	1.2
23	Casey Hayward, Vanderbilt	9	5	14	1.2
23	Johnthan Banks, Mississippi St	9	5	14	1.2
23	Justin Gilbert, Oklahoma St	10	4	14	1.2
23	Leon McFadden, San Diego St	11	3	14	1.2
23	Preston Hadley, BYU	14	0	14	1.2
23	Corby Eason, BYU	14	0	14	1.2
33	Marc Anthony, California	11	0	11	1.1
34	Steve Williams, California	11	2	13	1.1
42	Darryl Feemster, Arkansas St	7	5	12	1.1

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POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
NORTH CAROLINA	120	225	22	2.6	–	106.8
MISSOURI	165	245	24	2.9	✔✔	111.1

TAR HEELS ATS: 6-5-1 O/U: 5-6

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
GIOVANI BERNARD	#18	12/10	226	1285	63	1222	13	5.4
Ryan Houston	#21	12/2	85	338	13	325	7	3.8
AJ Blue	#81	11/0	32	144	5	139	1	4.3
PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Bryn Renner	#20	12/12	308	212	68.8	2769	23	12
RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Dwight Jones	#13	12/12	79	1119	14.2	11	66
Erik Highsmith	#166	11/11	43	649	15.1	4	75
Giovani Bernard	#18	12/10	39	326	8.4	1	23
Eric Ebron	#20	10/0	10	207	20.7	1	47
Jheranie Boyd	#8	12/1	11	197	17.9	4	58
Nelson Hurst	#53	12/0	14	146	14.6	1	42
PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Thomas Hibbard	–				38.4	14	35.4	0	13
KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Thomas Moore	#49	11	35-35	2-2	2-4	1-3	0-0	5-9	46
POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	ZACH BROWN	#224	12/12	91	5.5	6	4	2
LB	Kevin Reddick	#59	11/11	67	1	5	4	0
S	Tre Boston	#142	12/10	64	0	1.5	2	3
DL	QUINTON COPLES	#23	12/12	51	7.5	5.5	2	0
DL	Sylvester Williams	#7JC	12/12	48	2.5	4	3	1
CB	Charles Brown	#298	11/11	47	0	5.5	7	2
DL	Tydreke Powell	#16	12/12	45	1	3.5	2	1
S	Gene Robinson	#93	12/4	45	0	4	2	1
CB	Tim Scott	#86	12/6	42	0	2	5	1
LB	Darius Lipford	#77	12/4	40	0	1.5	3	0
S	Jonathan Smith	#88	9/8	38	0	1	0	0
DL	Kareem Martin	#72	12/12	36	4	3	6	0
S	Matt Merletti	#254	8/8	36	0	1	1	2
DL	Donte Paige-Moss	#5	12/0	26	2	2	2	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Charles Brown	12	30	2.5	0	TJ Thorpe	33	912	27.6	1

TIGERS ATS: 6-6 O/U: 6-6

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
HENRY JOSEY	#113	10/8	145	1191	23	1168	9	8.1
James Franklin	#191	12/12	199	1003	164	839	13	4.2
Kendial Lawrence	#57	9/3	103	518	60	458	4	4.4
De'Vion Moore	#295	9/1	29	166	15	151	0	5.2
PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
James Franklin	#191	12/12	353	223	63.2	2733	20	10
RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TJ Moe	#49	12/12	54	649	12.0	4	40
MICHAEL EGNEW	#210	12/12	47	484	10.3	3	39
Wes Kemp	#31	12/12	27	321	11.9	4	37
Marcus Lucas	#25	12/3	23	414	18.0	5	53
L'Damian Washington	#585	12/0	17	317	18.6	3	45
Jerrell Jackson	#320	10/9	15	207	13.8	0	25
PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Trey Barrow	#85	12	60	2701	45.0	9	37.0	0	10
KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Grant Ressel	–		7	30-30	6-6	2-2	0-1	0-0	9-16	47
Trey Barrow	#85	12	18-18	3-4	2-2	0-1	0-0	5-7	39
POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
SLB	Andrew Wilson	#72	12/8	89	0	7.5	0	0
MLB	Luke Lambert	#52	12/10	74	0	11.5	2	1
WLB	Zaviar Gooden	#148	12/12	74	1	3.5	4	1
SS	Kenji Jackson	#132	12/12	71	1	4.5	4	3
CB	EJ Gaines	#198	12/12	69	0	3	16	2
DL	Dominique Hamilton	#124	12/12	55	3	4	3	0
CB	Kip Edwards	#112	10/10	48	0	0	1	1
FS	Matt White	#797	12/5	44	0	1.5	4	0
SS	Kenronte Walker	#62JC	12/2	40	1	0	0	0
DL	Sheldon Richardson	#1	12/2	35	1.5	6	1	0
S	Braylon Webb	#282	10/4	35	0	0	0	0
DL	Jacquies Smith	#135	10/10	34	5	4	4	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
EJ Gaines	9	98	10.9	1	TJ Moe	23	510	22.2	0

	NC	MO		NC	MO		NC	MO
QB	-	1/2	RB	✔	-	WR	1/2	-

	NC	MO	CHECKLIST COMMENTS		
OL	-	✔	NC avg 6-5 319, 1 Sr, 26 sk all'd (7.9%), 4.2 ypc. MO avg 6-4 302, 3 Sr, 18 sk all'd (5.0%), 5.2 ypc.		
DL	✔	-	NC avg 6-5 293, 2 Sr, 19 of tm 25 sks, 3.1 ypc. MO avg 6-5 280, 3 Sr, 22 of tm 26 sks, 3.6 ypc.		
LB	-	-	Brown #1 tkl'r w/91, 11.5 tfl, Reddick #2, 6 tfl. Wilson #1 tkl'r w/89, 7.5 tfl, Lambert #2, 11.5 tfl.		
DB	-	1/2	NC #69 pass eff D, 247 ypg (61%), 22-13 ratio. MO #30 pass eff D, 247 ypg (63%), 17-12 ratio.		

	NC	MO	
CCH	-	✔✔	Obvious edges with a veteran coach vs an interim coach without even a spg practice.
Turf/ Crowd	-	-	Neither will have an overwhelming crowd with a trip to Louisiana the day after X-Mas.
MTCH	-	-	Both offenses and both defenses are very close in our rankings. No edges.
INT	✔	-	Dog has covered 5 of 7 Missouri bowls, and Tigers are 4-2 as fav.
ST	-	✔✔	
SCH	-	✔	

OVERALL - MISSOURI by 3' ✔'s

Analysis

These 2 have met twice before with MO taking both incl their last matchup 24-3 in '76. This is NC's 4th str bowl (1-2 SU/2-1 ATS) and 29th overall. LY NC defeated Tenn 30-27 (-1) after a controversial call in reg cost the Vols the win (NC kicked the GW FG in the 2nd OT) in the Music City Bowl. This is Withers' 1st bowl as a HC but he has been DC the L/3 bowls here under Davis. The Tigers head to their 8th bowl under Pinkel (3-4 SU/ATS) and their 3rd Independence (1-1 SU/ATS) with their 38-31 '05 win over SC (+4) the biggest bowl comeback win in school history (trailed 21-0 after 1Q). MO was snubbed by the B12's bowl tie-ins but were helped by their outgoing conf to find a home in Shreveport. It's put up or shut up time for Tiger fans who have been stereotyped as poor travelers. NC is 5-4 SU but 3-5-1 vs 9 bowl caliber tms being outscored 26-25 and outgained 370-356 (outFD'd in 7 out of 9). MO went 3-5 SU/5-3 ATS vs bowl opp outscoring foes 31-30 and outgaining them 474-460. NC was 1-4 on the road (2-2-1 ATS) while MO was 1-4 SU/3-2 ATS. NC has 8 Sr's among 14 upperclassmen while MO has 11 Sr's and 18 upperclassmen.

NC has our #35 offense avg 28 ppg and 397 ypg. They fired Butch Davis in July and named beloved DC Withers as the interim HC, and this is his final game NC HC. NC went 5-1 to open before losing 4 of the L/6 for a disappointing ssn. First yr st'r QB Renner finished #9 in FBS pass eff incl leading the Heels to a ssn high 562 yds vs Wake. He struggled at times vs the better pass D's with 10 of his int coming in 4 gms. 1st Tm ACC RB Bernard broke the Fr schl record with 1,222 yd (5.4) and became the 1st RB since 1997 to top 1,000. 2nd Tm ACC WR Jones broke NC single ssn rec with 79 rec and is 102 away in yds. The Heels have a huge OL (6'5" 319) that paved the way for 147 ypg (4.2) while all'g 26 sks (down from 39 LY). The NC def is ranked #28 all'g 24 ppg and 353 ypg. The front seven is loaded with NFL caliber players incl 1st Tm ACC Coples with the DL providing 19 of the tm's 26 sks. The LB corps is led by 1st Tm ACC Brown who finished #1 in tkls and had 11.5 tfl. NC is #69 in our pass eff D with a 22-13 ratio. NC lost key players before the ssn began (inj/defections) and then top S Merletti was lost in Oct. Boston was forced to move around the secondary and led the unit in tkls with 64 and 3 int's. Heels ST's is ranked #83 led by KR Thorpe who had a 100 yd KR TD vs Clem. An All-ACC performer flipside, K Barth suffered a groin inj and missed the L/9 forcing rFr Moore into action. P Hibbard took over for a struggling Feagles to avg 38.4 (35.4 net).

The Tigers replaced #1 DC QB Gabbert with LY's Wildcat specialist Franklin. Though he struggled at times, by year's end he used his arm and legs to direct comeback wins over A&M and TT while also throwing for more TD's with a better pass eff rating than Gabbert did in '10. After spending the offssn reworking blocking schemes to emphasize downhill running, the QB-RB option combo of "Frank the Tank" and speedster Josey, who started the ssn the #3 TB, was dynamic. Josey was leading the B12 in rushing when he was KO'd for the ssn (knee) vs Texas. His replacement Lawrence (#1 Aug) ran for 263 yds (5.3) in the L/3. With the offensive emphasis geared towards the run LY's #1 and #2 rec's WR Moe and TE Egnew's production fell from 182 rec, 1,807 yd, 11 TD to 101, 1,133 and 7 TY. Despite losing All-Conf LT Fisher in the pressn, MO's OL (6'4" 302) paved the way for the B12's top rush off (236, 5.2) while all'g 18 sks (5.0%). The Tigers have our #29 off and #27 D. MO expected to be strong up front with ret All-B12 DE's Smith and Madison. While they were the tm's top sackers, they were banged up and the sack ttl fell from 38 to 26. The Tigers all'd 135 rush ypg (3.6) with LB's Wilson, Lambert and Gooden being the top 3 tkl'rs. MO is #30 pass eff D (247, 63%, 17-12) led by CB Gaines who set a schl rec'd with 16 pbu. The ST (#44) with the most disappointing aspect being slumping K Ressel, who entered the ssn hitting 43-46 in his career. He missed several key kicks before being benched for Barrow (5-7 L/39). Barrow avg'd a conf best 45.0 but his 37.0 net was #52 FBS. Gaines was the #1 PR (10.9) with Moe the top KR (22.2). The coverage units were all'g 18.3 on KR and 5.7 on PR.

These tms are very similar which has us backing the dog. However, the stipulation is we want the FG+ with the Tar Heels (MO 1-4 ATS as fav vs FBS). North Carolina's DL has reaped praise from many opposing coaches and their disruptiveness can actually be the difference in the gm. The Heels also will have the edge with the skill players on the field and are our pick for the Independence Bowl.

FORECAST: NORTH CAROLINA (if +3 or more) RATING: 1★

ALL TIME BOWL RECORDS

*Indicates number of even lined bowl games. * Since 1980.

	OUTRIGHT	VS SPREAD	LAST 3 YEARS	AS FAV	AS DOG	COACH SU	COACH ATS	RATING	2011 ATS VS '11 Bowl/Caliber Tms	ON THE ROAD
AIR FORCE	10-10-1	12-6	2-1	4-1	8-5	2-2	2-2	C	1-4	4-1
ALABAMA*	33-22-3	18-11	2-1	12-9	5-2	3-1	3-1	A	5-2	4-1
ARIZONA ST	12-11-1	7-8	0-0	1-4	6-4	0-0	0-0	I	2-4-1	1-3-1
ARKANSAS	12-23-3	8-16	0-2	3-6	5-10	1-1	0-2	C-	4-3	0-4
ARKANSAS ST	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	C	3-2	4-2
AUBURN*	21-13-2	9-13	1-1	5-10	3-3	2-0	1-1	B	3-6	1-4
BAYLOR*	8-9	5-4	0-1	1-2	3-2	0-1	0-1	C-	5-3	1-4
BOISE ST	7-4	8-3	3-0	3-2	5-1	3-2	4-1	A	2-6	4-2
BYU*	11-17-1	11-16-1	2-1	4-6-1	7-9	4-2	4-2	B	2-2	4-1
CALIFORNIA*	10-9-1	5-7	0-2	3-6	1-1	5-2	3-4	C	3-4	3-4
CINCINNATI	5-6	2-7	0-2	2-5	0-2	0-0	0-0	I	1-4	3-3
CLEMSON*	16-17	11-14-1	1-2	7-10-1	4-3	1-2	1-2	C-	5-4	3-3
FIU	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	B	1-3	3-3
FLORIDA*	19-19	13-14-1	3-0	8-8	4-6-1	0-0	0-0	I	0-7	1-4
FLORIDA ST	23-14-2	21-10-1	3-0	12-7-1	9-3	1-0	1-0	B	2-5	2-2
GEORGIA*	26-17-3	17-12	2-1	9-8	7-4	7-3	6-4	B	4-3-1	4-3
GEORGIA TECH*	22-17	9-9	0-3	4-6	5-2	0-3	0-3	D	1-4-2	1-3-1
HOUSTON	8-11-1	7-7	1-1	2-2	4-5	1-1	1-1	C	4-2	4-2
ILLINOIS*	7-9	7-6	1-0	2-2	5-4	0-0	0-0	I	3-6	2-2
IOWA*	14-10-1	11-12	3-0	4-6	7-6	6-3	7-2	A	4-4	1-4
IOWA ST	3-7	4-3-1	1-0	0-1	4-2-1	1-0	1-0	B	5-3	4-2
KANSAS ST**	6-8	4-10	0-3	4-7	0-1	6-6	4-8	C-	6-2	5-0
LOUISIANA	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0		3-1	6-1
LOUISVILLE	7-7-1	5-7	1-0	4-3	1-4	1-0	1-0	B	4-3	6-0
LOUISIANA TECH	2-2-1	2-1	1-0	1-1	1-1	1-0	1-0		5-0	7-0
LSU*	22-19-1	14-9	2-1	7-4	7-4	5-1	5-1	A	8-1	7-0
MARSHALL	6-2-1	6-2	1-0	2-0	4-2	0-0	0-0		3-3	2-4
MICHIGAN*	19-21	15-17-1	3-0	8-9	7-7-1	0-0	0-0	I	6-3	2-2
MICHIGAN ST**	7-14	7-10	0-3	1-4	5-6	0-4	1-3	D	6-4	4-2
MISSISSIPPI ST	8-6	5-5	1-0	3-3	2-2	1-0	1-0	B	2-5	2-4
MISSOURI	12-16	4-10	0-3	2-5	2-5	3-4	3-4	C	5-3	3-3
NEBRASKA*	24-23	17-16	0-3	12-9	5-7	2-1	2-1	B	3-5-1	2-2-1
NEVADA*	4-7	1-7	0-0	0-5	1-1	2-6	1-6		1-3	2-4
N CAROLINA	13-15	11-7-2	0-3	6-3-1	5-4-1	0-0	0-0	I	3-5-1	2-2-1
N CAROLINA ST*	13-11-1	11-7	2-0	4-2	7-4	1-1	1-1	B	3-3-1	4-2

	OUTRIGHT	VS SPREAD	LAST 3 YEARS	AS FAV	AS DOG	COACH SU	COACH ATS	RATING	2011 ATS VS '11 Bowl/Caliber Tms	ON THE ROAD
N ILLINOIS	3-3	2-3	1-2	1-0	1-3	0-0	0-0	I	2-2	2-5
NORTHWESTERN	1-8	4-4	3-0	0-0	4-4	0-3	3-0	C+	2-4	4-2
NOTRE DAME*	15-15	10-14	2-0	5-5	5-8	1-0	1-0	B	3-5	2-4
OHIO	0-5	0-3	0-2	0-1	0-2	0-3	0-3	D	3-1	4-3
OHIO ST**	20-22	14-17-1	3-0	6-9	7-8-1	0-0	0-0	I	4-5	3-3
OKLAHOMA	26-17-1	11-16	1-2	7-12	4-4	6-6	5-7	C-	5-4	3-3
OKLAHOMA ST	13-8	8-7-1	1-2	8-2-1	0-5	3-2	3-2	B-	6-3	5-1
OREGON*	9-15	7-11	1-2	1-7	6-5	0-2	0-2	C-	4-3-1	4-1
PENN ST**	27-14-2	18-11	1-2	10-2	6-8	0-0	0-0	I	3-5-1	2-3
PITTSBURGH*	12-15	9-10	2-1	5-5	3-5	0-0	0-0	I	4-3	2-2
PURDUE	8-7	6-8	0-0	2-5	3-3	0-0	0-0	I	4-3	2-3
RUTGERS	4-2	4-2	1-1	3-1	1-1	4-1	4-1	A	4-2	3-3
SAN DIEGO ST	2-4	2-1-1	1-0	1-1	1-0-1	0-0	0-0		2-3	2-3
S CAROLINA	4-12	0-9	0-3	2-4	2-5	1-4	1-4	D	3-3-1	1-3-1
SMU	5-7-1	3-3	1-1	1-3	3-3	1-1	1-1	C	1-4	2-4
SOUTHERN MISS	9-10	8-7-1	1-2	4-5	4-2-1	1-2	1-2	C-	3-2	5-2
STANFORD	10-11-1	6-5	2-0	2-4	4-1	0-0	0-0	I	4-2	5-0
TCU	12-14-1	6-6-2	0-3	2-5-1	4-1-1	6-4	4-5-1	C	3-4	3-3
TEMPLE	1-2	1-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0		1-2	3-2
TEXAS	25-22-3	18-10	0-3	5-13	3-5	4-4	4-8	C-	3-6	3-3
TEXAS A&M	13-19	12-11	0-3	4-4	8-7	2-0	2-0	I	2-7	0-5
TOLEDO*	7-4	3-3	1-1	2-2	0-1	0-1	0-1	C-	2-4	4-2
TULSA	8-9	6-2	2-0	2-0	2-0	0-0	0-0		3-3	5-3
UCLA	14-15-1	12-11	1-0	6-10	6-1	0-0	0-0	I	3-5	2-5
UTAH	12-4	10-4	2-1	3-2	7-2	5-1	4-2	A-	3-4	3-3
UTAH ST	2-2	2-2	1-0	0-0	2-2	0-0	0-1		3-3	4-3
VANDERBILT	2-1-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	2-1	1-0	1-0		3-3	3-2
VIRGINIA	7-10	8-8-1	3-0	3-4-1	3-4	1-0	1-0	B	3-4	3-2
VIRGINIA TECH	9-15	9-12	1-1	5-6	4-6	8-10	8-10	C	3-6	3-4
WAKE FOREST	5-3	4-3	1-0	1-1	3-1	3-1	3-1	A-	2-3	2-3
WASHINGTON*	15-14-1	12-10-1	1-0	6-4-1	6-5	0-0	0-0	I	2-4	3-3
W MICHIGAN	0-4	1-1	0-1	0-0	0-3	0-1	0-1	C-	2-1	4-2
WEST VIRGINIA	13-17	6-15-1	0-3	0-7	6-8-1	0-4	0-4		2-3	3-1-1
WISCONSIN*	11-11	11-8	1-2	2-4	8-4	2-3	3-2	C	4-4	2-4
WYOMING	6-6	4-3	1-0	2-4	2-2	1-0	1-0		4-2	4-2

W MICH (7-5) — LITTLE CAESARS BOWL — PURDUE (6-6)

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POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
W MICHIGAN	115	340	36	2.6	✔	87.0
PURDUE	225	220	32	2.4	–	99.0

BRONCOS — ATS: 8-3 O/U: 6-5

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tevin Drake	#153	11/5	102	602	32	570	4	5.6
Brian Fields	#156	11/3	64	291	15	276	2	4.3
Alex Carder	#148	11/11	114	498	245	253	4	2.2

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Alex Carder	#148	11/11	445	299	67.2	3434	28	10
Tyler Van Tubbergen	#174	5/1	36	31	86.1	349	7	2

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
JORDAN WHITE	#632	12/12	127	1646	13.0	16	61
Chleb Ravenell	#335JC	11/7	59	769	13.0	8	59
Robert Arnheim	#90	12/10	59	662	11.2	4	34
Eric Monette	–	12/4	26	256	9.8	1	36
Josh Schaffer	#300	9/2	17	239	14.1	1	64

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Ben Armer	#61	12	41	1700	41.5	11	37.0(t)	1	

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	0-1	15-21	45
John Potter	#41	12	54-54	3-3	6-7	6-10	0-1	15-21	45

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
ROV	Johnnie Simon	#214	12/11	103	2.5	6	7	2
LB	Mitch Zajac	#181	12/10	84	0	2.5	0	0
DT	DREW NOWAK	#330	12/12	83	8.5	11.5	0	0
DB	Aaron Winchester	#300	12/11	72	1.5	3.5	8	1
SS	Doug Wiggins	#35	11/10	60	0.5	0	6	2
FS	Demetrius Pettway	#221	10/10	56	0	1	2	2
CB	Lewis Toler	#390	12/12	55	0	4.5	4	0
DL	Freddie Bishop	#438	12/10	50	5.5	6.5	0	1
DB	Devon Brant	#345	8/7	43	0	0.5	0	0
DB	Donald Celiscar	#566	10/3	38	0	0	4	1
S	Rontavious Atkins	#200	11/4	34	0	0	2	0
DL	TJ Lynch	#416JC	12/10	29	1	1	0	0
LB	Desmond Bozeman	#217	12/2	25	0	0.5	0	0
DB	Justin Currie	#322	9/0	24	0	0	1	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jordan White	17	222	13.1	0	Dervon Wallace	37	923	24.9	0

BOILERMAKERS — ATS: 6-6 O/U: 7-2-3

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ralph Bolden	#93	12/11	148	710	36	674	6	4.6
Akeem Shavers	#297	11/1	89	385	15	370	6	4.2
Akeem Hunt	#128	11/0	29	261	12	249	2	8.6
Caleb TerBush	#137	12/12	80	331	105	226	1	2.8

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Caleb TerBush	#137	12/12	264	163	61.7	1804	12	6
Robert Marve	#12	9/0	102	55	53.9	557	3	5

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Antavian Edision	#500	12/6	43	561	13.0	3	35
Justin Siller	#44	12/12	45	430	9.6	1	50
OJ Ross	#80	12/11	33	356	10.8	3	28
Crosby Wright	–	12/8	16	223	13.9	2	30
Gary Bush	#209	12/1	23	220	9.6	2	48

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Cody Webster	#13	12	44	1904	43.3	6	38.1(t)	0	11
Carson Wiggs	#37	12	21	716	34.1	11	–	1	16

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Carson Wiggs	#37	12	35-36	9-9	1-3	4-6	2-3	16-21	53

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	Dwayne Beckford	#120	12/8	91	3	4	4	1
LB	Joe Holland	#63	12/12	85	1.5	7	5	1
LB	Will Lucas	#125	12/10	75	1	7.5	1	0
CB	Ricardo Allen	#144	12/12	72	0	3	3	3
S	Albert Evans	#118	12/12	69	0	2.5	4	1
CB	Josh Johnson	#216	12/12	62	0	4.5	8	2
S	Logan Link	#449	12/8	55	0	6	3	0
DL	Kawann Short	#125	12/12	53	6.5	10.5	1	0
S	Max Charlot	–	12/3	38	0	0	1	0
DL	Gerald Gooden	#404	12/12	34	2	6	0	0
DL	Ryan Russell	#481	12/10	32	1	3.5	0	0
DL	Bruce Gaston	#70	12/8	29	3	4	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
W. Gravesande	22	129	5.9	0	Raheem Mostert	23	713	31.0	0

	WM	PU		WM	PU		WM	PU		WM	PU
QB	✔✔	-	RB	1/2	-	WR	✔✔	-			

	WM	PU	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	✔	-	WM avg 6-5 306, 2 Sr, 22 sk all'd (4.4%), 4.2 ypc. PU avg 6-6 306, 2 Sr, 27 sk all'd (7.3%), 4.4 ypc.
DL	-	1/2	WM avg 6-3 275, 2 Sr, 20 of tm 26 sks, 5.5 ypc. PU avg 6-4 278, 1 Sr, 15.5 of tm 21 sks, 4.4 ypc.
LB	-	1/2	Simon #1 tkl'r w/103, 8.5 sks, Zajac #2 w/84. Beckford #1 tkl'r w/91, 7 tfl, Holland #2, 8.5 tfl.
DB	1/2		WM #74 pass eff D, 218 ypg (61%), 16-12 ratio. PU #81 pass eff D, 203 ypg (59%), 14-8 ratio.

CCH	✔	WM HC Cubit has bowl exp while Purdue HC Hope preparing his tm for his first bowl.
Turf/ Crowd		Western has in-state edge but we expect Purdue to have the crowd edge.
MTCH	✔✔	Cubit has a knack for knocking off B10 teams and dome helps the WM pass game.
INT		Both teams excited for bowl and extra practices.
ST	1/2	SCH - ✔✔

OVERALL - WESTERN MICH by 6' ✔'s

PU leads the series 2-0 winning both at home incl a 28-24 win (-17) in the last meeting in '02. WM is 6-31 all-time vs B10 tms but has 2 of those wins (Iowa '07 and Ill '08) under HC Cubit and came up just short vs UI earlier this ssn (23-20, +14). Purdue is 38-9-1 vs MAC tms but lost to Tol 31-20 (-11). This is WM's 5th all-time bowl, but their 3rd under Cubit (0-2 SU/1-1 ATS). They are 0-4 SU (1-1 ATS) incl a 38-14 loss to Rice in the '08 Texas Bowl. PU is in the postssn for the 1st time S//'07 and is their 1st time bowling under HC Hope. Under ex-HC Tiller, who Hope served under as an asst in 2 diff stints, the Boilers went 4-6 SU/ATS in bowls usually spotting tms the lead (fell behind 98-0 in L/7). Of the 70 bowl tms, WM is last being outgained by an avg 168 ypg vs the 4 bowl tms they faced but went 2-1 ATS (Mich gm susp) in those gms losing 2 by 3 pts each. PU and bowl officials are hoping for a decent contingent in Black and Gold but keep in mind that PU avg'd just 45,225 fans per home gm TY (72% of stadium capacity) and failed to sell out any of its 7 gms in Ross-Ade Stadium.

The Broncos have our #30 off led by Jr QB Carder, who is WM's #3 rusher and leads the MAC in passing and ttl off. He was held out of the ssn finale but his bkp Van Tubbergen kept pace with 252 yds (90%) with a 6-0 ratio and 60 yds rushing (1 TD) but that was vs 1-11 Akron. WM's run gm has had its ups (3x 200+ yds) and its downs (3x less than 50) starting 3 diff RB's. WM has the FBS's #8 pass off and a big part of that is 3 rec's with 59+ grabs. WR White (5x MAC West OPOW) leads the FBS in rec's and rec yds despite being double teamed often. WM's OL avg 6'5" 306 with 4 upperclassmen (2 Sr) and four 12 gm st'rs. They have all'd 22 sks but that is on 496 pass att (4.4%) and have paved the way for 4.2 ypc. The Broncos have our #108 D thanks in part to giving up 697 yds to MAC Champ NI and 804 yds in a 66-63 loss to Tol. The Broncos DL avg 6'3" 275 and have accounted for 77% (20) of WM's sks but have all'd 5.5 ypc as they struggled vs running QB's. MAC DPOY, DT Nowak (#3 tkl'r), leads the conf with 8.5 sks and DE Bishop added 5.5 sks. The LB unit is led by Rov Simon (#1 tkl'r) and MLB Zajac (#2 tkl'r). WM has our #74 pass eff D all'g a 16-12 ratio. A big addition to the secondary TY was former starting RB Winchester, who is the #4 tkl'r and is tied for the tm lead with 9 pd. The Broncos have our #12 ST unit led K Potter who was MAC West ST POW 4x and was 6-11 from 40+. Jordan White was the MAC's #1 PR (13.1).

With 62 lettermen back the Boilers expected to have their most experienced, complete tm yet under HC Hope. The prog has been plagued by inj's the last few yrs and the bug bit once again in Aug when QB Rob Henry tore his ACL. #3 TerBush, who was acad inelig LY, became the default st'r because VHT #2 Marve's knee wasn't quite healed from his '10 surg. The more mobile TerBush started most of the yr with Marve seeing more action later on incl leading PU to the GW TD drive in OT to upset Ohio St. The QB's comb to avg 197 ypg (59%) with a 15-11 ratio and ranked #90 FBS pass eff. The Boilers off spreads the wealth with 7 ply's having more than 24 carries led by #1 rusher Bolden, who is exp to miss this gm after suffering a serious knee inj in the finale. The Boilers led the tm in rec's with speedy Edison leading in rec yds (both get carries in the Wildcat). The exp'd OL (6'6" 306) paved the way for 175 rush ypg (4.4) but all'd 27 sks (7.3%). The Boilers' tradition of a strong DL continued as All-B10 DT Short was named the B10's DPOW vs OSU with a career high 3 sks. His cohort Gaston also blk'd OSU's extra point to force OT. The LB's are the tm's top 3 tkl'rs in Beckford, Holland and Lucas. PU is #81 pass eff D (203, 59%, 14-8) with 5'9" 175 playmaker Allen being the top cover CB. Hope cited an improved ST as the reason the Boilers won't be home for the holidays. 2nd Tm B10 P Webster (43.3 avg) combined with Wiggs for a 38.1 net. Wiggs has 1 of college FB's strongest legs with a 67 yd'r in the spg gm which would've tied the NCAA record. Hope has said that he'd like to give Wiggs a chance at breaking the rec'd. Mostert led the B10 in KR (31.0) incl a schl rec'd 206 yd vs Wisky but PR Gravesande (5.9) was below par. Boilers coverage units were leaky on KR (24.9) but better on PR (6.2).

When you match a B10 tm vs a MAC team you expect significant edges to the BCS conference. This doesn't hold true as Western has many players that actually rate higher than Purdue and it's very obvious by looking at the offensive edge in the checklist. Western showed they can clearly matchup with BCS teams as they were 17-17 FD's at Michigan, only lost at Illinois 23-20 and beat Conn 38-31. Purdue meanwhile has failed to cover 5 straight vs non-BCS teams (FBS) incl outright losses to MAC teams Toledo and Northern Illinois.

FORECAST: WESTERN MICHIGAN over Purdue   RATING: 2★

LOUISVILLE (7-5) — BELK BOWL — NC STATE (7-5)

Dec 27 • 8:00 pm ESPN • Bank of America Stadium • Charlotte, NC

POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
LOUISVILLE	91	165	23	2.6	✔✔	94.9
NC STATE	59	255	22	2.2	–	98.6

CARDINALS — ATS: 8-4 O/U: 3-8-1

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Dominique Brown	#64	11/3	131	533	51	482	4	3.7
Victor Anderson	#30	11/9	99	500	22	478	3	4.8
Jeremy Wright	#194	11/1	72	357	20	337	1	4.7
Teddy Bridgewater	#7	12/9	80	251	156	95	3	1.2

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Teddy Bridgewater	#7	12/9	253	167	66.0	1855	12	9
Will Stein	#310	5/3	84	52	61.9	620	5	1

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Michaelee Harris	#38	12/12	37	455	12.3	2	44
Eli Rogers	#38	11/3	34	400	11.8	1	58
Josh Chichester	#31	12/11	27	365	13.5	2	31
DeVante Parker	#64	10/4	17	276	16.2	6	42
Andrell Smith	#535	11/5	10	199	19.9	1	39
Victor Anderson	#30	11/9	25	184	7.4	1	41
Josh Bellamy	#57JC	12/5	19	182	9.6	1	35

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Josh Bleser	–	12	42	1615	38.5	17	36.4(t)	1	16
Chris Philpott	#24	12	25	923	36.9	11	–	0	8

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Chris Philpott	#24	12	30-32	2-2	5-7	2-5	2-2	11-16	52

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	Dexter Heyman	#77	12/12	83	4	11.5	1	3
S	HAKEEM SMITH	#371	12/12	81	0	4	9	1
LB	Preston Brown	#126	12/10	81	1.5	3.5	0	0
S	Mike Evans	#478JC	12/5	48	0	2.5	3	2
CB	ADRIAN BUSHELL	#43	9/7	43	0	1.5	2	1
S	Calvin Pryor	#111	12/6	39	1	2	5	1
LB	Daniel Brown	#493	12/6	38	1	3	0	0
DL	Roy Philon	#350	11/5	33	1.5	6	1	0
S	Shenard Holton	#137	7/6	26	0.5	1	4	0
DE	William Savoy		12/8	24	5	2.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Eli Rogers	8	54	6.8	0	Jeremy Wright	17	367	21.6	0

WOLFPACK — ATS: 5-6-1 O/U: 4-7

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
James Washington	#153	12/12	212	874	22	852	7	4.0
Tony Creecy	#21	11/0	99	384	18	366	1	3.7
Curtis Underwood	#292	6/0	45	242	7	235	1	5.2

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Mike Glennon	#2	12/12	420	262	62.4	2790	28	11
Tyler Brosius	#44	5/0	8	5	61.5	66	1	0

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TJ Graham	#105	12/11	39	641	16.4	5	87
Tobais Palmer	#80JC	11/6	35	448	12.8	4	65
Jay Smith	#194	12/12	34	347	9.6	4	24
George Bryan	#45	12/12	30	302	10.1	4	19
James Washington	#153	12/12	39	300	7.7	0	29
Bryan Underwood	#100	12/0	15	222	14.8	2	79
Tony Creecy	#21	11/0	25	157	6.3	0	20
Steven Howard	#99	11/1	16	121	7.6	1	28
Quintin Payton	#77	10/0	7	107	15.3	0	32

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Wil Baumann	#26	12	64	2396	37.4	31	35.4(t)	0	20

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Niklas Sade	#9	12	42-43	4-5	4-4	2-5	0-1	10-15	45

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
S	Earl Wolff	#152	12/12	99	0	2	3	4
LB	Audie Cole	#54	12/12	98	3.5	6	4	0
LB	Brandan Bishop	#216	12/12	77	0	2.5	1	5
CB	Terrell Manning	#12	10/10	70	5.5	7.5	5	2
CB	DAVID AMERSON	#52	12/12	54	0	1	5	11
DB	Dwayne Maddox	#41	12/6	43	0.5	6	1	0
DL	Markus Kuhn	#267	12/11	42	4.5	4.5	3	0
CB	CJ Wilson	#226	12/9	30	0	0	1	1
LB	DJ Green	#342	7/0	28	1	4	1	1
DL	Art Norman	#569	12/6	26	4.5	3	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
TJ Graham	16	193	12.1	1	TJ Graham	41	923	22.5	0

	UL	NCSt		UL	NCSt		UL	NCSt		UL	NCSt
QB	-	✔	RB	-	✔	WR	-	✔			

	UL	NCSt	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	-	✔	UL avg 6-3 302, 1 Sr, 36 sk all'd (10.6%), 3.4 ypc. St avg 6-5 304, 1 Sr, 32 sk all'd (7.3%), 3.1 ypc.
DL	1/2		UL avg 6-3 260, 1 Sr, 22 of tm 32 sks, 3.1 ypc. St avg 6-3 282, 2 Sr, 21.5 of tm 33 sks, 3.8 ypc.
LB	-	✔	Heyman #1 tkl'r w/83, 15.5 tfl, Brown #3, 3.5 tfl. Cole 2 tkl'r w/98, 9.5 tfl, Manning #4, 13.5 tfl.
DB	-	✔1/2	UL #59 pass eff D, 224 ypg (60%), 17-9 ratio. St #28 pass eff D, 220 ypg (58%), 15-24 ratio.

CCH	-	✔	Strong has gotten most out of his group but O'Brien has been a bowl machine yr after yr.
Turf/ Crowd	-	✔✔✔	The Belk Bowl wanted NCSt and the Wolfpack wanted to be here for the in-state game.
MTCH	-	1/2	Both teams defense oriented but like the 304 lb OL of NCSt vs 260 lb DL of Louisville.
INT			UL was in BCS position but wasn't thinking about that at start of yr.
ST	✔	-	SCH - -

OVERALL - NC STATE by 7' ✔'s

Fourth meeting between these 2 with UL winning the L/3 incl 19-10 in '07. The Belk Bowl (old Car Care) had a record low in attendance LY and brought back NCSt who played here in '05 defeating USF, 14-0. NCSt won 3 of L/4 incl an impressive win over ACC Champ Clem 37-13 and one of the biggest comebacks in ACC history scoring 35 pts in the 4Q to beat MD and earn a bowl bid. NCSt is bowling for the 3rd time in 4Y and defeated WV LY in the Champs Sports Bowl 23-7 (+3). UL finished in a 3 way tie for the BE Title but lost out on tiebreakers for the BCS berth. HC Strong is in his 2nd consec bowl since taking over here (beat SM 31-28 in Beef O'Brady's Bowl). State HC O'Brien is 1-1 SU 2-0 ATS in bowls at NCSt but 8-2 SU/ATS overall after leading BC to 8 straight. Both teams faced Cincy and UNC with NCSt going 1-1 SU/ATS while UL were 0-2 SU but 2-0 ATS. The Pack faced 7 bowl caliber teams going 3-4 SU and 3-3-1 ATS being outscored 26-22 and outgained 364-333 while UL went 2-5 SU (4-3 ATS) being outscored 21-17 and outgained 352-316. NCSt has 8 Sr st'rs among 18 upperclassmen while UL has just 6 Sr's st'rs with 10 upperclassmen (8 Fr started finale).

Offense was a bit of a struggle for the Cardinals TY as they avg 22 ppg and 328 ypg (our #87). A predictable finish considering UL was breaking in true frosh QB Bridgewater. Bridgewater improved quickly as he adjusted to the spd of the gm and wound up breaking Chris Redman's UL passing mark for a frosh. Stein served as a st'r early on but a shoulder inj kept him on the bench vs Marshall and he never reclaimed his job. UL used a RB-by-committee approach with Anderson, Brown and Wright all having 70+ carries. Bridgewater's main targets in the pass gm consist of 3 frosh WR's (Parker, Rogers and Harris) along with Sr TE Chichester. The OL (6'3" 302) paved the way for 122 rush ypg (3.4) while all'g too many sks (36, 10.6%) incl an early 3 gm stretch (FIU, UK, Marshall) where they surrendered 15. The unit was missing C Benavides (24 sts) in that span with a knee inj. The def (#37) saved the ssn all'g just 19 ppg and 328 ypg. The DL (6'3" 260) was led by Sr DE Savoy who tied for the tm lead in sks. The group as a whole all'd 104 ypg (3.1) on the ground while chipping in 22 of the tm's 32 sks. The leader of the UL D resides at LB in Heyman who posted the 3rd most tfl in the BE while leading UL in tkls and tfl. The secondary has our #59 pass eff D as they all'd 224 ypg (60%) with a 17-9 ratio. The group was also dealt a severe blow when starting CB Conner missed the L/5 (broken neck). The ST's rank #49 and could have been a bit higher had KR Bushell (34.3) taken over the duties earlier in the ssn.

NCSt has our #69 offense avg 28 ppg and 346 ypg. O'Brien grew tired of waiting to see if QB Wilson could hit curve balls in MLB, and despite some unhappy fans, sent him packing, handing the off over to Glennon. Glennon suffered growing pains in ACC play after a hot start but finished strong. The run game also took a hit in pressn as Greene (597 yds, 4.5 LY) was inj and eventually OFY. Washington emerged midssn and former HS WR Creecy finished #2. Dynamic WR Graham has B2B2B 100 yd gms but gained extra attention late and just 110 yds (11.4) in the L/4 gms. TE Bryan earned 2nd Tm ACC. The OL avg 6'5" 304 paving the way for 108 ypg (3.1) and allowed 32 sks. NCSt has our #39 D all'g 25 ppg and 352 ypg with 33 sks. The Pack were hit hard by inj's using 9 diff starting lineups but once healthy regained its '10 form. The DL avg 6'3" 282 all'g 132 ypg (3.8) and with Slay and Swaney healthy held UVa and UNC to ssn lows in rushing. LB Manning earned 2nd Tm ACC (#4 tkl'r, 5.5 sk) despite missing parts of 3 gms and earned POW vs CM and MD while Cole is the #2 tkl'r with 3.5 sks. The Pack has our #28 pass D lead by 1st Tm ACC CB Amerson (6'3") whose 11 int ties Dre' Bly ('96) for an ACC rec'd. Safety Wolff is the #1 tkl'r and S Bishop is the #3 with 5 picks. State has our #82 ST's rank and may be the only team in the FBS with frosh at K (Sade), P (Baumann) and LS (Thompson). Sade was only 2-6 from 40+ with a long of 45. Baumann landed 20 In20 (5 vs NC). PR/KR Graham is the all-time ACC leader in KR yds (3090, 23.0) and has 1 PR TD and 2 other ret's called back.

Louisville is a defensive oriented tm that has been able to get great pressure on the opposing QB. NCSt is the same philosophy and after losing players throughout the yr they'll use this time to become healthier. There's no question NCSt has the off advantage and with a savvy veteran bowl coach like O'Brien will back the tm basically playing at home.

FORECAST: NC STATE over Louisville   RATING: 4★

PASS EFFICIENCY DEFENSE

	TEAM	YDS	ATT	COM	%	TD	INT	GRADE	OPP
1	Utah	245.8	449	249	55.5	17	19	14.4	13.1
2	Oklahoma St	256.3	485	283	58.4	13	22	14.3	12.6
3	LSU	166.6	403	206	51.1	7	18	14.0	9.0
4	South Carolina	133.0	330	164	49.7	13	18	13.6	9.6
5	Texas	211.1	423	238	56.3	13	11	13.4	12.4
6	Virginia Tech	206.1	391	196	50.1	14	15	13.3	11.1
7	Alabama	116.4	317	153	48.3	7	12	13.1	8.8
8	Nevada	226.6	399	195	48.9	23	15	12.7	11.4
9	Oklahoma	242.2	428	233	54.4	16	13	12.5	12.0
11	Southern Miss	232.7	507	295	58.2	14	18	12.2	11.0
12	Louisiana Tech	252.8	480	283	59.0	20	20	12.2	12.0
13	California	207.8	367	208	56.7	17	12	12.0	12.4
14	Oregon	244.2	503	294	58.4	23	16	12.0	12.8
15	Georgia	165.1	379	190	50.1	13	17	11.8	8.9
16	BYU	198.0	399	231	57.9	10	13	11.7	10.6
17	Illinois	158.6	301	167	55.5	13	10	11.5	10.9
18	FIU	226.7	427	239	56.0	9	15	11.4	9.9
19	Michigan St	168.7	371	199	53.1	17	16	11.1	9.5
20	Houston	214.1	442	251	56.8	18	18	11.1	10.4
21	Rutgers	167.8	316	167	52.8	8	17	11.0	8.7
22	Penn St	162.0	356	192	53.9	9	14	10.9	8.6
23	Iowa St	237.0	401	231	57.6	16	11	10.9	11.9
24	Florida St	192.8	366	218	59.6	15	14	10.9	11.1
25	Nebraska	188.9	344	181	52.6	14	10	10.8	9.9
26	Stanford	241.1	409	249	60.9	15	6	10.6	13.4
27	NC State	219.5	364	210	57.7	15	24	10.6	9.8
28	Arkansas St	218.4	433	246	56.8	18	18	10.6	9.7
29	Missouri	246.2	444	279	62.8	17	13	10.5	12.6
30	Vanderbilt	201.6	369	204	55.3	15	17	10.5	9.5
32	Tulsa	289.3	476	290	60.9	22	16	10.3	12.6
34	West Virginia	199.1	400	230	57.5	13	12	10.2	9.4
35	Florida	167.3	318	168	52.8	13	8	10.2	9.3
36	Georgia Tech	198.3	354	201	56.8	20	13	10.1	10.7
38	Boise St	195.7	354	198	55.9	19	14	10.0	10.1
39	Virginia	214.8	385	207	53.8	19	9	9.9	9.8
40	Arkansas	197.1	377	216	57.3	11	11	9.9	9.3
41	Ohio	228.5	450	244	54.2	23	17	9.9	9.6
43	Michigan	188.4	346	202	58.4	12	8	9.6	10.1
44	Temple	192.9	357	202	56.6	11	12	9.6	8.9
46	UCLA	232.7	438	279	63.7	27	13	9.4	13.9
47	Washington	283.8	453	281	62.0	21	10	9.3	13.3
48	Wake Forest	236.2	424	242	57.1	11	11	9.3	10.3
49	Utah St	240.0	448	268	59.8	15	4	9.3	11.0
50	Wisconsin	156.5	329	197	59.9	12	15	9.2	8.9
51	Kansas St	267.1	447	281	62.9	24	18	9.2	11.9
54	Texas A&M	280.5	471	292	62.0	18	7	9.1	12.4
56	San Diego St	199.2	320	179	55.9	14	14	9.0	9.0
57	Ohio St	185.2	337	201	59.6	17	12	9.0	9.7
59	Louisville	224.3	389	232	59.6	17	9	8.7	10.3
60	Pittsburgh	233.3	422	257	60.9	15	8	8.6	10.0
63	Clemson	202.9	371	211	56.9	20	13	8.5	9.3
64	Mississippi St	194.9	386	254	65.8	12	12	8.5	9.8
67	Marshall	263.0	428	268	62.6	24	14	8.5	11.9
68	TCU	220.3	366	213	58.2	21	9	8.3	10.3
69	Notre Dame	201.7	378	224	59.3	21	8	8.2	9.8
70	Arizona St	270.9	414	269	65.0	18	13	8.2	12.0
71	North Carolina	246.8	429	260	60.6	22	13	8.2	10.1
72	Cincinnati	268.8	448	279	62.3	16	14	8.2	9.8
75	W Michigan	218.2	376	231	61.4	16	12	8.1	9.6
76	Louisiana	248.7	430	274	63.7	20	14	8.1	10.5
81	Purdue	202.7	342	201	58.8	14	8	7.7	8.7
82	SMU	223.9	411	263	64.0	15	14	7.6	10.6
84	Baylor	278.5	458	292	63.8	31	16	7.5	11.9
90	Wyoming	200.9	317	192	60.6	17	13	7.1	8.7
91	Iowa	228.0	388	240	61.9	20	9	7.0	9.4
94	Auburn	211.0	354	224	63.3	21	10	6.8	9.3
95	N Illinois	239.8	420	241	57.4	28	10	6.8	9.3
96	Air Force	162.7	282	173	61.3	18	11	6.7	8.2
97	Northwestern	222.9	317	190	59.9	15	11	6.6	8.4
103	Toledo	277.9	435	273	62.8	32	13	6.2	10.8

COLLEGE TEAM STATISTICAL AVERAGES

	OFF PTS	OFF FD	RUSHING ATT	RUSHING YDS	RUSHING AVG	RUSHING FUM	PASSING COM	PASSING ATT	PASSING PCT	PASSING YDS	PASSING INT	PASSING TD	DEF PTS	DEF FD	OPPONENTS RUSH ATT	OPP YDS	OPP AVG	OPP FUM	SK VS	SK BY
Air Force	34.4	23.4	55.7	320.3	5.8	1.4	9.2	15.2	60.4	138.5	7	14	27.3	21.3	45.3	227.8	5.0	1.1	9	17
Alabama	36.0	21.6	39.0	220.5	5.6	0.3	14.9	26.9	66.3	213.6	8	16	8.8	10.5	29.9	74.7	2.5	0.5	15	26
Arizona St	33.9	24.0	33.5	140.8	4.2	0.8	25.3	40.0	63.1	310.2	12	25	26.3	21.0	35.0	148.0	4.2	1.3	24	25
Arkansas	37.4	22.2	31.8	138.1	4.3	1.0	23.3	36.7	63.4	307.8	7	24	22.8	18.8	38.8	174.3	4.5	0.7	25	22
Arkansas St	33.5	23.7	40.7	165.6	4.1	0.9	24.6	36.8	66.9	287.8	13	20	19.3	18.2	34.4	107.3	3.1	0.8	24	32
Auburn	24.3	17.1	41.0	174.5	4.3	0.7	12.7	22.4	56.5	153.5	11	13	29.3	22.2	41.8	195.2	4.7	0.9	31	21
Baylor	43.5	28.8	43.5	217.3	5.0	1.4	23.6	32.6	72.4	356.7	6	39	38.4	39.4	38.4	199.0	5.2	0.9	24	24
Boise St	43.3	25.6	38.2	173.6	4.5	0.6	27.0	36.7	73.6	309.1	8	42	18.3	15.3	32.0	118.8	3.7	0.8	8	20
BYU	30.6	24.0	37.3	165.8	4.4	1.0	20.4	35.3	57.8	245.0	13	25	20.3	16.5	31.2	118.3	3.8	0.8	14	20
California	29.8	22.0	37.3	166.8	4.5	0.7	18.9	33.9	55.6	251.5	11	17	24.4	17.9	34.3	124.7	3.6	0.5	21	28
Cincinnati	33.5	19.5	38.1	175.5	4.6	0.6	17.5	30.2	58.0	217.8	12	19	20.0	19.5	35.1	92.7	2.6	1.3	19	43
Clemson	33.6	22.5	38.7	155.8	4.0	0.7	22.1	36.8	60.0	284.8	11	31	26.2	19.3	40.5	176.5	4.4	0.7	30	24
Florida	25.6	17.3	35.9	144.0	4.0	0.9	14.2	25.3	55.9	190.2	12	12	20.6	16.6	39.2	132.3	3.4	0.3	23	22
Florida St	31.7	19.4	34.0	118.1	3.5	0.5	18.9	29.3	64.5	257.7	12	23	15.2	15.5	35.2	81.8	2.3	0.5	36	36
Georgia	32.2	21.6	41.8	172.7	4.1	0.8	18.2	30.9	59.0	241.2	12	35	19.6	14.3	31.6	103.4	3.3	0.9	29	34
Georgia Tech	34.9	20.5	55.1	316.8	5.8	0.8	5.9	12.7	46.7	142.8	8	10	25.8	18.8	36.0	162.9	4.5	0.6	13	24
Houston	50.8	28.5	31.0	155.1	5.0	0.7	33.4	47.2	70.8	444.0	6	51	23.1	20.5	40.9	171.7	4.2	0.8	17	29
Illinois	22.8	19.7	42.1	172.9	4.1	1.3	14.7	27.3	62.8	185.8	12	13	20.1	16.0	39.9	135.4	3.4	0.8	34	15
Iowa	28.7	20.5	34.7	142.8	4.1	1.1	18.1	30.6	59.1	236.3	6	23	23.3	21.9	42.7	159.3	3.7	0.8	26	19
Iowa St	23.5	21.3	44.2	181.9	4.3	1.4	19.2	36.9	51.9	211.4	15	17	29.6	23.7	42.7	195.3	4.6	1.1	23	17
Kansas St	33.1	19.8	47.3	194.4	4.1	0.7	12.5	21.7	57.7	149.5	9	14	27.2	21.0	33.3	133.8	4.0	0.7	29	19
Louisiana Tech	30.6	20.4	40.3	151.9	3.8	0.7	21.3	36.2	59.0	245.6	10	19	22.5	20.6	36.2	122.1	3.4	0.8	24	32
Louisiana	32.3	18.4	35.5	129.3	3.6	1.1	20.1	32.8	61.3	250.9	9	22	29.8	20.4	37.7	144.5	3.8	0.8	28	24
Louisville	21.8	16.3	35.9	121.9	3.4	0.8	18.3	28.2	64.8	206.3	10	17	19.2	17.6	33.9	103.5	3.1	0.8	36	32
LSU	38.5	20.2	43.4	215.2	5.0	0.9	12.5	20.2	61.8	160.2	4	20	10.5	14.7	32.7	85.5	2.6	0.9	14	36
Marshall	22.0	16.4	34.7	123.1	3.6	1.0	18.3	30.7	59.5	212.2	14	20	30.2	21.9	36.9	154.8	4.2	1.2	26	22
Michigan	34.2	21.7	44.0	237.1	5.4	0.4	12.1	21.9	55.1	187.2	16	20	17.2	17.0	31.7	129.5	4.1	1.6	12	25
Michigan St	30.8	20.2	35.4	142.6	4.0	0.6	20.0	30.8	65.0	247.5	7	25	17.5	16.5	35.5	104.4	2.9	0.5	15	40
Mississippi St	25.5	18.9	39.5	168.8	4.3	0.4	15.5	27.4	56.5	186.3	11	10	19.9	17.4	41.5	161.0	3.9	0.7	24	21
Missouri	32.2	24.3	45.3	235.4	5.2	0.7	18.9	29.8	63.4	237.3	10	21	23.5	20.8	37.0	136.9	3.7	0.7	18	25
N Illinois	38.3	24.3	43.1	247.6	5.7	1.0	17.2	28.2	60.8	234.2	7	27	31.1	23.0	42.5	178.1	4.2	0.8	9	21
NC State	28.0	18.3	35.0	108.2	3.1	0.9	22.5	36.1	62.4	238.0	11	29	24.8	17.7	35.3	132.4	3.8	1.0	32	33
Nebraska	30.5	20.9	46.8	222.8	4.8	0.8	13.0	23.2	56.1	167.7	7	12	22.8	19.2	39.6	161.2	4.1	0.7	14	25
Nevada	32.9	27.4	46.8	251.8	5.2	1.0	21.4	31.8	67.5	271.0	11	20	25.3	16.8	32.1	145.4	4.5	0.7	14	22
North Carolina	28.3	19.0	35.3	147.4	4.2	0.9	18.5	27.4	67.5	249.2	13	23	23.5	19.3	33.8	106.2	3.1	0.8	26	25
Northwestern	29.5	23.6	44.9	175.8	3.9	0.6	21.8	30.6	71.4	256.8	9	24	27.3	20.6	40.3	184.4	4.6	0.6	36	15
Notre Dame	30.5	23.9	33.2	166.0	5.0	1.0	23.6	36.5	64.6	258.1	14	20	20.9	20.7	37.4	147.1	3.9	0.4	13	20
Ohio	31.0	23.5	42.7	203.4	4.8	1.2	19.6	30.8	63.6	251.2	11	18	22.1	17.9	34.1	126.4	3.7	0.8	22	21
Ohio St	25.1	16.9	43.8	194.6	4.4	0.7	8.9	18.5	48.2	124.2	5	16	10.0	17.2	36.8	143.6	3.9	0.4	37	21
Oklahoma	40.3	27.4	36.0	167.3	4.6	1.1	29.1	46.5	62.5	364.1	15	28	22.8	18.8	36.4	146.4	4.0	1.0	9	27
Oklahoma St	49.3	26.9	31.5	171.2	5.4	0.8	33.4	46.0	72.6	385.5	12	37	25.8	25.3	40.6	187.0	4.6	1.5	11	23
Oregon	46.2	24.4	45.4	296.3	6.5	0.9	16.6	27.7	60.0	218.7	6	36	23.6	21.6	38.6	137.2	3.6	0.8	13	42
Penn St	19.8	18.8	39.2	164.6	4.2	1.1	14.6	29.2	50.0	180.0	9	9	15.7	17.3	38.8	138.8	3.6	0.6	17	20
Pittsburgh	25.8	20.6	40.7	151.7	3.7	0.6	20.2	32.8	61.4	210.5	13	11	22.4	20.1	36.2	121.6	3.4	1.0	56	25
Purdue	26.1	20.3	39.9	174.8	4.4	0.4	20.3	36.8	55.9	196.7	11	15	26.4	21.3	42.2	185.5	4.4	0.5	27	21
Rutgers	26.3	19.9	34.9	91.5	2.6	1.0	20.3	37.6	53.9	245.0	16	16	18.8	15.0	37.3	143.7	3.9	1.2	30	33
Southern Miss	37.8	23.8	39.5	208.1	5.3	1.2	21.1	34.4	61.3	263.2	12	30	21.1	19.5	35.4	112.6	3.2	0.6	15	25
San Diego St	29.8	21.0	37.9	194.2	5.1	0.7	17.5	33.3	52.5	228.8	6	21	24.4	18.2	41.9	177.3	4.2	1.1	10	28
SMU	25.7	19.3	27.0	118.2	4.4	1.0	22.1	37.5	58.9	277.9	16	19	24.5	17.2	36.3	127.3	3.5	0.8	19	25
South Carolina	30.1	19.3	42.3	198.0	4.6	1.0	15.0	25.0	60.0	177.4	15	16	18.6	13.5	36.9	135.9	3.7	1.0	26	25
Stanford	43.6	24.8	39.0	207.9	5.3	0.5	22.5	32.2	69.9	273.0	9	36	20.3	17.8	29.1	90.3	3.1	1.3	9	38
TCU	41.7	21.8	40.1	210.3	5.2	1.1	18.0	26.8	67.3	233.7	6	24	21.3	17.3	35.8	126.1	3.5	1.0	18	25
Temple	30.1	18.5	48.8	256.7	5.3	0.7	9.0	15.5	58.1	123.3	4	9	13.8	16.5	34.1	122.6	3.6	0.5	21	32
Texas	28.7	20.7	46.0	211.8	4.6	0.9	16.2	27.9	57.9	194.2	15	14	23.3	18.0	31.3	103.3	3.3	0.8	26	25
Texas A&M	39.6	27.1	40.0	210.4	5.3	0.9	25.3	41.4	61.2	287.3	14	28	28.7	22.2	39.2	105.8	2.7	0.7	8	35
Toledo	42.3	24.3	43.6	221.2	5.1	0.5	22.5	33.2	67.0	272.0	6	31	30.9	21.1	31.9	123.2	3.9	1.3	9	22
Tulsa	34.1	22.7	41.3	205.8	5.0	1.2	19.7	32.3	61.0	248.3	17	28	22.4	22.2	39.0	132.3	3.4	0.8	14	24
UCLA	23.8	19.0	40.2	190.7	4.7	1.2	13.8	24.4	56.5	198.0	6	14	32.2	22.7	36.5	191.5	5.2	0.5	23	23
Utah	24.6	16.6	36.7	137.2	3.7	1.1	14.4	25.2	57.1	171.6	9	16	19.7	19.3	33.1	98.3	3.0	1.1	30	29
Utah St	34.5	21.2	47.8	278.3	5.8	1.4	14.4	22.5	64.1	180.3	6	21	28.3	22.1	36.5	128.0	3.5	0.9	19	24
Vanderbilt	26.9	17.4	38.4	167.6	4.4	0.8	13.9	26.0	53.5	175.2	16	14	27.8	17.8	35.8	123.0	3.4	0.8	26	24
Virginia	23.2	20.6	38.8	165.6	4.3	0.9	19.1	33.5	57.0	231.4	15	15	22.3	17.0	34.6	128.8	3.7	0.8	15	19
Virginia Tech	28.5	21.2	41.6	189.2	4.5	0.9	17.2	27.9	61.6	227.0	9	21	17.2	16.1	32.5	108.0	3.3	0.9	15	18
W Michigan	35.6	24.2	30.7	127.4	4.2	1.3	28.2	41.3	68.1	328.8	12	37	28.0	22.3	39.4	215.9	5	1.3	22	26
Wake Forest	26.8	20.2	35.5	118.9	3.3	0.9	21.0	34.1	61.6	255.6	8	22	27.8	20.3	36.8	162.9	4.4	0.5	19	20
Washington	31.5	20.7	34.6	119.5	4.4	0.6	20.3	30.8	66.1	240.3	13	30	26.3	18.0	37.2	141.3	3.8	0.6	20	24
West Virginia	34.9	22.5	31.2	117.8	3.8	1.1	26.8	41.3	64.8	341.8	8	26	20.2	18.5	37.4	141.3	4.2	0.8	21	25
Wisconsin	44.6	23.4	43.2	238.6	5.5	0.6	16.4	23.3	70.3	229.1	4	32	11.0	15.5	35.2	136.5	3.9	0.7	26	25
Wyoming	27.0	19.7	37.7	183.8	4.9	0.7	20.0	33.3	60.0	213.7	8	19	30.7	22.1	45.2	231.0	5.1	1.0	18	22

