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2014 Bowl issue.

Please remember that this issue was mailed out December 15, 2014 and while many things can and will change we don't adjust our ratings. If you interested in our Late Phones (released day of the games with) there are specials on page 5.

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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 UCLA, Auburn, Colorado, Arkansas and Texas played OUR 5 toughest schedules!

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

The LARGEST difference between our Strength of Schedule compared to the opponent win % is Navy. The Midshipman faced the #13 toughest schedule ranked by opp win % while facing only the #96 schedule in our rankings.

Let's look to the left at Navy's FBS Schedule so far this year. On the right are tougher opponents with the same record

Ohio St	12-1	True Test
Temple	6-6	Arkansas - also 6-6
Texas St	7-5	Stanford - also 7-5
Rutgers	7-5	True Test
WKU	7-5	Texas A&M - also 7-5
Air Force	9-3	Georgia - also 9-3
San Jose St	3-9	Syracuse - also 3-9
Notre Dame	7-5	True test
Ga Southern	9-3	UCLA - also 9-3
S Alabama	6-6	South Carolina - also 6-6

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: USC, Oklahoma, Oregon St, Cal and Duke

Finally, the 5 teams along with Navy to play an EASIER schedule are: Boise St, NC St, Wisconsin and Southern Miss.

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NORTHEAST RANK	DIFF OUR SOS VS '14 WIN %	RANK & % ON 2014 RECORDS	RANK & % ON 2013 RECORDS	DIFF '13 TO '14	NORTHEAST RANK	DIFF OUR SOS VS '14 WIN %	RANK & % ON 2014 RECORDS	RANK & % ON 2013 RECORDS	DIFF '13 TO '14					
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1	UCLA	5	6 0.633	36	0.566	30	65	Tulane	-13	52	0.564	72	0.522	20
2	Auburn	1	3 0.673	1	0.669	-2	66	Tulsa	26	92	0.492	45	0.560	-47
3	Colorado	20	23 0.594	30	0.579	7	67	Southern Miss	-40	27	0.592	106	0.457	79
4	Arkansas	-3	1 0.706	22	0.595	21	68	NC State	-48	20	0.597	25	0.587	5
5	Texas	37	42 0.576	44	0.561	2	69	Pittsburgh	13	82	0.506	16	0.613	-66
6	USC	54	60 0.551	48	0.558	-12	70	Iowa	23	93	0.490	32	0.578	-61
7	Arizona	22	29 0.589	35	0.571	6	71	Fresno St	5	76	0.520	103	0.461	27
8	West Virginia	9	17 0.604	84	0.498	67	72	Cincinnati	22	94	0.485	125	0.352	31
9	Kansas	24	33 0.587	55	0.549	22	73	San Jose St	11	84	0.504	46	0.559	-38
10	Washington St	0	10 0.618	34	0.577	24	74	Boise St	-56	18	0.603	95	0.486	77
11	Iowa St	22	33 0.587	60	0.539	27	75	USF	3	78	0.514	27	0.586	-51
12	Utah	26	38 0.577	8	0.640	-30	76	Louisiana Tech	-27	49	0.569	126	0.318	77
13	California	42	55 0.560	17	0.609	-38	77	New Mexico	-8	69	0.530	101	0.467	32
14	Mississippi	-12	2 0.687	15	0.620	13	78	Eastern Mich	-9	69	0.530	79	0.510	10
15	Oklahoma	53	68 0.533	38	0.565	-30	79	BYU	-5	74	0.523	40	0.563	-34
16	Tennessee	-9	7 0.629	3	0.659	-4	80	Duke	40	120	0.415	57	0.543	-63
17	Texas Tech	36	53 0.562	51	0.552	-2	81	Nevada	-16	65	0.541	40	0.563	-25
18	Northwestern	32	50 0.565	63	0.536	13	82	UNLV	-16	66	0.538	92	0.488	26
19	Notre Dame	26	45 0.573	32	0.578	-13	83	Temple	12	95	0.483	96	0.478	1
20	Oklahoma St	13	33 0.587	29	0.583	-4	84	UAB	11	95	0.483	76	0.516	-19
21	Stanford	4	25 0.594	10	0.635	-15	85	Rice	13	98	0.482	105	0.458	7
22	Texas A&M	-11	11 0.614	6	0.644	-5	86	UTSA	19	105	0.460	88	0.492	-17
23	Oregon St	46	69 0.530	59	0.541	-10	87	WKU	-12	75	0.521	109	0.446	34
24	Maryland	26	50 0.565	90	0.490	40	88	Kent St	11	99	0.481	77	0.515	-22
25	Alabama	-16	9 0.619	47	0.559	38	89	Memphis	17	106	0.455	66	0.531	-40
26	Missouri	3	29 0.589	14	0.623	-15	90	Miami, Oh	-13	77	0.519	111	0.445	34
27	Michigan	21	48 0.569	21	0.596	-27	91	Middle Tenn	-29	62	0.546	113	0.442	51
28	Arizona St	33	61 0.550	5	0.648	-56	92	Hawaii	15	107	0.448	69	0.524	-38
29	Kentucky	13	42 0.576	26	0.587	-16	93	UTEP	17	110	0.443	116	0.425	6
30	Virginia	-22	8 0.624	9	0.639	1	94	South Alabama	8	102	0.468	82	0.499	-20
31	Rutgers	16	47 0.570	80	0.503	33	95	Utah St	-7	88	0.497	75	0.517	-13
32	Kansas St	6	38 0.579	68	0.530	30	96	Navy	-83	13	0.610	90	0.490	-77
33	North Carolina	-17	16 0.605	19	0.599	3	97	Colorado St	3	100	0.480	124	0.384	24
34	SMU	30	64 0.545	107	0.456	43	98	ULM	9	107	0.448	53	0.550	-54
35	Miami, FI	-31	4 0.671	56	0.548	52	99	Bowling Green	-20	79	0.508	118	0.419	39
36	LSU	-23	13 0.610	60	0.539	47	100	Connecticut	-20	80	0.508	82	0.499	2
37	Illinois	-24	13 0.610	64	0.535	51	101	San Diego St	14	115	0.424	98	0.471	-17
38	Georgia Tech	-33	5 0.636	23	0.594	18	102	East Carolina	19	121	0.413	111	0.445	-10
39	Oregon	-13	26 0.593	73	0.519	47	103	Georgia St	-30	73	0.524	64	0.535	-9
40	Minnesota	-12	28 0.59	38	0.565	10	104	Idaho	0	104	0.463	49	0.555	-55
41	Florida	-23	18 0.603	12	0.627	-6	105	UMASS	23	128	0.342	93	0.487	-35
42	Ohio St	-19	23 0.594	51	0.552	28	106	UCF	5	111	0.440	86	0.497	-25
43	Purdue	-14	29 0.589	7	0.641	-22	107	Old Dominion	-12	95	0.483	100	0.468	5
44	Mississippi St	-6	38 0.579	4	0.657	-34	108	Ohio	-7	101	0.476	87	0.493	-14
45	Indiana	10	55 0.560	12	0.627	-43	109	Air Force	-27	82	0.506	97	0.477	15
46	South Carolina	-9	37 0.586	18	0.606	-19	110	UL Lafayette	-19	91	0.492	108	0.448	17
47	Georgia	7	54 0.561	2	0.662	-52	111	Central Mich	8	119	0.418	123	0.388	4
48	Syracuse	-36	12 0.612	36	0.566	24	112	Akron	12	124	0.397	58	0.542	-66
49	Vanderbilt	9	58 0.552	89	0.492	31	113	Toledo	-24	89	0.496	50	0.553	-39
50	TCU	22	72 0.529	40	0.563	-32	114	Western Mich	-2	112	0.435	81	0.500	-31
51	Florida St	-22	29 0.589	53	0.550	24	115	Northern Illinois	-3	112	0.435	120	0.412	8
52	Penn St	10	62 0.546	69	0.524	7	116	North Texas	11	127	0.367	104	0.460	-23
53	Virginia Tech	-33	20 0.597	11	0.630	-9	117	Troy	-8	109	0.447	84	0.498	-25
54	Baylor	26	80 0.508	24	0.589	-56	118	FIU	-33	85	0.501	93	0.487	8
55	Washington	31	86 0.500	30	0.579	-56	119	New Mexico St	4	123	0.405	98	0.471	-25
56	Boston College	-23	33 0.587	62	0.537	29	120	Army	-3	117	0.420	122	0.393	5
57	Clemson	-11	46 0.572	19	0.598	-27	121	Ga Southern	-4	117	0.420	N/A	-	-45
58	Louisville	9	67 0.537	109	0.446	42	122	Arkansas St	-6	116	0.424	71	0.524	-45
59	Michigan St	-2	57 0.555	74	0.518	17	123	Houston	-9	114	0.428	43	0.562	-71
60	Wake Forest	-18	42 0.576	27	0.586	-15	124	Marshall	-21	103	0.465	115	0.43	12
61	Nebraska	-2	59 0.552	77	0.515	18	125	Ball St	-38	87	0.499	121	0.402	34
62	Wyoming	-24	38 0.577	114	0.435	76	126	Texas St	-1	125	0.393	119	0.415	-6
63	Wisconsin	-41	22 0.595	66	0.531	44	127	Appalachian St	-1	126	0.392	N/A	-	-
64	Florida Atlantic	26	90 0.494	102	0.462	12	128	Buffalo	-6	122	0.412	117	0.424	-5

STRENGTH OF SCHEDULE COMPARISON

BOWL ATS AND O/U NUMBERS THE LAY

FAV'S OF	0-2.5	3-6.5	7-9.5	10-14.5	15+	OVERALL
2010	6-6	7-5	3-3	2-2	1-0	19-16
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
TOTAL	17-21	24-26-3	16-11	10-10	2-2	69-70-3
OV/UND'S	0-2.5	3-6.5	7-9.5	10-14.5	15+	OVERALL
2010	9-2-1	3-9	4-2	3-1	0-1	19-15-1
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
TOTAL	21-16-1	19-33	13-12-2	10-10-1	3-1	66-72-4

