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## 40 BOWLS THIS ISSUE!!!!!!

Thank you for purchasing our 2015 Double Bowl issue.

Please remember that this issue was mailed out December 14, 2015 and while many things can and will change we don't adjust our ratings. If your interested in our Late Phones (re-leased day of the games) there are specials on page 22.

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### Who played the toughest schedule?

Once the schedules are finalized in spring we like knowing "how tough" our favorite teams schedule is. Most fans and media outlets use the records of their opponents previous years to rank them, but we like to use our power ratings on each team to get a better gauge.

As you can see Iowa St, Kansas, USC, Maryland and Texas played OUR 5 toughest schedules!

If you base it on the win % of a teams opponents the 5 teams that played the toughest schedule were: Maryland, Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia Tech and Auburn.

The LARGEST difference between our Strength of Schedule compared to the opponent win % is Navy. The Midshipman faced the #37 toughest schedule ranked by opp win % while facing only the #80 schedule in our rankings.

Let's look below at Navy's Schedule so far this year:

On the right are tougher opponents with the same record

Colgate	9-4	Baylor - also 9 wins
East Carolina	5-7	Nebraska - also 5-7
Connecticut	6-6	Auburn - also 6-6
Air Force	8-5	USC - also 8-5
Tulane	3-9	Georgia Tech - also 3-9
USF	8-4	Texas A&M - also 8-4
Memphis	9-3	Michigan - also 9-3
SMU	2-10	Purdue - also 2-10
Tulsa	3-9	South Carolina - also 3-9
Houston	12-1	Alabama - also 12-1

As you can see just how deceiving a teams strength of schedule can be when using an opponents win %

The 5 teams that played a much TOUGHER schedule per our rankings are: Utah, UCLA, Wash St, TCU & E Michigan.

Finally, the 4 teams along with Navy to play an EASIER schedule are: Texas St, W Mich, Cincinnati and Louisiana Tech.

Happy Holidays From the Staff at Northcoast Sports!

NORTHCOAST RANK	DIFF OUR SOS VS '15 WIN %	RANK & % ON 2015 RECORDS		RANK & % ON 2014 RECORDS		DIFF '14 TO '15	NORTHCOAST RANK	DIFF OUR SOS VS '15 WIN %	RANK & % ON 2015 RECORDS		RANK & % ON 2014 RECORDS		DIFF '14 TO '15
		RANK	%	RANK	%				RANK	%	RANK	%	
1	5	6	64.66%	52	55.71%	46	65	-11	54	54.89%	122	41.18%	68
2	29	31	58.33%	52	55.71%	21	66	27	93	48.12%	99	48.55%	6
3	4	7	64.63%	54	55.63%	47	67	20	87	49.24%	39	57.55%	-48
4	-3	1	70.59%	41	57.45%	40	68	-7	61	53.38%	37	57.86%	-24
5	21	26	59.40%	49	56.43%	23	69	13	82	50.34%	76	52.03%	-6
6	2	8	63.70%	121	55.63%	113	70	-29	29	58.65%	39	44.85%	10
7	26	33	58.21%	66	53.15%	33	71	-24	47	56.62%	127	37.96%	80
8	25	33	58.21%	63	53.90%	30	72	-24	51	55.64%	105	46.27%	54
9	50	59	53.68%	4	63.45%	-55	73	16	89	48.53%	28	58.44%	-61
10	10	20	60.45%	13	59.86%	-7	74	12	86	49.31%	92	49.28%	6
11	-1	10	62.69%	44	56.74%	34	75	-14	61	53.38%	38	57.64%	-23
12	54	66	52.99%	31	58.16%	-35	76	-4	72	51.85%	23	58.57%	-49
13	-8	5	65.67%	3	64.58%	-2	77	4	81	50.07%	113	44.53%	32
14	3	17	60.80%	19	59.29%	2	78	5	83	50.00%	73	52.14%	-10
15	21	36	57.43%	13	59.86%	-23	79	-7	72	51.85%	71	52.29%	-1
16	21	37	57.35%	31	58.16%	-6	80	-43	37	57.35%	17	59.71%	-20
17	18	35	57.89%	70	52.48%	35	81	23	104	46.58%	114	44.44%	10
18	-9	9	63.43%	23	58.57%	14	82	-21	61	53.38%	96	48.92%	35
19	3	22	59.70%	96	48.92%	74	83	15	95	47.33%	77	51.43%	-21
20	-16	4	66.67%	6	62.50%	2	84	11	98	47.37%	82	50.00%	-13
21	-18	3	66.92%	1	67.61%	-2	85	24	109	46.21%	51	56.03%	-58
22	-11	11	61.94%	5	62.94%	-6	86	6	92	48.15%	119	48.95%	27
23	4	27	59.26%	44	56.74%	17	87	-38	49	55.97%	82	50.00%	33
24	-5	19	60.54%	54	55.63%	35	88	25	113	45.52%	128	35.56%	15
25	42	67	52.59%	82	61.38%	15	89	37	126	40.77%	67	52.94%	-59
26	-8	18	60.74%	13	59.86%	-5	90	10	100	46.67%	75	52.08%	-25
27	23	50	55.73%	9	57.55%	-41	91	15	106	46.27%	123	41.04%	17
28	18	46	56.64%	11	60.47%	-35	92	-24	68	52.27%	54	42.11%	-14
29	11	40	56.82%	109	56.74%	69	93	3	96	47.69%	64	53.57%	-32
30	35	65	53.33%	35	57.96%	-30	94	-17	77	51.13%	112	44.78%	35
31	-29	2	69.66%	10	60.53%	8	95	6	101	46.62%	80	50.74%	-21
32	10	42	56.72%	44	50.00%	2	96	5	101	46.62%	104	47.52%	3
33	-12	21	60.29%	30	58.28%	9	97	-9	88	48.61%	108	44.97%	20
34	-22	12	61.65%	2	66.43%	-10	98	-4	94	48.09%	94	49.23%	0
35	-19	15	60.90%	57	55.40%	42	99	-2	97	47.37%	111	44.80%	14
36	20	55	54.55%	60	54.68%	5	100	-25	75	51.41%	79	51.08%	4
37	3	40	56.82%	13	59.86%	-27	101	-27	74	51.49%	82	50.00%	8
38	-8	30	58.52%	57	55.40%	27	102	-22	80	50.76%	62	47.76%	-18
39	37	76	51.15%	78	51.09%	2	103	2	105	46.53%	126	39.26%	21
40	-18	22	59.70%	7	62.41%	-15	104	-43	61	53.38%	124	40.74%	63
41	-13	28	58.96%	21	58.74%	-7	105	12	117	44.30%	29	58.33%	-88
42	0	42	56.72%	68	52.90%	26	106	-16	90	48.51%	114	44.44%	24
43	-29	14	61.03%	65	53.19%	51	107	-1	106	46.27%	118	42.74%	12
44	-29	15	60.90%	95	54.29%	80	108	-18	90	48.51%	98	48.91%	8
45	13	58	53.79%	33	58.04%	-25	109	-16	125	41.04%	101	48.20%	-24
46	-24	22	59.70%	48	56.64%	26	110	-4	106	46.27%	60	54.68%	-46
47	24	71	51.88%	102	48.03%	31	111	4	115	45.04%	120	42.22%	5
48	23	25	59.56%	103	58.57%	78	112	15	127	40.60%	74	52.11%	-53
49	-36	13	61.19%	57	55.40%	-44	113	1	114	45.45%	91	49.63%	-23
50	27	77	51.13%	33	58.04%	-44	114	14	128	39.55%	90	49.65%	-38
51	-20	31	58.33%	44	56.74%	13	115	-31	84	49.62%	50	56.38%	-34
52	-10	42	56.72%	42	57.34%	0	116	-6	110	46.15%	105	46.27%	-5
53	-11	42	56.72%	12	59.87%	-30	117	-1	116	44.36%	129	0.00%	13
54	-6	48	56.06%	43	56.83%	-5	118	5	123	42.11%	69	52.78%	-54
55	54	79	51.03%	18	59.31%	-61	119	-20	99	46.90%	23	42.45%	-76
56	-4	52	55.47%	36	57.89%	-16	120	4	124	41.67%	109	44.85%	-15
57	11	68	52.27%	20	58.87%	-48	121	-3	118	43.61%	92	49.28%	-26
58	-6	52	55.47%	8	61.44%	-44	122	-3	119	43.18%	107	45.86%	-12
59	-2	57	54.14%	22	58.70%	-35	123	-22	101	46.62%	81	50.36%	-20
60	-21	39	57.04%	89	49.67%	50	124	-12	112	45.80%	72	52.17%	-40
61	7	68	52.27%	82	50.00%	14	125	-3	122	42.66%	23	58.57%	-99
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63	-3	60	53.44%	82	50.00%	22	127	-6	121	42.86%	116	43.38%	-5
64	-9	55	54.55%	27	58.45%	-28	128	-17	111	45.86%	125	40.15%	14

STRENGTH OF SCHEDULE COMPARISON

BOWL ATS AND O/U NUMBERS THE L4Y						
FAV'S OF	0-2.5	3-6.5	7-9.5	10-14.5	15+	OVERALL
2011	6-6	6-8-1	5-1	2-1	0-0	19-16-1
2012	1-4	5-6-2	6-3	4-3	1-0	17-16-2
2013	4-5	6-7	2-4	2-4	0-2	14-22
2014	4-7	5-12	5-4	2-0	n/a	16-23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15-22</b>	<b>22-33-3</b>	<b>18-12</b>	<b>10-8</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>66-77-3</b>
OV/UND'S	0-2.5	3-6.5	7-9.5	10-14.5	15+	OVERALL
2011	6-6	6-8	2-4	2-1	0-0	16-19
2012	1-4	5-8	5-3-1	4-3	1-0	16-18-1
2013	5-4	5-8	2-3-1	1-5-1	2-0	15-20-2
2014	7-4	7-9-1	5-4	1-1	n/a	20-18-1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19-18</b>	<b>23-33-1</b>	<b>14-14-2</b>	<b>8-10-1</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>67-75-4</b>