• BOWL GAME RESULTS SINCE 2003 •

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
2006 Florida (+7) 41 Ohio St 14
2007 LSU (-4) 38 Ohio St 24
2008 Florida (-6) 24 Oklahoma 14
2009 Alabama (-4) 37 Texas 21
2010 Auburn (-1) 22 Oregon 19

FIESTA BOWL
2003 Ohio St (+7) 35 Kansas St 28
2004 Utah (-15) 35 Pittsburgh 7
2005 Ohio St (-4') 34 Notre Dame 20
2006 Boise St (+7) 43 Oklahoma 42
2007 W Virginia (+7') 48 Oklahoma 28
2008 Texas 24 Ohio St (+8') 21
2009 Boise St (+7) 17 TCU 10
2010 Oklahoma (-14') 48 Conn 20

ROSE BOWL
2003 USC (-7) 28 Michigan 14
2004 Texas 38 Michigan (+7') 37
2005 Texas (+1) 41 USC 38
2006 USC (+1) 32 Michigan 18
2007 USC (-14) 49 Illinois 17
2008 USC (-9) 38 Penn St 24
2009 Ohio St (+4') 26 Oregon 17
2010 TCU 21 Wisconsin (+3) 19

ORANGE BOWL
2003 Miami, Fl (-1') 16 Florida St 14
2004 USC (-1) 55 Oklahoma 19
2005 Penn St 26 Fla St (+10) 23 (3OT)
2006 L'ville (-10) 24 Wake Forest 13
2007 Kansas (+3) 24 Virginia Tech 21
2008 Virginia Tech (+2') 20 Cincinnati 7
2009 Iowa (+6) 24 Georgia Tech 14
2010 Stanford (-3') 40 Virginia Tech 12

SUGAR BOWL
2003 LSU (+7) 21 Oklahoma 14
2004 Auburn 16 Virginia Tech (+6) 13
2005 West Virginia (+6) 38 Georgia 35
2006 LSU (-8') 41 Notre Dame 14
2007 Georgia (-7') 41 Hawaii 10
2008 Utah (-8') 31 Alabama 17
2009 Florida (-12') 51 Cincinnati 24
2010 Ohio St (-3) 31 Arkansas 26

OUTBACK BOWL
2003 Iowa (+3') 37 Florida 17
2004 Georgia 24 Wisconsin (+8) 21
2005 Florida (+2') 31 Iowa 24
2006 Penn St (+4') 20 Tennessee 10
2007 Tennessee (-1') 21 Wisc 17

COTTON BOWL
2008 Iowa (-3') 31 South Carolina 10
2009 Aub 38 N'western (+9) 35 (OT)
2010 Florida (-7) 37 Penn St 24

COTTON BOWL
2003 Mississippi (-2') 31 Okla St 28
2004 Tennessee (+4') 38 Texas A&M 7
2005 Alabama (-3') 13 Texas Tech 10
2006 Auburn (-2) 17 Nebraska 14
2007 Missouri (-3) 38 Arkansas 7
2008 Mississippi (+4) 47 Texas Tech 34
2009 Mississippi 21 Oklahoma St 7
2010 LSU (-2) 41 Texas A&M 24

GATOR BOWL
2003 Maryland (-3') 41 West Virginia 7
2004 Florida St (-6) 30 W Virginia 18
2005 Virginia Tech (-9) 35 L'ville 24
2006 W Virginia 38 GA Tech (+10) 35
2007 Texas Tech 31 Virginia (+6) 28
2008 Nebraska (+2) 26 Clemson 21
2009 Florida St (+2) 33 W Virginia 21
2010 Miss St (-3') 52 Michigan 14

CAPITAL ONE BOWL
2003 Georgia (-3) 34 Purdue 27 (OT)
2004 Iowa (+6') 30 LSU 25
2005 Wisconsin (+3) 24 Auburn 10
2006 Wisconsin (+2') 17 Arkansas 14
2007 Michigan (+11) 41 Florida 35
2008 Georgia (-8') 24 Michigan St 12
2009 Penn St (+1) 19 LSU 17
2010 Alabama (-8) 49 Michigan St 7

CHICK-FIL-A BOWL
2003 Clemson (+4') 27 Tennessee 14
2004 Miami, Fla (-8) 27 Florida 10
2005 LSU (+7) 40 Miami Fla 3
2006 Georgia (+3) 31 Virginia Tech 24
2007 Auburn (+2) 23 Clemson 20 (OT)
2008 LSU (+4') 38 Georgia Tech 3
2009 VA Tech (-5') 37 Tennessee 14
2010 Florida St (-3') 26 S Carolina 17

INDEPENDENCE BOWL
2003 Arkansas (-2') 27 Missouri 14
2004 Iowa St (+1) 17 Miami, Oh 13
2005 Missouri (+4) 38 S Carolina 31
2006 Oklahoma St (-3') 34 Alabama 31
2007 Alabama (-3') 30 Colorado 24
2008 LA Tech (-1) 17 N Illinois 10

HAWAII BOWL
2009 Georgia (-6') 44 Texas A&M 20
2010 Air Force (-3) 14 Georgia Tech 7

HAWAII BOWL
2003 Hawaii 54 Houston (+10') 48 (3OT)
2004 Hawaii (-4) 59 UAB 40
2005 Nevada 49 UCF (+2') 48 (OT)
2006 Hawaii (-7) 41 Arizona St 24
2007 E Carolina (+1) 41 Boise St 38
2008 Notre Dame (-2) 49 Hawaii 21
2009 SMU (+12') 45 Nevada 10
2010 Tulsa (+10) 62 Hawaii 35

SUN BOWL
2003 Minnesota 31 Oregon (+4') 30
2004 Arizona St (+8) 27 Purdue 23
2005 UCLA (-2') 50 Northwestern 38
2006 Oregon St 39 Missouri (+3') 38
2007 Oregon (+6) 56 USF 21
2008 Oregon St (-1) 3 Pittsburgh 0
2009 Oklahoma 31 Stanford (+10) 27
2010 Notre Dame (-7) 33 Miami, Fl 17

CHAMPS SPORTS BOWL
2003 NC St (-12) 56 Kansas 26
2004 GA Tech (-5') 51 Syracuse 14
2005 Clemson 19 Colorado (+10') 10
2006 Maryland (+2) 24 Purdue 7
2007 Boston Coll 24 Mich St (+5') 21
2008 Florida St (-6) 42 Wisconsin 13
2009 Wisconsin (+3') 20 Miami 14
2010 NC St (+3) 23 West Virginia 7

KRAFT FIGHT HUNGER BOWL (Emerald)
2003 Boston Coll (E) 35 Colo St 21
2004 Navy (-3) 34 New Mexico 19
2005 Utah (+9) 38 Georgia Tech 10
2006 Florida St (+3') 44 UCLA 27
2007 Oregon St (-5) 21 Maryland 14
2008 Miami Fl (+10) 17 California 24
2009 USC (-7) 24 Boston College 13
2010 Nevada 20 Boston Coll (+8) 13

LIBERTY BOWL
2003 Utah (-2) 17 S Mississippi 0
2004 Louisville 44 Boise St (+10') 40
2005 Tulsa (+7) 31 Fresno St 24
2006 S Carolina (-5) 44 Houston 36
2007 Mississippi St (+3) 10 UCF 3
2008 Kentucky (+3) 25 E Carolina 19
2009 Ark 20 E Carolina (+7') 17 (OT)
2010 UCF (+6') 10 Georgia 6

HOLIDAY BOWL
2003 Washington St (+9') 28 Texas 20
2004 Texas Tech (+11) 45 Cal 31
2005 Oklahoma (-3) 17 Oregon 14
2006 California (-3) 45 Texas A&M 10
2007 Texas (-2) 52 Arizona St 34
2008 Oregon (+1) 42 Oklahoma St 31
2009 Nebraska 33 Arizona 0
2010 Washington (+14) 19 Nebraska 7

LAS VEGAS BOWL
2003 Oregon St (-2) 55 N Mexico 14
2004 Wyoming (+2') 24 UCLA 21
2005 California 35 BYU (+5) 28
2006 BYU (-3') 38 Oregon 8
2007 BYU 17 UCLA (+6') 16
2008 Arizona (-3') 31 BYU 21
2009 BYU (+2') 44 Oregon St 20
2010 Boise St (-16') 26 Utah 3

INSIGHT BOWL
2003 Cal (+3) 52 Virginia Tech 49
2004 Oreg St (-4) 38 Notre Dame 21
2005 Arizona St 45 Rutgers (+9) 40
2006 Texas Tech 44 Minnesota (+7) 41
2007 Oklahoma St 49 Indiana 33
2008 Kansas (-8) 42 Minnesota 21
2009 Iowa St (+2) 14 Minnesota 13
2010 Iowa (+2') 27 Missouri 24

GODADDY BOWL (GMAC)
2003 Miami, OH (-14) 49 Louisville 28
2004 Bowling Grn (-3) 52 Memphis 35
2005 Toledo (3) 45 UTEP 13
2006 S Mississippi (-5) 28 Ohio 7
2007 Tulsa (-5) 63 Bowling Green 7
2008 Tulsa (-2) 45 Ball St 13
2009 C Michigan (3) 44 Troy 41 (2OT)
2010 Mia, Oh (+2) 35 Middle Tenn 21

ARMED FORCES BOWL (Ft Worth)
2003 Boise St 34 TCU (+11) 31
2004 Cincinnati (-1) 32 Marshall 14
2005 Kansas (-3) 42 Houston 13
2006 Utah (-1') 25 Tulsa 13
2007 California (-4) 42 Air Force 36
2008 Houston (-3') 34 Air Force 28
2009 Air Force (+4') 47 Houston 20
2010 Army (+7) 16 SMU 14

ALAMO BOWL
2003 Nebraska (-3) 17 Michigan St 3
2004 Ohio St (+3') 33 Oklahoma St 7
2005 Nebraska (+10) 32 Michigan 28
2006 Texas 26 Iowa (+8') 24
2007 Penn St 24 Texas A&M 17
2008 Missouri 30 N'western (+12) 23 (OT)
2009 Texas Tech (-7') 41 Mich 31
2010 Oklahoma St (-4') 36 Arizona 10

NEW ORLEANS BOWL
2003 Memphis (-4) 27 N Texas 17
2004 S Miss (-6) 31 N Texas 10
2005 S Miss 31 Arkansas St (+15') 19
2006 Troy (+5) 41 Rice 17
2007 FAU (+4') 44 Memphis 27
2008 Southern Miss (+4') 30 Troy 27
2009 Middle Tenn (+1') 42 S Miss 32
2010 Troy (-2) 48 Ohio 21

LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA BOWL
2003 Bowling Grn 28 N'western (+7) 24
2004 Connecticut 39 Toledo 10
2005 Memphis (-4) 38 Akron 7
2006 C Mich (-3) 31 Middle Tenn 14
2007 Purdue 51 C Michigan (+7') 48
2008 FAU (+7) 24 C Michigan 21
2009 Marshall (+2) 21 Ohio 17
2010 FIU (+1') 34 Toledo 32

HUMANITARIAN BOWL
2003 Georgia Tech (-7) 52 Tulsa 10
2004 Fresno St (+5) 37 UVa 34 (OT)
2005 Boston Coll (-2') 27 Boise St 21
2006 Miami Fl 21 Nevada (+3') 20
2007 Fresno St (+6) 40 GA Tech 28
2008 Maryland (-2') 42 Nevada 35
2009 Idaho 43 (E) Bowling Green 42
2010 N Illinois (-1') 40 Fresno St 17

MUSIC CITY BOWL
2003 Auburn (-3') 28 Wisconsin 14
2004 Minnesota (+2) 20 Alabama 16
2005 Virginia (+6') 34 Minnesota 31
2006 Kentucky (+10') 28 Clemson 20
2007 Kentucky 35 Florida St 28
2008 Vandy (+7) 16 Boston Coll 14
2009 Clemson (-3) 21 Kentucky 13
2010 UNC (-1) 30 Tennessee 27 2OT

TEXAS BOWL (Houston)
2006 Rutgers (-2') 37 Kansas St 10
2007 TCU (-11') 20 Houston 13
2008 Rice (-3) 38 W Michigan 14
2009 Navy (-3') 35 Missouri 13
2010 Illinois (+1) 38 Baylor 14

BELK BOWL (Meineke)
2003 Virginia (-3) 23 Pittsburgh 16
2004 Boston Coll (+1) 37 N Car 24

ALAMO BOWL
2005 NC St (-3') 14 USF 0
2006 Boston College 25 Navy (+7) 24
2007 Wake Forest (-2) 24 Conn 10
2008 N Carolina (+2) 30 W Virginia 31
2009 Pittsburgh (-1) 19 N Carolina 17
2010 Texas Tech (-7') 41 Mich St 31

NEW ORLEANS BOWL
(see above list)

POINSETTIA BOWL
2005 Navy (-1) 51 Colorado St 30
2006 TCU (-12) 37 N Illinois 7
2007 Utah 35 Navy (+8) 32
2008 TCU 17 Boise St (-3') 16
2009 San Diego St (-3) 35 Navy 19
2010 Navy 35 San Diego St (-3) 14

COMPASS BOWL (PapaJohns.com)
2006 USF (-5) 24 E Carolina 7
2007 Cincinnati 31 S Miss (+11) 21
2008 Rutgers 29 NC St (+6') 23
2009 Conn (+3) 20 S Carolina 7
2010 Pittsburgh (-2) 27 Kentucky 10

NEW MEXICO BOWL
2006 San Jose St (-4) New Mexico 12
2007 New Mexico (-2') 23 Nevada 0
2008 Colo St (+2') 40 Fresno St 35
2009 Wyoming (+17) 35 Fresno St 28
2010 BYU (-11) 52 UTEP 24

BEEF O'BRADY BOWL
2008 Wake Forest (-3) 29 Navy 19
2009 Rutgers (-2') 45 UCF 24
2010 USF (-11') 41 Memphis 14

EAGLEBANK BOWL (Military)
2008 Wake Forest (-3) 29 Navy 19
2009 UCLA (-4) 30 Temple 21
2010 Maryland (-7') 51 E Carolina 20

PINSTRIPE BOWL (International)
2006 Cincinnati 27 W Mich (+7') 24
2007 Rutgers (-10') 52 Ball St 30
2008 Connecticut (-7) 38 Buffalo 20
2009 USF (-6') 27 Northern Illinois 3
2010 Syracuse (E) 36 Kansas St 34

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TOLEDO (8-4) — MILITARY BOWL — AIR FORCE (7-5)

Dec 28 • 4:30 pm ESPN • RFK Stadium • Washington, DC

POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
TOLEDO	247	215	39	2.3	–	91.8
AIR FORCE	268	190	37	2.5	✓✓✓	93.9

ROCKETS — ATS: 7-5 O/U: 7-5

RUSHING

	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Adonis Thomas	#131	9/8	149	986	23	963	11	6.5
Morgan Williams	#32	12/1	133	701	30	671	11	5.0
David Fluellen	#185	12/3	92	491	14	465	4	5.1
Terrance Owens	#120	11/2	40	237	28	209	1	5.2
Austin Dantin	#118	10/10	58	252	59	193	2	3.3

PASSING

	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Terrance Owens	#120	11/2	206	147	71.4	1812	15	3
Austin Dantin	#118	10/10	185	120	64.9	1398	15	3

RECEIVING

	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
ERIC PAGE	#202	12/12	113	1134	10.0	10	66
Bernard Reedy	#303	12/12	36	632	17.6	6	63
Adonis Thomas	#131	9/8	28	335	12.0	1	44
Kenny Stafford	#280	12/9	20	256	12.8	1	75
Morgan Williams	#32	12/1	17	167	9.8	3	31

PUNTING

	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Vince Penza	#99	10	44	1645	37.4	8	32.6(t)	0	10

KICKING

	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Ryan Casano	#263	12	60-61	5-5	5-5	0-3	0-0	10-13	38
Jeremiah Detmer	#30	12	0-0	0-0	2-2	1-1	2-2	5-5	42

DEFENSE

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
CB	DESMOND MARROW	#431	12/12	78	0	1	14	3
LB	Robert Bell	#308	12/12	70	1	2.5	1	1
LB	Dan Molls	#235	6/6	58	0	3	1	0
S	Diauntae Morrow	#62	12/10	56	0	1	5	1
S	Jermaine Robinson	#151	11/11	49	0	6.5	8	2
LB	Terrell Anderson	#490	12/6	46	1	5	0	0
LB	Charles Rancifer	#312JC	9/8	45	1.5	2.5	2	0
DB	Taikwon Paige	#71JC	11/9	44	0	2	6	2
DL	Johnie Roberts	#785JC	12/10	40	1	3.5	0	0
DL	Malcolm Riley	#440	12/12	34	3	3.5	1	0
DL	Johnathan Lamb	#265	12/12	34	3	2	0	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
ERIC PAGE	18	196	10.9	1	ERIC PAGE	30	703	23.4	0

FALCONS — ATS: 5-7 O/U: 7-3-1

RUSHING

	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Asher Clark	–	12/12	151	1134	38	1096	6	7.3
Mike DeWitt	–	12/12	110	543	0	543	10	4.9
Tim Jefferson	#390	12/12	139	592	100	492	10	3.5
Wesley Cobb	#421	12/8	86	381	1	380	4	4.4
Connor Dietz	–	8/0	38	261	9	252	2	6.6
Mikel Hunter	–	12/4	12	177	27	150	1	12.5
Jonathan Warzeka	#311	12/11	22	159	10	149	0	6.8

PASSING

	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Tim Jefferson	#390	12/12	161	98	60.9	1478	12	6
Connor Dietz	–	8/0	15	9	60.0	128	1	1

RECEIVING

	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Zack Kauth	–	12/11	27	543	20.1	4	51
Jonathan Warzeka	#311	12/11	28	392	14.0	3	37
Mikel Hunter	–	12/4	13	226	17.4	2	55
Joshua Freeman	#465	11/7	13	149	11.5	1	21
Drew Coleman	#546	10/0	7	119	17.0	1	36
Ty MacArthur	#944	7/0	4	101	25.2	2	52

PUNTING

	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
David Baska	#280	12	28	1177	42.0	4	36.5(t)	0	6

KICKING

	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
PARKER HERRINGTON	–	12	40-43	3-3	10-11	2-4	0-0	15-18	48

DEFENSE

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	Brady Amack	#408	12/12	125	1	4	2	0
S	JON DAVIS	#406	12/12	89	0	0.5	3	4
LB	Alex Means	#436	12/12	71	6	3	1	1
LB	Jordan Waiwaiole	#247	12/12	66	0.5	1	1	0
DB	Anthony Wright	#381	12/12	49	0	1	4	2
LB	Patrick Hennessey	#427	11/6	49	2.5	3	1	0
S	Anthony Wooding	–	12/8	48	0	1	0	0
S	Jamil Cooks	#951	12/6	47	1.5	4.5	0	1
S	Brian Lindsay	#433	10/5	42	1	3	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jon Davis	6	92	15.3	0	Jonathan Warzeka	22	471	21.4	0

Checklist

	UT	AF		UT	AF		UT	AF		UT	AF			
QB	✓	-	RB	-	1/2	WR	✓1/2	-				CCH	-	✓

	UT	AF	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	1/2		UT avg 6-5 298, 3 Sr, 9 sk all'd (2.2%), 5.1 ypc. AF avg 6-3 261, 3 Sr, 9 sk all'd (4.9%), 5.8 ypc.
DL	✓✓		UT avg 6-3 277, 3 Sr, 13 of tm 32 sks, 3.9 ypc. AF avg 6-3 257, 2 Sr, 7 of tm 17 sks, 5.0 ypc.
LB	-	1/2	Bell #2 tkl'r w/70, 3.5 tfl, Molls #3 w/58. Amack #1 tkl'r w/125, 5 tfl, Means #3, 9 tfl.
DB	-	1/2	UT #103 pass eff D, 278 ypg (63%), 32-13 raito. AF #96 pass eff D, 163 ypg (61%), 18-11 ratio.

CCH	-	✓	Like the job Beckman's done at UT, but Calhoun has gotten AF to 5 straight bowls.
Turf/Crowd	-	✓1/2	AF wanted this bowl, AF got this bowl and it's called the Military Bowl.
MTCH	✓1/2		The option is a unique offense and teams benefit with extra time to prepare.
INT			Two diverse tms and both have better offenses than D's.
ST	-	✓✓✓	SCH	-	-

OVERALL - AIR FORCE by 1/2 ✓'s

First meeting. Toledo is 2-6 SU (0-3 ATS) vs current MW tms incl a 40-15 (+20) loss to Boise at home TY. AF hasn't played a MAC tm since the late '70's. This is the Rockets 12th all-time bowl (7-4 SU, 3-3 ATS) and while it is their 6th since '01 it is just their 2nd since '06. LY the Rockets blew a 24-7 lead and lost 34-32 (-1) to FIU in what was HC Beckman's 1st and only bowl as a HC. AF had lofty expectations to start the ssn, but after a rough Oct, needed a win over CSU in the finale to land a bowl. With that win, they've won 7 or more in 5 str yrs, a schl rec'd. Falcons are 2-2 SU/ATS in bowls under Calhoun but 2-0 SU/ATS the L/2Y and he is the only cch in AF hist to lead his tm to bowls in his 1st 5Y with the prog. Toledo went 2-3 SU/ATS vs bowl tms but 2 losses were by a comb 8 pts. Falcons won 0-5 SU/1-4 ATS vs bowl tms being outscored 39-24 and outgained 431-424. UT tied for the MAC West but missed the Champ gm due to a head-to-head loss to NI, but should be excited here, while AF in the Military Bowl is a no brainer.

The Rockets come in with our #15 off and lead the MAC in pass eff despite running a 2 QB system as both Owens and Dantin rank in the Top 4 in the MAC in pass eff. Both are mobile and comb for 402 yds rushing. RB Thomas is the top rusher despite missing 3 gms with injury but there was not a lot of drop-off when he was out as his backups have a comb 1,136 rush yds on the ssn. While the Rockets have 7 receivers with DD rec's it's no secret who their top target is as Page is #3 in the FBS in recep-tions. That is despite some teams double and even triple teaming him but many are short passes as he is avg just 10.0 ypc. The OL is strong and stable avg 6'5" 298, with all 5 str's (incl 3 Sr's) starting all 5 gms. They have paved the way for 221 ypg rushing (5.1) and are tied for #6 in the FBS in sks all'd per game, giving up just 9 (2.2%). Toledo has our #85 D and gave up 610 to Boise St, 532 to NI and 635 to WM but actually outgained NI and WM 3 sks where they set and reset the most comb pts in a non-OT gm in MAC history. The DL is led by 3 Sr str's and avg's 6'3" 277, they are all'g 3.9 ypc and have just 59% (13) of the tms sks. The LB unit is led by 3 of the tm's top 6 tkl'rs including Bell (#2) and Molls who is the #3 tkl'r despite missing 6 gms with injury. The Rockets have our #103 pass eff D allowing a poor 32-13 raito. CB Marrow leads the MAC with 17 pd (incl tm best 3 int) but surprisingly is also the tm's #1 tkl'r. UT has our #104 ST's as they have all'd 4 return TD's (incl 2 vs NI) and avg 32.6 net punt. However their K's have comb to hit 15-18 FG (2-2 from 50+).

AF's #41 off is led by the program's winningest QB, Sr Jefferson. He has thrown for 1,478 yds (61%) with a 12-6 ratio, is the #3 rusher with 492 (3.5) and 10 TD and became the 4th in AF history to total 6,000 career yds. He has been susceptible to inj TY (left gms with broken nose and concussion) and a surprising stat is that he has never had a 100 yd rushing game in his career, but he did go 6-1 in his career vs service acads (only QB in AF hist with 6 wins vs Army/Navy). The FBS's #2 rush off is led by RB Clark who needs 33 yds to set the career rushing rec'd at AF. FB DeWitt is #2 with 543 and has not lost a single yd rushing on the ssn. WR Kauth leads the rec gm with 543 (20.1) and 4 TD's, 3 of which came in the finale. The OL avg 6'3" 261 and paves the way for a rush off that avg 320 ypg (5.8). The D has been marred by injuries this year, especially along the DL, where they lost 13 sts (and plenty of Sr leadership) to inj. The DL accounts for only 2.5 of the tm's 17 sks (15%) and ranks #113 FBS in run D. The LB's are led by Amack who tallied 23 tkls vs Navy, the 2nd most by an FBS plyr TY. AF ranks #96 in our pass eff D all'g 163 ypg (61%) with an 18-11 ratio led by CB Wright, who has 11 career int. The Falcons were -6 TO's in the 1st 7 gms (3-4 SU) but have reversed the trend with a +6 TO ratio the L/5 gms (4-1). PK Herrington leads the MW in FG % and the Falcons boast the academy's career KR yd leader, Warzeka (who is the only ply'r in schl hist with two 100 yd KR TD's). The Falcons have blk'd 5 kicks TY (most S/'06) and allow 8.0 on PR and 17.7 (with 1 TD) on KR.

The Over play may seem like a no brainer when looking at the Rockets schedule TY, especially after back-to-back gms with 123+ pts scored. We do like the Toledo offense which totaled 44 or more pts in 7 of their last 8 gms. AF, meanwhile, has also totaled 42 or more pts 3 of their L/5 gms and their 3 bowl gms vs a non-option tm avg'd 69 ppg.

FORECAST: OVER Toledo/Air Force   **RATING: 2★**

CALIFORNIA (7-5) — HOLIDAY BOWL — TEXAS (7-5)

Dec 28 • 8:00 pm ESPN • Qualcomm Stadium • San Diego, CA

POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
CALIFORNIA	115	185	21	2.1	–	104.0
TEXAS	175	140	22	2.7	–	97.1

GOLDEN BEARS — ATS: 7-5 O/U: 5-7

RUSHING

	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Isi Sofele	#116	12/12	232	1320	54	1266	9	5.5
CJ Anderson	#122JC	12/0	68	354	11	343	8	5.0
Zach Maynard	#253	12/12	76	328	181	147	4	1.9

PASSING

	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Zach Maynard	#253	12/12	213	373	57.1	2806	17	11
Allan Bridgford	#15	4/0	13	32	40.6	184	0	1

RECEIVING

	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
KEENAN ALLEN	#3	12/10	89	1414	14.2	6	90
Marvin Jones	#20	12/12	55	762	13.9	3	51
Michael Calvin	#72	11/6	19	260	13.7	1	38
Anthony Miller	#24	12/12	23	254	11.0	3	44
CJ Anderson	#122JC	12/0	7	186	26.6	1	74

PUNTING

	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
BRYAN ANGER	#1	12	46	2050	44.6	10	40.2	1	18

KICKING

	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Giorgio Tavecchio	–	12	35-41	8-9	7-7	3-5	1-1	19-22	54

DEFENSE

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	MYCHAL KENDRICKS	#77	12/10	96	3	10	2	2
LB	DJ Holt	#119	12/12	81	2	8.5	2	0
S	Sean Cattouse	#97	12/12	71	1	2.5	2	2
S	DJ Campbell	#92	12/12	63	0	2.5	5	2
CB	Josh Hill	#328	12/6	48	1	2	5	2
DL	Trevor Guyton	#69	12/12	42	4.5	5.5	0	0
CB	Steve Williams	#38	12/12	41	0	1	11	2
CB	Marc Anthony	#60	10/10	33	0	4	10	1
DL	Ernest Owusu	#365	12/8	27	4.5	3	2	0
LB	Chris McCain	#35	9/5	26	1.5	3.5	0	0
CB	Stefan McClure	#37	11/2	24	0	1	2	1
NT	Aaron Tipoti	#124	10/7	21	1.5	1.5	0	0
DL	Deandre Coleman	#23	12/2	18	1	4	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marvin Jones	13	86	6.6	0	Brendan Bigelow	21	436	20.8	1
					Coleman Edmond	12	234	19.5	0

LONGHORNS — ATS: 6-6 O/U: 5-7

RUSHING

	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Malcolm Brown	#1	9/6	159	735	28	707	5	4.4
Joe Bergeron	#36	10/0	69	465	11	454	5	6.6
Fozzy Whittaker	#18	9/5	66	407	21	386	6	5.8
DJ Monroe	#27	12/1	47	328	2	326	1	6.9

PASSING

	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
David Ash	#16	12/5	150	89	59.3	926	3	8
Case McCoy	#51	11/4	145	89	61.4	1045	7	4
Garrett Gilbert	#2	2/2	31	15	48.4	247	1	2

RECEIVING

	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Mike Davis	#10	12/11	45	609	13.5	1	56
Jaxon Shipley	#16	9/4	40	593	14.8	3	78
Marquise Goodwin	#146	11/4	30	372	12.4	1	80
Fozzy Whittaker	#18	9/5	16	145	9.1	1	26
DJ Grant	#91	12/3	13	143	11.0	3	45

PUNTING

	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Justin Tucker	#130	12	54	2115	39.2	23	35.5	1	13

KICKING

	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Justin Tucker	#130	12	41-41	6-6	6-8	4-4	1-2	17-20	52

DEFENSE

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	EMMANUEL ACHO	#46	12/12	120	3	15	5	0
LB	Keenan Robinson	#4	12/12	92	1	7	6	0
S	KENNY VACCARO	#44	12/10	77	1	5	8	2
S	Blake Gideon	#178	12/12	77	1	1	4	2
DL	Jackson Jeffcoat	#2	12/12	63	6	12	3	0
LB	Jordan Hicks	#1	12/10	56	0	2	3	0
DB	Carrington Byndom	#29	12/12	54	0	8	15	2
DL	ALEX OKAFOR	#4	12/12	53	7	7	3	0
DB	Quandre Diggs	#8	12/7	48	0	4	13	3
DB	Adrian Phillips	43	12/4	39	0	3	5	2

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Quandre Diggs	8	181	22.6	0	Quandre Diggs	17	324	19.1	0
					Marquise Goodwin	11	247	22.5	0
					FOZZY WHITTAKER	10	424	42.4	2

Checklist

	CAL	UT		CAL	UT		CAL	UT		CAL	UT			
QB	-	✓	RB	-	✓1/2	WR	✓	-				CCH	-	1/2

	CAL	UT	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	-	1/2	Cal avg 6-5 300, 2 Sr, 22 sk all'd (5.4%), 4.5 ypc. UT avg 6-5 299, 1 Sr, 26 sk all'd (7.8%), 4.6 ypc.
DL	-	✓	Cal avg 6-3 282, 2 Sr, 14 of tm 32 sks, 3.8 ypc. UT avg 6-5 276, 1 Sr, 19 of tm 23 sks, 3.3 ypc.
LB	-	✓	Kendricks 1 tkl'r w/96, 13 tfl, Holt #2, 10.5 tfl. Acho #1 tkl'r w/120, 18 tfl, Robinson #2, 8 tfl.
DB	-	1/2	Cal #13 pass eff D, 209 ypg (56%), 17-12 ratio. UT #5 pass eff D, 212 ypg (57%), 13-11 ratio.

CCH	-	1/2	Brown gets a slight edge because this is the 1st time he's coaching after being bowl-less the yr prior.
Turf/Crowd	-	✓	Usually favor an in-state participant, but Burnt Orange will be the dominant color in the stands.
MTCH	-	✓	Both tms have stronger defenses than the other side of the ball, but no edge.
INT			LTH Brown was off a non-10 win ssn and dominated.
ST	-	1/2	SCH	-	✓

OVERALL - TEXAS by 7' ✓'s

These tms face each other for the 1st time S/'70 with UT having a 4-0 series lead. After missing out on the postssn LY both ret to bowls at a familiar site as Cal is making its 4th visit (1-2 SU/ATS) to Qualcomm (ply'd Utah '09 Poinsettia) while UT plays here for the 5th time (2-2 SU/1-3 ATS; last in '07). Tedford is 5-2 SU (3-4 ATS) as HC in bowls and Brown is 12-7 SU (8-11 ATS). These 2 have one common foe in UCLA as Cal (-5) was upset 31-14 being outgained by 53 yds with a -3 TO margin while the Horns (-3) beat the Bruins 49-20 in the Rose Bowl outgaining them by 171 yds. Cal has ply'd 7 bowl caliber tms going 2-5 SU (3-4 ATS) being outscored by 7 ppg but outgaining those foes by 23 ypg while UT has played 9 bowl elig tms going 4-5 SU/3-6 ATS being outscored by 4 ppg despite outgaining them by 10 ypg. The experience edge goes to Cal who has 18 upperclassmen starters with UT playing the most frosh in Brown's tenure.

Cal's #38 off avg 30 ppg and 418 ypg. Buffalo trans Maynard is arguably the most mobile QB of the Tedford era. As expected, there were some growing pains (3 int vs USC, 4 int vs UCLA) but also some standout performances vs Colo and Wash. The one certain in Tedford's tenure has been a 1,000 yd RB and Sofele became the 9th RB in 10 yrs to accomplish that feat. However, the biggest threats on off come in the receiving as WR Jones and Allen became one of the better duo's in the P12. Allen became just the 6th in schl hist to break 1,000 yds rec. The OL avg 6'5" 300 and paved the way for 167 ypg (4.5) while all'g just 22 sks (5.4). The D is ranked #14 all'g just 24 ppg and 339 ttl yds. The 3-man DL avg 6'3" 282 and all'd 130 rush ypg (3.8) while recording 14 of the tm's 32 sks. LB Kendricks earned P12 DPOY honors as he led Cal in tkls. ILB Holt was also impressive TY finishing 2nd in tkls. The secondary was our #13 pass eff D all'g 209 ypg (56%) w/a 17-12 ratio despite breaking in 2 new str's. Cal was serviceable in the ST's department finishing #26 led by K Tavecchio who missed just 3 FG's on the yr.

After a 5-7 ssn Brown cleaned house hiring 6 new asst's incl Boise's OC Harsin. While UT began the ssn with '10's QB Gilbert as the str'r, he was benched for a QB rotation of soph McCoy and Fr Ash. The duo traded snaps for the next 3 gms but after the Okla debacle (Horns had 5 TO's) Ash received all of the meaningful snaps for the next 3 gms. McCoy saw the majority of the action in the L/2 with his 25 yd scramble the pivotal play in the GW FG drive vs A&M. He threw for a career high 356 with 3 TD vs Baylor but his 5 TO's were the key. The run gm was off to a strong start with Fr Brown looking like he'd become UT's 1st 1,000 yd rusher S/'07, hulking Fr Bergeron totalling B2B 100 yd gms vs KU and TT and Whittaker successfully running the "Wild Fozzy" pkg. Unfortunately all 3 were inj'd with Whittaker's career ending ACL inj vs MO and Brown (toe) and Bergeron (hamstring) hampered over the L/4. Both would be closer to 100% with the time off. UT also had issues at WR with Fr Shipley missing 3. The OL (6'5" 299) paved the way for 4.6 ypc with the help of moving OT Poehlmann (6'7" 295) to TE and all'd 26 sks (7.8%). The Horns have our #40 off and #3 D. UT's new DC Diaz is known for blitzing and confusing opp QB's. The Horns took time to adjust to the new schemes but were strong down the stretch to finish #14 FBS ttl D, the only B12 tm in the FBS's top 60! The front 4 allowed 104 rush ypg (3.3) led by DE's Jeffcoat and Okafor. After a slow start the LB corps picked up with #1 Acho finishing as the B12's #3 tkl'r. UT is #5 pass eff D (212, 57%, 13-11) with CB's Byndom and Diggs appearing to be the Horns' next great tandem. The ST (#18) were strong with K/P Tucker hitting 17-20 FG. KR Whittaker became just the 2nd Horns player to have 2 KR TD in the same ssn before being KO'd. PR Diggs led a unit which also had 2 blk's. The coverage units all'd 8.5 PR and 23.8 KR and the net P was poor at 34.8 (#95 FBS).

The Longhorns missed the postssn last year for the 1st time in 12 seasons so falling to the Holiday bowl is not the negative you may think. This is reminiscent of the '07 season when Brown was disappointed with a 9-3 year and demanded a top-notch performance, and the Horns delivered with an easy win over #12 Ariz St. Texas' offensive slump down the stretch can be attributed to their top 2 RB's being out and they should be healthy here.

FORECAST: TEXAS over California   **RATING: 3★**

NOTRE DAME (8-4) — CHAMPS SPORTS BOWL — FLORIDA ST (8-4)

Dec 29 • 5:30 pm ESPN • Florida Citrus Bowl • Orlando, FL

POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
NOTRE DAME	107	200	19	2.7	–	100.6
FLORIDA ST	68	200	19	1.4	✔✔✔	100.9

FIGHTING IRISH — ATS: 5-7 O/U: 4-7-1

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Cierre Wood	#4	12/8	199	1116	74	1042	9	5.2
Jonas Gray	#5	11/4	114	812	21	791	12	6.9
Andrew Hendrix	#12	4/0	21	136	1	6.5		

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Tommy Rees	#49	12/11	384	253	65.9	2708	19	12
Andrew Hendrix	#12	4/0	15	11	51.7	225	1	1
Dayne Crist	#5	4/1	24	15	62.5	164	0	1

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Michael Floyd	#2	12/12	95	1106	11.6	8	56
Tyler Eifert	#24	12/12	57	713	12.5	5	38
Theo Riddick	#24	10/9	36	429	11.9	3	45
TJ Jones	#20	12/11	37	359	9.7	3	26
Cierre Wood	#4	12/8	26	181	7.0	0	31
Robby Toma	#109	12/3	15	173	11.5	1	27

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	BLK	In20
Ben Turk	#10	12	46	1851	40.2	13	34.0	0	14

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
David Ruffer	–	12	45-45	3-5	3-5	3-4	1-1	10-15	52

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	Manti Te'o	#1	12/12	115	4.5	8.5	1	0
S	Harrison Smith	#22	12/12	84	0	2	10	0
CB	Robert Blanton	#22	12/12	69	1	7	5	2
CB	Gary Gray	#12	12/12	60	0	0.5	5	2
LB	Darius Flemming	#26	12/12	54	3.5	3.5	3	1
LB	Dan Fox	#35	12/12	46	1	1	1	0
DL	Louis Nix III	#19	12/10	42	0.5	3.5	1	0
S	Jamoris Slaughter	#35	12/9	40	0	2	2	1
LB	Zeke Motta	#17	12/7	38	0	0	1	1
LB	Carlo Calabrese	#27	12/0	35	1	0	3	0
DL	Kapron Lewis-Moore	#40	7/7	32	1.5	2.5	2	0
DL	Aaron Lynch	#7	11/4	28	4	1.5	2	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
John Goodman	8	5	0.6	0	George Atkinson	30	822	27.4	2

SEMINOLES — ATS: 6-6 O/U: 5-7

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Devonta Freeman	#28	11/6	107	543	12	531	8	5.0
Jermaine Thomas	#81	11/0	61	309	30	279	1	4.6
EJ Manuel	#4	11/10	100	387	224	163	4	1.6
James Wilder	#3	11/0	31	151	1	150	1	4.8

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
EJ Manuel	#4	11/10	280	183	65.4	2417	16	8
Clint Trickett	#60	9/2	72	44	61.1	675	7	4

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Rodney Smith	#47	12/0	32	527	16.5	4	57
Greg Greene	#27	8/3	33	497	15.1	6	69
Christian Green	#9	12/2	25	447	17.9	0	59
Bert Reed	#107	11/7	28	385	13.8	4	68
Kenny Shaw	#29	12/1	30	354	11.8	4	51
Greg Dent	#50	12/0	12	236	19.7	2	50

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	BLK	In20
SHAWN POWELL	#54	12	49	2303	47.0	3	42.0	0	21

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
DUSTIN HOPKINS	#1	12	44-44	9-9	5-7	5-6	1-3	20-25	53

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	Nigel Bradham	#4	12/12	77	2	7	3	0
LB	Christian Jones	#2	12/12	55	3	3	2	0
CB	Mike Harris	#43	12/6	53	1	4	8	1
CB	Vince Williams	#24	12/12	49	2	3	3	1
S	Lamarcus Joyner	#2	12/12	47	1	1	3	3
S	Terrance Parks	#47	12/11	40	0	2	1	1
CB	Xavier Rhodes	#75	12/10	39	0	1.5	4	1
DL	Brandon Jenkins	#41	12/12	39	7	4	1	0
LB	Telvin Smith	#53	11/0	37	3	4.5	3	1
DL	Bjoern Werner	#143	12/12	35	6	4	8	1
DL	Cornellious Carradine	#1JC	12/0	34	4.5	2.5	0	0
CB	Greg Reid	#9	10/8	30	0	1	5	2

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Greg Reid	35	398	11.4	1	Lamarcus Joyner	12	320	26.7	0

	ND	FSU		ND	FSU		ND	FSU		ND	FSU
QB	-	✔1/2	RB	✔		WR	1/2	-			

	ND	FSU	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	✔1/2	-	ND avg 6-4 304, 3 Sr, 13 sk all'd (3.0%), 5.0 ypc. FSU avg 6-5 306, 1 Sr, 36 sk all'd (10.2%), 3.5 ypc.
DL	✔1/2	-	ND avg 6-4 307, 1 Sr, 7 of tm 20 sks, 3.0 ypc. FSU avg 6-5 286, 0 Sr, 24 of tm 36 sks, 2.3 ypc.
LB	-	✔	Te'o #1 tkl'r w/115, 13 tfl, Fleming #5, 7 tfl. Bradham #1 tkl'r w/77, 9 tfl, Jones #2, 6 tfl.
DB	✔1/2		ND #73 pass eff D, 202 ypg (59%), 21-8 ratio. FSU #23 pass eff D, 193 ypg (60%), 15-13 ratio.

	ND	FSU
CCH		
Turf/ Crowd		✔
MTCH		
INT		
ST	-	✔✔✔
SCH	✔1/2	-

We'll call it even despite Fisher only in 2nd yr as he's been more than just an asst.

Proximity gives FSU the edge and they already look good extra tix they requested.

Neither tm has a strong unit to take care of opponents weaknesses.

While each is 8-4, both have underachieved this ssn.

OVERALL - FLORIDA ST by 5 ✔'s

This will be the 7th meeting for these 2 storied programs with FSU winning 4 of 6 (2-4 ATS) incl 37-0 in '03 at South Bend. In '93 #1 FSU met #2 ND in the "Game of the Century" with the Irish pulling the 31-24 upset (+7) but the Noles went on to win the Nat'l Title as both finished with 1 loss. Their last bowl meeting was in '95 as FSU defeated ND 31-26 (-10') in the Orange Bowl. After an NCAA rec'd 9 gm bowl losing streak, ND has won their L/2 postssn appearances by a comb 44 pts and Kelly is 3-1 SU/1-3 ATS in bowls. The Noles have been to 30 consec bowls (FBS best) and this is Fisher's 2nd bowl game winning the Chick-fil-A LY 26-17 (+3) over SC. The Irish went 5-3 SU/3-5 ATS vs bowl opp outscoring them 29-22 and outgaining them 402-386. FSU went 3-4 SU (2-5 ATS) vs 7 bowl tms but outscored them 23-19 and outgained 317-313. ND played an ACC stretch of Wake, MD and BC going 3-0 (2-1 ATS) outscoring them 28-17 and outgaining them 422-304. FSU went 2-1 SU/ATS vs same 3 opp's with 23-16 score and 404-310 yardage edges. FSU went 2-2 SU/ATS on the road while ND was 4-2 (2-4 ATS) away from South Bend. FSU went 6-4 ATS as a fav TY while ND was a dog in just 1 gm (loss to Stan) but incl LY's bowl is 4-2 when getting pts under Kelly. The Irish have 10 Sr st'rs and 17 upperclassmen while the Noles have 6 Sr's among 16 upperclassmen.

Despite leading the Irish to 4 str wins to close out '10 as a Fr QB Rees lost the job in Aug to the guy he replaced, Crist. In a thunderstorm interrupted opener vs USF however Crist was benched with the Irish down 16-0 at HT after turning the ball over 3x's inside the USF10. Rees struggled with inconsistency however holding the ND rec'd for highest career comp % but with 12 int TY. He also lacks the mobility Kelly desires to run his off which opened the door for #3 Hendrix as a change of pace QB. In the finale vs Stan he led 2 2H TD drives after trailing 21-0 at HT. Crist trans in Dec and while Rees will start the bowl, Hendrix is exp to see more time. The tm's 5.0 ypc was its best since Lou Holtz was on the sideline ('96). Wood is the Irish's 1st 1,000 yd rusher S/'06 but Gray who was the st'r at midssn suffered a knee inj vs BC (OFY). WR Floyd set ND reception rec'd while Eifert continues the tradition of strong TE's. The OL (6'4" 304 avg) all'd 13 sks (3.0%). ND has our #19 off and #9 D. The D cont'd its strong play TY despite inj's up front which required the Irish to start 3 Fr DL vs WF. DE Johnson missed 4 which opened the door for athletic Fr Lynch who led the DL in sks. T'eo battled a nagging ankle inj but still led ND in tkls and tfl. ND is #73 pass eff D (202, 59%, 21-8) with 3 of the top 4 tkl'rs coming from the secondary. The Irish have our #63 ST's unit with KR Atkinson (27.4, 2TD) finishing #15 FBS. P Turk (34.0) & K Ruffer's (10-15 L/52) struggles were nothing compared to the PR unit which had just 3 net yds on the yr (0.3, #120 FBS)! The coverage units all'd 21.4 KR and 11.0 on PR.

FSU has our #52 off avg 32 ppg and 376 ypg. FSU came into the yr with great expectations ranked #6 with 16 ret st'rs and Fisher at the helm in his 2nd year. Much like '10 his QB went down vs Okla and Manuel missed the CU game and much of 1H vs WF as the Noles dropped 3 str. He ret'd and they rebounded to win the next 5 by an avg 23 ppg before missing a GW FG in a loss to UVa at home. The WR unit suffered inj's throughout the yr but are deep with speed and talent. Five WR's have 25+ rec's led by Smith followed by Greene who was on pace to break every Fr rec'd before an inj. RB Thompson was lost for the year and the run gm struggled avg 81 ypg (2.7) vs bowl tms. The OL avg 6'5" 306 led by 1st Tm ACC Sanders but lost LT Datko and avg just 118 ypg (3.5, #99 in the FBS) while all'g 36 sks, the most in over a decade. The Noles have our #4 D all'g 15 ppg and 275 ypg with 36 sks. The DL is loaded with talent all'g 82 rush ypg (2.3, #2 FBS) while FSU is #8 in tfl with 91.5. DE Jenkins (7 sk) earned 2nd Tm ACC honors while Werner (10 tfl, 9 pbu) and Fr Jernigan (6 tfl) are future stars. The LB's are led by #1 tkl'r Bradham and #2 Jones. FSU has our #23 pass D with a 15-13 ratio led by 2nd Tm ACC S Joyner and CB Harris (#3 tkl'r, 9 pd) while LY's top CB Reid battled through an ankle inj. FSU has our #1 ST's unit lead by AA punter Powell who leads the FBS in net (42.0) and avg (47.0). Groza finalist Hopkins is 20-25 incl 6-9 from 40+. KR Joyner is avg 26.7 and Reid is avg 11.4 and that number would be higher if not for countless returns called back from pen's (UVa gm).

By looking at the teams, few gms besides the Nat'l Champ gm can match the talent on the field. The advantage FSU has is that they have a dominant Top 5 defense and is capable of shutting down even this ND offense. FSU's offensive numbers are lower than expected but remember QB Manuel missed a few gms. ND has yet to face this type of spd on D and we'll back the Noles.

FORECAST: FLORIDA ST over Notre Dame   RATING: 2★

WASHINGTON (7-5) — ALAMO BOWL — BAYLOR (9-3)

Dec 29 • 9:00 pm ESPN • Alamodome • San Antonio, TX

POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
WASHINGTON	181	275	35	2.6	✔✔✔	107.4
BAYLOR	209	365	48	2.4	–	99.2

HUSKIES — ATS: 7-5 O/U: 6-5

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
CHRIS POLK	#18	12/12	263	1379	38	1341	11	5.1
Jesse Callier	#93	12/0	45	272	8	264	1	5.9
Bishop Sankey	#38	11/0	28	198	11	187	1	6.7

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Keith Price	#87	12/11	325	219	67.4	2625	29	11
Nick Montana	#15	6/1	42	24	57.1	226	3	2

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Devin Aguilar	#47	12/7	56	521	14.5	4	59
Jermaine Kearse	#27	12/11	42	501	11.9	6	38
Austin Seferian-Jenkins	#1	12/9	36	479	13.3	6	47
Kasen Williams	#8	12/1	33	408	12.4	6	53
Chris Polk	#18	12/12	29	324	11.2	4	70
James Johnson	#58	10/0	26	330	12.7	3	52
Kevin Smith	#83	12/0	15	208	13.9	0	53

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Kiel Rasp	#34	10	36	1624	45.1	11	39.7(t)	2	8
Will Mahan	#11	6	12	494	41.2	6	–	0	5

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Erik Folk	#32	12	48-48	0-0	1-3	9-10	1-2	11-15	53

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	Cort Dennison	–	12/12	113	1	5.5	3	1
S	Sean Parker	#14	12/12	76	0	1.5	2	4
LB	Princeton Fuimaono	#119	12/11	62	3	5.5	2	0
DB	Desmond Trufant	#101	12/12	61	0.5	0	13	2
LB	John Timu	#145	11/8	44	0	1	2	0
S	Justin Glenn	#152	12/5	44	0	2	2	0
DL	Everrette Thompson	#30	12/8	39	2	1	5	0
S	Will Shamburger	#338	11/4	36	0	1	1	1
DB	Gregory Ducre	#289	12/5	36	1	1.5	4	1
DL	Alameda Ta'Amu	#22	12/12	28	3.5	3.5	1	0
DL	Josh Shirley	#16	12/6	23	5.5	3.5	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kasen Williams	13	91	7.0	0	Kevin Smith	37	958	25.9	0

BEARS — ATS: 7-4 O/U: 10-1

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TERRANCE GANAWAY	#236	12/11	229	1366	19	1347	16	5.9
Robert Griffin III	#34	12/12	161	832	188	644	9	4.0
Glasco Martin	#156	11/0	40	269	1	268	2	6.7
Jarred Salubi	#177	12/2	53	263	33	230	1	4.3

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
ROBERT GRIFFIN III	#34	12/12	369	267	72.4	3998	36	6

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
KENDALL WRIGHT	#60	12/11	101	1572	15.6	13	87
Terrance Williams	#179	12/11	53	895	16.9	11	77
Tevin Reese	#176	12/7	46	811	17.6	7	69
Lanear Sampson	#65	12/10	39	547	14.0	3	64
Jordan Najvar	#14	12/7	15	146	9.7	2	16

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Spencer Roth	#40	10	27	1070	39.6	5	33.0(t)	0	6

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Aaron Jones	#280	12	67-70	2-3	5-6	2-6	0-1	9-16	48

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
S	Sam Holl	#171	12/9	102	0	2	1	3
S	Mike Hicks	#317	12/12	99	0	2.5	4	3
LB	Elliot Coffey	#142	12/12	99	0.5	4.5	4	2
CB	Ahmad Dixon	#8	12/11	81	0	3.5	3	1
CB	KJ Morton	#561	12/10	66	0	1.5	6	4
CB	Rodney Chadwick	#341	12/9	61	0	2.0	5	0
CB	Chance Casey	#227	8/7	48	0	0	6	0
LB	Joe Williams	–	12/8	42	0	1.5	12	1
DL	Nicolas Jean-Baptiste	–	12/11	36	4	4.5	3	0
LB	Terrance Lloyd	#119	12/12	34	2.5	4.5	0	0
LB	Brody Trahan	#82	12/3	29	0	0	1	0
DL	Tevin Elliott	#205	12/5	27	3	5	1	1
DL	Gary Mason Jr.	#87	12/7	23	2.5	5.5	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Levi Norwood	12	99	8.2	0	Antwan Goodley	16	361	22.6	0
					Darius Jones	12	241	20.1	0

	UW	BU		UW	BU		UW	BU		UW	BU
QB	-	✔✔	RB	✔		WR	-	✔			

	UW	BU	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	-	1/2	UW avg 6-3 305, 2 Sr, 34 sk all'd (9.2%), 4.4 ypc. BU avg 6-4 319, 2 Sr, 25 sk all'd (6.4%), 4.9 ypc.
DL	✔✔		UW avg 6-3 293, 2 Sr, 17.5 of tm 24 sks, 4.5 ypc. BU avg 6-3 274, 2 Sr, 18.5 of tm 19 sks, 5.2 ypc.
LB	-	✔	Dennison #1 tkl'r w/113, Fuimaono #3, 8.5 tfl. Coffey #3 tkl'r w/99, 5 tfl, Chadwick #6.
DB	✔1/2		UW #47 pass eff D, 284 ypg (62%), 21-10 ratio. BU #84 pass eff D, 279 ypg (64%), 32-16 ratio.