LARGEST LINES L4Y LARGEST COVERS L4Y LINE

2012	Oklahoma St-Heart of Dallas (Ticket City)	WIN -17.0	2012	SMU-Hawaii	46	+13
2010	Boise St-Las Vegas	WIN -16.5	2011	West Virginia-Orange	40	+3
2013	Baylor- Fiesta	Loss -16.5	2012	Ohio-Independence	38	+7
2013	Alabama- Sugar	Loss -15.0	2010	Tulsa-Hawaii	37	+10
2010	Oklahoma-Fiesta	WIN -14.5	2010	Mississippi St-Gator	34.5	-3.5
2011	Boise St-Las Vegas	WIN -14.5	2010	Alabama-Capital One	34	-8
2013	Oregon-Alamo	WIN -14.5	2013	Miami, FI-Russell Athletic (Champs Sports)	32	+5
2013	Notre Dame-Pinstripe	Loss -14.5	2013	Mississippi St-Auto Zone Liberty	30	-7
			2013	Boston College-Advocare	30	+7
			2013	Oklahoma- Sugar	29	+15

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SEC		BIG TEN		BIG 12		PAC-12		ACC		AAC	
Start	Current	Start	Current	Start	Current	Start	Current	Start	Current	Start	Current
Alabama 137	148	Ohio St 129	141	TCU 130	147	Oregon 139	148	Florida St 148	140	Memphis 113	126
Georgia 132	140	Michigan St 138	138	Baylor 132	140	Stanford 138	137	Georgia Tech 123	137	Cincinnati 121	124
Mississippi 133	140	Wisconsin 131	133	Kansas St 131	139	USC 137	136	Clemson 130	128	UCF 125	123
Miss St 134	140	Nebraska 125	129	Oklahoma 145	133	Arizona 125	133	Louisville 126	127	E Carolina 114	120
Arkansas 125	139	Minnesota 122	128	Texas 128	129	Arizona St 126	132	Pittsburgh 123	123	Houston 124	119
LSU 132	134	Iowa 127	126	West Virginia 117	129	UCLA 143	131	Boston College 107	122	Temple 118	117
Missouri 130	133	Northwestern 125	120	Oklahoma St 129	123	Washington 130	130	Virginia 114	122	USF 111	107
Auburn 142	131	Maryland 128	120	Texas Tech 124	117	Utah 127	126	N Carolina St 114	120	Tulane 106	104
Florida 127	128	Michigan 128	119	Kansas 113	111	Oregon St 131	118	Virginia Tech 120	119	Tulsa 105	104
Tennessee 120	126	Illinois 116	119	Iowa St 119	108	California 112	117	Duke 122	119	SMU 113	96
Texas A&M 129	126	Penn St 121	118			Wash St 125	117	N Carolina 131	118	Connecticut 111	96
S Carolina 139	123	Rutgers 117	117			Colorado 113	116	Syracuse 124	109		
Kentucky 114	116	Indiana 118	113					Wake Forest 116	107		
Vanderbilt 121	108	Purdue 109	112								

MOUNTAIN WEST		CUSA		MAC		SUN BELT		INDEPENDENT	
Start	Current	Start	Current	Start	Current	Start	Current	Start	Current
Boise St 123	130	Marshall 123	125	N Illinois 118	122	Louisiana 109	110	Navy 122	122
Colorado St 121	122	La Tech 104	122	Toledo 115	116	Appalachian St 88	108	BYU 127	121
San Diego St 115	118	WKU 101	117	W Michigan 104	116	Arkansas St 108	107	Notre Dame 127	120
Utah St 119	117	UAB 96	113	C Michigan 113	110	Texas St 96	107	Army 103	103
Air Force 103	116	Rice 111	111	Ball St 112	107	Georgia Southern 86	105		
Fresno St 116	115	UTEP 98	106	Ohio 105	106	S Alabama 110	104		
Nevada 117	115	Old Dominion 95	104	Buffalo 104	105	ULM 105	101		
Hawaii 107	106	Middle Tenn 108	103	Bowling Green 123	104	Troy 105	96		
Wyoming 102	104	North Texas 113	102	Akron 112	103	Idaho 94	90		
New Mexico 101	103	UTSA 120	102	Kent St 111	102	Georgia St 91	84		
San Jose St 110	99	FAU 109	101	Miami, OH 96	99	N Mexico St 86	84		
UNLV 106	97	FIU 99	99	UMass 93	97				
		S Miss 100	96	E Michigan 91	85				

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WEEKLY MATCHUP STAT COMPARISON

2014 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 Off	Rush Off	Rush Off	Off Pass	Off	PPG Def	Def Rush	Def Rush	Def Pass	Def
	Off YPG	YPC	YPC	Comp %	Def Avg	Def YPG	YPC	YPC	YPC	Comp %
† Nevada	34.0	225.3	5.0	187.2	64.4	28.3	206.5	5.1	244.2	65.0
† Louisiana	31.5	222.5	5.6	207.5	64.7	28.2	167.3	4.5	265.2	60.0
† UTEP	22.7	153.2	4.0	169.7	55.4	33.8	186.8	5.1	183.3	52.9
† Utah	35.5	201.8	5.2	213.7	62.4	18.0	113.8	2.9	211.7	49.8
† Utah	26.5	159.7	3.7	152.0	64.7	21.8	153.0	3.7	226.2	57.9
† Colorado St	43.2	210.8	5.7	349.5	69.4	20.7	161.2	4.6	204.0	51.5
† Western Michigan	33.9	184.1	4.9	228.9	64.5	27.6	145.1	4.3	226.1	54.0
† Air Force	34.8	312.8	4.9	109.3	56.8	24.0	180.0	4.4	231.0	54.3
† Bowling Green	27.1	144.6	3.8	242.0	53.0	38.6	244.6	5.6	320.1	58.6
† South Alabama	21.7	205.5	4.9	176.0	50.7	27.5	228.5	5.1	184.8	57.1
† BYU	33.2	156.7	3.8	275.0	64.0	24.0	120.8	3.2	284.7	60.2
† Memphis	39.2	224.7	5.0	218.8	64.4	15.8	109.0	3.0	207.8	55.2
† Northern Illinois	31.4	239.3	4.9	176.5	59.2	23.9	149.3	3.9	224.0	58.1
† Marshall	44.1	280.7	6.7	331.0	57.1	23.6	154.6	3.9	202.0	58.1
† Navy	30.8	364.0	6.2	78.2	46.4	33.0	202.5	4.8	225.8	66.3
† San Diego St	32.5	243.2	5.4	199.5	54.7	12.7	127.8	3.5	202.7	52.5
† Central Michigan	171.3	4.0	227.3	69.5	20.2	105.5	3.3	219.0	56.8	
† WKU	49.3	185.7	5.5	351.2	74.2	30.3	209.7	4.6	233.7	63.8
† Rice	26.4	152.0	3.7	217.1	59.6	37.7	199.1	5.1	263.1	57.1
† Fresno St	30.3	206.0	5.0	201.2	56.1	29.0	181.5	4.7	266.8	57.1
† Illinois	24.4	140.0	3.9	191.5	55.1	43.0	310.8	6.0	189.8	58.4
† Louisiana Tech	48.8	181.6	5.0	282.0	57.7	18.8	100.6	2.8	204.0	55.4
† Rutgers	26.2	171.7	4.3	219.8	58.6	40.5	219.3	6.0	276.7	64.1
† North Carolina	33.2	151.5	4.1	256.5	62.1	33.8	260.8	5.3	205.8	59.4
† NC State	25.2	214.6	5.0	156.8	56.5	22.4	106.0	3.0	208.6	50.3
† UCF	35.0	151.2	3.3	254.7	59.0	12.0	103.2	3.2	112.2	49.7
† Cincinnati	32.7	162.0	4.6	256.5	58.7	21.3	184.5	5.1	212.7	61.5
† Virginia Tech	25.0	162.1	4.5	251.6	59.3	23.4	154.3	4.2	194.1	47.4
† Duke	30.6	155.8	4.5	201.4	56.8	24.4	224.0	4.8	200.6	59.3
† Arizona St	37.3	174.0	4.2	282.3	61.4	27.3	116.5	3.4	304.5	56.5
† Miami, FL	20.8	136.2	4.7	226.6	60.7	27.2	221.2	4.7	132.0	67.3
† South Carolina	34.1	180.3	4.8	289.1	59.5	28.3	191.4	4.9	245.3	60.8
† Boston College	26.6	269.6	5.2	124.4	63.5	17.8	59.2	2.1	237.8	60.1
† Penn St	22.6	104.9	3.0	211.3	51.8	19.6	86.6	2.5	190.1	51.5
† Nebraska	35.2	168.0	4.2	213.0	49.7	31.2	226.6	5.4	184.8	48.8
† USC	44.0	199.0	4.2	336.7	70.7	22.2	104.5	3.5	258.0	53.8
† West Virginia	31.2	192.5	4.5	324.7	66.7	28.5	204.0	5.3	253.8	55.3
† Texas A&M	33.0	129.9	4.3	284.0	64.2	21.3	224.6	5.1	199.9	56.0
† Clemson	19.0	114.4	3.0	228.2	61.7	25.8	143.8	3.8	158.6	54.0
† Oklahoma	34.2	252.0	5.7	200.5	57.4	25.0	100.8	2.9	228.3	57.8
† Arkansas	24.4	238.8	5.6	161.2	51.4	29.2	165.2	4.8	305.4	60.5
† Texas	23.8	157.2	4.1	192.5	55.6	30.8	186.5	4.1	188.8	58.8
† Notre Dame	30.3	136.7	3.8	323.3	61.0	33.8	181.7	4.0	252.5	65.5
† LSU	33.9	235.1	4.6	190.5	51.4	11.9	140.3	4.2	148.0	59.8
† Louisville	28.2	119.3	3.0	225.0	52.3	17.0	97.2	2.8	174.7	52.8
† Georgia	43.3	282.9	6.6	183.9	65.5	16.6	160.4	3.9	153.0	52.5
† Maryland	24.2	92.3	2.8	216.2	55.6	23.2	217.3	4.8	169.7	46.6
† Stanford	29.8	168.3	4.9	248.0	67.4	10.7	79.5	2.5	144.0	60.3
† TCU	45.4	179.0	4.8	284.8	56.5	26.2	144.4	3.2	274.0	53.2
† Mississippi	35.3	184.6	5.1	291.9	64.2	12.9	128.0	3.3	187.0	58.7
† Boise St	39.8	187.4	4.7	305.5	67.3	32.2	191.2	4.6	208.7	57.5
† Arizona	39.3	187.4	4.8	326.9	60.3	27.9	158.7	3.8	274.7	64.0
† Georgia Tech	40.7	377.7	6.5	112.9	46.8	29.3	162.6	4.9	280.3	65.5
† Mississippi St	42.1	237.3	5.3	273.4	63.1	16.3	134.3	3.7	264.9	51.0
† Wisconsin	22.5	241.8	6.0	137.7	47.5	24.5	338.8	3.9	209.3	49.4
† Auburn	43.0	310.0	6.2	210.9	67.3	20.1	124.1	3.5	229.3	55.4
† Michigan St	39.8	221.4	5.1	266.6	57.2	23.8	111.8	4.1	196.2	51.5
† Baylor	53.8	285.5	5.7	382.5	62.3	22.2	71.3	2.0	238.3	56.6
† Minnesota	22.6	186.8	4.2	161.2	44.9	26.0	156.4	4.3	184.8	56.8
† Missouri	24.0	167.6	4.5	188.6	56.1	18.7	137.0	3.5	194.7	59.2
† Florida St	40.0	150.5	5.0	344.3	65.0	30.7	190.5	4.7	266.3	60.0
† Oregon	44.9	231.9	5.5	317.0	61.0	18.7	149.1	3.8	242.4	56.1
† Ohio St	42.7	256.7	5.8	220.2	67.7	21.0	153.2	3.9	186.3	52.5
† Alabama	44.4	244.8	5.8	313.4	64.3	16.8	72.9	2.7	232.6	56.9
† Pittsburgh	32.2	254.0	5.3	151.8	57.7	26.4	155.0	4.3	212.6	49.7
† Houston	29.4	181.7	4.7	231.4	59.9	18.1	126.0	3.4	185.3	53.5
† Iowa	24.6	162.4	4.0	228.8	56.5	26.6	172.0	4.3	162.6	54.3
† Tennessee	31.0	125.3	3.2	238.1	65.5	17.9	137.0	3.5	170.0	52.8
† UCLA	38.3	213.0	5.2	275.8	71.3	27.5	147.3	3.9	280.3	62.7
† Kansas St	42.0	169.1	4.2	265.4	67.1	14.9	80.3	2.8	193.0	57.0
† Oklahoma St	23.2	116.2	3.1	199.0	51.1	38.8	221.4	4.7	274.4	60.1
† Washington	34.0	207.4	4.5	171.4	65.0	26.6	107.1	3.0	276.1	66.8
† East Carolina	30.7	163.2	4.9	328.5	60.8	29.5	127.2	3.6	254.3	54.7
† Florida	35.5	179.3	4.2	234.7	58.0	21.3	104.8	2.7	135.5	48.0
† Toledo	31.7	227.7	5.3	245.5	60.2	29.5	134.3	4.1	274.5	63.0
† Arkansas St	38.5	259.7	5.6	227.7	58.2	20.0	147.7	3.7	224.2	56.7

