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TWELVE BOWL GAMES & FCS CHAMP IN THIS ISSUE!!

BOWL GAME OF THE YEAR THIS WEEK!!

PP COLLEGE 4★'s & HIGHER 47-30-1 L12W!

2025 COLLEGE STANDINGS

	Ttl Off	Scr Off	Ttl Def	Scr Def	Net Ypg	Avg Scr		SU Conf	SU All	ATS Conf	ATS All	O/U Conf	O/U All
AAC	1	1	64	70	133.9	45-25	North Texas	7-2	11-2	7-2	10-3	7-2	9-4
	40	69	79	61	27.2	28-24	Tulane	8-1	11-3	5-4	7-7	2-7	4-10
	32	40	77	76	38.8	31-26	Navy	8-1	10-2	3-6	4-8	5-4	8-4
	3	7	83	55	102.2	40-23	USF	6-2	9-4	5-2-1	8-4-1	5-3	7-6
	41	28	61	53	52.0	32-23	Memphis	4-4	8-5	4-4	8-5	4-3-1	5-7-1
	14	22	48	28	115.8	34-20	East Carolina	6-2	8-4	4-4	7-5	4-3-1	5-6-1
	115	105	50	45	-25.8	22-22	Army West Point	4-5	6-6	4-5	6-6	2-6-1	3-8-1
	38	21	76	100	31.5	34-30	UTSA	4-4	6-6	4-4	6-6	5-2-1	8-3-1
	101	67	90	101	-52.0	28-30	Temple	3-5	5-7	4-4	7-5	5-3	8-4
	124	119	96	120	-89.8	20-32	Rice	2-6	5-7	3-5	5-7	4-4	7-5
	22	52	131	131	10.4	30-36	Florida Atlantic	3-5	4-8	5-3	7-5	3-5	6-6
	52	77	120	135	-19.9	26-38	UAB	2-6	4-8	3-5	4-8	3-5	6-6
	59	100	91	95	1.1	23-29	Tulsa	1-7	4-8	3-5	6-6	4-4	4-8
	132	133	135	131	-186.2	14-36	Charlotte	0-8	1-11	3-4-1	5-6-1	5-3	6-6
BIG 12	5	2	3	3	225.9	42-11	Texas Tech	9-1	12-1	9-1	11-2	2-8	4-9
	60	33	28	21	69.2	32-19	BYU	8-2	11-2	6-4	9-4	5-5	6-7
	6	5	62	17	118.3	41-19	Utah	7-2	10-2	5-4	8-4	6-3	8-4
	66	63	46	41	42.7	28-22	Houston	6-3	9-3	6-3	8-4	5-4	7-5
	51	27	16	20	103.3	33-19	Arizona	7-3	9-3	6-4	8-4	4-6	4-8
	56	89	42	50	57.7	25-23	Arizona St	6-3	8-4	4-4-1	5-6-1	3-6	4-8
	61	72	56	26	39.0	27-20	Iowa St	5-4	8-4	4-5	5-7	3-6	4-8
	27	42	70	72	48.3	31-25	TCU	5-4	8-4	4-4-1	6-5-1	4-5	6-6
	31	35	102	68	17.9	32-25	Cincinnati	5-4	7-5	4-5	6-6	5-4	7-5
	84	53	82	81	-16.5	29-27	Kansas St	5-5	6-6	5-5	5-7	6-4	7-5
	67	65	85	82	3.3	28-27	Kansas	3-6	5-7	4-5	5-7	3-6	4-8
	21	41	88	122	59.4	31-33	Baylor	3-6	5-7	1-8	2-10	4-5	6-6
	76	92	35	60	43.0	24-24	UCF	2-7	5-7	2-7	4-8	5-4	6-6
	94	109	109	113	-59.3	22-31	West Virginia	2-7	4-8	5-4	7-5	5-4	5-6-1
	112	116	124	111	-97.2	21-31	Colorado	1-8	3-9	3-6	4-7-1	4-5	5-7
	130	134	117	124	-125.8	14-33	Oklahoma St	0-9	1-11	5-4	6-6	4-5	5-7
ACC	37	29	11	6	133.0	32-13	Miami, Fl	6-2	11-2	4-4	8-5	3-5	5-8
	26	31	23	31	113.0	32-21	Virginia	7-3	10-3	6-4	8-5	3-6-1	4-8-1
	13	23	92	71	69.3	33-25	Georgia Tech	6-2	9-3	4-4	7-5	5-2-1	7-4-1
	70	46	15	36	88.5	30-21	Louisville	4-4	8-4	3-5	4-8	4-4	6-6
	65	16	39	69	54.6	35-25	Pittsburgh	6-2	8-4	6-2	8-4	5-2-1	7-3-2
	69	73	26	39	67.2	27-22	Wake Forest	4-4	8-4	5-3	8-4	5-3	7-5
	33	25	86	32	27.8	33-21	SMU	6-2	8-4	5-3	5-7	3-5	5-7
	36	19	108	91	5.8	34-29	Duke	7-2	8-5	6-2-1	6-6-1	5-4	9-4
	98	88	60	78	-11.7	25-27	California	4-4	7-5	3-5	5-7	4-3-1	4-6-2
	63	45	114	83	-22.0	30-27	NC State	5-4	8-5	5-4	7-6	6-3	7-6
	49	59	54	29	51.9	29-20	Clemson	4-4	7-5	4-4	5-7	4-4	4-7-1
	9	24	29	43	143.3	33-22	Florida St	2-6	5-7	2-6	5-7	2-6	5-7
	131	121	37	67	-47.8	19-25	North Carolina	2-6	4-8	3-4-1	5-6-1	4-4	5-6-1
	118	122	107	96	-88.2	19-29	Stanford	3-5	4-8	4-4	5-7	4-4	6-6
	107	118	126	130	-87.6	20-35	Syracuse	1-7	3-9	3-5	4-7-1	3-5	6-6
	97	113	71	106	-29.3	21-30	Virginia Tech	2-6	3-9	3-5	3-9	3-4-1	5-6-1
	71	83	129	123	-49.2	25-33	Boston College	1-7	2-10	3-5	6-6	4-3-1	7-4-1
BIG TEN	8	4	4	2	215.6	42-11	Indiana	10-0	14-0	6-4	8-5	6-4	8-6
	24	17	1	1	216.0	35-8	Ohio St	9-1	12-1	8-2	10-3	3-7	4-9
	11	9	8	10	197.5	39-16	Oregon	8-1	12-1	5-4	8-5	4-5	7-6
	57	71	21	17	86.7	28-19	Michigan	7-2	9-3	3-6	4-8	4-5	6-6
	10	13	47	47	122.8	37-22	USC	7-2	9-3	2-7	4-7-1	4-5	6-6
	42	18	20	19	98.5	34-19	Washington	5-4	9-4	4-5	7-6	3-6	6-7
	83	54	51	54	19.6	29-23	Illinois	5-4	8-4	4-4-1	7-4-1	4-5	5-7
	121	58	7	7	44.6	29-15	Iowa	6-3	8-4	7-2	9-3	4-4-1	5-6-1
	81	55	22	52	60.5	29-23	Nebraska	4-5	7-5	3-6	5-7	7-2	9-3
	128	99	41	56	-45.7	23-23	Minnesota	5-4	7-5	3-6	4-8	5-4	6-5-1
	95	104	34	34	13.9	23-21	Northwestern	4-5	6-6	5-3-1	7-4-1	4-5	5-7
	89	35	33	38	24.8	32-21	Penn St	3-6	6-6	4-5	4-8	7-2	8-3-1
	45	59	128	117	-25.8	29-32	Rutgers	2-7	5-7	4-5	6-6	4-5	7-5
	88	96	98	78	-40.9	24-27	Maryland	1-8	4-8	3-5-1	4-7-1	4-5	5-7
	99	91	72	105	-33.2	25-30	Michigan St	1-8	4-8	6-3	6-6	5-4	7-5
	135	135	27	40	-70.4	13-22	Wisconsin	2-7	4-8	5-4	6-6	0-8-1	2-9-1
	119	125	84	125	-67.2	18-33	UCLA	3-6	3-9	4-4-1	4-7-1	5-4	6-6
	102	123	119	117	-79.9	19-32	Purdue	0-9	2-10	4-5	5-7	3-6	4-8
PAC 2	123	110	17	26	11.2	22-20	Washington St	1-1	7-6	1-1	9-4	0-2	5-8
	93	125	74	99	-30.1	18-29	Oregon St	1-1	2-10	1-1	3-9	0-2	4-8

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	Ttl Off	Scr Off	Ttl Def	Scr Def	Net Ypg	Avg Scr		SU Conf	SU All	ATS Conf	ATS All	O/U Conf	O/U All
SEC	46	33	12	9	122.4	32-16	Georgia	7-1	12-1	5-3	6-7	4-4	4-9
	23	20	19	35	137.2	34-21	Texas A&M	7-1	11-2	4-4	5-8	5-3	8-5
	2	10	40	22	158.2	38-19	Mississippi	7-1	12-1	4-4	7-6	5-3	6-7
	12	8	55	42	112.8	39-22	Vanderbilt	6-2	10-2	6-1-1	9-2-1	5-3	8-4
	90	79	9	8	81.8	26-15	Oklahoma	6-3	10-3	5-4	7-6	3-6	3-10
	75	39	13	13	91.2	31-18	Alabama	7-1	11-3	5-2-1	9-4-1	2-6	5-9
	73	51	36	24	46.8	30-20	Texas	6-2	9-3	3-4-1	4-7-1	4-4	5-7
	25	30	10	23	154.6	32-19	Missouri	4-4	8-4	3-4-1	6-5-1	3-5	6-6
	4	6	89	92	86.5	41-29	Tennessee	4-4	8-4	3-4-1	5-6-1	5-3	8-4
	110	108	25	14	13.0	22-18	LSU	3-5	7-5	3-5	4-8	2-6	3-9
	106	101	66	77	-33.1	23-26	Kentucky	2-6	5-7	4-4	6-6	6-2	8-4
	58	44	106	96	-7.4	31-29	Miss St	1-7	5-7	3-4-1	7-4-1	5-3	6-6
	80	74	30	32	44.8	27-21	Auburn	1-7	5-7	2-6	4-8	3-5	5-7
	105	110	69	63	-35.5	22-24	Florida	2-6	4-8	3-5	5-7	4-4	5-7
	108	103	53	45	-16.7	23-22	South Carolina	1-7	4-8	4-4	6-6	4-4	5-7
	18	25	123	127	29.7	33-34	Arkansas	0-8	2-10	4-4	5-7	5-3	8-4
MW	16	15	122	94	34.6	36-29	UNLV	6-3	10-3	4-5	7-6	4-5	6-7
	104	89	6	5	75.1	25-13	San Diego St	6-2	9-3	6-2	9-3	2-6	3-9
	85	66	49	48	20.2	28-23	New Mexico	6-2	9-3	4-3-1	7-4-1	3-5	5-7
	28	47	38	64	86.9	30-24	Boise St	7-2	9-5	4-4-1	6-7-1	4-5	6-8
	62	62	52	58	42.7	29-24	Hawaii	5-3	8-4	6-2	8-4	3-5	4-8
	92	77	14	25	56.8	26-20	Fresno St	5-3	8-4	3-5	6-6	2-6	5-7
	29	35	121	90	-2.0	32-28	Utah St	4-4	6-7	6-2	10-3	3-5	6-7
	122	131	44	30	-29.6	16-21	Wyoming	2-6	4-8	3-5	5-7	1-7	2-10
	47	48	118	108	-16.6	30-30	Air Force	3-5	4-8	3-5	5-7	5-3	7-5
	35	113	101	121	13.3	21-33	San Jose St	2-6	3-9	2-6	4-8	5-3	7-5
	127	128	63	87	-67.3	18-28	Nevada	2-6	3-9	5-3	6-6	4-4	5-7
	114	124	125	113	-101.8	19-31	Colorado St	1-7	2-10	2-6	4-8	4-4	5-7
SBC (EAST)	20	11	5	15	186.0	37-18	James Madison	9-0	12-2	5-4	9-5	5-4	8-6
	19	32	32	16	123.2	32-19	Old Dominion	6-2	10-3	4-4	8-5	2-5-1	4-8-1
	116	102	133	128	-133.4	23-34	Coastal Carolina	5-3	6-6	5-3	5-7	6-1-1	7-4-1
	55	67	134	129	-64.6	28-34	GA Southern	4-4	6-6	5-3	7-5	3-5	7-5
	50	42	110	107	-5.6	31-30	Marshall	3-5	5-7	4-4	7-5	5-3	6-6
	72	84	116	103	-31.1	25-30	Appalachian St	2-6	5-7	3-5	5-7	5-3	6-6
	78	120	132	133	-72.7	20-38	Georgia St	0-8	1-11	2-6	2-10	4-4	6-6
SBC (WEST)	125	96	65	61	-65.4	24-24	Troy	6-3	8-6	7-2	9-5	4-5	5-9
	53	48	99	85	1.1	30-27	Southern Miss	5-3	7-5	3-5	5-7	4-4	7-5
	74	85	113	84	-30.6	25-27	Arkansas St	5-3	7-6	6-2	9-4	2-6	5-8
	7	14	94	112	77.1	36-31	Texas St	3-5	6-6	2-6	4-8	5-3	7-5
	100	80	111	98	-65.5	26-29	Louisiana	5-3	6-7	5-3	6-7	6-2	8-5
	79	76	75	109	-6.2	27-30	South Alabama	3-5	4-8	3-5	5-7	6-2	8-4
	117	130	81	119	-63.7	17-32	ULM	1-7	3-9	3-5	5-7	3-5	6-6
CUSA	54	75	103	74	-2.1	27-26	Kennesaw St	8-1	10-4	8-1	10-4	5-4	6-8
	48	50	99	56	2.8	30-23	WKU	6-2	8-4	6-2	9-3	4-4	6-6
	44	64	73	73	29.9	28-25	Jax State	7-2	9-5	5-4	7-7	6-3	8-6
	64	81	78	93	9.4	26-29	Missouri St	5-3	7-6	4-4	7-6	3-5	5-8
	86	70	68	37	-11.8	28-21	Louisiana Tech	5-3	7-5	5-3	8-4	5-3	5-7
	43	55	105	89	3.1	29-28	FIU	5-3	7-5	5-3	8-4	4-4	6-6
	39	57	93	116	14.0	29-31	Delaware	4-4	7-6	3-5	5-7-1	4-4	7-6
	68	82	67	78	13.7	26-27	Liberty	3-5	4-8	2-6	3-9	6-2	6-6
	113	110	97	88	-74.2	22-28	New Mexico St	2-6	4-8	4-4	6-6	4-4	5-7
	82	105	95	115	-27.8	22-31	Middle Tennessee	2-6	3-9	5-3	6-6	4-4	6-6
	111	98	87	109	-59.5	23-30	UTEP	1-7	2-10	1-7	3-9	6-2	8-4
	120	127	136	133	-167.4	18-38	Sam Houston St	1-7	2-10	2-6	3-9	5-3	7-5
MAC	103	87	18	11	37.2	25-17	Western Michigan	8-1	10-4	7-2	11-3	4-5	6-8
	34	59	58	51	58.7	29-23	Ohio	6-2	8-4	3-5	6-6	4-4	6-6
	30	38	2	4	174.1	32-12	Toledo	6-2	8-4	6-2	9-3	4-4	6-6
	109	95	59	49	-22.9	24-23	Central Michigan	5-3	7-5	6-2	8-4	4-4	7-5
	96	86	31	43	18.8	25-22	Miami, OH	6-3	7-6	6-3	8-5	5-4	7-6
	87	94	45	58	14.4	24-24	Buffalo	4-4	5-7	2-6	5-7	6-2	7-5
	129	115	127	126	-133.9	21-34	Kent St	4-4	5-7	5-3	7-5	4-4	6-6
	91	107	80	85	-30.6	22-27	Akron	4-4	5-7	4-4	6-6	4-4	7-5
	134	132	104	103	-134.0	16-30	Ball St	3-5	4-8	3-5	6-6	3-5	5-7
	77	93	115	102	-37.2	24-30	Eastern Michigan	3-5	4-8	5-3	6-6	3-5	6-6
	126	117	43	65	-36.8	21-24	Bowling Green	2-6	4-8	2-6	6-6	3-5	5-7
	133	129	57	66	-73.2	17-24	Northern Illinois	2-6	3-9	2-6	3-9	6-2	6-6
	136	136	130	136	-186.3	11-39	UMass	0-8	0-12	2-6	3-9	6-2	9-3
IND	17	3	24	12	145.0	42-18	Notre Dame	0-0	10-2	0-0	7-4-1	0-0	7-5
	15	12	112	75	46.9	37-26	Connecticut	0-0	9-3	0-0	6-5-1	0-0	8-4