	UW	BU
CCH		1/2
Turf/ Crowd		✔✔
MTCH		✔
INT		
ST	✔✔1/2	
SCH	-	-

Briles has not fared well in postssn play but certainly has more exp and earns the edge.

BU not only has in-state edge, but close enough for fans to be able to drive to.

BU was +32 ypg vs bowl tms while Washington was -79 ypg vs bowl caliber tms.

BU will be excited to get 10 wins, but Heisman talk could be a distraction.

OVERALL - ✔'s EVEN

The two squads met 4 times in 1950's and 60's with Baylor coming out victorious in all but one. The Bears have appeared in this gm once in their history, in '94 a 10-3 loss to Wash St as 5' pt dogs while the Huskies have never played in San Antonio. Both tms are in their 2nd consec bowl appearances after long layoffs with BU losing LY's Texas Bowl 38-14 to IL (-1) after a 15 yr bowl drought while UW upset Neb 19-7 as 14 pt dogs in Sarkisian's bowl HC debut. Briles is 0-4 SU (1-3 ATS) in the postseason. The Bears were slightly disappointed to end up a little over a 3 hr drive from home after finishing with their most wins since '86 and in the BCS's top 15 after wins over OU and Texas. Their goal is to win a bowl for the 1st time S/'92 and they sold out their 12,500 allotment. The Huskies faced 6 bowl caliber tms in '11 going 2-4 SU (3-3 ATS) while being outscored (38-26) and outgained (444-365) by substantial margins. The Bears were 5-3 SU/ATS vs bowl squads despite being outscored by 4 pts overall although they outgained those foes by 32 ypg. The Huskies struggled on the road with a 1-4 SU mark (2-3 ATS) and the Bears did as well (1-3/0-4 ATS. UW has 8 Sr st'rs among 12 upperclassmen while BU has 7 Sr's and 13 upperclassmen.

The Huskies own our #36 rated off avg 32 ppg and 392 ypg. In his 1st year as a starter, QB Price stepped in for the departed Jake Locker (1st RD DC) and put up very impressive numbers in the process despite being limited mobility-wise with sprains to both knees most of the ssn. The tm's biggest weapon remains RB Polk who rushed for 100+ yds in 9 of 12 gms (3rd straight 1,000 yd ssn) and is just 74 yds away from topping LY's 1,415 yd performance (204 yds away from UW's career rush mark). Polk was assisted in the backfield by Callier but his carries decreased in '11 to just 45 (77 LY). Price spread the wealth to his receiving targets in '11 with 4 players surpassing the 400 yd mark. WR Kearse is just 2 TD rec shy of tying the school's career mark while Aguilar led the group in yds (already 169 more than '10). The most impressive part of this group has to be the play of True Fr WR Williams (PS#8) and TE Seferian-Jenkins (PS#1) who saw increased roles as the ssn progressed. The OL avg 6'3" 305 and started all but 1 gm together (LG Tanigawa missed finale, OFY). On the year they paved the way for 152 rush ypg (4.4) while all'g 34 sks (9.2%) due to Price's lack of mobility. The def was gashed at times TY and enter the bowl with our #50 ranking all'g 33 ppg and 426 ypg. The DL (6'3" 293) surrendered 143 rush ypg (4.5) with 17.5 of the team's 24 sks. The group did lose DE Jamora after 4 gms but didn't lose much in the area of productivity as converted LB Shirley filled in and led the tm in sks. The LB's are led by Dennison who leads the P12 in tackles while the secondary is led by CB Trufant (t-2 in P12 in PD's) and S Parker (2nd on tm in tkls). The group posted our #47 pass eff D rankings all'g 284 ypg (62%) w/a 21-10 ratio. The Huskies have our #48 ST's led by the strong leg of K Folk who's att all but 3 of his FG's from at least 40+ hitting 10 of 12 at that range.

Baylor has our #3 offense led by the nation's most exciting weapon in B12 Off POY/Heisman finalist Robert Griffin (RG3). Griffin has world class speed (#2 rusher 644, 9 TD) with one of the nation's most accurate arms finishing the season #1 FBS pass eff with a school record 36 TD passes. He led the Bears to comeback wins over Top 10 tms in TCU and OU and is one of 3 players in NCAA history who has had 10,000 yd passing and 2,000 yd rushing. This may be his last gm as a collegian along with his #1 target WR Wright. Wright was #2 in the FBS in rec yds (1,572) while spearheading one of the nation's fastest units with their 10.93 ypa leading all conventional FBS offenses. 240 lb bowling ball Ganaway stepped in to become BU's 8th 1,000 yd rusher. The OL (6'4" 319 avg) is led by C Blake and has paved the way for a 4.9 ypc while allowing 25 sks (6.4%). The Bears rebooted their D after hiring vet DC Bennett. While they finished just #94 in our rankings and there is still much work to be done they did improve the # of TO's forced from 20 in '10 to 27 in '11. DT Jean-Baptiste led the tm with 8.5 tfl but the Bears were bullied up front allowing 199 rush ypg (5.2) in a 4-2-5 alignment. The #1 LB tkl'r was MLB Coffey (99). The Bears finished #84 pass eff D (279, 64%, 32-16) with inj's and personnel shifting requiring 5 diff lineups in the secondary. The ST weren't really special as they finished #100. K Jones hit just 9-16 including 2-7 from 40+. P Roth's 33.0 net was #114 FBS. With the speed at the skill spots it's surprising that they avg'd just 19.6 on KR and 8.6 on PR while allowing 21.9 on KR and 9.1 on PR.

While Washington limped to the finish losing 3 of their L/4, two of those were to Top 10 tms in Oregon and USC. They also are now in B2B bowls for the first time S/'01-'02. Baylor finished the year winning 5 straight but against the top 2 foes they faced, both Okla and Texas had attrition on the offensive side of the ball. BU is now nearly a DD fav and we saw LY what Washington can do in that role in a bowl.

FORECAST: WASHINGTON over Baylor   RATING: 3★

TULSA (8-4) — ARMED FORCES BOWL — BYU (9-3)

Dec 30 • 12:00 pm ESPN • Gerald J. Ford Stadium • Dallas, TX

POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
TULSA	168	230	29	2.9	–	90.4
BYU	142	270	31	2.8	✔	96.1

GOLDEN HURRICANE — ATS: 7-5 O/U: 4-8

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ja'Terian Douglas	#89	12/2	108	909	25	884	4	8.2
Trey Watts	–	12/11	147	872	29	843	5	5.7
GJ Kinne	#24	12/12	152	513	108	405	3	3.6
Alex Singleton	#112	12/0	82	286	7	279	4	3.4

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
GJ Kinne	#24	12/12	359	230	64.1	2876	25	12
Kalen Henderson	#190	5/0	29	8	27.6	122	3	4

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Willie Carter	#368	11/8	61	868	14.2	7	69
Bryan Burnham	#274	12/12	50	737	14.7	8	56
Clay Sears	#326	12/11	35	438	12.5	6	60
Jordan James	#151	11/10	27	355	13.1	1	68
Trey Watts	–	12/11	29	230	7.9	3	53
Ricky Johnson	#91	12/1	11	162	14.7	3	41

PUNTING	PS#	GP/GS	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Cole Way	#49	7	34	1293	38.0	16	36.6(t)	2	7
Kevin Fitzpatrick	#74	12	16	675	42.2	1	–	0	1

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
KEVIN FITZPATRICK	#74	12	48-50	7-7	4-6	1-1	2-3	3-17	52

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
MLB	Curnelius Arnick	#500	12/12	142	1.5	3	4	1
WLB	Shawn Jackson	#116	12/12	92	3.5	4.5	4	2
BAN	Dexter McCoil	#360	12/12	74	0	2.5	6	4
CANE	Alan Dock	#421	12/12	68	0.5	2	2	2
FS	Marco Nelson	–	12/12	66	0	0	5	1
CB	Milton Howell	#77JC	12/12	49	0	1	6	4
DE	Cory Dorris	#413	12/11	47	1	4	0	0
DE	TYRUNN WALKER	#94JC	12/12	37	8	4.5	7	0
DT	Daeshon Bufford	#347	12/12	31	1.5	1	0	0
CB	Lowell Rose	#315	9/8	30	1	1.5	8	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
JD Ratliff	8	35	4.4	0	Freeman Kelley	22	459	20.9	0
					Trey Watts	17	408	24.0	1

COUGARS — ATS: 8-4 O/U: 6-5-1

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
JJ Di Luigi	#94	12/6	106	558	12	546	3	5.2
Michael Alisa	#163	12/4	85	463	8	455	3	5.4
Riley Nelson	#65	11/6	75	462	86	376	1	5.0
Josh Quezada	#100	12/1	77	296	22	274	1	3.6
Bryan Kariya	#33	12/3	67	275	4	271	6	4.0
David Foote	–	12/0	13	150	4	146	0	11.2

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Jake Heaps	#2	9/6	252	144	57.1	1452	9	8
Riley Nelson	#65	11/6	162	99	61.1	1467	16	5

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Cody Hoffman	#581	12/12	53	821	15.5	7	46
Ross Apo	#30	12/4	34	453	13.3	9	42
JD Falslev	–	12/2	29	299	10.3	2	27
McKay Jacobson	#38	12/8	23	279	12.1	1	40
Marcus Mathews	#131	12/2	25	265	10.6	1	40
JJ Di Luigi	#94	12/6	25	259	10.4	0	57

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Riley Stephenson	#14	11	39	1650	42.3	8	36.0	0	13

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Justin Sorensen	#1	12	45-45	2-2	7-11	5-8	0-3	14-24	46

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
BLB	Brandon Ogletree	#119	11/11	67	0	3.5	0	1
WLB	Kyle Van Noy	#38	12/7	58	5	5	3	3
SS	Daniel Sorensen	#108	12/12	52	0	2	5	2
MLB	Uona Kaveinga	#36	12/12	52	0	3	1	0
FS	Travis Uale	#510	12/12	48	0	0	4	3
CB	Preston Hadley	#311	12/12	45	0	1.5	14	0
CB	Corby Eason	–	12/12	44	0	2	14	0
BLB	Spencer Hadley	#145	12/1	43	0	1.5	0	1
WLB	Jadon Wagner	–	12/5	36	2.0	2.5	0	0
SLB	Jordan Pendleton	#88	12/7	32	2	4.5	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
JD Falslev	19	176	9.3	1	Cody Hoffman	33	838	25.4	1

	TU	BYU		TU	BYU		TU	BYU		TU	BYU
QB	1/2	-	RB	✔	-	WR	✔	-	CCH	-	✔✔

Blankenship in his first year while Mendenhall has led the Cougars to 7 straight.

	TU	BYU	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	-	-	TU avg 6-3 296, 3 Sr, 15 sk all'd (3.9%), 5.0 ypc. BYU avg 6-5 307, 2 Sr, 14 sk all'd (3.3%), 4.4 ypc.
DL	-	-	TU avg 6-3 281, 1 Sr, 17.5 of tm 24 sks, 3.4 ypc. BYU avg 6-2 315, 1 Sr, 4.5 of tm 21 sks, 3.8 ypc.
LB	-	1/2	Arnick #1 tkl'r w/142, 4.5 tfl, Jackson #2, 8 tfl. Ogletree #1 tkl'r w/67, 3.5 tfl, Van Noy #2, 10 tfl.
DB	-	1/2	TU #32 pass eff D, 289 ypg (61%), 22-16 ratio. BYU #16 pass eff D, 198 ypg (58%), 10-13 ratio.

	TU	BYU			TU	BYU
Turf/ Crowd	1/2		Slight edge to the Golden Hurricane playing at this stadium every other year.			
MTCH			Both tms like to pour it on when they can, but no edges in this matchup.			
INT			These two met in '07 with Tulsa winning but new TU HC.			
ST	-	✔	SCH	✔ 1/2	-	

OVERALL - BYU by 1' ✔'s

Tulsa is 1-6 SU/3-3 ATS vs BYU but won the last gm in '07, 55-47 (6 pt HF). This will be the 1st meeting in a bowl/neutral site. TU HC Blankenship has guided the Hurricane to a bowl in his 1st ssn at the helm but has been on staff for the L/3 bowls (3-0 SU/ATS). BYU HC Mendenhall has led the Cougars to a 7th str bowl in his 7th yr (4-2 SU/ATS). Tulsa was 2-4 SU/3-3 ATS vs bowl tms being outscored 37-30 and outgained 480-440. BYU was 1-3 SU/2-2 ATS vs bowl squads also being outscored 33-20 and outgained 365-349 and beat only one schl with a winning record. Both ply'd UCF TY and ironically won by the same exact 24-17 score (BYU 2 pt HF and TU 1' pt AD) but BYU was outgained 399-260 while Tulsa outgained UCF 454-381. On the road TY BYU was 3-2 SU/4-1 ATS while Tulsa went 4-2 SU/5-1 ATS. BYU has 9 Sr st'rs among their 16 upperclassmen. TU has 9 Sr st'rs but 18 upperclassmen. Tulsa is the smallest school that competes in DI but should have the crowd edge as the are just 260 miles away. BYU is 1,225 and was hoping that Houston would fall to this bowl after their CUSA Champ loss, so fans may be disappointed but Cougs normally travel well. TU also has played in this venue every other yr S/'96 (CUSA started) but is 1-7 while BYU won last and only trip in '97.

Tulsa is bowling for the 6th time in the L/7Y. TU got off to a 1-3 start but did play 1 of the nation's toughest non-conf slates (vs #1, #8 and #4 tms). Their 4 losses have come vs tms with a comb 43-6 rec. If you take out those opp's the Hurricane are 8-0 SU/6-2 ATS outscoring foes on avg 41-17 and outgaining them 493-355. QB Kinne leads the #27 offense and vs OSU looked like he would be out (maybe for ssn). Surprisingly the foll wk he took the 1st snap at Boise and is playing at a high level in his Sr ssn. In their 7 gm wining streak Kinne threw for 293 ypg (68%) with an 18-4 ratio. RB's Douglas and Watts have taken a ton of pressure off Kinne as TU ranks in the Top 25 in FBS rush off. Douglas has a 8.2 ypc which is the best at TU S/'52. HB Carter (3 130+ gms) has also stepped up. The OL avg 6'3" 296 with 3 Sr's (all upperclassmen) all'g just 15 sks (3.9%, tied #1 in CUSA) and paving the way for 205 ypg (5.0). TU has our #56 def. The DL avg 6'3" 281 with 1 Sr but 3 Jr's and has 17.5 of the tm's 24 sks. DE Guy installed a new scheme TY and TU has bought into it. With a difficult early sked it was hard to see but TU has held half its foes to 20 pts or under and half to under their ssn avg incl 3 of the 4 ranked foes (OSU, Boise and UH). LB Arnick is #7 in the NCAA in tkls and anchors the def. TU is ranked #32 in our pass eff def allowing 289 ypg (61%) with a 22-16 ratio. The ST's come in ranked #55. Fitzpatrick pulls double duty and has a strong leg (4-4 40+, L/52). TU avg 21.8 on KR and 6.2 on PR while allowing 21.0 and 7.3.

Expectations were high for QB Heaps entering the yr. However, he was replaced vs Utah St by Nelson (who started 1st 3 LY before being inj'd) who cemented the starting spot by guiding the Cougs to a win. That led to a barrage of comments coming from not only the ply'rs, but also the coaches discussing how tough Nelson is, and how much harder they'll play for him. Nelson was inj'd on BYU's 2nd series vs ID (lung/cartilage) and Heaps started vs NMSt (and put up admirable stats). However, Nelson was cleared for Hawaii and took all but 1 snap and Heaps announced his trans. RB Di Luigi's numbers are down (917 rush yd, 443 rec yd LY), while WR Hoffman has become a playmaker after getting off to a slow start (just 3 rec, 20 yds in 1st 2). The OL (6'5" 307) got a boost when Matt Reynolds skipped the draft (proj 1st rounder) and he's produced another solid ssn leading a unit that has all'd 14 sks (3.3%). They've improved since the Utah debacle as they only opened holes for 48 rush ypg (1.9) and zero TD's in the 1st 3, but avg'd 205 rush ypg (4.9) down the stretch. BYU has our #32 off. The #36 D is led by LB Van Noy, who is the only ply'r in the country with at least 1 tkl, sk, FF, FR, int, qbh, pbu and blk'd punt. The DL avg 6'2" 315 and all's just 118 rush ypg (3.8), but only accounts for 4.5 of the tm's 21 sks. Cougars are #16 pass eff D all'g 198 ypg (58%) with a 10-13 ratio. The D has scored 3 def TD's TY and has all'd just 14 TD's in the RZ, which ranks #4 FBS. ST's comes in with our #32 ranking led by KR Hoffman who is just 28 yds and 3 att's shy of the BYU single-ssn rec'd. BYU all's 11.5 on PR and 19.8 on KR.

LY BYU rolled down the stretch winning and covering their final 4 regular season games and then put up 52 in the bowl. This year they've won and covered their final 6 games, and in that stretch have avg'd 41 ppg. Tulsa's offense hit its stride in the 2H of the ssn averaging 494 ypg the L/7. When looking at BYU's defensive numbers down the stretch, they were impressive but they were vs our #114, #103 and then the #88 offense of Hawaii (without starting QB).

FORECAST: OVER Tulsa/BYU — RATING: 1★

RUTGERS (8-4) — PINSTRIPE BOWL — IOWA ST (6-6)

Dec 30 • 3:20 pm ESPN • Yankee Stadium • Bronx, NY

POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
RUTGERS	121	215	16	3.2	✔	96.1
IOWA ST	154	165	16	2.9	–	102.0

SCARLET KNIGHTS — ATS: 8-4 O/U: 3-9

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jawan Jamison	#129	11/8	204	864	98	766	7	3.8
Jermey Deering	#174	12/1	47	180	11	169	0	3.6
Savon Huggins	#7	9/0	56	169	23	146	5	2.6
Joe Martinek	#49	12/8	20	121	2	119	0	5.9

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Gary Nova	#27	12/5	220	113	51.4	1533	11	9
Chas Dodd	#83	8/7	228	129	56.6	1398	9	7

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
MOHAMED SANU	#111	12/12	109	1144	10.5	7	32
Brandon Coleman	#35	12/4	16	466	29.1	5	92
Quron Pratt	#196	12/5	31	323	10.4	1	21
Mark Harrison	#110	11/4	14	274	19.6	2	45
Joe Martinek	#49	12/8	27	262	9.7	1	60
DC Jefferson	#20	12/8	11	107	9.7	0	18
Tim Wright	#101	11/4	10	122	12.2	2	21

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Justin Doerner	#543JC	12	58	2279	39.3	18	35.8	0	20

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
San San Te	#66	12	34-35	6-9	5-6	5-8	2-5	18-28	50

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
WLB	KHASEEM GREENE	#456	12/12	127	3	8	0	6
LB	Steve Beauharnais	#92	12/12	71	5	10	1	2
DL	Justin Francis	#206	12/12	60	6.5	6.5	5	1
CB	Logan Ryan	#105	12/12	60	0	3	11	2
S	David Rowe	#131	12/12	57	0.5	0.5	4	3
NT	Scott Vallone	#56	12/12	57	2.5	5	2	0
SS	DURON HARMON	#65	12/12	45	0	1.5	1	5
DL	Jamal Merrell	#104	12/11	39	0.5	2.5	0	0
DB	Brandon Jones	#262	12/12	36	1	1.5	4	2
LB	Kevin Snyder	#113	12/0	36	0.5	0.5	0	0
DL	Manny Abreu	#15	12/9	27	3	3	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Mohamed Sanu	11	56	5.1	0	Jeremy Deering	17	530	31.2	1

CYCLONES — ATS: 7-5 O/U: 5-6

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
James White	#133	12/8	150	773	72	701	8	4.7
Jared Barnett	#88	8/5	99	512	77	435	1	4.4
Jeff Woody	#174	12/5	86	381	21	360	5	4.2
Shontrelle Johnson	#114	4/4	51	257	10	247	0	4.8
Duran Hollis	#268	11/0	29	218	4	214	2	7.4
Steele Jantz	#88JC	8/7	78	294	114	180	2	2.3

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Steele Jantz	#88JC	12/7	228	123	53.9	1322	10	9
Jared Barnett	#88	8/5	213	108	50.7	1178	6	3

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Darius Reynolds	#197	11/9	41	655	16.0	7	56
Josh Lenz	#129	11/9	35	438	12.5	2	38
Aaron Horne	#147JC	12/4	33	385	11.7	0	57
Albert Gary	#264JC	9/1	21	267	12.7	2	34
Darius Darks	#197	11/11	20	196	9.8	3	30

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Kirby Van Der Kamp	#34	12	64	2735	42.7	11	36.7	1	19

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Zach Guyer	#21	12	28-30	3-4	2-4	4-4	0-0	9-12	43

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	Jake Knott	#133	12/12	107	0	4	3	2
LB	AJ KLEIN	#141	12/12	101	2	5.5	5	1
LS	Jacques Washington	#290	12/12	83	1	0	6	1
DB	Leonard Johnson	#118	12/12	68	0	2	7	1
DB	Jeremy Reeves	#248	12/12	68	0	3	6	2
S	Ter'Ran Benton	#145	12/12	62	0.5	3.5	3	3
LB	Matt Tau'fo'ou	#206JC	11/5	62	0	4	0	0
DL	Jake Lattimer	#233JC	12/12	38	3	5	4	0
DL	Patrick Neal	#451	12/12	38	3.5	1	1	0
DL	Jake McDonough	#87	12/11	32	2	2.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Josh Lenz	12	68	5.7	0	Josh Lenz	24	525	21.9	0
					Jarvis West	18	458	25.4	0

	RU	ISU		RU	ISU		RU	ISU		RU	ISU
QB	-	1/2	RB	-	-	WR	✔	-	CCH	✔	-

Both are quality motivators, but Schiano has impressed us with past bowl experiences.

	RU	ISU	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	-	✔	RU avg 6-5 295, 3 Sr, 30 sk all'd (6.7%), 2.6 ypc. ISU avg 6-4 315, 2 Sr, 24 sk all'd (5.4%), 4.3 ypc.
DL	✔ 1/2	-	RU avg 6-4 266, 2 Sr, 16.5 of tm 33 sks, 3.9 ypc. ISU avg 6-3 274, 3 Sr, 13.5 of tm 17 sks, 4.0 ypc.
LB	1/2	-	Greene #1 tkl'r w/127, 11 tfl, Beauharnais #2, 15 tfl. Knott #1 tkl'r w/107, 4 tfl, Klein #2 w/101.
DB	-	-	RU #21 pass eff D, 168 ypg (53%), 8-17 ratio. ISU #22 pass eff D, 237 ypg (57%), 16-11 ratio.

	RU	ISU			RU	ISU
Turf/ Crowd	✔✔ 1/2	-	Schiano's goal is to make Rutgers NYC's tm and the Scarlet Knights ply'd Army here TY.			
MTCH	✔	-	ISU has 5'7" and 5'10" CB's and now has to face Rutgers with several 6'2"+ rec's.			
INT	-	-	ISU has shown they can win as a dog, while RU does well in bowls.			
ST	✔	-	SCH	-	✔✔✔✔	

OVERALL - RUTGERS by 3 ✔'s

First meeting between these 2 schools who return to a bowl here after a year away from the postseason. The Knights have been to 5 bowls under HC Schiano going 4-1 SU/ATS while this is the 2nd bowl for ISU HC Rhoads who pulled the 14-13 upset (+2) over Minnesota in the '09 Insight Bowl. The HC's are familiar with one another as Rhoads was Pitt's DC from '00-'07 with the Panthers 5-3 SU/3-5 ATS (lost L/3 SU). Iowa St has a large sked edge (#3-85) and these two had a common opp in Conn as the Cyclones came back from a HT deficit to pull out the win while the Knights were blasted 40-22 as they turned the ball over 6x's. The Knights have also made a trip to Yankee Stadium TY as they beat Army 27-12 (-9) on Nov 12. Rutgers has ply'd 6 bowl squads going 4-2 SU/ATS but while they outscored those opp by a 27-20 clip, they were only outgained by 13 ypg. ISU was 2-6 SU/5-3 ATS vs bowl foes being outscored by 37-23 and outgained 484-389. The Knights did struggle away from home going just 2-3 SU (3-2 ATS). ISU went 2-4 SU/4-2 ATS on the road. RU went 3-2 ATS as a fav TY while the Cyclones were 7-3 ATS as a dog (10 of 11 gms vs FBS tms). Rutgers has 7 Sr st'rs among 15 upperclassmen. ISU has 10 Sr's and 17 upperclassmen.

Rutgers has our #82 off avg 26 ppg and 337 ypg. QB was a big question TY as both Dodd and Nova saw action which could be the case here as Schiano hasn't committed to either as of yet. The 2 QB's comb for a poor 20-16 ratio while completing just 54% of their passes. Jamison has been forced to take the bulk of the RB carries after a midseason inj to true Fr Huggins interrupted his rookie campaign (could return here). Jamison's biggest gm came late in the ssn when he rushed for a career-best 200 yds vs Cincy. The most prolific player on the Knights offense is WR Sanu who broke Larry Fitzgerald's BE record for rec's in a ssn. Billed as a potential 1st rounder in the next draft, Sanu has recorded DD catches in half of his gms TY. The OL avg 6'5" 295 but paved the way for just 92 ypg rush with just a 2.6 ypc (115th in NCAA) while all'g 30 sks (6.7%). The reason why the Knights found success TY was due to their #29 def. The unit all'd just 19 ppg and 314 ypg, both #1 in the BE. The DL avg 6'4" 266 and surrendered 147 rush ypg (3.9) while recording 16.5 of the tm's 33 sks. The LB corps is what makes this def great led by the duo of Greene and Beauharnais who both posted DD tfl. RU has our #21 pass eff def rating all'g 168 ypg (53%) with a splendid 8-17 ratio (only LSU and Bama all'd fewer TD passes). Rutgers #31 ST's is a bit of a surprise considering San San Te missed 10 of his 28 FG att's.

Even after a 3-0 start ISU still looked as though they would need to pull some upsets to make it back to the postseason due to a deep B12 conf and got them vs TT and the monumental one vs #2 OKSt. JC QB Jantz led the Cyclones to comeback wins in their 1st 3 but inj'd his foot vs Conn and wasn't the same ply'r after. Vs TT the Cyclones went to rFr Barnett and his mobility sparked the off to life as they ran for 229 (4.7) in the L/5 vs 147 (3.9) in the 1st 7 with Jantz under C. White stepped in for an inj'd Johnson to become the #1 rusher although he missed the finale (shoulder, CS). Reynolds led a deep WR unit (6 with 20+ catches). The OL (6'4" 315 avg) paved the way for 181 rush ypg (4.3) while all'g 24 sks (5.4%) with future NFL DC Osemele protecting the blind side at LT. OC Herman was Urban Meyer's first hire at OSU but he will stay on staff here for the bowl. ISU has our #76 off and #45 D as they held their L/6 opp (4 top 15 off) to 23.8 ppg The Cyclones are undermanned up front allowing 195 rush ypg (4.6) which is the 2nd worst numbers among BCS bowl tms TY. The LB unit however is solid with Knott and B12's Co-Def POY Klein both going over the 100 tkl barrier. ISU is #22 pass eff D (237, 57%, 16-11) with the top cover corner Johnson possibly playing on Sundays next yr. The standouts on our #47 ST include P Van Der Kamp (42.7 avg), KR West (25.4) and K Guyer (9-12 L/43). ISU avg'd just 6.7 on PR and all'd 21.0 on KR and 6.9 on PR.

While both tms may look to run first, when we match them up we expect a higher scoring gm. The total has averaged 68 ppg in Rutgers L/3 bowl games, while ISU prefers a fast-paced gm which adds to the amount of plays being run. NYC will bring the best out in both, and with extra prep time, we expect many trick plays and new twists to the offenses and special teams.

FORECAST: OVER Rutgers/Iowa St — RATING: 1★

WAKE FOREST (6-6) — MUSIC CITY BOWL — MISS ST (6-6)

Dec 30 • 6:40 pm ESPN • LP Field • Nashville, TN

POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
WAKE FOREST	145	215	18	1.6	–	100.2
MISSISSIPPI ST	195	200	26	1.1	–	101.3

DEMON DEACONS — ATS: 7-5 O/U: 6-6

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Brandon Pendergrass	#115	12/4	164	802	52	750	4	4.6
Josh Harris	#296	8/5	101	453	21	432	3	4.3
Orville Reynolds	#108	4/0	26	115	14	101	0	3.9
PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Tanner Price	#136	12/12	376	229	60.9	2803	20	6
Ted Stachitas	#52	6/0	26	18	69.2	152	0	1
RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	
CHRIS GIVENS	#101	12/11	74	1276	17.2	9	79	
Michael Campanaro	#42	11/8	63	705	11.2	2	41	
Danny Dembry	#110	12/4	35	419	12.0	1	40	
Terence Davis	#218	12/1	20	269	13.4	5	44	
Cameron Ford	#163	12/9	12	99	8.2	3	21	
PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Alex Wulfeck		12	62	2460	39.7	21	36.3	0	12
KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Jimmy Newman	#26	12	37-39	8-8	6-8	2-4	0-0	16-20	46
POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
S	Cyhl Quarles	–	12/12	96	0	1	9	8
LB	Kyle Wilber	#167	12/12	65	3.5	7	1	0
DB	Merrill Noel	#110	12/12	59	0	1	19	1
DL	Nikita Whitlock	#176	12/12	58	3	9.5	1	0
LB	Mike Olson	#141	12/2	57	0	6	1	0
S	JOSH BUSH	–	12/12	56	0	2	5	6
LB	Justin Jackson	#120	12/12	52	1	5.5	2	0
LB	Scott Betros	#51	12/10	52	0	3.5	2	0
LB	Joey Ehrmann	#93	12/12	50	0	2.5	0	1
LB	Riley Haynes	#125	12/10	49	1	5	2	0
DL	Zach Thompson	#114	12/12	37	0.5	2.5	1	0
DB	Kenny Orko	#186	12/12	37	0	0	9	1
LB	Tristan Dorty	#312	11/10	36	0	1.5	1	0
DB	AJ Marshall	#54	12/2	32	0	1	4	0
PUNT RETURNS		NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS		NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Michael Campanaro	8	76	9.5	1	Lovell Jackson	31	659	21.3	0

BULLDOGS — ATS: 6-6 O/U: 5-7

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Vick Ballard	#16JC	12/12	179	1045	36	1009	8	5.6
LaDarius Perkins	#99	12/0	81	435	28	407	2	5.0
Chris Relf	#87	10/8	108	413	102	311	2	2.9
PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Chris Relf	#87	10/8	171	102	59.6	1083	9	7
Tyler Russell	#7	9/4	129	69	53.5	1034	8	4
Dylan Favre	#90	9/0	26	13	50.0	119	1	0
RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	
Arceto Clark	#132	12/12	28	404	14.4	3	37	
Chad Bumphis	#21	12/12	24	342	14.2	3	78	
Chris Smith	#53	12/10	30	283	9.4	2	24	
Marcus Green	#193	12/7	11	188	17.1	1	50	
Vick Ballard	#16JC	12/12	18	178	9.9	1	18	
Malcolm Johnson	#170	10/1	10	169	16.9	3	32	
Ricco Sanders	#44	11/0	15	163	10.9	1	22	
PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Baker Swedenburg	#12	12	66	2764	41.9	20	38.0	0	17
KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Derek DePasquale	–	12	34-34	5-5	4-6	2-5	0-1	11-17	42
POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	Cameron Lawrence	#55	12/12	114	2	4	5	2
S	Charles Mitchell	#19	12/12	92	1	2	3	0
LB	Brandon Wilson	#395	12/12	92	0.5	1.5	0	0
LB	Deontae Skinner	#67	12/10	67	0	7	0	0
DB	Johnthan Banks	#106	12/12	64	3	4.5	9	5
S	Wade Bonner	#123	12/5	60	1	0	2	0
DL	Josh Boyd	#38	12/11	50	3.5	3.5	0	0
DB	Corey Broomfield	#256	12/11	50	0	3	5	0
DL	Fletcher Cox	#27	11/11	49	4	8.5	0	0
DL	Sean Ferguson	#260	11/11	39	2	2.5	0	0
PUNT RETURNS		NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS		NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Johnthan Banks	16	166	10.4	1	LaDarius Perkins	15	350	23.3	0
Chad Bumphis	5	112	22.4	1	Jameon Lewis	18	293	16.3	0

	WF	MSU		WF	MSU		WF	MSU
QB	-	-	RB	✔1/2		WR	1/2	-

	WF	MSU	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	-	1/2	WF avg 6-5 314, 4 Sr, 29 sk all'd (7.1%), 3.3 ypc. MSU avg 6-4 303, 3 Sr, 24 sk all'd (7.3%), 4.3 ypc.
DL	✔1/2	-	WF avg 6-2 257, 1 Sr, 4 of tm 10 sks, 4.4 ypc. MSU avg 6-4 280, 1 Sr, 13.5 of tm 21 sks, 3.9 ypc.
LB	-	✔	Wilber #1 tkl'r w/65, 10.5 tfl, Olson #5, 6 tfl. Lawrence #1 tkl'r w/114, 6 tfl, Wilson #3 w/92.
DB	-	-	WF #49 pass eff D, 236 ypg (57%), 21-11 ratio. MSU #63 pass eff D, 195 ypg (66%), 12-12 ratio.

	CCH	1/2	-	Veteran gets an edge over the up-and-comer and perhaps next coach to move.
	Turf/Crowd	-	✔1/2	SEC country plus Miss St will bring the loud and rowdy fans they're accustomed to.
	MTCH	-	✔✔	MSU's heavy OL vs WF lite DL. Miss St avgs 38 ppg when they rush for 150+ yds.
	INT	-	✔	Both tms 6-6 and need a win to save the season.
	ST	-	-	SCH	-	✔

OVERALL - MISS ST by 8 ✔'s

First meeting. WF is bowl eligible for the 1st time S/'08, a 29-19 (-3) win over Navy. The Deacons broke a 3 game losing streak which include leading ND 17-10 1H and Clem 28-14 in 3Q. They finally clinched with a 38-10 win over MD but then were crushed by SEC Vandy 41-7 in their home finale (Vandy was 5-6 coming in). TY marks the 4th time WF has 5 wins in ACC play. This is MSU's 1st appearance here selling thru their ticket allotment in just a day and their famous cowbells have already been approved by the bowl. It is the 1st time MSU has been in B2B bowls S/'99-'00 and it is Mullen's 2nd bowl gm as a HC. LY they had a dominating 52-14 (-3') win over Mich. Wake is 6-3 SU/2-3 ATS all-time in bowls. This is HC Grobe's 11th year at Wake and his 5th bowl (3-1 SU/ATS). WF faced 7 bowl caliber tms being outscored 34-23 and outgained 461-346 going 2-5 SU but 4-3 ATS. The Bulldogs were 3-3 SU/2-4 ATS on the road TY outscoring their bowl foes 28-24 and outgaining them 402-370. MSU went 1-6 SU/2-5 ATS vs bowl tms getting outscored 27-16 and outgained 376-274. The Deacs have 10 Sr st'rs among 16 upperclassmen while the Bulldogs have 10 Sr starters among 18 upperclassmen.

WF has our #66 off avg 27 ppg and 375 ypg. HC Grobe switched to a heavy pass off after finishing in the Top 5 in the ACC in rushing 6 of the L/8Y incl #1 in '03 and '05. After throwing for 1,349 yds (57%) with a 7-8 ratio as a Fr LY, Price, who has been compared to a underdeveloped Kellen Moore, nearly doubled his output in his 2nd year passing for 2,803 yds (61%) with an outstanding 20-6 ratio. His top target is 1st Tm ACC Givens who broke R Proehl single ssn rec'd ('98) with 1,276 yds (17.2). RB Harris was leading the tm in rushing but battled inj with only 10 carries in a 4 gm span before Grobe sat him the L/3. Sr Pendergrass stepped in with 750 yds (4.6). Grobe said after the ND loss, "if we find a run game I will have died and gone to heaven." Although the OL is the biggest in school hist (6'5" 314) they paved the way for just 119 rush ypg (3.3) while all'g 29 sks. WF has our #73 def all'g 28 ppg and 399 ypg with just 10 sks. The undersized DL (6'2" 257) is all'g 163 rush ypg (4.4). They are led by 2nd Tm ACC NG Whitlock (12.5 tfl) who was the Texas DPOY in HS but was overlooked by everyone (5'11") but Wake. The LB corps is a veteran group led by Sr Wilber. Wake is #49 in our pass D rankings lead by ACC ROY Noel who leads the FBS with 20 pd while 1st Tm ACC Bush is 2nd in the ACC with 6 int and S Quarles leads the tm with 96 tkls (30+ more than the #2). The Deacons have our #71 ST's unit as K Newman hit 16-20 (L/46) and P Wulfeck is avg 39.7 (36.3 net) with 12 In20. Top KR Jackson (21.3) was lost for the L/2 with inj while PR Campanaro had a 50 yd PR TD vs Clem. The cover units are all'g 5.8 on PR and 21.4 on KR.

MSU was coming off a 9-4 ssn and returning 16 st'rs with hopes of contending in the SEC West TY but those dreams and the great play of QB Relf seemed to be squashed at the 1-inch line on the final 2 plays vs Aub. The Bulldogs are just 3-12 in SEC West play under Mullen but those 3 W's have all come vs in-state rival Ole Miss. After spending 5 days in a ice bath Relf started the LSU gm but from that point on Mullen used 3 diff QB's incl Russell (passer) and Favre (combo) as he rotates his QB's similar to what most tms sub their RB/WR's. RB Ballard after scoring 19 TD's LY got off to a fast start w/301 yds (9.7) the 1st 2 gms but only avg 63 ypg in the next 9 gms before running for 144 yds (6.3) in the finale. The WR's despite returning their top 4 from LY are mediocre with not much size (5'11" 195) or spd. The OL was banged up early losing RG Smith (OFY) in the LSU gm and many ply'rs had to learn multiple pos in order to find the right combo of 5 on the field. The OL avg 6'4" 303 with 3 Sr st'rs but struggled avg 169 rush ypg (4.3) after avg 222 rush ypg (4.7) the L/2Y and gave up 24 sks (7.3%). Overall they have our #56 off while the D ranks #40. The DL avg 6'4" 280 with 1 Sr st'r and are led by DT Cox (#8 SEC tfl) who was named the SEC DL POW 3x. LB Lawrence (#3 SEC tkls) leads a LB corps while the secondary came into the ssn the most exp'd in the country but finished a mediocre #63 in our pass D all'g 195 ypg (66%) with a 12-12 ratio. CB Banks did lead with 14 pd (#2 SEC). The ST's rank #67 as K DePasquale struggled incl missing 2 key FG's vs SC. The PR's are solid w/2 PR TD's and P Swedenburg was the most consistent ply'r on ST's according to Mullen.

First off, we'll favor a physical SEC team vs a quirky ACC team. When comparing the teams numbers, MSU has played 4 tms which we rank in our Top 10 in defense and they avg'd under 10 ppg, as they also rushed for under 100 yds. Against weaker SEC tms that they rushed for 150+ yds, they avg'd 38 ppg and they'll be able to do that vs the smallish WF def front that's all'g 4.4 ypc.

FORECAST: MISS ST over Wake Forest   **RATING: 2★**

IOWA (7-5) — INSIGHT BOWL — OKLAHOMA (9-3)

Dec 30 • 10:00 pm ESPN • Sun Devil Stadium • Tempe, AZ

POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
IOWA	115	190	16	2.3	–	97.1
OKLAHOMA	150	325	27	2.8	✔	100.7

HAWKEYES — ATS: 5-7 O/U: 7-4

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Marcus Coker	#41	12/12	281	1417	33	1384	15	4.9
PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
James Vandenberg	#56	12/12	360	214	59.4	2803	23	6
AJ Derby	#10	8/0	6	3	50.0	30	0	1
RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	
MARVIN McNUTT	#43	12/12	76	1269	16.3	12	88	
Keenan Davis	#14	11/11	45	637	14.2	4	47	
Kevonte Martin-Manley	#183	12/2	39	302	10.4	3	25	
Marcus Coker	#41	12/12	21	157	7.5	0	19	
CJ Fiedorowicz	#3	12/4	12	144	12.0	2	24	
Zach Derby	#155	12/5	12	117	9.8	0	20	
PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Eric Guthrie	#84	12	47	1916	40.8	20	38.2	0	18
KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Mike Meyer	#134	12	42-42	6-7	3-4	4-6	1-3	14-20	50
POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	James Morris	#42	11/11	105	0	3.5	1	1
LB	Christian Kirksey	#184	12/12	103	1	3	3	1
S	Jordan Bernstine	#11	11/10	83	1	2	2	0
S	Tanner Miller	#490	12/10	71	0	3	3	3
CB	Micah Hyde	#202	12/12	68	0	1.5	7	3
LB	Tyler Nielsen	#9	11/11	65	1	3	1	0
DL	Thomas Nardo	#243	9/7	62	0.5	6	2	0
DL	Mike Daniels	#451	12/12	62	7	3.5	1	0
DL	Broderick Binns	#31	12/12	59	5	7	8	0
CB	SHAUN PRATER	#132	12/12	46	1	0	3	1
DL	Dominic Alvis	#501	9/8	30	1.5	2	1	0
DL	Lebron Daniel	#121	10/4	26	1	6	1	0
DL	Steve Bigach	#233	11/5	23	1	3	0	0
LB	Anthony Hitchens	#374	7/0	22	0	1	0	0
LB	Tom Donatell	#467	6/2	17	0	1	0	0
PUNT RETURNS		NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS		NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Micah Hyde	12	88	7.3	0	Jordan Bernstine	27	658	24.4	0

SOONERS — ATS: 6-6 O/U: 6-6

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Dominique Whaley	–	7/4	113	664	37	627	9	5.5
Roy Finch	#16	12/5	105	619	18	601	3	5.7
Brennan Clay	#7	10/4	66	241	11	230	1	3.5
Brandon Williams	#5	8/1	46	235	16	219	0	4.8
TREY MILLARD	#19	12/3	20	152	4	148	2	7.4
Blake Bell	#3	6/0	34	125	5	120	10	3.5
PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Landry Jones	#3	12/12	537	339	63.1	4302	28	14
RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	
RYAN BROYLES	#41	9/9	83	1157	13.9	10	64	
Kenny Stills	#13	10/9	58	818	14.1	8	58	
Jaz Reynolds	#108	10/5	41	715	17.4	5	62	
James Hanna	#25	12/10	25	363	14.5	2	54	
Roy Finch	#16	12/5	32	264	8.2	0	47	
Dejuan Miller	#21	12/3	22	245	11.1	1	23	
Trey Franks	#148	10/2	20	187	9.4	0	24	
PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Tress Way	#29	12	57	2347	41.2	16	36.9	0	33
KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Mike Hunnicutt	#52	11	51-52	12-13	4-6	3-3	1-1	20-23	53
Jimmy Stevens	#3	2	6-7	3-3	1-1	0-0	4-4	31
POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
S	Aaron Colvin	#144	11/9	80	0.5	4	6	0
LB	Travis Lewis	#49	11/10	79	0	2	2	4
S	Tony Jefferson	#6	12/10	67	4.5	3	2	4
LB	Tom Wort	#11	11/10	66	3.5	1	1	1
DL	RONNELL LEWIS	#6	10/9	59	5.5	7.5	5	1
LB	Corey Nelson	#6	12/6	56	5.5	2.5	4	0
DB	JAMELL FLEMING	#38	10/10	53	0	4	7	1
DL	FRANK ALEXANDER	#120	12/12	51	8.5	6	1	0
DB	Demontre Hurst	#134	12/12	51	0	4	10	1
PUNT RETURNS		NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS		NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ryan Broyles	19	196	10.3	0	Trey Franks	20	452	22.6	0

	UI	OU		UI	OU		UI	OU
QB	-	✔1/2	RB	1/2	-	WR	-	1/2

	UI	OU	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	✔	✔	UI avg 6-5 291, 2 Sr, 26 sk all'd (7.1%), 4.1 ypc. OU avg 6-5 299, 1 Sr, 9 sk all'd (1.6%), 4.6 ypc.
DL	-	✔	UI avg 6-2 269, 3 Sr, 16 of tm 20 sks, 3.7 ypc. OU avg 6-3 284, 1 Sr, 17.5 of tm 37 sk, 3.8 ypc.
LB	-	✔	Morris #1 tkl'r w/105, 3.5 tfl, Kirksey #2 w/103. Lewis #2 tkl'r w/79, 2 tfl, Jefferson #3, 7.5 tfl.
DB	-	✔✔1/2	UI #91 pass eff D, 228 ypg (62%), 20-9 ratio. OU #9 pass eff D, 244 ypg (55%), 16-13 ratio.

	CCH	1/2	-	No edge as a pair of tenured HC's face off after disappointing seasons.
	Turf/Crowd	-	-	OU wants no part of an Arizona bowl, but not sure there will be enough Iowa fans to garner an edge.
	MTCH	-	✔	OU is better on both of and offense is obvious in this checklist but no distinct matchup edges.
	INT	✔✔✔		OU was pressn #1 and now falls here and while UI not happy, they like dog role.
	ST	-	-	SCH	-	✔✔

OVERALL - OKLAHOMA by 8 ✔'s

Only 1 prior meeting, a 21-6 Sooners win in 1979 when the current OU HC was on the field in a Hawks uniform. Stoops is an Iowa alum who was a candidate for the HC job 13Y ago before Ferentz was hired. Ferentz is 6-3 SU/7-2 ATS in bowls (6-1 as a dog) and the Hawks are 4-1 SU/5-0 ATS vs current B12 squads in bowls incl LY's upset of Missouri in the Insight Bowl with Stoops in the stands wearing Black and Gold. The OU boss is 6-6 SU/4-8 ATS in bowls incl 1-2 as a DD fav. This is the Sooners first trip to the Insight though they've been to its sister Fiesta Bowl in 3 of the L/5 and it's only the 2nd time they've faced a B10 tm in a bowl (14-6 win over Mich '75 Orange). Iowa has struggled on the road the L2Y going 2-8 ATS including 1-4 SU/ATS TY (outscored by 3 ppg and outgained by 33 ypg). OU went 3-2 SU/2-3 ATS on the road TY outscoring foes by 8 ppg and outgaining them by 142 ypg. Iowa has 9 Sr's among 16 upperclassmen st'rs while the Sooners have just 5 Sr's among 14 upperclassmen st'rs.

Despite low pressn expectations, Iowa controlled its own destiny in the Legends Division before being stomped by MSU at home and losing 2 of their L/3. The Hawks #61 off is led by QB Vandenberg who led the B10 in passing ypg (234) while finishing 4th in pass eff. Using a hurry up offense he threw 3 4Q TD's vs Pitt directing Iowa's biggest comeback ever rallying from a 24-7 deficit with just over 12:00 left in a 31-27 win. B10's WR of the Yr 6'4" McNutt led the conf in rec ypg, TD rec and was 2nd in rec/gm. Workhorse Coker was the B10's #2 rusher and due to inj's had 281 carries while the #2 rusher had just 18. After struggling early he ran for at least 124 yds in 5 of 8 conf gms. Despite the presence of All-B10 LT Reiff the Hawks OL (6'5" 291 avg) was disappointing as Iowa finished last in the league in rushing while allowing 26 sks (7.1%). Iowa's #47 D had to replace 7 st'rs incl 3 NFL DC DL. The relatively undersized unit (6'2" 269) allowed 173 rush ypg (4.0) in conf play. DT Daniels and DE Binns still earned All-Conf honors. LB's Morris (ankle) and Nielsen (hand) were banged up with the two switching spots when Nielsen played with a club. Iowa is #91 pass eff D (228, 62%, 20-9) led by 1st Tm B10 CB Prater and Hyde whose experiment at FS lasted 2 gms. Iowa's ST was mediocre (#45) with K Meyer hitting 14-20 incl 2 costly misses in a 1 pt loss to Minnesota. P Guthrie was #2 B10 net (38.2) with opp's returning just 12 of his 47 boots. The coverage units were strong (PR 5.1, KR 20.9) while Bernstine was the #1 KR (24.4) and Hyde was #1 PR (7.3).

OU began its quest for the school's 8th National Title #1 in the pressn AP poll. The Sooners coasted in their 1st 6 winning by 30 ppg behind the passing combo of Jones and 2x Biletnikoff finalist Broyles. Broyles, who was used all over the field to create mismatches, became the NCAA's all-time rec leader before his career ending knee inj vs A&M. To make matters worse OU lost its top TB Whaley (brk ankle) vs KSU. Without their #1 rec and rusher in the L/3 they went from avg 45 ppg to 25 ppg despite the addition of the "Bell-Dozier" formation. In it OU uses 6'6" 245 QB Bell as a goal line Wildcat QB where he scored 10 TD. The staff now has all of Dec to figure out how to replace the duo's production. Luckily they have a talented OL (6'5" 299) which paved the way for a 4.6 ypc (LY's 3.3 was program low) and all'd just 9 sks (1.6%). The Sooners have our #11 off and #7 D. Inj's also affected the D as the Sooners were without multitalented DE Lewis (knee, CS) for the L/2. They did have the B12's sk and tfl leader Alexander. OU all'd 140 rush ypg (3.8) and their 37 sks were T-#7 FBS. After the tragic offssn loss of emotional leader Austin Box, Lewis shook off an Aug foot inj to lead the LB's in tkls. OU is #9 pass eff D (244, 55%, 16-13) but the secondary took the brunt of the heat for allowing 385 ypg (55%) with a 7-0 ratio in their 3 losses including the GW TD pass vs Baylor. OU is #30 in ST with K Hunnicutt hitting 20-23 L/53. P Way had a 36.9 net with 33 In20. They must find a replacement for Broyles at PR (10.3). Franks is the #1 KR (22.6) with the Sooners allow 11.0 PR and 20.0 KR.

Lineup the teams on Oct 1 and we're backing the Sooners. However, now we'll fade them after attrition has hit both their top RB and WR. OU is 0-3 as a fav in non-BCS bowls while Iowa and Ferentz have excelled as a bowl dog covering 5 straight while winning 4 of those outright. While you may perceive Iowa as a stodgy B10 running tm, their skill players may surprise you here.

FORECAST: IOWA (+) over Oklahoma   **RATING: 3★**

TEXAS A&M (6-6) — CAR CARE BOWL — NORTHWESTERN (6-6)

Dec 31 • 12:00 pm ESPN • Reliant Stadium • Houston, TX

POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
TEXAS A&M	205	290	37	2.5	✓✓✓	100.6
NORTHWESTERN	105	270	26	2.1	–	96.9

AGGIES — ATS: 3-9 O/U: 7-5

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Cyrus Gray	#13	11/5	198	1105	60	1045	12	5.3
Christine Michael	#6	9/6	149	920	21	899	8	6.0
Ryan Tannehill	#81	12/12	55	338	42	296	4	5.4
Ben Malena	#31	12/1	44	195	13	182	2	4.1

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Ryan Tannehill	#83	12/12	491	300	61.1	3415	28	14

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Ryan Swope	#59	12/9	81	1102	13.6	11	79
Jeff Fuller	#14	12/11	63	709	11.3	5	29
Uzoma Nwachukwu	#43	12/12	45	572	12.7	2	47
Cyrus Gray	#13	11/5	31	239	7.7	3	26
Malcome Kennedy	#108	12/0	11	140	12.7	0	26
Hutson Prioleau	#25	12/3	13	133	10.2	1	32
Michael Lamothe	#156	12/5	14	109	7.8	3	18
Brandal Jackson	#54	12/1	8	108	13.5	0	22
Nehemiah Hicks	#129	11/7	12	106	8.8	0	25

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	BLK	In20
Ryan Epperson	#81	12	48	1965	40.9	35.6	6(t)	0	18

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Randy Bullock	#18	12	52-54	9-9	5-6	10-12	1-2	25-29	52

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	Jonathan Stewart	#65	12/12	89	2	2.5	1	0
LB	Sean Porter	#173	12/12	73	8.5	7.5	1	0
FS	Trent Hunter	#182	12/12	73	1	1.5	8	2
LB	Damontre Moore	#101	11/9	63	7.5	8	1	0
LB	Steven Jenkins	#52JC	12/5	52	1	2	2	0
CB	Terrance Frederick	#416	12/12	49	2	4	12	1
DL	Tony Jerod-Eddie	#43	12/12	48	4	2	1	0
DL	Lionel Smith	#224	12/6	44	1	1	6	0
DL	Spencer Nealy	#303	12/8	44	1.5	6	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG		KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LNG
Dustin Harris	14	281	20.1	1	Dustin Harris	14	321	22.9	0
Kenric McNeal	13	100	7.7	0	Coryell Judie	8	201	25.1	0

WILDCATS — ATS: 5-7 O/U: 6-6

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kain Colter	#50	12/6	118	683	94	589	8	5.0
Jacob Schmidt	#506	12/11	102	468	3	465	6	4.6
Treyvon Green	#185	12/0	94	355	6	349	4	3.7
Adonis Smith	#113	8/0	66	273	7	266	3	4.0
Mike Trumpy	#78	3/0	35	187	5	182	1	5.2

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Dan Persa	#53	9/9	260	193	74.2	2163	17	7
Kain Colter	#50	12/6	79	53	67.1	660	5	1
Trevor Siemian	#43	8/0	26	16	61.5	256	3	1

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Jeremy Ebert	#223	12/12	71	1025	14.4	11	90
DRAKE DUNSMORE	#73	12/10	43	509	11.8	6	69
Kain Colter	#50	12/6	40	454	11.4	3	57
Demetrius Fields	#326	12/9	25	309	12.4	3	50
Jacob Schmidt	#506	12/11	20	198	9.9	0	20
Christian Jones	#71	12/7	16	195	12.2	0	39
Rashad Lawrence	#123	12/5	16	175	10.9	1	35

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	BLK	In20
Brandon Williams	#144	12	44	1782	40.5	9	35.1	0	11

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Jeff Budzien	#2	12	48-48	2-3	2-2	2-5	0-0	6-10	47

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
S	Ibraheim Campbell	#85	12/10	89	0	2.5	4	2
S	BRIAN PETERS	#443	12/12	85	1	3	4	4
LB	David Nwabuisi	#295	12/11	79	1	7	2	0
LB	Bryce McNaul	#41	11/6	68	0	4	1	1
CB	Jordan Mabin	#55	12/12	62	0	0	5	1
LB	Damien Proby	#96	12/6	53	1	1.5	0	0
CB	Jeravin Matthews	#185	12/10	51	0	0.5	2	1
DL	Vince Browne	#73	12/6	35	3	5.0	0	0
DL	Jack DiNardo	#29	10/9	32	3	3.5	2	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG		KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LNG
Venric Mark	6	77	12.8	0	Venric Mark	33	77	23.5	0

	A&M	NW		A&M	NW		A&M	NW		A&M	NW
QB	-	✓	RB	✓1/2	-	WR	✓	-	CCH	-	✓✓✓

Big edge to Northwestern with Fitzgerald vs an interim head coach for A&M.

	A&M	NW	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	✓✓	-	A&M avg 6-4 306, 0 Sr, 8 sk all'd (1.6%), 5.2 ypc. NW avg 6-5 301, 1 Sr, 34 sk all'd (9.3%), 3.9 ypc.
DL	✓✓	-	A&M avg 6-3 296, 1 Sr, 13.5 of tm 43 sks, 2.7 ypc. NW avg 6-4 281, 1 Sr, 11 of tm 16 sks, 4.6 ypc.
LB	✓✓1/2	-	Stewart #1 tckl r w/89, 4.5 tfl, Porter #2, 16 tfl. Nwabuisi 3 tckl r w/79, 8 tfl, McNaul #4, 4 tfl.
DB	✓1/2	-	A&M #55 pass eff D, 281 ypg (62%), 18-7 ratio. NW #97 pass eff D, 222 ypg (60%), 15-11 ratio.