	RUSH OFFENSE	PASS OFFENSE	SCORING OFFENSE	RUSH DEFENSE	PASS DEFENSE	SCORING DEFENSE
1	Georgia Tech	1 Washington St	1 Oregon	1 Alabama	1 San Jose St	1 Stanford
2	Navy	2 Texas Tech	2 TCU	2 Clemson	2 Stanford	2 LSU
3	Ga Southern	3 East Carolina	3 Ohio St	3 Arkansas	3 Texas	3 Arkansas
4	Oklahoma	4 Baylor	4 Baylor	4 Michigan St	4 LSU	4 Mississippi
5	New Mexico	5 TCU	5 Alabama	5 Penn St	5 Florida	5 Alabama
6	Wisconsin	6 California	6 Michigan St	6 LSU	6 UCF	6 Oregon
7	Ohio St	7 WKU	7 WKU	7 Stanford	7 Temple	7 TCU
8	Indiana	8 Colorado St	8 Georgia	8 Florida	8 Kansas	8 Clemson
9	Army	9 West Virginia	9 Boise St	9 Michigan	9 Georgia	9 Florida
10	Oregon	10 Oregon	10 Arizona St	10 Ohio St	10 Utah	10 Kansas St
11	Auburn	11 Kansas St	11 Georgia Tech	11 USC	11 Marshall	11 Texas
12	LSU	12 USC	12 Florida St	12 Louisiana Tech	12 Oregon	12 Washington
13	Georgia	13 Notre Dame	13 Oklahoma	13 UCF	13 Miami, FL	13 Michigan St
14	Pittsburgh	14 Old Dominion	14 Mississippi St	14 Virginia	14 San Diego St	14 USC
15	Mississippi St	15 ULM	15 California	15 Mississippi	15 Michigan	15 Penn St
16	Minnesota	16 S Carolina	16 Auburn	16 Oklahoma	16 West Virginia	16 Missouri
17	Air Force	17 Florida St	17 Marshall	17 Louisville	17 Clemson	17 Mississippi St
18	Michigan St	18 Colorado	18 Nebraska	18 Wisconsin	18 USF	18 Georgia
19	Boston College	19 Mississippi St	19 USC	19 Boston College	19 Penn St	19 Minnesota
20	Nevada	20 Louisville	20 South Carolina	20 TCU	20 UTEP	20 Virginia Tech

	RUSH OFFENSE	PASS OFFENSE	SCORING OFFENSE	RUSH DEFENSE	PASS DEFENSE	SCORING DEFENSE
109	W Michigan	109 Ohio	109 New Mexico St	109 E Michigan	109 UTSA	109 California
110	Temple	110 Penn St	110 Southern Miss	110 Ball St	110 Alabama	110 San Jose St
111	UNLV	111 Wisconsin	111 Temple	111 Massachusetts	111 Ga Southern	111 Southern Miss
112	Kansas St	112 LSU	112 Massachusetts	112 Idaho	112 Middle Tenn	112 Massachusetts
113	SMU	113 NC State	113 Akron	113 Iowa St	113 Iowa St	113 Buffalo
114	FIU	114 N Illinois	114 Georgia St	114 Tulsa	114 Washington St	114 Miami, OH
115	Kansas	115 E Michigan	115 S Alabama	115 Army	115 New Mexico	115 New Mexico
116	UTSA	116 Nevada	116 ULM	116 Texas Tech	116 Army	116 Troy
117	Old Dominion	117 Minnesota	117 Wake Forest	117 Texas A&M	117 Massachusetts	117 Army
118	Miami, OH	118 FIU	118 Ohio	118 San Jose St	118 East Carolina	118 Bowling Green
119	Connecticut	119 Georgia Tech	119 Syracuse	119 Old Dominion	119 Baylor	119 SMU
120	Akron	120 Indiana	120 Troy	120 FAU	120 Rice	120 Tulsa
121	Massachusetts	121 Boston College	121 San Jose St	121 Miami, OH	121 Ball St	121 Arkansas St
122	USF	122 Connecticut	122 SMU	122 Arkansas St	122 Louisiana	122 WKU
123	Kent St	123 Air Force	123 USF	123 New Mexico	123 Bowling Green	123 Old Dominion
124	Southern Miss	124 UTEP	124 Tulane	124 Troy	124 Air Force	124 UNLV
125	Wake Forest	125 New Mexico	125 Kent St	125 SMU	125 E Michigan	125 Idaho
126	Georgia St	126 Ga Southern	126 E Michigan	126 UNLV	126 WKU	126 E Michigan
127	Washington St	127 Navy	127 Connecticut	127 New Mexico St	127 Texas St	127 N Mexico St
128	ULM	128 Army	128 UTSA	128 Georgia St	128 California	128 Georgia St

2014 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	Arkansas	1 Washington	1 Arkansas	1 Maryland	1 Tennessee	1 Tennessee
2	Rutgers	2 USC	2 Texas	2 Florida St	2 Oklahoma St	2 Arkansas
3	Michigan St	3 Utah	3 Kansas St	3 Tennessee	3 Arizona St	3 Mississippi
4	LSU	4 Texas	4 USC	4 Texas A&M	4 Oklahoma	4 Texas A&M
5	Ohio St	5 Oklahoma	5 Oklahoma St	5 Indiana	5 West Virginia	5 Alabama
6	Georgia	6 Oregon St	6 Arizona	6 Missouri	6 Alabama	6 LSU
7	Iowa	7 Kansas St	7 Stanford	7 Ohio St	7 Mississippi St	7 Florida St
8	Mississippi	8 California	8 Kansas	8 UCLA	8 Auburn	8 Auburn
9	Virginia	9 West Virginia	9 UCLA	9 Mississippi	9 Minnesota	9 Oklahoma St
10	Minnesota	10 Arizona	10 Iowa St	10 Notre Dame	10 TCU	10 UCLA
11	Illinois	11 Kansas	11 Washington St	11 Washington St	11 UCLA	11 Mississippi St
12	Florida St	12 Oregon	12 West Virginia	12 Kentucky	12 Arkansas	12 Missouri
13	Georgia Tech	13 Stanford	13 Auburn	13 Arkansas	13 Kansas	13 Ohio St
14	Purdue	14 Iowa St	14 Missouri	14 LSU	14 Iowa St	14 South Carolina

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NEW ORLEANS BOWL

Saturday, December 20th • 11:00 am ESPN • Superdome • New Orleans, LA

NEVADA (7-5)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
NEVADA	205	190	33	+11	-	#81
LOUISIANA	233	208	33	+3	-	#110

UL finds itself in a familiar place as this will mark their 4th str NO Bowl appearance (3-0 SU/ATS). These 2 tms are evenly matched as PP is forecasting the game to end in a tie. With the early Vegas line at Pick-Em we'll pass on this matchup for now.