LARGEST LINES L4Y		
2012	Oklahoma St-Heart of Dallas (Ticket City)	WIN -17.0
2010	Boise St-Las Vegas	WIN -16.5
2013	Baylor- Fiesta	Loss -16.5
2013	Alabama- Sugar	Loss -15.0
2010	Oklahoma-Fiesta	WIN -14.5
2011	Boise St-Las Vegas	WIN -14.5
2013	Oregon-Alamo	WIN -14.5
2013	Notre Dame-Pinstripe	Loss -14.5
2014	Stanford-Foster Farms	WIN -14.0

LARGEST COVERS			L4Y LINE
2012	SMU-Hawaii	46	+13
2011	West Virginia-Orange	40	+3
2012	Ohio-Independence	38	+7
2010	Tulsa-Hawaii	37	+10
2010	Mississippi St-Gator	34.5	-3.5
2010	Alabama-Capital One	34	-8
2013	Miami, FI-Russell Athletic (Champs Sports)	32	+5
2013	Mississippi St-Auto Zone Liberty	30	-7
2013	Boston College-Advocare30	+7	
2013	Oklahoma- Sugar	29	+15
2014	Clemson-Russell Athletic	39	+5

# NORTHCOAST SPORTS PLUS OR MINUS POWER RATINGS

SEC		BIG TEN		BIG 12		PAC-12		ACC		AAC										
Start	Current	Start	Current	Start	Current	Start	Current	Start	Current	Start	Current									
Alabama	145	148	Ohio St	153	147	Oklahoma	134	150	Stanford	144	147	N Carolina	125	140	Houston	121	137			
Mississippi	140	141	Michigan St	141	143	TCU	155	145	Oregon	150	138	Clemson	136	145	Memphis	124	135			
Arkansas	148	139	Iowa	127	137	Baylor	146	142	Washington	124	138	Florida St	132	141	Temple	130	133			
Tennessee	140	136	Michigan	130	134	Oklahoma St	139	137	USC	142	135	Virginia Tech	135	132	USF	113	133			
Georgia	144	134	Wisconsin	137	133	West Virginia	130	136	UCLA	139	134	Miami, FI	122	131	Navy	119	131			
Miss St	131	134	Minnesota	129	130	Texas Tech	128	131	Wash St	123	134	Pittsburgh	128	129	Louisville	130	129	Cincinnati	126	126
LSU	139	135	Indiana	117	128	Texas	134	130	Arizona St	136	133	N Carolina St	131	128	Virginia	126	124	E Carolina	120	121
Florida	128	129	Nebraska	132	127	Kansas St	135	129	Utah	135	132	Georgia Tech	142	123	Connecticut	107	119	Tulsa	116	115
Auburn	135	127	Northwestern	129	131	Iowa St	119	125	California	128	131	Duke	119	122	SMU	111	105	Tulane	112	103
Texas A&M	135	127	Penn St	131	129	Kansas	112	98	Arizona	134	129	Boston College	123	120	UCF	122	95			
Missouri	138	124	Illinois	129	122				Colorado	130	124	Syracuse	113	118						
S Carolina	127	123	Maryland	120	116				Oregon St	116	109	Wake Forest	118	116						
Kentucky	124	118	Purdue	121	115															
Vanderbilt	122	118	Rutgers	127	111															

MOUNTAIN WEST		
Start	Current	
San Diego St	126	132
Boise St	138	127
Air Force	119	125
Utah St	126	119
Nevada	114	116
Colorado St	117	114
San Jose St	111	113
New Mexico	113	110
UNLV	101	105
Wyoming	111	105
Fresno St	113	104
Hawaii	114	95

CUSA		
Start	Current	
WKU	124	134
S Miss	107	130
La Tech	129	122
Middle Tenn	112	122
Marshall	126	121
FAU	108	110
UTEP	110	103
FIU	115	103
Old Dominion	109	102
Rice	117	101
North Texas	109	98
UTSA	102	97
Charlotte	85	87

MAC		
Start	Current	
Bowling Green	115	136
W Michigan	121	130
Toledo	123	128
N Illinois	123	122
Ohio	118	121
Akron	111	118
C Michigan	108	116
Kent St	118	107
Miami, OH	103	104
Ball St	118	103
E Michigan	96	99
Buffalo	106	93
UMass	112	93

SUN BELT		
Start	Current	
Arkansas St	113	124
Georgia Southern	109	121
Appalachian St	120	119
Georgia St	99	113
Troy	104	110
S Alabama	103	101
N Mexico St	97	99
Louisiana	115	98
Idaho	101	98
ULM	109	96
Texas St	111	93

INDEPENDENT		
Start	Current	
Notre Dame	135	139
BYU	127	132
Army	107	103

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# WEEKLY MATCHUP STAT COMPARISON

# 2015 COLLEGE POWER PLAYS RANKINGS

Listed below are Northcoast Sports' Power Play Rankings. These Power Play Rankings are unique. Our rankings are unlike any computer ranking, as we take into account all the following: Strength of Opponents, Individual Units (Rushing Offense, Rushing Defense, Passing Offense, and Passing Defense) Garbage Yards, Weather, Injuries, Home Field Edges, and successful Unbalanced Attacks. Regular rankings based solely on numbers DO NOT take into account these factors.

	PPG Off Avg	Off Rush YPG	Off Pass YPG	Off Comp %	PPG Def Avg	Def Rush YPG	Def Pass YPG	Def Comp %		
† Arizona	28.2	166.5	4.3	282.2	59.6	40.8	215.0	5.1	263.3	65.5
† New Mexico	33.6	276.9	5.3	125.0	48.2	24.6	193.4	4.4	188.4	50.9
† BYU	23.3	83.2	3.1	249.8	57.6	24.5	198.3	4.5	208.8	56.4
† Utah	24.0	178.0	4.1	175.0	64.5	16.6	85.3	2.7	257.0	54.4
† Ohio	25.0	164.5	4.0	239.8	60.0	31.8	134.7	4.0	276.3	65.8
† Appalachian St	35.0	242.7	5.4	211.2	63.6	19.0	155.5	3.7	179.5	63.4
† San Jose St	27.8	165.5	4.9	223.7	63.1	32.3	266.5	5.4	143.3	52.0
† Georgia St	22.0	77.5	2.8	308.3	60.9	25.8	165.2	4.1	230.0	59.5
† Arkansas St	35.5	185.8	4.1	235.0	51.1	33.2	127.0	3.6	279.5	55.6
† Louisiana Tech	42.8	171.5	5.1	318.3	62.8	22.2	95.3	3.2	272.2	59.6
† WKU	41.6	154.3	5.1	335.7	70.3	24.7	168.4	4.2	230.4	55.4
† USF	43.3	277.7	2.8	212.7	60.9	19.2	92.5	4.1	255.3	59.5
† Akron	24.8	190.3	4.3	174.5	46.9	29.3	108.2	3.3	294.2	58.8
† Utah St	35.7	219.5	5.2	175.3	55.6	26.3	124.5	3.5	180.8	49.7
† Toledo	32.6	197.4	4.6	257.2	60.0	21.6	86.0	3.2	302.2	60.1
† Temple	30.7	158.3	3.9	191.7	60.5	12.5	67.2	2.3	143.5	55.9
† Northern Illinois	25.4	181.3	3.9	155.4	51.3	24.1	182.4	4.2	184.4	55.1
† Boise St	35.2	215.2	4.5	272.0	61.5	15.8	130.0	3.9	186.7	50.0
† Bowling Green	39.0	208.3	5.0	355.3	66.5	23.4	157.6	4.0	223.3	58.3
† GA Southern	41.0	405.0	7.4	57.5	47.6	20.0	135.7	3.8	169.5	52.2
† Middle Tenn	24.2	109.5	3.1	292.3	64.0	31.8	153.0	4.0	274.7	61.7
† Western Michigan	38.8	196.0	4.6	321.8	71.1	26.2	131.3	4.3	241.0	56.3
† Cincinnati	30.5	142.5	3.7	371.5	57.0	39.7	210.7	5.2	262.7	61.1
† San Diego St	32.7	256.1	5.2	132.9	55.6	14.1	125.4	3.5	134.7	47.9
† Connecticut	13.7	100.0	3.0	154.5	54.0	19.8	133.2	4.0	233.0	58.6
† Marshall	37.7	185.3	4.9	208.5	62.4	11.3	151.5	3.9	167.7	45.9
† Miami, FL	28.5	121.0	3.5	307.5	61.3	32.2	217.2	5.9	221.5	62.9
† Washington St	32.2	90.3	4.1	367.0	68.1	21.0	178.5	4.4	186.5	62.0
† Washington	22.6	138.0	3.9	209.6	56.8	18.6	171.0	4.2	192.0	58.4
† Southern Miss	39.8	226.3	6.0	305.5	66.1	18.0	140.0	3.8	169.7	49.2
† Indiana	33.0	170.0	4.1	280.6	58.3	33.8	171.8	4.5	286.8	54.4
† Duke	24.7	159.7	4.2	222.0	59.7	17.8	163.2	3.5	156.3	46.9
† Tulsa	36.3	177.2	3.9	336.3	59.1	36.2	198.3	4.7	323.8	63.6
† Virginia Tech	29.5	158.0	3.7	211.3	54.0	25.0	206.2	5.1	171.5	48.0
† Nebraska	34.0	158.8	4.6	254.0	53.8	28.8	120.0	3.6	275.0	58.8
† UCLA	30.5	172.7	5.2	289.7	61.8	27.2	143.7	3.7	291.7	63.4
† Pittsburgh	25.0	167.3	3.8	187.6	66.9	18.0	130.2	4.6	163.8	55.0
† Navy	40.2	336.7	5.6	80.0	45.3	14.5	135.2	3.9	186.7	60.6
† Minnesota	22.6	149.2	4.2	199.2	57.1	25.6	177.0	4.2	179.6	55.0
† Central Michigan	30.3	107.5	3.3	307.5	65.2	20.5	129.0	3.5	197.2	55.1
† California	28.8	146.3	4.3	328.5	59.6	36.2	261.5	5.7	246.8	63.8
† Air Force	38.0	347.3	5.5	129.7	54.5	14.2	108.5	3.8	176.7	48.1
† Baylor	47.0	271.5	5.2	329.2	59.1	25.0	133.0	3.4	267.8	58.2
† North Carolina	49.0	218.4	5.6	303.4	72.6	17.3	200.7	4.8	170.1	53.1
† Nevada	23.8	182.7	4.5	178.7	57.0	28.5	217.3	5.2	200.7	59.6
† Colorado St	33.2	190.3	5.0	230.7	62.9	29.3	196.8	4.3	229.3	55.9
† Texas Tech	33.5	190.5	5.0	337.2	63.5	41.0	308.2	6.2	210.5	64.0
† LSU	35.7	276.1	6.2	174.9	55.5	21.9	124.9	4.0	195.4	56.8
† Memphis	39.2	183.5	3.9	323.7	71.4	31.5	152.8	3.8	297.5	59.1
† Auburn	24.6	189.4	4.4	175.6	57.3	24.0	158.6	4.0	257.9	64.6
† Mississippi St	30.0	141.4	4.6	305.6	66.3	23.6	157.0	3.8	266.8	63.7
† NC State	35.7	202.3	4.6	202.0	61.7	28.5	185.5	5.2	179.7	55.6
† Texas A&M	20.2	108.0	3.3	247.2	52.0	16.0	184.6	4.1	154.2	57.6
† Louisville	31.5	165.8	2.9	267.2	68.5	19.8	113.5	4.5	183.7	58.5
† Wisconsin	25.2	139.8	3.5	219.6	58.2	22.8	130.8	4.8	219.6	49.1
† USC	39.6	199.1	5.0	269.6	68.8	21.1	129.7	3.5	244.1	59.5
† Houston	38.0	261.0	5.4	234.8	63.3	18.4	113.0	3.2	228.6	54.0
† Florida St	42.0	219.3	5.8	296.1	68.4	18.0	116.7	3.6	208.7	57.1
† Michigan St	27.7	149.3	3.7	263.5	53.3	22.8	89.7	3.0	220.5	61.6
† Alabama	34.3	181.1	4.3	238.1	65.0	14.7	71.7	2.3	162.4	49.5
† Oklahoma	44.5	218.3	4.8	271.5	69.3	18.7	138.8	3.4	164.7	51.5
† Clemson	35.3	181.9	4.4	297.3	67.6	15.6	128.9	3.4	147.0	45.1
† Northwestern	17.2	149.6	3.5	116.6	45.0	19.4	102.4	2.9	218.0	56.1
† Tennessee	37.5	224.9	4.7	216.3	59.0	22.3	170.0	4.5	219.6	49.6
† Michigan	30.0	125.8	3.9	264.8	62.6	21.4	135.4	3.9	192.0	49.4
† Florida	27.0	133.4	3.6	223.4	61.3	17.4	114.7	3.2	179.3	55.9
† Notre Dame	29.5	188.2	5.5	274.5	57.6	25.8	164.2	4.6	190.7	55.2
† Ohio St	32.1	191.3	4.6	181.0	60.8	13.4	149.0	3.8	137.0	48.2
† Stanford	33.7	228.0	5.2	172.5	64.4	21.8	138.7	4.1	223.5	58.8
† Iowa	37.1	194.1	4.6	226.7	63.5	20.6	108.0	3.4	222.3	56.4
† Oklahoma St	38.4	145.6	3.6	321.4	63.0	30.0	183.0	4.4	242.8	60.7
† Mississippi	48.7	224.7	6.0	332.3	64.9	16.6	130.0	3.3	223.1	56.0
† Penn St	17.6	114.0	3.7	214.2	51.3	34.6	224.0	5.0	184.8	65.4
† Georgia	31.4	213.3	5.4	192.9	67.1	14.9	120.9	3.4	121.0	53.4
† Kansas St	32.4	160.6	3.9	196.6	49.3	27.0	146.8	4.1	266.2	64.2
† Arkansas	39.9	185.4	4.7	281.1	67.0	27.4	117.4	3.7	274.7	64.8
† Oregon	38.8	213.8	4.9	255.4	59.4	33.2	200.0	4.9	266.0	63.1
† TCU	44.5	229.7	5.1	329.7	62.9	16.5	178.7	4.0	150.3	45.3
† West Virginia	28.8	227.4	4.9	221.4	46.7	34.0	163.8	4.1	286.0	51.4
† Arizona St	37.9	218.7	5.2	299.7	61.3	30.1	147.4	3.8	284.7	53.6