Turf/ Crowd	✓✓	-	Despite the disappointing ssn, Aggie fans will still clearly outnumber Wildcat fans.
MTCH	✓	-	A&M's potent pass offense will be able to move the ball vs N'western's #97 pass D.
INT	-	✓✓✓	A&M had pressn BCS hopes. NW's pressn goal was to win a bowl.
ST	✓✓✓	-	
SCH	✓✓	-	

OVERALL - TEXAS A&M by 10' ✓'s

In the 1st meeting between these programs one long postssn losing streak will end as A&M has lost their L/5 SU/ATS with their lone SU win S/'95 (1-9) coming in the defunct Galleryfurniture.com Bowl which was played in the Astrodome. The Ags are 1-4 SU/2-3 ATS vs B10 tms in bowls. NW is in its 4th str bowl under Fitzgerald. He has made it a primary goal to get the program's 2nd ever bowl win as they've lost their L/8 S/'48. The Ags are expected to be cch'd here by DC DeRuyter after HC Sherman got the ax but a new HC may be hired prior to the bowl. College Station is less than a 2 hr drive from Houston so Maroon should flood the stands but Fitzgerald is familiar with the terrain making an estimated 100 recruiting trips over the yrs to the area as 5 Cats are from Houston. A&M was 1-4 SU/0-5 ATS on the road TY but were only outscored by 1 ppg while outgaining foes 498-386. NW was 3-3 SU/4-2 ATS on the road outscoring foes 32-30 and outgaining them 440-433. The Aggies were fav'd in 11 TY (3-8 ATS) while the Cats went 3-1 as an AD. A&M went 3-6 SU/2-7 ATS vs bowl tms outscoring them 37-32 and outgaining them 509-414. NW was 1-5 SU/2-4 ATS vs bowl squads getting outscored 35-27 and outgaining them 429-418. The Aggies have 7 Sr st'r among 17 upperclassmen while the Cats have 10 Sr's and 16.

The Aggies had their highest pressn ranking S/'99 but blew DD leads in 5 of their 6 losses which led to Sherman's dismissal. QB Tannehill was inconsistent with 12 of his B12 leading 14 int's coming in A&M's losses. A&M looked to be on their to having a pair of 1,000 yd rushers for the 1st time in schl hist before bruiser Michael was OFY (ACL) vs OU. Gray topped the 1,000 yd summit vs Kan before suffering his own knee inj and is '50/50' for the bowl (CS). LY's #1 rec Fuller turned down the NFL to come back but had a disappointing ssn ending with inj's and drops. Swope picked up the slack to set schl records in rec and rec yds. The talented OL (6'4" 306 avg) led the FBS in all'g just 8 sks (1.6%) and cleared the way for 209 rush ypg (5.2). The Ags have our #8 off and #18 D. The Wrecking Crew was active up front finishing T-#1 FBS sks (43) and #13 FBS rush D (106, 2.7) but frequently ran out of steam in the 2H allowing the comebacks. The top playmakers were LB Porter (#3 B12 tfl) and Joker Moore (#2 B12 tfl). The secondary was riddled with inj esp to top cover CB Judie who missed most of the B12 ssn. A&M finished #55 pass eff D (#113 FBS with 281, 62%, 18-7). The Ags #10 ST are led by Groza finalist K Bullock who hit a school rec'd 25-29. P Epperson had a poor 35.6 net with Harris' 20.1 PR would've led the league if he had enough att. Harris was the #1 KR (22.9) and A&M all'd 20.3 KR and 15.7 PR (#118 FBS).

2010's 1st Tm B10 QB Persa suffered a setback to his Achilles rehab which caused him to miss the ssn's 1st 3 gm's TY. Colter started the 1st 3 hitting 17-24-197 with 71 rush yds while winning his debut at BC. Persa hit 4 TD passes in his debut vs IL but after running for 519 yds and 9 TD in 2010, he ran for just 71 with 1 TD in 2011. Persa (#10 FBS pass eff) led the FBS in comp % for a 2nd str ssn. When he was inj'd vs Neb, Colter led the upset as he became the tm's playmaker at QB, WR and RB (#1 rusher). Schmidt was the #1 RB rusher with just 465 (4.6). WR Ebert (B10's #3 rec) and the league's TE of the Yr Dunsmore are 2 of the conf's best. The veteran OL in an inj riddled unit (6'5" 301 avg) ground out 176 rush ypg but its 3.9 ypc was the conf's worst. They also all'd 34 sks (9.3%) which was #102 FBS and the Cats have our #37 off. Two time B10 DPOY Fitzgerald was displeased with his #79 D for most of TY. Despite 3 Sr st'rs and up and comer DE Scott the Cats allowed 186 rush ypg (4.6) in B10 play. The LB's didn't settle on a starting 3 until gm #7 with only Nwabuisi starting more than 9 gms. NW is #97 pass eff D (222, 60%, 15-11) with S Peters earning All-Conf honors. Top cover CB Mabin will miss the bowl (shldr). The ST were #79 with top returnman Mark avg 23.5 KR and 12.8 PR. K Budzien hit just 6-10 and P Williams had a 35.1 net (#92 FBS). NW had all'd 15 ret yd on 5 P all ssn before MSU's Martin had a 57 yd PR TD late in the 1H of the finale while the KR unit all'd 18.8.

At first glance of NW's sked, you see a non-productive offense as they did not top 28 points in any of their L/4 gms. A closer look, however, shows on the road they avg'd 440 yds and now they're facing an A&M D that has been sieve-like in the 2H of gms losing 5 DD leads. When A&M has the ball, the off has avg'd 498 yds away from home and they are now facing our #97 pass eff D that is without a 4Y starting CB. N'Western's last 2 bowl gms have totaled 83 and 73 points while A&M's have totaled 65 and 64 vs SEC defenses.

FORECAST: OVER Texas A&M/Northwestern   RATING: 2★

UTAH (7-5) — SUN BOWL — GEORGIA TECH (8-4)

Dec 31 • 2:00 pm CBS • Sun Bowl • El Paso, TX

POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
UTAH	140	145	22	2.0	✓✓✓	93.5
GEORGIA TECH	265	105	22	2.8	–	97.1

UTES — ATS: 5-7 O/U: 5-7

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
John White	#84	12/12	290	1485	81	1404	14	4.8
Reggie Dunn	#76	12/8	13	144	8	136	0	10.5
Tauni Vakapuna	#525	10/0	31	112	8	104	1	3.4

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Jon Hays	#542	10/8	183	105	57.4	1266	9	7
Jordan Wynn	#52	4/4	116	66	56.9	727	6	2

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
DeVonte Christopher	#27	10/9	38	589	15.5	4	65
Dres Anderson	#147	12/4	23	355	15.4	3	59
Luke Matthews	#111	11/8	16	232	14.5	2	49
Reggie Dunn	#76	12/8	15	211	14.1	1	44
Dallin Rogers	#118	6/2	22	160	7.3	2	17
Kenneth Scott	#59	9/1	8	141	17.6	0	46

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	BLK	In20
Sean Sellwood	–	12	42	1855	44.2	16	39.2(t)	0	14
Nick Marsh	#66	12	20	810	40.5	7	–	1	8

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Coleman Petersen	–	12	34-35	3-5	10-10	4-9	0-0	17-24	48

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	Chaz Walker	#467	12/12	103	0	2.5	1	0
LB	Matt Martinez	–	12/12	76	2.5	5.5	1	2
DB	Brian Blechen	#92	12/12	72	2	5	2	3
DB	Eric Rowe	#175	12/12	66	1	0.5	9	1
DB	Ryan Lacy	#249	12/11	49	1	0	4	2
DL	DERRICK SHELBY	#451	12/12	45	5	4	7	1
DB	Trevor Reilly	#101	12/2	42	5	4	2	0
DL	STAR LOTULELEI	#221	12/12	38	1.5	7.5	1	0
DB	Conroy Black	#85	12/12	35	0	0	4	4
DB	Joe Kruger	#89	12/10	35	3	2	1	0
DB	Reggie Topps	#470	12/1	32	2	1.5	3	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG		KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LNG
Griff McNabb	20	125	6.2	0	Reggie Dunn	25	596	23.8	0
Charles Henderson	9	113	12.6	0					

YELLOW JACKETS — ATS: 4-6-2 O/U: 7-5

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tevin Washington	#136	12/12	222	1028	138	890	14	4.0
David Sims	#42	12/11	135	702	4	698	7	5.2
Orwin Smith	#102	11/10	60	632	16	616	11	10.3
Roddy Jones	#53	12/12	52	444	6	438	3	8.4
Embry Peeples	#70	12/2	38	433	11	422	2	11.1
Synjyn Days	#123	6/0	48	257	20	237	4	4.9
Preston Lyons	#351	10/0	39	202	0	202	1	5.2

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Tevin Washington	#136	12/12	135	63	46.7	1515	10	8
Synjyn Days	#123	6/0	12	8	66.7	198	0	0

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Stephen Hill	#97	12/12	26	785	30.2	4	82
Tyler Melton	#216	12/12	14	244	17.4	0	66
Orwin Smith	#102	11/10	13	306	23.5	1	67
Roddy Jones	#53	12/12	5	122	24.4	3	52
Tony Zenon	#354	8/1	3	104	34.7	1	73

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	BLK	In20
Sean Poole	–	12	31	1201	38.7	6	36.9(t)	0	5

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Justin Moore	#22	12	53-53	4-4	2-4	3-4	0-1	9-13	41

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	Julian Burnett	#185	12/12	113	1	8.5	3	0
FS	Isaiah Johnson	#87	12/12	69	0	1.5	3	3
CB	Rod Sweeting	#104	12/12	55	0	3	9	3
CB	Jeremiah Attaochu	#120	10/9	52	6	2.5	2	1
CB	Louis Young	#32	12/12	52	0	3	5	1
DE	Jason Peters	#15	12/12	40	2	0.5	2	0
LB	Steven Sylvester	#49	12/9	38	1	3	1	0
DT	Logan Walls	#81	12/12	32	0	3	1	0
LB	Daniel Drummond	#80	10/5	32	0	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG		KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LNG
Zach Laskey	11	94	8.5	0	Orwin Smith	18	352	19.6	0
Jemea Thomas	2	21	10.5	0	Tony Zenon	9	202	22.4	0

	UT	GT		UT	GT		UT	GT		UT	GT
QB	-	✓1/2	RB	✓1/2	-	WR	-	1/2	CCH	✓	-

While we rate the cch's even, Whittingham is 5-1 SU and 4-2 ATS in bowl gms.

	UT	GT	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	-	✓1/2	UT avg 6-4 306, 2 Sr, 31 sk all'd (10.3%), 3.7 ypc. GT avg 6-3 290, 0 Sr, 13 sk all'd (8.5%), 5.8 ypc.
DL	✓1/2	-	UT avg 6-4 291, 2 Sr, 13.5 of tm 30 sks, 2.9 ypc. GT avg 6-3 287, 2 Sr, 9 of tm 20 sks, 4.5 ypc.
LB	1/2	-	Walker #1 tckl r w/103, 2.5 tfl, Martinez #2, 8 tfl. Burnett #1 tckl r w/113, 9.5 tfl, Attaochu #4, 8.5 tfl.
DB	✓	-	UT #1 pass eff D, 246 ypg (56%), 17-19 ratio. GT #36 pass eff D, 198 ypg (57%), 20-13 ratio.

Turf/ Crowd	1/2	-	Utah still has new P12 excitement, while GT will struggle to sell even a min # of tix.
MTCH	✓	-	Favor a solid D team with extra time to prep for the option offense.
INT	✓	-	Both tms underachieved as 2 months ago, they were expecting more.
ST	✓✓	-	
SCH	✓1/2	-	

OVERALL - UTAH by 4 ✓'s

GT and Utah have met one time prior which also occurred in the postseason when the Utes upset the Yellow Jackets (+9) 38-10 in the Emerald Bowl in HC Whittingham's 1st yr taking over the reigns from Urban Meyer (Whittingham 5-1 SU/4-2 ATS in bowls with only outright loss coming LY to Boise). 9th consec bowl for Utah and 2nd visit to the Sun Bowl although that appearance was in '39 (26-0 win over NM). No common opp's faced TY but the Utes do have a solid sked edge of #27-73. The Utes were 4-2 SU (3-3 ATS) on the road TY but just 3-4 SU/ATS vs bowl caliber squads (outgained 340-309) but faced just one of those tms (UCLA) over their final 5 gms. Utah has 6 Sr st'rs among 18 upperclassmen while GT has 6 Sr's among 12 upperclassmen. This is a long distance for GT fans and last year sold tickets for $14 to attract a crowd.

The Utes have our #105 off that avg 25 ppg but just 309 ypg. The unit was dealt a blow early on with a ssn-ending inj to QB Wynn (out L/8). His replacement, JUCO Hays stepped in and did a serviceable job. OC Chow built his offense around another JUCO in RB White after Wynn's inj and it paid dividends as he finished #2 in the P12 in rushing with 7 gms of 100+ yds. White did suffer an ankle inj in the ssn finale loss to Colorado but is exp to be ready here which is huge considering he accounted for 85% of the Utes' rush yds (WR Dunn #2 on team). WR Christopher and Anderson comprised the WR unit although Christopher did miss 2 gms in the latter part of the yr with inj. The OL (6'4" 306) paved the way for 137 rush ypg (3.7) while all'g 31 sks (10.3%). The group is led by 3 yr st'rs C Stevens and RT Bergstrom. The Utah D (#16) had a solid year as they led the P12 in scoring def at 19.7 ppg while only all'g 343 ypg. The Utes feature a hybrid def that frequently uses both a 4-3 and 3-4 scheme. The 4 man DL unit avg 6'4" 291 and surrendered 97 rush ypg (2.9) TY, good for 7th best in the nation. They also chipped in 13.5 of the tm's 30 sks (45%). The LB unit is led by the Utes' #1 and #2 tckl'rs Walker and Martinez while Blechen (#3) split duties between LB and S. Utah has our #1 pass eff D all'g 246 ypg (56%) with a 17-19 ratio. The most impressive part of the D however had to be the health of the unit as no ply'r missed a gm the entire ssn. The ST's have our #19 rating led by the steady punting of Sellwood.

GT has our #23 off avg 35 ppg and 460 ypg. HC Johnson is a mastermind of the triple option calling plays without a clipboard with a keen eye for in gm adjustments but barely used his bread-and-butter early on. The GT offense dominated minor league foes (WC, NT and KU) scoring 181 pts, racking up 2,026 yds incl a schl rec'd 768 on KU and an ACC rec'd 604 rush. After 4 gms GT remarkably led the FBS in pass eff as QB Washington was 27-42-821 yds with an 8-1 ratio but struggled in ACC play. He finished the year with a 10-8 ratio and leads in rush and tallied a QB school rec'd 176 in their upset of Clem. Smith is an explosive player avg 10.3 ypc and 27.8 yd per rec with 12 TD. GT struggled to replace LY's Allen at BB but Sims emerged with just 698 (5.2). WR Hill was heralded as the next big WR and at times lived up to the billing (30.2 ypc) but had way too many drops. The OL (avg 6'3" 290) is led by 1st Tm ACC Uzzi who helped pave the way for 317 ypg (5.8) good for #7 in the FBS. GT's 3-4 def has our #51 ranking all'g 26 ppg and 361 ypg with 20 sks. The DL avg 6'3" 287 (2 Sr) all'g 163 ypg (4.5). The LB's are led by #1 tckl'r Burnett (2nd Tm ACC) who finished with 44 more tkls than the #2. A star emerged in Attaochu (#4 tckl'r) who led the tm with 6 sks and single handedly beat NC (3 sks). GT lost 104 sts in the secondary from LY but finished #36 in our pass D ranks thanks to outstanding performances by CB Sweeting and S Johnson. Tech's #84 ST's were a nightmare all year across the board as many of their miscues kept tms in the game.

It's obvious by looking at the checklist that the game matches GT's offense vs Utah's D. Teams have been able to slow the Johnson-coached option as they've totaled an avg of just 8 ppg over the L/3 bowls. Utah's D may not get recognition, but they are a stout unit that will benefit from the extra time and at least slow the Yellow Jackets. Always like a defensive dog, especially when the checklist picks them outright.

FORECAST: UTAH (+) over Georgia Tech   RATING: 2★

FIGHT HUNGER BOWL

UCLA (6-7) vs ILLINOIS (6-6)

Dec 31 • 3:30 pm ESPN • AT&T Park • San Francisco, CA

POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
UCLA	188	140	22	2.0	✓✓✓	106.4
ILLINOIS	167	140	19	2.8	–	100.1

BRUINS — ATS: 5-8 O/U: 5-8

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Johnathan Franklin	#46	13/13	158	969	22	947	5	6.0
Derrick Coleman	#64	13/0	143	750	24	726	11	5.1
Kevin Prince	#49	10/9	116	613	158	455	1	4.1
Richard Brehaut	#14	7/4	44	203	34	169	2	3.8
Malcolm Jones	#5	11/0	25	103	0	103	1	4.1

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Kevin Prince	#49	10/9	195	112	57.4	1627	10	7
Richard Brehaut	#14	7/4	121	67	55.4	948	6	1

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Nelson Rosario	#38	13/12	61	1106	18.1	4	76
Joseph Fauria	#10	13/9	34	445	13.1	6	32
Shaquell Evans	#9	12/4	18	280	15.6	2	56
Taylor Embree	#429	12/2	19	212	11.2	1	25
Josh Smith	#406	13/2	8	183	22.9	1	62
Jordan James	#11	13/3	7	122	17.4	0	40

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jeff Locke	#2	13	56	2472	44.1	10	38.2	0	23

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Tyler Gonzalez	–	7	19-20	1-2	3-4	3-4	0-0	7-10	44

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
MLB	Pat Larimore	#39	13/13	81	1	1	4	1
WLB	Eric Kendricks	#103	13/1	66	2	2	3	0
CB	Aaron Hester	#18	13/11	53	0	2	7	1
FS	Tevin McDonald	#64	13/10	52	0	2.5	7	3
SLB	Jordan Zumwalt	#38	12/3	50	0	4	1	0
LB	Sean Westgate	#105	12/12	46	0	1.5	0	3
FS	Dalton Hilliard	#63	13/4	43	0	1	1	0
CB	Sheldon Price	#61	11/11	43	0	0	6	1
CB	Andrew Abbott	#248	12/7	41	0	2	3	4
DE	Datone Jones	#22	13/13	39	3	3.5	2	0
DT	Donovan Carter	#45	13/1	36	0	3.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Taylor Embree	11	56	5.1	0	Josh Smith	48	1117	23.3	0

ILLINI — ATS: 6-6 O/U: 5-7

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jason Ford	#32	12/8	155	629	29	600	7	3.9
Nathan Scheelhaase	#19	12/12	169	778	264	514	6	3.0
Troy Pollard	#66	12/1	62	474	12	462	2	7.5
Donovon Young	#190	11/0	75	422	16	406	6	5.4

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Nathan Scheelhaase	#19	12/12	261	166	63.6	1971	12	7
Reilly O'Toole	#32	9/0	65	40	61.5	270	1	4

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
AJ JENKINS	#54	12/12	84	1196	14.2	7	77
Spencer Harris	#297	12/5	25	220	8.8	1	15
Darius Millines	#187	8/8	17	200	11.8	1	45
Jon Davis	#18	12/1	21	187	8.9	1	18
Jason Ford	#32	12/8	19	130	6.8	0	19

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Justin DuVernois	#21	12	53	2029	38.3	15	34.8(t)	0	17
Ryan Lankford	#292	12	14	519	37.1	1	–	0	3
Derek Dimke	#72	12	32-32	3-3	3-3	2-3	0-0	8-9	49

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
WILL	Jonathan Brown	#67	11/10	102	6	13	4	1
MIKE	Ian Thomas	#143	12/12	78	2.5	6	1	0
CB	Tavon Wilson	#140	12/12	74	1	4.5	6	1
DT	Akeem Spence	#274	12/12	67	1	4	0	0
BAN	Michael Buchanan	#92	12/11	60	6.5	6	1	0
SS	Steve Hull	#112	11/11	58	0	0	2	1
CB	Terry Hawthorne	#4	12/10	55	0	3.5	7	2
DE	WHITNEY MERCILUS	#144	12/12	52	14.5	5	1	0
SS	Supo Sanni	#69	12/10	46	0	1.5	5	1
FS	Trulon Henry	#114JC	10/10	39	0	3.5	3	2
CB	Justin Green	#8	12/5	35	0	0	3	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ryan Lankford	19	33	1.7	0	Troy Pollard	18	304	16.9	0
					Darius Millines	5	105	21.0	0

	UCLA	IL		UCLA	IL		UCLA	IL		UCLA	IL	
QB	–	1/2	RB	✓		WR	✓	–	CCH	–	1/2	Rare occurance with 2 interim HC's facing off. Slight edge to IL with Koenning having HC exp.

	UCLA	IL	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	✓	–	LA 6-3 313, 2 Sr, 24 sks all'd (7.6%), 4.7 ypc. IL avg 6-6 306, 2 Sr, 35 sk all'd (10.6%), 4.1 ypc.
DL	–	✓✓1/2	LA avg 6-4 281, 2 Sr, 10 of tm 13 sks, 3.3 ypc. IL avg 6-3 277, 0 Sr, 25.5 of tm 36 sks, 3.3 ypc.
LB	–	✓	LA Larimore #1 tkl'r w/81, 2 tfl, Kendricks #2. IL Brown #1 tkl'r w/102, 19 tfl, Thomas #2.
DB	–	✓	LA #46 pass eff D, 233 ypg (64%), 27-13 ratio. IL #17 pass eff D, 159 ypg (56%), 13-9 ratio.

Turf/ Crowd	1/2	While we don't exp either tm to bring a large contingent, slight edge to UCLA for in-state.
MTCH		✓1/2	The Illini are +37 ypg vs bowl tms while Bruins have been a disappointing -75 ypg.
INT			No edge here as this could be the 1st bowl ever w/comb losing rec'd.
ST	✓✓1/2	SCH	✓✓	–

OVERALL - UCLA by 1 ✓

"The Wilted Rose Bowl" as IL began the season 6-0 for the 1st time S/'51 but now has the dubious distinction of being the 1st FBS program to head into a bowl with a 6 gm losing skid which saw HC Zook axed. UCLA got a waiver from the NCAA to get here w/a 6-7 rec'd after losing the P12 Title gm to UO and dismissing HC Neuheisel (both tms interim HC's here). Illinois leads the series 6-5 SU (2-2 ATS) with a 4 gm win streak incl 2-1 in bowls. The 2 had a common opp in Ariz St who they both beat: IL (-2) 17-14 at home despite being outgained by 122 yds while UCLA (+8') upset ASU 29-28 while being outgained by 49 yds. IL is 4-9 SU (7-6 ATS) in bowls with Zook getting his only postssn win LY 38-14 (+1) over Bay in the Texas Bowl. UCLA had just one other bowl trip in the Neuheisel era with a 30-21 win (-4') over Temple in the EagleBank Bowl in '09. IL went 3-6 SU/ATS vs bowl opp TY outgaining them by 37 ypg while being outscored by a little over 2 ppg. The Bruins faced 8 bowl caliber tms going 2-6 SU (3-5 ATS) while being outscored 38-21 and outgained 454-379. IL last played on Nov 26 while UCLA ended on Dec 2nd. Large sked edge to the Bruins as they have ply'd our overall toughest slate compared to IL's #47.

UCLA will be led by OC Mike Johnson here but expects to have a new HC named prior to this gm. The Bruins avg'd avg's 24 ppg and 389 ypg despite inj's to the QB yet again as no prev starting QB has played a full ssn since Drew Olson in '05. Price began the yr as the st'r before an inj turned the reins over to Brehaut in wk 4. Brehaut started the next 3 before breaking his leg which re-opened the door for Prince who led the tm to a comeback win over WSU and served as the st'r for the rest of the ssn. Prince is more of a dual-threat QB (163 rush yds vs Cal) and should continue his role as st'r even though Brehaut is avail. RB Franklin is just 53 yds away from a 2nd consec 1,000 yd ssn while Coleman is the short ydg back. WR Rosario reached 1,000 yds vs USC while TE Fauria is a distant 2nd (more than 650 yds behind). The OL avg 6'3" 313 and paved the way for 191 ypg rush (4.7) despite being w/o starting RT Sheller for the L/10 (OL all'd 24 sks, 7.6%). The D has our #62 ranking all'g 32 ppg and 424 ypg. Those numbers were skewed some after they were outscored 99-31 over the L/2 while surrendering 1,144 ttl yds. The DL, led by bookends Jones and Holmes avg 6'4" 281 and all'd 192 ypg on the ground (5.2) while tallying 10 of the tm's 13 sks (t-#110 FBS). Larimore leads the LB unit while the secondary has our #46 pass eff def all'g 233 ypg (64%) with a 27-13 ratio despite missing starting FS Dye for 7 gms. UCLA has our #60 ST's unit and is down to their 3rd kicker of the ssn, a walk-on that they signed from the soccer tm.

The Illini will be led by interim HC/DC Koenning although they are exp to have a new HC by the bowl. OC Petrino rejoined his brother at Ark and QB cch Brohm will call the plays here. Dec pract will be centered around finding out where the #81 off went in the last half of the ssn as IL avg'd 35 ppg and 449 ypg during their 6-0 start vs 11 ppg and 269 ypg in the 6 gm slide. Part of the reason can be attributed to TO margin as they were even after 6 gms but -8 in the L/6. Mobile QB Scheelhaase started the yr looking like a budding star but ended it sharing snaps with true Fr pocket passer O'Toole. He showed off his improved arm at the start of the ssn getting the ball to 1st Tm B10 WR Jenkins who set a schl rec'd with 3 TD catches of 65+ yds. The big prob for the Illini was a missing workhorse RB after Leshoure left early for the NFL. Leshoure ran for a schl rec'd 1,697 yd LY but his replacement Ford never lived up to his offssn hype leading UI with just 600 yds. The OL avg 6'6" 306 with WT Allen earning All-B10 honors. They paved the way for a 4.1 ypc while all'g 35 sks (10.6%). IL's #12 D is one of the nation's underrated units led by AA DE Mercilus who was #1 in the FBS in sks (14.5) and FF (9). He anchors a front 4 which all's 133 rush ypg (3.3) with 25.5 of 30 sks. The Illini play a 4-2-5 with LB Brown leading the tm in tkls despite missing 1 gm (susp). IL is ranked #17 pass eff D (159, 56%, 13-9) with a CB trio that ranks among the B10's best. The ST, who were cch'd by ex-NFL ST cch Zook, were a disaster. They finished #118 in our rankings with 3 botched P vs Purd, PSU and Wisky not even reflected in the stats. Overall IL was #98 in net P (34.8), #117 PR (2.0), #120 KR (16.0) and all'd 23.0 on KR and 8.3 on PR. Even solid K Dimke wasn't immune as he hit 8-9 L/49 but his miss came on a 42 yd'r on the last play which cost the Illini a chance to go to overtime in what would be Joe Paterno's last win at Penn St.

This very well may be the 1st ever bowl with the tms having a comb losing rec'd at 12-13. UCLA is just the 10th bowl tm S/'80 to have a losing rec'd. They now both make long trips to salvage a winning or .500 rec'd. IL has a large defensive edge and when they have the ball, they're happy to run it. The L/4Y this bowl has avg'd just 36.5 ppg and we'll call for another low scoring gm.

FORECAST: UNDER UCLA/Illinois   **RATING: 2★**

LIBERTY BOWL

CINCINNATI (9-3) vs VANDERBILT (6-6)

Dec 31 • 3:30 pm ABC • Liberty Bowl • Memphis, TN

POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
CINCINNATI	118	165	20	2.4	✓	98.7
VANDERBILT	157	285	29	2.4	–	100.8

BEARCATS — ATS: 7-5 O/U: 4-7

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
ISAIAH PEAD	#52	12/12	209	1182	61	1110	11	5.3
Zach Collaros	#192	9/9	76	343	101	242	8	3.2
Munchie Legaux	#30	11/3	41	241	56	185	2	4.5
George Winn	#144	12/0	34	141	0	141	1	4.1

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Zach Collaros	#192	9/9	243	154	63.4	1860	14	8
Munchie Legaux	#30	11/3	116	55	47.4	749	5	4

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Anthony McClung	#406	12/12	48	675	14.1	5	36
Kenbrell Thompkins	#20JC	12/11	44	536	12.2	2	44
DJ Woods	#55	12/12	37	450	12.2	0	55
Isaiah Pead	#52	12/12	36	304	8.4	3	69
Alex Chisum	#84	12/2	18	290	16.1	2	30
Adrien Robinson	#72	12/11	8	167	20.9	5	72

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
PAT O'DONNELL	#54	12	56	2460	43.9	9	40.0	0	25

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Tony Miliano	#23	12	43-46	7-7	2-5	7-10	0-0	16-22	48

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	JK Schaffer	#193	12/12	105	3	8.5	6	3
S	DREW FREY	#344	12/11	67	0	2.5	6	2
S	Wesley Richardson	–	12/12	66	0	0	4	1
DL	DEREK WOLFE	#187	12/12	64	9.5	10	1	0
DB	Camerron Cheatham	#269	12/12	57	0	.5	6	2
LB	Maalik Bomar	#132	12/12	54	1	2.5	3	0
DL	John Hughes	#54	11/10	48	5	7.5	1	0
DL	Walter Stewart	#425	12/12	46	6	5	4	0
S	Chris Williams	#122	12/3	42	2	2.5	1	0
DB	Deven Drane	#643	12/5	39	0	2	8	2
DL	Jordan Stepp	#132	12/2	33	0.5	1.5	0	0
DL	Dan Giordano	#147	12/12	32	5	3.5	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
DJ Wood	11	71	6.5	0	RD Abernathy	37	914	24.7	0

COMMODORES — ATS: 9-3 O/U: 7-4

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Zac Stacy	#155	12/12	183	1203	67	1136	13	6.2
Jordan Rodgers	#58JC	12/6	108	505	118	387	4	3.6
Jerron Seymour	#109	12/0	81	293	30	263	4	3.2

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Jordan Rodgers	#58JC	12/6	202	104	51.5	1498	9	9
Larry Smith	#32	9/6	104	60	57.7	526	4	5

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Jordan Matthews	#326	12/9	37	722	19.5	5	49
Chris Boyd	#166	12/6	29	404	13.9	7	43
Brandon Barden	#25	10/7	13	223	17.2	1	73
Wesley Tate	#149	12/3	21	175	8.3	0	33
Jonathan Krause	#118	12/6	23	171	7.4	0	41
Jerron Seymour	#109	12/0	9	108	12.0	0	33

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Richard Kent	–	12	56	2381	42.5	10	38.8	1	19

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Carey Spear	#18	12	26-27	0-1	4-5	0-1	0-0	4-7	37
Ryan Fowler	#26	7	16-16	0-0	3-5	0-1	0-0	3-6	43

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	Chris Marve	#96	12/12	84	1	6	3	1
S	Sean Richardson	#323	12/12	58	2	3.5	3	1
DB	Casey Hayward	#319	12/12	54	0	6.5	9	5
S	Kenny Ladler	#178	12/8	50	0	3	1	0
LB	Archibald Barnes	#285	12/8	49	2	2	4	2
LB	Chase Garnham	#384	9/7	44	1	3.5	1	0
S	Javon Marshall	#598	12/4	42	0	0.5	4	2
DL	Rob Lohr	#421	12/12	38	5	7	1	0
DB	Trey Wilson	#309	12/12	29	0	0	7	2
DL	Tim Fugger	#148	12/12	29	6.5	6	4	0
DL	Walker May	#231	12/5	28	2.5	3	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jonathan Krause	16	56	3.5	0	Andre Hal	29	689	23.8	1
					Steve Clarke	10	220	22.0	0

	UC	VU		UC	VU		UC	VU		UC	VU	
QB	✓		RB	–	✓	WR	–	–	CCH	1/2		Both coaches are enthusiastic and great for the fans but edge to Jones with 2 gms exp.

	UC	VU	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	1/2	–	UC avg 6-5 287, 3 Sr's, 18 sk all'd (5.0%), 4.6 ypc. VU avg 6-5 288, 1 Sr, 26 sk all'd (8.3%), 4.4 ypc.
DL	1/2	–	UC avg 6-5 277, 2 Sr, 37 of tm 44 sks, 2.6 ypc. VU avg 6-4 266, 2 Sr, 18 of tm 24 sks, 3.4 ypc.
LB	–	–	Schaffer #1 tkl'r w/105, 11.5 tfl, Bomar #6. Marve #1 tkl'r w/84, 7 tfl, Barnes #5, 4 tfl.
DB	–	✓✓	UC #71 pass eff D, 269 ypg (62%), 16-14 ratio. VU #29 pass eff D, 202 ypg (55%), 15-17 ratio.

Turf/ Crowd		✓✓✓	VU has in-state edge and a HC doing a great job promoting ticket sales.
MTCH	–	1/2	Vandy has WR's that are 6'3" and 6'4" vs Cincy's 5'9" and 5'11" corners.
INT			While VU is more bowl hungry, Cincy still got a 4 win '10 ssn.
ST	✓	–	SCH	–	✓✓1/2

OVERALL - VANDERBILT by 4' ✓

These 2 have met 7x's with Vandy owning a 4-3 lead (last meeting in '94). This is the Cats 1st trip to the Liberty Bowl as the SEC generally meets the CUSA Champ. HC Jones is in his 1st bowl with UC however he did coach his former squad C Mich in 2 postseason gms (0-2 SU/1-1 ATS, did not coach in '09 GMAC Bowl). This will mark VU Franklin's 1st bowl (inaugural ssn as HC). UC and VU both ply'd Conn and Tenn TY with both beating the Huskies and each losing to the Vols (Vandy lost in OT). UC went 3-2 SU (1-4 ATS) vs bowl tms TY being outgained by 10 ypg in those meetings while VU went just 1-5 SU (4-2 ATS) being outscored (25-20) and outgained (393-323). UC went 4-2 SU (3-3 ATS) away from home while VU posted a 1-4 SU mark (2-3 ATS). Sked edge does favor Vandy here as they played our #30 toughest vs Cincy's #103. UC has 10 Sr st'rs among 16 upperclassmen while Vandy has 7 Sr st'rs and 15 upperclassmen.

UC's #43 off avg 34 ppg and 393 ypg but they were without starting QB Collaros for the L/3W of the reg ssn and potentially here (broken ankle, CS). In his absence the combo of Legaux and Luallen have led UC to a 2-1 record (wins over Syr and Conn) while avg 23 ppg and 304 ypg, both substantial dropoffs from when Collaros was behind center. The Bearcats will continue to lean heavily on RB Pead who has now posted B2B 1,000 yd rush seasons. The next 2 leading rushers are all QB's showing how much UC depends on its running ability. The Bearcats do have some solid receiving targets led by the trio of Thompkins, McClung and Woods but the highest passing mark UC has posted in a gm since the departure of Collaros is just 217. The Cincy OL avg 6'5" 287 and paved the way for 175 rush ypg (4.6) while all'g just 18 sks (5%). The Bearcat def (#49) improved tremendously from their 4-8 ssn cutting down their ppg all'd from 28 to 20 while keeping their ypg all'd at 362. The DL (6'5" 277) surrendered just 93 ypg on the ground with their 2.6 rush ypc being 5th best in the nation while the def's 106 tfl was #1 in the NCAA. DT Wolfe led the tm in sks as he climbs up the draft boards of many pro scouts while the DL unit in general tallied 37.5 of the tm's 44 sks. LB Schaffer posted his 3rd consec 100 tkl ssn while also leading the Bearcats in int. UC has our #71 rating in pass eff D as they all'd 269 ypg (62%) with a 16-14 ratio. Three yr starting S Frey was 2nd on the tm in tkls (38 behind Schaffer). The Cats had our #29 rated ST's led by the steady combo of K Miliano and P O'Donnell.

Vandy is in a bowl for only the 2nd time S/'82 as new HC Franklin has brought innovation and aggression to the Commodores as this is not the same ol' Vandy we've been accustomed to. While they reached 6 wins it could have been much more as they suffered 4 SEC losses by a comb 19 pts (-15 ypg). Two year starting QB Smith won the battle out of fall camp but was replaced by Rodgers (Aaron's lil bro) early in gm #6 and they've not looked back avg 424 ypg in the L/6 after avg 262 ypg the F/6. RB Norman was the leading rusher in '09-'10 but his RD'TY (knee/wrist) and the run gm didn't miss a beat as Stacy became the 1st Vandy RB to top 1,000 yds S/'95. WR Matthews exploded down the stretch with 605 rec yds (20.9) in the L/5 gms as tms started to crowd the LOS trying to stop Stacy and Rodgers who are surprisingly mobile (4 gms 65+ rush yds). The OL avg 6'5" 288 with 1 Sr st'r while paving the way for 168 rush ypg (4.4) but has all'd 26 sks (8.3%) but 16 of those were in the 1st 4 wks. Overall Vandy has our #59 off. The #26 D also improved greatly all'g 10 ppg and 94 ypg less than LY. The DL avg 6'4" 266 with 2 Sr st'rs incl Fugger who was #7 in the SEC in tfl. For the 4th str ssn LB Marve finished w/80+ tkls and has now led the tm in 3 of his 4 yrs. The secondary led by All-SEC CB Hayward (#2 SEC pd) overall had 11 int's in the 1st 6 gms but tailed off down the stretch and finished #29 in our pass D all'g 202 ypg (55%) with a 15-17 ratio (4 IR TD's). Their ST's rank #54 thanks to solid P Kent but the K's have struggled all yr with only a long of 37 as Franklin tends to take a lot of risks with fake P's and 4th down conv (14-18, #6) to avoid FG's.

Cincy has the offensive edge while Vandy has the defensive edge and this writeup is being done with the expectations of Collaros being able to participate. Cincy has tasted success in the recent past, but this is only Vandy's 2nd bowl appearance since 1982. Huge sked edge as VU survived the SEC ssn while UC faced one of the weaker skeds among BCS teams.

FORECAST: VANDERBILT over Cincinnati   **RATING: 2★**

BOWL TEAMS VS BOWL TEAMS

Below is a list of statistical averages for all of this season's bowl teams when they faced other bowl eligible teams. They are ranked in order of net yard differential.

	TEAM	OFF PTS	RUSH YPG	RUSH YPC	PASS YPG	PASS %	DEF PTS	RUSH YPG	RUSH YPC	PASS YPG	PASS %	TM ATS	NET YDS
1	Alabama	29.9	187.0	4.74	187.9	64.9	9.3	59.3	2.05	140.3	51.8	5-2	175.3
2	Wisconsin	41.8	219.4	4.99	227.6	69.2	21.8	146.6	4.16	180.5	61.4	4-4	119.9
3	Oklahoma	37.3	158.3	4.3	351.0	63.2	23.2	143.6	4.0	252.0	54.9	5-4	113.8
4	Boise St	38.3	146.6	3.9	307.4	72.9	22.3	122.4	3.7	223.9	56.7	2-6	107.8
5	Georgia	28.8	161.5	4.1	229.1	54.5	25.5	139.9	4.0	155.0	49.3	4-3-1	95.8
6	Texas A&M	36.9	219.4	5.4	290.0	59.1	32.2	113.3	2.9	301.2	60.9	2-7	94.9
7	West Virginia	29.3	98.3	3.3	326.0	66.7	28.3	143.8	3.8	187.8	55.6	2-3*	92.7
8	Stanford	42.5	217.8	5.3	247.5	70.8	30.5	139.2	4.4	238.5	59.3	4-2	87.7
9	Oregon	43.9	258.0	5.8	223.3	58.8	27.3	160.1	4.1	236.9	59.5	4-3-1	84.3
10	LSU	36.2	205.9	5.0	159.7	59.9	13.0	85.2	2.7	202.9	54.2	8-1	77.4
11	Ohio	31.3	185.3	4.7	287.5	64.2	24.8	198.5	5.0	197.3	54.2	3-1	77.0
12	Oklahoma St	46.6	173.7	5.6	365.6	69.8	29.1	207.3	4.6	255.0	54.8	6-3	76.9
13	Houston	41.5	114.0	3.8	392.0	68.8	28.0	175.7	4.0	256.0	60.8	4-2	74.3
14	Southern Miss	29.0	136.6	3.8	278.6	58.5	19.6	107.2	3.2	243.8	58.8	3-2	64.4
15	Michigan	32.1	208.9	4.8	193.7	54.8	20.3	126.9	4.1	212.9	59.1	6-3*	62.8
16	Virginia Tech	27.1	166.6	4.1	237.9	61.1	19.7	123.1	3.5	218.9	52.5	3-6	62.4
17	Michigan St	24.8	129.3	3.9	232.3	62.0	23.4	121.4	3.1	188.6	57.2	6-2	51.5
18	TCU	35.4	194.6	4.9	260.0	66.8	29.4	138.9	4.0	274.0	57.4	3-4	41.7
19	Illinois	18.9	144.4	3.5	200.1	62.6	21.2	137.3	3.4	170.4	58.0	3-6	36.8
20	Clemson	29.7	125.3	3.3	286.7	58.3	26.1	160.0	4.1	216.0	58.3	5-4	36.0
21	South Carolina	24.6	161.0	3.9	162.7	56.1	20.3	131.0	3.4	157.0	51.5	3-3-1	35.7
22	Baylor	40.1	182.0	4.3	382.4	69.3	40.6	225.1	5.7	307.3	62.7	5-3	32.0
23	Utah St	32.6	235.8	5.1	178.0	64.2	25.8	131.4	3.6	252.6	63.0	4-1	29.8
24	Arizona St	31.7	148.0	4.2	286.3	63.0	28.6	196.7	4.9	217.4	65.4	2-4-1	20.1
25	Notre Dame	28.6	165.0	5.3	236.8	62.4	22.4	152.3	4.1	233.8	61.3	3-5	15.8
26	North Carolina	25.1	130.2	3.8	240.2	65.7	25.7	121.8	3.4	234.1	58.0	3-5-1	14.6
27	Missouri	30.6	219.5	4.9	254.2	62.0	29.9	164.1	4.3	295.8	63.7	5-3	14.3
28	California	24.3	126.0	3.8	276.4	56.9	30.6	181.1	4.7	207.4	58.2	3-4	13.9
29	Nebraska	27.0	210.4	4.4	164.0	56.7	24.9	173.0	4.3	191.4	52.2	3-5-1	10.0
30	Cincinnati	23.8	165.4	4.6	200.2	58.7	19.4	91.6	2.7	264.2	64.4	1-4	9.8
31	Arkansas	32.9	97.9	3.3	310.9	62.5	29.1	220.0	5.2	179.1	58.5	4-3	9.6
32	Arkansas St	22.4	111.2	3.1	257.8	62.3	23.6	124.2	3.4	238.6	60.4	3-2	6.2
33	Texas	23.9	157.3	3.7	193.4	56.3	27.8	120.7	3.7	224.1	55.0	3-6	6.0
34	Florida St	23.4	81.1	2.7	236.0	61.6	19.0	92.3	2.6	221.0	61.5	2-5	3.9
35	Toledo	39.8	197.0	4.6	280.0	60.7	41.2	151.2	4.3	328.0	64.0	2-3	-2.2
36	Penn St	16.2	159.9	4.1	157.2	47.7	18.3	162.1	4.0	161.7	54.8	3-5-1	-6.7
37	Air Force	24.4	276.6	5.0	147.2	55.6	39.4	205.0	5.8	225.8	72.3	1-4	-7.0
38	Northern Illinois	36.0	245.0	6.5	222.8	59.8	37.8	188.0	4.4	288.5	62.4	2-2	-8.8
39	Northwestern	26.5	141.2	3.4	276.5	71.3	35.2	150.2	4.0	278.7	68.1	2-4	-11.2
40	Rutgers	26.5	117.0	3.1	215.3	52.0	20.0	138.3	4.5	206.8	57.7	4-2	-12.8
41	Georgia Tech	26.0	269.0	5.0	95.9	44.7	28.0	172.7	4.7	205.1	57.5	1-4-2	-13.0
42	Nevada	16.8	195.0	4.3	220.8	64.1	36.0	174.3	5.1	255.0	57.0	1-3	-13.5
43	BYU	20.3	98.3	2.8	250.3	53.7	33.3	207.0	5.3	157.8	54.0	2-2	-16.3
44	Virginia	17.3	148.0	4.1	213.0	53.8	25.6	160.4	4.1	217.3	61.9	3-4	-16.7
45	Utah	23.3	117.4	3.5	191.4	55.0	21.9	110.0	3.0	229.9	56.6	3-4	-31.0
46	NC State	22.0	99.9	2.9	233.3	59.8	26.3	131.6	3.6	232.6	58.1	3-3-1	-31.0
47	Pittsburgh	18.1	140.3	3.5	169.7	57.7	23.9	122.7	3.4	219.9	61.8	4-3	-32.6
48	Louisville	17.3	102.9	3.0	213.0	66.8	21.4	120.0	3.4	232.4	64.8	4-3	-36.6
49	San Diego St	24.8	165.2	5.4	253.0	51.3	32.8	207.8	4.5	247.2	63.8	2-3	-36.8
50	Tulsa	30.2	227.8	5.1	212.7	56.0	36.5	147.5	3.7	332.5	66.7	3-3	-39.5
51	Louisiana Tech	23.8	110.2	2.9	228.0	60.7	23.4	169.2	3.8	216.2	60.0	5-0	-47.2
52	Iowa	24.9	114.3	3.4	235.9	56.7	26.1	164.9	3.8	237.3	60.7	4-4	-52.0
53	Temple	18.0	175.7	4.4	141.7	47.7	28.3	163.0	4.2	215.0	66.2	1-2	-60.7
54	Ohio St	20.9	172.4	4.1	114.6	44.6	23.6	159.9	4.1	196.3	63.0	4-5	-69.2
55	Vanderbilt	20.2	140.5	4.0	182.0	56.0	25.3	136.0	3.7	256.7	61.2	4-2	-70.2
56	Florida	13.1	81.1	2.5	163.1	52.5	25.6	161.3	3.6	156.1	53.1	0-7	-73.1
57	UCLA	21.3	182.6	4.5	196.5	55.8	38.0	213.1	5.6	240.8	66.9	3-5	-74.8
58	Washington	25.8	124.7	3.9	240.7	67.0	37.8	224.0	5.7	220.2	59.3	3-3	-78.8
59	Iowa St	23.0	164.1	4.1	224.3	51.7	37.4	219.1	4.8	264.5	61.2	5-3	-95.3
60	Louisiana	28.5	120.5	4.1	277.8	55.5	41.0	200.3	4.5	295.8	66.4	3-1	-97.8
61	FIU	20.0	88.3	2.8	205.8	60.2	24.3	172.3	4.2	221.3	56.1	1-3	-99.5
62	Mississippi St	16.0	120.6	3.1	153.0	51.9	26.6	163.4	4.0	212.3	68.7	2-5	-102.1
63	Kansas St	31.3	184.5	3.9	150.3	56.3	34.0	156.9	4.7	292.0	64.5	6-2	-114.1
64	Wake Forest	23.1	115.7	3.5	230.4	60.2	34.3	183.9	4.7	277.3	58.9	4-3	-115.0
65	Auburn	20.6	161.7	4.0	148.6	54.1	33.2	207.2	4.9	220.2	65.3	3-6	-117.2
66	Marshall	16.9	118.9	3.4	223.9	56.9	37.6	169.0	4.7	296.7	67.6	3-3*	-123.0
67	SMU	14.2	91.4	3.0	241.8	53.1	36.2	174.8	4.4	291.0	70.9	1-4	-132.6
68	Purdue	18.1	115.9	3.4	193.6	55.9	32.4	227.7	5.0	219.3	60.7	3-4	-137.6
69	Wyoming	20.3	139.2	4.1	206.3	61.4	35.3	305.0	6.3	192.3	62.8	4-2	-151.8
70	Western Michigan	28.8	77.3	3.09	317.5	64.0	43.5	349.8	7.29	213.3	64.8	2-1*	-168.3

* susp game no ATS W/L

On the front page of this edition of Power Sweep we list which teams played the toughest schedules and that is indeed the best method of ranking the strength of opponent played. For comparison's sake, here is a listing of the final records of each team's opponents in 2011. Taking out the team's own record from their opponents' stats the numbers reflect only how their opponents did against other teams. For example LSU's opponents are listed at 94-50 65.3% if you add the LSU's record they would be 94-63 59.9%.

	TEAM	OPP WINS	OPP LOSS	OPP WIN%	TMS W/ WIN REC		TEAM	OPP WINS	OPP LOSS	OPP WIN%	TMS W/ WIN REC
1	Tennessee	88	46	65.7%	7	61	Central Michigan	72	62	53.7%	7
2	LSU	94	50	65.3%	7	62	Wyoming	70	61	53.4%	6
3	Auburn	87	47	64.9%	8	63	Colorado	78	68	53.4%	6
4	Kansas	84	48	63.6%	9	64	Bowling Green	71	62	53.4%	7
5	Minnesota	85	50	63.0%	7	65	Arkansas	70	62	53.0%	4
6	Alabama	83	50	62.4%	5	66	Eastern Michigan	69	62	52.7%	6
7	Oklahoma	82	50	62.1%	7	67	California	71	64	52.6%	5
7	Iowa St	82	50	62.1%	8	67	East Carolina	71	64	52.6%	5
9	Nebraska	83	51	61.9%	7	69	Utah	70	64	52.2%	5
9	Mississippi	83	51	61.9%	7	70	Fresno St	75	69	52.1%	8
11	Virginia Tech	89	56	61.4%	7	71	ULM	68	63	51.9%	8
11	Clemson	89	56	61.4%	9	72	Boston College	69	64	51.9%	5
13	Baylor	80	51	61.1%	7	72	Wake Forest	69	64	51.9%	5
14	Maryland	81	52	60.9%	9	72	SMU	69	64	51.9%	4
15	North Carolina	82	53	60.7%	8	75	Stanford	70	65	51.9%	5
16	Penn St	80	52	60.6%	6	76	Rutgers	67	63	51.5%	5
16	Oklahoma St	80	52	60.6%	7	77	Louisiana Tech	71	67	51.4%	5
18	Georgia	87	57	60.4%	6	78	North Texas	68	65	51.1%	7
19	Michigan	80	53	60.2%	6	79	Virginia	67	66	50.4%	6
19	Mississippi St	80	53	60.2%	7	80	Air Force	64	64	50.0%	6
21	Texas A&M	79	53	59.8%	8	80	Idaho	67	67	50.0%	6
22	Texas	79	54	59.4%	6	82	Houston	72	73	49.7%	4
22	Florida	79	54	59.4%	7	83	Northern Illinois	71	72	49.7%	5
24	Kansas St	78	54	59.1%	6	84	UTEP	68	69	49.6%	5
25	Arizona	79	55	59.0%	7	85	Ball St	66	67	49.6%	6
26	Marshall	80	56	58.8%	7	86	San Diego St	65	66	49.6%	6
27	Notre Dame	77	55	58.3%	5	86	Connecticut	65	66	49.6%	5
28	Oregon St	78	56	58.2%	7	88	Southern Miss	70	72	49.3%	4
29	West Virginia	77	56	57.9%	5	89	Arizona St	66	68	49.3%	5
30	Pittsburgh	76	56	57.6%	8	90	WKU	64	69	48.9%	5
30	South Carolina	76	56	57.6%	4	91	Washington St	65	69	48.5%	6
32	Louisville	75	56	57.3%	6	91	Georgia Tech	65	69	48.5%	6
33	Indiana	76	57	57.1%	8	93	Purdue	64	68	48.5%	5
33	New Mexico	76	57	57.1%	8	94	Buffalo	65	70	48.1%	4
35	UCLA	83	63	56.8%	7	95	Arkansas St	64	70	47.8%	5
36	Washington	76	58	56.7%	7	96	Troy	63	69	47.7%	6
36	Tulsa	76	58	56.7%	5	97	San Jose St	64	71	47.4%	5
38	TCU	74	57	56.5%	6	98	Northwestern	62	69	47.3%	5
38	USF	74	57	56.5%	6	98	Cincinnati	62	69	47.3%	2
40	Kentucky	75	58	56.4%	6	100	Utah St	63	71	47.0%	5
40	Toledo	75	58	56.4%	5	101	Army	62	71	46.6%	5
42	USC	76	59	56.3%	6	101	Florida Atlantic	62	71	46.6%	6
43	NC State	73	57	56.2%	8	103	Florida St	61	71	46.2%	4
44	Illinois	74	58	56.1%	5	103	UCF	61	71	46.2%	5
44	Texas Tech	74	58	56.1%	7	105	New Mexico St	67	80	45.6%	5
44	Miami, Fl	74	58	56.1%	7	106	Miami, Oh	60	69	45.5%	6
44	Kent St	74	58	56.1%	7	106	Western Michigan	60	72	45.5%	3
44	Navy	74	58	56.1%	6	108	Nevada	61	75	44.9%	4
49	Boise St	75	59	56.0%	8	109	Akron	59	73	44.7%	5
50	Oregon	81	64	55.9%	6	110	Colorado St	58	74	43.9%	5
51	Missouri	72	59	55.0%	5	111	Ohio	63	81	43.8%	3
51	Vanderbilt	72	59	55.0%	4	112	Louisiana	57	74	43.5%	4
53	Duke	73	60	54.9%	7	113	Middle Tennessee	57	75	43.2%	5
54	Michigan St	79	65	54.9%	7	114	UAB	58	77	43.0%	3
55	Ohio St	74	61	54.8%	6	115	BYU	57	76	42.9%	4
56	Iowa	72	60	54.5%	6	116	Memphis	54	79	40.6%	3
57	Wisconsin	79	66	54.5%	6	117	Temple	53	78	40.5%	3
58	UNLV	72	61	54.1%	8	118	FIU	52	80	39.4%	4
59	Rice	73	62	54.1%	6	119	Hawaii	57	89	39.0%	5
60	Syracuse	71	61	53.8%	6	120	Tulane	55	88	38.5%	3

The above chart shows the combined records of the opponents each team faced. Opponent's win percentage is the sole component of the NCAA's ranking of toughest opponents faced. Although this is a useful system, it doesn't really take into account the actual strength of the opponent faced as a team like a Top 10 ranked Arkansas at 10-2 is the same as facing a 10-2 Arkansas St team and we know that is not accurate. Also if a team played a FCS/IAA opponent such as Norfolk St which finished 9-3, this system would rate them as tough of an opponent as Nebraska. It is interesting to note that even though 9 of the top 13 teams made bowls, 8 of those had a win over an FCS/1-AA team this year. Once again for our toughest schedule ranking see the front page, but this analysis can be useful. For our complete ranking of toughest opponents ranked by units faced, see page 23.

VIRGINIA (8-4) — CHICK-FIL-A BOWL — AUBURN (7-5)

Dec 31 • 7:30 pm ESPN • Georgia Dome • Atlanta, GA

POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
VIRGINIA	154	215	21	2.7	–	96.8
AUBURN	156	190	25	2.6 ✓✓✓✓	101.6

Very unusual that two unranked tms are in the Chick-Fil-A. These 2 have split their previous meetings with Aub winning in '97 28-17 (-4') and UVa shutting out the Tigers in '99, 19-0 (-2). Virginia exceeded expectations TY with 5 close wins by a comb 15 pts. The Cavs handed GT its 1st loss and then defeated UM and FSU on the road (4-1 SU/3-2 ATS AG). They were 1 win from the ACC Title gm but lost a 38-0 loss to rival VT. This is UVa's 18th bowl but 1st since their 31-28 (+6) loss to TTech in the '07 Gator Bowl. This is Aub's 11th bowl gm in the L/12Y (7-3 SU/6-4 ATS) and their 3rd time here during that span (1-1 SU/ATS). The Tigers also played here in the SEC Champ gm LY (56-17 win over SC). UVa HC London is in his 2nd yr so this is his 1st bowl although he was DC/asst here for the previous 5 (3-2 SU/4-1 ATS). HC Chizik is 2-0 SU/ATS in bowls naturally winning the Nat'l Title LY. UVa was 3-4 SU/ATS vs 7 bowl caliber tms being outscored 26-17 and outgained 377-361. The Tigers were 1-4 SU/ATS on the road TY getting outscored 36-14 (-136 yd) while they went 4-5 SU/3-6 ATS vs bowl tms getting outscored 33-21 and outgained 427-311. UVa has 13 Sr among 19 upperclassmen st'rs while the Tigers only have 5 Sr's among 12 upperclassmen. This bowl has had 15 consecutive sellouts and London is hoping UVa's fan base (doesn't travel well) will respond since they only sold 10,500 for their last bowl '07.