Monday games are not in*cluded above.*

COMPUTER PROJECTIONS		
ISU		MSU
69	RUSH YD	196
212	PASS YD	186
24	PTS	35
+6	YTD TO	+16
#26	SKED	#13

CHECKLIST		
ISU EDGE		MSU EDGE
–	QB	1/2
–	RB	✔
✔	WR	–
–	OL	✔1/2
–	DL	–
–	LB	✔
–	DB	✔✔
–	CCH	–
–	SITE	–
–	MTCH	–
–	INT	–
–	ST	✔
–	SKED	1/2

OVERALL
MONTANA ST
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FCS CHAMPIONSHIP

Monday, January 5th, 2026 • 7:30 pm
ESPN • FirstBank Stadium • Nashville, TN

Illinois St (12-4)
ATS: 10-6 O/U: 9-7

REDBIRDS +5.4 ppg +9.9 ypg

OFFENSE (NC #49 • NCAA #40)

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TOTAL	**16**	**598**	**2943**	**210**	**2733**	**23**	**4.6**
Victor Dawson	16	249	1278	27	1251	5	5.0
Wenkers Wright	11	122	600	9	591	5	4.8
Tommy Rittenhouse	16	101	524	116	408	7	4.0
Seth Glatz	16	70	392	4	388	5	5.5

PASSING	GP	COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT
TOTAL	**16**	**316**	**498**	**63.5**	**3437**	**38**	**13**
Tommy Rittenhouse	16	301	470	64.0	3257	36	12
Beckham Pellant	6	11	22	50.0	83	1	1

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TOTAL	**16**	**316**	**3438**	**10.9**	**38**	**70**
Daniel Sobkowicz	10	78	1089	14.0	18	93
Luke Mailander	12	43	659	15.3	4	46
Dylan Lord	12	61	573	9.4	3	47
Eddie Kasper	12	33	306	9.3	1	37
Scotty Presson	12	23	232	10.1	2	30
Seth Glatz	11	10	154	15.4	2	68

DEFENSE (NC #47 • NCAA #63)

OFF YPG	385.6	DEF YPG	375.8
OFF PPG	30.6	DEF PPG	25.1
OFF RUSH	170.8	DEF RUSH	132.5
OFF PASS	214.8	Pass DEF	243.3
SKS VS	20	SKS BY	34

	OFF	DEF
KR	25.0	17.0
PR	5.5	8.6
ST TD diff	+0	
Net Punt	39.4	39.1
FG's	13-20 (long 51)	
ST Rank	N/A	

Montana St (13-2)
ATS: 9-6 O/U: 8-7

BOBCATS +20.1 ppg +117.2 ypg

OFFENSE (NC #15 • NCAA #17)

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TOTAL	**15**	**611**	**3788**	**270**	**3518**	**44**	**5.8**
Julius Davis	15	165	1113	13	1100	8	6.7
Adam Jones	15	168	1069	22	1047	15	6.2
Justin Lamson	15	164	902	198	704	14	4.3
Colson Coon	14	31	250	2	248	1	8.0
Jared White	11	28	141	2	139	1	5.0

PASSING	GP	COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT
TOTAL	**15**	**251**	**349**	**71.9**	**3039**	**25**	**4**
Justin Lamson	15	237	329	72.0	2892	24	3
Patrick Duchien	6	9	13	69.2	86	1	1

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TOTAL	**15**	**251**	**3039**	**12.1**	**25**	**87**
Taco Dowler	15	69	914	13.2	6	87
Dane Steel	15	37	460	12.4	2	42
Jabez Woods	15	22	337	15.3	2	79
Adam Jones	15	32	285	8.9	2	27
Chris Long	13	22	283	12.9	1	29

DEFENSE (NC #2 • NCAA #13)

OFF YPG	437.1	DEF YPG	339.2
OFF PPG	38.1	DEF PPG	27.2
OFF RUSH	234.5	DEF RUSH	134.3
OFF PASS	202.6	Pass DEF	204.9
SKS VS	29	SKS BY	32

	OFF	DEF
KR	21.8	19.6
PR	13.9	5.9
ST TD diff	+1	
Net Punt	37.1	38.6
FG's	17-21 (long 48)	
ST Rank	N/A	

This is the FCS National Championship game which is being played in Nashville, TN for the first time. Montana St HC Brent Vigen is 11-4 SU in playoff games but has yet to win a National Title. They've been to the Championship twice under Vigen and lost both to NDSU. Illinois St HC Brock Spack is 12-6 in postseason games. He led the Redbirds to the National Title game in 2014 when they lost 29-27 vs NDSU.

ISU is the story of the FCS playoffs. They were 4-3 before a 4 game win streak but lost their reg ssn finale 37-7 vs Southern Illinois. The Redbirds were unseeded in the playoffs and have had to run a road gauntlet. They beat SELA 21-3 in the first round. ISU was +24' at NDSU and pulled the upset of the season, outgaining the Bison 422-179 and won 29-28. The Redbirds pulled their 3rd road upset by beating UC Davis 42-31. They were favored to beat Villanova and never trailed. ISU led 30-7 and Nova scored a late td. QB Tommy Rittenhouse has a 36-12 ratio. They have a 1,000 rusher and WR. Their DB's allowed a 21-13 ratio in the reg ssn but only a 5-6 ratio in the playoffs.

MSU had to rebuild much of their roster after losing LY's Nat'l title gm. They started 0-2 with losses at Oregon and SDSU but they've run the table since, winning 13 straight. They held on to beat Yale 21-13, beat SF Austin 44-28 (-13') in the quarters. The semi's was a rematch of The Brawl of the Wild. They trailed 23-20 mid 3Q, but scored 4 td's including a pick-6 for a misleading 48-23 final. MSU is #4 in our Pass D rankings (62%, 18-16). RB's Davis and Jones have both topped 1,000 yds. QB Lamson has a 24-3 ratio. MSU's D is holding foes 76 ypg below their avg (#2 in FCS).

MSU has a strong edge on D but ISU put up 29 points/422 yds on NDSU who had the FCS' #1 D coming in. PP forecast calls for 59 points which is a lean on the Over and we think this is high scoring.

FORECAST: OVER 56.5 **RATING: 1★**

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SEC

	Start	Current
Vanderbilt	133	139
Texas	135	136
Georgia	136	136
Alabama	142	136
Oklahoma	130	135
Texas A&M	131	134
Mississippi	131	134
Missouri	125	130
Auburn	128	129
Tennessee	131	128
South Carolina	127	126
LSU	135	124
Florida	139	123
Arkansas	127	121
Mississippi St	120	119
Kentucky	117	117

BIG TEN

	Start	Current
Indiana	137	150
Ohio St	144	149
Oregon	134	144
Penn St	144	136
Washington	130	136
USC	129	136
Iowa	129	135
Michigan	140	130
Illinois	132	124
Wisconsin	126	123
Minnesota	124	123
Nebraska	131	121
Northwestern	117	121
Rutgers	127	119
Michigan St	117	118
UCLA	123	113
Maryland	114	112
Purdue	102	107

BIG 12

	Start	Current
Texas Tech	126	147
Utah	124	136
BYU	126	133
Arizona	117	131
TCU	130	126
Iowa St	130	125
Kansas St	125	124
Arizona St	140	123
Houston	121	119
Cincinnati	123	118
Kansas	121	116
Baylor	132	116
West Virginia	115	111
UCF	108	111
Colorado	123	110
Oklahoma St	107	105

PAC-2

	Start	Current
Washington St	101	117
Oregon St	110	96

ACC

	Start	Current
Miami, Fl	124	138
Clemson	137	131
SMU	127	129
Pittsburgh	119	124
Virginia	118	124
Louisville	129	123
Georgia Tech	125	122
Duke	121	121
NC State	119	121
Florida St	117	116
Wake Forest	110	116
California	110	115
Stanford	109	115
Boston College	123	113
Virginia Tech	121	110
North Carolina	113	108
Syracuse	120	101

AAC

	Start	Current
USF	115	128
North Texas	110	121
East Carolina	107	118
Tulane	113	117
Navy	121	117
Memphis	115	114
UTSA	117	113
Army	115	109
Temple	95	100
FAU	98	99
Tulsa	86	98
UAB	95	98
Rice	103	93
Charlotte	92	89

MOUNTAIN WEST

	Start	Current
UNLV	105	118
Boise St	122	115
New Mexico	104	114
San Diego St	103	113
Hawaii	111	113
Fresno St	105	110
Utah St	102	110
Air Force	115	107
Wyoming	112	99
Nevada	102	99
San Jose St	116	96
Colorado St	103	92

CUSA

	Start	Current
FIU	97	107
WKU	103	105
Jacksonville St	104	104
Louisiana Tech	106	103
Kennesaw St	95	102
Liberty	107	98
Missouri St	92	98
New Mexico St	97	96
Delaware	94	96
Middle Tenn	95	94
UTEP	99	89
Sam Houston	97	83

MAC

	Start	Current
Toledo	107	116
Western Michigan	96	110
Miami, Oh	110	107
Ohio	116	106
Central Michigan	95	102
Akron	101	99
Eastern Michigan	94	98
Buffalo	113	97
Northern Illinois	102	96
Kent St	87	96
Bowling Green	100	92
Ball St	94	89
UMass	91	71

SUN BELT

	Start	Current
James Madison	114	129
Old Dominion	114	119
Texas St	109	110
Troy	112	105
Arkansas St	103	105
Louisiana	108	103
Georgia Southern	111	103
South Alabama	111	100
Southern Miss	95	100
Appalachian St	108	100
Marshall	102	99
Coastal Carolina	107	98
Georgia St	102	94
ULM	105	93

INDEPENDENT

	Start	Current
Notre Dame	145	145
Connecticut	109	112

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RELIAQUEST BOWL

Wednesday, December 31st, 2025 • 12:00 pm
ESPN • Raymond James Stadium • Tampa, FL

COMPUTER PROJECTIONS

IOWA		VANDY
125	RUSH YD	185
211	PASS YD	253
24	PTS	32
+2	YTD TO	+1
#39	SKED	#32

CHECKLIST

IOWA EDGE		VANDY EDGE
–	QB	✔✔1/2
–	RB	✔
–	WR	✔1/2
–	OL	–
–	DL	–
1/2	LB	–
✔✔✔✔1/2	DB	–
1/2	CCH	–
–	SITE	–
–	MTCH	–
–	INT	–
✔1/2	ST	–
–	SKED	–

OVERALL
IOWA
BY 2 ✔'s

Iowa (8-4)
ATS: 9-3 O/U: 5-6-1

HAWKEYES +13.8 ppg +44.6 ypg

OFFENSE (NC #108 • NCAA #119)

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TOTAL	**12**	**467**	**2315**	**182**	**2133**	**26**	**4.6**
Kamari Moulton	10	156	799	16	783	4	5.0
Mark Gronowski	12	120	574	83	491	15	4.1
Jaziun Patterson	9	57	301	2	299	0	5.2
Xavier Williams	9	44	266	6	260	3	5.9
Nathan McNeil	9	37	173	4	169	0	4.6

PASSING	GP	COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT
TOTAL	**12**	**164**	**264**	**62.1**	**1649**	**10**	**7**
Mark Gronowski	12	150	240	62.5	1529	8	6
Hank Brown	3	11	21	52.4	107	1	1

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TOTAL	**12**	**164**	**1649**	**10.1**	**10**	**70**
DJ Vonnahme	12	22	288	13.1	2	43
Sam Phillips	12	16	261	16.3	0	45
Jacob Gill	12	22	260	11.8	1	44
Reece Vander Zee	7	11	186	16.9	1	29
Kaden Wetjen	12	20	151	7.6	1	28

DEFENSE (NC #11 • NCAA #6)

OFF YPG	315.2	DEF YPG	270.6
OFF PPG	28.9	DEF PPG	15.2
OFF RUSH	177.8	DEF RUSH	112.4
OFF PASS	137.4	Pass DEF	158.2
SKS VS	17	SKS BY	20

	OFF	DEF
KR	511	261
PR	584	80
ST TD diff	+3	
Net Punt	39.1	40.8
FG's	20-26 (long 58)	
ST Rank	3	

Vanderbilt (10-2)
ATS: 9-2-1 O/U: 8-4

COMMODORES +17.5 ppg +112.8 ypg

OFFENSE (NC #6 • NCAA #12)

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TOTAL	**12**	**384**	**2413**	**182**	**2231**	**34**	**5.8**
Diego Pavia	12	152	940	114	826	9	5.4
Sedrick Alexander	12	102	574	14	560	11	5.5
Makhilyn Young	12	45	419	9	410	6	9.1
Jamezell Lassiter	10	9	146	3	143	2	15.9

PASSING	GP	COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT
TOTAL	**12**	**254**	**362**	**70.2**	**3391**	**28**	**8**
Diego Pavia	12	242	340	71.2	3192	27	8
Blaze Berlowitz	6	9	17	52.9	131	1	0

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TOTAL	**12**	**254**	**3391**	**13.4**	**27**	**70**
*Eli Stowers**	*12*	*62*	*769*	*12.4*	*4*	*67*
Tre Richardson	12	40	679	17.0	6	71
Junior Sherrill	12	46	661	14.4	7	40
Richie Hoskins	12	26	305	11.7	3	53
Cole Spence	12	13	202	15.5	2	33
Sedrick Alexander	12	16	181	11.3	4	26

DEFENSE (NC #64 • NCAA #55)

OFF YPG	468.5	DEF YPG	355.8
OFF PPG	39.4	DEF PPG	21.9
OFF RUSH	185.9	DEF RUSH	103.2
OFF PASS	282.6	Pass DEF	252.6
SKS VS	19	SKS BY	29

	OFF	DEF
KR	405	295
PR	103	34
ST TD diff	+1	
Net Punt	44.2	40.9
FG's	11-12 (long 51)	
ST Rank	38	

This game was formerly known as the Hall of Fame Bowl and the Outback Bowl. Iowa is 3-3 SU here. They won their last trip in '19 when they beat Miss St 27-22. This is Vandy's first trip to this bowl. Kirk Ferentz is 10-11 SU/12-8-1 ATS in bowls. Clark Lea won his only prior bowl trip LY when they beat GTech 35-27 (+3).