NO PLAY: NEVADA 33 LOUISIANA 33

NEW MEXICO BOWL

Saturday, December 20th • 2:20 pm ESPN • University Stadium • Albuquerque, NM

UTEP (7-5)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
UTEP	158	110	16	+8	-	#93
UTAH ST	204	158	27	+10	✓✓	#95

Both tms are familiar w/this venue as Utah St pl'd here LY & UTEP earlier TY. PP is projecting an 11 pt Aggies win and the opening line is 10'. Therefore we'll lean with the UNDER as PP forecasts just 43 total pts (early total line 49) and UTEP gms have gone UNDER the total in 6 str.

4★ UNDER: UTAH ST 27 UTEP 16

LAS VEGAS BOWL

Saturday, December 20th • 3:30 pm ABC • Sam Boyd Stadium • Las Vegas, NV

UTAH (8-4)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
UTAH	179	248	30	+4	✓✓✓✓1/2	#12
COLORADO ST	156	275	29	+3	-	#97

These 2 schls know each other well as they were long time conf rivals, but this is their 1st meeting s/10, a 59-6 UT win. PP forecasts a close gm w/Utah winning by 1, but we disagree as the Utes lead the nation in sacks, have pl'd a much tougher sked & HC Whittingham is 5-2 ATS in bowls.

NO PLAY: UTAH 30 COLORADO ST 29

IDAHO POTATO BOWL

Saturday, December 20th • 5:45 pm ESPN • Albertsons Stadium • Boise, ID

WESTERN MICHIGAN (8-4)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
WESTERN MICHIGAN	94	293	27	+2	-	#114
AIR FORCE	238	164	28	+1	✓✓	#109

This is the 1st ever meeting between these schls and the 1st time WM has ever played on the Blue Turf. PP projects this game to go down to the wire with AF getting the 1 pt win w/the yds nearly even at 402-387. With an early line at WM -1, we'll pass on this match-up for now.

NO PLAY: AIR FORCE 28 WESTERN MICHIGAN 27

CAMELLIA BOWL

Saturday, December 20th • 9:15 pm ESPN • Cramton Stadium • Montgomery, AL

SOUTH ALABAMA (6-6)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
SOUTH ALABAMA	198	240	30	-4	-	#94
BOWLING GREEN	175	179	22	+7	✓✓1/2	#99

This is the 1st ever meeting between these schls, the 1st ever Camellia Bowl & SA's 1st ever bowl appearance. The PP forecast has SA winning by 8 with a sizeable 438-354 yd edge. With an early line at just SA -3, we'll back the in-state Jags here as the Falcons come in reeling.

4★ SOUTH ALABAMA 30 BOWLING GREEN 22

MIAMI BEACH BOWL

Monday, December 22nd • 2:00 pm ESPN • Marlins Park • Miami, FL

BYU (8-4)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
BYU	164	246	27	-2	-	#79
MEMPHIS	164	246	32	+12	✓	#89

This is the 1st ever meeting between these schls & this is the 1st bowl at Marlins Park. The PP projection shows Memphis winning by 5 & in a rare statistical outlook, shows both teams rushing & passing for the exact same amount. With that in mind and an early line at Memphis -1, we'll pass.

NO PLAY: MEMPHIS 32 BYU 27

BOCA RATON BOWL

Tuesday, December 23rd • 6:00 pm ESPN • FAU Stadium • Boca Raton, FL

NORTHERN ILLINOIS (11-2)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
NORTHERN ILLINOIS	266	117	26	+11	-	#115
MARSHALL	237	273	36	-3	✓✓1/2	#124

This is the inaugural Boca Raton Bowl & these prev conf rivals haven't met s/01. PP is forecasting MIU to win by 10 w/a 510-383 yd edge but that's near the opening line. The emotional status of both tms is a factor, as NIU is happy to be here while Marshall was thinking a major bowl.

NO PLAY: MARSHALL 36 NORTHERN ILLINOIS 26

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POINSETTIA BOWL

Tuesday, December 23rd • 9:30 pm ESPN • Qualcomm Stadium • San Diego, CA

NAVY (7-5)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
NAVY	299	13	29	-3	-	#96
SAN DIEGO ST	253	210	32	+3	✓	#101

This gm is being played at SDSU's home stadium but there is a large Naval base in San Diego. SDSU HC Rocky Long knows how to shut down the option and despite a sizeable 463-312 yd edge, PP is projecting SDSU to win by just 3, which is near the opening line. Pass.

NO PLAY: SAN DIEGO ST 32 NAVY 29

BAHAMAS BOWL

Wednesday, December 24th • 12:00 pm ESPN • Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium • Nassau, Bahamas

CENTRAL MICHIGAN (7-5)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	182	271	32	-6	-	#111
WKU	112	355	43	+6	-	#87

This is the inaugural Bahamas Bowl & these 2 schls actually pl'd each other 2 yrs ago in the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl, a 24-21 CM win (+6). PP forecasts WKU to win by 11, but to outgain the Chip's by only a slim 467-453 margin. The better play is to take OVER the total (early line 66) as WKU's D is all g 48 ppg away from home TY and CM is facing by far the best offense they've faced all yr.

3★ OVER: WKU 43 CENTRAL MICHIGAN 32

HAWAII BOWL

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

FRESNO ST (6-7)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
FRESNO ST	160	292	28	-5	✓✓	#71
RICE	140	225	25	+6	-	#85

These 2 schls were former conf rivals w/FS winning all 6 meetings (3-3 ATS). Vegas is favoring Rice by 1', but PP projects the Bulldogs to pull off the outright upset by 3 with a sizeable 452-365 yd edge & we fully agree as FS is also familiar with this venue & has the better O, D & ST's.

4★ FRESNO ST 28 RICE 25

HEART OF DALLAS BOWL

Friday, December 26th • 1:00 pm ESPN • Cotton Bowl • Dallas, TX

ILLINOIS (6-6)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
ILLINOIS	97	235	24	-3	✓	#37
LOUISIANA TECH	188	244	35	+15	-	#76

The Illini got here thanks to wins in each of their L/2 gms while LT lost 2 of their L/3. LT was +48 ypg vs our #76 sked while Illinois was -104 ypg vs our #37 sked. Now you see why PP backs the Bulldogs here. However, we disagree and we'll back a Big Ten tm getting a TD vs a non-power 5 tm.

NO PLAY: LOUISIANA TECH 35 ILLINOIS 24

QUICK LANE BOWL

Friday, December 26th • 4:30 pm ESPN • Ford Field • Detroit, MI

RUTGERS (7-5)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
RUTGERS	208	232	33	-4	1/2	#31
NORTH CAROLINA	175	263	35	-1	-	#33

The two tms are evenly matched as NC was -70 ypg TY while Rutgers was -61 ypg playing similar skeds. PP calls for this one to go down to the wire as while it calls for NC to win by 2, it has Rutgers w/a 440-438 yd edge. With a split forecast and the early line (NC -3), we'll pass.

NO PLAY: NORTH CAROLINA 35 RUTGERS 33

ST PETERSBURG BOWL

Friday, December 26th • 8:00 pm ESPN • Tropicana Field • St Petersburg, FL

NC STATE (7-5)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
NC STATE	163	91	21	+5	✓	#68
UCF	135	216	25	0	-	#106

Since starting the ssn 0-2, UCF has won 9 of its L/10 gms and has covered 8 of 10. They are +196 ypg in their L/4 gms and are playing close to home. PP gives the slight lean to UCF here (early line UCF -2) and w/a 351-254 ydg forecast we'll put the slight lean on the Knights.

3★ UCF 25 NC STATE 21

MILITARY BOWL

Saturday, December 27th • 1:00 pm ESPN • Navy-Marine Corps Stadium • Annapolis, MD

VIRGINIA TECH (6-6)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
VIRGINIA TECH	190	230	20	-6	-	#53
CINCINNATI	159	242	25	+4	1/2	#72

VT needs a win here to avoid their 1st losing ssn s/92 while the Bearcats come in red hot winners of 7 str (6-0-1 ATS) and will be looking for their 6th DD win ssn in 8 yrs w/a win. While PP calls for the Bearcats to come away w/a 5 pt win, it does have VT w/a 420-401 yd edge and we'll pass.

NO PLAY: CINCINNATI 25 VIRGINIA TECH 20

SUN BOWL

Saturday, December 27th • 2:00 pm CBS • Sun Bowl Stadium • El Paso, TX

DUKE (9-3)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
DUKE	123	234	26	+8	✓✓1/2	#80
ARIZONA ST	212	279	39	+12	-	#28

Ariz St has played the much tougher sked (#28) and is out-gaining their foes by 28 ypg TY. On the other side, despite playing a weaker sked (#80), the Blue Devils are -2 ypg. PP calls for a dominating 491-357 yd edge for the Sun Devils and a 13 pt win. With an early line at (ASU -7), we'll agree and note that prior to LY, ASU HC Graham was 4-0 ATS in bowls w/a avg cover of 34 ppg!