CAVALIERS — ATS: 5-6-1 O/U: 2-8-1

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Perry Jones	#52	12/12	176	928	45	883	5	5.0
Kevin Parks	#34	11/0	141	701	40	661	8	4.7
Clifton Richardson	#22	12/0	66	341	8	333	2	5.0

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Michael Rocco	#74	12/12	325	196	60.3	2359	11	11
David Watford	#51	10/0	74	30	40.5	346	0	4

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Kris Burd	#68	12/11	60	810	13.5	1	38
Tim Smith	#80	12/9	33	565	17.1	3	60
Perry Jones	#52	12/12	41	416	10.1	3	78
Max Milien	#96	12/7	20	241	12.1	2	41
Matt Snyder	–	6/5	19	220	11.6	0	28
Darius Jennings	#18	12/1	16	203	12.7	1	53

PUNTING	PS#	GP/GS	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jimmy Howell	#132	12	61	2403	39.4	14	35.2	1	19

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Robert Randolph	–	12	29-29	8-8	3-7	4-6	0-1	15-22	48

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	Steve Greer	#201	12/12	103	2	4	4	0
LB	LaRoy Reynolds	#175	12/12	81	0	7	1	0
DL	MATT CONRATH	#171	12/12	64	2	9	2	0
CB	Demetrious Nicholson	#9	12/12	56	0	2	8	2
S	Rodney McLeod	#72	12/12	55	0	2.5	7	4
CB	CHASE MINNIFIELD	#28	12/12	50	1.5	5.5	8	3
S	Corey Mosley	#250	11/10	43	0	0.5	4	1
LB	Aaron Taliaferro	#72	12/5	41	1	4	1	0
DL	Will Hill	#114	12/0	35	1	6	2	0
DL	Nick Jenkins	#44	12/12	35	1.5	3.5	0	0
DL	Jake Snyder	#68	12/12	34	1	1	2	0
DL	Cam Johnson	#59	11/11	27	4	7	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dominique Terrell	14	61	4.4	0	Darius Jennings	28	548	19.6	0
Perry Jones	8	47	5.9	0	Khalek Shepperd	16	420	26.2	0

TIGERS — ATS: 4-8 O/U: 6-6

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
MICHAEL DYER	#2	12/6	242	1293	51	1242	10	5.1
Onterio McCalebb	#69	12/6	102	593	61	532	4	5.1
Kiehl Frazier	#3	12/0	60	285	13	272	1	4.5
Tre Mason	#35	11/0	19	102	5	97	0	5.1

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Barrett Trotter	#44	9/9	149	81	54.4	1009	10	6
Clint Moseley	#40	9/3	104	65	62.5	794	5	3
Kiehl Frazier	#3	12/0	12	5	41.7	34	0	2

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Emory Blake	#35	10/6	30	505	16.8	5	56
Onterio McCalebb	#69	12/6	30	291	9.7	1	53
Phillip Lutzenkirchen	#10	11/10	24	238	9.9	7	32
Travante Stallworth	#89	12/6	13	214	16.5	1	44
Quindarius Carr	#120	12/10	8	173	21.6	1	45
Trovon Reed	#5	9/2	21	164	7.8	0	35

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
STEVEN CLARK	#64	12	76	2794	40.5	34	39.0	0	32

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Cody Parkey	#1	12	36-37	1-1	5-6	5-8	0-0	11-15	43

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	Daren Bates	#400	12/11	96	2.5	4.5	3	0
S	Neiko Thorpe	#151	12/12	94	0	0.5	5	3
S	Demetruce McNeal	#90	12/12	70	0	1	2	2
LB	Eltoro Freeman	#61JC	11/5	54	3	5.5	2	0
DB	Chris Davis	#273	10/2	52	0	0	3	0
DB	T'Sharvan Bell	#121	11/11	45	1	7	2	2
DL	COREY LEMONIER	#8	12/12	44	9.5	4	0	0
LB	Jake Holland	#37	10/0	41	0	3.5	1	1
LB	Jonathan Evans	#97	9/9	38	0	1	0	0
DL	Nosa Eguae	#117	12/12	38	0	6	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Quan Bray	12	96	8.0	0	Tre Mason	24	633	26.4	1
Trovon Reed	8	42	5.2	0	Onterio McCalebb	10	320	32.0	1

	UVa	AU		UVa	AU		UVa	AU		UVa	AU
QB	-	-	RB		✓	WR	-	1/2	CCH	-	✓✓

UVa has our #63 off avg 23 ppg and 397 ypg. ACC COY London and OC Lazor made progress in their 1st yr finishing higher than #100 in ttl off for the 1st time in 5Y but TY had inexp at QB. The Cavs rotated QB's Rocco (pocket pass) and fan fav Fr Watford (mobile) early in the ssn but struggled with consistency. After the NCSt loss, Rocco took over full-time as the 2 QB's comb for a 7-12 ratio. He threw for 241 ypg (61%) with a 7-1 ratio in the L/4. UVa's run attack features "Superman" Jones, who needs 117 yds to become the 1st UVa RB over 1,000 since '04 and is the #3 rec. WR Burd is the go-to guy (60 rec) while Smith (17.1) and Jennings (12.7) stretch the field. UVa has a big OL (6'6" 306) led by 1st Tm ACC OG Pasztor and 2nd Tm OT Aboushi that paved the way for 166 ypg (4.3) while all'g 15 sks (3.7%). The Cavs have our #42 def all'g 22 ppg and 344 ypg with 19 sk. The DL is led by 1st Tm ACC DT Conrath and future NFL DE Johnson who comb for 22 tfl. The LB corps is led by 2nd Tm ACC Greer who led the team with 103 tkls. UVa has our #39 pass D led by tm leader and 1st Tm ACC CB Minnifield (8 pbu, 3 int) and Fr CB Nicholson with 8 pbu and 2 int. UVA is #92 in our ST's rankings. The Cavs avg 5.8 on PR (#92), 21.2 in KR and haven't fared much better defending (8.6 PR and 21.2 KR). PK Randolph is 15-22 incl 4-7 from 40+ (L/48). P Howell avg 39.4 with a 35.2 net (#88 FBS).

	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	UVa avg 6'6" 306, 2 Sr, 15 sk all'd (3.7%), 4.3 ypc. AU avg 6-5 309, 2 Sr, 31 sk all'd (11.5%), 4.3 ypc.
DL	UVa avg 6-5 275, 3 Sr, 12 of tm 19 sks, 3.7 ypc. AU avg 6-3 282, 0 Sr, 13.5 of tm 21 sks, 4.7 ypc.
LB	Greer #1 tkl'r w/103, 6 tfl, Reynolds #2, 7 tfl. Bates #1 tkl'r w/96, 7 tfl, Freeman #4, 8.5 tfl.
DB	UVa #39 pass eff D, 215 ypg (54%), 18-12 ratio. AU #95 pass eff D, 211 ypg (63%), 21-10 ratio.

	UVa	AU
Turf/Crowd	-	✓✓
MTCH	-	-
INT	-	✓
ST	-	✓✓✓

	UVa	AU
SCH	-	✓✓

Chizik has a Nat'l Championship under his belt while London is preparing for his 1st bowl.

The Georgia Dome is where Aub played LY and will hope to play again Dec 2012.

Virginia is a much more veteran squad but no specific matchup edge in this game.

The Tigers will use this gm as a start to next year's potential time.

OVERALL - AUBURN by 10' ✓'s

While on the surface this looks like a major fall for a tm that won the Nat'l Title LY, Aub came into the ssn the least exp'd tm in the country w/just 6 st'rs back and lost arguably the best off and def ply'rs in all of CFB. It was a solid cch job by Chizik to get the Tigers to 7 wins. QB Trotter started the 1st 7 gms but after 3 str avg just 113 pass ypg they made the move to soph Moseley but the results stayed the same with the off avg 282 ypg the L/5 (did face 3 Top 5 D's). Wildcat QB true frosh Frazier does get several snaps during gms. 1st Tm SEC RB Dyer was the consistent on off becoming just the 5th Aub RB to gain 1,000 yds in B2B ssns w/speedy bkp McCalebb. WR Blake led the tm in rec despite being slowed by an ankle inj (out 3 gms). The OL avg 6'5" 309 with 2 st'rs but as expected w/out a running threat at QB the run gm plummeted to 175 rush ypg (4.3, 285, 6.1 LY) while all'g 31 sks (11.5%). Overall the Aub off ranks #50. Aub's #63 D gave up an avg of 534 ypg the 1st 3 gms but settled in the L/9 all'g 363 ypg thanks to the emergence of soph DE Lemonier (#2 SEC in sks). The DL avg 6'3" 282 with 0 upperclassmen st'rs and did allow 195 rush ypg (4.7). The LB's are led by Bates and Sr Freeman was a playmaker down the stretch. The DB's struggled again all'g 211 ypg (63%) with a 21-10 ratio finishing #95 in our pass D rankings (#84 LY 259 ypg, 63%, 25-12 ratio) with S Thorpe the only constant. The #8 ST's were clearly the bright spot on the tm led by Ray Guy finalist P Clark who was #2 in the nation with 32 P's In20 while Mason and McCalebb each returned KO for TD's.

Auburn is one of the youngest bowl tms with only 5 Sr starters, yet they played one of the toughest schedules. The progression they made throughout the yr and the bowl practices will make them the superior tm here. It is SEC talent vs ACC talent in basically an even game making them a Key Selection.

FORECAST: AUBURN over Virginia — RATING: 4★

CONFERENCE VS CONFERENCE SU RECORDS

	OVERALL			VS BCS CONF		
	W	L	%	W	L	%
BIG 12	27	3	90.0%	6	3	66.7%
SEC	42	6	87.5%	9	3	75.0%
BIG 10	36	12	75.0%	6	5	54.5%
PAC 12	26	9	74.3%	5	7	41.7%
BIG EAST	26	14	65.0%	4	10	28.6%
ACC	31	17	64.6%	8	10	44.4%
MT WEST	23	17	57.5%	2	8	20.0%
INDEP	23	21	52.3%	9	10	47.4%
CUSA	21	27	43.8%	5	17	22.7%
MAC	22	30	42.3%	3	26	10.3%
WAC	15	28	34.9%	3	13	18.8%
SBC	12	24	33.3%	2	18	10.0%

This is a chart of conference vs conference SU records. This shows that the B12 had the best SU record vs other conferences. The SEC had the highest winning percentage vs BCS teams.

SU RECORD OF CONFERENCE BOWL TEAMS

	OVERALL			VS BCS CONF		
	W	L	%	W	L	%
SEC	33	3	91.7%	8	2	80.0%
BIG 12	22	2	91.7%	6	2	75.0%
BIG 10	33	7	82.5%	6	3	66.7%
PAC 12	18	5	78.3%	5	4	55.6%
MT WEST	19	6	76.0%	2	3	40.0%
ACC	27	9	75.0%	7	6	53.3%
INDEP	16	7	69.6%	4	3	57.1%
BIG EAST	16	9	64.0%	3	6	33.3%
CUSA	12	8	60.0%	5	8	37.5%
MAC	11	9	55.0%	2	8	20.0%
SBC	7	9	43.8%	1	7	12.5%
WAC	6	9	40.0%	1	4	20.0%

This is a chart of conf vs conf records using only the bowl participants. As you can see, the SEC had the highest % overall and also the highest % vs BCS teams.

CONFERENCE VS CONFERENCE ATS RECORDS

	OVERALL				VS BCS CONF			
	W	L	T	%	W	L	T	%
BIG 12	19	10	0	65.5%	6	3	0	66.7%
SBC	21	15	0	58.3%	12	8	0	60.0%
WAC	24	18	0	57.1%	10	5	0	66.7%
CUSA	26	21	0	55.3%	11	10	0	52.4%
SEC	20	17	0	54.2%	9	3	0	75.0%
INDEP	23	20	0	53.5%	8	11	0	42.1%
MAC	25	26	0	49.0%	10	18	0	35.7%
BIG EAST	19	20	0	48.7%	6	8	0	42.9%
PAC 12	16	19	0	45.7%	4	8	0	33.3%
BIG 10	17	18	0	44.7%	7	4	0	63.6%
ACC	21	27	0	43.8%	5	13	0	27.8%
MT WEST	11	29	0	27.5%	3	7	0	30.0%

This is a chart of conf vs conf ATS records. As you can see the B12 teams led the way with the highest percentage overall and the highest % vs BCS teams was the SEC.

CONFERENCE VS CONFERENCE ATS RECORDS - BOWL TEAMS

	OVERALL				VS BCS CONF			
	W	L	T	%	W	L	T	%
SBC	12	4	0	75.0%	7	1	0	87.5%
WAC	11	4	0	73.3%	4	1	0	80.0%
BIG 12	15	8	0	65.2%	6	2	0	75.0%
MAC	12	7	0	63.2%	5	4	0	55.6%
CUSA	11	8	0	57.9%	4	3	0	57.1%
BIG EAST	13	11	0	54.2%	5	4	0	55.6%
SEC	18	17	0	54.2%	8	2	0	80.0%
PAC 12	12	11	0	52.2%	5	4	0	44.4%
INDEP	12	11	0	52.2%	5	9	0	35.7%
ACC	16	20	0	44.4%	5	10	0	33.3%
BIG 10	11	22	0	43.6%	5	4	0	55.6%
MT WEST	8	17	0	32.0%	2	3	0	40.0%

This is a chart of conf vs conf ATS records of bowl teams only. This shows that the SBC had the best ATS record vs other conferences and also the highest win % vs BCS tms.

PENN ST (9-3)   TICKETCITY BOWL   HOUSTON (12-1)

Jan 2 • 12:00 pm espnU • Cotton Bowl • Dallas, TX

POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
PENN ST	182	150	21	2.4	–	99.2
HOUSTON	98	390	34	2.1	–	91.3

NITTANY LIONS   ATS: 3-8-1 O/U: 2-8-1

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Silas Redd	#10	12/10	230	1207	19	1188	7	5.2
Curtis Dukes	#40	7/0	41	247	10	237	1	5.8
Stephfon Green	#145	7/0	46	210	7	203	5	4.4
Brandon Beachum	#14	7/2	34	137	3	134	0	3.9

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Matt McGloin	#171	12/5	231	125	54.1	1571	8	5
Rob Bolden	#5	9/7	109	46	42.2	548	1	4

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Derek Moye	#57	10/9	40	654	16.4	3	74
Justin Brown	#20	12/10	34	448	13.2	1	34
Devon Smith	#86	12/3	23	353	15.3	2	71

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Anthony Fera	#3	11	55	2311	42.0	16	35.7	1	17

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	0-1	1-4	17	46
Anthony Fera	#3	11	18-18	7-7	4-4	3-5	0-1	14-17	46		

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	GERALD HODGES	#15	12/12	97	4.5	5	3	1
S	Drew Astorino	#335	12/12	77	0	5	6	1
LB	Glenn Carson	#23	12/11	74	0	1.5	0	0
LB	Nate Stupar	#16	12/8	68	2	3.5	3	2
S	Nick Sukay	#24	12/12	59	0	0.5	7	3
DL	Jordan Hill	#130	12/12	58	3.5	4.5	2	0
DL	DEVON STILL	#13	12/12	55	4.5	12.5	1	0
CB	D'Anton Lynn	#43	11/10	45	0	1	6	1
DE	Jack Crawford	#14	12/12	40	6.5	1	5	0
CB	Chaz Powell	#48	12/12	36	0	2.5	1	2
LB	Khairi Fortt	#5	12/0	31	1.5	2.5	0	0
DE	Sean Stanley	#45	12/7	30	4.5	2	2	1
FS	Malcolm Willis	#105	11/1	25	0	0	1	1
LB	Michael Mauti	#21	4/4	21	0	3	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Justin Brown	26	194	7.5	Chaz Powell	23	652	28.3	1
				Adrian Amos	6	127	21.2	0

COUGARS   ATS: 10-3 O/U: 7-6

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
CHARLES SIMS	#124	12/8	104	795	13	782	9	7.5
Michael Hayes	#90JC	12/5	136	731	24	707	11	5.2
Bryce Beall	#299	10/4	53	317	6	311	7	5.9
Case Keenum	#317	13/13	50	183	158	25	3	0.5

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
CASE KEENUM	#317	13/13	534	383	71.7	5099	45	5
Cotton Turner	#104	9/0	77	50	64.9	652	6	1

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
PATRICK EDWARDS	#495	13/12	79	1524	19.3	18	70
Justin Johnson	#96	13/13	73	1081	14.4	11	61
Tyron Carrier	#341	13/12	87	914	10.5	5	54
Charles Sims	#124	12/8	54	545	11.8	4	84
Michael Hayes	#90JC	12/5	43	472	11.0	4	60
EJ Smith	#95	12/9	27	297	11.0	2	52

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Richie Leone	#49	13	45	1842	40.9	17	36.4	1	11

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+		
Matt Hogan	#76	13	88-89	8-8	2-3	0-0	0-1	10-12	35

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	Marcus McGraw	#368	13/13	131	2.5	11	7	1
LB	Derrick Mathews	#186	13/13	97	1	8	4	2
LB	SAMMY BROWN	#104JC	13/13	88	12.5	15.5	3	0
LB	Phillip Steward	#308	13/13	74	1.5	6.5	6	5
S	Kent Brooks	#187	13/6	65	0	0.5	2	0
CB	DJ Hayden	#43JC	12/11	62	0	6	9	2
S	Nick Saenz	#229	13/9	48	0	1.5	2	1
DB	Zach McMillian	#251	12/12	44	0	1	5	1
DL	Eric Braswell	#455	13/10	43	3	3.5	2	0
S	Colton Valencia	#126	12/4	40	0	0	2	0
LB	Everett Daniels	#197JC	13/0	38	0	3.5	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Patrick Edwards	14	204	14.6	Tyron Carrier	28	695	24.8	1
Damian Payne	4	108	27.0					

	PSU	UH		PSU	UH		PSU	UH		PSU	UH
QB	-	✔✔✔	RB	1/2	-	WR	-	✔	CCH	-	✔

If UH's Sumlin is here, then Houston has the edge, but if he departs, it would shift to PSU.

	PSU	UH	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	-	-	PSU avg 6-4 304, 4 Sr, 12 sk all'd (3.4%), 4.2 ypc. UH avg 6-4 298, 1 Sr, 16 sk all'd (2.6%), 5.0 ypc.
DL	✔✔	-	PSU avg 6-3 282, 2 Sr, 21 of tm 29 sks, 3.6 ypc. UH avg 6-3 283, 1 Sr, 7.5 of tm 29 sks, 4.2 ypc.
LB	✔	-	PSU Hodges #1 tkl'r w/97, 10 tfl, Carson #3. UH McGraw #1 tkl'r w/131, 13.5 tfl, Mathews #2.
DB	1/2	-	PSU #22 pass eff D, 162 ypg (54%), 9-14 ratio. UH #20 pass eff D, 214 ypg (57%), 18-18 ratio.

Turf/Crowd	-	✔	We give the Cougars the in-state edge but you will still see blue in the crowd.
MTCH	✔	-	While UH has been productive on off, they have yet to see a top 10 defense.
INT	✔✔1/2		UH was a DD fav and lost $17 mil while PSU DISRESPECTED.
ST	-	-	SCH ✔✔✔

OVERALL - PENN ST by 4' ✔'s

PSU is 2-0 vs UH but the last gm was in '77. It's hard to believe that PSU headed into their bye the B10's highest ranked tm with a league best 8-1 rec'd (loss to #2 Bama), their BCS destiny in their own hands and the NCAA's all-time winning HC on the sidelines. The Lions now head into uncharted waters playing in a new bowl for an interim HC for the 1st time in schl hist. Even if a new hire is made Bradley will remain the HC for the bowl. UH, like PSU, controlled its own destiny for bigger and better things. Sumlin is 1-1 SU/ATS in bowls with both being in Dallas. But he is high on the wish list of many programs although at press time he remains the Cougars HC. PSU has played in the Cotton Bowl venue 3x's (2-0-1 SU) most recently in '74. Due to the scandal PSU fell precipitously down the B10 bowl ladder being passed over the players expressed anger at not playing in a more prestigious bowl. UH should draw a nice crowd playing in their home state. PSU is 6-3 SU/3-5-1 ATS vs bowl tms being outscored 18-16 (-2) and outgained 324-317 (-7) while UH was 5-1 SU/4-2 ATS outscored foes 42-28 (+14) and outgaining them 506-432 (+74). PSU was 4-1 SU/2-3 ATS on the road and UH was a perfect 6-0 SU/4-2 ATS. PSU has a very Sr laden club with 13 among their 20 upperclassmen. UH has 11 Sr st'rs with 15 upperclassmen.

The Lions have played QB roulette the L/2Y with Bolden and McGloin with Bolden beginning the yr as the st'r before McGloin closed it out as the clear cut #1. Bolden threatened to trans after not seeing the field in LY's bowl after McGloin threw 5 int, but he was coaxed back into the fold and they were PSU's only 2 schlrshp QB's available in '11. Bolden started the 1st 7 with McGloin coming in for select series. Neither QB could get into rhythm with the Lions finishing #112 FBS pass eff (180, 50%, 9-9). One of Bradley's 1st personnel moves was to name McGloin the st'r. He also noticed how well his wildcat QB's Belton and Drake were playing vs his own D and used the formation extensively for the 1st time vs Ohio St in a 20-14 win in which they ran for 239 yds. The engine of the offense was RB Redd who despite stinger issues which limited him late in the ssn made it 7 yrs in a row that a Lion has gone over 1,000 yds. Despite missing 2 gms due to a foot inj WR Moye led the tm in catches and rec yds. The OL (6'4" 304 avg) cleared the way for a 4.2 ypc and all'd just 12 sks (3.4%). The Lions have our #70 off an as always PSU's strength lies in their #10 D led by the B10's DPOY DT Devon Still. The Lions finished #10 FBS ttl D (301) and #5 scoring D (16). Despite an inj to their top LB Mauti, Hodges became a playmaker leading the tm in tkls and being named the B10's DPOW vs NW and IL. The Sr filled secondary ranked #22 in pass eff D (162, 54%, 9-14). The ST (#52) struggled early as the Lions missed 3 FG's which nearly cost them to lose to Temple for the 1st time in 29 gms. Fera became the 1st ply'r under Paterno to handle P, K and KO duties. KR Powell was #11 FBS (28.3) while #1 PR Brown avg'd just 7.5. The coverage units allow 8.1 on PR and 21.8 on KR.

UH is also disappointed to be in this bowl after having not only their perfect ssn but a BCS bowl taken away at home in the CUSA Champ gm. Prior to that UH stood 12-0 and ranked #6 in the BCS (10-2 ATS) outscoring foes 53-21 (+226 ypg). The loss to SM also cost CUSA about $17 mil which may have helped the school in negotiating exits fees as before they enter the Big East. UH is bowling for a 6th time in the L7Y and is in the midst of the best ssn in schl hist. QB Keenum did himself no favors vs SM (cost him a Heisman seat) but TY broke multiple NCAA records incl career pass yds, pass TD, ttl off, ttl TD, comp's and 300+ yd gms. With all the Keenum talk UH RB's were under the radar for most of the ssn but Sims and Hayes spearheaded a unit that avg a solid 5.0 ypc with 3 100+ yds gms (incl a 200 gm). Carrier, Edwards and Johnson form one the NCAA's best WR trios. The OL avg 6'4" 298 with 1 Sr but that is the unit's anchor in C Thompson. The OL paved the way for 155 rush ypg all'g just 16 sks (2.6%). UH has the #4 off and #60 def. The DL avg 6'3" 283 and has 7.5 of the tm's 29 sks. UH plays a 3-4 and the LB's are clearly the heart and soul of the D. Brown, Mathews, McGraw and Steward form one of the best units in the NCAA (17.5 sks, 9 int and top 4 tkl'rs). The Cougars are ranked #20 in our pass eff D all'g 214 ypg (57%) with an 18-18 ratio. One of the main reasons for UH's success TY was due to the D's improvement on ppg (32 to 23) and ypg (433 to 386). The ST's come in ranked #41. UH had a comb 3 ret TD's but the kicking gm was avg (limited do to the potent off). UH avg 21.9 on KR and 14.1 (#9 FBS) on PR while allowing 21.5 and 7.9.

If you read the intangible section in the checklist, it pretty much sums up this gm. The Cougars may have looked past SM and after thinking BCS for the last month, are now in this bowl. The Lions players gave an initial reaction of disappointment, but fiery interim HC Bradley will turn that around as PSU is an underdog to a CUSA tm.

FORECAST: PENN ST over Houston   RATING: 4★

MICHIGAN ST (10-3)   OUTBACK BOWL   GEORGIA (10-3)

Jan 2 • 1:00 pm ABC • Raymond James Stadium • Tampa, FL

POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
MICHIGAN ST	70	220	26	2.1	✔✔	97.0
GEORGIA	100	245	24	2.2	-	99.7

SPARTANS   ATS: 9-4 O/U: 6-7

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Le'Veon Bell	#106	13/5	165	936	36	900	11	5.5
Edwin Baker	#10	13/8	164	708	53	655	5	4.0
Keshawn Martin	#339	13/8	17	125	4	121	2	7.1
Larry Caper	#21	10/0	30	121	5	116	1	3.9
Nick Hill	#49	13/0	29	118	5	113	0	3.9

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Kirk Cousins	#179	13/13	369	240	65.0	3016	24	7
Andrew Maxwell	#32	4/0	26	18	69.2	171	1	0

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
B.J. Cunningham	#198	13/12	72	1240	17.2	12	69
Keshawn Martin	#339	13/8	62	742	12.0	4	67
Keith Nichol	#7	13/5	22	299	13.6	2	44
Brian Linthicum	#48	13/12	24	249	10.4	0	28
Le'Veon Bell	#106	13/5	30	228	7.6	0	45

PUNTING	PS#	GP/GS	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Mike Sadler	#6	13	53	2108	39.8	14	35.3(t)	1	21

KICKING	PS#	GP/GS	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Dan Conroy	#52	13	47-47	6-8	3-3	4-5	2-5	15-21	50

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	Max Bullough	#17	13/13	86	3.5	3.5	2	1
LB	Denicos Allen	#123	13/13	78	10	7	3	0
S	TRENTON ROBINSON	#203	13/13	74	0	2	2	4
LB	Chris Norman	#16	11/11	71	2	3	2	0
S	Isaiah Lewis	#57	13/13	71	0	2.5	3	4
DL	William Gholston	#3	12/11	63	3	8	1	0
DL	Marcus Rush	#116	13/13	51	4	6	4	0
CB	Johnny Adams	#61	13/12	49	3	1	6	3
CB	Darqueze Dennard	#332	11/11	38	0	1	3	0
DL	Kevin Pickelman	#404	13/10	37	4	3.5	1	0
LB	Kyler Elsworth	#1078	13/0	36	0.5	2	1	0
DL	JEREL WORTHY	#112	13/13	25	3.5	5	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Keshawn Martin	23	271	11.8	Nick Hill	36	938	26.1	0

BULLDOGS   ATS: 8-4-1 O/U: 6-7

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Isaiah Crowell	#4	11/7	182	894	47	847	5	4.7
Carlton Thomas	#35	9/1	71	368	7	361	2	5.1
Brandon Harton	-	5/0	53	255	8	247	1	4.7
Richard Samuel IV	#10	7/3	73	266	26	240	1	3.3
Aaron Murray	#6	13/13	79	315	191	124	2	1.6

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Aaron Murray	#6	13/13	371	218	58.8	2861	33	12

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
ORSON CHARLES	#2	13/13	44	572	13.0	5	36
Tavarres King	#6	13/12	41	500	12.2	7	44
Malcolm Mitchell	#18	10/8	38	614	16.2	4	71
Michael Bennett	#70	13/4	31	316	10.2	5	27
Chris Conley	#41	10/0	16	288	18.0	2	47
Marlon Brown	#3	11/4	14	228	16.3	3	75

PUNTING	PS#	GP/GS	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Drew Butler	#21	12	51	2260	44.3	12	34.8	0	19

KICKING	PS#	GP/GS	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Blair Walsh	#5	12	44-44	4-4	9-13	4-9	2-5	19-31	56
Brandon Bogotay	#573JC	7	6-6	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-2	26

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	JARVIS JONES	#23	13/13	69	13.5	5	7	0
S	Shawn Williams	#79	13/12	65	0	4	5	3
LB	Michael Gilliard	#37	13/11	65	0	5	3	1
S	BACARRI RAMBO	#76	12/12	52	0	1	7	7
DB	Brandon Boykin	#62	13/13	48	0	9	9	3
S	Sanders Commings	#97	13/12	48	1	3	12	1
DE	Abry Jones	#24	13/13	45	4	3	3	0
LB	Alec Ogletree	#9	7/7	39	2	3.5	0	0
LB	Amarlo Herrera	#27	13/8	37	0	3	2	0
LB	Christian Robinson	#64	11/3	37	1.5	4	3	0
DL	John Jenkins	#5JC	13/6	28	3	3	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brandon Boykin	13	88	6.8	Brandon Boykin	34	780	22.9	0

	MSU	UGA		MSU	UGA		MSU	UGA		MSU	UGA
QB	-	1/2	RB	-	✔	WR	-	✔	CCH	-	1/2

Both are great leaders, but edge to Richt with a 7-3 record vs Dantonio who's winless here.

	MSU	UGA	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	-	-	MSU avg 6-4 301, 1 Sr, 15 sk all'd (3.8%), 4.0 ypc. UGA avg 6-4 329, 3 Sr, 29 sk all'd (7.2%), 4.1 ypc.
DL	-	-	MSU avg 6-4 282, 1 Sr, 20.5 of tm 41 sks, 2.9 ypc. UGA avg 6-3 318, 1 Sr, 8.5 of tm 34 sks, 3.3 ypc.
LB	-	1/2	Bullough 1 tkl'r w/86, 7 tfl, Allen #2, 17 tfl. Jones #1 tkl'r w/69, 19.5 tfl, Gilliard #3, 7 tfl.
DB	-	1/2	MSU #19 pass eff D, 168 ypg (53%), 18-16 ratio. UGA #15 pass eff D, 165 ypg (50%), 11-17 ratio.

Turf/Crowd	-	1/2	We'll give a slight edge to the Bulldogs with many more SEC fans in the FL area.
MTCH	-	-	Quality matchup between the SEC and Big Ten with a pair of Top 10 defenses.
INT	-	✔	MSU is 3rd B10 pick after being among conf's best all yr.
ST	✔1/2	-	SCH	-	1/2

OVERALL - GEORGIA by 4 ✔'s

MSU has had the B10's best reg ssn conf rec'd (14-2) incl wins over Wisc in both reg ssn matchups the L2Y but despite HC Dantonio's pressn slogan of "P4RB" (Prepare for the Rose Bowl) they failed to make it to the Rose or another BCS bowl due to the league's tie breaking procedures in 2010 and their wild rematch loss to Wisky in the inaugural B10 Champ gm. Even more galling for Sparty is that their hated rival Mich claimed a BCS slot while league newcomer Nebraska claimed the more prestigious Capital One Bowl dropping them to the Outback. This is still just their 4th Jan bowl S/'89 and they won 10 or more gms in B2B ssns for the 1st time in prog hist. The Spartans are 0-4 SU/1-3 ATS in bowls under Dantonio with memories of LY's embarrassing 49-7 NY's Day filleting by Bama being a primary offssn motivator for TY's tm. UGA overcame an 0-2 start with HC Richt firmly on the hot seat only to win their next 10 (longest ssn win streak S/'82) before dropping the SEC Title gm. The Bulldogs make their 15th str bowl appearance (11-3 SU/10-4 ATS) and it is their 4th time here in that span (3-0 SU/2-1 ATS) but 1st appearance S/'04. Richt is 7-3 SU/6-4 ATS in bowls but LY had a miserable outing losing 10-6 (-6') to UCF. UGA was 5-3 SU/4-3-1 ATS vs bowl tms TY outscoring foes 29-26 and outgaining them 391-295. MSU went 5-3 SU/6/2 ATS outscoring foes 25-24 and outgaining them 362-276.

The Spartans are led by the B10's pass yds leader, Sr QB Cousins who finished #16 FBS in pass eff. He was the conf's most exp QB and is now MSU's all-time leader in TD passes. His primary target is the schl's all-time leader in rec yds and TD in Cunningham. After being held without a catch for the 1st time in 41 gms vs Neb, Cunningham finished the ssn strong with at least 2 TD rec's in the L/4 gms and 100 yd efforts in the L/3. MSU uses multiple TE's with Linthicum the best rec option. The run gm was thought to be the unit's strength heading into the ssn with 1,200 yd rusher Baker returning. Baker faltered in part due to some costly fmbl's with the Spartans instead employing a TB-by-committee led by Le'Veon Bell. The OL struggled with inj's and depth issues all yr with MSU avg 137 rush ypg (4.1) in conf play although they all'd just 15 sks (4.1%). The Spartans led the B10 in ttl (273), rush (104, 2.9), int (16) and sks (41). The front 4 creates matchup problems with All-B10 DT Worthy in the middle flanked by DE's Rush and 6'7" terror Gholston. After losing 2 of their top all-time tkl'rs coming into the yr, the Spartans reloaded emphasizing spd with Allen and Norman outside while legacy MLB Bullough mans the middle. They are 3 of the D's top 4 tkl'rs. MSU is #19 pass eff D (168, 53%, 18-16) with all 4 st'rs being recognized for their play on the All-Conf tms. The ST had special moments with PR Martin #2 B10 avg 11.8 with 1 TD. The top KR is Hill (26.1). K Conroy hit 2 FG's from 50. P Sadler's net was 35.3 with 21 In20. MSU had 4 blk's TY incl a P and FG in the reg ssn gm vs Wisky.

UGA took adv of avoiding the top 3 tms in the SEC West (LSU, Bama, Ark) to make their 1st SEC Title gm S/'05 and gave Richt some job security heading into next ssn. QB Murray followed up his sensational Fr campaign (24-8 ratio) by setting the schl rec'd for TD passes w/33. Super Fr RB Crowell led the Dogs in rushing despite playing most of the ssn at less than 100% (ribs, ankle) while also being susp'd twice. The WR's are deep and talented led by deep-threat Mitchell who missed a couple of gms with a hamstring inj while Mackey finalist TE Charles gives the Bulldogs another dangerous rec weapon. The OL avg 6'4" 329 with 3 Sr st'rs but is depth-shy losing 4 ply'rs to inj TY. They still paved the way for 173 ypg (4.1) while all'g 29 sks (7.2%). Overall the Bulldogs have our #16 off. The #6 UGA D made huge strides in DC's Grantham's 2nd yr of the 3-4. The huge DL avg 6'3" 318 with 1 Sr st'r and was a big reason they all'd just 103 rush ypg (3.3) their best numbers S/'97. The LB's dealt with injury and susp that saw opening day st'rs Ogletree and Washington miss multiple gms but they were led by breakout star OLB Jones who led the SEC in sks (#3 NCAA). The secondary is led by vets CB Boykin and S Rambo (led SEC in int's) who comb for 26 pd and the unit improved to #15 in our pass D rankings all'g 165 ypg (50%) with an 11-17 ratio. The UGA ST's coming into the ssn was widely considered one of the best in the country but was a huge disappointment (#87). K Walsh who was 40-45 FG's the L/2Y comb struggled all yr and missed 12 FG's. P Butler had a disappointing net of 34.8 (40.9 LY) while PR/KR Boykin is the all-time ret leader at UGA but failed to reach the EZ after scoring 3 TD's LY.

Very few tms fall in the Top 12 of total D, rush D and pass D in the NCAA rankings but both of these tms do. In our overall rankings, we have UGA #6 and MSU #8 and each tm is built similarly which helps in a low scoring gm. UGA's performance in the SEC Championship, holding LSU without a FD in the 1H, shows how dominant they can be while MSU held Ohio St, Michigan, Indiana and N'Western to B10 lows on the season. Both tms want to run the ball, and both tms can stop the run.

FORECAST: UNDER Michigan St/Georgia   RATING: 3★

BOWL TEAMS TOUGHEST UNITS FACED

Here is a chart showing how difficult of a schedule each bowl team faced in opposing units. For example, West Virginia ranks #15 in the NCAA in pass eff defense, but #34 in our rankings (see our rankings on pg 13). The Mountaineers have taken on the #117 schedule of passing teams TY with 0 of their opponents ranking in our top 20 of pass offenses (In fact 0 in the top 40!!). Don't be misled by pure stats. This chart is very helpful to look at bowl matchups. For instance if team A is playing Team B who has a strong rush offense, you will want to see how strong the rush defenses were that team B faced this year to get an idea of how they matchup vs their bowl opponent.

	Rush Off Sched	Rush Off AvgRank Faced	Top 40	Top 20	Pass Off Sched	Pass Off AvgRank Faced	Top 40	Top 20	Total Off Sched	Total Off AvgRank Faced	Top 40	Top 20	Rush Def Sched	Rush Def AvgRank Faced	Top 40	Top 20	Pass Def Sched	Pass Def AvgRank Faced	Top 40	Top 20	Total Def Sched	Total Def AvgRank Faced	Top 40	Top 20
AIR FORCE	54	59.8	5	2	118	83.2	2	2	96	75.4	3	2	115	82.9	3	2	95	74.7	3	2	114	83.2	3	2
ALABAMA	23	50.8	5	2	113	78.9	2	1	57	63.4	2	1	18	50.9	4	3	15	49.0	7	4	5	43.8	7	3
ARIZONA ST	68	64.3	4	2	18	48.8	6	4	26	53.3	5	2	29	53.9	6	2	6	43.1	8	3	22	50.6	6	5
ARKANSAS	33	54.8	6	3	89	71.3	3	1	51	60.9	3	3	45	57.7	5	4	35	55.8	5	1	25	51.2	7	4
ARKANSAS ST	116	84.5	1	1	99	75.0	1	0	119	92.1	1	0	86	73.6	3	1	112	80.1	2	1	101	80.1	2	2
AUBURN	12	47.9	7	4	67	66.1	4	3	23	49.8	6	6	7	48.1	6	6	11	47.3	7	6	4	43.7	8	6
BAYLOR	18	48.3	7	2	16	48.3	6	5	17	46.9	7	4	35	54.9	6	3	32	54.4	3	2	23	50.9	7	3
BOISE STATE	9	46.4	7	2	63	65.6	2	0	35	55.8	5	2	88	74.8	2	1	45	58.0	4	3	88	76.5	2	1
BYU	98	75.4	3	1	61	65.2	2	1	100	77.4	2	0	69	66.3	3	2	68	65.9	2	2	73	66.7	4	2
CALIFORNIA	63	63.2	4	2	10	43.8	6	5	22	49.1	5	3	47	58.1	4	3	16	50.5	6	4	55	58.7	4	4
CINCINNATI	120	92.1	1	0	86	70.3	3	1	112	83.1	1	0	27	53.7	6	1	64	64.5	3	0	56	58.8	5	0
CLEMSON	17	49.2	6	3	80	68.8	3	0	39	57.3	3	0	30	54.0	5	4	30	54.0	5	1	26	51.3	5	3
FLORIDA	47	58.7	6	2	93	72.7	3	0	59	64.9	3	3	14	50.2	6	5	21	52.3	5	2	7	44.9	7	5
FIU	118	89.4	0	0	81	69.5	3	0	116	86.3	0	0	97	76.0	2	0	113	81.3	1	0	112	82.1	2	0
FLORIDA STATE	74	65.3	5	1	35	57.3	4	3	53	61.9	4	3	39	57.0	6	3	19	51.7	7	4	51	58.1	4	3
GEORGIA	30	53.5	4	1	102	76.5	2	1	50	60.8	2	1	46	57.8	4	3	24	53.4	5	2	9	47.5	6	3
GEORGIA TECH	43	58.2	5	1	37	57.7	4	1	41	58.1	5	2	60	60.9	5	3	54	60.7	4	3	65	63.3	4	2
HOUSTON	109	79.2	4	1	60	65.1	4	1	106	80.5	1	0	109	79.6	2	0	108	78.5	1	0	92	77.7	1	0
ILLINOIS	45	58.5	4	3	29	55.3	4	3	29	54.3	5	2	67	65.1	4	2	9	46.3	6	6	69	65.2	4	1
IOWA	59	60.6	3	2	96	74.7	2	1	69	66.8	4	1	44	57.5	6	2	97	74.8	2	1	43	55.3	5	2
IOWA STATE	24	50.9	6	3	25	52.3	6	5	13	45.7	7	5	10	48.8	6	3	40	57.0	2	1	14	48.9	6	3
KANSAS STATE	19	49.8	6	3	20	49.7	6	5	14	45.8	8	5	53	59.6	4	3	39	56.6	4	1	42	55.2	5	3
LOUISIANA	117	89.1	0	0	76	67.8	4	2	110	82.6	2	1	95	75.8	1	0	100	75.1	2	0	102	80.2	1	0
LOUISIANA TECH	81	69.5	3	2	28	53.6	4	1	67	66.6	3	2	102	77.3	0	0	91	73.3	2	2	93	78.3	1	0
LOUISVILLE	106	77.8	1	0	70	66.8	3	1	93	74.6	2	0	12	49.0	6	2	103	75.3	2	0	47	56.3	3	0
LSU	32	54.2	3	2	51	63.6	3	2	34	55.3	4	3	33	54.5	3	2	14	48.0	6	3	6	44.0	6	3
MARSHALL	78	67.3	3	1	24	51.3	6	3	40	57.8	5	2	73	67.3	2	1	52	60.1	4	2	71	65.5	3	1
MICHIGAN	25	52.0	4	2	58	64.8	4	3	36	56.3	5	1	26	52.8	5	3	55	60.8	3	2	21	50.3	5	3
MICHIGAN ST	15	48.8	5	4	82	69.6	2	2	30	54.4	5	3	64	62.9	5	2	33	55.0	3	3	62	61.5	5	1
MISS ST.	50	59.1	5	2	85	69.9	2	1	58	63.8	4	4	54	59.7	5	4	56	60.8	5	3	27	51.8	6	4
MISSOURI	36	55.8	5	2	12	45.3	7	6	15	46.2	7	5	63	62.3	4	3	42	57.2	3	2	51	58.1	5	3
N CAROLINA ST	73	65.1	3	1	64	65.7	3	1	73	67.5	3	1	68	65.8	4	2	59	62.6	5	1	72	66.5	2	1
NEBRASKA	20	50.0	5	4	73	67.1	4	2	28	54.3	5	2	34	54.6	6	5	17	50.6	6	5	33	52.3	6	3
NEVADA	107	78.3	3	3	30	55.7	6	3	71	67.2	4	2	85	73.5	4	2	86	72.4	3	2	96	79.1	4	3
NORTH CAROLINA	58	60.5	5	2	45	61.3	3	2	49	60.3	4	1	21	51.3	5	4	13	47.6	6	2	17	50.0	4	1
NORTHERN ILLINOIS	62	63.2	4	2	97	74.7	3	1	104	80.1	3	2	120	89.0	1	0	84	71.7	4	2	120	91.9	1	0
NORTHWESTERN	26	52.3	4	3	120	87.3	1	1	92	73.8	3	1	59	60.7	5	2	53	60.2	5	2	46	56.3	5	3
NOTRE DAME	1	36.5	7	4	83	69.7	3	2	19	48.3	4	3	24	51.8	6	5	50	59.3	5	2	23	50.9	5	3
OHIO	119	91.9	1	1	106	76.7	1	0	120	95.9	1	0	119	85.5	1	0	118	86.0	1	0	119	89.9	1	0
OHIO STATE	11	47.5	6	3	69	66.7	2	0	27	53.5	6	3	22	51.5	6	2	22	53.0	5	3	30	52.2	6	3
OKLAHOMA	8	46.2	7	4	15	46.6	8	5	7	41.2	8	5	41	57.3	6	4	58	62.0	2	0	34	52.9	7	4
OKLAHOMA ST	10	46.8	7	3	9	43.4	7	5	2	37.8	8	4	38	56.9	5	3	31	54.3	3	1	48	56.6	5	3
OREGON	40	57.7	4	3	4	38.2	7	6	6	40.3	8	3	39	57.0	4	3	3	38.1	8	5	44	55.5	4	4
PENN STATE	6	45.4	5	5	114	79.6	1	1	55	62.6	4	2	41	57.3	4	2	47	58.2	4	2	38	54.7	5	2
PITTSBURGH	100	76.4	2	0	89	71.3	2	2	91	73.6	2	1	2	44.6	7	3	72	68.3	3	0	36	53.3	4	2
PURDUE	5	44.9	6	3	112	78.4	1	1	62	66.0	3	3	52	59.2	6	3	28	53.7	5	4	49	56.6	4	3
RUTGERS	57	60.3	3	2	105	76.7	3	1	76	68.5	2	0	32	54.3	6	4	93	73.5	4	0	66	63.9	3	0
SAN DIEGO ST	27	52.3	5	3	107	76.9	3	2	76	68.5	3	2	113	81.8	1	0	62	63.8	5	3	113	82.4	3	1
SMU	56	60.3	6	3	68	66.6	5	3	53	61.9	6	4	84	72.7	3	2	82	71.1	4	3	81	72.9	4	2
SOUTH CAROLINA	14	48.3	7	3	47	63.0	6	4	38	57.0	4	4	62	61.8	4	3	20	51.9	7	5	29	52.1	7	3
SOUTHERN MISS	113	81.5	1	1	53	64.0	3	1	105	80.3	2	0	109	79.6	3	0	120	89.4	0	0	90	77.3	2	0
STANFORD	75	65.4	4	1	1	31.2	7	5	8	41.6	6	3	48	58.4	4	2	11	47.3	7	3	45	56.0	4	1
TCU	66	64.2	3	2	74	67.4	4	2	80	68.9	3	2	108	79.6	3	0	76	69.6	4	3	99	79.6	2	1
TEMPLE	95	74.4	4	1	116	79.8	3	0	118	88.4	1	1	116	83.0	1	1	96	74.8	3	1	117	87.6	1	1
TEXAS	4	44.6	6	3	7	43.0	7	5	3	38.7	7	5	65	63.0	4	2	25	53.4	4	1	41	55.1	6	2
TEXAS A&M	31	53.9	5	2	13	45.5	7	5	9	44.0	7	5	49	58.5	5	2	40	57.0	2	2	30	52.2	6	2
TOLEDO	86	71.3	3	3	49	63.3	5	2	87	72.3	3	1	97	76.0	2	0	101	75.2	3	3	103	80.3	2	1
TULSA	97	74.8	1	0	23	51.3	5	4	62	66.0	4	4	73	67.3	3	2	97	74.8	2	2	66	63.9	4	2
UCLA	64	63.4	3	1	2	32.9	8	7	4	40.1	7	3	8	48.5	5	4	5	40.6	6	3	10	47.7	5	5
UTAH	79	67.7	2	0	5	38.7	7	5	16	46.6	6	1	61	61.1	3	1	4	39.8	4	2	59	59.3	4	2
UTAH STATE	90	72.8	2	1	44	61.0	4	0	88	72.7	2	0	117	83.8	1	0	69	67.1	4	1	106	81.0	2	0
VANDERBILT	42	58.0	4	2	62	65.5	4	1	70	66.9	3	3	31	54.2	5	5	27	53.6	4	2	8	47.1	6	4
VIRGINIA	46	58.6	5	2	59	64.8	4	0	45	59.4	5	1	56	60.4	4	3	65	65.2	4	2	63	61.9	4	2
VIRGINIA TECH	67	64.2	4	1	27	52.7	6	3	42	58.6	5	2	55	60.0	2	1	48	58.6	6	2	61	61.2	1	0
WAKE FOREST	69	64.4	5	1	41	58.3	5	2	43	58.7	4	2	9	48.5	6	2	78	70.0	2	2	18	50.2	6	3
WASHINGTON	80	68.2	3	3	3	34.4	8	6	18	47.0	6	3	18	50.9	6	3	10	47.3	6	3	28	51.9	6	5
WEST VIRGINIA	92	73.9	3	1	117	80.3	0	0	99	77.3	1	1	18	50.9	7	2	70	67.5	4	1	56	58.8	4	1
WESTERN MICHIGAN	104	77.0	3	2	98	74.8	2	0	113	83.7	3	2	88	74.8	3	1	109	78.6	2	1	107	81.2	2	1
WISCONSIN	48	58.7	3	3	102	76.5	2	1	72	67.5	3	0	51	58.8	5	3	83	71.4	4	3	50	56.9	5	3
WYOMING	44	58.3	5	3	119	86.4	1	0	83	71.3	3	1	111	80.5	3	1	111	79.2	2	2	105	80.6	3	1

FIRST DOWNS PER GAME FOR BOWL TEAMS

Team	OFF	D	Per/gm Diff	Team	OFF	D	Per/gm Diff	Team	OFF	D	Per/gm Diff
Alabama	21.6	10.5	11.1	Virginia	20.6	16.9	3.7	Pittsburgh	20.6	20.1	0.5
Boise St	25.6	15.4	10.2	Illinois	19.5	15.9	3.6	Tulsa	22.7	22.4	0.3
Nevada	27.4	18.6	8.8	Michigan St	19.8	16.2	3.5	Louisiana Tech	20.2	20.0	0.2
Houston	28.3	20.4	7.9	Arkansas	22.2	18.8	3.4	SMU	19.3	19.2	0.2
Wisconsin	23.3	15.4	7.9	Missouri	24.1	20.8	3.3	Cincinnati	19.6	19.5	0.1
Oklahoma	26.8	19.1	7.7	Notre Dame	23.9	20.7	3.3	Wake Forest	20.2	20.3	-0.1
BYU	24.0	16.5	7.5	Toledo	24.3	21.1	3.3	North Carolina	19.2	19.3	-0.1
Georgia	21.6	14.3	7.3	Northwestern	23.4	20.3	3.1	Ohio St	16.8	17.0	-0.2
Stanford	24.8	17.8	7.1	Clemson	22.4	19.4	3.0	FIU	19.2	19.4	-0.3
LSU	20.3	14.7	5.6	Oregon	24.4	21.5	2.9	Vanderbilt	17.4	17.8	-0.3
Arkansas St	23.7	18.2	5.5	Texas	20.8	17.9	2.9	Utah St	21.3	21.8	-0.6
Texas A&M	26.9	21.9	5.0	San Diego St	21.0	18.2	2.8	Mississippi St	18.9	19.7	-0.8
Virginia Tech	21.1	16.1	5.0	Arizona St	23.9	21.1	2.8	Purdue	20.3	21.3	-0.9
Rutgers	19.9	15.1	4.8	Air Force	23.4	21.3	2.1	Kansas St	19.8	20.9	-1.1
Michigan	21.5	16.8	4.7	Temple	18.5	16.5	2.0	Louisville	17.6	18.9	-1.3
Ohio	23.5	19.0	4.5	Western Mich	20.5	18.8	1.9	Washington	20.7	22.0	-1.3
West Virginia	22.5	18.1	4.4	Georgia Tech	20.5	18.8	1.8	Iowa	20.4	21.8	-1.4
Baylor	28.7	24.3	4.3	Oklahoma St	26.8	25.2	1.7	Louisiana	18.4	20.4	-2.0
Southern Miss	23.8	19.5	4.3	Nebraska	20.7	19.1	1.6	Iowa St	21.2	23.3	-2.1
California	22.1	17.8	4.3	Penn St	18.7	17.1	1.6	Wyoming	19.8	22.1	-2.3
Florida St	19.4	15.5	3.9	Northern Illinois	24.3	23.0	1.3	Utah	16.6	19.3	-2.8
TCU	21.7	17.8	3.9	Florida	17.3	16.6	0.8	UCLA	19.0	22.7	-3.7
South Carolina	19.3	15.7	3.7	NC State	18.3	17.7	0.6	Auburn	17.1	22.2	-5.1
								Marshall	16.4	21.9	-5.5

SACKS BY/VERSUS - BOWL TEAMS

Team	Sks By	Sks All'd	Pr/gm Diff	Team	Sks By	Sks All'd	Pr/gm Diff	Team	Sks By	Sks All'd	Pr/gm Diff
Texas A&M	43	8	2.9	Air Force	17	9	0.7	SMU	26	27	-0.1
Stanford	38	9	2.4	Arkansas St	32	24	0.7	Utah	30	31	-0.1
Oregon	43	12	2.4	Louisiana Tech	32	24	0.7	South Carolina	25	27	-0.2
Oklahoma	37	9	2.3	Nevada	22	14	0.7	Ohio	21	22	-0.1
Cincinnati	43	19	2.0	BYU	21	14	0.6	Texas	24	26	-0.2
Michigan St	40	15	1.9	Georgia Tech	20	13	0.6	Vanderbilt	24	26	-0.2
LSU	37	14	1.8	Missouri	25	18	0.6	Arkansas	22	25	-0.3
Virginia Tech	38	15	1.8	Notre Dame	20	13	0.6	Mississippi St	21	24	-0.3
FIU	34	13	1.8	Utah St	23	17	0.5	Louisville	32	36	-0.3
San Diego St	29	10	1.6	Georgia	34	29	0.4	Clemson	24	30	-0.5
Penn St	29	12	1.4	Western Mich	26	22	0.3	Baylor	19	25	-0.5
Oklahoma St	27	11	1.3	Virginia	19	15	0.3	Iowa	20	26	-0.5
Northern Illinois	25	9	1.2	Nebraska	17	15	0.2	Purdue	21	27	-0.5
Michigan	28	15	1.1	NC State	35	33	0.2	Iowa St	17	24	-0.6
Toledo	22	14	1.1	Rutgers	32	30	0.2	Auburn	21	31	-0.8
Boise St	20	8	1.0	Louisiana	27	25	0.2	UCLA	13	24	-0.8
Houston	29	17	0.9	Arizona St	25	24	0.1	Washington	23	34	-0.9
Alabama	26	15	0.9	Illinois	36	35	0.1	Ohio St	23	40	-1.4
TCU	24	13	0.9	West Virginia	27	26	0.1	Kansas St	18	36	-1.5
Temple	32	21	0.9	Florida St	36	36	0.0	Northwestern	16	34	-1.5
Wyoming	22	11	0.9	Wisconsin	33	33	0.0	Pittsburgh	39	57	-1.5
California	32	22	0.8	Florida	22	23	-0.1	Wake Forest	10	29	-1.6
Tulsa	24	15	0.8	Marshall	25	26	-0.1				
Southern Miss	24	15	0.7	North Carolina	25	26	-0.1				

NEBRASKA (9-3) CAPITAL ONE BOWL S CAROLINA (10-2)

Jan 2 • 1:00 pm ESPN • Florida Citrus Bowl • Orlando, FL

POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
NEBRASKA	195	75	22	2.0	✓✓✓	96.5
S CAROLINA	170	150	24	2.2	–	102.7

HUSKERS ATS: 4-7-1 O/U: 5-6

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
REX BURKHEAD	#39	12/12	261	1315	47	1268	15	4.9
Taylor Martinez	#99	12/12	172	958	121	837	9	4.9
Ameer Abdullah	#95	12/0	38	166	15	151	2	4.0
Braylon Heard	#23	7/0	25	122	8	114	1	4.6
Aaron Green	#8	11/0	24	105	0	105	2	4.4

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Taylor Martinez	#99	12/12	272	152	55.9	1973	12	7

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Kenny Bell	#164	12/10	29	408	14.1	5	50
Quincy Enunwa	#263	12/6	21	293	14.0	2	36
Brandon Kinnie	#47	12/7	22	257	11.7	1	61
Kyler Reed	#89	11/2	15	257	17.1	1	53
Jamal Turner	#11	11/0	15	243	16.2	0	43
Ben Cotton	#17	10/10	13	167	12.8	0	28
Rex Burkhead	#39	12/12	16	142	8.9	2	30
Tim Marlowe	#423	12/1	12	113	9.4	1	15

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
BRETT MAHER	#51	12	54	2429	45.0	8	38.5	1	24

KICKING	PS#	GP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
BRETT MAHER	#51	12	42-42	7-7	5-5	4-4	3-6	19-22	51

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	LAVONTE DAVID	#6JC	12/12	122	3.5	7.5	2	2
LB	Will Compton	#32		12/10	77	0	6	0	0
S	Daimion Stafford	#15JC	12/11	75	0.5	2.5	9	0
DL	Cameron Meredith	#59	12/12	53	5		1	0
DB	Andrew Green	#143	12/9	43	0	2	7	1
DL	Baker Steinkuhler	#1	12/11	36	2	2	2	0
DB	Lance Thorell	#506	12/3	36	0	1	2	1
DB	PJ Smith	#121	10/0	33	0	0	1	0
DB	Ciante Evans	#129	12/4	30	0	1	7	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ameer Abdullah	14	108	7.7	0	Ameer Abdullah	24	719	30.0	1
					Tim Marlowe	10	195	19.5	0

GAMECOCKS ATS: 5-6-1 O/U: 5-7

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Marcus Lattimore	#1	7/7	163	835	17	818	10	5.0
Brandon Wilds	#53	12/4	107	502	16	486	3	4.5
Connor Shaw	#47	9/8	116	632	149	483	7	4.2
Stephen Garcia	#10	5/4	34	201	30	171	3	5.0

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Connor Shaw	#47	9/8	171	112	65.5	1218	12	6
Stephen Garcia	#10	5/4	118	61	51.7	844	4	9

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Alshon Jeffery	#10	12/11	45	614	13.6	7	50
Ace Sanders	#156	12/6	26	338	13.0	2	51
Bruce Ellington	#1040	12/2	17	211	12.4	4	49
Marcus Lattimore	#1	7/7	19	182	9.6	1	52
Rory Anderson	#32	12/0	7	167	23.9	5	55
Nick Jones	#89	10/3	12	143	11.9	1	34

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Joey Scribbner-Howard	#82	11	47	1828	38.9	14	34.9	0	10

KICKING	PS#	GP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Jay Wooten	#10	12	46-49	1-1	1-1	5-8	0-1	7-10	49

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
SPUR	Antonio Allen	#104	10/8	81	0	8.5	2	3
S	DJ Swearinger	#85	12/12	73	0	0.5	3	3
LB	Rodney Paulk	#53	12/4	52	0	3.5	0	0
LB	Shaq Wilson	#98	12/9	50	3	4	2	0
LB	DeVonte Hollman	#21	10/10	47	0	3	2	1
LB	Quin Smith	#137	11/3	46	0	6	0	0
DL	Travian Robertson	#26	12/12	45	2	4.5	0	0
DL	MELVIN INGRAM	#106	12/11	44	8.5	5	2	2
DB	Stephon Gilmore	#6	12/11	41	1	1	7	3
DB	Reginald Bowens	#71	12/8	41	0	0.5	0	1
DB	Devin Taylor	#134	12/12	32	6	4	1	0
DL	Jadeveon Clowney	#1	12/1	32	8	6	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ace Sanders	14	130	9.3	1	Bruce Ellington	18	390	21.7	0

	NU	SC	NU	SC	NU	SC		NU	SC
QB	-	-	RB	✓	WR	-	CCH	-	✓

We'll give the edge to Spurrier although they've underachieved the last few bowls.