Iowa finished 8-5 last year. They brought back 12 starters and added FCS transfer QB Mark Gronowski from SDSU. The Hawkeyes lost a close gm to Iowa St for the 2nd straight year. Iowa played Indiana tight in a 20-15 loss then won 3 straight including at Wisky 37-0 and at home vs Minn 41-3. Iowa lost close games to Oregon and USC then won their L/2 to finish 8-4. All four losses were by 5 points or less and two of those were against playoff teams. QB Gronowski only has an 8-6 ratio but also has 15 rushing td's. Their D allows just 15 ppg/271 ypg and they hold foes 102 ypg below their avg (#11 in FBS). Iowa's pass D is #6 in our PDR, alowing just 158 ypg (57%, 6-11). Iowa is #3 in our ST's rankings thanks to 1st Tm AA Return Man Kaden Wetjen (4 ret td's) and K Drew Stevens has made 4 fg's of over 50+ (L/58).

Vandy was the surprise of the SEC LY when they went 7-6 including an upset over Bama. 17 starters returned including QB Pavia. The 'Dores started 5-0 against a weak sked. They lost at Bama then won 5 of their L/6 (lost at TX) to finish 10-2 but only 3 of their 10 wins were against bowl teams. QB Pavia was a Heisman finalist but he will be w/o Mackey Award winning TE Eli Stowers (769, 12.4). Their D allows 22 ppg/356 ypg and holds foes 9 ypg below their avg (#64). Vandy is #38 in our ST rankings.

Vandy is 18-6-1 ATS L2Y but Iowa is 9-3 ATS TY including 4-0 as an underdog and they were within a td of both Oregon and Indiana. PP has Vandy by 8 but our checklist only has Vandy by 2 and the loss of their star TE is big. Iowa's D keeps this close so no play.

FORECAST: NO PLAY **RATING: NO PLAY**

SUN BOWL

Wednesday, December 31st, 2025 • 2:00 pm
CBS • Sun Bowl • El Paso, TX

COMPUTER PROJECTIONS

ASU		DUKE
170	RUSH YD	96
269	PASS YD	257
28	PTS	29
-4	YTD TO	+8
#18	SKED	#47

CHECKLIST

ASU EDGE		DUKE EDGE
–	QB	✔✔✔
–	RB	✔✔✔
–	WR	✔✔✔✔
✔✔	OL	–
✔✔	DL	–
–	LB	✔
✔✔1/2	DB	–
–	CCH	–
✔	SITE	–
–	MTCH	–
–	INT	–
–	ST	✔✔✔✔
✔1/2	SKED	–

OVERALL
DUKE
BY 7 ✔'s

Arizona St (8-4)
ATS: 5-6-1 O/U: 4-8

SUN DEVILS +1.9 ppg +57.0 ypg

OFFENSE (NC #51 • NCAA #53)

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TOTAL	**12**	**446**	**2551**	**238**	**2313**	**16**	**5.2**
*Raleek Brown**	*12*	*186*	*1178*	*37*	*1141*	*4*	*6.1*
Jeff Sims	9	93	528	62	466	3	5.0
*Sam Leavitt**	*7*	*73*	*429*	*129*	*300*	*5*	*4.1*
Kanye Udoh	11	56	248	8	240	2	4.3
Kyson Brown	4	18	107	1	106	0	5.9

PASSING	GP	COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT
TOTAL	**12**	**224**	**390**	**57.4**	**2514**	**17**	**8**
*Sam Leavitt**	*7*	*145*	*239*	*60.7*	*1628*	*10*	*3*
Jeff Sims	9	78	150	52.0	886	7	5

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TOTAL	**13**	**224**	**2533**	**11.3**	**17**	**70**
*Jordyn Tyson**	*9*	*61*	*711*	*11.7*	*8*	*57*
Malik McClain	12	22	378	17.2	0	36
*Chamon Metayer**	*12*	*38*	*375*	*9.9*	*4*	*27*
Derek Eusebio	11	21	303	14.4	2	68
*Raleek Brown**	*12*	*34*	*239*	*7.0*	*2*	*33*

DEFENSE (NC #16 • NCAA #43)

OFF YPG	399.3	DEF YPG	342.3
OFF PPG	24.7	DEF PPG	22.8
OFF RUSH	188.3	DEF RUSH	116.7
OFF PASS	211.1	Pass DEF	225.7
SKS VS	25	SKS BY	32

	OFF	DEF
KR	251	468
PR	132	252
ST TD diff	0	
Net Punt	33.2	43.6
FG's	21-29 (long 45)	
ST Rank	127	

Duke (8-5)
ATS: 5-6-1 O/U: 9-3

BLUE DEVILS +5.3 ppg +5.8 ypg

OFFENSE (NC #39 • NCAA #34)

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TOTAL	**13**	**419**	**2015**	**293**	**1722**	**24**	**4.1**
Nate Sheppard	13	178	985	23	962	10	5.4
Anderson Castle	13	110	490	20	470	11	4.3
Jaquez Moore	9	39	213	21	192	1	4.9
Travis Bates	13	9	57	0	57	0	6.3

PASSING	GP	COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT
TOTAL	**13**	**307**	**455**	**67.5**	**3668**	**30**	**5**
Darian Mensah	13	305	449	67.9	3646	30	5
Henry Belin	5	2	5	40.0	22	0	0

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TOTAL	**13**	**307**	**3668**	**11.9**	**30**	**77**
Cooper Barkate	13	68	1069	15.7	6	77
Que'Sean Brown	13	54	668	12.4	3	44
Sahmir Hagans	13	37	463	12.5	6	35
Jeremiah Hasley	13	34	404	11.9	5	56
Nate Sheppard	13	35	266	7.6	1	20
Andrei Anthony	11	26	246	9.5	5	35

DEFENSE (NC #97 • NCAA #106)

OFF YPG	414.6	DEF YPG	408.8
OFF PPG	34.0	DEF PPG	28.7
OFF RUSH	132.5	DEF RUSH	140.0
OFF PASS	282.2	Pass DEF	268.8
SKS VS	25	SKS BY	26

	OFF	DEF
KR	652	347
PR	116	45
ST TD diff	+3	
Net Punt	41.6	38.8
FG's	14-19 (long 49)	
ST Rank	10	

Only other mtg in '14 Sun Bowl won by ASU 36-31. Sun Devils also played '17 & '19 Sun Bowl, which was their last bowl win. HC Dillingham lost only bowl LY to Texas, 39-31, as 13pt dog in CFP. Since '12, Duke 5-4 SU & 7-2 ATS in bowls. HC Diaz 0-3 SU & ATS all-time in bowls. Lost Gator Bowl to Ole Miss (-17') LY 52-20.

Reigning Big 12 champ ASU is 8-4 SU & 5-6-1 ATS. They lost in non-conf to Miss St and went 6-3 in Big 12 play. Devils just +2 ppg & +57 ypg, going 5-1 in gms decided by 5 or less. They won 1st 2 conf gms by 3 but were routed by Utah 42-10 (QB Leavitt DNP). A wk later, ASU became only tm to beat Texas Tech. Leavitt OFY in Houston loss but tm went 3-1 with Jeff Sims at QB. Sims a downgrade as passer but dangerous runner (886, 7-5, 466 rush). Devils' top RB & WR out which should give former Army RB Kanye Udoh feature role. ASU D played well all yr, holding opp 81ypg below their avg (#16 FBS). They give up 3.4 ypc and allowed more than 24pts in just the Utah gm. Leading tklr LB Keyshaun Elliott not playing.

Diaz's 2nd yr has been a bizarre one. Devils opened 1-2, losing by 26 to Illinois and at Tulane. They went 4-1 over next 5 and outgained 6-0 GT in only loss. Seesaw ssn cont with b2b losses to UConn & Virginia before beating UNC & WF to win complex tiebreaker and ACC CG gm. In Charlotte, Duke beat UVA in rematch for 1st outright ACC title since '62. Off has been ahead of the D all yr. Darian Mensah is a top QB who's thrown for 3646 (68%, 30-5) and top RB Nate Sheppard (962, 5.4) & WR Cooper Barkate (1069, 15.7) should play. The D really struggles vs the pass (#98, 18-13) and top CB Chandler Rivers has already opted out of gm.

PP has Duke winning 29-28. We agree Blue Devils win but have it by more than the spread so this is a no play. Duke has a big edge on offense, and their struggles in pass D won't get exposed vs this opponent. Mensah outplays Sims who's w/o his top weapons.

FORECAST: NO PLAY **RATING: NO PLAY**

CITRUS BOWL

Wednesday, December 31st, 2025 • 3:00 Pm
ABC • Camping World Stadium • Orlando, FL

COMPUTER PROJECTIONS

MICH		TEX
156	RUSH YD	103
201	PASS YD	260
23	PTS	27
+4	YTD TO	+12
#19	SKED	#14

CHECKLIST

MICH EDGE		TEX EDGE
–	QB	✔
✔✔✔✔1/2	RB	–
–	WR	✔1/2
✔✔	OL	–
–	DL	✔1/2
–	LB	–
✔	DB	–
–	CCH	✔✔✔✔
–	SITE	–
–	MTCH	–
–	INT	–
–	ST	✔✔✔1/2
–	SKED	–

OVERALL
TEXAS
BY 4 ✔'s

Michigan (9-3)
ATS: 4-8 O/U: 6-6

WOLVERINES +8.9 ppg +86.7 ypg

OFFENSE (NC #21 • NCAA #55)

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TOTAL	**12**	**464**	**2763**	**207**	**2556**	**32**	**5.5**
Jordan Marshall	11	150	938	6	932	10	6.2
Justice Haynes	7	121	879	22	857	10	7.1
Bryce Underwood	12	74	429	106	323	5	4.4
Bryson Kuzdzal	8	56	254	10	244	4	4.4

PASSING	GP	COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT
TOTAL	**12**	**179**	**297**	**60.3**	**2229**	**9**	**7**
Bryce Underwood	12	179	293	61.1	2229	9	6
Jadyn Davis	3	0	2	0.0	0	0	1

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TOTAL	**12**	**179**	**2230**	**12.5**	**9**	**69**
Andrew Marsh	12	42	641	15.3	3	69
Donaven McCulley	12	35	534	15.3	3	44
Semaj Morgan	10	19	214	11.3	1	32
Marlin Klein	10	20	209	10.5	1	27
Zack Marshall	12	15	195	13.0	1	37
Channing Goodwin	12	11	145	13.2	0	39

DEFENSE (NC #28 • NCAA #22)

OFF YPG	398.9	DEF YPG	312.3
OFF PPG	27.6	DEF PPG	18.7
OFF RUSH	213.2	DEF RUSH	101.7
OFF PASS	185.6	Pass DEF	210.6
SKS VS	18	SKS BY	26

	OFF	DEF
KR	259	266
PR	65	91
ST TD diff	0	
Net Punt	38.7	41.3
FG's	15-22 (long 56)	
ST Rank	80	

Texas (9-3)
ATS: 4-7-1 O/U: 5-7

LONGHORNS +9.8 ppg +46.8 ypg

OFFENSE (NC #52 • NCAA #71)

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TOTAL	**13**	**394**	**1796**	**240**	**1556**	**14**	**3.9**
*Quintrevion Wisner**	*9*	*131*	*643*	*46*	*597*	*3*	*4.6*
Arch Manning	12	83	386	142	244	8	2.9
*CJ Baxter**	*8*	*54*	*203*	*7*	*196*	*0*	*3.6*
*Jerrick Gibson**	*4*	*37*	*158*	*6*	*152*	*1*	*4.1*
Christian Clark	7	35	139	8	131	1	3.7

PASSING	GP	COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT
TOTAL	**12**	**237**	**387**	**61.2**	**3038**	**26**	**7**
Arch Manning	12	227	370	61.4	2942	24	7
Matthew Caldwell	6	8	11	72.7	85	1	0

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TOTAL	**12**	**237**	**3038**	**12.8**	**26**	**83**
Ryan Wingo	12	50	770	15.4	7	75
*DeAndre Moore**	*11*	*38*	*532*	*14.0*	*4*	*46*
Parker Livingstone	12	26	491	18.9	6	83
Emmett Mosley	8	23	357	15.5	3	40
Jack Endries	12	28	311	11.1	2	54

DEFENSE (NC #26 • NCAA #37)

OFF YPG	382.8	DEF YPG	336.0
OFF PPG	29.6	DEF PPG	19.8
OFF RUSH	129.7	DEF RUSH	98.1
OFF PASS	253.2	Pass DEF	237.9
SKS VS	23	SKS BY	36

	OFF	DEF
KR	281	327
PR	456	171
ST TD diff	+1	
Net Punt	37.9	35.6
FG's	18-22 (long 53)	
ST Rank	4	

Two Blue Blood programs meet for just the 3rd time. They played each other last year and Texas won 31-12. The prior meeting was back in '01 and Texas won that 38-37 in the Rose Bowl. Biff Poggi is the Interim HC and this is his first bowl. LY Mich took out Bama in the Reliaquest Bowl. Sark is 2-3 SU/1-4 ATS in bowls and last year he took the Longhorns to the Semifinals where they lost to Ohio St.

Mich made a big upgrade at QB with true frosh Bryce Underwood. They lost at Oklahoma and USC then won 5 straight. The Wolverines were 9-2 heading into The Game vs Ohio St but lost 27-9, heading their 4 game series win streak. Mich is +9 ppg/+87 ypg. RB's Marshall and Haynes have been the strength, combining for over 1,700 yards and 20 td's as UM rushes for 213 (5.5). The D allows just 19 ppg/312 ypg but they will be w/o DE Moore (10 sk). Interim HC Poggi has done a good job keeping the roster in tact with only 3 players opting out despite the recent turmoil.

Texas was coming off a playoff season and QB Arch Manning stepping with high expectations. Manning struggled early and they lost at Ohio St and at Florida. They beat rival Oklahoma to spark a 4 game win streak as Manning found his footing with B2B 300 yd passing gms vs Miss St & Vandy. The 35-10 loss at UGA was misleading and Texas won their L/2 including over unbeaten A&M but were left out of the playoffs. Manning finished w/a 20-7 ratio. Texas' top 3 RB's have opted out but they only avg 130 (3.9). Their D allowed just 20 ppg/336 ypg but 7 of their top 12 tacklers have opted out including AA LB Anthony Hill and S Michael Taaffe.

The majority of the opt outs on this game are on the defensive side. Michigan is missing their best pass rusher. Texas is missing 7 starters on D. Manning had unfair early expectations but has looked better of late and Underwood is improving. PP has it going over without factoring all the opt outs and we agree.