4★ ARIZONA ST 39 DUKE 26

INDEPENDENCE BOWL

Saturday, December 27th • 3:30 pm ABC • Independence Stadium • Shreveport, LA

MIAMI (6-6)	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
MIAMI	231	223	31	+1	✓	#35
SOUTH CAROLINA	174	251	32	-4	✓	#46

For the ssn, the Hurricanes have been the more impressive tm as they are +103 ypg while SC is +17 ypg. However, they do come in losers of 2 str gms by DD's despite being a fav in both which explains why PP has SC winning by 1, but Miami is proj to have a 454-425 yd edge. We'll pass.

NO PLAY: SOUTH CAROLINA 32 MIAMI 31

PINSTRIPED BOWL

Saturday, December 27th • 4:30 pm ESPN • Yankee Stadium • Bronx, NY

PENN ST (6-6)	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
PENN ST	85	169	16	-3	-	#52
BOSTON COLLEGE	155	95	17	-1	1/2	#56

The two tms played similar skeds TY as Penn St was +56 ypg while BC was +71 ypg. PP calls for BC by 1 but calls for PSU to have a 254-250 yd edge. We'll go w/the UNDER as the two tms are 9-15 O/U TY and PP projects this one despite the low early total line (40) to go UNDER by a TD.

4★ UNDER: BOSTON COLLEGE 17 PENN ST 16

HOLIDAY BOWL

Saturday, December 27th • 8:00 pm ESPN • Qualcomm Stadium • San Diego, CA

NEBRASKA (9-3)	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
NEBRASKA	157	173	25	-2	✓ 1/2	#61
USC	175	279	33	+13	-	#6

Despite being just 120 miles away, this marks USC's first trip to the Holiday bowl. PP calls for their debut to be a success as it has them w/a dominating 454-330 yd edge. They also have the TO edge and have played the tougher sked. While we lean with them, the MOV forecast is near the line.

NO PLAY: USC 33 NEBRASKA 25

LIBERTY BOWL

Monday, December 29th • 2:00 pm ESPN • Liberty Bowl • Memphis, TN

WEST VIRGINIA (7-5)	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
WEST VIRGINIA	256	317	34	-15	-	#8
TEXAS A&M	142	231	28	-7	✓ 1/2	#22

Despite playing our #8 sked, WV was +114 ypg TY, which would be typical of a Top 15 tm. A&M after starting the ssn +168 ypg in their 1st 7, was outgained by 234 ypg in their L/5. Now you see why PP projects WV to have a dominating 573-373 yd edge. With the early line at WV -3', we'll agree.

3★ WEST VIRGINIA 34 TEXAS A&M 28

RUSSELL ATHLETIC BOWL

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

CLEMSON (9-3)	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
CLEMSON	99	232	24	+1	-	#57
OKLAHOMA	199	142	26	0	✓ ✓ ✓	#15

These two haven't played s/'88 and this is the Sooners 1st trip to this bowl. Clem was +151 ypg TY while OU was +98 ypg playing a tougher sked. PP calls for this one to go down to the wire (OU w/only a 341-331 yd edge) and w/no early line due to OU injuries, we'll pass on this matchup.

NO PLAY: OKLAHOMA 26 CLEMSON 24

TEXAS BOWL

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

TEXAS (6-6)	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
TEXAS	79	216	10	-1	-	#5
ARKANSAS	173	123	23	+5	✓	#4

These two former SWC rivals haven't met s/'08. PP calls for this one to be a throw back similar to the 1969 classic as both tms have Top 12 D's. While it calls for the Hogs to come away w/a 13 pt win, it only has them w/a 296-295 yd edge. Therefore we'll refer to the UNDER (early line 45') as the two tms are 8-16 O/U TY incl 3-7 O/U when their total line is in the 40's.

4.5★ UNDER: ARKANSAS 23 TEXAS 10

MUSIC CITY BOWL

Tuesday, December 30th • 3:00 pm ESPN • LP Field • Nashville, TN

NOTRE DAME (7-5)	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
NOTRE DAME	94	221	17	-4	-	#19
LSU	259	170	34	+3	✓ ✓	#36

These two tms come in on opposite ends of the spectrum as despite playing our #2 sked in their L/4 gms, the Tigers were +40 ypg while ND playing our #23 sked, was outgained by 69 ypg and lost all 4 SU/ATS. PP calls for a dominating 429-315 yd edge for the Tigers and to have a 17 pt victory. With an early line at LSU -7, we'll agree and Geaux Tigers!

4★ LSU 34 NOTRE DAME 17

BELK BOWL

Tuesday, December 30th • 6:30 pm ESPN • Bank of America Stadium • Charlotte, NC

LOUISVILLE (9-3)	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
LOUISVILLE	143	223	24	+5	-	#58
GEORGIA	199	178	36	+14	✓ 1/2	#47

First meeting. These two tms played similar skeds TY and while L'Ville was +103 ypg, UGA was +121 ypg. While it calls for the Bulldogs to come away w/a 12 pt win, it does have them with only a 377-366 yd edge and we'll pass on this matchup for now.

NO PLAY: GEORGIA 36 LOUISVILLE 24

FOSTER FARMS BOWL

Tuesday, December 30th • 10:00 pm ESPN • Levi's Stadium • Santa Clara, CA

MARYLAND (7-5)	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
MARYLAND	94	130	12	0	✓ ✓	#24
STANFORD	200	256	35	-5	✓	#21

First meeting. Despite playing similar skeds and having identical 7-5 records, these two tms couldn't be further apart as Stanford is +99 ypg while MD is -86 ypg. PP takes this into consideration and projects a dominating 23 pt win for the Cardinal incl a 456-224 yd edge. With an early line at Stanford -14 and with them playing close to home, we'll agree and make the Cardinal a rare 4.5★

4.5★ STANFORD 35 MARYLAND 12

PEACH BOWL

Wednesday, December 31st • 12:30 pm ESPN • Georgia Dome • Atlanta, GA

MISSISSIPPI (9-3)	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
MISSISSIPPI	164	250	23	+7	-	#14
TCU	137	311	34	+17	✓	#50

PP likes TCU to finish the ssn on a high note w/a DD win (early line TCU -3'). While TCU statistically is the superior tm (+183 ypg TY), PP can't factor in their emotion as they were #3 in the country on 12/6 but fell 3 spots after a 52 pt win and Ole Miss is much better than their 9-3 record. Pass.

NO PLAY: TCU 34 MISSISSIPPI 23

FIESTA BOWL

Wednesday, December 31st • 4:00 pm ESPN • University of Phoenix Stadium • Glendale, AZ

BOISE ST (11-2)	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
BOISE ST	196	213	33	+7	-	#74
ARIZONA	152	264	35	+9	1/2	#7

The Broncos return to the scene where they became a national name while Zona returns to this in-state bowl for the first time s/'94. While PP calls for this one to go down to the wire, it is notable that Boise is 0-5 SU/1-4 ATS as a dog the L/2 yrs losing those gms by an avg of 17 ppg. Pass.

NO PLAY: ARIZONA 35 BOISE ST 33

ORANGE BOWL

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

GEORGIA TECH (10-3)	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
GEORGIA TECH	318	172	30	+10	-	#38
MISSISSIPPI ST	214	271	31	+1	-	#44

GT comes in red hot w/6 str covers (5-1 SU), and has played like a Top 10 tm in the 2H of the ssn. On the other side, Miss St after a 9-0 start, has lost 2 of its L/3 gms. Now you understand why PP backs the TD underdog Jackets here, but what PP can't take into consideration is the extra time Miss St will have to prep for the option and GT is 1-5 ATS in bowls under Johnson. Pass.

NO PLAY: MISSISSIPPI ST 31 GEORGIA TECH 30

OUTBACK BOWL

Thursday, January 1st • 12:00 pm ESPN2 • Raymond James Stadium • Tampa, FL

WISCONSIN (10-3)	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
WISCONSIN	276	158	32	-6	-	#63
AUBURN	205	230	31	+4	-	#2

Despite their 59-0 loss to Ohio St in the Big Ten Champ gm, PP loves the Badgers here who were playing like a legit Top 10 tm down the stretch. However, PP can't factor in their coaching situation as HC Andersen left for Oreg St and the HOF'er Alvarez will once again be the interim. Pass.

NO PLAY: WISCONSIN 32 AUBURN 31

COTTON BOWL

Thursday, January 1st • 12:30 pm ESPN • AT&T Stadium • Arlington, TX

MICHIGAN ST (10-2)	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
MICHIGAN ST	191	295	40	+20	-	#59
BAYLOR	148	353	38	+12	-	#54

Both tms are outgaining their foes by more than 200 ypg this ssn. The diff here is BU is not nearly as good on the road (+86 ypg) as they are at home (+358 ypg) while Mich St ranks #1 in the country at +180 ypg on the road TY. PP calls for the outright upset here (early line BU -3) and we'll agree as BU's emotional state of missing the playoffs is another bonus PP can't factor in.

4★ MICHIGAN ST 40 BAYLOR 38

CITRUS BOWL

Thursday, January 1st • 1:00 pm ABC • Florida Citrus Bowl • Orlando, FL

MINNESOTA (8-4)	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
MINNESOTA	196	131	24	+11	✓	#40
MISSOURI	144	188	19	+8	✓	#26

Minnny has been a cash cow as a dog the L/2 yrs as they are on a 9-1 ATS run in that role w/5 outright upsets and have an avg cover of 12 ppg in those 9 ATS wins. PP calls for them to get the outright upset yet again here and has them covering by 11 ppg making this a 4.5★!