	NU	SC	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	1/2	-	NU avg 6-4 302, 2 Sr, 15 sk all'd (5.4%), 4.8 ypc. SC avg 6-4 305, 2 Sr, 26 sk all'd (8.7%), 4.6 ypc.
DL	-	✓1/2	NU avg 6-4 275, 1 Sr, 13 of tm 17 sks, 4.1 ypc. SC avg 6-4 278, 2 Sr, 23 of tm 25 sks, 3.7 ypc.
LB	-	1/2	David #1 tkl'r w/122, 11 tfl, Compton #2, 6 tfl. Allen #1 tkl'r w/81, 8.5 tfl, Paulk #3, 3.5 tfl.
DB	-	✓✓	NU #25 pass eff D, 189 ypg (53%), 14-10 ratio. SC #4 pass eff D, 133 ypg (50%), 13-18 ratio.

Turf/ Crowd	-	-	Orlando is SEC country but Nebraska fans will travel for its 1st Big Ten NYD bowl.
MTCH	-	✓	SC can take away and use run gm forcing Martinez into mistakes.
INT			No edges as it's the SEC vs the Big Ten in a major bowl gm.
ST	✓✓	-	SCH	-	-

OVERALL – S CAROLINA by 3' ✓'s

This is the 4th meeting between the schools (Neb 3-0) with the last in '87 and the 1st matchup with the Ol' Ball Coach Spurrier since the '95 Nat'l Champ gm which the Huskers (-3') won 62-24 in the Fiesta Bowl. This is NU's 2nd trip to Orlando (45-21 loss to GT in '90) and Pelini is 3-1 SU/ATS in bowls with this being his 1st matchup with an SEC tm. Spurrier is 7-10 SU/ATS all-time in bowls and just 1-4 SU/ATS at SC. SC is 4-12 all-time in bowls incl some embarrassing bowl losses in recent yrs to Iowa (31-10) and Conn (20-7) but this will be their 1st Capital One gm (Spurrier 2-0 SU/1-1 ATS here at UF). On the road TY NU was 3-2 SU/2-2-1 ATS despite being outscored 27-26 although they had a 385-367 yd edge. SC was 4-1 SU/1-3-1 ATS outscoring foes 31-28 but got outgained 340-312. Overall NU went 6-3 SU/3-5-1 ATS vs bowl squads outscoring them 27-25 and outgaining them 374-364. The Gamecocks were 5-2 SU/3-3-1 ATS vs bowl tms outscoring their foes 25-20 and outgaining them 324-288. NU has 9 Sr's st'rs and 19 upperclassmen while SC has 6 Sr st'rs among 15 upperclassmen.

NU's 1st yr in the B10 got off to a rough start with a 48-17 loss to Wisky and trailing OSU 27-6 in the 3Q at home. QB Martinez and RB Burkhead guided NU to its greatest comeback win in school history over the Buckeyes which is fitting because they carried the off for the rest of the ssn. Under new OC Beck, Martinez improved the pass gm and running the option with "Superman" Burkhead. The Jr RB thrived in the new conf finishing as the B10's #3 rusher with five 100 yd gms in league play. The rec corps was bothered by drops most of the yr esp LY's #1 rec Sr Kinnie but they were effective in downfield blk. The OL (6'4" 302) dealt with inj's all yr but still led the way for 224 rush ypg (4.8) which is #18 FBS while all'g 15 sks (5.4%). NU has our #34 off and our #23 D. The Blackshirts will play this gm without DC Carl Pelini who left to become FAU's HC. NU entered the yr with 3 bonafide NFL prospects on D in DT Crick, LB David and CB Dennard. Unfortunately, the trio played together for just parts of 2 gms as Dennard (hamstring) missed the 1st 3 while Crick DNP vs Wyo and was OFY (torn pec) vs OSU. NU also dealt with transitioning to a more physical brand of B10 FB as the DL got run over in B10 play all'g 175 rush ypg (4.1) with just 17 sks (#93 FBS). The one constant was B10 LB of Yr David whose added weight didn't slow him in the new conf. NU is #25 pass eff (189, 53%, 14-10) and Dennard was the B10's DB of the Yr. NU's #15 ST were led by B10's K and P of the Yr Maher who hit 19-22 with a B10 best 38.5 net. KR Abdullah (30.0) was #10 FBS but avg'd just 7.7 on PR. The Huskers allowed 12.1 on PR (#107 FBS) and 23.6 on KR (#95).

SC came into the yr with expectations of grabbing B2B SEC East Titles and while they failed to reach the SEC Champ gm they were able to achieve their 1st 10 win ssn S/'84 (1st time ever B2B 9 win ssns). SC came into the yr w/one of the better QB/RB/WR combos in the country but lost their AA RB Lattimore after 7 gms (knee) and QB Garcia, who had the most int (9) in the FBS (4 sts), was benched and then finally dismissed from the prog. Shaw, who started the opener (benched in 2H) started the L/7 and gives the off another much needed run-threat w/Lattimore out as he avg'd 95 rush ypg (6.2) in the final 3. True frosh RB Wilds did have three 100 yd gms in his 5 sts as well. A yr after being a Biletnikoff finalist WR Jeffery struggled (inconsistency at QB) with just 12 rec of 20+ yds after having 26 such rec LY. The OL avg 6'4" 305 with 2 Sr st'rs and despite losing one of the SEC's best, Sr LT Nunn (20 car sts) paved the way for 198 ypg (4.6) compared to 154 ypg (4.1) LY but did allow 26 sks (8.7%). SC has our #47 off. One of the more underrated D's (#5) in the country, SC has arguably the most talented DL in schl hist avg 6'4" 278 with 2 Sr st'rs and 4 All-Conf caliber ply'rs incl super frosh bkp Clowney. AA DE Ingram leads a group that all'd 136 rush ypg (3.7) and 25 sks and the rush gm falls to 112 ypg if you take out the Navy and The Citadel. The LB's are led by SPUR Allen (8.5 tfl) as Wilson and Bowens are solid but not spectacular. The secondary, led by 3 yr st'r CB Gilmore made huge strides from LY (242 ypg, 63%, 23-10, #92 PDR) all'g just 133 ypg (50%) and finishing #4 in our pass D rankings with a 13-18 ratio. The ST's are #97 as K Wooten (only misses 40+) the only consistent spot as the KO coverage unit was called "pitiful" at one point in the ssn by Spurrier.

With the offenses almost even, we'll certainly side with the tm that not only has a better defense, but has a game-changing unit. Nebraska has underachieved all year on the defensive side and now their DC is headed to FAU. The Gamecocks imploded with now-departed QB Garcia but Shaw is the type of game manager we prefer and we will back SC here.

FORECAST: SOUTH CAROLINA over Nebraska   RATING: 3★

FLORIDA (6-6) GATOR BOWL OHIO ST (6-6)

Jan 2 • 1:00 pm espn2 • EverBank Field • Jacksonville, FL

POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
FLORIDA	118	190	26	2.2	–	101.7
OHIO ST	187	100	21	1.2	–	95.0

GATORS ATS: 4-8 O/U: 6-6

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chris Rainey	#15	11/9	155	846	76	790	2	5.1
Jeff Demps	#28	11/5	91	580	41	539	6	5.9
Mike Gillislee	#46	10/0	51	319	6	313	2	6.1

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
John Brantley	#4	10/9	224	132	58.9	1912	10	6
Jacoby Brissett	#12	7/3	39	18	46.2	206	2	4
Jeff Driskel	#1	5/0	34	16	47.1	148	0	2

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Andre Debose	#2	11/4	15	423	28.2	4	80
Chris Rainey	#15	11/9	28	350	12.5	2	83
Jordan Reed	#25	9/9	28	307	11.0	2	31
Deonte Thompson	#4	12/9	19	237	12.5	0	41
Quinton Dunbar	#47	11/4	13	210	16.2	2	40
Frankie Hammond	#53	12/4	14	173	12.4	0	25

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Kyle Christy	#3	6	27	1115	41.3	8	37.3	0	8
David Lerner	–	4	27	1040	38.5	4		0	4

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
CALEB STURGIS	#6	11	28-28	9-9	3-3	6-8	2-3	1-1	21-25	55

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	John Bostic	#14	12/12	86	3	3	2	0
S	Matt Elam	#1	12/12	72	1	8	7	2
LB	Jelani Jenkins	#2	11/11	71	2	4	6	1
DL	Jaye Howard	#23	12/12	60	4	4.5	2	0
S	Joshua Evans	#54	12/7	46	0	1.5	1	1
DL	Sharrif Floyd	#3	10/10	44	0	5	1	0
DL	Dominique Easley	#6	12/12	37	1.5	6	4	0
LB	Michael Taylor	#31	11/1	35	0	4.5	0	1
DB	Jaylen Watkins	#11	12/5	32	0	1	6	1
LB	Ronald Powell	#1	11/11	30	4	6	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chris Rainey	11	75	6.8	1	Andre Debose	17	367	21.6	0
					Jeff Demps	10	250	25.0	1

BUCKEYES ATS: 6-6 O/U: 6-6

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Braxton Miller	#2	11/9	144	895	200	695	7	4.8
Dan Herron	#44	6/5	123	639	43	596	3	4.8
Carlos Hyde	#29	11/3	101	560	11	549	6	5.4
Jordan Hall	#45	9/4	95	394	13	381	2	4.0
Rod Smith	#9	12/0	29	116	0	116	1	4.0

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Braxton Miller	#2	11/9	134	67	50.0	997	11	4
Joe Bauserman	#59	6/3	86	40	46.5	492	5	1

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Devin Smith	#36	12/0	12	247	20.6	4	40
Corey Brown	#18	12/5	14	205	14.6	1	54
Jake Stoneburner	#4	12/11	14	193	13.8	7	36
Verlon Reed	#78	7/5	9	132	14.7	0	28
DeVier Posey	#4	2/2	7	124	17.7	1	43

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Ben Buchanan	#3	12	65	2653	40.8	24	37.7	1	24

KICKING	PS#	GP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Drew Basil	#8	12	34-35	6-6	4-4	5-7	0-1	15-18	47

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
S	CJ Barnett	#25	12/12	69	0	1	6	4
LB	Andrew Sweat	#13	10/10	68	0	5	3	1
DL	Jonathan Hankins	#94	12/11	64	3	8	0	0
S	Christian Bryant	#2	11/8	59	0	0	8	0
LB	Etienne Sabino	#7	12/4	58	2	2.5	1	0
DL	JOHN SIMON	#20	12/12	50	7	8	3	0
LB	Ryan Shazier	#21	12/2	48	3	2	0	0
LB	Storm Klein	#47	12/10	45	1	1	0	1
DB	Tyler Moeller	#70	12/10	44	0	1	2	1
DB	Bradley Roby	#134	12/11	41	0	3.5	5	3
DB	Travis Howard	#86	10/10	37	0	0.5	5	2

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chris Fields	5	88	17.6	1	Jordan Hall	22	619	28.1	0
Jordan Hall	12	70	5.8	0	Jaamal Berry	7	150	21.4	0

	UF	OSU	UF	OSU	UF	OSU		UF	OSU
QB	-	-	RB	1/2	WR	1/2	CCH	1/2	-

We were planning to give UF a full check, but with Weis gone, we'll drop it to a 1/2.

	UF	OSU	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	-	-	UF avg 6-4 299, 1 Sr, 23 sk all'd (7.6%), 4.0 ypc. OSU avg 6-6 307, 3 Sr, 40 sk all'd (18.0%), 4.5 ypc.
DL	1/2	-	UF avg 6-3 282,1 Sr, 10.5 of tm 22 sks, 3.4 ypc. OSU avg 6-3 299, 0 Sr, 16 of tm 21 sks, 3.9 ypc.
LB	1/2	-	Bostic #1 tkl'r w/86, 6 tfl, Jenkins #3, 7 tfl. Sweat #2 tkl'r w/68, 5 tfl, Sabino #5 w/58.
DB	1/2	-	UF #34 pass eff D, 167 ypg (53%), 13-8 ratio. OSU #57 pass eff D, 186 ypg (60%), 17-12 ratio.

Turf/ Crowd	✓	-	UF has the proximity edge, but for a NYD gm, Buckeye Nation will be well supported.
MTCH	-	✓	Both tms loaded with top-notch ply'rs, but UF has yet to see a mobile QB like Miller.
INT	-	-	Hard to believe 1 will have losing rec'd but UF 0-7 ATS vs bowl tms.
ST	-	1/2	SCH	1/2	-

OVERALL – FLORIDA by 2 ✓'s

For 2 tms with a comb 12-12 record the Gator Bowl got their dream matchup instantly dubbed the "Urban Meyer Bowl". Meyer will not coach here but of course, will have plenty of insight to share on UF's personnel of whom all but 2 ply'rs ply'd for, signed with or were recruited by him. This is the 2nd meeting ever between these prog's with the 1st coming in the '06 Nat'l Champ gm when Meyer's Gators chomped the Bucks 41-14 as 7 pt dogs. OSU's 1-9 SU/ATS bowl rec'd vs the SEC is also infamous for LY's controversial 31-26 Sugar Bowl win as a 3 pt fav over Ark which was vacated (NCAA atonement). UF makes its 21st consec bowl (2nd longest in nation) but this will be Muschamp's first as HC. The Gators make their 1st trip here for a bowl S/'92 (6-2 all-time in Gator Bowls) but they do play their annual series vs UGA in this stadium losing 24-20 (+2') earlier TY. This is OSU's 1st trip to FL for a bowl gm S/'NYD '02 where they are 2-8 SU/ATS including a 7 gm SU/ATS losing streak. OSU went 1-4 SU/3-2 ATS on the road TY being outgained by 84 ypg. OSU went 4-1 ATS as a dog TY incl outright upsets of IL and Wisky. UF was 1-4 SU/0-7 ATS on the road TY getting outscored 22-19 and outgained 337-283 and was a dismal 1-6 SU/0-7 ATS vs bowl tms losing by an avg of 26-13 and getting outgained 317-244.

OSU's roller coaster ssn officially began on May 30 when HC Tressel resigned. Co-DC Fickell was named the interim HC and less than 10 days later Sr QB Pryor announced that he was leaving. When the dust settled the staff had just 7 ret st'rs available for the 1st 5 gms. The staff chose 26 yr old QB Bauserman over hyped Fr Miller. However, after Bauserman hit 2-14-13 vs Miami the staff went to Miller vs Colo where his mobility sparked the off. MSU rudely welcomed Miller to the B10 totalling 9 sks and Bauserman led OSU's only TD drive to avoid being shutout at home for the 1st time S/'82. Miller bounced back taking the Bucks to a 27-6 3Q lead at Neb before being KO'd with an ankle inj. Bauserman hit 1-10-13 and 1 int as NU had its biggest comeback in schl hist. The staff fully committed to Miller and a run gm which welcomed back susp'd Sr's RB Herron and LT Adams. OSU rattled off 3 str wins incl Miller's improvised 40 yd TD pass with :20 left to beat UW before the lack of a pass gm (#116 FBS) caught up with them. OSU finished the yr on a 3 gm skid despite WR Posey ret for the L/2. Miller threw for a career high 235 with 3 ttl TD and 100 rush yd vs Mich and earned B10 FOY. OSU's OL (6'6" 307) paved the way for a 4.5 ypc but also all'd 40 sks (18%!). What was already a young D (4 ret st'rs) got even younger due to inj's as the front 7's most pivotal ply'r and best pass rusher DE Williams was lost in the opener. The DL all'd an uncharacteristic 164 rush ypg (4.0) in conf play. LB Sweat was the only ret st'r from the back 7 who didn't lose his job but he was inj'd and out late which opened the door for Shazier who had 15 tkl vs PSU. OSU was #57 pass eff D (186, 60%, 17-12). The Bucks ST standouts including P Buchanan who had 24 In20, K Basil who hit 15 of his L/16 FG and KR Hall.

HC Muschamps's 1st yr got off to a bang with a 4-0 SU/ATS start (462-232 yd edge) but their ssn took a turn for the worse when QB Brantley was inj'd vs Bama (missed next 2). True Fr Brissett got his 1st start on the road at #1 LSU w/#2 Driskel also out. Brantley was back for UGA but never fully healed and was unable to take snaps from C having to line up in the shotgun and pistol. The off avg just 244 ypg in their L/7 vs FBS opp's. Speedy undersized RB's Rainey/Demps got off to a fast start as well but also suffered from nagging inj and didn't live up to their pressn hype. The WR unit was inconsistent at best but Debose was able to stretch the field vertically albeit on a limited basis (only 15 rec). The OL also suffered from inj and limited depth avg 6'4" 299 with 1 Sr while all'g 23 sks (7.6%). Overall the Gator unit is ranked #45. The #15 D is filled with young superb talent but were susceptible to being worn down late to power rush tms all'g 216 rush ypg (4.5) to the top 4 SEC tms they played. Bostic and Jenkins form a solid 1-2 punch at LB while the secondary (#34 pass eff) all'd 167 ypg (53%) with a 13-8 ratio and were led by soph S Elam (8 tfl, 9 pd). The #11 ST's were one of the few bright spots for UF led by Groza finalist Sturgis (only misses 40+) while the return gm is dangerous with Debose, Rainey (1st tm All-purp) and Demps (2 TD's).

Rematch of the '06 Nat'l Champ and it surely is surprising to see both tms at 6-6. It has been 23 yrs since OSU's had a losing rec'd and 32 yrs since UF has (1st bowl proof go to cfbdatabase.com). Both tms are loaded with top-notch players and while UF has more spd, OSU has the advantage of Meyer's input with these players he recruited. It comes down to matchups with the very mobile QB Braxton Miller, which we rate as a big advantage.

FORECAST: OHIO ST over Florida   RATING: 1★

2011 LOGS FOR BOWL MATCHUPS

CINCINNATI
(SU: 9-3 ATS: 7-5) FieldTurf

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 1	Austin Peay	W	-42	72-10
S 10	at Tennessee	L	+4*	23-45
S 17	Akron	W	-34	59-14
S 22	NC State (Th)	W	-7	44-14
O 1	at Miami, Oh	W	-15'	27-0
O 8				
O 15	Louisville	L	-13'	25-16
O 22	at USF	W	+2*	37-34
O 29				
N 5	at Pittsburgh	L	-3'	26-23
N 12	W Virginia	L	-3'	21-24
N 19	at Rutgers	L	-2*	3-21
N 26	Syracuse	W	-1*	30-13
D 3	Connecticut	W	-7'	35-27

VIRGINIA
(SU: 8-4 ATS: 5-6-1) Grass

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	William & Mary	W	-8'	40-3
S 10	at Indiana	W	-7	34-31
S 17	at N Carolina	L	+10	17-28
O 1	Southern Miss	L	-3	24-30
O 8				
O 15	Georgia Tech	W	+7'	24-21
O 22	NC State	L	-5	14-28
O 27	at Miami, Fl (W)	W	+14	28-21
N 5	at Maryland	W	-3	31-13
N 12	Duke	T	-10	31-21
N 19	at Florida St	W	+17	14-13
N 26	Virg Tech	L	+5	0-38
D 3				

PENN STATE
(SU: 9-3 ATS: 3-8-1) Grass

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	Indiana St	W	-37	41-7
S 10	Alabama	L	+10	11-27
S 17	at Temple	L	-7	14-10
S 24	E Michigan	L	-28'	34-6
O 1	at Indiana	L	-14	16-10
O 8	Iowa	W	-4'	13-3
O 15	Purdue (HC)	L	-12	23-18
O 22	at N'western	L	-4	34-24
O 29	Illinois	L	-5	10-7
N 5				
N 12	Nebraska	T	+3	14-17
N 19	at Ohio St	W	+6'	20-14
N 26	at Wisconsin	L	+15	7-45
D 3				

MICHIGAN STATE
(SU: 10-3 ATS: 9-4) Grass

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 2	Youngstown St	W	-37	28-6
S 10	Florida Atl	W	-32	44-0
S 17	at Notre Dame	L	+5	13-31
S 24	C Michigan	W	-21'	45-7
O 1	at Ohio St	W	+3	10-7
O 8				
O 15	Michigan	W	-3	28-14
O 22	Wisconsin	W	+7'	37-31
O 29	at Nebraska	W	+4	24-3
N 5	Minnesota	W	-27'	31-24
N 12	at Iowa	W	-3	37-21
N 19	Indiana	W	-27'	55-3
N 26	at Northwestern	W	-6	31-17
D 3	† Wisconsin	L	+9'	39-42

NEBRASKA
(SU: 9-3 ATS: 4-7-1) FieldTurf

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	Chattanooga	W	-36	40-7
S 10	Fresno St	W	-28'	42-29
S 17	Washington	W	-17	51-38
S 24	Wyoming	W	-21	38-14
O 1	at Wisconsin	L	+10	17-48
O 8	Ohio St (HC)	L	-10'	34-27
O 15				
O 22	at Minnesota	W	-24	41-14
O 29	Michigan St	L	+4	3-24
N 5	N'western	W	-17'	25-28
N 12	at Penn St	T	-3	17-14
N 19	at Michigan	L	+3'	17-45
N 26	Iowa (F)	W	-9'	20-7
D 3				

FLORIDA
(SU: 6-6 ATS: 4-8) Grass

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	Florida Atl	W	-34'	41-3
S 10	UAB	W	-24	39-0
S 17	Tennessee	W	-9'	33-23
S 24	at Kentucky	L	-19'	48-10
O 1	Alabama	L	+4	10-38
O 8	at LSU	L	+13'	11-41
O 15	at Auburn	L	-2	6-17
O 29	† Georgia	L	+2'	20-24
N 5	Vanderbilt (HC)	L	-19	26-21
N 12	at S Carolina	L	+3	12-17
N 19	Furman	L	-31'	54-32
N 26	Florida St	W	-9'	3-21
D 3				

WISCONSIN
(SU: 11-2 ATS: 8-5) FieldTurf

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 1	UNLV (Th)	L	-35	51-17
S 10	Oregon St	W	-20'	35-0
S 17	† S Dakota	W	-17	49-7
S 24				
O 1	Nebraska	W	-10	48-17
O 8				
O 15	Indiana (HC)	W	-40	59-7
O 22	at Michigan St	L	-7	31-37
O 29	at Ohio St	L	-7	29-33
N 5	Purdue	W	-26'	62-17
N 12	at Minnesota	W	-27'	42-13
N 19	at Illinois	L	-14	28-17
N 26	Penn St	W	-15	45-7
D 3	† Michigan St	W	-9'	42-39

VANDERBILT
(SU: 6-6 ATS: 9-3) Grass

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	Elon	W	-13'	45-14
S 10	Connecticut	W	-2'	24-21
S 17	Mississippi	W	+2'	30-7
S 24	at S Carolina	L	+15'	3-21
O 1				
O 8	at Alabama	L	+29	0-34
O 15	Georgia	W	+11'	28-33
O 22	Army	W	-10'	44-21
O 29	Arkansas	W	+8'	28-31
N 5	at Florida	W	+13'	21-26
N 12	Kentucky	W	-14	38-8
N 19	at Tenn OT	L	-1'	21-27
N 26	Wake Forest	W	-1'	41-7
D 3				

AUBURN
(SU: 7-5 ATS: 4-8) Grass

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	Utah St	W	-23'	42-38
S 10	Miss St	W	+6	41-34
S 17	at Clemson	L	+3'	24-38
S 24	Florida Atl	L	-31	30-14
O 1	at S Carolina	W	+10'	16-13
O 8	at Arkansas	L	+10	14-38
O 15	Florida	W	+2	17-6
O 22	at LSU	L	+20'	10-45
O 29	Mississippi	W	-13	41-23
N 5				
N 12	at Georgia	L	+11'	7-45
N 19	Samford (HC)	L	-31'	35-16
N 26	Alabama	L	+21	14-42
D 3				

HOUSTON
(SU: 12-1 ATS: 10-3) Grass

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	UCLA	W	-2	38-34
S 10	at N Texas	W	-21'	48-23
S 17	at Louis Tech	W	-6'	35-34
S 24	Georgia St	W	-35'	56-0
S 29	at UTEP (Th)	W	-16'	49-42
O 8	E Carolina	W	-11	56-3
O 22	Marshall (HC)	W	-23'	63-28
O 27	Rice (Th)	W	-27'	73-34
O 29	at UAB	W	-27'	56-13
N 10	at Tulane (Th)	W	-34'	73-17
N 12	SMU	W	-20	37-7
N 26	at Tulsa	W	-3	48-16
D 3	Southern Miss	L	-13	28-49

MICHIGAN
(SU: 10-2 ATS: 7-4*) FieldTurf

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	W Michigan	W	-14*	34-10
S 10	Notre Dame	W	-3'	35-31
S 17	E Michigan	L	-29'	31-3
S 24	San Diego St	W	-20	28-7
O 1	Minnesota	W	-20	58-0
O 8	at Northwestern	W	-7'	42-24
O 15	at Michigan St	L	+3	14-28
O 22				
O 29	Purdue (HC)	W	-14'	36-14
N 5	at Iowa	L	-4	16-24
N 12	at Illinois	W	+1	31-14
N 19	Nebraska	W	-3'	45-17
N 26	Ohio St	L	-7'	40-34

WEST VIRGINIA
(SU: 9-3 ATS: 4-5-1) Field Turf

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 4	Marshall (S)	W	*	34-13
S 10	Norfolk St	W	-47	55-12
S 17	at Maryland	W	+1	37-31
S 24	LSU	L	+5'	21-47
O 1	Bwl Grn (HC)	W	-18	55-10
O 8	Connecticut	W	-19'	43-16
O 15				
O 21	at Syracuse (F)	L	-14	23-49
O 29	at Rutgers	W	-6'	41-31
N 5	Louisville	L	-12'	35-38
N 12	at Cincinnati	W	+3'	24-21
N 19				
N 25	Pitt (F)	L	-6'	21-20
D 1	at USF (Th)	T	-3	30-27

GEORGIA
(SU: 10-3 ATS: 8-4-1) Grass

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	Boise St	L	-3	21-35
S 10	S Carolina	T	+3	42-45
S 17	Coast Caro	W	-39	59-0
S 24	at Mississippi	W	-10	27-13
O 1	Miss St	W	-7	24-10
O 8	at Tennessee	W	2'	20-12
O 15	Vanderbilt (HC)	L	-11'	33-28
O 22				
O 29	† Florida	W	-2'	24-20
N 5	New Mex St	W	-34'	63-16
N 12	Auburn	W	-11'	45-7
N 19	Kentucky	W	-31	19-10
N 26	at Georgia Tech	W	-4'	31-17
D 3	† LSU	L	+13'	10-42

SOUTH CAROLINA
(SU: 10-2 ATS: 5-6-1) Grass

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	E Carolina	W	-21	56-37
S 10	at Georgia	T	-3	45-42
S 17	Navy	W	-16	24-21
S 24	Vanderbilt	W	-15'	21-3
O 1	Auburn	L	-10'	13-16
O 8	Kentucky	W	-21	54-3
O 15	at Miss St	W	-3	14-12
O 22				
O 29	at Tennessee	W	-3'	14-3
N 5	at Arkansas	L	+5	28-44
N 12	Florida	W	-3	17-12
N 19	The Citadel	W	-40	41-20
N 26	Clemson	W	-3'	34-13
D 3				

OHIO STATE
(SU: 6-6 ATS: 6-6) FieldTurf

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	Akron	W	-37'	42-0
S 10	Toledo	W	-17'	27-22
S 17	at Miami, Fl	L	+2'	6-24
S 24	Colorado	W	-16'	37-17
O 1	Michigan St	L	-3	7-10
O 8	at Nebraska	W	+10'	27-34
O 15	at Illinois	L	+3'	17-7
O 22				
O 29	Wisconsin (HC)	W	+7'	33-29
N 5				
N 12	at Purdue OT	L	-7	23-26
N 19	Penn St	L	-6'	14-20
N 26	at Michigan	W	+7'	34-40
D 3				

OREGON
(SU: 11-2 ATS: 7-5-1) FieldTurf

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	† LSU	L	-3'	27-40
S 10	Nevada	W	-26'	69-20
S 17	Missouri St	W	-56'	56-7
S 24	at Arizona	W	-15	56-31
O 1				
O 6	Cal (Th)	W	-24	43-15
O 15	Arizona St	T	+3	41-27
O 22	at Colorado	W	-31	45-2
O 29	Wash St	W	-35	43-28
N 5	at Washington	W	-16'	34-17
N 12	at Stanford	W	+3'	53-30
N 19	USC	L	-15	35-38
N 26	Oregon St	W	+7'	34-40
D 2	UCLA	L	-31'	49-31

STANFORD
(SU: 11-1 ATS: 10-2) Grass

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	San Jose St	W	-29'	57-3
S 10	at Duke	W	-20'	44-14
S 17	at Arizona	W	-9'	37-10
S 24				
O 1	UCLA	W	-22'	45-19
O 8	Colorado	W	-29'	48-7
O 15	at Wash St	W	-20	44-14
O 22	Washington	W	-20	65-21
O 29	at USC 3OT	L	-7'	56-48
N 5	at Oregon St	W	-20	38-13
N 12	Oregon	L	-3'	30-53
N 19	California	L	-17	31-28
N 26	Notre Dame	W	-7	28-14

OKLAHOMA ST
(SU: 11-1 ATS: 9-3) Synthetic Turf

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	Louisiana	L	-38	61-34
S 8	Arizona (Th)	W	-14	37-14
S 17	at Tulsa	W	-13'	59-33
S 24	at Texas A&M	W	+4'	30-29
O 1				
O 8	Kansas	W	-31	70-28
O 15	at Texas	W	-7	38-26
O 22	at Missouri	W	-7	45-24
O 29	Baylor (HC)	W	-14	59-24
N 5	Kansas St	L	-21	52-45
N 12	at Texas Tech	W	-14	66-6
N 18	Iowa St (F) 2OT	L	-27'	31-37
N 26				
D 3	Oklahoma	W	-3'	44-10

VIRGINIA TECH
(SU: 11-2 ATS: 4-9) Grass

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	Appalachian St	W	-25'	66-13
S 10	at E Carolina	L	-17	17-10
S 17	Arkansas St	L	-24	26-7
S 24	at Marshall	L	-20'	30-10
O 1	Clemson	L	-3	3-23
O 8	Miami, Fl	L	-7	38-35
O 15	at Wake Forest	W	-20	38-17
O 22	Boston Col	L	-21	30-14
O 29	at Duke	L	-14'	14-10
N 10	at Geo Tech (W)	W	-1	37-26
N 17	N Caro (Th)	L	-10	24-21
N 26	at Virginia	W	-8	38-0
D 3	† Clemson	L	-6'	10-38

CLEMSON
(SU: 10-3 ATS: 8-5) Grass

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	Troy	W	-14'	43-19
S 10	Wofford	W	-25	35-27
S 17	Auburn	W	-3'	38-24
S 24	Florida St	W	-2'	35-30
O 1	at Virg Tech	W	+3	23-3
O 8	Boston Col (HC)	W	-21	36-14
O 15	at Maryland	W	-7	56-45
O 22	N Carolina	W	-10	59-38
O 29	at Georgia Tech	L	-3	17-31
N 5				
N 12	Wake Forest	L	-16'	31-28
N 19	at NC State	L	-7	13-37
N 26	at S Carolina	L	+3	13-34
D 3	† Virginia Tech	W	+6'	38-10

ARKANSAS
(SU: 10-3 ATS: 7-5) Grass/Little Rock Astro

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	Missouri St	W	-42'	51-7
S 10	New Mexico	W	-36	52-3
S 17	Troy	W	-23'	38-28
S 24	at Alabama	L	+11	14-38
O 1	Texas A&M	W	+2'	42-38
O 8	Auburn	W	-10	38-14
O 15				
O 22	at Mississippi	L	-16'	29-24
O 29	at Vanderbilt	L	-8'	31-28
N 5	S Carolina	W	-5	44-28
N 12	Tennessee	W	-14'	49-7
N 19	at Miss St	W	-13'	44-17
N 25	at LSU (F)	L	+12'	17-41
D 3				

PITTSBURGH
(SU: 6-6 ATS: 7-5) Grass

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	Buffalo	W	-30'	35-16
S 10	Maine	W	-29'	35-29
S 17	at Iowa	W	+3	27-31
S 24	Notre Dame	W	+7	12-15
S 29	USF (Th)	W	+3	44-17
O 8	at Rutgers	L	-6'	10-34
O 15	Utah	W	-1'	14-26
O 22				
	Connecticut (W)	W	-10	35-20
N 1	Cincinnati	W	+3'	23-26
N 8	at Louisville	L	-6	21-14
N 19				
D 3	Syracuse	W	-8'	33-20

NORTHERN ILLINOIS
(SU: 10-3 ATS: 5-8) FieldTurf

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	Army	W	-11	49-26
S 10	at Kansas	L	-4'	42-45
S 17	† Wisconsin	L	-17	7-49
S 24	Cal Poly	W	-23'	47-30
O 1	at C Michigan	W	-9'	41-48
O 8	Kent St	W	-16'	40-10
O 15	at W Mich (HC)	W	+1'	51-22
O 22	Buffalo	L	-31	31-20
N 1	at Toledo (Tue)	W	+8'	63-60
N 8	Bowl Grn (Tue)	W	-5'	45-14
N 15	Ball St (Tue)	W	-18	41-38
D 3	† E Mich (F)	W	-18	18-12

LSU
(SU: 13-0 ATS: 10-3) Grass

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	LINE	SCORE
S 3	† Oregon	W	+3'	40-27
S 10	at N'western St	W	-49	49-3
S 15	at Miss St (Th)	W	-9'	19-6
S 24	at W Virginia	W	-5'	47-21
O 1	Kentucky	W	-30'	35-7
O 8	Florida	W	-13'	41-11
O 15	at Tennessee	W	-17	38-7
O 22	Auburn	W	-20'	45-10
N 5	at Alabama OT	W	+4'	9-6
N 12	WKU (HC)	W	-41	42-9
N 19	at Mississippi	W	-30'	52-3
N 25	Arkansas (F)	W	-12'	41-17
D 3	† Georgia	W	-12'	42-10

NCAA RANKINGS FOR BOWL TEAMS

NCAA OFF RANKS / REDZONE OFF / NCAA DEF RANKS / REDZONE DEF

OFF YDS	Scr	Rush	Pass	RZ Rank	Drive	TD's	Scr%	YPG DIFF	PPG	+	Lost	Total	Team	Record	DEF YDS	Scr	Rush	Pass	RZ Rank	Drive	TD's	Scr%
19	22	2	113	34	57	36	86%	68.4	7.2	24	0		Air Force	7-5	70	67	113	6	29	47	30	77%
30	16	15	72	26	55	32	87%	242.2	27.2	18	12	6	Alabama	11-1	1	1	1	1	17	6		59%
26	25	78	3	66	47	32	81%	32.0	7.6	16	21	-5	Arizona St	6-7	88	64	59	107	54	47	25	81%
25	15	55	13	26	54	34	87%	127.8	14.2	19	19	0	Arkansas St	10-2	20	15	15	27	33	50	24	73%
27	28	81	17	56	61	35	82%	74.4	14.7	28	24	4	Arkansas	10-2	51	37	79	54	26		76	16 76%
104	82	38	106	49	47	31	86%	-77.6	-5.1	21	20	1	Auburn	7-5	78	79	49	106	46		29	89%
2	6	18	5	91	58	36	76%	93.8	7.8	27	23	4	Baylor	9-3	114	109	102	112	74	60	41	83%
9	7	40	19	56	65	47	82%	167.5	25.0	24	15	9	Boise St	11-1	16	10	24	25	67	22	14	82%
41	41	52	46	83	51	31	78%	94.0	10.3	23	25	-2	BYU	9-3	24	13	54	14	73	48	22	83%
37	48	48	38	81	49	30	80%	79.3	5.4	24	22	2	California	7-5	26	52	21	43	46	41	21	80%
56	28	70	29	71	49	30	80%	30.2	13.5	30	19	11	Cincinnati	9-3	46	20	6	105	33	21	18	85%
29	27	61	21	59	62	40	80%	61.2	7.5	22	20	2	Clemson	10-3	55	62	80	35	25			77%
80	67	70	69	83	36	26	81%	33.6	6.8	19	14	5	FIU	8-4	33	16	65	33			24	77%
73	35	73	34	34	56	17	86%	101.2	16.5	12	23	-11	Florida St	8-4	4	4	3	54		12		89%
102	72	60	82	28	55	33	85%	34.6	5.0	20	12	8	Florida	6-6	10	14	74	45		56		82%
17	19	3	99	53	53	40	89%	145.4	12.5	29	17	12	Georgia Tech	8-4	45	60	61	59	106	37		81%
39	34	41	112	49	53	33	89%						Georgia	10-3								
1	1	62	1	39	71	50	85%	213.0	27.7	28	15	13	Houston	12-1	28	49	36	23	28			67%
86	91	43	90	26	54	39	81%	66.4	2.8	17	24	-7	Illinois	6-6	7	11	22	21	45	36		80%
55	53	85	36	94	42	28	82%	-39.5	-6.1	18	16	2	Iowa St	6-6	106	49	73					
70	86	77	35	34	36	17	86%	-8.4	5.4	24	19	5	Iowa	7-5	58		9	81	9			79%
30	29	10	110	66	39	24	81%	-55.3	5.3	18	24	-6	Kansas St	10-2	74	41	29	96				80%
52	52	86	40	4	36	24	94%	-13.0	2.5	20	22	-2	Louisiana	8-4	62	63	20					
50	41	52	39	47	49	30	82%	22.7	8.1	22	15	7	Louisiana Tech	8-4	118	28	18	93				95%
104	100	94	70	46	37	26	70%	0.3	2.6	16	19	-3	Louisville	7-5	110	104	70					
101	86	27	111	37	61	49	88%	123.2	27.9	30	18	12	LSU	13-0	2	2	14	5				83%
60	23	63	47	55	56	34	84%	-82.5	-8.2	28	26	2	Marshall	6-6	84	84	61					
34	39	76	36	34	56	39	82%	117.7	13.4	27	21	6	Michigan St	10-3	97	41		20				
35	49	91	31	69	51	42	79%	105.5	17.0	23	22	1	Michigan	10-2	6	6	17	35				
87	45	45	92	26	38	22	78%	-5.6	5.9				Mississippi St	6-6	47	26	84					
12	33	11	21	45	54	34	88%	90.2	8.7	22	18	4	Missouri	7-5	57	48	111	51				
59	43	103	10	42	37	23	90%	39.8	7.7	18	17	1	Nebraska	9-3	36	46		50				
53	61	39	71	47	58	42	81%	150.8	7.7	23	26	-3	Nevada	7-5	111	119	83					
52	57	66	43	34	62	37	84%	-5.8					North Carolina	7-5	75							
93	77	107	88	116	37	22	68%	-5.8					NC State	7-5	80							

OFF YDS	Scr	Rush	Pass	RZ Rank	Drive	TD's	Scr%	YPG DIFF	PPG	+	Lost	Total	Team	Record	DEF YDS	Scr	Rush	Pass	RZ Rank	Drive	TD's	Scr%
10	13	9	59	12	64	41	89%	63.9	7.2	20	18	2	Northern Ill	10-3	87	90	83	75	106	57	38	89%
31	51	36	35	91	58	40	76%	25.2	2.3	19	17	2	Northwestern	6-6	80	67	90	58	80	45	29	84%
33	43	51	33	71	45	31	80%	74.8	9.6	13	26	-13	Notre Dame	8-4	34	28	58	34	38	39	23	79%
21	76	27	116	23	89		79%	-8.8	4.3	26	-21		Ohio St	6-6	14	26	30	15	46	41	24	80%
42	31	52	67	3	2		42	102.5	8.9	17	13	4	Ohio	9-4	42	31	52	67	20	81%		
3	2	43	2	5	39	3	85%	111.3	23.5	25	28	-3	Oklahoma St	11-1	107	61	84	102	15		18	74%
6	4	49	4	101	44	21	75%	148.9	17.5	42	22	20	Oklahoma	9-3	11	8						
101	44		75%					134.2	22.5	23	31	-8	Oregon	11-2	83	88	83		100	52	42	88%
84	110	54			5	43		44.5	4.1	26	22	4	Penn St	9-3	3	5	2	119	31	20		94%
79	69	39	82	39	47	30	85%	7.3	7.3	28	22		Pittsburgh	6-6	20	21	31					
100	66	115	46	39	25		77%	-17.1	-0.3	14	16	-2	Purdue	6-6	69	65	91	38	100	42	27	88%
45	79	58		5	43	29	93%	46.4	7.6	31	28	3	Rutgers	8-4	13	12	51	13	18	69%		
53	71	98	20	91	76								San Diego St	8-4	91	94						
74	64	56	56				82%	44.4	1.2	14	31	-17	SMU	7-5	57	54	51	54	64	23	77%	
4	10	42	4				80%	106.5	10.5	29	18	11	South Carolina	10-2	4	13	11	16				
56	38	82			64	50	98%	129.5	14.2	25	28	-3	Southern Miss	11-2	26	47	20	101	26	74%		
11	5	64	50	98%				149.5	23.3	21	15	6	Stanford	11-1	54	47	26	30	21	74%		
28			87%					97.6	20.4	21	19	2	TCU	10-2	18	15	13	82%				
45							80%	64.4	6.3	18	11		Temple	8-4		54	21	86%				
106								88.7	5.4	19	18	1	Texas	7-5	51	86	21	86%				
38								110.5	10.9	24	26	-2	Texas A&M	6-6	76	46	20	87%				
62								11.3	5.6	25	25		Toledo	8-4	48	28	25	82%				
								119.3	9.7	24	21		Tulsa	8-4	100	74	44	75%				
60								-8.5	2.0	24	30	-6	UCLA	6-7	91	96	112	90%				
								-34.1	-3.1	20	29		Utah St	7-5								
								18.2	6.1	21	20		Utah	7-5	8	25	20	83%				
								18.2	6.1	21	20		Vanderbilt	6-6	49	29	19	68%				
51								101.9	11.3	21	26		Virginia Tech	11-2	5	3	18	84%				
								25.8	6.6	28	20	8	Virginia	8-4	27	23	18	79%				
76								-24.6	-1.0	21	26		Wake Forest	6-6	75	28	20	81%				
47						84%		-34.0	-1.8	21	14		Washington	7-5	94	99	106	83%				
57								119.3	11.3	17	26		West Virginia	9-3	17	19	27	84%				
								22.2	7.6	27	20		Western Mich	7-5	100	73	47	87%				
								173.9	27.6	24	18	6	Wisconsin	11-2	67	18	82%					
80						75%		-33.7	21	29			Wyoming	8-4	98	66	115	24	46	33	75%	

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WISCONSIN (11-2)

ROSE BOWL

OREGON (11-2)

Jan 2 • 5:00 pm ESPN • Rose Bowl • Pasadena, CA

POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
WISCONSIN	200	210	40	2.3	–	94.0
OREGON	275	195	40	2.6 ✓✓✓		99.3

BADGERS — ATS: 8-5 O/U: 9-4

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
MONTEE BALL	#64	13/13	275	1785	26	1759	32	6.4
James White	#59	12/0	133	711	28	683	6	5.1
Russell Wilson	#61	13/13	73	456	136	320	5	4.4
Jeffrey Lewis	#83	7/0	33	188	1	187	1	5.7

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
RUSSELL WILSON	#61	13/13	284	206	72.5	2879	31	3

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Nick Toon	#14	12/12	55	822	14.9	6	59
Jared Abbrederis	#692	13/13	51	814	16.0	7	51
Jacob Pedersen	#185	13/6	29	339	11.7	8	55
Montee Ball	#64	13/13	20	255	12.8	6	63
Bradie Ewing	#329	13/8	19	241	12.7	0	41
Jeff Duckworth	#191	12/1	15	230	15.3	1	45
James White	#59	12/0	15	150	10.0	0	41

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	BLK	In20
Brad Norton	#39	13	44	1854	42.1	17	36.1	2	17

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Kyle French	#9	7	26-27	3-3	0-0	0-0	1-2	3-5	29
Philip Welch	#25	9	49-50	0-0	2-3	1-1	1-1	4-5	52

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	MIKE TAYLOR	#66	13/13	137	1	7	3	2
LB	Chris Borland	#197	13/13	131	1.5	16.5	5	2
S	AARON HENRY	#139	13/13	62	1	2	4	3
S	Shelton Johnson	#265	12/12	51	0	6	4	4
LB	Kevin Claxton	#164	12/10	47	1	5.5	0	0
CB	ANTONIO FENELUS	#416	13/13	46	0	3	5	4
CB	Marcus Cromartie	#142	13/13	41	0	0.5	3	0
DL	Louis Nzegwu	#68	13/13	34	4.5	1.5	2	0
DL	Brendan Kelly	#63	13/8	32	3	2	1	0
DL	Ethan Hemer	#489	13/12	32	1	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG		KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG
Jared Abbrederis	18	289	16.1		Jared Abbrederis	20	488	24.4
					James White	15	315	21.0

DUCKS — ATS: 7-5-1 O/U: 9-4

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
LaMICHAEL JAMES	#41	11/10	222	1709	63	1646	17	7.4
Kenjon Barner	#115	11/5	145	941	32	909	11	6.3
De'Anthony Thomas	#2	13/5	53	453	13	440	5	8.3
Tra Carson	#64	10/0	45	261	7	254	1	5.6
Darron Thomas	#22	12/12	50	294	89	205	3	4.1

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Darron Thomas	#22	12/12	316	194	61.4	2493	30	6
Bryan Bennett	#28	7/1	45	24	53.3	361	6	0

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
De'Anthony Thomas	#2	13/5	41	571	13.6	9	69
Lavasier Tuinei	#128JC	13/13	40	441	11.0	8	55
David Paulson	#26	13/12	30	428	14.3	6	34
Josh Huff	#116	11/9	29	416	14.3	2	59
LaMichael James	#41	11/10	17	210	12.4	1	44
Rahsaan Vaughn	#115	13/4	14	184	13.1	1	46

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jackson Rice	#9	13	45	2063	45.8	9			

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Alejandro Maldonado	#32	12	71-72	1-1	3-4	2-5	0-1	6-11	40

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
S	John Boyett	#39	13/12	91	0	3	6	1
LB	Michael Clay	#52	10/9	89	3	3.5	2	2
LB	Dewitt Stuckey	#61	13/12	66	3	3	4	1
S	EDDIE PLEASANT	#118	12/12	60	1	1	8	3
LB	Avery Patterson	#80	13/2	54	0	1.5	5	0
LB	JOSH KADDU	#278	13/13	49	6.5	3	2	0
DL	Terrell Turner	#172	13/13	47	5.5	3.5	2	0
DL	Taylor Hart	#75	13/13	42	2.5	0.5	0	2
DL	Kiko Alonso	#102	11/3	41	1	2.5	0	1
DL	DION JORDAN	#51	13/11	40	7.5	5.5	0	0
DB	Terrance Mitchell	#108	13/10	40	0	3	10	2

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG		KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG
LaMichael James	12	135	11.2	1	De'ANTHONY THOMAS	31	858	27.7	2

	UW	UO		UW	UO		UW	UO		UW	UO			CCH	–	–	Great matchup as LY these 2 HC's took their tms to the Nat'l Champ gm and Rose Bowl.
QB	✓	–	RB	–	1/2	WR	–	–									

	UW	UO	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	–	–	UW avg 6-5 324, 2 Sr, 23 sk all'd (7.6%), 5.5 ypc. UO avg 6-5 302, 2 Sr, 12 sk all'd (3.3%), 6.5 ypc.
DL	–	✓	UW avg 6-5 274, 2 Sr, 17.5 of tm's 23 sks, 3.9 ypc. UO avg 6-5 272, 1 Sr, 26.5 of tm's 43 sks, 3.6 ypc.
LB	–	–	Taylor #1 tkl'r w/137, 8 tfl, Borland 131 tkl, 18 tfl. Clay #2 tkl'r w/89, 6.5 tfl, Stuckey #3, 6 tfl.
DB	–	✓	UW #50 pass eff D, 155 ypg (60%), 12-15 ratio. UO #14 pass eff D, 244 ypg (58%), 23-16 ratio.

		CCH	–	–	Great matchup as LY these 2 HC's took their tms to the Nat'l Champ gm and Rose Bowl.
		Turf/Crowd	–	–	UW was here LY but UO plays here every other yr and both snatched up all available tix.
		MTCH	–	✓	Gave no edge but Wisconsin's D vs UO's speed and tempo was close.
		INT	–	–	UW here for 2nd yr but Oregon off National Champ loss.
		ST	–	✓✓1/2	SCH	–	✓1/2

OVERALL – OREGON by 5' ✓'s

The Badgers and Ducks have met 4x's (last in '01) with UW winning 3 of 4. UW makes B2B Rose Bowl trips for the 2nd time in schl hist ('98-'99) and their 8th visit overall where they are 3-4 SU (3-1 SU/ATS L/4). LY UW (+3) scored a TD with 2:00 but had the tying 2 pt conv pass knocked down in a 21-19 loss to TCU in which they outgained the Frogs 385-301. UO is in its 3rd str BCS bowl (all under HC Kelly, 0-2 SU/ATS) incl their 2nd Rose Bowl as they lost 26-17 to Ohio St in '09. The Ducks have been to Pasadena 5x's in their postssn hist with their lone win coming in 1917. Wisky fans sold out their allotment of 25,000 tickets in less than 48 hrs. Both tms faced Oreg St at home this ssn with UW delivering a shutout in Madison 35-0 and UO clinching a berth in the P12 Title gm with their 49-21 Civil War victory. UW was 4-2 SU/2-4 ATS outside of Madison incl B2B losses to MSU and OSU on late 4Q "Hail Mary" passes. The Badgers are 6-2 SU/4-4 ATS in gms vs bowl tms TY (MSU 2x) outscoring them by 20 ppg and outgaining them by 120. UO went 4-1 SU/ATS on the road TY and 6-2 SU (4-3-1 ATS) vs bowl caliber tms (44-28 scoring and 481-397 yd edges) incl meetings vs BCS #1 LSU (lost 40-27) and #4 Stanford (won 53-30).

Thanks to the offssn "free agent" acquisition of QB Wilson and OSU's turmoil, UW went from middle rung B10 contender to a BCS Title gm contender. Wilson joined the prog in late June but his experience was the key component the UW offense was missing. He finished #2 FBS pass eff, becoming the 4th B10 player to throw for 30+ TD in a ssn and was named the B10 QB of the Yr. His arm kept D's from crowding the box which opened holes for the slimmed down Ball who led the conf in rushing (#4 FBS). The Heisman finalist avg 155 ypg (6.6) in B10 play and led the nation in scoring with 38 TD (1 away from tying Barry Sanders' FBS rec'd). WR's Toon and Abbrederis combined for 1,636 yd (15.4) with 16 TD. The OL (6'5" 324) is bigger than the GB Packers and paved the way for 5.5 ypc while all'g 23 sks (7.6%). UW's offense is #6 while their D is #32 in our rankings. 17.5 of the Badgers' 23 sks come from their DL with DE Nzegwu leading the way with 4.5. The LB's are the heart of the D with the B10's #1 tkl'r Taylor and #2 tkl'r Borland (18 tfl) being named 1st Tm B10. UW is #50 pass eff D (155, 60%, 12-15) with their secondary depth getting tested in the losses to MSU and OSU. The ST (#80) were inconsistent. PR Abbrederis (16.1) finished #3 FBS while also avg 24.4 on KR. The coverage units all'd 22.7 on KR and 7.9 on PR. K's French and Welch combined to hit 7-10 FG while Norman avg'd 42.1 (36.1) but had P's blk'd in both of their losses.

UO comes in with our #2 offense avg 46 ppg (#3 FBS) and 515 ypg (#6). In HC Kelly's high-spd spread option (1.8 pts per every minute of poss) it's important to have a QB who has an excellent grasp of the playbook which is exactly what Darron Thomas possesses. He played all but 1 gm TY while reaching 30 TD passes for a 2nd consec ssn while trimming his int's to just 6. James remains the #1 option here and if it wasn't for missing 2.5 gms w/inj, he very well could be challenging for the 2,000 yard rushing mark. The Ducks are so solid at RB that Kelly has been forced to use true Fr De'Anthony Thomas in more of a slot role to get him touches. Thomas responded by earning the P12's Co-Off FOY with 16 ttl TD's incl leading the tm in receiving. The other 2 main receiving targets, Sr's WR Tuinei and TE Paulson pulled in nearly half of QB Thomas' TD passes. Despite the losses of 3 OL st'rs due to graduation, this unit performed better than 2010 (286, 5.9) paving the way for 296 rush ypg (6.5) which was the best non-option team in the nation (#5 overall). The OL (6'5" 302) all'd just 12 sks (3.3%). Despite the off avg just 25:00 TOP per gm, the D (#21) played well as they surrendered just 24 ppg and 381 ypg. The DL avg 6'5" 272 and held opp's to 138 rush ypg (3.6) while recording 26.5 of the tm's 43 sks. LB's Clay and Stuckey finished 2nd and 3rd in tkls while Kaddu led the tm in sks. UO is #14 pass eff D (244 ypg, 58%, 23-16 ratio) despite being without All-Conf CB Harris for nearly the entire ssn due to susp (kicked off tm after reg ssn). The ST's (#14) are led by Ray Guy finalist Jackson Rice.