RUSH OFFENSE	PASS OFFENSE	SCORING OFFENSE	RUSH DEFENSE	PASS DEFENSE	SCORING DEFENSE
1 Air Force	1 Washington St	1 Oklahoma	1 Alabama	1 Texas	1 Alabama
2 GA Southern	2 California	2 Texas Tech	2 Wisconsin	2 TCU	2 Ohio St
3 Navy	3 Oklahoma St	3 N Carolina	3 Michigan St	3 Oklahoma	3 Washington
4 Oregon	4 Cincinnati	4 Oregon	4 USC	4 Texas A&M	4 Oklahoma
5 Ohio St	5 WKU	5 WKU	5 Utah	5 UCLA	5 Georgia
6 N Carolina	6 Georgia St	6 Oklahoma St	6 Arizona St	6 Missouri	6 Florida St
7 Baylor	7 Texas Tech	7 Indiana	7 Boston College	7 Virginia Tech	7 Michigan St
8 Oklahoma	8 Bowling Green	8 Clemson	8 Northwestern	8 Georgia	8 Wisconsin
9 Georgia Tech	9 Mississippi	9 Arkansas	9 Louisville	9 Temple	9 West Virginia
10 Maryland	10 TCU	10 USC	10 Arkansas	10 Washington	10 TCU
11 New Mexico	11 C Michigan	11 Notre Dame	11 San Diego St	11 Colorado	11 Missouri
12 Notre Dame	12 Clemson	12 California	12 Iowa	12 Michigan	12 Iowa
13 Indiana	13 Tulsa	13 Mississippi	13 Ohio St	13 Wisconsin	13 Northwestern
14 Tennessee	14 Mississippi St	14 Arkansas St	14 Pittsburgh	14 Florida	14 Boston College
15 Alabama	15 BYU	15 Bowling Green	15 Houston	15 West Virginia	15 Virginia Tech
16 San Diego St	16 Indiana	16 Arizona St	16 Florida	16 LSU	16 Florida
17 USF	17 Arizona St	17 Baylor	17 Mississippi	17 Stanford	17 Utah
18 Texas Tech	18 Memphis	18 Mississippi St	18 Nebraska	18 Ohio St	18 Mississippi
19 Army	19 Baylor	19 Alabama	19 Memphis	19 Clemson	19 San Diego St
20 LSU	20 Arizona	20 Stanford	20 Navy	20 Miami, FL	20 Temple

RUSH OFFENSE	PASS OFFENSE	SCORING OFFENSE	RUSH DEFENSE	PASS DEFENSE	SCORING DEFENSE
109 Charlotte	109 Charlotte	109 Boston College	109 Rice	109 UNLV	109 North Texas
110 Idaho	110 Connecticut	110 Tulane	110 Hawaii	110 Louisiana	110 Fresno St
111 BYU	111 Northwestern	111 Mass	111 Oregon St	111 Arkansas St	111 Buffalo
112 Old Dominion	112 UCF	112 Rice	112 S Alabama	112 Navy	112 Charlotte
113 Wake Forest	113 Vanderbilt	113 Connecticut	113 Texas	113 UCF	113 Texas St
114 LA Tech	114 S Alabama	114 Ball St	114 Tulsa	114 Arkansas	114 ULM
115 Tulane	115 Syracuse	115 FIU	115 FIU	115 New Mexico	115 Tulsa
116 Oklahoma St	116 Air Force	116 Missouri	116 Fresno St	116 LA Tech	116 Rice
117 Miami, OH	117 UTEP	117 Louisiana	117 Texas Tech	117 Duke	117 S Alabama
118 Kent St	118 UTSA	118 Kansas	118 UNLV	118 Rutgers	118 Kansas
119 Kansas	119 Missouri	119 Miami, OH	119 SMU	119 Boise St	119 UNLV
120 Louisiana	120 Georgia Tech	120 UTSA	120 North Texas	120 Rice	120 FIU
121 UCF	121 San Diego St	121 ULM	121 Old Dominion	121 Hawaii	121 Texas Tech
122 E Carolina	122 North Texas	122 North Texas	122 Buffalo	122 Texas Tech	122 UCF
123 Washington St	123 New Mexico	123 UTEP	123 Ball St	123 Houston	123 E Michigan
124 C Michigan	124 Kent St	124 Hawaii	124 Kansas	124 UTSA	124 Old Dominion
125 Troy	125 Boston College	125 Texas St	125 Charlotte	125 Tulsa	125 Hawaii
126 Georgia St	126 Navy	126 UCF	126 Idaho	126 N Mexico St	126 SMU
127 FIU	127 Army	127 Charlotte	127 Texas St	127 Indiana	127 Idaho
128 ULM	128 GA Southern	128 Kent St	128 E Michigan	128 Arizona St	128 N Mexico St

# 2015 TOUGHEST OPPONENT UNIT'S FACED

## WHAT ARE THE TOUGHEST OPPONENT RANKINGS?

These rankings go far beyond the NCAA's straight statistical ranking of each team. For example in '12 Notre Dame ranked #89 in the NCAA in rush defense allowing 170 ypg, but ranked #40 in our rush defense rankings because they faced the toughest schedule of rush offenses in the NCAA in '13. As you can see, the NCAA's statistical rankings can be misleading. In the upcoming weeks we'll provide examples of this year's statistical disparities. These are the current rankings for this year. Here are the teams that have took on the toughest & easiest schedules last year.

