Phil Steele Inside the Pressbox

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Bowl Games

	Computer	Phil
Saturday, December 13th		
Army 3:00 pm. ET **Navy**		
LA Bowl **Boise St** 8:00 pm. ET **Washington**		
CELEBRATION Bowl **South Carolina St** 12:00 pm. ET **Prairie View A&M**		
Tuesday, December 16th		
VETERANS Bowl **Troy** 9:00 pm. ET ★**Jax State**		★
Wednesday, December 17th		
CURE Bowl **Old Dominion** 5:00 pm. ET **South Florida**		
68 VENTURES Bowl **Louisiana** 8:30 pm. ET **Delaware**		
Thursday, December 18th		
XBOX Bowl **Missouri St** 9:00 pm. ET **Arkansas St**		
Friday, December 19th		
MYRTLE BEACH Bowl **Kennesaw St** 11:00 am. ET ☆**Western Michigan**	☆	
GASPARILLA Bowl **Memphis** 2:30 pm. ET ★**NC State**		★
PLAYOFF 1St ROUND **Alabama** 8:00 pm. ET **Oklahoma**		
Saturday, December 20th		
PLAYOFF 1St ROUND **James Madison** 7:30 pm. ET **Oregon**		
PLAYOFF 1St ROUND **Tulane** 3:30 pm. ET **Mississippi**		
PLAYOFF 1St ROUND **Miami, FL** 12:00 pm. ET ★**Texas A&M**		★

	Computer	Phil
Monday, December 22nd		
IDAHO POTATO Bowl **Washington St** 2:00 pm. ET **Utah St**		
Tuesday, December 23rd		
BOCA RATON Bowl **Toledo** 2:00 pm. ET **Louisville**		
NEW ORLEANS Bowl **WKU** 5:30 pm. ET **Southern Miss**		
FRISCO Bowl **UNLV** 9:00 pm. ET **Ohio**		
Wednesday, December 24th		
HAWAII Bowl **California** 8:00 pm. ET ☆**Hawaii**	☆	
Friday, December 26th		
GAMEABOVE SPORTS Bowl **Central Michigan** 1:00 pm. ET **Northwestern**		
RATE Bowl **New Mexico** 4:30 pm. ET **Minnesota**		
FIRST RESPONDER Bowl **FIU** 8:00 pm. ET **UTSA**		
Saturday, December 27th		
MILITARY Bowl **Pittsburgh** 11:00 am. ET **East Carolina**		
PINSTRIPE Bowl **Penn St** 12:00 pm. ET **Clemson**		
FENWAY Bowl **Connecticut** 2:15 pm. ET **Army**		
POP-TARTS Bowl **Georgia Tech** 3:30 pm. ET **BYU**		
ARIZONA Bowl **Miami, OH** 4:30 pm. ET **Fresno St**		

	Computer	Phil
NEW MEXICO Bowl **North Texas** 5:45 pm. ET **San Diego St**		
GATOR Bowl **Virginia** 7:30 pm. ET **Missouri**		
TEXAS Bowl **LSU** 9:15 pm. ET **Houston**		
Monday, December 29th		
BIRMINGHAM Bowl **Georgia Southern** 2:00 pm. ET **Appalachian St**		
Tuesday, December 30th		
INDEPENDENCE Bowl **Coastal Carolina** 2:00 pm. ET **Louisiana Tech**		
MUSIC CITY Bowl **Tennessee** 5:30 pm. ET **Illinois**		
ALAMO Bowl **USC** 9:00 pm. ET **TCU**		
Wednesday, December 31st		
RELIAQUEST Bowl **Iowa** 12:00 pm. ET **Vanderbilt**		
SUN Bowl **Arizona St** 2:00 pm. ET **Duke**		
CITRUS Bowl **Michigan** 3:00 pm. ET **Texas**		
LAS VEGAS Bowl **Nebraska** 3:30 pm. ET **Utah**		
COTTON Bowl PLAYOFF **TBD** 7:30 pm. ET **Ohio St**		
Thursday, January 1st		
ORANGE Bowl PLAYOFF **TBD** 12:00 pm. ET **Texas Tech**		
ROSE Bowl PLAYOFF **TBD** 4:00 pm. ET **Indiana**		
SUGAR Bowl PLAYOFF **TBD** 8:00 pm. ET **Georgia**		