The general consensus would be size vs spd but a closer look shows that does not hold true. Wisconsin has skill players with great spd, just not enough to match the quickness of Oregon and UW has the perception of size but the Ducks can match them at most positions. Both tms will be able to score but we'll grab the points with the Badgers who are a dog for the first time this year, after going 3-0 ATS LY.

FORECAST: WISCONSIN (+) over Oregon   RATING: 2★

STANFORD (11-1)

FIESTA BOWL

OKLAHOMA ST (11-1)

Jan 2 • 8:30 pm ESPN • U of Phoenix Stadium • Glendale, AZ

POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
STANFORD	220	270	32	3.6	–	103.8
OKLAHOMA ST	100	370	40	2.5 ✓		98.4

CARDINAL — ATS: 10-2 O/U: 6-6

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Stepfan Taylor	#36	12/12	207	1177	24	1153	8	5.6
Tyler Gaffney	#13	12/0	70	447	2	445	7	6.4
Anthony Wilkerson	#22	12/0	55	289	6	283	3	5.1
Jeremy Stewart	#318	12/0	52	196	4	192	8	3.7
Andrew Luck	#8	12/12	43	219	66	153	2	3.6

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
ANDREW LUCK	#8	12/12	373	261	70.0	3170	35	9
Brett Nottingham	#14	6/0	5	4	62.5	78	1	0

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Griff Whalen	#478	12/9	49	664	13.6	4	32
COBY FLEENER	#158	12/4	32	648	648	10	62
Chris Owusu	#77	9/7	35	376	10.7	2	43
Levine Toilolo	#5	12/10	24	325	13.5	6	41
Zach Ertz	#9	9/3	23	308	13.4	3	26

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	BLK	In20
David Green	#9	12	32	1334	41.7	11	34.8(t)	0	11

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Jordan Williamson	#12	9	49-51	4-4	6-7	2-4	0-0	12-15	45
Eric Whitaker	#145	4	0-0	1-1	3-3	0-1	0-0	4-5	39

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	Jarek Lancaster	#155	12/9	63	3.5	3.5	3	0
S	Michael Thomas	#151	12/11	61	1	2.5	4	3
LB	AJ Tarpley	#89	12/7	53	1.5	3.5	3	1
LB	CHASE THOMAS	#90	12/12	51	8.5	9	0	0
CB	Johnson Bademosi	#416	12/12	45	0	0.5	0	0
S	DELANO HOWELL	#27	12/11	45	0	0	4	4
DB	Terrence Brown	#415	12/8	40	0	1	4	0
LB	Trent Murphy	#156	12/12	39	5.5	5	3	0
DL	Ben Gardner	#464	12/11	34	4.5	5.5	2	0
LB	Max Bergen	#500	12/5	31	1.5	1.5	0	0
DL	Matthew Masifilo	#145	12/2	30	2.5	5.5	4	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG		KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG
Drew Terrell	16	190	11.9	0	Ty Montgomery	25	632	25.3	1

COWBOYS — ATS: 9-3 O/U: 5-7

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Joseph Randle	#40	12/12	198	1225	32	1193	23	6.0
Jeremy Smith	#22	11/1	90	665	20	645	13	7.2
Herschel Sims	#9	8/1	31	244	2	242	2	7.8

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Brandon Weeden	#261	12/12	522	379	72.6	4328	34	12
Clint Chelf	#97	5/0	30	20	66.7	307	3	0

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
JUSTIN BLACKMON	#107	12/11	113	1336	11.8	15	54
Josh Cooper	#74	11/4	64	660	10.3	4	37
Tracy Moore	#120	12/5	45	672	14.9	4	53
Joseph Randle	#40	12/12	38	238	6.3	2	63
Hubert Anyiam	#105	7/5	27	370	13.7	3	56
Isaiah Anderson	#146	12/4	26	305	11.7	4	36
Josh Stewart	#68	12/0	19	291	15.3	2	66
Michael Harrison	#430	10/0	19	239	12.6	3	31

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	BLK	In20
Quinn Sharp	#11	12	42	1958	46.6	8	39.3(t)	0	10

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Quinn Sharp	#11	12	74-75	12-12	6-8	2-1	0-0	20-23	46

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
S	Daytawion Lowe	#39	12/12	88	2	0	4	1
LB	Alex Elkins	#40JC	12/11	78	1	4	2	1
LB	Caleb Lavey	#47	12/12	68	3	1	0	1
DB	MARKELLE MARTIN	#56	12/12	65	0	4	11	0
DB	BRODRICK BROWN	#189	12/12	59	0	4	15	5
LB	Shaun Lewis	#12	12/12	57	1.5	8	0	2
DB	Justin Gilbert	#74	12/12	55	0	1	10	4
DL	JAMIE BLATNICK	#182	12/12	47	7	4.5	7	1
DL	Nigel Nicholas	#50	12/3	32	3	7	2	0
DL	Richetti Jones	#9	12/12	32	3	2.5	1	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG		KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG
Josh Cooper	17	60	3.5	0	Justin Gilbert	22	567	25.8	2
					Josh Stewart	11	226	20.5	0

	SU	OSU		SU	OSU		SU	OSU		SU	OSU			CCH	–	✓✓	Gundy has taken OSU to the next level after 5 str bowls while Shaw is in 1st year.
QB	✓	–	RB	–	✓	WR	–	✓									

	SU	OSU	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	–	–	SU avg 6-5 303, 3 Sr, 9 sk all'd (2.3%), 5.3 ypc. OSU avg 6-4 309, 3 Sr, 11 sk all'd (2.0%), 5.4 ypc.
DL	✓1/2	–	SU avg 6-3 282, 1 Sr, 10.5 of tm's 38 sks, 3.1 ypc. OSU avg 6-3 279, 2 Sr, 17 of tm's 38 sks, 4.3 ypc.
LB	–	1/2	Lancaster #1 tkl'r w/63, 7 tfl, Tarpley #3, 5 tfl. Elkins #2 tkl'r w/78, 5 tfl, Lavey #3, 4 tfl.
DB	–	✓	SU #26 pass eff D, 241 ypg (61%), 15-6 ratio. OSU #2 pass eff D, 266 ypg (58%), 13-23 ratio.

		CCH	–	✓✓	Gundy has taken OSU to the next level after 5 str bowls while Shaw is in 1st year.
		Turf/Crowd	–	–	#3 BCS vs #4 BCS and both teams will be well supported here. No edge.
		MTCH	1/2	–	While SU has seen your quick offenses, OSU has not faced this type of physicality.
		INT	1/2	–	The Cardinal are 23-2 the L2Y yet are now an underdog.
		ST	–	✓	SCH	–	–

OVERALL – OKLAHOMA ST by 2 ✓'s

Nice matchup here between the BCS's #3 and #4 tms with no previous meetings. This gm triggered talk of instituting a 'Plus One' system as OSU finished #3 by the closest margin in BCS history. First ever trip for the Cardinal to the Fiesta and 2nd str BCS gm as they dominated VT in the Orange Bowl LY. This is HC Shaw's 1st bowl but he was on Harbaugh's staff for both of Stan's previous 2. The Cowboys won their prev Fiesta matchup, 16-6 over BYU in '74 and this is their 1st trip to a BCS bowl. Gundy has led OSU to its 1st conf title since WWII and a schl rec'd 6 str postssn appearances (3-2 SU/ATS). The Cardinal is 23-2 over the L2Y (both losses vs Oreg) and come in riding a 13-2 ATS run while the Cowboys are 22-3 SU/18-6-1 ATS. Stan and OSU faced Ariz in B2B wks with nearly identical outcomes as the Cardinal won 37-10 as 9' pt fav (567-333 yd edge) and the Cowboys posted a 37-14 win as a 14 pt fav (594-439 yd edge). Stan was 5-0 SU/ATS on the road TY and 5-1 SU (4-2 ATS) vs bowl caliber tms with scoring (43-31) and yd (465-378) edges. OSU was 5-1 SU/ATS on the road and 8-1 SU/6-3 ATS vs bowl tms (47-29 scoring and 539-462 yd edges).

Stan's #5 off avg 44 ppg and 481 ypg. The leader is Heisman finalist QB Luck who is all but certain to be the #1 overall pick in next year's NFL Draft. Luck surpassed the likes of SU Heisman winners John Elway and Jim Plunkett this ssn to take home almost every Cardinal passing rec'd and in the process led his team to B2B BCS bowl berths and Top 5 finishes. The run game was a constant with RB Taylor leading the way with a 2nd str 1,000 yard rush ssn. Taylor was assisted in the run gm by Gaffney (also Wildcat QB), Wilkerson and Stewart who was also the short yardage back and tied Taylor for the team lead in rush TD's. TE's were key in the pass offense TY. They were so much of a focal point that the group posted nearly half of the tm's rec yds (1,558 of 3,276). WR Whalen narrowly led the tm in rec while gamebreaker Owusu's career is over (at least his 3rd severe concussion vs OSU). The SU OL avg 6'5" 303 and feature 2 potential 1st RD DC's in LT Martin and AA RG DeCastro. The OL paved the way for 208 rush ypg (5.3), good for 2nd in our P12 while surrendering just 9 sks (2.3%) incl 8 gms when they held the opposition sackless. The #17 D all's just 20 ppg and a conf best 331 ypg. The 3 man DL avg 6'3" 282 and all'd 90 ypg on the ground (#5 FBS) while recording 10.5 of the tm's 38 sks. The LB corps are the key to their success despite losing their leader Skov after just 3 gms (inj). The OLB combo of Thomas and Murphy comb for 14 sks while Lancaster finished admirably for Skov. Stan has our #26 pass eff D (241 ypg, 61%) despite recording just 6 int's all ssn (last P12). The ST's earned our #56 rating despite inj's at the PK position.

OSU's #1 off is led by the triplets combo of the B12's #1 passer QB Weeden, #1 WR Blackmon and #4 rusher Randle. New OC Monken was hired after Holgorsen left for WV to keep the same scheme and was actually helped by Weeden to learn the system in the offssn. Weeden made more checks at the LOS but didn't forget about 2010's Biletnikoff winner Blackmon who has more rec's going into the bowl than LY (113-102) but his ypc (11.8-16.3) is lower with fewer TD (15-18) as D's concentrated coverage around him. Randle's strong ssn was overshadowed by fumble issues with 4 vs TT and ISU although he rebounded with 151 yds and 2 TD in Bedlam. The OL (6'4" 309 avg) paved the way for 171 rush ypg (5.4) with a paltry 11 sks all'd (2.0%). The Cowboys #24 D was their critics' biggest target as their #107 FBS ttl D finish in the spread crazy B12 was frequently invoked as a reason to keep them out of the title gm. OSU did finish #1 FBS with 42 TO's forced. DE Blatnick is the #1 sk'r but OSU was pounded up front for 180 rush ypg (4.3). Lewis is the playmaker at LB with 9.5 tfl. The Cowboys are the #2 pass eff D (266, 58%, 13-23) with the secondary boasting 3 legit NFL prospects in CB's Brown, Gilbert and S Martin. OSU usually is among the FBS's best ST so their #37 ranking is surprising. Sharp hit 20-23 FG, avg'd 46.6 on punts with a 39.3 net (#1 B12) and had an FBS best 56 TB on KO. Gilbert was #2 B12 KR (25.8, 2 TD). But PR (3.1) and coverage units (24.2 KR and 10.8 PR all'd) were below par.

Both of these tms would've taken part in a National Championship "Plus-One" scenario. They now face off to finish the probable AP #2. We'll always favor a superior D with time to prepare vs a passing offense and that's what we have with Stanford. The Cardinal have a physical run/short pass gm unlike any the Cowboys have seen this season and the points are extra value.

FORECAST: STANFORD over Oklahoma St   RATING: 1★

SUGAR BOWL

MICHIGAN (10-2) — **VIRGINIA TECH (11-2)**

Jan 3 • 8:30 pm ESPN • Superdome • New Orleans, LA

POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
MICHIGAN	205	175	29	2.3	–	100.9
VIRGINIA TECH	130	205	21	1.9	✔	95.7

WOLVERINES — ATS: 7-4 O/U: 5-6

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Denard Robinson	#35	12/12	208	1307	144	1163	16	5.6
Fitz Toussaint	#28	11/10	174	1059	48	1011	9	5.8
Vincent Smith	#56	11/1	49	303	7	296	2	6.0
Michael Shaw	#26	9/1	31	214	15	199	3	6.0

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Denard Robinson	#35	12/12	237	133	56.12056	18		14Devin
Gardner	#4	9/0	23	4	47.8	176	1	1

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Junior Hemingway	#17	12/11	32	636	19.9	4	77
Jeremy Gallon	#25	12/1	30	450	15.0	3	64
Roy Roundtree	#68	12/12	18	345	19.2	2	57
Kevin Koger	#15	12/11	21	235	11.2	4	40
Vincent Smith	#56	11/1	10	142	14.2	2	32
Martavious Odoms	#49	11/3	7	131	18.7	3	38
Drew Dileo	#77	12/0	9	121	13.4	2	28

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Will Hagerup	#3	12	27	993	36.8	7	33.7	0	5

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Brendan Gibbons	#8	12	52-53	4-4	4-6	2-4	0-0	12	43

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	Kenny Demens	#29	12/12	86	3	2	1	0
S	Jordan Kovacs	#479	11/11	64	4	4	1	1
S	Thomas Gordon	#141	12/9	59	0	1.5	2	1
DL	Mike Martin	#24	12/12	54	3	2.5	0	0
LB	Desmond Morgan	#240	11/6	53	1	1.5	1	0
CB	JT Floyd	#63	12/11	45	0	0	8	2
LB	Brandin Hawthorne	#99	11/5	43	1	2	1	1
DL	Ryan Van Bergen	#43	12/11	41	5	7	4	0
CB	Blake Countess	#16	11/5	36	0	1	6	0
LB	Jake Ryan	#281	12/10	30	2	5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jeremy Gallon	19	192	10.1	0	Martavious Odom	16	352	22.0	0
					Vincent Smith	7	129	18.4	0

HOKIES — ATS: 4-9 O/U: 4-8

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
DAVID WILSON	#8	13/13	266	1734	107	1627	9	6.1
Logan Thomas	#3	13/13	137	569	153	416	10	3.0
Josh Oglesby	#75	13/0	90	371	35	336	6	3.7

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Logan Thomas	#3	13/13	363	215	59.2	2799	19	9
Mark Leal	#83	3/0	13	9	69.2	153	2	0

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Danny Coale	#162	13/13	52	787	15.1	3	63
Jarrett Boykin	#118	12/12	57	731	12.8	5	60
Marcus Davis	#50	13/7	29	499	17.2	5	63
DJ Coles	#38	13/2	34	449	13.2	3	49
Chris Drager	#21	13-12	14	186	13.3	2	23
David Wilson	#8	13/13	21	126	6.0	1	15

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Michael Branthover	–	6	25	915	36.6	3	33.6	0	7
Scott Demler	#77	5	23	761	33.1	5	–	0	4
Danny Coale	#162	12	12	529	44.1	1	–	0	3

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Cody Journell	#4	11	43-44	8-8	3-5	3-4	0-0	14	47

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
ROV	Antone Exum	#45	13/13	85	1	3.5	10	1
FS	Eddie Whitley	#82	13/13	78	0	1	3	2
FC	Kyle Fuller	#159	13/13	64	4.5	10	6	1
ILB	Tariq Edwards	#56	13/13	63	2.5	7	2	1
BC	Jayron Hosley	#60	12/12	59	0	1	8	3
ILB	Bruce Taylor	#28	8/8	53	5	2	0	0
DE	JR Collins	–	13/13	50	6	2.5	0	1
DT	Derrick Hopkins	#126	13/13	50	3	2	1	0
LB	Jack Tyler	#329	13/3	35	1	1	0	0
DL	James Gayle	#217	12/13	34	7	4.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jayron Hosley	17	204	12.0	0	David Wilson	20	376	18.8	0
Danny Coale	8	52	6.5	0	Tony Gregory	16	312	19.5	0

	UM	VT		UM	VT		UM	VT		UM	VT	
QB	✔	-	RB	-	✔	WR	1/2	-	CCH	-	✔✔	Obvious edges to VT with Beamer while Hoke is preparing for his 1st ever BCS bowl.

	UM	VT	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	-	-	UM avg 6-5 296, 2 Sr, 15 all'd (5.7%), 5.3 ypc. VT avg 6-4 302, 4 Sr, 15 all'd (3.9%), 4.5 ypc.
DL	-	1/2	UM avg 6-5 289, 3 Sr, 16.5 of tm 28 sks, 4.1 ypc. VT avg 6-2 270, 0 Sr, 23 of tm's 38 sks, 3.3 ypc.
LB	-	1/2	Demens #1 tkl'r w/86, 5 tfl, Morgan #5 w/53. Edwards #4 tkl'r w/63, 9.5 tfl, Tyler #9.
DB	-	✔1/2	UM #43 pass eff D, 189 ypg (58%), 12-8 ratio. VT #6 pass eff D, 206 ypg (50%), 14-15 ratio.

	UM	VT	
Turf/Crowd	-	-	Mich sold more tix early, but expect Hokie fans to match them in the stands.
MTCH	-	-	Although Mich QB Robinson runs more, both have mobile QB's. No edge.
INT	-	-	VT lost ACC Champ while UM beat OSU, but still BCS bowl.
ST	-	✔	SCH 1/2

OVERALL – VIRGINIA TECH by 4' ✔'s

First meeting. UM makes its 2nd appearance in the Sugar Bowl with a previous 9-7 loss (+4') to Aub in 1983. They return to the BCS lineup for the 1st time since the '06 Rose Bowl and overall UM is 1-3 SU/2-2 ATS in the big bowls since the BCS was instituted in 1998. Hoke has been the HC in just 2 bowls in his career, going 1-1 SU/ATS losing the '07 International Bowl to Rutgers while at Ball St winning beating Navy in LY's Poinsettia Bowl with SDSt. The Wolves players will want to erase any lingering memories of LY's 52-14 bowl thrashing by Miss St, the worst postssn perf in schl hist which proved to be Rich Rodriguez's swan song. VT surprisingly received the at-large bid trumping Boise, K-St and Baylor to make their 4th trip to the Sugar Bowl (1-2 SU, 1-2 ATS) to face Mich, despite being dominated by Clemson 38-10 in the ACC Title game, the only team they lost to… twice! VT is the only team in the FBS to have 8 str 10 win ssns and has a chance to go for win #12 for the 1st time in schl history. Beamer is 8-10 SU/ATS in bowls. UM went 2-2 SU/ATS on the road TY outgaining foes by 49 ypg. VT went 6-1 SU/3-4 ATS with a 22 ypg edge. UM went 8-2 SU/6-3 ATS vs bowl tms outgaining them by 63 ypg. The Hokies faced 8 bowl caliber tms going 7-2 SU but 3-6 ATS being outscored 27-20 and outgained 404-342 (Clem 2x). Hokies fans travel well which is the reason they were able to nab the bid but they actually trailed UM in ticket sales as of press time.

One of B10 Coach of the Year Hoke's first tasks when he became UM's HC was to 'recruit' the B10's reigning OPOY QB Robinson to stay in Ann Arbor. A perfect fit for the spread thanks to his world class spd, Robinson became the 1st FBS QB to run for 1,500 yds and throw for 2,000 in '10 but he also was KO'd of several gms due to inj. OC Borges promised a more balanced attack with more snaps under C. While Robinson still led B10 QB's in rushing (1163), he also led the league in int's (14) with the offense looking like it was trying to jam a square peg into a round hole early on. Borges tinkered by using bkp Gardner in tandem with D-Rob and incorporating more spread elements while #16 stayed healthier due to the emergence of RB Toussaint. After having just 333 in the 1st 7 gms as part of a RB-by-committee, Toussaint exploded for 678 in the L/5 to give UM 2 1,000 yd rushers for the 1st time S/'75. Helping pave the way up front is the B10's OL of the Yr in C David Molk. His unit (avg 6'5" 296) is #12 FBS rush (236, 5.3) while all'g 15 sks (5.7%) and the off finished #14. New DC Mattison, went back to UM's traditional 4-3 relying on a trio of Sr DL in Martin, Van Bergen and Heininger to lead the way. The Wolves finished the reg ssn #18 FBS in ttl D all'g 318 after finishing #110 (451) LY. They also led the conf in TO's forced (27) after finishing -32 in TO margin in Rich Rod's 3Y and the D is #22. The #1 tkl'r is LB Demens with Fr Morgan seeing more time as the season progressed. UM is #43 pass eff D (189, 58%, 12-8) led by ex-walk on S Kovacs. The ST are #94 with the worst element being the net P (33.7) at #106 in the FBS. K Gibbons 10-14 was a step up from LY's 4-14 disaster. The KR (19.7) and PR (9.0) were so-so as were the coverage units (8.4 PR and 21.3 KR).

VT has our #33 offense avg 29 ppg and 416 ypg. VT's sked setup perfectly as Beamer groomed QB Thomas with a soft non-conf slate before his 1st game on the big stage, his 1st loss to Clem. He rebounded for a 5 TD perf (2 rush) vs UM and continued on a 14-2 stretch earning 2nd Tm ACC avg 215 ypg (59%) with a 19-9 ratio. Beamer used Thomas's 250 lb size and his power run gm to compliment the speedy RB Wilson who earned ACC OPOY. The WR unit is solid led by VT's all-time career leaders Boykin (#1) and Coale (#2). TE Drager moved from DE in pressn and developed into a post up option with 13 of his 14 catches going for FD or TD's. With 4 Sr's on the OL (6'4" 302 avg) VT paved the way for 189 rush ypg (4.5) all'g just 15 sks (lowest in over a decade). Foster's D was hit by the inj bug and has 7 soph st'rs TY but still finished #11 in our rankings all'g 17 ppg and 314 ypg with 38 sks. The DL lost a major cog in DT A. Hopkins but with great depth others emerged like 2nd Tm ACC DE Gayle (7 sk) and DE Collins who had 28 qbh. After key inj's CB Fuller shared LB duties and led the team with 14.5 tfl (2nd Tm ACC). VT has our #6 pass eff D ranking led by CB Hosley, Saf's Whitley and Exum. The ST's was far from Beamer-like (no blk'd K) finishing #73 in our rankings. The punt game was ineffective until WR Coale avg'd 44.1 on 12 punts the L/2 gms while KR Wilson failed to ret a KO longer than 34 yds (18.8). Bright spots were K Journell and PR Hosley avg 12.0 with a L/55.

The Hokies defense practices vs a mobile QB each day and by looking at the checklist, you'll see they have substantial edges on that side of the ball. Michigan is certainly excited to be in their 1st BCS bowl since 2006, but VT has not lost their final 2 gms of the season S/'03.

FORECAST: VIRGINIA TECH over Michigan — RATING: 2★

ORANGE BOWL

WEST VIRGINIA (9-3) — **CLEMSON (10-3)**

Jan 4 • 8:30 pm ESPN • Sun Life Stadium • Miami, FL

POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
WEST VIRGINIA	125	310	34	2.5	–	96.0
CLEMSON	165	285	36	2.1	✔	99.1

MOUNTAINEERS — ATS: 4-5-1 O/U: 9-2

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Dustin Garrison	#200	12/8	136	777	35	742	6	5.5
Shawne Alston	#141	10/0	77	354	15	339	10	4.4
Tavon Austin	#15	12/10	13	156	14	142	1	10.9
Vernard Roberts	#112	11/2	44	150	10	140	3	3.2
Andrew Buie	#34	10/2	38	138	11	127	1	3.3

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
GENO SMITH	#4	12/12	483	314	65.0	3978	25	7

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Stedman Bailey	#64	12/12	67	1197	17.9	11	84
TAVON AUSTIN	#15	12/10	89	1063	11.9	4	72
Ivan McCartney	#12	12/10	47	572	12.2	3	51
Devon Brown	–	12/2	24	333	13.9	1	55
Tyler Urban	#142	12/7	20	226	11.3	2	19
Dustin Garrison	#200	12/8	24	201	8.4	0	36
Brad Starks	#41	8/0	14	174	12.4	4	30

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Mike Molinari	#174	12	30	1116	37.2	5	34.6(t)	0	11
Corey Smith	#9	12	21	857	40.8	0	–	0	9

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Tyler Bitancurt	#7	12	51-53	8-9	5-9	3-4	0-0	16-22	45

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	NAJEE GOODE	#310	12/12	84	4	8.5	0	1
S	Darwin Cook	#213	12/12	81	0	1	4	2
S	Terence Garvin	#166	11/11	72	3.5	2	3	2
CB	Pat Miller	#364	12/9	64	0	1.5	3	1
S	Eain Smith	#118	12/12	63	0	2.5	6	1
CB	KEITH TANDY	#195	12/12	58	0	2	9	3
DL	Julian Miller	#128	12/8	55	6	5	2	0
LB	Jewone Snow	#91	11/7	42	1.5	5	0	0
DL	BRUCE IRVIN	#5	12/6	38	7.5	6.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tavon Austin	19	268	14.1	0	Tavon Austin	31	821	26.5	2
					Brad Starks	9	223	24.8	0

TIGERS — ATS: 8-5 O/U: 6-7

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Andre Ellington	#37	12/12	213	1099	37	1062	10	5.0
Mike Bellamy	#6	12/0	57	360	17	343	3	6.0
Sammy Watkins	#3	12/9	31	241	12	229	0	7.4
DJ Howard	#61	11/2	40	231	5	226	1	5.7
Tajh Boyd	#8	13/13	132	416	230	186	5	1.4

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
TAJH BOYD	#8	13/13	453	274	60.5	3578	31	10

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
SAMMY WATKINS	#3	12/9	77	1153	15.0	11	65
DeAndre Hopkins	#23	13/10	62	871	14.0	4	50
DWAYNE ALLEN	#6	13/13	48	577	12.0	8	54
Jaron Brown	#99	13/11	29	382	13.2	4	29
Martavis Bryant	#19	13/2	7	201	28.7	2	54
Brandon Ford	#97	13/1	13	166	12.8	2	50
Adam Humphries	#120	13/3	18	118	9.0	0	18
Andre Ellington	#37	12/12	22	109	5.0	0	19

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Dawson Zimmerman	#13	13	59	2479	42.0	9	38.0(t)	0	18

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Chandler Catanzaro	#28	13	49-50	6-6	7-9	7-10	0-0	20-25	47

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
S	Rashard Hall	#246	12/11	81	1	2	1	1
DL	ANDRE BRANCH	#381	13/13	78	10.5	5.5	1	0
LB	Corico Hawkins	#50	13/10	73	0	4	2	0
DL	Brandon Thompson	#26	13/12	73	2.5	4.5	0	0
LB	Jonathan Willard	#75	13/11	69	0	2.5	4	0
DL	Malliciah Goodman	#5	13/13	55	2	1	1	0
DL	Rennie Moore	#89	13/11	55	4	5	0	1
DB	Xavier Brewer	#73	12/12	53	0	0	7	1
S	Jonathan Meeks	#182	13/9	51	0	1	6	0
S	Bashaud Breeland	#59	13/6	46	1	0	5	2

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
DeAndre Hopkins	9	49	5.4	0	Sammy Watkins	26	683	26.3	1

	WV	CU		WV	CU		WV	CU		WV	CU	
QB	✔	-	RB	-	✔1/2	WR	-	✔	CCH	-	✔1/2	Obvious edge to Swinney who has bowl exp while Holgorsen's 1st bowl is a BCS affair.

	WV	CU	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	-	✔	WV avg 6-4 303, 3 Sr, 26 sk all'd (5.2%), 3.8 ypc. CU avg 6-5 310, 4 Sr, 30 sk all'd (6.3%), 4.0 ypc.
DL	-	-	WV avg 6-4 267, 1 Sr, 17 of tm 28 sks, 3.8 ypc. CU avg 6-3 279, 3 Sr, 21 of tm 24 sks, 4.0 ypc.
LB	-	1/2	Goode #1 tkl'r w/84, 12.5 tfl, Snow #8. Hawkins #3 tkl'r w/73, 4 tfl, Willard #5.
DB	-	-	WV #34 pass eff D, 199 ypg (58%), 13-12 ratio. CU #63 pass eff D, 203 ypg (57%), 20-13 ratio.

	WV	CU	
Turf/Crowd	-	✔	Clemson thrilled in making 1st Orange Bowl appearance since 1981 and will have edge.
MTCH	-	-	Both QB's earn an edge over the opponents secondaries, but no other advantages.
INT	-	-	Clemson won it on the field and WV backed in, but no edge.
ST	-	✔1/2	SCH - ✔✔

OVERALL – CLEMSON by 10 ✔'s

One prior meeting, in the '89 Gator Bowl (27-7 CU win). This marks the 10th consec bowl gm for WV (1st ever trip to Orange Bowl) and 2nd BCS gm over the L/5Y as they knocked off Okla as a 7' pt dog in the '07 Fiesta. WV earned this bid by virtue of a higher BCS ranking as they actually finished in a 3-way tie with Cincy and L'ville for the BE crown. Holgorsen has been part of many postssn gms as an asst but this will be his 1st as HC for WV. This is CU's 1st appearance in the Orange since their '81 Nat'l Champ ssn and CU's 7th consec bowl (2-4 SU/1-5 ATS) while Swinney, in his 4th yr, is a finalist for COY. The Tigers rose to 8-0 but lost to GT, which started another "Clemson Collapse" as they lost 3 of the L/4. CU stunned VT 38-10 winning their 1st ACC Title S/'91 to land here. WV and CU shared 1 common opp TY in MD as both put up SU/ATS wins. WV went 4-2 SU (2-3 ATS) vs bowl tms TY with 29-28 score and 429-332 yd edges (outgained LSU 533-366, double LSU's ssn avg all'd). CU has faced 8 bowl tms going 6-3 SU (5-4 ATS) outscoring these opp's 30-26 and outgaining them 412-376. WV also fared well in AG's going 4-1 SU (3-1-1 ATS) while CU was 3-3 SU/ATS. WV has 7 Sr st'rs among 13 upperclassmen and CU has 9 Sr's w/17 upperclassmen.

After the Mountaineers avg 25 ppg and 373 ypg LY, the addition of offensive-minded HC Holgorsen was felt here as WV avg 35 ppg and 460 ypg (our #26 unit). The biggest benefactor in the new scheme was QB Smith who has already surpassed his passing numbers by 1,200+ yds from the yr prior incl 6 gms of 350+ pass yds. With the pass gm in full effect, the one thing that was missing most of the yr was a consistent run gm as WV failed to reach 100 rush yds in half of their matchups. True Fr Garrison led the tm in rush but when further analyzing his numbers you'll see that 291 of those yds came in one gm vs an overmatched BG squad. Alston led the tm in rush TD's as he was their goal line and short ydg specialist. With Smith's success in the pass gm it shouldn't be much of a surprise that WV saw 2 WR's surpass the 1,000 yd mark. Austin was the tm's possession rec while Bailey was the group's deep threat posting DD TD's. The OL avg 6'4" 303 and paved the way for 118 ypg (3.8) while all'g 26 sks on nearly 500 pass att (5.2%). The #59 def all'd 26 ppg and 340 ypg. The 3 man DL unit avg 6'4" 267 and features some the BE's elite in DE Irvin and DT Miller who comb for 13.5 sks and 25 tfl. The DL as a group all'd 141 rush ypg (3.8) with 17 of the tm's 28 sks. Leading tkl'r Goode leads the LB's while WV has our #34 pass eff def all'g 199 ypg (58%) with a 13-12 ratio led by the CB combo of Miller and Tandy. KR Austin posted a solid showing but the inconsistency at P between Smith and Molinari saw WV finish with our #78 ST ranking.

CU has our #18 off avg 34 ppg and 441 ypg. After a 6-7 record LY, expectations weren't very high. Swinney brought in OC Morris (2nd yr from cch'g HS) who took Tulsa from a 5-7 to a 10-3 record. Morris turned CU into one of the most explosive off in the NCAA. QB Boyd avg 275 ypg (61%) with a 31-10 ratio (with 7 int L/4 reg ssn gm). Boyd led CU to B2B2B wins over ranked teams (Aub, FSU, VT) earning 1st Tm ACC. RB Ellington was hampered all year by inj but when healthy is one of the top backs in the FBS (see: ACC Title Gm) rushing for 1,062 yds (5.0) despite missing parts of 5 gms. The story of the year is ACC FOY Watkins (speed) who finished with 1,153 yds (15.0) and 11 TD despite missing 1.5 gms (losses). Hopkins finished a humble #2 with 871 (14.0) while 1st Tm ACC TE Allen has the NFL's attention with 577 (12.0) and 8 TD. The OL (6'5" 310) has 4 Sr's and a 4Y Jr incl Rimington finalist Freeman. They avg'd 156 ypg (4.0) while all'g 30 sks. DC Steele's def (our #52 D) has been much maligned all'g 26 ppg and 379 ypg with just 24 sks but held VT to both of their ssn lows (258, 330). The DL is led by 3 Sr's incl 1st Tm ACC Branch who has 10.5 sks and is the #2 tkl'r while 2nd Tm ACC DT Thompson is #4 in tkls! LB Hawkins (#3 tkl'r) leads a deep corps of backers that incl one of the best set of trues in the FBS incl Anthony (6 tfl). S Hall is the #1 tkl'r and leads our #63 pass eff D and CB Sensabaugh has 11 pbu. CU is #51 in our ST's rankings led by 2nd Tm ACC RS Watkins (26.3, 1 TD) and 2nd Tm ACC K Catanzaro who hit 7-10 from 40+ and a L/47.

It's very rare when our checklist has a whitewash but every available advantage goes to the Tigers. WV has been as fortunate as any tm and now matched up vs a battle tested Clemson unit, their weaknesses will get exposed. It's easy to pick a tm when one side has a better offense, better defense, better special tms and has played a tougher sked and Clemson gets our call here.

FORECAST: CLEMSON over West Virginia — RATING: 3★

PRO SELECTIONS WK 16

KEY SELECTIONS

3★ San Diego over DETROIT - SD is 17-2 SU/14-5 ATS in Dec with a 31-16 avg score under Turner which is when they play their best football. SD is 1-6 SU/ATS vs foes with a winning record (-11 ypg) due to -10 TO's with a 29-23 scoring deficit. Rivers has had to deal with a piecemeal OL and hasn't known who his skill players are on a weekly basis. Still, vs those winning foes he's avg'd a decent 276 ypg (58%) with a 13-11 ratio (19 sks). Yes, there is a concern vs a DET team with playoff need and their stout front 7 vs the SD OL but the Chargers skill players will be getting healthier. There is a strong possibility that FS Delmas/CB Houston will miss as they both have MCL tears for a secondary that has given up 232 ypg (58%) with a 9-7 ratio since the DEN game. Stafford has a tough matchup vs SD's #7 pass defense that has a 22-14 ratio TY vs 18-16 for all of LY. SD has veterans in all of the key places, are playing to keep Turner and we'll take their experience in big games vs a young and overly aggressive Lions team.
FORECAST: San Diego 34 DETROIT 21

3★ NY Giants over NY JETS - This is the much anticipated Battle of New York with the Giants having 4 consec wins SU/ATS (31-22 avg score) but Ryan hasn't been a part of it yet. NYG are in the middle of a 4-gm stretch where they play 3 div rivals but need every win they can get while the Jets are playing their 4th str NDIV foe. Sanchez hasn't impressed vs teams with a top 10 pass rush going 2-3 SU/1-4 ATS avg 248 ypg (55%) with a 5-4 ratio and just a 6.36 ypa with 13 sacks. Injuries to his RB's/WR's/OL are offset the fact that Manning has only faced 3 top 10 defenses TY (WAS, SF, DAL on SNF) and he's avg'd 316 ypg (62%) with an 11-6 ratio (2 ints off tips) with a very impressive 8.57 ypa at home TY. Both tms need a win for their playoff hopes and despite coming off a brutal 6 gm stretch before WAS the NYG under Coughlin tend to play their best when their backs are against the wall and get the win here. **FORECAST: NY Giants 24 NY Jets 17**

OTHER SELECTION

2★ Denver over BUFFALO - This is a good matchup for the Broncos with their #1 rush attack (156 ypg 4.7) vs the Bills #25 rush defense allowing 131 ypg (4.7). DEN is 6-1 ATS on the road TY and in Tebow's 5 road starts they have only been outgained by 11 ypg, have set the tempo by outrushing foes 217 (5.0) to 128 (4.4) and are +4 TO's with a 25-19 avg score. The Bills defense is starting to show its shortcomings as since the Toronto game they have given up a 16-2 ratio and only pulled in 5 sacks prior to MIA (#31 sks TY). Despite their warts the DEN OL had started 13 straight games and 14 of their 34 sks allowed were in Tebows first 2 starts with 6 sks given up in the 6 games prior to NE. Injuries at WR and the large amount of short/intermediate passes have seen Fitzpatricks numbers drop to 212 ypg (56%) with a 6-9 ratio since WAS with a 5.79 ypa. DEN's #16 pass defense is a concern as they've given up a 22-9 ratio but BUF lacks their explosive ability from the start of the season and DEN is also a cold weather team. While the Broncos are off a huge gm vs NE and travelling across country it's tough to go against Tebow and Co in any situation as the Broncos still control their destiny in the AFC West with only the lowly Chiefs on deck at home. **FORECAST: Denver 21 BUFFALO 13**

> **PLEASE NOTE: This Double Issue has 2 weeks of NFL write-ups with this being the second week. If a major injury or a drastic shift in the expected line occurs we reserve the right to differ from the Other Selections below. WE WILL NOT GO AGAINST A STAR RATED PLAY!**

OTHER GAMES

Houston at INDIANAPOLIS - Thursday - This was expected to be a deciding game for the AFC South which the Texans have wrapped up. With both teams going with #3 QB's the key here will be who doesn't turn the ball over. This is one of the few times all year that IND can compare at the QB position with Orlovsky vs Yates at home. How well IND can defend the top RB duo in the NFL for 2011 will determine if they can keep this within the number. **The NFL Marquees are red hot going 19-8 70% this season and this play will be released at 3 pm ET Thursday! Call your Northcoast Debit Card for this Marquee Winner!**

Oakland by 24 KANSAS CITY - The Raiders have covered 5 straight in KC with a 20-12 avg score. Regardless of the L2W they are playing for their 2nd straight non-losing season after 7 straight years of double digit losses. OAK has true revenge here as they were slammed 28-0 by KC at home prior to their bye. OAK had 6 ints with Palmer taking the field in the 2H for 116 yds (38%) in what was basically his preseason debut. DIV road teams that were held to 3 or less in their last meeting are 19-8-1 ATS the next time around. KC is 0-4 SU/0-4 SU/ATS in their final home game. They have only won the yardage battle in 3 games TY being outgained by 79 ypg in the other 10. Aside from injuries, QB play has crippled them as they've been held to under 200 yds passing in 8 games TY avg 142 ypg (58%) with a 5-11 ratio in those. While DC Crennel has a good scouting report on Palmer from his time with CLE the Raiders #6 rush offense get the edge vs a KC team that has given up 146 ypg (4.3) at home prior to GB. The Raiders have big edges in the trenches as they are 5th in sks allowed (22) vs a KC team that is 27th in sks by (23) and OAK is also 4th in sks by (37). We'll take the road team with playoff need that could have RB McFadden, WR Ford and WR Moore who are huge speed assets vs the Chiefs.

TENNESSEE by 10 over Jacksonville - The Jaguars were favored for the first time in 6 meetings in their 16-14 win over the Titans as a 1 pt HF. TEN was fielding a new HC, QB working with a new offense with a starting RB that had sat out most of training camp. JAX dominated the TOP by 19:16 with a 73-49 play advantage on offense but only had a 31 yd edge in the game. TEN's first 7 drives resulted in 6 punts and a missed FG. The tables have turned as while TEN may or may not be in the hunt for a playoff spot they are overall drastically healthier than JAX who had 21 players on IR prior to the TB game. Its unknown if Hasselbeck or Locker will get the start but the TEN OL has only allowed 19 sks (2nd) and JAX is only 22nd in sks by tm. The Jaguars will have a rare rest edge after facing ATL last Thursday but they have been outgained 304-233 on the road TY with an 18-11 avg score. Gabbert only has 3 games with 200 yds passing TY with one on the road (CLE) and is avg 135 ypg (50%) with a 4-4 ratio with a 4.84 ypa vs a 4.4 ypc for Jones-Drew. Regardless of which QB starts for TEN they have a better supporting cast on both sides of the ball.

CINCINNATI by 13 Arizona - This could be the first road game for Kolb since 10/30 vs BAL and the only road game for ARZ in their final 5 wks. ARZ is 1-5 SU/0-6 ATS on the road in Dec under Whiz losing by a 31-17 avg score (-89 ypg). ARZ has only played 5 games vs a foe with a winning record (PIT, BAL, DAL, SF) and are 2-3 SU/4-1 ATS despite being outgained by 86 ypg (-7 TO's). They now travel to a cold weather site and while Bengals fans aren't giving much support (just 41,202 vs HOU) the Cardinals have to contend with the #7 D. CIN is allowing just 100 ypg (3.7) rushing and minus the STL game, Wells is avg 65 ypg (3.8) TY. CIN also has the edge in pass protection on both sides of the ball allowing just 21 sks (3rd) despite a rookie QB and the Broncos are 6th in sks by (36) with ARZ having allowed 43 sks (30th) prior to LW. If CIN won LW then they are playing for either a playoff shot with BAL on deck or a rare winning season with a rookie QB at the helm and we'll call for Benson and the Bengals defense to carry the day.

NEW ENGLAND by 14 over Miami - NE opened 2011 with a 38-24 win as a 7 pt AF on MNF that sent the first half of the Dolphins season into a tailspin. Halfway thru the 4Q NE had a 514-275 yd edge with a 31-17 lead en route to 622 yds in the game. Brady had a staggering 517 yds (67%) with a 4-1 ratio with 99 yds coming on a Welker TD when the defender slipped. NE continues to be in the hunt for a playoff berth despite a defense that has given up 400+ yds in 8 of 13 games TY (462 ypg in those). While Brady's stellar play is one huge reason, the defense has forced 25 takeaways after forcing 38 LY and that's with a beat up secondary. MIA should have Moore back but after a disappointing home loss to PHI in wk 14 you have to wonder how much the Dolphins will have left in the tank with obvious changes coming in 2012.

BALTIMORE by 10 over Cleveland - BAL improved to 7-0 SU/1-6 ATS with a 24-10 win as a 7 pt AF just 20 days ago vs the Browns. Rice ran for a career high 204 yds (7.0) in the game as the Ravens had a 448-233 yd edge. 8 of CLE's 12 drives ended in punts and only their final drive with the game out of reach went longer than 50 yds. McCoy is 0-8 SU/2-6 ATS (26-13 avg score) in AFC North games avg 206 ypg (54%) with a 9-13 ratio being sacked 23 times. Flacco has modest stats vs CLE avg 199 ypg (64%) with an 8-3 ratio with a single game of 300 yds passing. He hasn't had to do much due to Rice and the Ravens defense which has held 6 teams to under 250 yds offense (5-1 SU/4-2 ATS) TY. CLE is in its 3rd str rd gm and the Browns are 0-4 SU/ATS in that role S/'00 getting outscored by an avg of 29-6 however Harbaugh is 1-4 ATS as a DD favorite, 3-6-1 ATS as a DIV HF and has a road game vs a more dangerous CIN team on deck.

WASHINGTON by 4 over Minnesota - The Vikings beat the Redskins 17-13 LY as a 2 pt AF in Leslie Frazier's debut as a HC. Peterson missed most of the game with an ankle sprain but MIN still outrushed WAS 137 (3.6) to 29 (2.2). After WAS opening drive went 83 yds for a TD their next 8 drives combined for 70 yds with 5 punts, 1 int, 1 FG and end of half. MIN is 4-12-1 ATS on the road (DET) where they have been outgained by 60 ypg (-3 TO's) with a pass defense giving up a 17-2 ratio on the road TY. This is WAS 3rd home game in 4 Wks but they are 2-6 ATS since the bye due to inconsistent QB play (ypg 241, 59% 9-15) and injuries on offense. MIN is 2-5 ATS (pending NO) vs a NDIV foe and have you have to wonder where they will be physically coming off a stretch of playing 6 str playoff caliber teams. Both tms are building for the future and the only thing at stake here is draft positioning come April.

CAROLINA by 17 over Tampa Bay - The Panthers devastated the Bucs 38-19 (1 pt AD) who where without QB Freeman (shoulder bruise) just 20 days ago. CAR had a 366-223 yd edge mid-4Q with a 38-12 lead before they let TB go 65/8pl in garbage time. CAR was in full press to boost Newton's Rookie of the Year chances as he had 4 TD's with 3 on the ground. CAR had a 163 (4.2) to 78 (2.9) rush edge with 45 of TB's yards coming off #2 QB Josh Johnson. The Fav is 8-2 ATS. While CAR's defensive front 7 has been wrecked by injuries, the offense has had only 1 player (RT Otah) land on IR and his injury history LY had CAR prepared. Aside from Shockey (ribs) missing 1 game they have had their most complete set of players all year. Meanwhile TB's defense is beat up esp on the DL and their LB's are still young. On off the WR's have been disappointing and beaten up Freeman has taken a step back. The winner of this game will most likely finish out of the Div basement which would be a huge step for a CAR tm that came into the ssn with low expectations.

PITTSBURGH by 17 over St Louis - This is the Rams 3rd road game in 4 Wks where they have gone 1-5 SU/ATS. STL is also 1-5 ATS vs .500 or better teams (counting NYG) and minus the NO upset they have been outgained 351-242 (-5 TO's) in those matchups with a 30-7 avg score. There is a very real chance Bradford may be on IR by now and fielding their 3rd string QB Brandstater here. STL was held to 53 rush ypg (2.6) in their 3 games prior to MNF not due to a lack of ability by Jackson but by a depleted OL that also allowed 11 sks (1 every 8.5 att's) in those games. While their secondary has seen 10 CB's sent to IR TY foes are running at will on the Rams who gave up 166 ypg (4.7) prior to MNF. PIT is only 1-4 ATS as a DD fav TY and have injury problems of their own. They have outgained foes 9 straight prior to SF by a 377-276 margin but December Fav's of 14 or more are on a 2-7 ATS run at this writing incl PIT failing to cover as a 14 pt HF vs CLE so we're not sure how much value there will be here.

San Francisco by 7 SEATTLE - The home team improved to 5-0 SU/ATS when SF beat SEA 33-17 as a 5.5 pt HF in the season opener. SF had a 19-17 lead after a 55 yd TD pass by Jackson with 3:56 left. Ginn then returned the KO 102 yds for a TD, forced SEA to go 3&out then Ginn returned a punt 55 yds to put it out of reach. SF had a 128-37 yd edge as SEA had 5 punts and 2 TO's in the 1H. Harbaugh is 3-1 SU/4-0 ATS vs Carroll and while this is personal for both coaches, SF has big edges in terms of talent and health all over the field. SEA does have the situational edge at home with SF off a tough physical game vs PIT on MNF. SF is +61 yds and an astounding +20 TO's vs foes with a losing record but with a big line expected we'll call for them by 10 in a lower scoring game as double digit Div fav's in Dec are 3-14 O/U.

DALLAS by 6 over Philadelphia - PHI blasted DAL 34-7 as a 3 pt HF off their bye week snapping a 5 game ATS losing streak including playoffs. PHI had a 495-267 yd edge and dominated the clock (+24:18) on the ground with a 239 (6.3) to 85 (8.5) yd edge. DAL was held to 5 punts and an int on their first 6 drives while PHI had 4 TD's and 2 FG's. Reid is 20-10 ATS as a DIV dog and with 2011 being only his 3rd season with a losing record will have the team motivated as this will be their playoff game. While PHI has been on the wrong side of the TO battle in 7 games TY (1-6 ATS) they have won the yardage battle in 10 games with 7 games over 400 yds. DAL was 3-8-1 ATS as a favorite prior to the Giants with Garrett who has struggled with in game decisions and clock management. DAL is only 2-6 ATS vs teams w/a losing record outgaining them by just 29 ypg (+7 TO's) with a 23-17 avg score. While this is a key div game for them they have the rematch vs the Giants on deck and we'll call for the home team by 2 FG's here.

Chicago at GREEN BAY - Sunday Night - The Packers beat the Bears 27-17 as a 4.5 pt AF in the first game with Rodgers striking for 297 yds (74%) with a 3-1 ratio. While the Bears have big offensive issues they are 7-2 ATS as a dog of 7 or more and SNF dogs of 7 or more are 9-3 ATS. While GB may be playing for the perfect season, Lovie Smith made beating GB his priority when he took the job and no matter their playoff status CHI will go all out here.

Atlanta at NEW ORLEANS by 13 - This gm will no doubt have playoff implications with the Saints fighting for the #2 Seed in the NFC while ATL is still well in the hunt for a Wildcard spot. NO won the first gm 26-23 in OT thanks to a ? call by ATL HC Smith failing to convert a 4&1 deep in his terr which set the Saints up for the GW FG. Will the Falcons get revenge or will the Saints wrap up the div. **You can pick up the final Monday Night Magic Winner on your NC Debit Card. You'll get the MNM Play for $30 but if the play fails to cover, you'll automatically receive $40 back on your NC Debit Card. As of presstime the play has now won 4 in a row (12/12 & 12/19 not incl). The Monday Night Total is also available for $9 and is currently 10-2-1 (83%) on the year.**

OVER/UNDERS

We are not forecasting the actual lines, just the Totals Plays that we like for Week 16:

3★ **Chargers/Lions**	**OVER**
3★ **Browns/Ravens**	**UNDER**
2★ **Steelers/Rams**	**UNDER**
2★ **Panthers/Bucs**	**OVER**

COTTON BOWL

KANSAS ST (10-2)

ARKANSAS (10-2)

Jan 6 • 8:00 pm FOX • Cowboys Stadium • Arlington, TX

POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
KANSAS ST	178	143	28	1.7	–	98.1
ARKANSAS	128	318	39	2.3	–	100.6

WILDCATS ATS: 9-3 O/U: 8-3

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Collin Klein	#82	12/12	293	1377	278	1099	26	3.8
John Hubert	#205	12/11	188	989	56	933	3	5.0
Angelo Pease	#74JC	9/7	34	157	13	144	2	4.2

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Collin Klein	#82	12/12	251	145	57.8	1745	12	5

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Chris Harper	#17	12/11	39	536	13.7	5	53
John Hubert	#205	12/11	23	193	8.4	1	24
Tramaine Thompson	#154	11/3	18	281	15.6	1	68
Tyler Lockett	#134	9/6	18	246	13.7	3	48
Andre McDonald	#93	11/3	8	133	16.6	0	34
Sheldon Smith	#661JC	10/4	17	127	7.5	1	24

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Ryan Doerr	#28	12	59	2392	40.5	30	37.7	2	13

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Anthony Cantele	PS#281	12	46-47	6-7	7-9	3-5	1-1	17-22	54

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	ARTHUR BROWN	#5	12/12	95	2	5.5	2	1
DB	David Garrett	#200	12/12	78	0.5	4	2	2
LB	Emmanuel Lamur	#211JC	12/8	77	0	4.5	7	1
S	Tysyn Hartman	#82	12/12	62	0	0	3	3
DB	NIGEL MALONE	#201JC	12/12	57	0	0	9	7
S	Ty Zimmerman	#657	12/12	57	0	1	3	2
LB	Tre Walker	#104	12/11	50	0	3.5	3	0
DB	Allen Chapman	#56JC	12/4	45	0	0	4	1
DL	RAY KIBBLE	#76JC	12/12	36	1	3.5	0	0
DL	Vai Lutui	#174JC	12/12	33	1	1.5	4	0
DL	Adam Davis	#11JC	12/12	30	2	3	2	0
DL	Meshak Williams	#17JC	12/0	27	7	3	0	0
DL	Jordan Voelker	#764JC	12/12	26	4	1	4	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tramaine Thompson	9	119	13.2	0	Tyler Lockett	16	563	35.2	2
					Tramaine Thompson	16	311	19.4	0

RAZORBACKS ATS: 7-5 O/U: 9-2

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Dennis Johnson	#112	10/6	101	665	28	637	3	6.3
Ronnie Wingo	#12	11/2	95	470	30	440	3	4.6
Broderick Green	#9	8/1	61	216	16	200	5	3.3

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
TYLER WILSON	#32	12/12	407	257	63.1	3422	21	6
Brandon Mitchell	#204	9/0	32	22	68.8	271	2	1

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
JARIUS WRIGHT	#36	11/11	63	1029	16.3	11	60
Joe Adams	#25	12/10	49	630	12.9	3	67
Cobi Hamilton	#141	12/11	31	516	16.6	3	60
Chris Gragg	#133	12/7	40	492	12.3	2	41
Dennis Johnson	#112	10/6	22	253	11.5	2	31
Greg Childs	#48	10/2	16	192	12.0	0	19

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Dylan Breeding	#145	12	49	2213	45.2	15	37.3	0	14

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Zach Hocker	#20	12	53-54	8-9	5-7	4-7	1-1	18-24	50

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	Jerry Franklin	#171	12/12	93	0	9.5	4	0
S	Tramain Thomas	#279	12/11	87	0	2.5	6	5
LB	Alonzo Highsmith	#11JC	12/12	73	3.5	7	1	1
S	Eric Bennett	#150	12/10	69	0	3	3	3
DB	Jerico Nelson	#54	12/5	63	2	3.5	2	1
DB	Tevin Mitchel	#22	12/6	53	0	0.5	0	0
LB	Ross Rasner	#244	12/3	50	2	0	3	0
DL	Byran Jones	#64	12/12	45	0	3.5	0	0
DL	Elton Ford	#92	12/1	39	0	0.5	1	0
DL	Chris Smith	#90	12/3	29	1.5	2.5	1	0
DL	Trey Flowers	#378	12/3	28	1	4.5	2	0
DL	JAKE BEQUETTE	#112	9/9	25	8	0.5	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
JOE ADAMS	16	259	16.2	3	Dennis Johnson	18	461	25.6	1
Marquel Wade	12	99	8.2	0	Marquel Wade	12	318	26.5	1

	KSU	UA		KSU	UA		KSU	UA		KSU	UA
QB	-	1/2	RB	-	1/2	WR	-	✔✔			

	KSU	UA	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	-	✔1/2	KSU avg 6-5 304, 3 Sr, 36 sk all'd (13.8%), 4.1 ypc. UA avg 6-4 309, 2 Sr, 25 sk all'd (5.7%), 4.3 ypc.
DL	1/2	-	KSU avg 6-2 272, 2 Sr, 15.5 of tm 29 sks, 4.0 ypc. UA avg 6-3 286, 1 Sr, 13 of tm 22 sks, 4.5 ypc.
LB	-	-	Brown #1 tklr w/95, 7.5 tfl, Lamur #3, 4.5 tfl. Franklin #1 tklr w/93, 10 tfl, Highsmith #3, 10.5 tfl.
DB	-	1/2	KSU #51 pass eff D, 267 ypg (63%), 24-18 ratio. UA #40 pass eff D, 197 ypg (57%), 11-11 ratio.

	CCH	-	-	HOF HC Snyder usually would have edge but Petrino has done a superior job.
	Turf/Crowd	-	✔✔	This is the Razorbacks 3rd trip to Jerry's palace in the last 2 seasons.
	MTCH	-	-	Neither tm has a significant edge against the other teams weaknesses.
	INT	✔1/2	-	K-St as a dog has been money going 6-2 SU and 7-1 ATS.
	ST	-	✔	SCH	✔	✔

OVERALL - ARKANSAS by 5 ✔'s

The Cotton Bowl gets its 1st matchup of Top 10 tms S/'94 featuring the 2 of the 3 highest rated tms who were left out of the BCS party. This is the 1st meeting between these programs S/'67 (KSU leads 3-1) and it will be played in front of a sellout crowd as both tms easily sold their allotments and the ticket demand for this gm is #2 of all the bowls trailing just the Nat'l Title gm. This is KSU's 1st Cotton Bowl matchup S/'00 and 3rd overall (1-1 SU/ATS) while it's the Hogs 12th appearance (3-7-1/1-3 ATS) and 1st S/'07. Snyder is 6-6 SU/5-7 ATS in bowls while Petrino is 3-3 SU but 1-5 ATS. They had a common opp in A&M and both rallied from DD deficits to beat the Aggies, KSU (+6) 53-50 in 4OT while Ark (+2') won 42-38 in this stadium. The Cats won 6-2 SU/ATS vs bowl caliber opp despite being outscored 34-31 and outgained 449-335 as their 6 wins were by a comb 26 pts while the 2 losses were by 48. UA was 5-2 SU/4-3 ATS vs bowl foes outscoring 33-29 and outgaining them 409-399. KSU was 4-1 SU/5-0 ATS on the road TY while Ark was 3-2 SU/1-4 ATS outside of their home state. KSU was fav'd over just 2 BCS opp's TY going 7-1 ATS as a dog while UA was 6-3 as a fav.