FORECAST: OVER 46.5 **RATING: 2★**

LAS VEGAS BOWL

Wednesday, December 31st, 2025 • 3:30 pm
ESPN • Allegiant Stadium • Las Vegas, NV

COMPUTER PROJECTIONS		
NEB		UTAH
217	RUSH YD	283
159	PASS YD	173
21	PTS	42
+3	YTD TO	+5
#59	SKED	#44

CHECKLIST

NE EDGE		UT EDGE
–	QB	✔✔✔
–	RB	✔✔✔
–	WR	–
–	OL	✔✔ 1/2
–	DL	✔
–	LB	–
–	DB	✔
✔✔✔✔	CCH	–
–	SITE	–
–	MTCH	–
–	INT	–
1/2	ST	–
–	SKED	✔

OVERALL
UTAH
BY 7 ✔'s

Nebraska (7-5)
ATS: 5-7 O/U: 9-3

CORNHUSKERS +6.3 ppg +59.3 ypg

OFFENSE (NC #75 • NCAA #79)

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TOTAL	**12**	**414**	**2021**	**285**	**1736**	**18**	**4.2**
*Emmett Johnson**	*12*	*251*	*1473*	*22*	*1451*	*12*	*5.8*
Kwinten Ives	7	16	119	0	119	2	7.4
TJ Lateef	6	27	122	24	98	3	3.6
Isaiah Mozee	12	19	85	2	83	0	4.4

PASSING	GP	COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT
TOTAL	**12**	**245**	**350**	**70.0**	**2738**	**22**	**6**
*Dylan Raiola **	*9*	*181*	*250*	*72.4*	*2000*	*18*	*6*
TJ Lateef	6	59	95	62.1	722	4	0

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TOTAL	**13**	**245**	**2738**	**11.2**	**22**	**70**
Nyziah Hunter	43	43	617	14.3	5	64
Jacory Barney	43	43	463	10.8	4	52
Dane Key	35	35	424	12.1	5	40
*Emmett Johnson**	*46*	*46*	*370*	*8.0*	*3*	*56*
Luke Lindenmeyer	28	28	306	10.9	2	26
Cortez Mills	9	9	147	16.3	1	62

DEFENSE (NC #38 • NCAA #23)

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TOTAL	**12**	**530**	**3200**	**163**	**3037**	**37**	**5.7**
Wayshawn Parker	12	133	946	15	931	6	7.0
Devon Dampier	11	127	752	65	687	7	5.4
Byrd Ficklin	11	56	527	24	503	10	9.0
NaQuari Rogers	12	95	383	7	376	10	4.0
Daniel Bray	8	39	298	29	269	1	6.9

PASSING	GP	COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT
TOTAL	**12**	**215**	**342**	**62.9**	**2506**	**25**	**5**
Devon Dampier	11	193	303	63.7	2180	22	5
Byrd Ficklin	11	21	35	60.0	301	3	0

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TOTAL	**12**	**215**	**2506**	**11.7**	**25**	**60**
Ryan Davis	11	57	659	11.6	4	56
Dallen Bentley	12	42	514	12.2	5	44
JJ Buchanan	12	22	351	16.0	4	60
Larry Simmons	12	14	271	19.4	6	48
Wayshawn Parker	12	10	132	13.2	3	52

OFF YPG	372.8	DEF YPG	313.5
OFF PPG	29.3	DEF PPG	23.0
OFF RUSH	144.7	DEF RUSH	172.4
OFF PASS	228.2	Pass DEF	141.1
SKS VS	30	SKS BY	19

	OFF	DEF
KR	26.3	17.0
PR	13.6	5.5
ST TD diff	+3	
Net Punt	37.6	34.3
FG's	16-19 (long 52)	
ST Rank	21	

UTES +22.4 ppg +119.4 ypg

OFFENSE (NC #8 • NCAA #6)

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TOTAL	**12**	**245**	**350**	**70.0**	**2738**	**22**	**6**
*Dylan Raiola**	*9*	*181*	*250*	*72.4*	*2000*	*18*	*6*
TJ Lateef	6	59	95	62.1	722	4	0

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TOTAL	**13**	**245**	**2738**	**11.2**	**22**	**70**
Nyziah Hunter	43	43	617	14.3	5	64
Jacory Barney	43	43	463	10.8	4	52
Dane Key	35	35	424	12.1	5	40
*Emmett Johnson**	*46*	*46*	*370*	*8.0*	*3*	*56*
Luke Lindenmeyer	28	28	306	10.9	2	26
Cortez Mills	9	9	147	16.3	1	62

DEFENSE (NC #58 • NCAA #60)

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TOTAL	**12**	**530**	**3200**	**163**	**3037**	**37**	**5.7**
Wayshawn Parker	12	133	946	15	931	6	7.0
Devon Dampier	11	127	752	65	687	7	5.4
Byrd Ficklin	11	56	527	24	503	10	9.0
NaQuari Rogers	12	95	383	7	376	10	4.0
Daniel Bray	8	39	298	29	269	1	6.9

PASSING	GP	COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT
TOTAL	**12**	**215**	**342**	**62.9**	**2506**	**25**	**5**
Devon Dampier	11	193	303	63.7	2180	22	5
Byrd Ficklin	11	21	35	60.0	301	3	0

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TOTAL	**12**	**215**	**2506**	**11.7**	**25**	**60**
Ryan Davis	11	57	659	11.6	4	56
Dallen Bentley	12	42	514	12.2	5	44
JJ Buchanan	12	22	351	16.0	4	60
Larry Simmons	12	14	271	19.4	6	48
Wayshawn Parker	12	10	132	13.2	3	52

OFF YPG	478.6	DEF YPG	359.2
OFF PPG	41.1	DEF PPG	18.7
OFF RUSH	269.8	DEF RUSH	181.7
OFF PASS	208.8	Pass DEF	177.5
SKS VS	12	SKS BY	31

	OFF	DEF
KR	14.2	19.8
PR	13.8	4.5
ST TD diff	+2	
Net Punt	40.4	41.3
FG's	10-14 (long 54)	
ST Rank	30	

Nebraska leads 4-0 but last met in '92. Huskers won Pinstripe Bowl LY in 1st bowl since '16 and 1st bowl win since '15. HC Matt Rhule 2-2 SU & ATS in bowls. This is Utah's 7th Las Vegas Bowl berth (4-2 SU & 3-3 ATS) and 1st gm as HC for Morgan Scalley.

The post-Kyle Whittingham era at Utah begins in Vegas. Scalley was a former Ute DB and has been on staff since '07 so transition should be smooth. Utah 10-2 SU & 8-4 after going 5-7 in '24. They're a dominant +22ppg and +119ypg but lost 2 biggest gms to TT and rival BYU. Offense gains 116ypg above opp avg (#8 FBS) behind #2 run gm (270, 6.1). Utes have huge edge in backfield with QB's Devon Dampier (2180, 22-5, 687 rush) & Byrd Ficklin (503, 9.0 rush) and RB Wayshawn Parker (931, 7.0). However, elite OT's Spencer Fano & Caleb Lomu opted out. Scalley's D is great against the pass (#2, 49%, 11-14) but the run D got trucked in Nov (275ypg/7.1 ypc).

Nebraska took another step forward in Rhule's 3rd yr by winning 7 reg ssn gms for 1st time in 9 yrs. But there's a long way to go. Huskers' best wins were over Cincy & NW, and they went 0-4 vs best opponents. Plus, blue-chip QB Dylan Raiola went OFY Nov. 1 and is in the portal. Frosh TJ Lateef showed promise but may not be 100% and AA RB Emmett Johnson (1451, 5.8) has opted out. Bkp RB Kwinten Ives has good speed and size at 215 lbs. D played well until unraveling in final 2 gm, allowing ssn high pts to Penn St (37) and Iowa (40). While the pass D gave up just 7 td's and 141 ypg all yr (both #2 FBS), run D allows 171 ypg and 4.8 ypc which is a bad matchup against the diverse Utah ground gm.

Forecast has Utah rolling by 21 while outgaining Huskers 456-376. We have the gm closer so no play on a tm. But we agree with PP that there'll be lots of scoring. Utes have a track record for piling up points as a favorite and will showcase both Dampier & Ficklin. Lateef has been cleared and is ready to show he's next up in Lincoln.

FORECAST: OVER 50.5 **RATING: 3★**

COTTON BOWL

Wednesday, December 31st, 2025 • 7:30 pm
ESPN • AT&T Stadium • Arlington, TX

COMPUTER PROJECTIONS		
UM		OSU
83	RUSH YD	100
182	PASS YD	222
11	PTS	15
+11	YTD TO	+11
#31	SKED	#33

CHECKLIST

UM EDGE		OSU EDGE
–	QB	✔
–	RB	1/2
–	WR	✔ 1/2
1/2	OL	–
1/2	DL	–
–	LB	✔
–	DB	–
–	CCH	–
–	SITE	1/2
–	MTCH	–
–	INT	–
–	ST	✔
–	SKED	–

OVERALL
OHIO ST
BY 4.5 ✔'s

Miami, FL (11-2)
ATS: 8-5 O/U: 5-8

HURRICANES +19.2 ppg +133.0 ypg

OFFENSE (NC #35 • NCAA #35)

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TOTAL	**13**	**457**	**2155**	**179**	**1976**	**23**	**4.3**
Mark Fletcher	11	158	870	13	857	10	5.4
CharMar Brown	12	100	400	11	389	5	3.9
Girard Pringle	8	59	366	3	363	4	6.2
Jordan Lyle	6	35	110	2	108	1	3.1
Chris Wheatley-Humphrey	7	22	117	9	108	0	4.9

PASSING	GP	COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT
TOTAL	**13**	**294**	**400**	**73.5**	**3413**	**28**	**10**
Carson Beck	13	277	372	74.5	3175	26	10
Emory Williams	5	13	19	68.4	156	0	0

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TOTAL	**13**	**294**	**3413**	**11.6**	**28**	**61**
Malachi Toney	13	89	992	11.1	8	61
Keelan Marion	13	44	590	13.4	1	61
CJ Daniels	10	37	420	11.4	7	47
Elija Lofton	13	22	203	9.2	3	29
Joshua Moore	12	15	198	13.2	2	39

DEFENSE (NC #3 • NCAA #10)

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TOTAL	**13**	**451**	**2271**	**155**	**2116**	**24**	**4.7**
Bo Jackson	12	168	1063	28	1035	5	6.2
James Peoples	13	61	352	8	344	3	5.6
CJ Donaldson	12	89	337	7	330	10	3.7
Isaiah West	10	59	316	6	310	2	5.3

PASSING	GP	COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT
TOTAL	**13**	**291**	**373**	**78.0**	**3468**	**32**	**6**
Julian Sayin	13	279	356	78.4	3323	31	6
Lincoln Keinholz	7	11	14	78.6	139	1	0

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TOTAL	**13**	**291**	**3468**	**11.9**	**32**	**87**
Jeremiah Smith	12	80	1086	13.6	11	87
Carnell Tate	11	48	838	17.5	9	57
Max Klare	13	43	448	10.4	2	39
Brandon Inniss	13	32	237	7.4	3	29
Bo Jackson	12	19	200	10.5	1	23
Will Kacmarek	13	12	140	11.7	2	47

OFF YPG	414.5	DEF YPG	281.5
OFF PPG	32.2	DEF PPG	13.0
OFF RUSH	151.9	DEF RUSH	87.0
OFF PASS	262.5	Pass DEF	194.5
SKS VS	11	SKS BY	34

	OFF	DEF
KR	22.2	19.4
PR	14.0	4.9
ST TD diff	+0	
Net Punt	40.5	40.3
FG's	15-17 (long 53)	
ST Rank	54	

BUCKEYES +26.8 ppg +215.6 ypg

OFFENSE (NC #21 • NCAA #24)

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TOTAL	**13**	**451**	**2271**	**155**	**2116**	**24**	**4.7**
Bo Jackson	12	168	1063	28	1035	5	6.2
James Peoples	13	61	352	8	344	3	5.6
CJ Donaldson	12	89	337	7	330	10	3.7
Isaiah West	10	59	316	6	310	2	5.3

PASSING	GP	COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT
TOTAL	**13**	**291**	**373**	**78.0**	**3468**	**32**	**6**
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Lincoln Keinholz	7	11	14	78.6	139	1	0

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TOTAL	**13**	**291**	**3468**	**11.9**	**32**	**87**
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Carnell Tate	11	48	838	17.5	9	57
Max Klare	13	43	448	10.4	2	39
Brandon Inniss	13	32	237	7.4	3	29
Bo Jackson	12	19	200	10.5	1	23
Will Kacmarek	13	12	140	11.7	2	47

DEFENSE (NC #1 • NCAA #1)

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TOTAL	**13**	**457**	**2155**	**179**	**1976**	**23**	**4.3**
Mark Fletcher	11	158	870	13	857	10	5.4
CharMar Brown	12	100	400	11	389	5	3.9
Girard Pringle	8	59	366	3	363	4	6.2
Jordan Lyle	6	35	110	2	108	1	3.1
Chris Wheatley-Humphrey	7	22	117	9	108	0	4.9

PASSING	GP	COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT
TOTAL	**13**	**294**	**400**	**73.5**	**3413**	**28**	**10**
Carson Beck	13	277	372	74.5	3175	26	10
Emory Williams	5	13	19	68.4	156	0	0

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TOTAL	**13**	**294**	**3413**	**11.6**	**28**	**61**
Malachi Toney	13	89	992	11.1	8	61
Keelan Marion	13	44	590	13.4	1	61
CJ Daniels	10	37	420	11.4	7	47
Elija Lofton	13	22	203	9.2	3	29
Joshua Moore	12	15	198	13.2	2	39

OFF YPG	429.5	DEF YPG	213.9
OFF PPG	34.9	DEF PPG	8.2
OFF RUSH	162.8	DEF RUSH	84.8
OFF PASS	266.8	Pass DEF	129.1
SKS VS	9	SKS BY	33

	OFF	DEF
KR	26.3	16.6
PR	11.5	3.5
ST TD diff	+3	
Net Punt	40.2	44.0
FG's	16-19 (long 49)	
ST Rank	29	

These two have split 4 meetings. Miami won the last meeting in '11 24-6 (-2'). This is a rematch of one of the most exciting Nat'l Title games of the century when OSU upset the 'Canes in the '02 Fiesta Bowl. This is Cristobal's 2nd playoff game and he is 3-5 ATS in Bowls. Ryan Day is 4-3 SU/5-2 ATS in playoff games and won his first Nat'l Title last year. OSU is 3-1 all-time in the Cotton Bowl including LY's semifinal win over Texas.

UM was awarded the last at-large bid thanks to their head-to-head win over Notre Dame. The 'Canes two losses were to L'ville and SMU. The defense was dominant in their first round playoff game when they upset A&M 10-3. UM allows just 13 ppg/281 ypg and they hold foes 121 ypg below their avg (#3 in FBS). UM's Dline is their strength, led by DE's Bain and Mesidor. They allow just 87 (2.9) rush and they have 41 sacks including 15 in the last 3 games! RB Fletcher (725, 4.7) is a physical downhill runner. Miami has one of the top Oline's in the country, allowing just 13 sks.

For the 2nd straight ssn OSU enters the playoffs off a loss. They ran the table in the reg ssn but fell short in the B10 Title game, a 13-10 loss to Indiana. OSU's offense was held to 14 pts by Texas and 272 yds vs Illinois but they won both of those games. The Buckeyes D allows just 8 ppg and 214 ypg. They've held foes 165 ypg below their avg (#1 in FBS). LB's Styles and Reese combined for 15 tfl's this year. DE Caden Curry has 11 sacks. OSU has allowed just 9 sacks this year but they did give up 3 vs Indiana.

Both offenses have struggled when they played top notch defenses. Ohio St is coming off a month long layoff while Miami just played two weeks ago and only scored 10 pts. PP calls for just 26 points which puts the game a full 2 td's under the Vegas total. We think the 'Canes D keeps it close and we agree with the low scoring forecast.