4.5★ MINNESOTA 24 MISSOURI 19

ROSE BOWL

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

FLORIDA ST (13-0)	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
FLORIDA ST	156	238	26	-3	✓ 1/2	#51
OREGON	239	322	44	+17	-	#39

Oreg comes in red-hot w/8 str covers (see streakers) while FSU is just 3-10 ATS TY. The Noles are also only +56 ypg TY while Oreg is +132 ypg. While PP calls for an easy Ducks win incl a 561-394 yd edge, it doesn't take into account this is the first time FSU has been a dog in 49 gms and we'll back the tm that's won 29 str gms SU getting nearly DD's (early line Oreg -9')

NO PLAY: OREGON 44 FLORIDA ST 26

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18th

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
TENNESSEE	253	91	163	10	-9	#20
JACKSONVILLE	282	110	173	22	-8	#30

(TEN #25 vs JAX #15, JAX #32 vs TEN #29) - Neither team has anything to play for other than draft positioning & a win doesn't hurt the Jags as they are happy with Bortles. JAX has covered 4 of the L5 vs TEN but this is the 1st time they'll be favored in the series since Wk 1 2011. TEN is back to Whitehurst here & the Jags do have the better pass rush with a home edge. JAX hasn't been a fav since Sept 2012 though & this is a No Play with a lack of yardage backing it up for now.

NO PLAY: JAGUARS 22 TITANS 10

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20th

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
SAN DIEGO	288	82	206	17	-2	#10
SAN FRANCISCO	313	112	201	14	+4	#27

(SD #16 vs SF #8, SF #31 vs SD #20) - The 49ers have lost 3 straight for the 1st time under Harbaugh & are also out of the playoffs. It takes time for a team to adjust to a new stadium (ie Giants/Cowboys) & injuries finally caught up to SF after a majestic 3 year run of health. SD hasn't been the same team since beating BAL & need tons of help to snare a Wild-Card spot. We'll have a marquee selection on this Saturday Night game on 12/20 for you.

NO PLAY: CHARGERS 17 49ERS 14

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
PHILADELPHIA	357	108	249	32	-9	#1
WASHINGTON	368	100	269	22	-9	#29

(PHI #15 vs WAS #22, WAS #26 vs PHI #23) - The Eagles have lost 2 straight at home vs playoff level teams & now face a Redskins team that will have to deal with another week of QB issues. The Eagles are +63 ypg on the road but Sanchez has struggled when teams bring pressure on him. WAS has major protection issues with 36 sks in the L6 games allowed which would be 20th on the year. PP has this close to the line with no yardage margin so this is a No Play.

NO PLAY: EAGLES 32 REDSKINS 22

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21st

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
MINNESOTA	314	149	165	14	-1	#11
MIAMI	330	129	202	19	+5	#12

(MIN #20 vs MIA #30, MIA #23 vs MIN #17) - The Dolphins playoff hopes were crushed by the Patriots as a blocked FG & 2 ints were turned into 21 pts. Philbin is on thin ice but 9 wins may be enough to save his job for 2015 esp with Tannehill having improved in a new offense. MIN is off a tough loss to DET where 3 bad FG's cost them the game. They now travel for the 2nd straight week vs a MIA defense that will be mad after giving up 40 pts to a Div rival. PP has a slight lean with the road team but we disagree so No Play.

NO PLAY: DOLPHINS 19 VIKINGS 14

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
GREEN BAY	402	136	266	31	+15	#23
TAMPA BAY	293	91	202	17	-10	#26

(GB #3 vs TB #11, TB #29 vs GB #16) - GB's talent edge is crystal clear in this PP projection with 109 yd edge & one of the largest TO margins we've seen in the L3Y. With Rodgers off a loss with a career low QBR (34.3 or 7 pts better than Manziel), the Packers now behind the Lions for the NFC North & Rodgers facing an undermanned scheme (McCoy may be IR as he hyperextended knee 2nd week in a row) this could get ugly quick. We expect the line to rise a bit here so we'll limit the grade here.

3★ PACKERS 31 BUCS 17

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
DETROIT	382	91	291	30	+8	#16
CHICAGO	331	31	301	21	-6	#31

(DET #10 vs CHI #26, CHI #17 vs DET #13) - The Lions 10 wins are their best since 1991 & just the 3rd time they've hit double digit wins since 1993. The Bears are off LW's MNF game vs the Saints & its not known how they responded to OC Kromer's admission that he was the media leak criticizing Cutler. Without knowing the Bears mindset with major coaching changes coming & the Lions having playoff need this is a No Play until a real line emerges.

NO PLAY: LIONS 30 BEARS 21

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
ATLANTA	457	153	305	30	+4	#5
NEW ORLEANS	426	118	308	23	-9	#15

(ATL #2 vs NO #32, NO #6 vs ATL #31) - If NO beat CHI on MNF then this is likely the key battle for the NFC South & why the playoff format is expected to be changed in 2015. ATL played well vs PIT LW but not having Julio Jones meant the offense simply couldn't pull off the win. ATL is dead last in sacks by & 1 of 3 teams with less than 20 (CIN/OAK) in that dept TY. ATL has been outscored by 99 pts in the 2nd & 4th Qtr combined as they wear down. PP goes against the 0-4 SU/ATS at home Saints but without the MNF results this is a No Play.

NO PLAY: FALCONS 30 SAINTS 23

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
NEW ENGLAND	377	92	285	32	+9	#4
NY JETS	309	129	180	12	-11	#21

(NE #7 vs NYJ #18, NYJ #24 vs NE #21) - The Patriots have seized the AFC East for the 11th time in 12 years & now get to usher Rex Ryan out. The Jets tried to outmuscle the Patriots in the 1st meeting on a Thursday at Gillette & Belichick holds grudges. The Patriots have covered 8 of their L10, the jets only mustered 16 pts LW & were outgained by the #29 offense who were forced to play their backup QB's. The Jets don't have the secondary to slow down Brady or offense to keep pace. PP sides with NE who still haven't locked up the #1 seed in the AFC yet.

4★ PATRIOTS 32 JETS 12

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
KANSAS CITY	348	109	239	22	-5	#6
PITTSBURGH	443	151	293	29	-1	#24

(KC #22 vs PIT #27, PIT #1 vs KC #19) - While the Steelers controlled the game vs ATL they didn't dominate a Falcons offense minus their star #1 WR. PIT owns the #5 seed in the AFC while the Chiefs are just outside at #7. PIT catches a break as KC's risk averse offense lacks the explosive ability to challenge their avg level defense. PIT does have a good matchup with Bell vs the #30 rush def the L4W & Roethlisberger vs a KC defense with a 21-4 ratio. PIT has the offensive edge but we are wary of their 2-6 ATS record as NDIV HF & have CIN on deck.

2★ STEELERS 29 CHIEFS 22

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
CLEVELAND	225	86	139	14	+7	#18
CAROLINA	347	168	180	24	+1	#32

(CLE #30 vs CAR #3, CAR #4 vs CLE #14) - Manziel became the 6th QB to be shutout in his 1st start over the L20Y & lets be fair as he only had a week of starter reps while RG3 had all the starter snaps in his rookie season before he won his final 6 games. Newton's status is unknown at this time but Derek Anderson has a chance to keep CAR in the playoff hunt with a win over his former team. There is no line here so No Play.

NO PLAY: PANTHERS 24 BROWNS 14

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
BALTIMORE	325	102	223	21	+2	#3
HOUSTON	241	92	150	17	+12	#19

(BAL #5 vs HOU #10, HOU #18 vs BAL #24) - HOU goes from a playoff dark horse to quite possibly having to start Case Keenum who they cut at the end of TC & re-signed off the Rams practice squad. Their other option is Thad Lewis who was signed 11/24. Add in Gary Kubiak vs his former team. The Ravens needing to win out for a playoff berth & the Ravens blitzing relentlessly to mask the loss of Ngata & their questionable secondary & its not a good mix. PP has this at the line here so this is a No Play.

NO PLAY: RAVENS 21 TEXANS 17

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
NY GIANTS	313	78	235	14	-5	#13
ST LOUIS	319	138	182	23	+2	#9

(NYG #11 vs STL #2, STL #21 vs NYG #9) - The Rams are off a bad loss to ARZ after posting B2B shutouts & have extra time to stew. The Giants have had the benefit of 3 soft foes to boost their stats & this is their 3rd road game in 4 Wks. The Giants are 4-8 ATS as an AD but STL only cover as a fav this size was vs OAK off their 1st win of the year. PP leans with the home team but we disagree however the pressure that both teams bring here has the Total worth a small play.

NO PLAY: RAMS 23 GIANTS 14 2★ RAMS/GIANTS: UNDER

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
BUFFALO	359	113	246	30	+10	#7
OAKLAND	228	81	148	9	-16	#17

(BUF #19 vs OAK #12, OAK #27 vs BUF #7) - Its not a surprise that PP calls for a dominant win by BUF after upsetting GB at home. However, this is their 1st AF role in a year, OAK has covered 3 straight off a loss, BUF's 30 pt games have been vs the Jets & this is the 2nd time since Dec 2012 that they've been favored by 5 or more failing to cover vs MIN TY. BUF is 3-6 ATS away off a win & have NE on deck so this is a No Play.

NO PLAY: BILLS 30 RAIDERS 9

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
INDIANAPOLIS	387	101	286	28	-4	#2
DALLAS	346	145	202	26	+2	#14

(IND #8 vs DAL #28, DAL #13 vs IND #4) - The Cowboys reclaimed the NFC East by wearing out the Eagles with a 23:50 TOP edge. They are no sure thing hosting IND & having to face WAS who always gives them problems no matter what the records are. IND won the AFC South & have an outside shot of a bye if DEN loses once & they win out. Luck hasn't been very effective the L2W (59.8 QBR, 76.5 vs HOU) but IND has made the most out of CLE/HOU self-destructing. There is no line at this time so this is a No Play.

NO PLAY: COLTS 28 COWBOYS 26

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
SEATTLE	369	157	212	14	+8	#22
ARIZONA	205	79	127	11	+12	#25

(SEA #14 vs ARZ #25, ARZ #28 vs SEA #1) - ARZ has secured a playoff spot but are defending their shot at a #1 seed with their #3 QB vs a team that is +163 ypg (+3 TO's) the L4W. This is the 3rd road game in 4 Wks for SEA but have covered 3 straight as a 7+ pt fav. PP leans with the home team here however (ARZ has covered 8 of 10) & this is a No Play.