	Computer	Phil
Friday, January 2nd		
ARMES FORCES Bowl **Rice** 1:00 pm. ET **Texas St**		
LIBERTY Bowl **Navy** 4:30 pm. ET **Cincinnati**		
MAYO Bowl **Wake Forest** 8:00 pm. ET **Mississippi St**		
HOLIDAY Bowl **Arizona** 8:00 pm. ET **SMU**		
Thursday, January 8th		
FIESTA Bowl PLAYOFF **TBD** 7:30 pm. ET **TBD**		
Friday, January 9th		
PEACH Bowl PLAYOFF **TBD** 7:30 pm. ET **TBD**		
Monday, January 19th		
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP **TBD** 7:30 pm. ET **TBD**		

FCS Playoffs- 12/20

Saturday, December 20th

★**Montana vs** ★**Montana St (over 56)** **HIGH SCORE**

Illinois St vs Villanova

Pressbox Bowl Release Schedule

Thursday 12/11 - Release #1

Bowls from 12/13 to 12/18

Thursday 12/18 - Release #2

Bowls from 12/19 to 12/24

Tuesday 12/23 - Release #3

Bowls from 12/26 to 12/30

Army West Point Cadets

Cadets Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	OFF	DEF	FOE ST
0-0		0-0		115	#N/A			1/1	Tarleton St	27-30	L	102	59	32			
0-1	1-1	0-0	0-1	110	121			1/1	at Kansas St	24-21	W	101	64	32	27	39	66
1-1		0-0		113				1/1	Bye			98	59	11			
1-1	3-0	0-0	0-0	113	115			1/1	North Texas	38-45	L	102	57	15	46	94	75
1-2	2-2	0-1	0-0	112	113			1/1	at East Carolina	6-28	L	82	68	9	57	89	48
1-3	2-2	0-2	0-1	108	96			1/1	at UAB	31-13	W	102	73	12	73	132	96
2-3	1-4	1-2	0-2	109	92			1/1	Charlotte	24-7	W	102	71	12	122	121	43
3-3	5-1	2-2	2-0	109	117			1/1	at Tulane	17-24	L	103	64	11	65	48	106
3-4		2-3		109				1/1	Bye			102	71	8			
3-4	2-5	2-3	1-4	109	109			1/1	at Air Force	20-17	W	99	66	7	62	125	22
4-4	5-4	2-3	3-2	110	103			1/1	Temple	14-13	W	100	66	18	76	102	73
5-4		3-3		109				1/1	Bye			111	64	12			
5-4	3-7	3-3	0-6	109	98			1/1	Tulsa	25-26	L	110	61	12	101	116	84
5-5	6-5	3-4	4-3	106	116			1/1	at UTSA	27-24	W	111	74	43	34	94	31
6-5	9-3	4-4	0-0	109	112			1/1	† Connecticut			114	80	21	34	92	115

OVERALL:	OVERALL:
6-5	9-2
vs. IND	vs. American
4-4	7-1

NCAA RANKINGS

2025 TEAM RANKINGS

Army West Point		Navy
#5	Rush Off	#1
#136	Pass Off	#133
#110	**Total Off**	**#24**
#101	Score Off	#31
#1	Sks Allowed	#2
#63	Rush Def	#57
#51	Pass Def	#124
#56	**Total Def**	**#93**
#49	Score Def	#82
#134	Sks By	#98
#92	Ypg Diff	#53
+5	**Total TO's**	**+1**