FORECAST: UNDER 41 **RATING: 4★**

ORANGE BOWL

Thursday, January 1st, 2026 • 12:00 pm
ESPN • Hard Rock Stadium • Miami Gardens, FL

COMPUTER PROJECTIONS		
ORE		TT
137	RUSH YD	139
230	PASS YD	243
24	PTS	31
+6	YTD TO	+17
#13	SKED	#70

CHECKLIST

ORE EDGE		TT EDGE
✔✔	QB	–
1/2	RB	–
–	WR	✔ 1/2
✔ 1/2	OL	–
–	DL	✔✔ 1/2
–	LB	✔
1/2	DB	–
✔✔	CCH	–
–	SITE	–
–	MTCH	–
–	INT	–
–	ST	✔
✔✔ 1/2	SKED	–

OVERALL
OREGON
BY 3 ✔'s

Oregon (12-1)
ATS: 8-5 O/U: 7-6

DUCKS +22.8 ppg +197.5 ypg

OFFENSE (NC #1 • NCAA #11)

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TOTAL	**13**	**478**	**3017**	**205**	**2812**	**32**	**5.9**
Noah Whittington	11	116	820	22	798	6	6.9
Jordon Davison	13	98	632	7	625	13	6.4
Dierre Hill	13	65	571	14	557	5	8.6
Jayden Limar	7	43	257	8	249	3	5.8
Dante Moore	13	58	300	104	196	2	3.4

PASSING	GP	COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT
TOTAL	**13**	**262**	**363**	**72.2**	**3274**	**29**	**8**
Dante Moore	13	246	340	72.4	3046	28	8
Brock Thomas	7	12	16	75.0	130	1	0

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TOTAL	**13**	**262**	**3274**	**12.5**	**25**	**65**
Malik Benson	13	36	645	17.9	4	64
Kenyon Sadiq	12	42	509	12.1	8	30
Jeremiah McClellan	13	31	480	15.5	2	51
Dakorien Moore	9	29	448	15.4	3	65
Jamari Johnson	13	24	361	15.0	1	56

DEFENSE (NC #9 • NCAA #7)

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TOTAL	**13**	**522**	**2758**	**276**	**2482**	**30**	**4.8**
Cameron Dickey	13	198	1121	26	1095	14	5.5
J'Koby Williams	13	142	808	21	787	6	5.5
Will Hammond	8	43	320	21	299	5	7.0
Adam Hill	8	45	248	8	240	0	5.3

PASSING	GP	COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT
TOTAL	**13**	**301**	**454**	**66.3**	**3762**	**33**	**8**
Behren Morton	11	201	300	67.0	2643	22	4
Will Hammond	8	69	109	63.3	680	7	3
Mitch Griffis	7	26	36	72.2	357	2	0

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TOTAL	**13**	**301**	**3762**	**12.5**	**35**	**73**
Caleb Douglas	13	54	846	15.7	7	61
Reggie Virgil	13	55	676	12.3	6	42
Coy Eakin	13	47	626	13.3	6	42
Terrance Carter	12	46	552	12.0	5	50
J'Koby Williams	13	30	371	12.4	2	73

OFF YPG	468.9	DEF YPG	271.4
OFF PPG	39.2	DEF PPG	16.3
OFF RUSH	217.1	DEF RUSH	113.3
OFF PASS	251.8	Pass DEF	158.1
SKS VS	14	SKS BY	23

	OFF	DEF
KR	20.8	20.3
PR	12.0	1.0
ST TD diff	+3	
Net Punt	39.9	41.2
FG's	16-20 (long 51)	
ST Rank	25	

RED RAIDERS +31.5 ppg +219.8 ypg

OFFENSE (NC #14 • NCAA #5)

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TOTAL	**13**	**522**	**2758**	**276**	**2482**	**30**	**4.8**
Cameron Dickey	13	198	1121	26	1095	14	5.5
J'Koby Williams	13	142	808	21	787	6	5.5
Will Hammond	8	43	320	21	299	5	7.0
Adam Hill	8	45	248	8	240	0	5.3

PASSING	GP	COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT
TOTAL	**13**	**301**	**454**	**66.3**	**3762**	**33**	**8**
Behren Morton	11	201	300	67.0	2643	22	4
Will Hammond	8	69	109	63.3	680	7	3
Mitch Griffis	7	26	36	72.2	357	2	0

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TOTAL	**13**	**301**	**3762**	**12.5**	**35**	**73**
Caleb Douglas	13	54	846	15.7	7	61
Reggie Virgil	13	55	676	12.3	6	42
Coy Eakin	13	47	626	13.3	6	42
Terrance Carter	12	46	552	12.0	5	50
J'Koby Williams	13	30	371	12.4	2	73

DEFENSE (NC #3 • NCAA #3)

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TOTAL	**13**	**478**	**3017**	**205**	**2812**	**32**	**5.9**
Noah Whittington	11	116	820	22	798	6	6.9
Jordon Davison	13	98	632	7	625	13	6.4
Dierre Hill	13	65	571	14	557	5	8.6
Jayden Limar	7	43	257	8	249	3	5.8
Dante Moore	13	58	300	104	196	2	3.4

PASSING	GP	COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT
TOTAL	**13**	**262**	**363**	**72.2**	**3274**	**29**	**8**
Dante Moore	13	246	340	72.4	3046	28	8
Brock Thomas	7	12	16	75.0	130	1	0

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TOTAL	**13**	**262**	**3274**	**12.5**	**25**	**65**
Malik Benson	13	36	645	17.9	4	64
Kenyon Sadiq	12	42	509	12.1	8	30
Jeremiah McClellan	13	31	480	15.5	2	51
Dakorien Moore	9	29	448	15.4	3	65
Jamari Johnson	13	24	361	15.0	1	56

OFF YPG	473.7	DEF YPG	253.9
OFF PPG	42.5	DEF PPG	10.9
OFF RUSH	186.9	DEF RUSH	70.5
OFF PASS	286.8	Pass DEF	183.5
SKS VS	22	SKS BY	33

	OFF	DEF
KR	27.8	16.5
PR	9.4	6.8
ST TD diff	+5	
Net Punt	40.6	38.9
FG's	28-33 (long 58)	
ST Rank	2	

Oregon has won all 3 mtgs, most recently '23, 38-30, in Lubbock. This is 1st Orange Bowl for both tms. Duck HC Lanning 3-1 SU & 1-3 ATS in postseason. Oregon 3-9 ATS in postseason since '14. TT HC McGuire 2-1 SU & ATS in bowls incl LY's Arkansas (+2') loss.

TT built through the portal to win right away and it worked. Red Raiders won first 6 before losing at ASU w/o QB Behren Morton. They rebounded to win final 6, twice over BYU incl in Big 12 title gm. All 12 TT wins were by 22+ pts and they are +31ppg and +220ypg! Offense gains 101ypg above opp avg (#14 FBS), led by Morton (67%, 22-4) and RB Cameron Dickey (1095, 5.5). However, run gm avg less than 4 ypc in 4 of last 6 gms. While the offense is good, the D is great. The front 7 is among the best in CFB. TT leads FBS in run D, allowing 68ypg (lowest in CFB since '21) and 2.3 ypc. They're tied for 6th in sacks, with pressure coming from DE David Bailey (13.5 sks), ED Romello Height (9 sks) & Jacob Rodriguez (11 tfl).

Oregon is back in the CFP for a 2nd straight yr. Ducks lost 1st playoff gm last ssn to Ohio St but beat JMU this yr 51-34 (led 34-6 at half). Their only loss is to unbeaten Indiana, 30-20, at home. Oregon +23ppg and +198ypg, with best wins at Penn St, at Iowa, vs USC and at Washington. QB Dante Moore has met expectations throwing for 3046 with 28-8 ratio. The backs are deep & electric and the rec corps is getting healthy, fueling an attack that gains 142ypg above opp avg (#1 FBS!). The defense is very good (16ppg and #4 against the pass) but not quite at TT's level. Plus, the Red Raiders have the better ST's, ranking #2 in the FBS vs #25 for the Ducks.

Computer has TT moving to the semis with 31-24 win and 382-367 edge in yds. We have Oregon in a close, lower scoring gm making this a no play. In an even matchup, Ducks have more experienced coach and more talented QB which will be the difference. They've also faced much tougher slate and will benefit from JMU tuneup.

FORECAST: NO PLAY **RATING: NO PLAY**

ROSE BOWL

Thursday, January 1st, 2026 • 4:00 pm
ESPN • Rose Bowl • Pasadena, CA

COMPUTER PROJECTIONS		
BAMA		IND
53	RUSH YD	415
227	PASS YD	170
17	PTS	34
+8	YTD TO	+17
#4	SKED	#52

CHECKLIST		
BAMA EDGE		IND EDGE
–	QB	✔
–	RB	✔
–	WR	–
–	OL	✔✔1/2
–	DL	✔
1/2	LB	–
–	DB	–
–	CCH	–
–	SITE	–
–	MTCH	–
–	INT	–
–	ST	✔✔1/2
✔✔1/2	SKED	–

OVERALL
INDIANA
BY 5 ✔'s

Alabama (11-3)
ATS: 9-4-1 O/U: 5-9

CRIMSON TIDE +13.6 ppg +91.2 ypg

OFFENSE (NC #30 • NCAA #74)

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TOTAL	**14**	**449**	**1826**	**287**	**1539**	**21**	**3.4**
Jamarion Miller	10	130	520	16	504	3	3.9
Daniel Hill	13	70	283	12	271	6	3.9
Kevin Riley	10	56	225	3	222	2	4.0
AK Dear	5	19	140	0	140	3	7.4
Germie Bernard	13	18	116	15	101	2	5.6

PASSING	GP	COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT
TOTAL	**14**	**319**	**490**	**65.1**	**3783**	**32**	**5**
Ty Simpson	14	293	457	64.1	3500	28	5
Keelon Russell	2	11	15	73.3	143	2	0

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TOTAL	**14**	**301**	**3551**	**11.8**	**30**	**75**
Germie Bernard	12	57	762	13.4	7	43
Ryan Williams	12	42	631	15.0	4	75
Isaiah Horton	13	35	430	12.3	8	35
Lotzeir Brooks	12	27	362	13.4	0	53
Josh Cuevas	10	30	341	11.4	4	32x

OFF YPG	380.1	DEF YPG	288.9
OFF PPG	31.4	DEF PPG	17.9
OFF RUSH	109.9	DEF RUSH	120.6
OFF PASS	270.2	Pass DEF	168.4
SKS VS	29	SKS BY	25

	OFF	DEF
KR	17.2	17.3
PR	9.0	11.1
ST TD diff	-1	
Net Punt	38.9	40.1
FG's	15-22 (long 48)	
ST Rank	74	

Indiana (14-0)
ATS: 8-5 O/U: 8-6

HOOSIERS +31.1 ppg +215.6 ypg

OFFENSE (NC #6 • NCAA #8)

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TOTAL	**13**	**524**	**3118**	**243**	**2875**	**29**	**5.5**
Roman Hemby	13	176	957	39	918	6	5.2
Kaelon Black	13	143	814	16	798	7	5.6
Khobie Martin	12	69	455	2	453	6	6.6
Fernando Mendoza	13	69	347	107	240	6	3.5
Lee Beebe	3	27	211	2	209	1	7.7

PASSING	GP	COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT
TOTAL	**13**	**245**	**343**	**71.4**	**3271**	**38**	**7**
Fernando Mendoza	13	226	316	71.5	2980	33	6
Alberto Mendoza	8	18	24	75.0	286	5	1

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TOTAL	**13**	**245**	**3271**	**13.4**	**38**	**65**
Omar Cooper	13	58	804	13.9	11	58
Elijah Sarratt	11	51	687	13.5	12	49
Charlie Becker	13	26	515	19.8	2	53
EJ Williams	12	34	416	12.2	5	62
Riley Nowakowski	13	25	316	12.6	2	43

OFF YPG	472.8	DEF YPG	257.2
OFF PPG	41.9	DEF PPG	10.8
OFF RUSH	221.2	DEF RUSH	77.6
OFF PASS	251.6	Pass DEF	179.5
SKS VS	18	SKS BY	39

	OFF	DEF
KR	20.8	20.0
PR	18.0	7.5
ST TD diff	+3	
Net Punt	38.6	41.1
FG's	16-18 (long 58)	
ST Rank	19	

First mtg. Indiana is the #1 playoff seed but Alabama has the playoff experience edge. This is Kalen DeBoer's first trip to the playoffs with Bama but he did lead Washington to the Nat'l Title game in '23. Indiana's first playoff trip was last year when they lost in the first round vs Notre Dame. DeBoer is 3-2 SU in postseason games. Curt Cignetti might not much FBS Playoff experience but he took Elon and James Madison to 5 combined playoff experiences. At JMU he led the Dukes to 3 semifinal appearances and a runner-up finish in '19.

Bama lost their opener to Florida St then won 8 straight including at Georgia. They had a 406-212 yd edge vs OK but lost 23-21. The Tide finished the reg ssn 10-2 then lost the SEC Title gm in a rematch vs Georgia 28-7. They were out for revenge vs OK in the first round. Bama trailed 17-0 2Q. They went 75/9 td then OK dropped a punt snap and Bama kicked a fg. OK was driving late 1H when Bama got a 50 yd Pick-6 to tie the gm and they won 34-24. The Tide avg 31 ppg/380 ypg but they've been held under 300 yards in 3 straight. QB Simpson has a 28-5 ratio but only hit 58% in their L/6 vs FBS foes.

Indiana was the surprise of the FBS last year when Cignetti took the Hoosiers to their first playoff trip. Cignetti brought in Cal transfer Fernando Mendoza. They went 12-0 SU/7-5 ATS in the reg ssn including wins over Illinois, Iowa and Oregon in 3 straight. Their closest win was against Penn St until they beat Ohio St in the Big 10 Title game. Mendoza hit 73% w/a 38-7 ratio and won the Heisman trophy. Indiana's D allows just 11 ppg/257 ypg and they hold foes 105 ypg below their avg. The offense puts up 42 ppg/257 ypg and 127 ypg more than their foes allow on avg. Indiana also has the ST's edge (#19 vs #74).

PP calls for Indiana to win by 17 but Bama has ply'd a much tougher sked (#4 vs #52) and Indiana has had 3 wins by 5 points or less so we prefer the dog here and disagree with the forecast.