RUSH OFFENSES	PASS OFFENSES	SCORING OFFENSES	RUSH DEFENSES	PASS DEFENSES	SCORING DEFENSES
1 Arizona St	1 Texas	1 Iowa St	1 Notre Dame	1 Minnesota	1 Notre Dame
2 S Carolina	2 Oklahoma	2 Kansas	2 Syracuse	2 Auburn	2 Minnesota
3 Washington St	3 Kansas	3 Texas	3 Minnesota	3 Oregon St	3 Alabama
4 Michigan St	4 UCLA	4 Oklahoma	4 Indiana	4 Northwestern	4 Northwestern
5 Clemson	5 Kansas St	5 Washington	5 Virginia	5 Notre Dame	5 Florida
6 Alabama	6 TCU	6 West Virginia	6 Northwestern	6 Texas Tech	6 S Carolina
7 USC	7 Oklahoma St	7 Stanford	7 Michigan St	7 S Carolina	7 Georgia
8 Notre Dame	8 Stanford	8 Arizona St	8 Alabama	8 Kansas	8 Auburn
9 Stanford	9 Washington	9 TCU	9 S Carolina	9 Georgia Tech	9 LSU
10 Air Force	10 Oregon St	10 USC	10 Florida St	10 USC	10 Georgia Tech
11 Miami, FL	11 Iowa St	11 Kansas St	11 Florida	11 Duke	11 Virginia
12 Virginia	12 Oregon	12 Arkansas	12 Illinois	12 Georgia	12 Syracuse
13 Texas Tech	13 West Virginia	13 UCLA	13 UCLA	13 Kansas St	13 Illinois
14 Arkansas	14 USC	14 Alabama	14 Louisville	14 Florida	14 Clemson</

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## NEW MEXICO BOWL

December 19, 2015 • 2:00 pm ESPN • University Stadium • Albuquerque, NM

ARIZONA (6-6)

RUSH	228
PASS	301
POINTS	36
TO's	-5
SP TEAMS	✓✓✓✓
SKED	#30

NEW MEXICO (6-6)

RUSH	268
PASS	147
POINTS	32
TO's	+5
SP TEAMS	-
SKED	#118

Arizona has faced the much tougher schedule and has more talent. They are missing 3 of the top 4 LB's from the start of the year. New Mexico is playing this on their home field but will be excited for their first bowl s/07. Versus 2 mut opp AZ was +64 ypg & NM -199. Over the L4 gms NM was playing their best ball of the year. AZ has more talent but PP leans w/the DD home dog & we agree.

4.5★ NEW MEXICO (+) 32 ARIZONA 36

## LAS VEGAS BOWL

December 19, 2015 • 3:30 pm ABC • Sam Boyd Stadium • Las Vegas, NV

BYU (9-3)

RUSH	50
PASS	289
POINTS	24
TO's	+7
SP TEAMS	-
SKED	#78

UTAH (9-3)

RUSH	177
PASS	192
POINTS	25
TO's	+8
SP TEAMS	✓
SKED	#11

BYU was upset that Utah ended the series but both teams figure to be well motivated. BYU was +70 ypg (Utah +12) but vs a softer schedule. BYU has an edge on offense with Utah RB Booker likely out but Utah has the edge on defense & ST's. Tough to pick either in this rivalry but both have top notch D's including our #15 & #18 rated pass D's, so we'll just sit back and watch.

NO PLAY: UTAH 25 BYU 24

## CAMELLIA BOWL

December 19, 2015 • 5:30 pm ESPN • Cramton Bowl • Montgomery, AL

OHIO (8-4)

RUSH	159
PASS	204
POINTS	20
TO's	+5
SP TEAMS	✓✓✓✓
SKED	#108

APPALACHIAN ST (10-2)

RUSH	234
PASS	193
POINTS	31
TO's	+2
SP TEAMS	-
SKED	#128

Ohio was playing its best ball down the stretch and will be motivated by being a TD+ dog here. Ohio has a large edge on ST's. App St figures to have the crowd edge (375 vs 533 miles) and have sold out their initial allotment of tickets. App St was +76.8 vs bowl tms (Ohio -45.7) but Ohio upset Marshall, only lost to Minny by 3 and knocked NIU out of the MAC Title gm. We lean with the dog.

NO PLAY: APPALACHIAN STATE 31 OHIO 20

## CURE BOWL

December 19, 2015 • 7:00 pm CBSC • Citrus Bowl Stadium • Orlando, FL

SAN JOSE ST (5-7)

RUSH	168
PASS	249
POINTS	25
TO's	-5
SP TEAMS	-
SKED	#86

GEORGIA ST (6-6)

RUSH	115
PASS	288
POINTS	24
TO's	-1
SP TEAMS	✓
SKED	#124

Georgia St is a lot closer (402 vs 2409 miles) but rarely get fans at home. SJSt is just 5-7 and while win or lose they will have a losing season. This figures to be the smallest crowd of the post season. The key matchup is SJSt's solid pass D vs Arbuckle who has been shredding weak pass D's.

NO PLAY: SAN JOSE STATE 25 GEORGIA STATE 24

## NEW ORLEANS BOWL

December 19, 2015 • 9:00 pm ESPN • Superdome • New Orleans, LA

ARKANSAS ST (9-3)

RUSH	188
PASS	247
POINTS	39
TO's	+11
SP TEAMS	-
SKED	#127

LOUISIANA TECH (8-4)

RUSH	123
PASS	331
POINTS	35
TO's	-2
SP TEAMS	-
SKED	#115

LT is closer (233 vs 409 miles) but ASt travels well. LT is -8 ypg vs bowl tms but ASt is -73.8. ASt lost their starting left OT week 11. Both teams figure to be motivated and this one should be a shootout in the dome. Ark St played better ball down the stretch but it has been a couple wks since they played last. PP is calling for a high scoring game & we'll agree with that.

2★ OVER THE TOTAL

## MIAMI BEACH BOWL

December 21, 2015 • 2:30 pm ESPN • Marlins Park • Miami, FL

WKU (11-2)

RUSH	116
PASS	342
POINTS	34
TO's	+16
SP TEAMS	-
SKED	#93

USF (8-4)

RUSH	223
PASS	185
POINTS	33
TO's	+8
SP TEAMS	✓
SKED	#83

These two were among the hottest teams in the country at the end of the year. USF will have the fan edge (207 vs 859 miles). WKU is +83 vs bowl tms while USF is -24.8 but USF led solid Temple and Cincy squads by a combined 82-13 at the half and have a slight edge on defense and are getting over a FG. We'll just sit back and watch how this game plays out.

NO PLAY: WKU 34 USF 33

## IDAHO POTATO BOWL

December 22, 2015 • 3:30 pm ESPN • Bronco Stadium • Boise, ID

AKRON (7-5)

RUSH	118
PASS	165
POINTS	22
TO's	+8
SP TEAMS	-
SKED	#111

UTAH ST (6-6)

RUSH	124
PASS	224
POINTS	29
TO's	-1
SP TEAMS	✓
SKED	#60

Once Woodson emerged at QB and gave Akron an offense they won those last 4 to clinch a winning year and they are happy to be in any bowl. Utah St will have the crowd edge (258 miles away, Akron

1769). QB Keeeton was not up to his usual standards the last two but should be more to form here. Utah St shockingly has lost 6 gms so they need a win for a winning season. PP is calling for this gm to finish near the opening line making this a no play.

NO PLAY: UTAH STATE 29 AKRON 22

## BOCA RATON BOWL

December 22, 2015 • 7:00 pm ESPN • FAU Stadium • Boca Raton, FL

TOLEDO (9-2)

RUSH	171
PASS	207
POINTS	26
TO's	+7
SP TEAMS	-
SKED	#84

TEMPLE (10-3)

RUSH	113
PASS	231
POINTS	24
TO's	+4
SP TEAMS	✓✓✓
SKED	#74

Both tms were disappointed with their season endings. Temple just missed a NY6 bowl and Toledo missed playing in the MAC Title gm. Toledo rates the edge on offense but Temple on D and ST's. Both must travel about 1,000 miles. Toledo was +45.5 vs bowl tms (Temp -2.0) & Temple's D at home allows 210 ypg but 431 away. We lean with Temple and Rhule vs an interim HC, so this is a no play.

NO PLAY: TOLEDO 26 TEMPLE 24

## POINSETTIA BOWL

December 23, 2015 • 4:30 pm ESPN • Qualcomm Stadium • San Diego, CA

BOISE ST (8-4)

RUSH	193
PASS	291
POINTS	34
TO's	+8
SP TEAMS	-
SKED	#105

NORTHERN ILLINOIS (8-5)

RUSH	1269
PASS	233
POINTS	24
TO's	+3
SP TEAMS	-
SKED	#97

BSU is closer but still has to travel 756 miles (NIU 1678) but they travel well & should have the crowd edge. NIU is 25-9 as a dog incl 3-1 TY w/an upset of BG & they only lost to OSU by 7. BSU was fav'd in every gm but went just 8-4 SU/6-6 ATS. The biggest edge may be at QB where BSU had their ups & downs with true frosh Brett Rypien (PS#24) while NIU could be down to a 3rd string walk on true frosh. BSU was +71 ypg vs bowl tms & NIU just -75 ypg. Both tms will try to set the tone for a rebound in '16 & we will side with the stronger team that has a clear cut edge at QB & PP agrees.

1★ BOISE STATE 34 NORTHERN ILLINOIS 24

## GODADDY BOWL

December 23, 2015 • 8:00 pm ESPN • Ladd Peebles Stadium • Mobile, AL

GEORGIA SOUTHERN (8-4)

RUSH	313
PASS	75
POINTS	28
TO's	+4
SP TEAMS	-
SKED	#106

BOWLING GREEN (10-3)

RUSH	148
PASS	318
POINTS	38
TO's	+14
SP TEAMS	✓
SKED	#68

GSth was held under 280 total yds in 4 gms. In thier 4 losses, the Eagles avg'd 239 ypg & in their 8 wins 507 ypg. They were 1-4 vs bowl tms (-131 ypg) but did beat the MAC's WMICH 43-17. GSth figures to have the crowd edge (388 miles vs 778 mile trip for BG). BG was +73 ypg vs bowl tms. While they each have time to prep for each other they run completely different offenses (wide open spread pass vs option) and we expect a lot of points in this one, but PP's total is even with the line.