Navy Midshipmen

Midshipmen Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	OFF	DEF	FOE ST
0-0		0-0		121				1/1	OPEN			83	80	18			
0-0		0-0		121	#N/A			1/1	VMI	52-7	W	82	80	18			
1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	120	92			1/1	UAB	38-24	W	79	85	18	98	129	100
2-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	118	90			1/1	at Tulsa	42-23	W	72	89	106	110	121	41
3-0		2-0		117				1/1	Bye			70	85	52			
3-0	3-1	2-0	1-0	117	100			1/1	Rice	21-13	W	65	84	69	119	78	25
4-0	1-3	3-0	0-3	116	106			1/1	Air Force	34-31	W	58	80	41	84	114	34
5-0	3-2	3-0	1-0	115	104			1/1	at Temple	32-31	W	56	89	52	95	101	55
6-0		4-0		113				1/1	Bye			53	93	88			
6-0	3-4	4-0	2-2	113	100			1/1	Florida Atlantic	42-32	W	51	94	93	72	126	127
7-0	7-1	5-0	3-1	113	114			1/1	at North Texas	17-31	L	43	94	90	19	97	93
7-1	6-2	5-1	0-0	111	138		10	1/1	at Notre Dame	10-49	L	43	94	105	6	5	107
7-2	7-2	5-1	4-1	109	129		25	1/1	USF	41-38	W	54	97	89	19	46	117
8-2		6-1		114				1/1	Bye			41	101	104			
8-2	8-3	6-1	4-3	114	117			1/1	at Memphis	28-17	W	45	101	105	52	63	93
9-2		7-1		117	109			1/1	† Army West Point			47	89	102			

Computer Forecast

Army	PROJECTED	Navy
216	Rush Yards	282
82	Pass Yards	135
298	Total Yards	418
16.8	Score	25.4
80	EXP	84

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Foe	Score	Tot Off	FD	Rush Att-Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks Vs	Tot Def	FD	Rush Att-Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks By	Net Yds	Net TO's	Net Pts	Net FD	Off vs FBS Foe Def		Def vs FBS Foe Off		Gm Grade
VMI	52-7	556	26	56-464	8.3	9-14	92	0	212	9	22-15	0.7	16-28	197	0	344	0	45	17	#2	77	#3	87	84.8
UAB	38-24	463	20	51-295	5.8	6-8	168	0	413	23	27-92	3.4	23-33	321	1	50	3	14	-3	#6	42	#8	-10	99.4
at Tulsa	42-23	461	25	63-367	5.8	6-10	94	1	329	23	33-140	4.2	22-37	189	3	132	-1	19	2	#2	70	#2	75	109.9
Rice	21-13	455	19	48-283	5.9	8-13	172	0	234	13	39-120	3.1	12-21	114	2	221	-1	8	6	#3	59	#4	84	97.5
Air Force	34-31	517	18	29-178	6.1	20-26	339	0	460	23	45-211	4.7	12-20	249	2	57	0	3	-5	#4	102	#9	-58	96.1
at Temple	32-31	384	15	37-243	6.6	6-17	141	1	518	27	40-173	4.3	25-36	345	1	-134	1	1	-12	#7	-14	#11	-189	84.2
FAU	42-32	503	26	56-397	7.1	9-13	106	0	450	23	26-69	2.7	34-55	381	3	53	2	10	3	#4	73	#7	-5	99.8
at North Texas	17-31	391	22	44-311	7.1	8-14	80	1	424	22	45-190	4.2	19-24	234	2	-33	-3	-14	0	#8	-6	#5	68	103.5
at Notre Dame	10-49	228	13	45-206	4.6	3-10	22	2	502	23	38-249	6.6	16-19	253	0	-274	0	-39	-10	#10	-90	#9	-47	97.9
USF	41-38	524	21	53-338	6.4	10-19	186	1	556	23	36-200	5.6	24-33	356	1	-32	1	3	-2	#2	151	#9	-59	110.8
at Memphis	28-17	300	21	60-200	3.3	5-9	100	1	288	18	29-116	4.0	19-36	172	5	12	-1	11	3	#8	-67	#1	144	109.7
† Army West Point																								
TOTALS	**357-296**	**4782**	**226**	**542-3282**	**6.1**	**90-153**	**1500**	**7**	**4386**	**227**	**380-1575**	**4.1**	**222-342**	**2811**	**20**	**396**	**1**	**61**	**-1**	**#52**	**322**	**#72**	**3**	**99.4**
AVERAGES	**32-27**	**435**	**20.5**	**49-298**	**6.1**	**58.8%**	**136**	**4.6%**	**399**	**20.6**	**35-143**	**4.1**	**64.9%**	**256**	**5.8%**	**36**	**0.1**	**6**	**0**	**#48**	**32**	**#72**	**0**	**#73**
HOME	**38-24**	**503**	**21.7**	**49-326**	**6.7**	**66.7%**	**177**	**1**	**388**	**19.0**	**33-118**	**3.6**	**63.7%**	**270**	**9**	**116**	**5**	**14**	**3**	**#23**	**86**	**#85**	**-10**	**98.1**
AWAY	**26-30**	**353**	**19.2**	**50-265**	**5.3**	**46.7%**	**87**	**6**	**412**	**22.6**	**37-174**	**4.7**	**66.4%**	**239**	**11**	**-59**	**-4**	**-4**	**-3**	**#86**	**-21**	**#54**	**10**	**101.0**
CONF	**33-26**	**435**	**21.1**	**52-304**	**5.9**	**56.3%**	**131**	**5**	**402**	**21.5**	**34-138**	**4.0**	**64.7%**	**264**	**18**	**34**	**1**	**7**	**0**	**#43**	**39**	**#56**	**14**	**101.9**
NON-CONF	**32-29**	**434**	**19.0**	**43-283**	**6.5**	**64.0%**	**151**	**2**	**391**	**18.3**	**35-158**	**4.5**	**65.7%**	**233**	**2**	**42**	**0**	**3**	**1**	**#64**	**4**	**#109**	**-35**	**92.9**
Last 4 Weeks	**24-34**	**361**	**19.3**	**51-264**	**5.3**	**50.0%**	**97**	**1.3**	**443**	**21.5**	**37-189**	**5.1**	**69.6%**	**254**	**2.0**	**-82**	**-1**	**-10**	**-2**		**-3**		**26**	**105.5**