FORECAST: NO PLAY **RATING: NO PLAY**

SUGAR BOWL

Thursday, January 1st, 2026 • 8:00 pm
ESPN • Caesars Superdome • New Orleans, LA

COMPUTER PROJECTIONS		
MISS		UGA
93	RUSH YD	196
271	PASS YD	202
20	PTS	26
0	YTD TO	0
#52	SKED	#23

CHECKLIST		
MISS EDGE		UGA EDGE
–	QB	1/2
–	RB	–
✔1/2	WR	–
–	OL	–
–	DL	✔✔
–	LB	1/2
–	DB	✔✔✔✔
–	CCH	–
–	SITE	–
–	MTCH	–
–	INT	–
–	ST	✔
–	SKED	✔1/2

OVERALL
GEORGIA
BY 8 ✔'s

Mississippi (12-1)
ATS: 7-6 O/U: 6-7

REBELS +18.2 ppg +158.2 ypg

OFFENSE (NC #2 • NCAA #2)

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TOTAL	**13**	**507**	**2607**	**194**	**2413**	**36**	**4.8**
Kewan Lacy	13	258	1406	40	1366	21	5.3
Trinidad Chambliss	13	118	586	80	506	8	4.3
Logan Diggs	13	29	181	2	179	4	6.2
Damien Taylor	13	28	130	0	130	2	4.6
Deuce Alexander	13	18	123	0	123	0	6.8

PASSING	GP	COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT
TOTAL	**13**	**287**	**438**	**65.5**	**4061**	**23**	**8**
Trinidad Chambliss	13	241	362	66.6	3298	19	3
Austin Simmons	8	45	75	60.0	744	4	5

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TOTAL	**13**	**287**	**4061**	**14.1**	**23**	**88**
Harrison Wallace	13	48	738	15.4	3	55
Deuce Alexander	13	41	664	16.2	2	88
De'Zhaun Stribling	13	43	612	14.2	6	75
Dae'Quan Wright	13	34	553	16.3	4	64
Cayden Lee	13	35	549	15.7	3	62

OFF YPG	498.0	DEF YPG	339.8
OFF PPG	37.5	DEF PPG	19.3
OFF RUSH	185.6	DEF RUSH	147.8
OFF PASS	312.4	Pass DEF	192.1
SKS VS	15	SKS BY	25

	OFF	DEF
KR	20.9	19.1
PR	7.4	4.7
ST TD diff	+0	
Net Punt	43.8	42.9
FG's	24-27 (long 54)	
ST Rank	32	

Georgia (12-1)
ATS: 6-7 O/U: 4-9

BULLDOGS +16.0 ppg +122.4 ypg

OFFENSE (NC #35 • NCAA #43)

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TOTAL	**13**	**542**	**2616**	**190**	**2426**	**29**	**4.5**
Nate Frazier	13	158	871	10	861	6	5.4
Chauncey Bowens	11	98	532	16	516	6	5.3
Gunner Stockton	13	116	516	74	442	8	3.8
Dwight Phillips	11	35	224	14	210	1	6.0
Josh McCray	12	51	147	9	138	3	2.7

PASSING	GP	COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT
TOTAL	**13**	**268**	**384**	**69.8**	**2864**	**24**	**7**
Gunner Stockton	13	251	355	70.7	2691	23	5
Ryan Puglisi	7	16	27	59.3	161	1	2

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TOTAL	**13**	**268**	**2864**	**10.7**	**24**	**64**
Zachariah Branch	13	73	744	10.2	5	47
Colbie Young	7	23	336	14.6	1	45
Dillon Bell	13	27	279	10.3	2	36
London Humphreys	13	18	276	15.3	3	36
Noah Thomas	13	16	254	15.9	4	64

OFF YPG	406.9	DEF YPG	284.5
OFF PPG	31.9	DEF PPG	15.9
OFF RUSH	186.6	DEF RUSH	79.2
OFF PASS	220.3	Pass DEF	205.3
SKS VS	16	SKS BY	19

	OFF	DEF
KR	20.5	13.8
PR	11.0	3.6
ST TD diff	+2	
Net Punt	43.1	41.2
FG's	15-16 (long 53)	
ST Rank	5	

This is the only rematch of the 2nd round. UGA owns the series lead 34-15-1. They are 9-5 ATS vs Ole Miss since '97. Ole Miss upset UGA 28-10 last year. UGA got revenge earlier this year when they won 43-35 (-7'). UGA didn't punt once in that game. They trailed 35-26 and outscored Ole Miss 17-0 in the 4Q. UGA's 510 yards were the 2nd most Ole Miss all'd all year and they held Ole Miss to a ssn low 351 yds.Kirby Smart is 9-3 SU in the postseason while Pete Golding's only HC win was in the first round over Tulane.

QB Austin Simmons started the first 2 games before they switched to D2 transfer Trinidad Chambliss. Ole Miss started 5-0 this year including wins over Arkansas, Tulane and LSU. They lost to Georgia then rebounded with a 34-26 win at Oklahoma. Ole Miss finished the reg ssn 11-1 then crushed Tulane 41-10 (-17') in the first round. QB Chambliss has thrown for 3,298 (67%, 19-3) and rushed for 506 (4.3). The Rebels D is allowing 19 ppg/340 ypg. They allowed over 500 yards twice. Ole Miss allows 148 rush ypg (4.3) but they are #25 in our pass D efficiency (56%, 13-7). The Rebels are #32 in our ST rankings.

Gunner Stockton got valuable playoff experience LY when Carson Beck was hurt. Stockton led Georgia to a comeback win over Tennessee and nearly did it again vs Bama in their only loss. Georgia has won their last 9 games including the SEC Title game rematch vs Bama 28-7. Stockton has a 24-7 ratio. The Dawgs strength is their front 7. UGA allows just 79 rush ypg and in their L/4 they've allowed 32 rush ypg (1.6) including -3 rush vs Bama and 23 (1.4) vs Texas. UGA's D allows 285 ypg and holds foes 114 ypg below their avg (#7 in FBS). They also have our #5 ST's unit.

PP calls for Ole Miss to stay within the number in a much lower scoring game than the first meeting. Georgia held Ole Miss to a ssn low yards in that game. Both tms know what to expect and the forecast calls for a much lower scoring game than the Vegas Total!

FORECAST: UNDER 56 **RATING: 4★**

ARMED FORCES BOWL

Friday, January 2nd, 2026 • 1:00 pm
ESPN • Amon G. Carter Stadium • Fort Worth, TX

COMPUTER PROJECTIONS		
RICE		TEX ST
212	RUSH YD	210
92	PASS YD	279
20	PTS	38
-2	YTD TO	-7
#78	SKED	#104

CHECKLIST		
RICE EDGE		TS EDGE
–	QB	✔✔✔✔✔
–	RB	✔
–	WR	✔✔✔✔
✔	OL	–
✔	DL	–
✔	LB	–
–	DB	–
–	CCH	✔✔
–	SITE	–
–	MTCH	–
–	INT	–
–	ST	✔✔✔1/2
✔	SKED	–

OVERALL
TEXAS ST
BY 11.5 ✔'s

Rice (5-7)
ATS: 5-7 O/U: 7-5

OWLS -12.4 ppg -89.8 ypg

OFFENSE (NC #134 • NCAA #121)

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TOTAL	**12**	**603**	**2876**	**316**	**2560**	**20**	**4.2**
Quinton Jackson	12	164	846	35	811	6	4.9
*Chase Jenkins**	*12*	*151*	*694*	*163*	*531*	*5*	*3.5*
Daelen Alexander	9	74	398	6	392	3	5.3
D'Andre Hardemann	11	78	325	6	319	2	4.1
Aaron Turner	12	44	251	21	230	3	5.2
Tyvonn Byars	7	29	168	1	167	1	5.8

PASSING	GP	COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT
TOTAL	**12**	**135**	**203**	**66.5**	**1175**	**10**	**3**
*Chase Jenkins**	*12*	*119*	*172*	*69.2*	*1025*	*9*	*2*
*Drew Devillier**	*6*	*10*	*21*	*47.6*	*123*	*1*	*0*

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TOTAL	**12**	**135**	**1175**	**8.7**	**10**	**70**
Aaron Turner	12	53	374	7.1	3	55
Drayden Dickmann	12	37	323	8.7	3	46
Tyson Thompson	11	8	105	13.1	2	37
Quinton Jackson	12	4	74	18.5	1	75

OFF YPG	311.3	DEF YPG	401.1
OFF PPG	19.8	DEF PPG	32.3
OFF RUSH	213.3	DEF RUSH	157.3
OFF PASS	97.9	Pass DEF	243.8
SKS VS	16	SKS BY	22

	OFF	DEF
KR	18.3	15.8
PR	4.9	10.5
ST TD diff	+0	
Net Punt	39.8	36.0
FG's	10-13 (long 49)	
ST Rank	89	

Texas St (6-6)
ATS: 4-8 O/U: 7-5

BOBCATS +5.5 ppg +77.2 ypg

OFFENSE (NC #10 • NCAA #7)

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TOTAL	**12**	**518**	**2862**	**216**	**2646**	**34**	**5.1**
Lincoln Pare	12	199	1045	23	1022	11	5.1
Brad Jackson	12	160	853	161	692	16	4.3
Greg Burrell	12	91	598	8	590	3	6.5
Jaylen Jenkins	12	28	169	2	167	2	6.0x

PASSING	GP	COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT
TOTAL	**12**	**235**	**335**	**70.1**	**3064**	**18**	**7**
Brad Jackson	12	234	328	71.3	3050	18	7
Keldric Luster	2	1	3	33.3	14	0	0

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TOTAL	**12**	**235**	**3064**	**13.0**	**18**	**82**
Beau Sparks	12	80	1113	13.9	9	73
Chris Dawn	11	54	931	17.2	2	82
Lincoln Pare	12	36	306	8.5	2	32
Kylen Evans	12	15	211	14.1	1	45
Mavin Anderson	11	9	155	17.2	1	48
Greg Burrell	12	13	125	9.6	0	23

OFF YPG	475.8	DEF YPG	398.7
OFF PPG	36.1	DEF PPG	30.6
OFF RUSH	220.6	DEF RUSH	170.3
OFF PASS	255.3	Pass DEF	228.3
SKS VS	24	SKS BY	22

	OFF	DEF
KR	23.7	19.0
PR	5.7	5.9
ST TD diff	+1	
Net Punt	38.1	39.7
FG's	19-21 (long 50)	
ST Rank	15	

Tms met in '23 bowl won by Texas St, 45-23. Bobcats scored final 24pts and were +6 TO's. Texas St 2-0 SU & 1-1 ATS in bowls, both under HC GJ Kinne. Rice has lost b2b bowls with last win in '14 Hawaii Bowl. Owls won '12 Armed Forces Bowl vs AF. This is HC Scott Abell's 1st bowl & 1st postseason gm since '22 FCS playoffs.

Texas St was a preseason SBC West favorite despite returning just 5 starters. Bobcats opened 3-1 incl impressive win at UTSA. However, they dropped the next 5 even though they were at least +92 yds in 4 one-score losses. They regrouped, reduced TO's, and won final 3 to go 6-6 SU & 4-8 ATS. The offense is potent, fueling 36 ppg and +77 ypg. QB Brad Jackson is a rising dual-threat star who threw for 3050 (71%, 18-7) and ran for 692 and 16 td's. RB Lincoln Pare has 1022 (5.1) and 2 WR's have 900+ yds. The off gains 112ypg above opp avg (#10 FBS) and only JMU & ASU held them under 30 pts. The D allows 31 ppg but is weakest against the pass, which Rice does poorly, and held final 4 opp below 400 yds.

Abell took over a tm with 7 returning starters and overhauled the offense with the option. Still, Owls upset Louisiana in the opener and started 3-1. They lost the next 3 as American play got tougher but rebounded with a thrilling 2 OT win over UConn to get to 4-4. They won just 1 Nov gm against a brutal sked but landed this berth at 5-7 SU & ATS. Rice is #14 in FBS rushing (213, 4.3) but gain 115 ypg below opp avg (#134 FBS) and starting QB Chase Jenkins and his backup are in the portal. Top RB Quinton Jackson (811, 4.9) could be joined in the backfield by a 1st tm starter. UTSA, Memphis, UNT & USF avg 52 pts vs Rice which ranks 116th in pass D (22-3 ratio).

PP calling for 38-20 Texas St win and tms to be even in rushing. We have it much tighter so it's a no play. Bobcats 5-10 ATS as DD fav and play to level of opp. Frosh QB Patrick Crayton has had a month to prep for 1st start and was recruited to run Abell's offense.

FORECAST: NO PLAY **RATING: NO PLAY**

LIBERTY BOWL

Friday, January 2nd, 2026 • 4:30 pm
ESPN • Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium • Memphis, TN

COMPUTER PROJECTIONS		
NAVY		CIN
302	RUSH YD	139
91	PASS YD	285
25	PTS	29
-1	YTD TO	-3
#84	SKED	#54

CHECKLIST

NAVY EDGE		CINC EDGE
✔✔✔✔✔	QB	–
✔	RB	–
–	WR	✔✔
–	OL	–
✔	DL	–
–	LB	–
–	DB	–
✔	CCH	–
–	SITE	–
–	MTCH	–
✔	INT	–
✔	ST	–
–	SKED	✔1/2

OVERALL
NAVY
BY 6.5 ✔'s

Navy (10-2)
ATS: 4-8 O/U: 8-4

MIDSHIPMEN +5.5 ppg +36.0 ypg

OFFENSE (NC #55 • NCAA #28)

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TOTAL	**12**	**594**	**3669**	**197**	**3472**	**39**	**5.8**
Blake Horvath	11	208	1259	112	1147	15	5.5
Alex Tecza	12	142	829	7	822	9	5.8
Eli Heidenreich	12	67	441	4	437	3	6.5
Brandon Chatman	12	55	423	8	415	3	7.5
Braxton Woodson	9	43	430	16	414	6	9.6

PASSING	GP	COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT
TOTAL	**12**	**97**	**167**	**58.1**	**1582**	**10**	**6**
Blake Horvath	11	88	145	60.7	1472	10	6
Braxton Woodson	9	9	19	47.4	110	0	0

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TOTAL	**11**	**97**	**1582**	**16.3**	**10**	**82**
Eli Heidenreich	12	46	877	19.1	5	82
Brandon Chatman	12	16	158	9.9	0	27
Cody Howard	5	4	128	32.0	1	65
Alex Tecza	12	12	123	10.3	1	29
Luke Hutchison	8	4	104	26.0	2	63

DEFENSE (NC #58 • NCAA #77)

OFF YPG	434.7	DEF YPG	398.7
OFF PPG	32.5	DEF PPG	26.9
OFF RUSH	298.4	DEF RUSH	143.2
OFF PASS	136.4	Pass DEF	255.5
SKS VS	7	SKS BY	20

	OFF	DEF
KR	22.0	19.0
PR	9.0	5.9
ST TD diff	+0	
Net Punt	40.5	38.5
FG's	9-10 (long 48)	
ST Rank	33	

Cincinnati (7-5)
ATS: 6-6 O/U: 7-5

BEARCATS +6.9 ppg +18.3 ypg

OFFENSE (NC #29 • NCAA #27)

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TOTAL	**12**	**91**	**2239**	**82**	**2157**	**19**	**23.7**
Tawee Walker	12	12	727	18	709	4	59.1
*Brendan Sorsby**	*12*	*12*	*624*	*44*	*580*	*9*	*48.3*
Evan Pryor	10	10	538	6	532	3	53.2
Manny Covey	12	12	120	0	120	1	10.0
Zion Johnson	3	3	83	0	83	1	27.7

PASSING	GP	COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT
TOTAL	**12**	**213**	**345**	**61.7**	**2902**	**29**	**5**
*Brendan Sorsby**	*12*	*207*	*336*	*61.6*	*2900*	*27*	*5*
Brady Lichtenberg	3	4	6	66.7	1	1	0

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TOTAL	**12**	**213**	**8898**	**41.8**	**29**	**88**
Cyrus Allen	12	49	665	13.6	12	88
Jeff Caldwell	12	32	478	14.9	6	40
Joe Royer	12	29	416	14.3	4	73
Caleb Goodie	11	29	484	16.7	2	82
Noah Jennings	12	22	318	14.5	0	36

DEFENSE (NC #111 • NCAA #99)

OFF YPG	421.3	DEF YPG	403.0
OFF PPG	31.8	DEF PPG	24.8
OFF RUSH	180.1	DEF RUSH	173.3
OFF PASS	241.3	Pass DEF	229.8
SKS VS	9	SKS BY	22

	OFF	DEF
KR	22.0	17.6
PR	7.9	11-1
ST TD diff	-1	
Net Punt	42.0	36.1
FG's	13-17 (long 46)	
ST Rank	56	

Series tied 3-3, with Cincy winning last 3 from '18-'22. Bearcats last bowled in '22 and last won bowl in '19. HC Scott Satterfield 4-1 SU & 3-2 in bowls at App St & Louisville. Navy 6-1 SU & 7-0 ATS last 7 bowls incl '19 Liberty Bowl win! HC Brian Newberry led Mids to 21-20 win over Oklahoma (-1) in LY's Armed Forces Bowl.