NO PLAY: BOWLING GREEN 38 GEORGIA SOUTHERN 28

## BAHAMAS BOWL

December 24, 2015 • Noon ESPN • Robinson National Stadium • Nassau, Bahamas

MIDDLE TENNESSEE ST (7-5)

RUSH	152
PASS	276
POINTS	30
TO's	-3
SP TEAMS	-
SKED	#109

WESTERN MICHIGAN (7-5)

RUSH	201
PASS	307
POINTS	35
TO's	0
SP TEAMS	-
SKED	#70

Both are excited to be here and hopefully the finish will be as great as LY when WKU led CM 49-14 4Q but needed to stop a 2pt to win 49-48. WM was -29.5 vs bowl tms & MT -112. Both tms are very similar statistically but WM has played the tougher schedule (#70 vs #109) facing 8 bowl tms including Ohio St & Mich St. PP is calling for WM to win by just under a td & we agree & like the Broncos.

2★ WESTERN MICHIGAN 35 MIDDLE TENNESSEE 30

## HAWAII BOWL

December 24, 2015 • 8:00 pm ESPN • Aloha Stadium • Honolulu, HI

CINCINNATI (7-5)

RUSH	113
PASS	319
POINTS	25
TO's	-16
SP TEAMS	-
SKED	#87

SAN DIEGO ST (10-3)

RUSH	269
PASS	137
POINTS	32
TO's	+20
SP TEAMS	-
SKED	#119

Cincy probably had the best collection of NFL caliber athletes in the AAC so they are very talented. This is a clash of styles with San Diego St's run game and defense vs the prolific pass attack of Cincy. Even without QB Maxwell Smith, SDST put up 436 yds vs Air Force and could have covered. PP is calling for the outright upset win on Christmas Eve & we fully agree with that.

4.5★ SAN DIEGO STATE 32 CINCINNATI 25

## ST PETERSBURG BOWL

December 26, 2015 • 11:00 am ESPN • Tropicana Field • St Petersburg, FL

CONNECTICUT (6-6)

RUSH	163
PASS	155
POINTS	12
TO's	+9
SP TEAMS	-
SKED	#63

MARSHALL (9-3)

RUSH	121
PASS	206
POINTS	19
TO's	+4
SP TEAMS	-
SKED	#126

Holiday recruits Florida heavily so this game is important. Marshall is 6-3-1 ATS as a fav while UConn is 5-4 as a dog this year. The Herd are the stronger team and have a great record in bowls so they are tough to go against. Their offense is not what it was last year especially with star RB Devon Johnson missing the 2H of the year. They are +29 ypg vs UC's -34 and have the much better record at 9-3 vs 6-6. UC has taken on the much tougher schedule. PP is calling for a low scoring gm & we agree.

4★ UNDER THE TOTAL

# SUN BOWL

December 26, 2015 • 2:00 pm CBS • Sun Bowl Stadium • El Paso, TX

## MIAMI, FL (8-4)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
MIAMI, FL	129	262	28	+14	✓✓✓✓✓	#21
WASHINGTON ST	94	351	29	-3	-	#25

Both tms are 8-4 but one team fired their coach mid year and is 4-1 since. Miami has more athletic talent and matches up well here as they have a solid pass D vs a pass happy offense. They also are +9 sacks on the year while WSt is -10. Wash St's top WR Gabe Marks (1125 yds) was inj'd in the Apple Cup and is likely to miss here. Not many fans for either squad but Miami should be out to impress new HC Richt and get interim HC Scott another win.

1★ MIAMI, FL (+) 28 WASHINGTON STATE 29

# HEART OF DALLAS BOWL

December 26, 2015 • 2:20 pm ESPN • Cotton Bowl • Dallas, TX

## SOUTHERN MISS (9-4)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
SOUTHERN MISS	127	250	22	-2	-	#125
WASHINGTON	154	234	32	+8	✓✓✓	#32

If you look at the stats you take SMiss (+8) which has outgained their foes by 156 ypg. UW is just +38 ypg. Sometimes stats lie. SMiss faced our #125 schedule and UW #32. SMiss has not faced a defense all year that ranked above #51 (avg #97) and now take on our 6th rated D. UW faced 10 bowl teams and SM just 5 and they were 1-4 vs them losing by an average of 16 ppg.

NO PLAY: WASHINGTON 32 SOUTHERN MISS 22

# PINSTRIPE BOWL

December 26, 2015 • 3:30 pm ABC • Yankee Stadium • Bronx, NY

## INDIANA (6-6)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
INDIANA	197	336	38	+8	-	#52
DUKE	194	346	37	-1	✓	#62

Duke's defense allowed just 252 ypg the first half of the season and 491 ypg over the 2H. QB Sirk should be 100% after missing the Pitt game. We have to believe it is a priority for Cutcliffe to get a bowl win here but also for Indiana who is trying to finish with a winning year. We like the Over & PP is calling for high scoring game, making this one of our special 4.5★ plays!

4.5★ OVER THE TOTAL

# INDEPENDENCE BOWL

December 26, 2015 • 5:45 pm ESPN • Independence Stadium • Shreveport, LA

## TULSA (6-6)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
TULSA	136	247	22	+2	-	#66
VIRGINIA TECH	222	300	41	+6	✓✓	#50

While Tulsa is a lot closer (339 vs 942 miles), VT might have the crowd edge in Beamer's final game as head coach. Tulsa rates the edge on offense and VT has a massive edge on D. Tulsa was -91 ypg vs bowl tms (VT -69 ypg). We will be rooting for VT to win this for Beamer but huge favorites prior to New Years have been a poor proposition and Tulsa has enough firepower for back door potential.

NO PLAY: VIRGINIA TECH 41 TULSA 22

# FOSTER FARMS BOWL

December 26, 2015 • 9:15 pm ESPN • Levi's Stadium • Santa Clara, CA

## NEBRASKA (5-7)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
NEBRASKA	186	196	26	-13	-	#44
UCLA	151	332	32	+1	-	#9

Nebraska already upset MSU and outgained Iowa 433-250 but both of those were at home in favorable situations. UCLA had National Title hopes into the year but are playing just a 5-7 team here. Neb was +41 ypg & lost 4 gms on the last play or could be 9-3. PP is calling for this to finish at the line.

NO PLAY: UCLA 32 NEBRASKA 26

# MILITARY BOWL

December 28, 2015 • 2:30 pm ESPN • Navy-Marines Stadium • Annapolis, MD

## PITTSBURGH (8-4)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
PITTSBURGH	162	204	24	+2	✓	#18
NAVY	274	100	31	+14	-	#80

NAVY's 2 losses came to tms with a comb 3 losses. Pitt has losses to ND, NCar & Iowa. While Pitt was shredded by the GTech option for 482 yds, they won the game and gained exp vs the option. They have now had 3 weeks to prep for it. Navy has an edge in playing 16 days ago and this is Reynolds FHG (beat SMU 55-14 in last one). This should be a close game.

NO PLAY: NAVY 31 PITTSBURGH 24

# QUICK LANE BOWL

December 28, 2015 • 5:00 pm ESPN2 • Ford Field • Detroit, MI

## CENTRAL MICHIGAN (7-5)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	81	281	22	+2	-	#92
MINNESOTA	151	214	28	-4	✓✓✓✓✓	#17

The Gopher coaching staff has been to 5 bowl games while CM's head man came over from the NFL and last was in college at Army from '93-'98. While the Gophers are favored they might feel like the underdog at 5-7 and have the stronger offense and defense and a huge edge on ST's. CM should have the crowd edge but the Gophers are laying less than a TD.

NO PLAY: MINNESOTA 28 CENTRAL MICHIGAN 22

# ARMED FORCES BOWL

December 29, 2015 • 2:00 pm ESPN • Amon G. Carter Stadium • Fort Worth, TX

## AIR FORCE (8-5)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
AIR FORCE	330	147	32	-3	-	#100
CALIFORNIA	127	398	37	+2	-	#6

Pass attack vs option so it should be a higher scoring game (and the total reflects that). Goff should polish up his NFL resume with another 400 yd effort. AF did put up 35 vs Utah St & 38 vs Boise which both have better D's than Cal. PP is leaning with the dog & we agree with that.

1★ AIR FORCE (+) 32 CALIFORNIA 37

# RUSSELL ATHLETIC BOWL

December 29, 2015 • 5:30 pm ESPN • Florida Citrus Bowl • Orlando, FL

## BAYLOR (9-3)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
BAYLOR	292	293	38	-1	-	#61
NORTH CAROLINA	220	250	38	+8	✓✓✓	#64

This should be a redemption bowl for Baylor as they lost their bowl LY and are off 3 losses in their last 4. Briles will have the QB situation in much better shape with extra time to heal and prepare. While the Def #'s are similar, Baylor holds their opp to 56 ypg below their avg and NC allows 43 above. Baylor was +92.5 ypg vs bowl tms and NC just +19.5. PP leans w/UNC but we disagree.

NO PLAY: BAYLOR 38 NORTH CAROLINA 38

# ARIZONA BOWL

December 29, 2015 • 7:00 pm CBSC • Arizona Stadium • Tucson, AZ

## NEVADA (6-6)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
NEVADA	202	171	25	+7	✓✓✓	#113
COLORADO ST	204	189	28	-11	-	#110

There may be a little more pressure on Nevada to avoid a losing season. The key matchup is both teams avg 4.8 yards per carry and allow 4.8 & 4.9 ypc. If two teams are each gaining roughly 5 yds per rush both offense will have success and we like the OVER, but PP disagrees.

NO PLAY: COLORADO STATE 28 NEVADA 25

# TEXAS BOWL

December 29, 2015 • 9:00 pm ESPN • NRG Stadium • Houston, TX

## TEXAS TECH (7-5)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
TEXAS TECH	169	332	39	+2	-	#8
LSU	318	231	45	+7	-	#14

TT ran the ball more (438 vs 329 rush att '14), so are more balanced. LSU has a massive edge on defense (#20 vs #116) and Fournette vs a rush D allowing 5.9 ypc is a mismatch. LSU also has a top notch secondary and despite this being in the state of Texas, LSU is 250 miles closer. PP is calling for high scoring game & we will agree with that forecast and call for the OVER.