This Weeks Numbers

VEGAS LINE	**Navy By 6.5**	**L4W Game Grade**	**Navy By 18.1**
VEGAS TOTAL	**38 Points**	**Last Met Line**	**N/A**
+/- Rating	**Navy By 11.5**	**Last Met Score**	**N/A**
Game Grade	**Navy By 6.3**	**Points per Yards**	**25.6 By 8.7**

Phil's Forecast:

Last year Navy was -6.5. They led 14-0 2Q and it was 21-13 4Q when they added 2 td's. Army has won 6 of the last 9 meetings. Army was coming off their first ever 12-win season but they had to replace QB Bryson Daily who rushed for over 1,600 yards and combined for 41 td's last year. The Knights blew a 14 pt 4Q lead and lost to Tarleton then upset Kansas St the following week. Army lost their next two against NTexas and ECU then won 5 of their last 7. Army's upset of UTSA was the Roadrunner's first conference loss under Jeff Traylor, ending a 25 game home conf win streak. Three of their 4 AAC losses were vs teams at the top of the conference. QB Hellums has rushed for 1,070 (4.0). Army puts up 79 ypg less than their foes allow while they hold foes 44 ypg below their avg. Navy won 10 games last year and brought back 13 starters including QB Blake Horvath. Navy started 7-0 against a weak schedule (0 bowl elig tms). Horvath threw 2 4Q int's and they lost by 14 at North Texas then Horvath sat out at Notre Dame and the Middies were thrashed 49-10. Navy upset USF 41-38 then won 28-17 at Memphis to finish 10-2 but lost the tie-breaker for the AAC Title game. Horvath has rushed for 1,040 yards. Eli Heidenreich has 805 rec and 409 rush. Navy puts up 32 ypg more than foes allow and on D they allow teams to meet their avg. Navy has a big ST's edge (#33 vs #119). AGG has Navy by just 2.8 but L4W has Navy by 14.6. The Underdog is 23-6 ATS in Military Academy games. The Under is 17-2 in this series. Two of the last 3 have gone Over the Total but the one of those was because of OT. Both teams know how to stop the option which makes these games low scoring and close. There's no better game to watch than Army vs Navy. I'm going with series history and calling for a close, low scoring game.