After b2b losing ssns, Satterfield's best Cincy tm will finish over .500. After opening with a 3pt loss to Nebraska, Bearcats won 7 in a row to climb to #17 in the polls. But they collapsed vs the meat of the Big 12 schedule, going 0-4 in Nov to finish 7-5 SU & 6-6 ATS. The offense gained 54 ypg above opp avg but faded late and will not have star QB Brendan Sorsby (3380 tot yds, 36 td's). The backups attempted just 8 passes this yr. Cincy does have a terrific O-line (5.9 ypc, 7 sks allow). The D is soft, allowing 41 ypg above opp avg (#111 FBS). The pass D ranks 121st (18-2 ratio) and will be missing 6 DB's, and the run D gave up 218 ypg in 2H of the yr.

Navy has won 10 gms in b2b yrs for 1st time program history. A here will tie an academy single-ssn record. Mids opened 7-0 against the softest part of the sked before losing at UNT and ND. However, they quickly rebounded with ssn-ending wins over USF, at Memphis (same stadium as this gm), and rival Army to finish 10-2 SU but just 4-8 ATS. The offense again revolves around QB Blake Horvath who rushed for tm-high 1147 (5.5, 15 td's) and threw for 1472 (10-6). Mids lead FBS in rushing (289, 5.9) and SB Eli Heidenreich is an all-around threat (437 rush, 877 rec). New Cincy QB will atack 126th ranked pass D (20-5) and won't face AA NG Landon Robinson.

Computer has Cincy 29-25 with 424-393 edge in yds. We have Navy rolling to a win so this is a no play. Facing the option without their best DT and most of the DB is a matchup nightmare for Bearcat D. Plus, this will be a totally diff offense without Sorsby under center. Mids' postseason success continues with 8th straight bowl cover.

FORECAST: NO PLAY **RATING: NO PLAY**

MAYO BOWL

Friday, January 2nd, 2026 • 8:00 pm
ESPN • Bank of America Stadium • Charlotte, NC

COMPUTER PROJECTIONS		
WF		MSU
204	RUSH YD	173
231	PASS YD	205
31	PTS	28
-5	YTD TO	+2
#69	SKED	#21

CHECKLIST

WF EDGE		MSU EDGE
1/2	QB	–
–	RB	✔✔
–	WR	✔✔
✔✔	OL	–
✔1/2	DL	–
✔1/2	LB	–
✔1/2	DB	–
1/2	CCH	–
✔	SITE	–
–	MTCH	–
–	INT	–
–	ST	–
–	SKED	✔✔1/2

OVERALL
WAKE FOREST
BY 2 ✔'s

Wake Forest (8-4)
ATS: 8-4 O/U: 7-5

DEMON DEACONS +5.3 ppg +67.2 ypg

OFFENSE (NC #85 • NCAA #67)

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TOTAL	**12**	**369**	**2117**	**235**	**1882**	**21**	**5.1**
Demond Claiborne	12	179	946	39	907	10	5.1
Robby Ashford	11	116	605	101	504	7	4.3
Ty Clark	12	8	235	3	232	3	29.0
Chris Barnes	11	13	143	0	143	0	11.0

PASSING	GP	COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT
TOTAL	**12**	**212**	**373**	**56.8**	**2787**	**15**	**10**
Robby Ashford	11	171	289	59.2	2169	9	7
Deshawn Purdie	8	41	82	50.0	618	6	3

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TOTAL	**12**	**212**	**2787**	**13.1**	**15**	**93**
Chris Barnes	11	39	547	14.0	3	70
Carlos Hernandez	12	34	538	15.8	3	93
Demond Claiborne	12	28	140	5.0	0	21
Sterling Berkhalter	12	25	382	15.3	2	51
Eni Falayi	11	19	218	11.5	2	42
Micah Mays	10	18	302	16.8	2	52

DEFENSE (NC #19 • NCAA #25)

OFF YPG	389.1	DEF YPG	321.9
OFF PPG	26.8	DEF PPG	21.5
OFF RUSH	156.8	DEF RUSH	122.3
OFF PASS	232.3	Pass DEF	199.7
SKS VS	16	SKS BY	25

	OFF	DEF
KR	22.7	22.5
PR	11.9	9.2
ST TD diff	+1	
Net Punt	34.8	40.3
FG's	18.22 (long 50)	
ST Rank	52	

Mississippi St (5-7)
ATS: 7-4-1 O/U: 6-6

BULLDOGS +1.3 ppg -6.9 ypg

OFFENSE (NC #39 • NCAA #56)

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TOTAL	**12**	**508**	**2344**	**402**	**1942**	**28**	**3.8**
Fluff Bothwell	10	128	656	17	639	6	5.0
Davon Booth	12	136	582	30	552	7	4.1
Kamario Taylor	10	64	428	33	395	7	6.2
Xavier Gayten	12	24	151	2	149	2	6.2

PASSING	GP	COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT
TOTAL	**12**	**227**	**363**	**62.5**	**2839**	**19**	**9**
Blake Shapen	11	195	304	64.1	2431	15	8
Kamario Taylor	10	30	55	54.5	388	4	1

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TOTAL	**12**	**227**	**2839**	**12.5**	**19**	**75**
Brenen Thompson	12	53	948	17.9	6	58
Anthony Evans	12	63	751	11.9	4	57
Seydou Traore	12	34	356	10.5	5	55
Ayden Williams	12	19	222	11.7	0	49
Jordan Mosley	12	8	168	21.0	1	75
Davon Booth	12	15	165	11.0	2	62

DEFENSE (NC #86 • NCAA #103)

OFF YPG	398.4	DEF YPG	405.3
OFF PPG	30.5	DEF PPG	29.2
OFF RUSH	161.4	DEF RUSH	189.5
OFF PASS	237.0	Pass DEF	215.8
SKS VS	39	SKS BY	20

	OFF	DEF
KR	12.8	17.0
PR	11.3	12.8
ST TD diff	+0	
Net Punt	41.7	37.1
FG's	13-16 (long 55)	
ST Rank	49	

The only prior meeting was in '11's Music City Bowl won by Mississippi St 23-17 (-6'). WF is bowling in their first year under Jake Dickert. The Deacons won their L/2 bowls in '21-'22 and they are 10-3 SU/10-2-1 ATS in bowls since 1992. Dickert is 0-2 in bowls going back to his time at Wash St. Miss St is in their first bowl under Jeff Lebby and their first bowl s/'22. The Bulldogs are 5-7 but were chosen after a handful of teams opted out.

WF had just 11 starters back and had to replace Dave Clawson who did a phenomenal job here. Dickert put his stamp on the team with transfer QB's Ashford and Purdie. The Deacons opened 2-0 but lost their first 2 ACC gms. They won 3 straight including upsets over VTech and SMU. After getting crushed 42-7 at FSU they won 3 straight including over Virginia who finished with 11 wins. The Deacons lost their finale to Duke 49-32 to finish 8-4 and +67 ypg. RB Claiborne (907, 5.1) and WR Barnes (547, 14.0) have opted out. Ashford is a dual threat (2,169 pass, 504 rush) and RB Ty Clark saw action early on when Claiborne was inj'd. The Deacons D has been a huge surprise, holding foes to 22 ppg/322 ypg and 79 ypg under their avg. WF is #13 in our Pass D rankings.

MSU was an early ssn surprise at 4-0 including an upset win over Arizona St. They dropped 7 of their 8 SEC games to finish 5-7 and were -100 ypg in SEC play but were chosen for a bowl after opt outs. QB Shapen has a 15-8 ratio but he was hurt and Kadario Taylor started the Egg Bowl. MSU allowed just 12 ppg/264 ypg in their F/4 but they gave up 38 ppg/476 ypg in SEC play. RB's Bothwell and Booth combine for over 1,000 yds. MSU's run D is allowing 190 (4.9).

MSU is a 5-7 team that is favored in this bowl despite WF being 8-4. MSU has a big edge on offense while WF has a big edge on D. Our checklist has WF by 2 and PP calls for WF to win by 3. We agree with both projections and think the wrong team is favored.

FORECAST: WAKE FOREST (+) **RATING: 3★**

HOLIDAY BOWL

Friday, January 2nd, 2026 • 8:00 pm
FOX • Snapdragon Stadium • San Diego, CA

COMPUTER PROJECTIONS		
AZ		SMU
106	RUSH YD	151
250	PASS YD	233
25	PTS	25
+16	YTD TO	+11
#58	SKED	#63

CHECKLIST

AZ EDGE		SMU EDGE
–	QB	–
1/2	RB	–
–	WR	✔
–	OL	1/2
–	DL	✔✔ 1/2
✔	LB	–
✔ 1/2	DB	–
–	CCH	✔
–	SITE	–
–	MTCH	–
✔	INT	–
–	ST	–
–	SKED	–

OVERALL
SMU
BY 1 ✔'s

Arizona (9-3)
ATS: 8-4 O/U: 4-8

WILDCATS +13.7 ppg +103.3 ypg

OFFENSE (NC #65 • NCAA #47)

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TOTAL	**12**	**427**	**2143**	**338**	**1805**	**20**	**4.2**
Ismail Mahdi	12	122	826	41	785	4	6.4
Kedrick Reescano	9	83	401	7	394	9	4.7
Quincy Craig	11	55	347	12	335	2	6.1
Noah Fifita	12	102	358	209	149	3	1.5x

PASSING	GP	COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT
TOTAL	**12**	**253**	**404**	**62.6**	**3053**	**26**	**7**
Noah Fifita	12	247	386	64.0	2963	26	5
Braedyn Locke	4	5	15	33.3	68	0	1

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TOTAL	**12**	**253**	**3053**	**12.1**	**26**	**85**
Kris Hutson	11	57	740	13.0	4	40
Javin Whatley	12	38	443	11.7	4	85
Tre Spivey	12	21	359	17.1	6	70
Chris Hunter	12	25	351	14.0	2	35
Luke Wysong	12	21	274	13.0	2	47
Gio Richardson	11	19	271	14.3	2	60

DEFENSE (NC #17 • NCAA #16)

OFF YPG	404.8	DEF YPG	301.6
OFF PPG	32.6	DEF PPG	18.9
OFF RUSH	150.4	DEF RUSH	145.7
OFF PASS	254.4	Pass DEF	155.9
SKS VS	29	SKS BY	21

	OFF	DEF
KR	19.6	22.8
PR	10.1	8.8
ST TD diff	-1	
Net Punt	37.6	40.8
FG's	19-32 (long 57)	
ST Rank	97	

SMU (8-4)
ATS: 5-7 O/U: 5-7

MUSTANGS +12.3 ppg +27.8 ypg

OFFENSE (NC #28 • NCAA #29)

RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TOTAL	**12**	**369**	**1882**	**256**	**1626**	**16**	**4.4**
TJ Harden	12	161	772	25	747	6	4.6
Chris Johnson	11	62	470	7	463	4	7.5
Derrick McFall	12	32	187	4	183	2	5.7
Shaadie Clayton-Johnson	7	10	83	0	83	1	8.3

PASSING	GP	COMP	ATT	%	YDS	TD	INT
TOTAL	**12**	**284**	**428**	**66.4**	**3402**	**26**	**10**
Kevin Jennings	12	279	422	66.1	3363	26	10
Charlie Fiser	2	4	4	100.0	30	0	0

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
TOTAL	**12**	**284**	**3402**	**12.0**	**26**	**70**
Jordan Hudson	10	56	749	13.4	6	70
Romello Brinson	12	43	638	14.8	3	75
Yamir Knight	12	47	533	11.3	5	61
Matthew Hibner	12	29	351	12.1	4	37
RJ Maryland	12	27	322	11.9	2	49
Jalen Cooper	11	16	280	17.5	2	75

DEFENSE (NC #74 • NCAA #85)

OFF YPG	419.0	DEF YPG	391.3
OFF PPG	32.9	DEF PPG	20.7
OFF RUSH	135.5	DEF RUSH	106.6
OFF PASS	283.5	Pass DEF	284.7
SKS VS	19	SKS BY	35

	OFF	DEF
KR	19.8	18.8
PR	9.9	3.8
ST TD diff	+0	
Net Punt	39.7	39.0
FG's	14-23 (long 51)	
ST Rank	x	

First mtg since '85. This is just the 2nd bowl Arizona in last 8 yrs. Wildcats won Alamo Bowl in '23. SMU has played in postseason last 3 yrs but has not won since '12 (0-5 SU & ATS!). Both coaches after 1st bowl win. SMU's Rhett Lashlee 0-3 SU & ATS while Arizona's Brent Brennan is 0-3 SU & ATS, losing all 3 as a favorite.

Brennan took a big step forward Yr 2 in Tucson, going from 4-8 to 9-3 SU & 8-4 ATS. They're +14ppg and +103ypg while riding a 5gm win streak into this gm. Cats went 6-2 over last 8 with losses to BYU & Houston by 9 combined pts. QB Noah Fifita keyed turnaround with 2963 and 26-5 ratio. His top weapons are RB Ismail Mahdi (791, 6.4) and WR Kris Hutson (740, 13.0). O-line has allowed 30 sks and will face heat from SMU D. Arizona defense was huge surprise, holding opp 80 ypg below their avg (#17 FBS). Cats are especially good against the pass, ranking #1 in FBS with a 9-19 ratio! Arizona also #3 just behind Indiana & Texas Tech with a TO margin of +16.

SMU took a step back after making ACC CG and CFP last yr. Mustangs lost to 2 Big 12 tms, Baylor & TCU, and stumbled as a favorite to Wake Forest & Cal in ACC play. They finished 8-4 SU & 5-7 ATS after opening ssn 0-5 ATS, and are +12 ppg but just 28 ypg. The offense avg 33 ppg and gains 59 ypg above opp avg (#28 FBS). QB Kevin Jennings has thrown for 3363 with a 26-10 ratio but has run far less than last yr (50, 0.7). When SMU lost, the D was often the culprit, allowing more than 300 yds passing in 3 of 4 losses. However, they do generate a lot of chaos with 34 sacks and 27 takeaways which is just below Arizona at #5 in the FBS.

PP has this even with SMU +28 in yds. We have Cats covering as the fav in a higher scoring gm so it's a no play. Arizona is peaking and is motivated by a 10-win ssn. Both tms rank among nation's best in creating TO's. Jennings makes more mistakes and Cats have better secondary, which will be the difference in San Diego.

FORECAST: NO PLAY **RATING: NO PLAY**

NOTE: Power Plays - PP

PRO FOOTBALL JAN 3rd – JAN 4th

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.