B12 Cch of the Year Bill Snyder proved that age (72) ain't nothing but a number as he took a team which was voted #8 in the preseason conf media poll and led them to their 1st 10 win season S/'03. His offense (#60) is led by tough as nails Collin Klein. A case could be made that no B12 QB (yes, even RG3) was more important to his tm's offense as Klein either ran or passed for 38 of the Cats 45 off TD's (84%) and his 26 rush TD's is 1 short of an FBS record for a ssn. He was the #1 rusher but could be joined in the 1,000 yd club in the bowl by 5'7" mighty mite Hubert. The receiving is led by Oreg trans Harper. The OL (6'5" 304 avg) all'd KSU to rush for 194 ypg (4.1) but allowed a league worst 36 sks (13.8%). The Cats D (#35) had the B12's most improved rush D as they allowed 231 (5.9) in '10 vs '11's 132 (4.0). Clogging the middle is DT Kibble which frees up top sacker Williams. The LB corps added speed and talent in #1 tklr' Arthur Brown. KSU was #53 pass eff D (267, 63%, 24-18) with CB Malone leading the conference in int with 7. The Cats #9 ST are always among the NCAA's best. K Cantele hit 17-22 FG (L/54) while P Doerr had a 37.7 net. Lockett was leading the country in KR (35.2, 2 TD) when he was KO'd for the year (ACL). PR Thompson averaged 13.2. The coverage units allowed 8.1 on PR and 19.8 on KR.

Ark has consecutive 10 win seasons for just the 3rd time in school hist ('64-65, '88-89) despite losing All-SEC RB Davis (foot) for the yr in the preseason. First yr str' QB Wilson did a great job replacing Mallett, earning 1st Tm SEC honors while throwing for a school record 510 yds in this venue earlier TY vs A&M. The Hogs use 3 ply's at RB and are led by Johnson who is a stocky speedster who came back from a serious inj that sidelined him all of LY. The WR's are loaded with depth, exp and spd as Wright and Adams are both atop the Ark all-time record charts while Hamilton (6'3") gives the unit some size. TE Gragg came on strong at the end of the ssn incl 119 (14.9) vs MSU. The OL avg 6'4" 309 with 2 Sr st'rs but did have protection issues all'g 25 sks (5.7%) with QB Wilson taking several big shots. Overall Ark has our #10 off and our #33 D. The DL avg 6'3" 286 with 1 Sr st'r but did allow 174 rush ypg (4.5). All-SEC DE Bequette missed 3 gms (hamstring) and the other starting DE Wright out (5 gms, broken arm) The D all'd 336 rush ypg (6.3) vs A&M/Aub with just 1 sk. With Bequette/Wright back, the Hogs got 16 of their 22 sks in the final 6 gms. All-SEC LB Franklin led Ark in tkls for a 4th consec ssn while Highsmith lived up to the pressn hype with 10.5 tfl. The secondary all'd 197 ypg (57%) with an 11-11 ratio to finish #40 in our pass D rankings and are led by S Thomas who led the Hogs in int's and pd's for a 2nd straight ssn. Ark's #3 ST's have been consistent all yr led by All-SEC P Breeding. K Hocker has been avg but the return gm is dynamic with AA PR Adams leading the country in avg with 3 PR TD's while KR's Johnson/Wade each have a TD.

The Wildcats have given us numerous wins this ssn pulling upsets as a 13 pt dog at Miami, a 3' pt dog vs Baylor, 4 pt dog vs Missouri, 3' pt dog at TT, 6 pt dog vs A&M and as an 8 pt dog at Texas. There's no question that we'll continue to back this unit despite the stats not showing it.

FORECAST: KANSAS ST (+) over Arkansas   RATING: 1★

COMPASS BOWL

SMU (7-5)

PITT (6-6)

Jan 7 • 1:00 pm ESPN • Legion Field • Birmingham, AL

POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
SMU	97	258	15	3.6	–	93.8
PITT	134	168	24	1.3	✔✔	100.4

MUSTANGS ATS: 4-8 O/U: 4-8

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
ZACH LINE	#341	10/10	208	1256	32	1224	17	5.9
Rishaad Wimbley	–	4/0	34	169	6	163	2	4.8
Jared Williams	#509	7/2	31	150	10	140	1	4.5

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
JJ McDermott	#366	12/11	430	256	59.5	3182	16	16
Kyle Pardon	#134	3/1	20	9	45.0	152	0	3

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
DARIUS JOHNSON	#218	12/11	72	998	13.9	7	58
COLE BEASLEY	#211	11/11	79	954	12.1	2	38
Terrance Wilkerson	#288	12/12	43	545	12.7	2	71
Der'rikk Thompson	#311	12/3	29	394	13.6	3	72
Jeremy Johnson	#159	9/1	16	146	9.1	1	25
Zach Line	#341	12/12	15	139	9.3	0	23
Kennan Holman	#390	9/4	5	108	21.6	1	29

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Matt Stone	#77	12	51	1884	36.9	8	33.6	0	13

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Chase Hover	–	10	34-36	5-5	3-4	0-1	0-0	8-10	34
Brad Namar	2	3	5-3	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	–
Mike Loftus	#17	12	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	–

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	Taylor Reed	#361	12/12	93	3	4.5	3	0
S	Chris Banjo	#261	11/11	77	0	0.5	2	0
LB	Ja'Gared Davis	#299	12/12	74	4.5	6.5	4	2
S	Ryan Smith	#456	10/10	63	0	1	4	0
DB	Cameron Rogers	#699	12/12	63	0	0	2	0
DB	Kenneth Acker	#223	12/12	57	0	1	4	1
DL	Marquis Frazier	#61JC	12/10	45	3.5	1	1	0
DB	RICHARD CRAWFORD	#167JC	12/12	42	0	2.5	10	2
DL	TAYLOR THOMPSON	#48	12/12	41	7	0.5	0	0
LB	Randall Joyner	#345	12/1	40	0	2.5	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Richard Crawford	15	190	12.7	1	James Richardson	26	553	21.3	0

PANTHERS ATS: 7-5 O/U: 5-7

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
RAY GRAHAM	#31	8/8	164	991	33	958	9	5.8
Zach Brown	#151	11/3	82	357	21	336	5	4.1
Isaac Bennett	#153	5/1	48	219	4	215	2	4.5
Tino Sunseri	#29	12/12	141	491	372	119	4	0.8
Ronald Jones	#295	11/2	12	76	12	64	0	5.3
Anthony Gonzalez	#28	9/0	8	42	6	36	1	4.5

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Tino Sunseri	#29	12/12	357	228	63.9	2433	10	10

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Devin Street	#164	12/12	48	692	14.4	2	66
Mike Shanahan	#81	12/12	35	443	12.7	4	47
Hubie Graham	#32	12/6	27	307	11.4	3	29
Cameron Saddler	#50	8/7	19	207	10.9	1	40
Ray Graham	#31	8/8	30	200	6.7	0	15
Zach Brown	#151	11/3	25	144	5.8	0	19

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Matt Yoklic	12	57	2331	40.9	19	36.2	0	21

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Kevin Harper	#17	12	32-33	6-7	6-8	6-10	1-3	19-28	52

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	Max Gruder	#404	12/12	107	0.5	7	3	0
S	JARRED HOLLEY	#31	12/12	64	2	3	3	0
DB	K'Waun Williams	#113	12/12	61	0.5	4.5	6	1
DL	Chas Alecxih	–	12/12	55	5.5	8	4	1
LB	Tristan Roberts	#169	12/6	53	0	2	0	0
LB	Brandon Lindsey	#56	12/8	49	8.5	2.5	1	1
LB	Todd Thomas	#22	11/6	48	1.5	2.5	3	1
LB	Greg Williams	#92	12/8	47	2	5	0	0
S	Andrew Taglianetti	#236	12/5	43	1	0	2	1
DL	Aaron Donald	#62	12/4	42	10	5	4	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ronald Jones	14	93	6.6	0	Buddy Jackson	19	439	23.1	1
					Corey Davis	16	338	21.1	0

	SMU	PITT		SMU	PITT		SMU	PITT		SMU	PITT
QB	-	1/2	RB	-	✔1/2	WR	-	-			

	SMU	PITT	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	✔	-	SMU avg 6-3 308, 4 Sr, 27 sk all'd (6.0%), 4.4 ypc. Pitt avg 6-6 309, 3 Sr, 56 sk all'd (14.2%), 3.7 ypc.
DL	-	✔	SMU avg 6-3 288, 2 Sr, 13.5 of tm 27 sks, 3.5 ypc. Pitt avg 6-2 282, 2 Sr, 18 of tm 39 sks, 3.4 ypc.
LB	✔	-	Reed #1 tklr' w/93, 7.5 tfl, Davis #3, 11 tfl. Gruder #1 tklr w/107, 7.5 tfl, Roberts #5.
DB	-	✔	SMU #82 pass eff D, 224 ypg (64%), 15-5 ratio. Pitt #60 pass eff D, 233 ypg (61%), 15-8 ratio.

	CCH	-	1/2	These two coaches are familiar as they were CUSA foes but no edge.
	Turf/Crowd	-	-	SMU traveled here in '09, but Pitt played here last year in the
	MTCH	-	✔	We project Pitt with 4+ sks and SMU is 0-2 scoring just 7 pts in both gms they've all'd 3.
	INT	-	✔✔1/2	HC Jones told ply'rs he's leaving, but yet he's still here.
	ST	-	✔✔	SCH	-	✔

OVERALL - PITT by 10' ✔'s

SMU and Pitt have met 5 times (2-2-1), most recently back in the 1983 Cotton Bowl, a 7-3 Mustang win. HC Graham is in his 1st yr with Pitt but does have bowl exp during his tenures with Tulsa and Rice going 3-1 SU/ATS. Pitt also has familiarity with Legion Field as this is the 2nd str yr they are playing in the Compass (27-10 win over Kentucky LY, -3'). HC Jones is 5-3 SU/4-4 ATS in bowls and has guided SMU to their 3rd str postssn (1-1 SU/ATS, 1st time S/'82-'84, pre-death penalty, matches schl's best streak). Graham has some coaching exp vs SMU going 3-2 SU (2-3 ATS) but has gone just 1-2 SU/ATS head-to-head vs Jones. Pitt struggled vs bowl tms TY going just 1-6 SU (4-3 ATS) being outscored by 6 ppg and outgained by 33 ypg. SMU was 1-4 SU/ATS vs bowl tms being outscored 36-14 and outgained 466-333. Pitt went just 1-3 SU (2-2 ATS) away from home TY while SMU also struggled going 2-4 SU/ATS. Pitt has 10 Sr st'rs among 16 upperclassmen. SMU has 12 among their 18 upperclassmen.

It has been a story of two halves for SMU as they started 5-1 SU/4-2 ATS outscoring (34-20) and outgaining foes by 124 ypg. Since then SMU has dropped 6 str ATS (2-4 SU). In the 2H SMU has been outscored 29-18 and outgained by 35 ypg. SMU has just 1 win over a bowl tm (TCU) while the other 5 FBS wins have come vs schl's with a comb 18-43 rec'd. In a surprise move QB Padron was benched after wk 1 and Jones inserted McDermott who has been the st'r ever since. McDermott won his 1st 5 sts (4-1 ATS) throwing for 317 ypg (58%) with a 9-5 ratio. He has banged up while directly effected the tms 2H struggles and over the L/6 passed for just 224 ypg (60%) with a 6-11 ratio (4x's 2+ int in gm). The run gm was all RB Line but he was inj'd (foot) vs Navy and OFY. True Fr Williams and converted DL Wimbie (295 lbs) look to fill the void (had a comb 195 yds) and 3 TD's (in ssn finale). WR's Darius Johnson and Beasley lead a talented group but as a whole SMU has just eight 100+ yd performances (14 LY and just 2 TY over the L/6). The OL avg 6'3" 308 with 4 Sr's (all upperclassmen) but have all'd 27 sks (6.0%). Overall SMU is #80 in our off rankings and #44 on def. The DL avg 6'3" 288 with 2 Sr's (all upperclassmen) and has 13.5 of the tm's 27 sks. The Mustang def is led by LB Davis and CB Crawford. With the offensive struggles, the def has been on the field longer and the numbers have increased in the 2H (20 ppg to 29 ppg and 324 ypg to 379 ypg). SMU has our #82 pass eff D all'g 224 ypg (64%) with a 15-5 ratio. SMU has our #90 ST unit. PR Crawford is ranked #9 in the NCAA (12.7, 1 TD). K Hover is OFY (mono) and without him SMU was 0-2 on FG's with a missed PAT. Overall SMU avg 20.0 on KR and 10.7 on PR all'g 20.5 and 4.9 (#20).

In HC Graham's 1st yr of the high-octane off, his unit found their fair share of troubles with consistency. They have our #79 rating as they avg just 26 ppg and 362 ypg (Graham's offenses at Tulsa posted 500+ yds in 3 of 4 ssns). QB Sunseri remains the st'r here although Graham did flirt with making a change on several occasions before settling over the L/5. Sunseri is more of a pro-style QB which doesn't completely mesh with the spread. The biggest blow was when star RB Graham went down with a knee inj vs Conn. Despite playing just 8 gms, Graham is still way ahead of any of his teammates in the rush category (doubling up #2 rusher Brown). With Brown also ailing, Pitt has inserted true Fr Jones and Bennett into the mix to help fill the void. With the struggles at QB it's not a shock that the WR's saw its share of issues as well incl way too many drops. Street leads the team in rec and yds while Shanahan has arguably the best hands. The OL avg 6'6" 309 and paved the way for 151 rush ypg (3.7) but it too was banged up as the starting lineup saw 11 sts lost to inj and numerous lineup changes. This resulted in the group all'g an NCAA worst 56 sks (14.2%). Pitt finished with our #31 D as they all'd 22 ppg and 355 ypg. The 3-man front (6'2" 282) all'd 122 ypg (3.4) rush while contributing 18 of the tm's 39 sks. DE Donald was the key here as he finished 2nd in the BE with 10 sks. The LB's are led by Gruder and Lindsey who finished with 8.5 sks. The secondary ranks #60 in pass eff D all'g 233 ypg (61%) with a 15-8 ratio. The group has been without S Hendricks for the L/5. Pitt has our #43 ST's led by K Harper who holds the Heinz Field rec'd (NFL ply'rs included) for the longest FG as he nailed a 52 yarder earlier against Cincy.

Better offense, better defense, better special teams and having played a tougher sked, makes this an easy choice. SMU players have gone thru the gamut of hearing Jones' name come up for numerous jobs and are they now wondering if they are playing for a lame duck HC? Graham knows this SMU tm well and now has Big East players to face his old CUSA foes.

FORECAST: PITT over SMU   RATING: 2★

ARKANSAS ST (10-2) — GODADDY.COM BOWL — N ILLINOIS (10-3)

Jan 8 • 9:00 pm ESPN • Ladd-Peebles Stadium • Mobile, AL

POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	ST	A.O.R.
ARKANSAS ST	145	323	35	2.0	✔✔	91.3
N ILLINOIS	196	213	30	2.7	–	86.6

RED WOLVES — ATS: 10-2 O/U: 4-8

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
RYAN APLIN	#285	12/12	151	783	178	605	9	4.0
Derek Lawson	#446	12/10	111	469	10	459	3	4.1
Frankie Jackson	#138	11/3	85	354	11	343	6	4.0
Jermaine Robertson	#506	12/0	50	207	13	194	3	3.9
Sigregory Thornton	#220	5/0	19	128	8	120	0	6.3

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Ryan Aplin	#285	12/12	418	274	65.6	3235	18	13

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
DWAYNE FRAMPTON	#72JC	12/10	90	1125	12.5	6	65
Josh Jarboe	#23	12/8	52	707	13.6	2	71
Taylor Stockerner	#130	12/11	37	571	15.4	6	51
Earl Lucas	#394	12/2	15	181	12.1	0	33
Frankie Jackson	#138	11/1	13	178	13.7	0	40

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Ryan Wilbourn	#86	10	24	932	38.8	3	37.7(t)	1	
Neely Sullivent	#324	12	17	723	42.5	7	–	0	

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Brian Davis	#77	12	42-45	8-10	7-9	1-2	0-6	16-21	47

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	DEMARIO DAVIS	#500	12/12	65	2	6	4	1
S	KELCIE McCRAY	#467	12/12	62	0	1	4	4
LB	Nathan Herrold	#331	12/9	61	1.5	2	0	0
DB	Darron Edwards	#93JC	12/11	49	0.5	0.5	4	3
S	Sterling Young	#727	11/6	47	1	2.5	2	1
S	AJ Hills	#222JC	7/6	46	0	1	2	0
LB	Don Jones	#557JC	12/7	46	1	4.5	3	1
LB	Najel Byrd	#370	12/4	44	1.5	0	0	4
LB	Qushaun Lee	#244	12/3	42	0.5	3	2	0
DL	BRANDON JOINER	#77	12/12	40	12	3.5	1	0
DB	DARRYL FEEMSTER	#212JC	12	37	0	0	7	5

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dwayne Frampton	24	159	6.6	0	Rod Hall	12	242	20.2	0
					Andrew Tryon	6	194	32.3	0

HUSKIES — ATS: 5-8 O/U: 7-6

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chandler Harnish	#98	13/13	185	1488	106	1382	11	7.5
Jasmin Hopkins	#106JC	13/11	178	970	38	932	15	5.2
Akeem Daniels	#545	13/2	54	300	8	292	3	5.4
Jordan Lynch	#93	12/0	38	260	10	250	2	6.6

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
CHANDLER HARNISH	#98	13/13	348	219	62.9	2942	26	5
Jordan Lynch	#93	12/0	16	11	68.8	102	1	0

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Nathan Palmer	#215	13/5	46	683	14.8	7	71
Martel Moore	#465	12/10	39	523	13.4	6	55
Perez Ashford	#151	13/6	39	450	11.5	2	39
Da'Ron Brown	#208	13/5	24	322	13.4	2	25
Willie Clark	#190	13/0	18	292	16.2	4	56
Akeem Daniels	#545	13/2	14	251	17.9	2	79
Anthony Johnson	#328	10/0	13	174	13.4	0	25

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Ryan Neir	–	12	54	1933	35.8	33	35.6	0	15

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
MATHEW SIMS	#42	12	59-61	4-4	12-14	3-5	0-1	19-24	44

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	Pat Schiller	#324	13/13	108	2	8	6	0
DB	Jimmie Ward	#480	13/7	93	1	1.5	4	1
LB	Jordan Delegal	#664JC	13/13	75	0.5	3	6	0
DB	Rashaan Melvin		12/11	70	0	1	6	4
DB	Jhony Faustin	#216	13/2	63	0	1	2	0
LB	Jamaal Bass	#159	10/7	58	0	4.5	1	0
S	Dechan Durante	#308	13/7	55	0.5	3.5	4	2
S	Demetrious Stone	#365JC	12/7	55	0	0	5	1
DL	Sean Progar	#346	13/13	52	5.5	5.5	1	0
DL	Ron Newcomb	#62	13/12	49	4.5	8	4	0
DL	Alan Baxter	#436	12/9	41	4.0	6.5	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tommy Davis	9	53	5.9	0	Tommylee Lewis	26	676	26.0	2

	ASU	NI		ASU	NI		ASU	NI		ASU	NI
QB	-	✔	RB	-	✔	WR	✔	-			

	ASU	NI	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	-	✔✔	ASU avg 6-4 299, 3 Sr, 24 sk all'd (5.4%), 4.1 ypc. NI avg 6-4 307, 4 Sr, 9 sk all'd (2.5%), 5.7 ypc.
DL	✔	-	ASU avg 6-3 270, 3 Sr, 23.5 of tm 32 sks, 3.1 ypc. NI avg 6-1 268, 1 Sr, 19.5 of tm 25 sks, 4.2 ypc.
LB	✔	-	Davis #1 tkl'r w/65, 8 tfl, Herrold #3 w/61. Schiller #1 tkl'r w/108, 10 tfl, Ward #2 w/93.
DB	✔1/2		ASU #28 pass eff D, 218 ypg (57%), 18-11 ratio. NI #95 pass eff D, 240 ypg (57%), 28-10 ratio.

	ASU	NI	
CCH	-	✔✔	While NI's Doeren is a bowl virgin, Arkansas St will have a patchwork of coaches.
Turf/ Crowd	✔	-	With post holiday bowl expect few Huskie fans to make trip, so edge for proximity.
MTCH	-	-	Both off have obvious edges over both def but comparing the 2 there is no matchup edge.
INT	-	-	Ironic that ASU is in almost same coaching situation as NI LY.
ST	✔	-	SCH	-	-

OVERALL - ARKANSAS ST by 1/2 ✔'s

This bowl got the matchup they wanted with the MAC Champ vs the SBC Champ. What a job HC Freeze did in his 1st ssn as ASU went unbeaten in conf play and has its best record since joining the FBS. Their only two losses were at Ill and VT, but they covered both finishing the reg ssn 10-2 SU/ATS. Freeze was named HC at Ole Miss, leaving ASU with a skeleton coaching crew for this gm. RB coach David Gunn was promoted to interim HC, while ASU reached out to alumni to fill their coord needs. ASU lost in their lone bowl appearance (New Orleans in '05) vs Southern Miss, but covered (31-19, +15'). NI leads the all-time series 6-1 incl a 31-30 win (-1) in the last meeting in '96. NI is playing in its 7th all-time bowl (3-3 SU/2-3 ATS). While they are in their 4th straight bowl, their will be led by their 3rd different HC in the bowls as Jerry Kill, who went 0-2, left prior to LY's bowl and then LB Cch Matukewicz led them to a 40-17 (-1) blowout of Fresno St in the Humanitarian Bowl. This will be new HC Doeren's 1st bowl as a HC but he did see a few as the DC at Wisky. The Huskies trailed Ohio 20-0 at half in the MAC Championship game but after losing their 2 previous MAC Champ gms in the final minute, kicked the GW FG as time expired to win 23-20. NI went 3-1 SU and 2-2 ATS vs bowl teams.

The Red Wolves have our #49 off and are led by the league's ttl off leader in QB Aplin who finished #10 FBS in ttl off (320 ypg). He is #3 all-time on the school's list for pass yds and TD's. His primary target is Dwayne Frampton, who set the ASU rec with 90 catches TY and has caught a pass in every gm he's played in. The Red Wolves use a spread attack with quick out patterns as WR's Jarboe and Stockemer are also frequently in the mix. The RB's have been banged up the majority of the ssn as Aplin led the tm in rushing. When healthy Frankie Jackson is the featured back and he will be as close to 100% as he has all ssn. ASU had to replace 4 OL st'rs TY and as expected, struggled with consistency the 1H of the ssn, but rebounded to avg 191 ypg (4.2) the L/6 gms. They avg 6'4" 299 and did allow 24 sks (5.4%). ASU has our #58 D and finished among the best in nearly every category in the SBC as they were led by DL Joiner whose 12 sks were #5 FBS. The DL has 3 Sr's and avg 6'3" 270 and only all'd 107 rush ypg (3.1). After losing their top 2 tkl'rs LY, LB's Davis and Herrold finished #1 and #3 on the tm TY. The Red Wolves led the SBC in int's (18) and gave up 218 ypg through the air while finishing with our #28 pass eff D. CB Feemster led the tm with 5 int's and SS McCray had 4, while finishing #2 in tkls. On ST's, PR Frampton avg'd a modest 6.6, but they changed KR's late in the yr and Tryon avg'd 32.3 on 6 returns. K Davis handles most of the duties as he hit 16-21, while Zalud handles the long distance shots and went 6-11, all from 40+ including a long of 56! ASU switched punters at midssn and Sullivent has come on to avg 42.5, with a tm net of 37.7. The unit is #23 in our rankings.

The Huskies have our #25 offense and are led by MAC POY QB Harnish, who leads all FBS QB's in rushing. He is avg 7.5 ypc while still comp 63% with a 26-5 ratio and is #2 in the MAC in ttl off. Despite having QB's as their #1 and #4 rushers, RB Hopkins had a solid ssn leading the tm with 15 rush TD's. While top receiver Palmer just has 46 rec, that is due to Harnish spreading the ball around with 9 receivers having DD rec's incl 4 with 24+. Much of the Huskies' success is due to their OL with 4 Sr st'rs and avg's 6'4" 307, with 5 st'rs combining for 63 starts TY. They all'd just 9 sks (2.5%) in 13 gms and paved the way for 5.7 ypc rushing. The Huskies have our #95 D and while they have been torched at times allowing 500+ yds, they have also had good performances such as shutting out Ohio in the 2H of the MAC Champ. The Huskies' DL avg's just 6'1" 268 but has 78% (19.5) of the tm's 25 sks as the 4 st'rs have comb for 37 tfl led by DE Progar with 5.5 sks. The starting 3 tkl'rs are all LB's led by Schiller, who ret'd after missing LY with injury. NI has our #95 pass eff D as they have allowed a 28-10 ratio by CB Melvin (#4 tkl'r) with 10 pd. The Huskies have our #58 ST's with 3 blk'd punts (1 TD) and 2 KR TD's by Lewis both vs Toledo in the game that decided the MAC West. While P Neir avg just 35.8 he has a 35.6 net with 33 FC and 0 TB's.

NI finished #10 in the NCAA in offense and our rankings have them a bit lower at #25. They certainly are capable of lighting up the scoreboard having reached 40+ pts 9x's TY. ASU point totals don't look as impressive but they've topped 500 yds 4x's this year. What gives us value here is that both offenses prefer up tempo action and on avg they're combining for 148 plays a gm. Keeping this from being stronger is the flux in the Red Wolves coaching staff but many times these new coaches will make it fun for the players.

FORECAST: OVER Arkansas St/N Illinois — **RATING: 2★**

ALABAMA (11-1) — BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP — LSU (13-0)

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POWER PLAYS PROJECTION	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	A.O.R.
ALABAMA	142	145	21	2.0	–	100.2
LSU	158	80	25	1.3	✔✔✔	101.6

CRIMSON TIDE — ATS: 8-4 O/U: 6-6

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TRENT RICHARDSON	#2	12/12	263	1640	57	1583	20	6.0
Eddie Lacy	#27	11/0	84	649	18	631	7	7.5
Jalston Fowler	#39	12/0	56	395	10	385	4	6.9
Blake Sims	#40	6/0	22	126	19	107	0	4.9

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
AJ McCarron	#9	12/12	294	196	66.7	2400	16	5
Phillip Sims	#1	8/0	28	18	64.3	163	0	2

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
Marquis Maze	#40	12/11	56	627	11.2	1	69
Trent Richardson	#2	12/12	27	327	12.1	3	61
Brad Smelley	#73	12/8	27	317	11.7	4	35
Darius Hanks	#284	9/9	21	270	12.9	1	36
Kenny Bell	#32	12/4	16	229	14.3	2	41
Michael Williams	#29	12/10	14	181	12.9	2	37
DeAndrew White	#17	11/2	14	151	10.8	2	39
Brandon Gibson	#35	12/1	14	140	10.0	1	23

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Cody Mandell	#16	11	36	1401	38.9	17	36.4	0	11

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Jeremy Shelley	#102	12	52-53	9-9	7-7	0-2	0-0	16-20	37
Cade Foster	#7	12	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-5	0-4	2-9	46

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
LB	DONT'A HIGHTOWER	#53	12/12	81	3	6.5	3	1
LB	MARK BARRON	#17	12/12	66	0	4	5	2
LB	COURTNEY UPSHAW	#48	12/11	45	8.5	8.5	0	1
LB	Nico Johnson	#5	12/7	43	1	4.5	3	1
CB	DeQuan Menzie	#13JC	12/12	37	1.5	1.5	11	1
S	Robert Lester	#110	12/12	36	0	1	3	2
S	Vinnie Sunseri	#41	12/0	31	0	0	0	0
DB	Dre Kirkpatrick	#2	12/12	26	0	2	8	3
DL	Josh Chapman	#75	11/9	22	1	2.5	2	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marquis Maze	31	384	12.4	1	Marquis Maze	12	342	28.5	0

TIGERS — ATS: 10-3 O/U: 8-5

RUSHING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Michael Ford	#11	13/2	123	767	12	755	7	6.1
Spencer Ware	#14	12/10	174	720	20	700	8	4.0
Alfred Blue	#131	12/1	78	543	4	539	7	6.9
Kenny Hilliard	#12	12/0	57	324	4	320	8	5.6
Jordan Jefferson	#9	9/4	61	309	61	248	3	4.1
Terrence Magee	#33	5/0	27	136	3	133	1	4.9

PASSING	PS#	GP/GS	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	TD	INT
Jordan Jefferson	#9	9/4	83	50	60.2	684	6	1
Jarrett Lee	#13	13/9	167	104	62.3	1306	14	3

RECEIVING	PS#	GP/GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
RUEBEAN RANDLE	#1	13/11	50	904	18.1	8	59
Odell Beckham	#24	13/8	36	437	12.1	2	52
Russell Shepard	#1	10/4	14	190	13.6	4	37
Deangelo Peterson	#54	13/4	17	172	10.1	1	29

PUNTING	PS#	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
BRAD WING	#45	13	50	2207	44.1	12	41.6(t)	1	23

KICKING	PS#	GP	PAT	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LNG
Drew Alleman	#50	13	62-63	8-8	5-6	3-3	0-1	16-18	44

POS	PLAYER	PS#	GP/GS	TKL	SK	TFL	PBU	INT
DB	TYRANN MATHIEU	#99	12/12	70	1.5	5	7	2
S	Brandon Taylor	#36	13/13	67	1	5.5	5	2
S	Eric Reid	#9	12/12	65	0	2	2	2
LB	Ryan Baker	#68	12/12	58	1.5	2	0	0
LB	Kevin Minter	#29	13/10	56	0	2.5	1	0
DL	Bennie Logan	#236	13/12	51	2	3	1	0
DL	Michael Brockers	#31	13/13	47	2	7.5	2	1
DB	MORRIS CLAIBORNE	#121	13/13	46	0	1	6	6
DL	SAM MONTGOMERY	#14	13/11	44	9	4	0	0
DL	Barkevious Mingo	#13	13/3	41	8	5.5	2	0
DB	Tharold Simon	#31	13/2	40	0	2.5	10	2
DB	Ron Brooks	#12	13/3	29	3.5	3	6	2

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tyrann Mathieu	26	420	16.2	2	Morris Claiborne	17	443	26.1	1

	BAMA	LSU		BAMA	LSU		BAMA	LSU		BAMA	LSU
QB	-	-	RB	✔1/2	-	WR	-	✔			

	BAMA	LSU	CHECKLIST COMMENTS
OL	✔	-	UA avg 6-4 313, 1 Sr, 15 sk all'd (4.6%), 5.6 ypc. LSU avg 6-5 315, 2 Sr, 14 sk all'd (5.3%), 5.0 ypc.
DL	-	✔	UA avg 6-3 305, 1 Sr, 8.5 of tm 25 sks, 2.5 ypc. LSU avg 6-5 273, 1 Sr, 25.5 of tm 25 sks, 4.2 ypc.
LB	✔	✔	Hightower #1 tkl'r w/81, 9.5 tfl, Upshaw 3, 17 tfl. Baker #4 tkl'r w/58, 3.5 tfl, Minter #5 w/56.
DB	-	-	UA #7 pass eff D, 116 ypg (48%), 6-12 ratio. LSU #3 pass eff D, 167 ypg (51%), 7-18 ratio.

	BAMA	LSU	
CCH	-	-	A pair of heavyweights meet again and no one can argue they're among the top 2 elite.
Turf/ Crowd	-	✔	Obviously every ticket will be snatched up but edge to LSU with local fans.
MTCH	-	-	We saw just a 2 months ago that these tms have no significant edges over each other.
INT	✔	-	Tough to beat a tm twice in the same yr and UA's missed FG's haunt.
ST	-	✔✔	SCH	-	1/2

OVERALL - EVEN ✔'s

The 1st Nat'l Title gm rematch S/'96 and the 1st time in the BCS era 2 tms from the same conf will meet for the title. LSU (+4') won the earlier meeting 9-6 in OT in Tuscaloosa thanks to 4 missed Bama FG's (7 trips inside LSU35) and were also outgained 295-239. The Tigers are 3-2 SU vs Bama since former LSU HC Saban took over and Miles is 5-2 SU vs the Tide (only LSU HC ever to beat Bama 5x's). There are 6 common opp's with Bama going 6-0 SU/5-1 ATS outscoring foes 39-10 (+265 ypg) while LSU was 6-0 SU/ATS outscoring foes 39-9 (+200 ypg). Bama is gunning for its 2nd BCS Title in 3 yrs and makes just its 2nd appearance in NO (lost to Utah '08) since winning the '92 Nat'l Title here. Saban is 6-6 SU/ATS overall in bowls including 3-1 SU/ATS at Bama. LSU has won their L/2 Nat'l Titles ('03, '07) in the Superdome and this is their 5th postssn appearance S/'01 (4-0 SU/ATS). Overall Miles is 6-3 SU/5-3 ATS in bowls but is 5-1 SU/ATS at LSU. Bama was 6-1 SU/5-2 ATS vs bowl tms outscoring them on avg 30-9 and outgaining them 375-200 while LSU was 9-0 SU/8-1 ATS vs bowl tms TY outscoring them 36-13 despite only outgaining those foes 366-288. Bama has 9 Sr st'rs among 19 upperclassmen while LSU has 8 Sr st'rs among 13 upperclassmen.

The Tide started the yr with a QB controversy between Sims/McCarron. After a 5 TO perf by the off vs Kent St, soph McCarron settled in as the st'r and at one pt had a streak of 152 passes w/out an int (3rd longest in schl hist). RB Richardson who many felt was more talented than 2009 Heisman winner Ingram arguably a better ssn than Ingram's Heisman campaign as he rush nine 100 yd gms despite having to face 5 D's that ranked in the top 20! Doak Walker winner Richardson had a knack for coming up with his best perf in big gms incl 169 of Bama's 295 ttl yds vs LSU. If there is one weakness on the Bama off it would be the WR's as they have struggled to find a deep-threat replacement for #1DC Jones. Maze has great spd and versatility but lacks height and they often use two TE sets with Smelley/Williams. The OL avg 6'4" 313 with 1 Sr st'r and are led by Outland winner LT Jones who can play every pos which helped the Tide avg a Saban-era high 220 rush ypg (5.6) while all'g just 15 sks (4.6%). Overall they have our #9 off. The D is clearly #1 as they are the first tm in 25 yrs to lead the NCAA in all 4 major categories (rush, pass, ttl and scoring D). The Tide's 3 man DL avg 6'2" 305 with 1 Sr st'r. They have 2 AA at LB in Hightower who finally ret'd to his '08 form (knee inj early '09) and Upshaw who led the tm in sks and tfl for a 2nd yr in a row. The secondary features at least 5 future early round NFL draft picks and are led by 3x AA S Barron and rank #7 in our pass D all'g just 116 ypg (48%) with a 6-12 ratio. The ST's rank #65 as both K's have struggled hitting only 2-11 from 40+ incl the 4 misses vs LSU but PR/KR Maze is #10 FBS PR and would lead the SEC in KR if he had enough att to qualify.

The Tigers were able to overcome several off-field issues incl the susp of many of their leaders on off/ def throughout the yr to achieve their first 13-0 ssn in schl hist while winning their 11th SEC Title. QB Lee (Jefferson susp'd 1st 4) was solid in the 1st 8 gms avg 156 ypg (63%) with a 13-1 ratio. After he threw 2 int's vs Bama, Lee was pulled for Jefferson who has played every meaningful snap since. The talented group of RB's combine spd (Ford/Blue) and power (Ware/Hilliard). Each RB has 7 or more TD's and will be used in a variety of formations. The WR's are led by deep threat Randle while true frosh Beckham has been the surprise. The OL avg 6'5" 315 with 2 Sr st'rs led by OG's Blackwell and Hebert and paved the way for a Miles-era high 215 rush ypg (5.0) while all'g 14 sks (5.3%). Overall the Tigers have our #13 off. The #2 D's ability to pressure the QB (37 sks) is a big reason why LSU is #1 in the country in TO margin (+22). The DL features the best group of young DL in the country avg 6'5" 273 with 1 Sr st'r and AA DE Montgomery (#5 SEC sks). LB Baker leads a corps that often gets overlooked as the def stars are in the secondary. Bednarik winner CB Mathieu is the nation's biggest playmaker on D (6 FF, 5 FR, 2 TD's) while fellow CB and Thorpe winner Claiborne may be the 1st DB taken in the upcoming draft and S Reid made the big int at the GL vs Bama. The Tigers rank #3 in our pass D all'g 167 ypg (51%) with a 7-18 ratio. ST's are #2 thanks to efficient K Alleman (3-3 vs Bama), All-SEC P Wing's directional punting is a big reason why the Tigers are all'g 13 inches per PR (#1) and Mathieu who has had 2 momentum changing PR TD's in the L/2 gms.

We're in for a treat and the BCS system got it right, matching up the top 2 tms. We're going to continue to study this matchup and after giving you a ★ rated play in all 34 prev bowls, we'll pass on this one as any late info can sway us from one side to the other. Purchase both side and total through our office for $37, on the NC Sports Debit Card for $29, or at ncsports.com for just $14.50 - HALF OFF THE DEBIT CARD PRICE!

FORECAST: Alabama/LSU — **RATING: NO RATING**

PRO STATISTICS

2011 NFL TEAM RANKINGS

AFC	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	SCKS VS	SCKS BY	TURN EDGE	OFF YPP	DEF YPP
Baltimore	14	13	4.1	15	3	2	3.3	5★	8	1	1	14.1	17.9
Buffalo	15	12	4.7	18★	23	25	4.7	15X	1	31	1	15.5	13.9
Cincinnati	20	19	3.9	19	7	7	3.7	12	3	6	3	14.7	15.2
Cleveland	29	30	3.5	22	10	31	4.5	2	21	25	0	21.3	17.7
Denver	23	1	4.7	31X	19	21	4.1	16X	21	4	-5	15.3	15.4
Houston	9	2	4.3	17★	1	4	4.1	3★	8	6	10	14.9	17.2
Indianapolis	31	29	4.2	26	28	30	4.1	21X	14	30	-12	20.0	13.1
Jacksonville	32	10	3.8	32X	4	16	4.1	4X	23	22	5	17.5	15.6
Kansas City	28	14	3.9	30★	16	26	4.1	10	19	27	-4	22.1	14.6
Miami	24	11	4.1	27★	13	3	3.5	23	32	12	-5	15.8	17.7
New England	2	21	4.4	2★	31	13	4.3	32X	5	17	9	13.9	19.7
NY Jets	25	20	3.7	21	6	14	3.9	6	14	17	0	12.4	14.9
Oakland	12	6	4.6	16	26	29	5.2	17★	5	4	-4	16.4	13.8
Pittsburgh	11	17	4.2	10★	2	6	4.0	1	25	16	-8	17.1	18.1
San Diego	6	15	4.3	6★	9	24	4.3	7X	17	29	-7	15.6	14.4
Tennessee	19	31	3.9	14★	22	20	4.3	20X	2	25	6	15.8	18.7

NFC	TOTAL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	SCKS VS	SCKS BY	TURN EDGE	OFF YPP	DEF YPP
Arizona	22	22	4.3	20	21	19	4.0	24	30	10	-11	16.3	16.2
Atlanta	13	18	4.0	11★	14	5	3.9	22X	11	22	1	15.9	16.4
Carolina	5	5	5.1	9★	24	23	4.5	19X	18	22	-5	16.6	13.4
Chicago	21	9	4.4	23	20	9	4.4	28X	26	17	8	13.8	18.3
Dallas	7	16	4.5	7★	8	11	4.4	14X	11	5	16	15.3	16.3
Detroit	10	24	4.4	5★	17	27	5.1	9X	14	8	11	13.3	14.7
Green Bay	3	26	3.9	3★	31	12	4.8	31X	19	20	21	11.3	18.4
Minnesota	16	4	5.2	25	18	8	3.7	26X	29	3	-6	16.0	12.5
New Orleans	1	8	4.8	1★	27	15	4.9	30	7	20	-2	14.0	17.2
NY Giants	8	32	3.3	4★	29	22	4.6	29X	4	12	4	15.9	14.8
Philadelphia	4	3	5.2	8★	12	18	4.4	11X	13	2	-12	17.5	14.9
San Francisco	26	7	4.2	29★	5	1	3.2	18	28	15	21	13.1	21.8
Seattle	27	23	3.9	24	15	10	3.7	25X	26	4	4	16.6	16.6
St Louis	30	27	4.0	28	25	32	5.0	8X	30	12	-5	24.3	14.8
Tampa Bay	18	24	4.4	13★	30	28	4.6	27X	8	31	-10	18.6	13.3
Washington	17	28	4.0	12	11	17	4.1	13X	23	10	-14	18.8	14.9

To Read rankings - YPC is yards per carry for each team's offense and defense. Turnover edge is the amount of turnovers that team is + or -. OFF YPP is offensive yds per point. This shows the avg amount of yds a team travelled per point scored. The lower the number the more efficient the off. DEF YPP is defensive yds per point. The higher the number here, the better the def is at making their opponents work at scoring points. The remaining columns show the team's rank in that category. Next to the passing stats there may be a ★ or an X. On the offensive side a ★ means they are completing over 59% of their passes while the X shows that their QB's are completing less than 53% of their passes. Defensively, the opposite holds true as the ★ has that team's def holding its opp under 53% completions and the X shows that they allow over 59% completions.

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Thursday, Dec 15, 2011 • NFL
Fav-Dog — NCOPEN TTL
HOUSTON-Carolina — 10 6' 47
Tennessee-INDIANAPOLIS — 10 6' 41
ATLANTA-Jacksonville — NL 11 43
Cincinnati-ST LOUIS — NL NL NL
OAKLAND-Detroit — D-3 1 48
Sunday, Dec 18, 2011 • NFL
Fav-Dog — NC OPEN TTL
New England-DENVER — 7 4' 46'
NY GIANTS-Washington — 4 7 NL
PHILADELPHIA-NY Jets — 4 1' 45
Green Bay-KANSAS CITY — 11 14 46
ARIZONA-Cleveland — 5 37
New Orleans-MINNESOTA — NL NL NL
Baltimore-SAN DIEGO — NL 2 45
CHICAGO-Seattle — NL NL NL
Monday, Dec 19, 2011
BUFFALO-Miami — NL NL NL
SAN FRAN-Pittsburgh — NL NL NL

PRO ANGLES

There are 3 main methods of handicapping, Fundamental, Situation & Technical. Fundamental handicapping, or the analysis of personnel matchups & power ratings, is our main method of handicapping. This accounts for roughly 50% of how we view a game. Situational handicapping (analysis of letdown, look ahead, systems) takes up approximately 25% of our handicapping. Technical handicapping (analysis of angles) takes up the rest. You should never base your final selection on 1 factor. To be a complete handicapper you must look at all 3 methods. For more complete analysis you should read Ten Keys To A Winning Season. Each week in Power Sweep we provide the angle section to add to your handicapping arsenal. Many times we will agree with the angle plays. Sometimes the Fundamental & Situational aspects of a game will outweigh the angles & we have the other side written up in Power Sweep. We want to make it clear that the side we write up in Power Sweep is the side we are on. We are NOT Technical handicappers, but we do use them in our handicapping analysis. *Each week in Power Sweep we provide pro angles for the current week's games. For the angle plays the number in the ( ) indicates how many angles apply to that team. The higher the number the stronger the angle play.*

ARZ is 2-6 as a NDIV HF
ATL is 10-4 as a NDIV HF
BAL is 3-8 as a NDIV AF
BUF is 2-8-1 home vs a DIV foe
CAR is 3-6 away vs a NDIV foe
CHI is 2-6 as a NDIV HF
CIN is 5-2 away vs the NFC
CIN is 5-1 vs a foe with a losing record
CLE is 6-10 away vs a NDIV foe
CLE is 2-9-1 vs the NFC
DAL is 3-10-1 as an AF
DEN is 10-20 at home
DET is 5-1 away vs a NDIV foe
GB is 9-1 vs the AFC
HOU is 2-5 as a NDIV HF
IND is 2-7 vs a DIV foe
JAX is 5-11 vs a NDIV foe
KC is 8-1 vs the NFC
MIA is 7-3 away vs a DIV foe
MIN is 2-5 hosting a NDIV foe
MIN is 3-6 at home off SU loss
NE is 19-9 away vs a NDIV foe
NE is 22-12-1 away after SU win
NO is 6-1 vs a NDIV foe
NYG is 7-15 at home
NYG are 2-6 in DIV play
NYJ are 1-4 vs the NFC
OAK is 4-1 vs the NFC

PHI is 5-13 vs a NDIV foe
SD is 0-4 as a NDIV dog
STL is 1-5 hosting a NDIV foe
SEA is 8-20-1 away vs NDIV
TB is 6-20 at home
TEN is 1-4 as an AF
WAS is 8-1 as a DIV AD

(3) And (4) Angle Plays Comb
19-12-1
61%!!
L/13 weeks!

(4) Angle Plays
34-17 67% L/8Y!

Angle Play:
(3) NEW ORLEANS

This is in its 24th season. Each week we list the Top 5 plays as of Sunday Night. An * denotes an estimated line *(NO PLAY if more than a 3 pt difference).*

3★ Saints/Vikings	OVER 46*
3★ Titans/Colts	Under 41
3★ Patriots/Broncos	OVER 46'
2★ Seahawks/Bears	UNDER 38*
2★ Raiders/Lions	OVER 48

LAST WEEK'S STATS

TEAM	LINE	SCORE	FD	RUSHING Att-Comp-Yds	PASSING Att-Comp-Yds	I/Flost
NFL Week THIRTEEN December 4th & 5th						
Detroit	53'	17	25	22-87	31-44-379	1-0
New Orleans	-8	31	21	23-100	26-36-338	0-0
San Diego	3	38	19	26-139	22-28-294	0-0
Jacksonville	39'	14	17	31-129	19-33-177	1-0
NFL Week FOURTEEN December 8th &11th						
Cleveland	40	3	19	30-98	19-36-206	2-0
Pittsburgh	-14	14	20	28-147	16-23-269	1-2
Indianapolis	41'	10	12	16-50	17-37-117	1-1
Baltimore	-16'	24	24	37-146	23-31-212	1-1
Houston	37'	20	25	28-144	26-44-268	1-3
Cincinnati	-2'	19	16	29-101	16-28-184	0-2
Oakland	51'	16	23	29-117	24-43-238	4-1
Green Bay	-12'	46	22	24-136	17-32-255	1-0
Kansas City	36	10	13	21-65	16-32-156	1-0
NY Jets	-10'	37	24	42-159	13-21-155	0-1
Minnesota	46'	28	29	35-269	23-44-115	3-3
Detroit	-10	34	13	21-72	20-29-208	0-0
New Orleans	-3'	22	24	26-114	36-47-323	0-0
Tennessee	50	17	17	17-59	18-36-314	0-0
Philadelphia	45	26	18	32-51	15-30-188	1-1
Miami	-3	10	11	26-109	17-29-95	1-2
New England	-8	34	22	20-79	22-37-352	1-0
Washington	47'	27	25	34-170	20-33-293	1-1
Atlanta	-2'	31	18	28-86	22-38-308	0-0
Carolina	47'	23	19	23-157	19-39-259	2-0
Tampa Bay	-3	14	15	24-110	17-32-170	3-4
Jacksonville	41	41	21	33-116	19-33-209	2-0
San Francisco	-3'	19	12	21-90	18-37-143	0-0
Arizona	39'	21	12	23-55	20-29-270	0-0
Chicago	35'	10	12	38-159	12-29-86	0-1
Denver OT	-3	13	20	34-124	21-40-221	1-1
Buffalo	48	10	17	20-96	15-37-185	3-0
San Diego	-7	37	23	32-150	24-33-216	0-1
COLLEGE Week FIFTEEN December 10th						
Army	56'	21	19	50-298	4-6-77	0-1
Navy	-7	27	21	66-296	1-3-13	0-2
Northern Iowa	41	10	11	39-151	10-22-106	3-0
Montana	-3'	20	49	49-267	13-20-196	0-0
Montana St	53	18	34-77	21-36-272	1-1	
Sam Houston	-8	49	19	41-428	5-12-73	1-0
Grambling	16	7	34-83	4-16-100	1-2	
Alabama A&M	15	16	41-149	16-36-156	1-1	
Maine	58'	23	15	16-66	15-29-229	3-0
Georgia Southern	-7'	25	23	67-360	7-8-116	0-1
Lehigh	0	19	22-68	25-53-288	3-0	
North Dakota St	-10	24	20	36-221	17-28-163	1-2

2011 SEASON — VERSUS SPREAD — O/U

AFC	REC	PF	PA	vs AFC	ALL	HOME	AWAY	FAV	DOG	DIV	N/DIV	O/U	HOME	AWAY
AFC EAST NE	10-3	396	274	7-2	7-6	3-3	4-3	6-6	1-0	3-1	4-5	8-5	3-3	5-2
NYJ	8-5	327	270	6-5	6-7	4-3	2-4	5-5	1-2	2-3	4-4	9-4	5-2	4-2
BUF	5-8	288	341	3-6	5-7-1	3-3	2-4-1	1-4	4-3-1	2-2	3-5-1	7-5-1	3-3	4-2-1
MIA	4-9	256	246	3-6	6-6-1	3-4	3-2-1	3-1	3-5-1	1-2	5-4-1	2-11	2-5	0-6
AFC NORTH BAL	10-3	320	202	7-2	7-5-1	4-2-1	3-3	6-5-1	1-0	3-0-1	4-5	7-6	4-3	3-3
PIT	10-3	282	198	8-3	6-7	4-3	2-4	5-5	1-2	2-3	4-4	6-7	2-5	4-2
CIN	7-6	285	270	6-5	7-5-1	2-4	5-1-1	3-3	4-2-1	1-3-1	6-2	9-4	4-2	5-2
CLE	4-9	178	254	3-7	4-7-2	1-4-2	3-3	2-2-2	2-5	2-2	2-5-2	5-8	2-5	3-3
AFC SOUTH HOU	10-3	330	202	8-2	10-3	5-1	5-2	7-1	3-2	4-0	6-3	5-8	1-5	4-3
TEN	7-6	266	251	5-4	7-6	3-4	4-2	3-3	4-3	1-2	6-4	4-9	2-5	2-4
JAX	4-9	193	252	3-7	5-8	3-4	2-4	2-0	3-8	2-3	3-6	3-10	3-4	0-6
IND	0-13	184	382	0-9	4-9	1-5	3-4	1-4	4-8	0-3	4-6	7-6	3-4	4-3
AFC WEST DEN	8-5	269	302	6-3	7-5-1	1-4-1	6-1	2-2-1	5-3	3-2	4-3-1	7-6	4-2	3-4
OAK	7-6	290	354	5-5	8-5	3-3	5-2	4-2	4-3	3-3	5-2	8-5	3-3	5-2
KC	5-8	173	305	3-7	7-6	3-3	4-3	0-3	7-3	3-1	4-5	4-9	1-5	3-4
SD	6-7	324	299	5-5	4-9	2-5	2-4	4-5	0-4	1-4	3-5	6-7	1-6	5-1

NFC	REC	PF	PA	vs NFC	ALL	HOME	AWAY	FAV	DOG	DIV	N/DIV	O/U	HOME	AWAY
NFC EAST DAL	7-5	283	244	5-3	4-7-1	2-4	2-3-1	2-6-1	2-1	0-3	4-4-1	5-7	2-4	3-3
NYG	6-6	287	315	3-6	5-6-1	2-3-1	3-3	2-4-1	3-2	1-2	4-4-1	7-4-1	3-2-1	4-2
PHI	5-8	297	292	4-6	5-8	1-5	4-3	3-6	2-2	3-1	2-7	6-6-1	3-3	3-3-1
WAS	4-9	229	290	4-5	6-7	3-4	3-3	1-5	5-2	3-3	3-6	6-7	4-3	2-4
NFC NORTH GB	13-0	466	278	10-0	9-4	5-3	4-1	9-4	0-0	3-1	6-3	9-4	5-1	4-3
DET	8-5	364	305	6-4	6-6-1	3-4	3-2-1	4-3-1	2-3	1-3-1	5-3	8-5	3-4	5-1
CHI	7-6	301	255	6-3	6-6-1	4-3	2-3-1	4-2	2-4-1	2-2	4-4-1	7-6	5-2	2-4
MIN	2-11	274	364	2-7	5-7-1	2-3-1	3-4	1-3	4-4-1	2-1	3-5	8-5	5-1	3-4
NFC SOUTH NO	10-3	415	283	6-3	9-4	6-0	3-4	8-3	0-1	2-2	7-2	6-7	3-3	3-4
ATL	8-5	300	267	6-4	6-7	3-3	3-4	5-4	1-2	2-2	4-5	6-7	3-3	3-4
CAR	4-9	313	355	2-8	7-5-1	4-3	3-2-1	3-2	4-3-1	2-2	5-3-1	8-5	4-3	4-2
TB	4-9	232	370	3-6	4-9	2-4	2-5	1-4	3-5	2-2	2-7	8-5	4-2	4-3
NFC WEST SF	10-3	307	182	8-2	10-2-1	6-0-1	4-2	8-1	2-1-1	3-1	7-1-1	6-7	4-3	2-4
ARZ	6-7	253	284	6-5	7-5-1	3-2-1	4-3	1-1-1	6-4	3-2	4-3-1	8-5	4-2	4-3
SEA	5-7	216	246	4-4	7-4-1	4-1	3-2-1	0-1	7-3-1	2-1	5-3-1	6-6	4-2	2-4
STL	2-10	140	296	1-9	2-10	1-5	1-5	0-2	2-8	0-4	2-6	3-7-2	3-2-1	0-5-1

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM NORTHCOAST SPORTS

SYSTEM SECTION

This is the 28th season of our System Section & it has been a consistent winner. Each week we release a super system which pertains to that week's games. Here is an NFL Week 15 System:

In December go against a non-div road team that covered as a DD favorite if their foe is off a SU win.

1991-2010 12-2 86%

WEEK 15 PLAY:

Play *against*: NY Jets
PLAY ON: PHILADELPHIA

2011 NFL POWER RATINGS

We grade each team position by position and list the **2011** Power Ratings. Each week we update these Power Ratings in our weekly Power Sweep editions. The following are the **2011 Power Ratings.**

#	TEAM	RTG	#	TEAM	RTG	#	TEAM	RTG
1	Green Bay	105.3	11	Denver	101.0	21	Carolina	96.1
2	New Orleans	103.5	12	NY Jets	101.0	22	Miami	96.1
3	New England	103.2	13	Detroit	100.9	23	Washington	96.1
4	Pittsburgh	103.0	14	Cincinnati	100.8	24	Arizona	95.8
5	San Francisco	102.6	15	Atlanta	100.7	25	Seattle	95.8
6	Baltimore	102.0	16	Chicago	99.8	26	Kansas City	94.8
7	Houston	101.7	17	Oakland	99.2	27	Tampa Bay	94.6
8	NY Giants	101.5	18	Tennessee	97.8	28	Minnesota	92.9
9	San Diego	101.3	19	Philadelphia	97.3	29	Jacksonville	92.8
10	Dallas	101.2	20	Buffalo	97.2	30	Cleveland	92.6
						31	St Louis	91.9
						32	Indianapolis	86.3

POWER RATING PLAY OF THE WEEK: NO PLAY
1995-2011 Power Ratings Record 78-53-2