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Boise St Broncos

Broncos Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	TEAM ST	--PS RANK-- OFF	--PS RANK-- DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	FOE OFF	FOE DEF	FOE ST
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	122	115	25		8/30	at USF	7-34	L	28	63	40	50	63	107			
0-1		0-0		122	#N/A			9/6	Eastern Washington	51-14	W	28	62	40						
1-1		0-0		117				9/13	Bye			30	62	40						
1-1	1-1	0-0	0-1	117	110			9/20	at Air Force	49-37	W	33	65	30	106	89	82			
2-1	2-1	1-0	0-1	117	100			9/27	Appalachian St	47-14	W	32	62	29	75	87	42			
3-1	2-2	1-0	0-0	118	141			10/4	at Notre Dame	7-28	L	22	71	33	4	8	78			
3-2	3-2	1-0	0-1	120	106			10/11	New Mexico	41-25	W	18	62	25	89	118	65			
4-2	6-0	2-0	2-0	120	13			10/18	UNLV	56-31	W	22	57	21	55	105	104			
5-2	1-6	3-0	0-3	120	95			10/25	at Nevada	24-3	W	23	54	19	125	111	15			
6-2	5-3	4-0	2-2	123	101			11/1	Fresno St	7-30	L	16	62	36	115	81	100			
6-3		4-1		122				11/8	Bye			22	58	35						
6-3	7-2	4-1	4-1	117	111			11/15	at San Diego St	7-17	L	22	59	34	101	38	115			
6-4	2-8	4-2	1-5	117	95			11/22	Colorado St	49-21	W	46	56	30	114	120	134			
7-4	6-5	5-2	4-3	113	110			11/29	at Utah St	25-24	W	56	55	28	70	109	21			
8-4	6-0	6-2	2-0	115	13			12/6	UNLV	38-21	W	48	58	32	55	105	104			
9-4	8-4	7-2	5-4	115	136			1/1	† Washington			42	55	32	29	23	71			

OVERALL:	OVERALL:
9-4	8-4
vs. MTW	vs. PAC 12
7-2	5-4

NCAA RANKINGS

2025 TEAM RANKINGS

Boise St		Washington
#30	Rush Off	#59
#52	Pass Off	#50
#26	**Total Off**	**#41**
#40	Score Off	#22
#76	Sks Allowed	#101
#88	Rush Def	#17
#13	Pass Def	#50
#36	**Total Def**	**#20**
#54	Score Def	#21
#76	Sks By	#91
#25	Ypg Diff	#24
+6	**Total TO's**	**+1**

Washington Huskies

Huskies Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	TEAM ST	--PS RANK-- OFF	--PS RANK-- DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	FOE OFF	FOE DEF	FOE ST
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	130	103			8/30	Colorado St	38-21	L	39	30	11	87	101	134			
1-0		0-0		128	#N/A			9/6	UC Davis	70-10	W	39	34	11						
2-0		0-0		132				9/13	Bye			29	29	43						
2-0	2-1	0-0	0-0	132	100			9/20	at Washington St	59-24	W	25	23	38	118	111	34			
3-0	3-0	0-0	0-0	132	147		1	9/27	Ohio St	6-24	L	17	27	109	8	3	58			
3-1	4-0	0-1	1-0	132	121			10/4	at Maryland	24-20	L	25	28	107	67	49	84			
4-1	3-2	1-1	0-2	131	122			10/11	Rutgers	38-19	W	28	25	106	47	92	86			
5-1	4-2	2-1	2-1	133	131			10/18	at Michigan	7-24	L	25	23	109	15	8	55			
5-2	5-2	2-2	2-2	129	130			10/25	Illinois	42-25	W	33	30	81	54	44	100			
6-2		3-2		133				11/1	Bye			29	30	78						
6-2	2-6	3-2	0-5	133	118	24		11/8	at Wisconsin	10-13	L	27	31	82	114	42	50			
6-3	2-8	3-3	0-7	129	114			11/15	Purdue	49-13	W	38	30	74	88	93	87			
7-3	3-7	4-3	3-4	133	116			11/22	at UCLA	48-14	W	28	27	79	65	75	18			
8-3	10-1	5-3	7-1	136	144		5	11/29	Oregon	14-26	L	25	21	84	2	4	96			
8-4	9-4	5-4	7-2	136	115			12/6	† Boise St			29	23	71	42	55	32			

Computer Forecast

Boise St	PROJECTED	Washington
122	Rush Yards	172
201	Pass Yards	219
323	Total Yards	391
20.7	Score	31.7
76	EXP	41