Saturday, January 3rd

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
CAROLINA	282	106	176	19	0	#20
TAMPA BAY	333	137	196	25	+5	#28

The computer has Tampa Bay winning by 6. TB holds the total-yard edge and the better TO margin at home. QB Baker Mayfield and the offense have struggled, but CAR doesn't project enough scoring to punish it. Even with a weaker Special Teams rank, TB should do enough to separate late. PP here!

1★: TAMPA BAY 25 CAROLINA 19

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
SEATTLE	398	159	239	28	-4	#2
SAN FRANCISCO	332	111	221	25	-5	#18

The computer has Seattle winning by 3, driven by a 66-yard total-yard advantage. TO margins are similar and likely won't decide it, but the Special Teams gap (#2 vs #18) supports the close-game edge. With the line near a pick, a field-goal projection is enough. PP here!

1★: SEATTLE 28 SAN FRANCISCO 25

Sunday, January 4th

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
GREEN BAY	259	119	141	17	0	#23
MINNESOTA	234	118	116	20	-8	#6

The computer has Minnesota winning by 3 despite GB projecting +25 in total yards. This game is meaningless for teams but QB Malik Willis is playing for a contract this offseason, which raises effort and volatility. With the computer still landing on MIN by a FG, we don't align at all.

NO PLAY: MINNESOTA 20 GREEN BAY 17

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
INDIANAPOLIS	267	97	170	18	+1	#5
HOUSTON	365	103	262	27	+14	#10

The computer has Houston winning by 9, supported by a 98-yd advantage and a massive +14 TO margin. This sets up like a defense/short-field game, but with the line sitting around double digits, the projection is too close to press.

NO PLAY: HOUSTON 27 INDIANAPOLIS 18

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
MIAMI	287	128	159	16	-2	#7
NEW ENGLAND	373	114	259	30	+1	#13

The computer has New England winning by 14, driven by a dominant yardage gap (+86) and a clean scoring profile. Miami has historically covered well in this matchup(9-1 ATS - 1 loss is from TY), but New England is playing for seeding while MIA has little to play for. NE QB Drake Maye should control pace and align with the projection. PP here!

2★: NEW ENGLAND 29 MIAMI 16

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
KANSAS CITY	290	113	177	22	-1	#14
LAS VEGAS	231	58	173	13	-5	#32

The computer has Kansas City winning by 9, and the setup aligns with a Raiders team in full tank mode. The numbers don't account for the injuries the Chiefs have at QB but it still aligns with a strong difference: a +55 rush-yd is big with pass yds about even. The effort just won't be here for the Raiders and Kansas City should handle them so this aligns with a PP here!

3★: KANSAS CITY 22 LAS VEGAS 13

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
DETROIT	392	124	268	26	+4	#16
CHICAGO	399	165	234	29	+22	#17

The computer has Chicago winning by 3. The TO margin gap (+22) is the swing factor and sets up short-field scores, and CHI has the motivation edge playing for the #2 seed. The problem is pricing—if the line sits right on the projection, it's too tight.

NO PLAY: CHICAGO 29 DETROIT 26

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
NY JETS	239	138	102	14	-19	#1
BUFFALO	378	178	201	36	+1	#26

The computer has Buffalo winning by 22, backed by a +139 yard edge and the Jets' extreme -19 TO margin. BUF QB Josh Allen needs 1 more TD to have his 6th consecutive 40-TD season, if he gets it this game he ties Aaron Rodgers for the most seasons with 40+ total TDs. Allen may end up starting and playing a series here but most of the game will go to Trubisky. The projected gap still holds against a tanking NYJ profile. PP here!

3★: BUFFALO 36 NY JETS 14

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
BALTIMORE	346	163	184	21	-2	#9
PITTSBURGH	340	99	241	21	+11	#19

The computer projects a tie, showing the game should be tight so Pittsburgh getting +3.5 should be a gimmie. QB Lamar Jackson is likely out, pushing BAL even more one-dimensional toward the run. PIT's +11 TO margin a big swing factor and Aaron Rodgers back in primetime where he does well all aligns to taking the points, PP here!

2★: PITTSBURGH 21 BALTIMORE 21

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
CLEVELAND	294	109	185	19	-8	#31
CINCINNATI	328	108	220	27	-2	#15

The computer has Cincinnati winning by 8, with CIN owning the cleaner scoring and passing profile. The game is essentially meaningless but Cleveland has players with meaning: QB Sanders is in an evaluation spot and this could decide what they do at QB, and Myles Garrett chasing the sack record as he needs 1 more against a poor CIN OL. With the line sitting on the projection, it's a pass.

NO PLAY: CINCINNATI 27 CLEVELAND 19

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
DALLAS	417	144	273	27	-10	#12
NY GIANTS	374	127	247	30	-3	#27x

The computer has the Giants winning by 3 despite DAL holding a +43 yard edge. DAL's -10 TO margin keeps this volatile and explains why the yardage edge doesn't translate cleanly to margin. With the projection tight, it's a pass.

NO PLAY: NY GIANTS 30 DALLAS 27

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
WASHINGTON	267	122	145	12	-12	#3
PHILADELPHIA	369	166	203	28	+5	#11

The computer has Philadelphia winning by 16, with dominance across the board: +102 yards, +16 points, and a strong TO profile. PHI is playing for the #2 seed and needs a win plus a CHI loss, while WAS is in spoiler mode with QB Josh Johnson likely starting. With PHI -7 and the projection doubling it, it aligns. PP here!

3★: PHILADELPHIA 28 WASHINGTON 12

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
NEW ORLEANS	326	97	229	19	-3	#29
ATLANTA	341	133	208	22	+1	#30

The computer has Atlanta winning by 3 in a tight projection. ATL carries momentum off MNF with RB Robinson and QB Cousins trending up, while NO's QB Shough has extra individual motivation in a ROTY chase. With the line sitting right on the projection, it's too close.

NO PLAY: ATLANTA 22 NEW ORLEANS 19

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
ARIZONA	309	80	229	15	0	#24
LA RAMS	455	166	289	37	+12	#25

The computer has the Rams winning by 22, supported by a massive +146 yard edge and a +12 TO margin. Seeding is locked, but HC McVay has indicated starters will play regardless, and ARI has already started packing bags for Cancun. PP here!

3★: LA RAMS 37 ARIZONA 15

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
LA CHARGERS	277	101	177	18	+4	#21
DENVER	325	111	214	22	-5	#22x

The computer has Denver winning by 4, but the projection is not usable if LAC is resting starters. With the market pushing DEN toward close to two TDs, projection vs reality doesn't match well enough to play.

NO PLAY: DENVER 22 LA CHARGERS 18

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
TENNESSEE	277	92	185	17	-4	#8
JACKSONVILLE	364	109	255	33	+12	#4

The computer has Jacksonville winning by 16, showing all-around dominance: +87 yards, +16 points, and a major TO margin advantage. Jags QB Trevor Lawrence and crew have been on fire lately and it should be no different here. With Jacksonville favored in the 12–13 range and motivation still tied to seeding outcomes, this lines up as the top play. PP here!.

4★: JACKSONVILLE 33 TENNESSEE 17

NFL-STREAKERS

ATS WINS

Jacksonville	7
San Francisco	6
New Orleans	5
Minnesota	4
Atlanta	3
Philadelphia	3

ATS LOSSES

Tampa Bay	8
Arizona	4
Dallas	4
NY Jets	4
Detroit	3
Green Bay	3

OVERS

Dallas	5
LA Rams	5
New England	4
San Francisco	3
Washington	3

UNDERS

Kansas City	4
Carolina	3

COLLEGE-STREAKERS

ATS WINS

Texas Tech	6
Oklahoma St	4
FIU	4
Toledo	4
Western Michigan	4
Utah St	4
Stanford	3
Oregon	3
Arizona	3
Kennesaw St	3
Washington St	3
Vanderbilt	3
Troy	3
Baylor	3
Ball St	3
Ohio	3
Texas A&M	3
Mississippi St	3
Coastal Carolina	3

ATS LOSSES

Maryland	5
UCF	5
UTEP	5
Cincinnati	4
Liberty	4
San Jose St	4
Wyoming	4
Southern Miss	4
Memphis	3
USC	3

OVERS

UTEP	6
UMass	6
Coastal Carolina	6
Louisiana	5
Northern Illinois	4
Vanderbilt	4
North Carolina	3
Wake Forest	3
Nebraska	3
Liberty	3
Missouri St	3
Buffalo	3
Auburn	3

UNDERS

Wisconsin	6
Wyoming	6
San Diego St	6
Troy	5
Old Dominion	5
Tulane	4
Virginia	4
Illinois	4
Iowa St	4
Arizona	4
Oregon St	4
LSU	4
Georgia	4
Boise St	3
Charlotte	3
Louisville	3
Ohio St	3
Oklahoma St	3
Kansas	3
Hawaii	3
New Mexico	3
Utah St	3
Oklahoma	3
Marshall	3
Georgia St	3

2025 NFL POWER RATINGS

We grade each team position by position and list the **2025** Power Ratings. Each week we update these Power Ratings in our weekly Power Sweep editions.

	TEAM	2025		TEAM	2025
1	SEATTLE	112	17	GREEN BAY	99
2	SAN FRANCISCO	111	18	PITTSBURGH	99
3	JACKSONVILLE	109	19	DETROIT	98
4	NEW ENGLAND	107	20	INDIANAPOLIS	98
5	LA RAMS	107	21	CAROLINA	96
6	BALTIMORE	105	22	CLEVELAND	95
7	CHICAGO	105	23	NY GIANTS	95
8	HOUSTON	104	24	DALLAS	94
9	PHILADELPHIA	104	25	KANSAS CITY	94
10	BUFFALO	103	26	TENNESSEE	94
11	MINNESOTA	102	27	MIAMI	93
12	DENVER	101	28	TAMPA BAY	93
13	NEW ORLEANS	101	29	WASHINGTON	90
14	CINCINNATI	100	30	ARIZONA	88
15	LA CHARGERS	100	31	NY JETS	84
16	ATLANTA	99	32	LAS VEGAS	83

POWER RATING PLAY OF THE WEEK: None

TOP 20 BOTTOM 20 RANKS FOR OFF YPP/DEF YPP/TTL OFF PPG

EFFICIENCY

Rank	Team	Total Rush ATT	Total Pass Att	Total Yards	Off YPP
1	Vanderbilt	384	363	5622	7.5
2	Notre Dame	429	323	5502	7.3
3	North Texas	468	428	6536	7.3
4	USC	395	390	5659	7.2
5	USF	471	365	6020	7.2
6	Cincinnati	365	344	5056	7.1
7	Oregon	451	336	5582	7.1
8	Georgia Tech	435	354	5595	7.1
9	Indiana	524	343	6146	7.1
10	Arkansas	405	381	5458	6.9
11	UNLV	468	395	5965	6.9
12	Navy	542	153	4782	6.9
13	Old Dominion	499	306	5529	6.9
14	Connecticut	377	435	5512	6.8
15	Ohio St	451	373	5584	6.8
16	Florida St	506	339	5665	6.7
17	Texas St	519	335	5710	6.7
18	Mississippi	494	404	5977	6.7
19	Tennessee	459	419	5784	6.6
20	Utah	530	342	5743	6.6
			BOTTOM 20		
117	Sam Houston	370	389	3802	5.0
118	Colorado	430	358	3941	5.0
119	Washington St	399	361	3783	5.0
120	Minnesota	344	371	3559	5.0
121	North Carolina	346	355	3469	4.9
122	West Virginia	523	327	4195	4.9
123	Wyoming	390	385	3776	4.9
124	Coastal Carolina	448	350	3874	4.9
125	Bowling Green	473	286	3680	4.8
126	Syracuse	438	409	4080	4.8
127	New Mexico St	357	472	3932	4.7
128	Troy	460	404	4084	4.7
129	Stanford	392	421	3840	4.7
130	Rice	603	203	3735	4.6
131	Charlotte	364	380	3429	4.6
132	Northern Illinois	501	244	3419	4.6
133	Oklahoma St	404	366	3509	4.6
134	Ball St	453	277	3260	4.5
135	Wisconsin	423	272	3037	4.4
136	UMass	352	415	2970	3.9

Rank	Team	Total Def Rush ATT	Total DEF Pass Att	Total DEF Yards	DEF YPP
1	Toledo	432	328	2984	3.9
2	Texas Tech	387	449	3301	3.9
3	Ohio St	388	316	2781	4.0
4	James Madison	400	394	3219	4.1
5	San Diego St	406	370	3210	4.1
6	Oregon	403	323	3019	4.2
7	Oklahoma	396	378	3283	4.2
8	Miami, Fl	359	380	3333	4.5
9	Wake Forest	425	430	3863	4.5
10	Iowa	384	334	3247	4.5
11	Missouri	377	341	3269	4.6
12	Arizona	441	353	3619	4.6
13	Indiana	349	382	3343	4.6
14	Notre Dame	402	400	3721	4.6
15	Louisville	387	381	3604	4.7
16	Fresno St	396	347	3522	4.7
17	Michigan	394	392	3747	4.8
18	Georgia	361	413	3699	4.8
19	Old Dominion	461	369	3977	4.8
20	Alabama	426	339	3688	4.8
			BOTTOM 20		
117	Colorado	509	323	5108	6.1
118	Eastern Michigan	505	295	4963	6.2
119	Coastal Carolina	482	396	5479	6.2
120	NC State	376	436	5077	6.3
121	Colorado St	491	325	5112	6.3
122	Arkansas	475	339	5102	6.3
123	Rice	417	349	4813	6.3
124	Oklahoma St	458	339	5018	6.3
125	UMass	527	297	5206	6.3
126	Charlotte	484	402	5663	6.4
127	UNLV	433	429	5518	6.4
128	Georgia St	498	340	5386	6.4
129	Syracuse	398	391	5135	6.5
130	Boston College	423	374	5199	6.5
131	UAB	495	285	5090	6.5
132	Georgia Southern	467	386	5580	6.5
133	Purdue	461	312	5082	6.6
134	Sam Houston	461	371	5801	7.0
135	Air Force	367	336	5078	7.2
136	Rutgers	370	311	5194	7.6

PACE

Rank	Team	TTL OFF PPG
1	East Carolina	78.3
2	FAU	78.1
3	Baylor	76.7
4	Arkansas St	75.0
5	Texas Tech	74.9
6	Mississippi	74.8
6	Tulsa	74.8
8	Delaware	74.1
9	Virginia	73.9
10	Boise St	73.5
11	Tennessee	73.2
12	Missouri	72.7
12	Utah	72.7
14	Mississippi St	72.6
15	Appalachian St	71.6
16	Georgia	71.3
17	Texas St	71.2
18	Arizona St	71.1
19	West Virginia	70.8
20	Syracuse	70.6
	BOTTOM 20	
117	South Carolina	62.8
118	Notre Dame	62.7
118	New Mexico	62.7
120	Temple	62.5
121	Kansas St	62.3
121	Vanderbilt	62.3
123	Northern Illinois	62.1
124	Charlotte	62.0
125	Central Michigan	61.7
126	Penn St	61.5
127	UCLA	61.4
128	ULM	61.1
129	Iowa	60.9
130	Ball St	60.8
131	Nevada	60.3
132	Minnesota	59.6
133	Cincinnati	59.1
134	North Carolina	58.4
135	Wisconsin	57.9
136	Kent St	57.7

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