NO PLAY: SEAHAWKS 14 CARDINALS 11

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22nd

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
DENVER	348	126	222	26	+6	#28
CINCINNATI	317	106	212	20	-2	#8

(DEN #9 vs CIN #5, CIN #12 vs DEN #6) - The Bengals rolled the Browns posting a shutout vs an overmatched rookie in his 1st start vs a team with revenge. They now catch a DEN team with a less than 100% Manning who still beat SD with their run game & defense. Both teams have tons to play for here making for a meaningful game to close out MNF for 2014. PP has this close to the line with no yardage margin of note so No Play.

NO PLAY: BRONCOS 26 BENGALS 20

NFL STREAKERS

ATS WINS		ATS LOSSES		OVERS		UNDERS	
Buffalo	4	San Francisco	4	New Orleans	3	Buffalo	6
Minnesota	4	Tennessee	4			San Francisco	5
Seattle	4	Miami	3			Seattle	4
		Washington	3			Cleveland	3
						Denver	3

2014 NFL POWER RATINGS

TEAM	RTG	TEAM	RTG	TEAM	RTG
1. NEW ENGLAND	105.8	12. PHILADELPHIA	101.7	23. ATLANTA	99.7
2. DENVER	103.9	13. ST LOUIS	101.6	24. CHICAGO	99.7
3. GREEN BAY	103.5	14. BUFFALO	101.3	25. CLEVELAND	98.1
4. SEATTLE	103.3	15. SAN FRANCISCO	101.0	26. CAROLINA	97.7
5. INDIANAPOLIS	102.7	16. SAN DIEGO	101.0	27. NY JETS	97.1
6. ARIZONA	102.6	17. MIAMI	100.9	28. WASHINGTON	97.0
7. DALLAS	102.2	18. BALTIMORE	100.9	29. TENNESSEE	94.7
8. DETROIT	102.2	19. NEW ORLEANS	100.8	30. JACKSONVILLE	94.6
9. KANSAS CITY	102.1	20. HOUSTON	100.4	31. TAMPA BAY	94.5
10. CINCINNATI	101.9	21. NY GIANTS	100.3	32. OAKLAND	94.1
11. PITTSBURGH	101.8	22. MINNESOTA	99.8		

2014 BOWL TEAMS PASS EFFICIENCY D

TEAM	YDS	ATT	COMP	%	TD	INT	GRADE	OPP
TCU	242.4	418	205	49.0	17	23	13.3	12.5
Texas	186.3	395	235	59.5	12	15	13.0	13.8
Stanford	175.7	303	230	57.1	12	11	13.0	13.2
LSU	162.3	359	181	50.4	9	10	12.7	11.4
West Virginia	126.0	420	219	52.1	14	11	12.5	13.0
Penn St	185.6	386	204	52.8	8	16	12.3	11.0
Louisville	197.8	347	167	47.9	13	25	12.3	11.1
Virginia Tech	196.3	402	191	47.5	13	12	11.8	10.5
Oklahoma	272.7	473	261	55.2	20	12	11.6	14.0
USC	267.7	498	290	58.2	17	13	11.5	13.6
Ohio St	188.2	421	230	54.6	13	21	11.3	10.4
Michigan St	196.0	392	197	50.3	17	17	11.3	10.1
UCF	185.4	411	226	55.0	14	18	11.3	10.4
Clemson	162.0	351	177	50.4	12	9	11.1	10.2
Florida	194.2	362	194	53.6	13	14	11.1	10.7
Mississippi	187.6	365	213	58.4	8	19	11.0	10.8
Utah St	233.1	464	251	54.1	16	18	11.0	11.1
Houston	199.1	376	212	56.4	14	19	11.0	11.1
Memphis	216.3	442	238	53.8	11	14	11.0	10.4
Wisconsin	164.3	324	154	47.5	13	6	10.7	10.4
Georgia	158.4	335	183	54.6	12	13	10.6	10.2
Mississippi St	285.7	493	257	52.1	16	15	10.6	11.9
Alabama	223.7	457	249	54.5	17	10	10.5	11.6
Miami, FL	184.1	363	207	57.0	12	10	10.5	11.3
Louisiana Tech	237.8	461	286	59.5	18	25	10.4	10.7
Tennessee	197.8	348	166	47.7	11	15	10.4	10.7
San Diego St	192.0	349	195	55.9	10	14	10.4	10.6
Marshall	194.7	438	239	54.6	20	13	10.4	10.8
Oregon	259.5	510	306	60.0	19	11	10.2	13.2
Utah	245.0	415	246	59.3	21	11	10.1	13.8
UTEP	201.5	309	161	52.1	19	11	10.1	12.1
Duke	204.0	387	211	54.5	12	11	10.0	10.2
Baylor	260.0	414	225	54.3	22	11	9.9	12.0
Auburn	239.3	396	231	58.3	21	19	9.9	12.7
Minnesota	201.5	387	221	57.1	18	13	9.8	10.9
Iowa	175.8	330	172	52.1	16	12	9.7	9.7
Pittsburgh	192.7	347	184	53.0	14	10	9.7	10.1
Arkansas St	219.3	383	217	56.7	18	15	9.7	11.0
UCLA	244.6	459	285	62.1	20	11	9.6	12.9
W Michigan	227.8	401	216	53.9	18	13	9.6	10.4
Maryland	236.5	430	235	54.7	17	9	9.6	10.6
Kansas St	236.8	415	261	62.9	19	14	9.6	12.9
Boise St	225.0	388	232	57.5	17	20	9.6	10.6
Texas A&M	225.5	386	204	52.8	16	5	9.5	12.1
Arkansas	221.4	367	204	55.6	12	11	9.3	11.5
Colorado St	227.2	404	219	54.2	23	12	9.3	9.7
Arizona St	261.8	420	252	60.0	19	13	9.3	12.7
Missouri	208.5	441	266	60.3	17	12	9.3	10.9
East Carolina	262.6	472	271	57.4	18	13	9.1	10.5
N Illinois	224.5	419	240	57.3	14	14	9.1	10.1
Washington	283.9	512	325	63.5	24	12	8.8	13.9
BYU	266.7	503	294	58.4	21	11	8.7	10.6
Florida St	218.2	399	222	55.6	20	13	8.6	10.1
Cent Michigan	211.4	381	218	57.2	17	14	8.6	9.8
S Alabama	199.8	345	190	55.1	17	6	8.6	10.2
Oklahoma St	269.3	413	250	60.5	22	11	8.5	13.1
Boston College	218.0	372	230	61.8	15	9	8.5	11.3
Notre Dame	239.8	399	242	60.7	22	16	8.5	11.1
NC State	197.5	352	203	57.7	17	9	8.4	10.2
Nevada	271.0	473	306	64.7	25	13	8.2	12.7
South Carolina	219.2	357	223	62.5	15	10	8.2	11.2
Georgia Tech	225.1	381	233	61.2	16	17	8.0	10.5
Bowling Green	265.4	551	333	60.4	16	17	7.9	10.5
Arizona	278.3	499	325	65.1	27	14	7.9	13.7
Rutgers	227.3	356	209	58.7	17	7	7.6	10.2
Illinois	214.8	342	200	58.5	19	7	7.6	10.4
Cincinnati	265.8	429	261	60.8	21	7	7.5	11.3
Air Force	256.0	396	220	55.6	17	10	7.3	8.7
Rice	245.1	376	209	55.6	27	7	7.2	10.5
North Carolina	265.3	471	221	59.6	29	12	6.6	11.3
Toledo	282.4	449	270	60.1	32	10	6.6	10.9
Navy	226.4	345	234	67.8	22	11	6.4	10.6
Fresno St	248.5	377	226	59.9	26	9	6.3	10.9
Louisiana	275.3	414	274	66.2	19	7	6.2	11.2
WKU	272.3	375	239	63.7	26	12	5.1	9.1