4.5★ OVER THE TOTAL

# BIRMINGHAM BOWL

December 30, 2015 • NOON ESPN • Legion Field • Birmingham, AL

## MEMPHIS (9-3)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
MEMPHIS	158	296	32	+6	✓	#72
AUBURN	167	224	27	+4	-	#13

If this game was played wk 1, Auburn would have been a 17+ pt fav! Auburn has had a miserable year but really cannot afford to lose and finish 6-7. Memphis has the large edge at QB but Auburn has it in most other areas including a HC that almost won a National Title, vs an interim HC. Memphis has more wins and is better statistically but Auburn played a much tougher schedule & has more talent. We disagree with the PP forecast in this one and lean with Auburn.

NO PLAY: MEMPHIS 32 AUBURN 27

# BELK BOWL

December 30, 2015 • 3:30 pm ESPN • Bank of America Stadium • Charlotte, NC

## NC STATE (7-5)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
NC STATE	209	212	30	+8	-	#59
MISSISSIPPI ST	136	284	33	-5	✓✓✓✓✓	#35

Miss St was +1.6 ypg vs 8 bowl tms and NCSt was -124.2 ypg taking on 5. Prescott was overcome with emotion in his FHG and struggled and will be out to atone for that here. NCSt figures to be more excited to be here but Miss St had a poor showing in the bowl LY, is off a loss to their rival and will want to send Prescott out with a win in his final game. PP leans w/NCSt. No play.

NO PLAY: MISSISSIPPI STATE 33 NC STATE 30

# MUSIC CITY BOWL

December 30, 2015 • 7:00 pm ESPN • LP Field • Nashville, TN

## LOUISVILLE (7-5)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
LOUISVILLE	204	187	26	-3	-	#42
TEXAS A&M	107	233	25	-2	✓✓✓	#37

Lville figures to have the crowd edge (176 vs 761 miles away). A&M has faced the slightly tougher schedule and comes from the much tougher conference. Both teams struggled giving up sacks and both teams recorded 32+ sks on defense. Versus Auburn, UL was +78 yds & A&M -140 but both lost. Both alternated QB's during the year. There is not much separating these two as we rate the offenses (#45 & #47) and the defenses (#26 & #28), even. That makes this a no play.

NO PLAY: LOUISVILLE 26 TEXAS A&M 25



**NOTE: Power Plays - PP**

# PRO FOOTBALL JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>

Power Plays is based upon statistical numbers and rankings that are used to develop the projections you see here. As with all types statistical information the more numbers that one inputs ordinarily the stronger the accuracy of the results. Therefore, one would expect the projections to be more reliable after a number of weeks worth of stats are input. The numbers in parenthesis are a comparison of the teams rankings (**Visitor, visitors offense ranking vs home defense ranking, Home home offensive ranking vs visitor defensive ranking**) over each teams last 4 games.

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
NY JETS	388	120	268	21	+7	#30
BUFFALO	379	161	219	22	+4	#6

Big game for the Jets as they need a victory to clinch a spot in the playoffs. While PP does give the Jets a narrow yardage edge, the points are in favor of the home dog in this one.

### 2★ BUFFALO 22 NY JETS 21

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
TAMPA BAY	332	108	224	17	-7	#16
CAROLINA	341	133	209	34	+19	#29

The Panthers saw their undefeated streak end a week ago against ATL. While the forecast does call for the Panthers to win by 17, the yardage is too close for our liking. No Play.

### NO PLAY: CAROLINA 34 TAMPA BAY 17

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
NEW ENGLAND	402	117	285	31	+7	#13
MIAMI	260	73	188	13	-2	#8

The Patriots enter play needing a victory to earn the #1 seed in the AFC. PP agrees that this will occur with NE projected for an 18 pt win and a substantial 402-260 yardage edge.

### 3.5★ NEW ENGLAND 31 MIAMI 13

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
BALTIMORE	266	64	202	9	-13	#3
CINCINNATI	230	77	154	23	+7	#19

The Bengals return home on a short week with their chances of earning a 1st Round bye still up in the air. While PP does call for the Ravens to have the yardage edge, the forecast also call for CIN to win easily by 14 points.

### 3★ CINCINNATI 23 BALTIMORE 9

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
NEW ORLEANS	408	101	307	18	+1	#21
ATLANTA	428	122	307	24	-6	#9

The Falcons delivered a fairly big upset a week ago against undefeated Carolina. PP calls for continued momentum by the home team in this one with a projected 6 point win and the yardage edge.

### 3.5★ ATLANTA 24 NEW ORLEANS 18

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
JACKSONVILLE	292	75	217	20	-7	#20
HOUSTON	373	134	240	30	+2	#22

The Texans are a win away from capturing the AFC South Title coming into their home meeting with the Jags. PP calls for that victory to occur this week with HOU forecasted for a 10 point win and a 373-292 yardage edge. We fully agree and make the Texans our Top Weekly Power Plays selection!

### 4★ HOUSTON 30 JACKSONVILLE 20

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
PITTSBURGH	415	116	299	27	+2	#11
CLEVELAND	380	132	249	21	-8	#1

The Steelers loss LW in BAL may have proven to be costly as they now need a win and a Jets loss to earn a playoff berth. While PP does call for PIT to get the win, the forecast surprisingly has the Browns staying within the line. No Play.

### NO PLAY: PITTSBURGH 27 CLEVELAND 21

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
OAKLAND	293	103	190	14	0	#23
KANSAS CITY	290	103	188	25	+15	#15

The Chiefs earned a spot in the AFC playoffs following their 9th consec win over the Browns a week ago. With a chance of earning the DIV title over the Broncos still in play, we agree with the PP forecast in this one as KC is projected with an 11 point win.

### 3.5★ KANSAS CITY 25 OAKLAND 14

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
TENNESSEE	325	90	235	16	-14	#28
INDIANAPOLIS	289	81	209	25	-5	#2

The Colts enter Wk 17 a game back of the front-running Texans in the AFC South. While the points are in favor of the home team, the yardage edge goes to the visiting Titans. No Play.

### NO PLAY: INDIANAPOLIS 25 TENNESSEE 16

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
WASHINGTON	341	94	247	22	+1	#32
DALLAS	340	133	208	17	-18	#12

The Redskins head to DAL with the NFC East Title in hand following LW's win over PHI. While PP calls for them to deliver the outright upset, there are too many questions (WAS resting starters) for us to even think about making a selection in this one.

### NO PLAY: WASHINGTON 22 DALLAS 17

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
DETROIT	327	92	235	26	-8	#18
CHICAGO	335	133	203	25	-1	#25

The Lions head into Soldier Field winners of 5 of their L/7 to take on a Bears squad that's been victorious at home in just one of their L/10. While PP actually calls for CHI to have the narrow yardage edge, the points are in favor of DET.

### 1★ DETROIT 26 CHICAGO 25

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
PHILADELPHIA	435	136	299	28	-4	#10
NY GIANTS	437	130	308	33	+9	#4

The Giants and Eagles square off in a showdown for 2nd place after both were eliminated from playoff contention a week ago. The PP forecast is a bit of a surprise in our opinion as while the Giants are being given a 5 pt win, the yards are nearly dead even.

### NO PLAY: NY GIANTS 33 PHILADELPHIA 28

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
SAN DIEGO	212	39	174	7	-8	#31
DENVER	248	97	151	14	0	#7

Denver is at home for a 2nd straight contest following their MNF tilt with the Bengals. With plenty still at stake for the Broncos including a potential 1st Round bye, we'll have to disagree with the forecast as DEN should be able to cover the 7' pt spread.

### NO PLAY: DENVER 14 SAN DIEGO 7

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
ST LOUIS	313	154	159	18	+3	#14
SAN FRANCISCO	328	92	236	14	-4	#27

The Rams earned the season sweep of the Seahawks LW in SEA despite narrowly eclipsing the 200 yard mark. PP calls for them to get a 4th consec win in this one but with an opening line of 3', we'll make this a No Play.

### NO PLAY: ST LOUIS 18 SAN FRANCISCO 14

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
SEATTLE	355	93	262	20	+4	#17
ARIZONA	358	85	274	30	+11	#26

While PP does call for the Cardinals to get a 10-point victory, we really won't know how much their starters will play in this one until the Panthers game concludes (No Play).

### NO PLAY: ARIZONA 30 SEATTLE 20

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
MINNESOTA	301	149	152	23	+4	#5
GREEN BAY	315	135	180	22	+6	#24

Showdown for the NFC North Title and the #3 spot in the NFC playoffs. While PP calls for a narrow 1 point edge by the Vikings, the yardage is favor of the hometown Packers. Call your Northcoast VIP Card after 11am EST on gameday (just \$12). Also available on your Marquee Pack!

### NO PLAY: MINNESOTA 23 GREEN BAY 22

## NFL STREAKERS

	ATS WINS	ATS LOSSES	OVERS	UNDERS
Minnesota	3	Miami 6	Chicago 4	Atlanta 9
San Diego	3	San Francisco 3	NY Giants 3	Cleveland 4
St Louis	3	Tampa Bay 3	Washington 3	Dallas 4
Washington	3	Tennessee 3		San Diego 4

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# 2015 BOWL TEAMS PASS EFFICIENCY D

