

Football Betting Sheet

2012-13 Bowl Season

Plays based upon a five-point scale. Plays over a 4.0 are strong plays. Plays above 4.5 are mandatory plays.

SEASON RECORD: 53-36-1

Famous Idaho Potato Bowl: Utah State Aggies 28 – TOLEDO ROCKETS 24 (4:30 ET 12/15) – The line opened at Utah State -10 and has risen to 10.5. The MAC has gone **2-0 SU and ATS** in the Potato Bowl over the course of the L/2 years and is **3-0 ATS** in the L/3 years. Toledo has gone **8-4 SU** all-time in bowl games, while the Aggies have just one win to their credit. Scoring points is going to be a tough task for the Rockets, but they did score 27 against the best 'D' in the MAC (Bowling Green) and 29 against a solid defensive team in the Big East (Cincinnati) **TOLEDO +10.5 Rating: 4.3/5**

Hawaii Bowl: Fresno State Bulldogs 45 – SMU Mustangs 24 (8:00 ET 12/24) – The 'total' has opened at 62.5 and has dropped to 59.5, which is good enough for us to play. Fresno State has scored at least 42 points in five straight games and has averaged 47.2 PPG in that stretch. SMU has gone **5-2** towards the 'over' in its L/7 games. The Mustangs have also scored at least 34 in four of their L/6. **OVER 59.5 Rating: 4.9/5**

Military Bowl: San Jose State Aztecs 26 – BOWLING GREEN FALCONS 24 (3:00 ET 12/27) – San Jose State opened at -7 and has held right there in spite of the fact that 58% of the betting action is on its side. Bowling Green has the best defense in the MAC, and it has an offense led by QB Matt Schilz that can do some damage. San Jose State might have been the best or second best team in the WAC this year, but BGSU is **7-1 SU and ATS** in its L/8 games. **BOWLING GREEN +7 Rating: 4.5/5**

Holiday Bowl: UCLA Bruins 49 – Baylor Bears 45 (9:45 ET 12/27) – The 'total' opened at 76.5 and shot up quickly to 79.5. Is either team going to stop the other in this one. Baylor averages a total of 1,098 yards and 82.2 points per game. UCLA averages 885 yards and 61.0 points per game combined. Take away the two games against a solid Stanford defense, and the Bruins averaged 77.5 PPG in the last month and a half of the season. This game is very likely to get into the 80s or the 90s. **OVER 79.5 Rating: 4.1/5**

Meineke Car Care Bowl: Texas Tech Red Raiders 31 – MINNESOTA GOLDEN GOPHERS 21 (9:00 ET 12/28) – The line opened with Minnesota as a 13-point underdog, and that has held for weeks. Texas Tech has an offense that throws it all over the place, while the Golden Gophers rank 11th in the land in pass defense. An ailing offense should find some consistency over the course of the next two weeks, and Minnesota should at least be able to stick inside of the number, knowing that it has gone 3-4 SU in seven bowl games, but has lost three of those games by three points or fewer. **MINNESOTA +13 Rating: 4.3/5**

Pinstripe Bowl: West Virginia Mountaineers 52 – Syracuse Orange 42 (3:15 ET 12/29) – The 'total' opened at 73 and has risen slightly to 73.5. West Virginia's offense has tailed off just a bit, but the team didn't have a game down the stretch in which it scored fewer than 34 points. QB Ryan Nassib quietly led the Orange to an average of 38.5 PPG in the L/6 games of the season. Last year's meeting when these two teams were in the Big East featured 72 points. This one should feature even more. **OVER 73.5 Rating: 4.4/5**

Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl: TCU HORNED FROGS 27 – Michigan State Spartans 16 (10:15 ET 12/29) – TCU opened at -2.5 and has held right there. The Horned Frogs are **9-3 SU** in bowl games since Head Coach Gary Patterson came to the university as the defensive coordinator in 1998, and two of those three losses came to Boise State. Michigan State is just **1-5 SU** in bowl games since 2003, and it is just **2-4 ATS** in those games. TCU played a much harder schedule this year and are deserving favorites that should be favored by even more. **TCU -2.5 Rating: 4.8/5**

Outback Bowl: SOUTH CAROLINA GAMECOCKS 34 – Michigan Wolverines 20 (1:00 ET 1/1) – The line opened at South Carolina -4 and has risen to -5. DE Jadeveon Clowney should be a one-man wrecking crew in this game to the mobile Michigan quarterbacks. Michigan has played four Top 35 ranked defenses this year, and it is **0-4 SU and ATS** in those games, averaging just 12.5 PPG in those efforts. South Carolina should rock and roll in the Outback Bowl. **SOUTH CAROLINA -5 Rating: 4.7/5**

Sugar Bowl: FLORIDA GATORS 30 – Louisville Cardinals 10 (8:30 ET 1/2) – The line opened Florida -14 and has dipped to Florida -13. The Gators are **3-0 ATS** in their L/3 games against Big East teams, including dropping Cincinnati 51-24 in the Sugar Bowl in 2010. Louisville is just happy to be at this point of the year, but it has averaged just 22.0 PPG in its L/3 games, and it went **1-2 ATS** in those outings. **FLORIDA -13 Rating: 4.2/5**

BBVA Compass Bowl: OLE MISS REBELS 31 – Pittsburgh Panthers 10 (1:00 ET 1/5) – Ole Miss started the bowl season at -3 and has risen to -3.5. The Panthers are going to be here in the BBVA Compass Bowl for the third straight year, and last year, they were trashed 28-6 by SMU. We doubt that a 6-6 U-Pitt team really cares about being here, whereas Ole Miss is playing in its first bowl game under Head Coach Hugh Freeze, its first bowl since 2009. The Rebels are **4-0 SU and ATS** in their L/4 bowl games and are a whopping **20-9 SU** dating back to 1955 in bowl games. **OLE MISS -3.5 Rating: 4.6/5**

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