2014 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	RUSH VS	SKS	SKS BY
AIR FORCE	30.9	22.3	58.6	272.2	4.6	1.0	9.3	16.3	57.1	151.3	4	15	24.2	19.3	36.2	139.5	3.9	0.6	10	32	
AKRON	22.6	21.7	30.3	123.7	4.1	1.0	23.7	44.0	53.8	249.6	14	14	21.3	21.3	38.1	148.6	3.9	1.1	23	26	
ALABAMA	31.7	24.5	41.0	209.5	5.1	0.9	19.8	31.9	62.2	281.0	7	30	16.6	16.2	41.1	86.7	2.8	0.6	13	37	
ARIZONA	34.8	24.8	39.9	183.8	4.6	0.6	22.5	39.5	56.8	277.7	8	28	27.5	24.2	42.1	170.4	4.0	0.9	32	28	
ARIZONA ST	37.0	23.3	39.4	170.2	4.3	0.3	21.4	36.1	59.4	276.3	9	32	27.7	20.8	38.9	156.8	4.0	1.0	37	39	
ARKANSAS	32.0	22.9	42.3	220.3	5.2	0.9	15.6	28.0	55.7	190.3	6	20	20.3	18.2	34.3	124.0	3.6	0.9	15	21	
ARKANSAS ST	36.1	23.7	45.3	229.9	5.1	1.0	21.1	34.8	60.7	248.2	20	20	27.8	20.8	42.7	191.9	4.6	0.8	28	33	
ARMY	26.3	18.4	56.3	305.3	5.4	0.9	4.4	8.9	49.0	64.5	2	3	34.4	22.3	34.7	192.5	5.5	0.3	13	9	
AUBURN	38.5	24.5	47.0	258.9	5.5	1.1	16.0	25.8	62.1	230.7	7	21	26.1	21.4	36.6	149.9	4.1	0.4	14	19	
BALL ST	27.7	20.3	37.3	153.4	4.1	0.7	19.3	34.1	56.7	215.8	7	19	27.2	22.2	39.6	191.1	4.8	1.2	13	16	
BAYLOR	48.8	30.5	49.8	243.5	4.9	0.4	23.8	38.9	61.2	346.2	7	34	24.2	18.9	36.7	107.7	2.9	1.1	19	35	
BOISE ST	39.8	24.4	44.4	219.1	4.9	0.6	22.1	32.0	69.0	278.2	14	26	26.5	17.6	35.4	141.5	4.0	0.7	27	39	
BOSTON COLLEGE	25.9	19.3	49.1	251.8	5.1	0.3	10.3	18.6	55.6	132.0	10	12	20.5	16.7	30.8	94.8	3.1	0.3	20	30	
BOWLING GREEN	29.8	22.1	36.6	176.6	4.8	0.7	22.4	39.0	57.4	251.5	13	15	33.9	26.4	40.8	207.2	5.1	1.2	25	23	
BUFFALO	32.3	22.2	40.3	178.6	4.4	0.5	21.3	33.3	63.9	259.9	12	32	31.5	18.4	41.0	175.2	4.3	1.2	16	25	
BYU	35.8	25.3	43.8	190.5	4.4	1.2	22.1	36.1	61.2	272.0	9	29	25.3	21.5	36.0	117.5	3.3	0.8	34	26	
CALIFORNIA	38.3	26.6	36.7	149.2	4.1	0.8	27.4	44.6	61.5	346.0	10	37	39.8	27.7	36.3	144.6	4.0	0.4	27	16	
CENT MICHIGAN	25.2	21.7	39.6	158.7	4.0	1.2	17.9	28.1	63.8	222.0	12	20	23.2	18.2	32.8	119.8	3.6	0.5	24	20	
CINCINNATI	35.4	24.3	35.1	157.6	4.5	0.6	23.0	37.8	60.8	301.0	12	33	26.8	22.4	38.1	182.8	4.8	1.3	24	32	
CLEMSON	30.1	20.4	41.3	152.5	3.7	0.5	22.3	34.5	64.5	257.6	12	20	17.6	14.2	35.2	97.8	2.8	0.8	23	41	
COLORADO	28.5	24.7	37.6	154.6	4.1	0.5	29.0	45.4	63.9	284.6	14	29	39.0	22.6	36.4	192.3	5.3	0.7	23	22	
COLORADO ST	35.9	23.8	34.7	171.6	4.9	0.8	22.3	34.3	64.8	326.3	6	33	23.4	22.0	40.1	187.6	4.7	0.5	24	19	
CONNECTICUT	15.5	14.8	33.0	107.4	3.3	1.3	15.4	28.4	54.4	169.3	12	12	29.8	20.3	39.8	168.8	4.2	0.6	30	26	
DUKE	32.5	22.7	37.3	183.3	4.9	0.5	30.0	36.6	57.9	214.9	7	20	20.6	19.9	41.6	186.3	4.5	0.8	15	27	
E MICHIGAN	15.2	15.8	38.3	137.8	3.6	1.6	13.9	26.7	52.2	151.8	11	13	40.9	23.3	42.8	223.9	5.2	0.5	35	12	
EAST CAROLINA	37.2	28.8	33.3	165.8	5.0	0.9	30.7	47.4	64.7	366.8	9	29	25.7	20.6	32.0	191.7	3.3	0.3	28	20	
FLU	23.0	16.3	40.7	125.2	3.1	1.0	14.3	26.9	52.9	168.0	10	15	24.8	18.0	39.5	160.4	4.1	1.6	40	31	
FLORIDA	30.5	17.7	43.1	189.5	4.4	0.7	14.2	26.9	52.7	180.7	13	16	21.2	16.7	37.0	116.8	3.2	1.2	15	26	
FAU	24.0	18.3	36.9	163.6	4.4	1.1	17.2	30.4	56.4	199.5	5	18	34.4	22.8	40.3	222.1	5.5	0.6	21	23	
FLORIDA ST	34.8	22.7	37.1	134.8	4.3	0.6	23.2	36.0	64.3	299.9	19	25	23.0	20.4	40.6	160.1	3.9	0.8	21	17	
FRESNO ST	28.1	21.4	40.3	183.9	4.6	0.5	21.7	37.8	57.3	234.8	19	26	32.6	20.2	44.2	207.3	4.7	0.8	36	27	
GEORGIA	41.7	23.0	42.0	255.0	6.1	0.6	16.9	24.9	67.9	199.9	5	23	21.3	19.3	41.6	175.6	4.2	1.1	15	24	
GEORGIA ST	22.7	20.3	32.4	97.8	3.0	0.9	22.2	37.2	59.6	2											

SUGAR BOWL

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

OHIO ST (12-1)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
OHIO ST	185	272	35	+9	✓	#42
ALABAMA	149	277	36	-1	✓	#25

This national semi-final matches up two of the most storied programs in CFB history w/arguably the top 2 coaches of this generation. PP backs the nearly DD dog Bucks here (Meyer is 4-0 SU/ATS at OSU as a dog) and it calls for them to have a 457-426 yd edge. While we also lean with the Buckeyes, we downgraded our rating as Saban and Co will have a month to prep for OSU QB Jones.

3★ OHIO ST 35 (+) ALABAMA 36

ARMED FORCES BOWL

Friday, January 2nd • 12:00 pm ESPN • Amon G. Carter Stadium • Fort Worth, TX

PITTSBURGH (6-6)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
PITTSBURGH	228	193	30	-5	1/2	#69
HOUSTON	164	256	28	+10	✓	#123

Pitt sports an impressive +86 ypg TY vs our #69 sked while UH was +74 ypg albeit vs a much weaker sked. PP, however calls for this one to go down to the wire. This gm features one interim HC (UH's Gibbs) and could feature another if Chryst bolts for Wisky and we'll pass on this for now.

NO PLAY: PITTSBURGH 30 HOUSTON 28

TAXSLAYER BOWL

Friday, January 2nd • 3:20 pm ESPN • Everbank Stadium • Jacksonville, FL

IOWA (7-5)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
IOWA	154	240	25	-5	✓	#70
TENNESSEE	142	202	27	+1	✓	#16

The Vols are back in a bowl for the 1st time s/10 and remarkably haven't won one s/07. They finished 3-1 SU down the stretch and PP calls for them to get that elusive 7th win. However, it does have Iowa w/a 394-344 yd edge and Hawkeye HC Ferentz is 7-2 ATS as a dog in bowls. Pass.

NO PLAY: TENNESSEE 27 IOWA 25

ALAMO BOWL

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

UCLA (9-3)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
UCLA	168	240	23	+4	✓	#1
KANSAS ST	103	282	30	+8	✓✓ 1/2	#32

While PP backs the Cats in this gm w/a 7 pt MOV forecast, it does have the Bruins w/a 408-385 yd edge. With a split forecast, we'll lean with the UNDER as both tms sport Top 30 D's and KSt's L/3 bowl games have all gone UNDER the total by an avg of 16.5 ppg.

3★ UNDER: KANSAS ST 30 UCLA 23

CACTUS BOWL

Friday, January 2nd • 10:15 pm ESPN • Sun Devil Stadium • Tempe, AZ

OKLAHOMA ST (6-6)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
OKLAHOMA ST	101	234	20	-8	✓	#20
WASHINGTON	211	194	30	+12	✓	#55

While PP calls for Wash to come away w/a 10 pt win (early line UW -5'), we think the better play is the total (early line 56') as the Huskies are 1-8 O/U in gms where AA LB Thompson plays strictly D and Ok St did lose their electrifying RM in Hill to off-field issues.

3★ UNDER: WASHINGTON 30 OKLAHOMA ST 20

BIRMINGHAM BOWL

Saturday, January 3rd • 1:00 pm ESPN • Legion Field • Birmingham, AL

EAST CAROLINA (8-4)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
EAST CAROLINA	57	305	22	-4	✓✓✓	#102
FLORIDA	167	214	33	+6	✓✓✓	#41

While UF is clearly the superior tm, PP can't factor in emotion as they will be playing w/an interim HC. PP does call for the yds to be close (UF 381-362) and EC thrives when playing their big brothers from the ACC/SEC going 5-1 SU/6-0 ATS the L/2 yrs. Pass.

NO PLAY: FLORIDA 33 EAST CAROLINA 22

GODADDY BOWL

Sunday, January 4th • 9:00 pm ESPN • Ladd-Peebles Stadium • Mobile, AL

TOLEDO (8-4)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
TOLEDO	283	203	38	-4	✓	#113
ARKANSAS ST	196	263	37	+7	✓	#122

PP likes the Rockets to win a shoot-out incl having a 486-459 yd edge. While PP calls for this one to go over the total (early line 67), we fade later date bowl gms as the extra time off usually has a negative effect on the offenses and we'll pass on this matchup for now.

NO PLAY: TOLEDO 38 ARKANSAS ST 37

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Rutgers.....	604
North Carolina..	629
NC State.....	672
UCF.....	106
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Nebraska.....	1561
USC.....	123
West Virginia....	752
Texas A&M.....	550
Clemson.....	557
Oklahoma.....	1257
Texas.....	162
Arkansas.....	576
Notre Dame.....	430
LSU.....	587
Louisville.....	475
Georgia.....	200
Maryland.....	2845
Stanford.....	18
Mississippi.....	330
TCU.....	816
Boise St.....	900
Arizona.....	125
Georgia Tech...	650
Mississippi St....	857
Wisconsin.....	1322
Auburn.....	436
Michigan St.....	1137
Baylor.....	99
Minnesota.....	1565
Missouri.....	1114
Florida St.....	2253
Oregon.....	858
Ohio St.....	911
Alabama.....	344
Pittsburgh.....	1254
Houston.....	266
Iowa.....	1243
Tennessee.....	547
UCLA.....	1353
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Arkansas St.....	453

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