TEAM	YDS	ATT	COMP	%	TD	INT	GRADE	OPP
Oklahoma	201.5	405	213	52.6	18	19	13.5	13.2
Michigan	158.8	356	171	48.0	7	8	13.1	11.2
Washington	126.0	399	228	57.1	9	15	12.9	13.5
Ohio St	176.7	373	185	49.6	12	11	12.8	11.7
UCLA	205.7	438	249	56.8	12	12	12.7	13.8
Wisconsin	192.7	394	216	54.8	10	10	12.6	10.8
West Virginia	229.7	392	211	53.6	13	13	12.6	12.4
Alabama	184.2	409	201	49.1	20	16	12.6	11.1
Northwestern	192.7	422	228	54.0	5	12	12.4	11.2
TCU	214.3	407	200	49.1	16	7	12.3	12.7
Clemson	166.9	369	170	46.1	16	14	12.1	10.6
Marshall	201.5	435	215	49.4	15	14	12.0	10.8
Utah	253.4	435	240	55.2	20	19	11.7	13.1
Florida	174.8	394	211	53.6	14	14	11.4	11.1
Iowa	219.3	472	253	53.6	14	18	11.4	10.8
Temple	203.3	438	249	56.8	11	16	11.4	11.4
Virginia Tech	173.0	399	148	37.1	15	10	11.2	11.0
BYU	212.8	391	217	55.5	12	15	11.2	11.5
Texas A&M	161.3	331	195	58.9	8	11	11.1	11.6
Northwestern Illinois	233.4	478	270	56.5	22	21	11.1	12.0
San Diego St	176.9	350	200	57.1	14	20	10.9	10.4
Kansas St	251.9	455	240	52.9	13	26	10.9	10.7
North Carolina	194.5	417	227	54.4	16	16	10.8	10.8
Boise St	224.4	390	213	54.6	14	22	10.7	10.6
Stanford	227.5	440	250	56.8	17	7	10.7	13.3
Miami, FL	196.3	361	219	60.7	14	15	10.5	12.3
Oklahoma St	244.3	398	229	57.5	17	16	10.4	12.6
USF	220.6	401	219	54.6	13	15	10.2	10.4
LSU	211.0	363	208	57.3	18	9	10.2	12.2
NC State	188.5	342	185	54.1	20	12	10.1	11.3
Tennessee	217.2	401	206	51.4	17	8	10.0	10.6
Appalachian St	184.4	345	208	60.3	10	16	9.9	10.7
Bowling Green	247.2	484	286	59.1	18	20	9.9	11.1
Minnesota	182.4	364	212	58.2	13	9	9.9	10.9
Louisville	204.3	373	208	55.8	21	16	9.9	10.9
Toledo	185.3	433	255	58.9	13	11	9.8	11.7
Florida St	197.7	397	212	53.4	13	17	9.8	10.2
Connecticut	186.9	365	212	58.1	13	17	9.8	10.0
Penn St	174.5	350	202	57.7	12	10	9.8	10.4
Georgia	146.1	302	156	51.7	9	11	9.8	8.7
Auburn	232.2	421	262	62.2	13	13	9.7	11.9
Southern Miss	223.3	458	248	54.1	22	13	9.7	10.7
Ga Southern	203.9	331	185	55.9	19	17	9.7	11.2
Michigan St	229.9	415	245	59.0	18	15	9.6	11.9
WKU	234.4	438	239	54.6	26	17	9.5	11.1
Washington St	223.3	396	254	64.1	12	11	9.4	12.4
Mississippi	255.4	488	292	59.8	23	15	9.3	11.4
Ohio	216.9	397	238	59.9	25	11	9.3	11.1
C Michigan	190.0	358	202	56.4	16	6	9.3	10.8
Pittsburgh	218.7	397	205	51.6	17	10	9.3	11.0
Baylor	216.8	406	232	57.1	14	11	9.2	11.5
Mississippi St	153.6	290	161	55.5	14	8	9.2	9.9
San Jose St	180.4	309	168	54.4	15	9	9.1	10.2
Utah St	238.8	433	254	58.7	20	13	9.1	11.0
Middle Tenn	247.0	455	266	58.5	21	16	9.0	10.5
Cincinnati	224.3	398	228	57.3	22	9	9.0	11.6
Houston	265.3	452	255	56.4	18	17	9.0	10.5
Notre Dame	195.9	343	188	54.8	17	8	8.9	10.3
W Michigan	224.3	365	200	54.8	21	9	8.9	10.2
California	251.3	387	232	59.9	19	14	8.8	12.2
Georgia St	235.4	434	257	59.2	18	14	8.7	10.1
Colorado St	186.3	311	169	54.3	12	8	8.6	9.4
Air Force	190.4	350	180	51.4	12	11	8.6	8.8
Nebraska	288.3	465	267	57.4	22	8	8.5	11.6
USC	268.3	428	250	63.2	24	14	8.3	13.2
Texas Tech	268.3	418	250	63.2	24	14	8.3	13.2
Arizona St	321.3	465	266	57.2	30	13	8.0	12.8
Memphis	269.3	403	232	57.6	21	9	7.9	11.3
Oregon	301.2	508	318	62.6	33	12	7.9	13.7
New Mexico	237.7	355	207	58.3	21	13	7.8	10.7
Louisiana Tech	265.8	455	274	60.2	24	11	7.8	10.8
Nevada	206.0	366	237	64.8	18	13	7.7	10.5
Duke	228.6	351	195	55.6	20	9	7.5	9.7
Navy	229.4	366	238	65.0	15	9	7.0	10.4
Arkansas	284.0	411	268	65.2	17	10	6.9	11.7
Arizona	274.4	421	266	63.2	27	8	6.7	12.3
Kansas St	283.3	425	270	63.5	24	4	6.7	13.0
Indiana	326.3	511	311	60.9	31	9	6.6	11.8
Tulsa	293.0	429	266	62.0	26	9	6.2	10.3

# 2015 COLLEGE TEAM STAT AVERAGES

	OFF PTS	OFF FD	ATT	YDS	AVG	FUM	COM	ATT	PCT	YDS	INT	TD	DEF PTS	DEF FD	ATT	YDS	AVG	FUM	VS	SKS	SKS
AIR FORCE	33.6	21.4	58.8	322.1	5.5	0.7	6.2	11.9	51.6	130.6	11	13	23.2	15.6	34.3	146.7	4.3	0.5	2	36	36
AKRON	24.0	19.9	41.1	168.5	4.1	0.5	14.1	28.3	49.7	193.8	11	17	21.5	18.8	31.8	89.8	2.8	1.0	15	28	28
ALABAMA	34.1	22.4	43.2	208.2	4.8	0.5	20.0	30.0	66.7	214.3	10	18	14.4	13.5	31.1	74.0	2.4	0.6	18	46	46
ALABAMA ST	27.8	20.8	32.3	103.1	3.2	0.9	24.5	38.9	63.0	146.6	11	26	28.4	23.3	40.7	178.8	4.4	0.6	29	16	16
ARIZONA	36.8	25.1	41.3	226.3	5.5	0.8	17.7	36.8	58.8	287.9	9	25	35.7	23.2	32.7	188.5	4.4	0.4	30	25	25
ARIZONA ST	34.0	23.5	42.1	185.3	4.4	0.8	24.2	40.1	60.3	288.6	9	28	32.7	20.2	34.8	124.8	3.6	0.5	39	44	44
ARKANSAS	35.2	22.9	39.2	162.6	4.9	0.3	18.8	29.0	64.9	264.3	30	30	27.8	20.7	31.8	119.6	3.8	0.6	12	18	18
ARKANSAS ST	41.0	22.3	47.4	236.7	5.0	1.1	16.0	28.0	57.1	212.3	13	23	28.8	19.1	34.8	146.7	4.2	0.7	24	13	13
ARMY WEST POINT	22.1	16.3	51.3	244.3	4.8	1.1	4.1	9.0	45.4	94.0	10	10	27.8	18.0	36.3	165.8	4.6	0.4	15	13	13
AUBURN	27.2	19.5	44.3	191.8	4.3	0.4	14.1	24.2	58.3	175.6	9	10	27.3	23.5	41.0	189.7	4.6	0.4	19	17	17
BALL ST	23.1	20.8	36.4	153.3	4.2	0.5	21.9	38.3	57.3	218.3	9	17	35.8	24.0	42.7	225.5	5.3	0.8	11	17	17
BAYLOR	48.0	28.8	52.5	300.2	5.7	1.1	18.3	30.9	59.0	304.4	12	44	27.5	20.5	43.0	156.3	3.6	0.9	15	28	28
BOISE ST	37.8	25.8	41.4	184.3	4.4	0.8	25.3	40.3	62.8	304.3	11	21	21.3	16.6	34.2	117.7	3.4	0.5	29	28	28
BOSTON COLLEGE	17.2	14.5	11.8	164.4	3.9	0.9	9.3	20.8	44.6	111.2	9	8	15.3	13.8	34.6	82.8	2.4	0.8	27	33	33
BOWLING GREEN	43.4	28.8	39.5	184.9	4.7	0.4	29.5	43.1	68.4	376.1	8	44	26.7	23.2	40.3	161.6	4.0	0.5	35	30	30
BUFFALO	26.7	20.5	35.4	136.9	3.9	0.3	23.6	37.9	62.2	249.5	16	16	27.6	20.4	40.9	186.1	4.5	0.6	16	22	22
BYU	34.2	21.1	32.3	133.1	4.1	0.5	23.1	37.3	61.8	294.9	9	24	21.8	19.3	38.7	145.3	3.8	0.6	30	37	37
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	36.5	26.2	33.8	155.7	4.6	0.7	27.3	42.8	63.7	368.8	14	38	30.3	22.1	42.7	203.5	4.8	0.8	26	27	27
CHARLOTTE	28.8	21.3	32.7	101.1	3.1	0.4	25.9	38.8	66.9	313.8	10	25	22.1	16.8	34.5	137.7	4.0	0.9	26	12	12
CINCINNATI	17.5	19.5	46.9	163.6	3.5	1.0	16.3	31.3	52.3	173.5	23	12	36.3	21.2	41.8	190.0	4.6	1.0	42	20	20
CLEMSON	38.1	29.6	40.0	186.3	4.7	0.9	26.8	43.0	62.4	373.1	19	29	30.3	20.2	38.0	190.3	5.0	0.4	22	12	12
COLORADO	24.5	25.5	44.8	222.2	5.0	0.9	23.8	34.5	68.8	288.5	13	30	20.2	14.1	34.8	128.8	3.7	0.7	14	38	38
COLORADO ST	39.6	22.4	41.7	156.2	3.7	0.7	22.0	35.8	61.1	40.0	12	13	27.5	20.0	39.5	198.7	5.0	0.6	27	27	27
CONNECTICUT	17.8	16.7	37.0	124.6	3.4	0.5	15.9	27.1	58.8	193.8	9	10	19.8	18.1	31.9	105.3	4.5	0.6	35	20	20
DUKE	30.5	23.9	39.8	177.9	4.5	0.9	23.1	39.1	59.1	253.4	7	17	24.1	19.1	42.2	143.4	3.4	0.7	26	18	18
EAST CAROLINA	27.4	21.7	33.8	134.8	4.0	0.6	26.7	39.4	67.7	279.4	12	21	26.0	21.6	43.2	174.5	4.0	0.7	27	25	25
EASTERN MICHIGAN	25.4	20.1	35.1	157.8	4.5	0.9	20.8	34.1	60.9	222.5	14	18	24.1	26.3	49.0	316.9	6.5	0.7	24	18	18
FAU	22.5	20.8	41.4	173.1	4.2	1.1	17.2	32.8	52.4	216.8	12	12	28.8	21.4	41.9	168.5	4.0	0.8	27	35	35
FLORIDA	24.5	16.9	37.2	127.6	3.4	0.5	16.8	29.2	57.6	211.1	8	19	16.5	16.1	35.5	120.6	3.4	0.8	43	40	40
FLORIDA ST	32.3	20.9	33.5	180.9	5.4	0.4	20.1	30.9	65.0	244.0	5	20	15.8	18.3	36.7	141.8	3.9	0.6	23	30	30
FRESNO ST	22.3	17.3	35.3	136.8	3.9	0.6	16.8														



# HOLIDAY BOWL

December 30, 2015 • 10:30 pm ESPN • Qualcomm Stadium • San Diego, CA

WISCONSIN (9-3)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
WISCONSIN	102	207	18	+2	-	#73
USC	115	219	25	+12	✓	#48

Wisc is +110 ypg on the season and outgained Iowa by 99 yds in the home loss. USC is just +48 but had 11 gms vs bowl tms and Wisky just 5. The Badgers have the edge on defense and USC a large edge at offensive skill players. PP is calling for a lower than expected game & we agree.

4★ UNDER THE TOTAL

# PEACH BOWL

December 31, 2015 • Noon ESPN • Georgia Dome • Atlanta, GA

HOUSTON (12-1)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
HOUSTON	172	213	24	+17	-	#116
FLORIDA ST	147	305	30	+4	✓✓✓✓	#56

No Power 5 team wants to be the one to host the Group of 5 team but FSU handled this role in '12 and dominated NIII 31-10 (-13'). PP is calling for FSU to win, but the MOV is near the line.

NO PLAY: FLORIDA STATE 30 HOUSTON 24

# COTTON BOWL

December 31, 2015 • 4:00 pm ESPN • AT&T Stadium • Arlington, TX

MICHIGAN ST (12-1)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
MICHIGAN ST	64	187	16	+16	-	#24
ALABAMA	149	217	26	+7	✓✓✓✓	#31

Mich St has one of the top OL/DL combo's in the country but Bama tops them. Bama rates the edge in all talent categories except QB. Dantonio is 12-1 ATS as a dog with NINE outright upsets. Mich St also plays their best in big games. UO, Mich, Ohio St & Iowa comb to avg 219 ypg rush (5.2) and Mich St held them to 80.8 (2.5 ypc). That matches up well vs Henry. We have a tough time going against either team, but PP is calling for a low scoring game & we'll agree with that.

4★ UNDER THE TOTAL

# ORANGE BOWL

December 31, 2015 • 8:00 pm ESPN • Sun Life Stadium • Miami Gardens, FL

OKLAHOMA (11-1)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
OKLAHOMA	193	266	40	+10	-	#19
CLEMSON	179	235	28	-2	-	#51

Since that loss to Texas, Oklahoma has averaged an amazing 300 ypg rush and 293 ypg pass! A look at the Power Plays projected numbers shows the Sooners winning 40-28 but the yards are close. Clemson will be motivated by being #1 and a dog and the Sooners always do great with revenge under Stoops. Oklahoma looks like the most complete team and we side with them here.

4.5★ OKLAHOMA 40 CLEMSON 28

# OUTBACK BOWL

January 1, 2016 • Noon ESPN2 • Raymond James Stadium • Tampa, FL

TENNESSEE (8-4)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
TENNESSEE	177	195	26	+2	✓✓✓	#40
NORTHWESTERN	174	157	17	+5	-	#46

NW finally broke thru for a bowl win in '12 to move to 1-7 in bowls & finally return to one. They're at the bottom of the B10 on offense & need to run the ball to be effective & UT allows 4.2 ypc rush. UT was -22.5 ypg vs 6 bowl tms & NW -41.6 vs 8 bowl tms. NW was 4-2 SU as a dog TY upsetting Stan, Duke, Neb & Wisc. UT has the clear talent edge & as long as the NW tm that faced Mich & Iowa does not show up they should keep it close. Tenn largest win over a Power 5 tm with a winning record was 7 pts.

NO PLAY: TENNESSEE 26 NORTHWESTERN 17

# CITRUS BOWL

January 1, 2016 • 1:00 pm ABC • Citrus Bowl Stadium • Orlando, FL

FLORIDA (10-3)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
FLORIDA	93	156	17	+10	-	#28
MICHIGAN	100	190	20	-6	✓✓	#41

UM should travel well but UF is just 112 miles away. Both teams have avg offenses and top 10 D's. Mich rates the edge on ST's and Harbaugh has more big game exp as a HC. Mich's D gave up over 300 yds rush vs Indv & Ohio St once DT Glasgow was OFY. PP calls this one close to the opening line.

NO PLAY: MICHIGAN 20 FLORIDA 17

# FIESTA BOWL

January 1, 2016 • 1:00 pm ESPN • University of Phoenix Stadium • Glendale, AZ

OHIO ST (11-1)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
OHIO STATE	235	182	30	+2	-	#58
NOTRE DAME	179	219	23	-5	✓	#16

ND is a couple of plays from being undefeated and was 5-1 ATS vs bowl tms (+78 ypg) while OSU was 3-5 ATS (+98). Urban Meyer is 9-2 in bowls with 3 Nat'l Titles. OSU is disappointed not to be in the playoffs while ND was 3-0 as a dog this year. Ohio St is #7 in yds vs opp avg (pg 25) but ND is #8. Meyer's 3 bowls at Ohio St have avg 71.3 ppg and their offense should be at its best.

NO PLAY: OHIO STATE 30 NOTRE DAME 23

# ROSE BOWL

January 1, 2016 • 5:00 pm ESPN • Rose Bowl • Pasadena, CA

IOWA (12-1)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
IOWA	187	146	25	+12	-	#48
STANFORD	157	206	27	0	✓	#15

Will the last guy leaving Iowa please shut the lights off? Iowa should have about 60,000 fans for their first Rose Trip in 25 yrs. Both tms like to run but Iowa allows 3.4 ypc and Stanf 4.6. Stanf has the Off & ST edge and Iowa the stronger D. Stanf is 6-4 ATS vs 10 bowl tms (Iowa 5-2 ATS). Iowa will be playing the no respect card all month and will be a solid defensive dog here with the spread near a TD.

4.5★ IOWA (+) 25 STANFORD 27

# SUGAR BOWL

January 1, 2016 • 8:30 pm ESPN • Superdome • New Orleans, LA

MISSISSIPPI (9-3)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
MISSISSIPPI	209	318	41	0	-	#34
OKLAHOMA ST	57	381	31	+13	-	#54

Ole Miss was +36 ypg vs bowl tms & OSU -54. OSU's D all'd 588 ypg their L5 gms & the Ole Miss offense got better the 2H of the yr when LT Laremy Tunsil came off susp & the OL's moved to their best spot. Ole Miss beat Bama, LSU, MSU, A&M & in OSU's only win vs a ranked tm they were outg'd by 207 yds.

3★ MISSISSIPPI 41 OKLAHOMA STATE 31

# TAXSLAYER BOWL

January 2, 2016 • Noon ESPN • Everbank Field • Jacksonville, FL

PENN ST (7-5)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
PENN ST	111	184	16	+5	-	#49
GEORGIA	157	168	22	+4	✓✓	#76

With 2 below avg Off & 2 top 25 D's you would think under. All our computer point forecasts say under but the yds say over. Franklin's 4 bowls have avg'd 61 ppg combined. Georgia's D only had 21 sks so Hackenberg may have time to throw. Georgia has an interim HC. We'll just sit back and watch.

NO PLAY: GEORGIA 22 PENN ST 16

# LIBERTY BOWL

January 2, 2016 • 3:20 pm ESPN • Liberty Bowl • Memphis, TN

KANSAS STATE (6-6)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
KANSAS ST	68	227	23	-4	✓✓✓✓	#36
ARKANSAS	191	275	37	+7	-	#22

Bill Snyder is one of the best underdog cch's out there going 23-8 ATS as a dog with 15 outright upsets in reg sns but 0-3 in the bowls the last 5 yrs. In years past we have talked about our bowl systems and both are high on KSt. Will Snyder announce this is his last game? We like large underdogs in bowls as they hear for 3+ weeks that they have no chance and Snyder is the Underdog King.

NO PLAY: ARKANSAS 37 KANSAS STATE 23

# ALAMO BOWL

January 2, 2016 • 6:45 pm ESPN • Alamodome • San Antonio, TX

TCU (10-2)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
TCU	216	368	41	0	-	#39
OREGON	294	205	35	+5	-	#33

This is in a dome (perfect conditions) so it will be a shootout. UO avg 48.6 ppg the L5 gms & TCU avg 564 ypg on the ssn. The Off's and ST's are nearly even. TCU despite being banged up on D held opp to 32 yds below their ssn avg & UO's D all'd 50 ypg above. Both teams played a similar schedule and TCU was +168 ypg and Oregon just +68. Keep in mind on the road vs a powerful Oklahoma team and without QB Boykin, TCU lost by 1 on a failed 2pt conv & Boykin here is as healthy as he has been the entire ssn.

4.5★ TCU 41 OREGON 35

# CATCUS BOWL

January 2, 2016 • 10:15 pm ESPN • Chase Field • Phoenix, AZ

WEST VIRGINIA (7-5)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
WEST VIRGINIA	136	304	31	+11	✓	#27
ARIZONA STATE	156	271	27	0	-	#23

WV was 0-6 ATS vs Power 5 bowl teams this year. Ariz St at 6-6 needs a win to avoid a losing season. Ariz St opened the year with a loss to a SEC team and will want to end it with a win vs the Big12. Ariz St faced 9 bowl tms (WV 7) and this is 10 miles from the ASU campus (WV 2078 miles away). ASU is the better team, but PP likes WV & we disagree.

NO PLAY: WEST VIRGINIA 31 ARIZONA STATE 27

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