Washington 32 Boise St 21

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Foe	Score	Tot Off	FD	Rush Att-Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks Vs	Tot Def	FD	Rush Att-Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks By	Net Yds	TO's	Net Pts	FD	Off vs FBS Foe	Def vs FBS Foe Def	Def vs FBS Foe Off	Gm Grade
Colorado St	38-21	509	26	51-283	5.5	18-24	226	3	265	17	27-85	3.1	17-33	180	2	244	0	17	9	#4 91	#2 65		100.2
UC Davis	70-10	628	34	46-324	7.0	19-30	304	0	218	13	24-76	3.2	14-28	142	3	410	1	60	21	#1 235	#1 243		129.2
at Washington St	59-24	471	23	33-173	5.2	16-19	298	3	304	21	28-27	1.0	25-36	277	3	167	3	35	2	#1 181	#6 12		125.0
Ohio St	6-24	234	15	30-61	2.0	18-23	173	6	357	23	34-149	4.4	22-28	208	1	-123	1	-18	-8	#3 33	#3 89		112.0
at Maryland	24-20	390	28	36-115	3.2	28-41	275	3	274	19	20-55	2.8	30-49	219	0	116	0	4	9	#8 -13	#1 95		110.6
Rutgers	38-19	579	26	32-177	5.5	21-27	402	1	493	25	27-107	4.0	31-50	386	3	86	0	19	1	#2 159	#9 -94		113.4
at Michigan	7-24	249	14	23-40	1.7	20-32	209	2	417	23	40-187	4.7	21-28	230	1	-168	-3	-17	-9	#10 -69	#7 -20		99.5
Illinois	42-25	449	27	33-157	4.8	27-34	292	0	337	22	29-138	4.8	22-34	199	0	112	2	17	5	#4 107	#5 36		117.3
at Wisconsin	10-13	251	15	36-117	3.3	20-32	134	4	205	12	47-157	3.3	6-18	48	2	46	-2	-3	3	#9 -79	#4 52		108.9
Purdue	49-13	506	24	40-212	5.3	18-22	294	1	267	14	30-100	3.3	17-34	167	3	239	0	36	10	#5 90	#2 84		121.1
at UCLA	48-14	426	25	39-212	5.4	18-28	214	1	207	10	22-57	2.6	21-37	150	1	219	1	34	15	#5 42	#2 123		131.6
Oregon	14-26	283	18	33-154	4.7	15-30	129	4	392	17	42-106	2.5	20-29	286	2	-109	-2	-12	1	#4 34	#5 80		111.8
TOTALS	405-233	4975	275	432-2025	4.7	238-342	2950	28	3736	216	370-1244	3.4	246-404	2492	21	1239	1	172	59	#30 577	#32 523		115.0
AVERAGES	34-19	415	22.9	36-169	4.7	69.6%	246	8.2%	311	18.0	31-104	3.4	60.9%	208	5.2%	103	0.1	14	5	#30 52	#32 48		#19
HOME	37-20	455	24.3	38-195	5.2	71.6%	260	15	333	18.7	30-109	3.6	60.6%	224	14	123	2	17	6	#22 86	#49 43		115.0
AWAY	30-19	357	21.0	33-131	3.9	67.1%	226	13	281	17.0	31-97	3.1	61.3%	185	7	76	-1	11	4	#59 12	#22 53		115.1
CONF	26-20	374	21.3	34-138	4.1	68.8%	236	22	328	18.3	32-117	3.6	61.9%	210	13	46	-3	7	3	#47 34	#33 50		114.0
NON-CONF	56-18	536	27.7	43-260	6.0	72.6%	276	6	262	17.0	26-63	2.4	57.7%	200	8	274	4	37	11	#14 90	#48 26		118.1
Last 4 Weeks	30-17	367	20.5	37-174	4.7	63.4%	193	2.5	268	13.3	35-105	2.9	54.2%	163	2.0	99	-1	14	7	22	85		118.3

This Weeks Numbers

VEGAS LINE	**Washington By 9.5**	**L4W Game Grade**	**Washington By 14.1**
VEGAS TOTAL	**52.5 Points**	**Last Met Line**	**N/A**
+/- Rating	**Washington By 16.0**	**Last Met Score**	**N/A**
Game Grade	**Washington By 7.9**	**Points per Yards**	**31.579375 By 4.9**

Phil's Forecast:

Boise St trails all-time series 4-2 incl ATS losses in '12 & '19 Las Vegas Bowl. Last mtg in '23, Washington (-14) won 56-19. Michael Penix threw 5 td passes and the Huskies held Ashton Jeanty and the ground gm to 138 yds. UW playing in a bowl for the 4th straight yr and 2nd under HC Jedd Fisch. They lost 35-34 in LY's Sun Bowl to Louisville (+1'). They outgained the Cards 472-371 and QB Demond Williams had breakout 5 td gm. Since '02, the only time Boise St missed bowl was when gm was cancelled in '18, '20 & '21. Broncos on 0-4 ATS bowl slide incl 0-2 under HC Spencer Danielson ('23 LA Bowl/'24 Fiesta Bowl) and last covered a bowl in '17. After making the CFP last yr, Boise took a step back in '25 and really missed Heisman finalist Jeanty. They opened with a 34-7 loss to USF, won 3 straight as a DD favorite then lost to ND 28-7. Broncos rallied for 3 more wins, but third year starting QB Maddux Madsen (58%, 21-7) was injured and the offense tanked in b2b losses to Fresno St and SD St. With Max Cutforth filling in and getting more comfortable, Boise closed the reg ssn with 3 wins in a row to qualify for the MW championship gm vs UNLV. Madsen returned and Boise rolled, 38-21, for their 3rd straight league title over the Rebs. There's no one of Jeanty's caliber, but Dylan Riley and Sire Gaines have combined for 1886 yds (5.6) and 18 td's. The D holds opp 64 ypg below their avg (#26 FBS) and the pass D ranks 17th in the country with ratio of 13-14. Washington was far more experienced in Fisch's 2nd ssn and improved from 6 reg ssn wins to 8. The Huskies won gms they were supposed (6-3 ATS as fav) but couldn't break through as a dog (SU & ATS losses to Ohio St, Michigan, Oregon) and fell at Wisconsin Nov. 8, 13-10. Williams had a breakout 1st ssn as a starter (70%, 21-8, 595 rush) and UW has the better skill talent. But RB Jonah Coleman & WR Denzel Boston are banged up juniors with NFL futures which could mean more reps for RB Adam Mohammed (517, 5.0) and WR Dezmen Roebuck (554, 13.5). Huskies hold opp 48ypg below their avg and have a big edge in run D (104 ypg, 3.4 ypc). Michigan & Wisconsin are the only tms to rush for more than 100 yds against UW. Boise is 0-2 ATS as a dog this year and 1-2 under Danielson. My computer has Washington 32-21 and my AGG has the Huskies by 7.9. Washington has played the tougher schedule (#41 vs #76) and has the better STs (#63 vs #105). Against the toughest opponents on the schedule, both of these tms came up short in '25. However, the Broncos did well to win another MWC and are a better overall team with Madsen under center. Williams and the tough run defense will lead Washington to a win, but the veteran Broncos will keep the game within single digits.

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Computer Forecast

S Carolina St	PROJECTED	PV A&M
186	Rush Yards	176
214	Pass Yards	206
400	Total Yards	383
25.0	Score	30.6
89	EXP	89

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Foe	Score	Tot Off	FD	Rush Att-Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks Vs	Tot Def	FD	Rush Att - Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks By	Net Yds	TO's	Net Pts	FD	Off vs Foe Def		Def vs Foe Off		Gm Grade
at Texas Southern	22-21	453	23	36-152	4.2	24-40	301	0	267	18	33-135	4.1	12-21	132	0	186	1	1	5	#2	107	#3	91	74.8
UTRGV	21-27	300	15	38-163	4.3	15-27	137	0	408	24	35-145	4.1	19-31	263	2	-108	-1	-6	-9	#9	-57	#7	-170	65.3
at Rice	17-38	251	18	32-100	3.1	13-28	151	2	461	28	60-347	5.8	12-19	114	1	-210	0	-21	-10	#11	-164	#11	-163	65.8
Northwestern St	27-24	494	19	44-346	7.9	15-23	148	1	320	14	32-164	5.1	12-21	156	1	174	0	3	5	#4	39	#10	-96	58.2
† Grambling St	28-13	346	20	37-224	6.1	11-24	122	1	266	17	33-105	3.2	21-43	161	1	80	2	15	3	#6	9	#4	56	72.2
at Alcorn St	13-12	348	21	34-163	4.8	23-33	185	0	270	16	32-94	2.9	11-25	176	5	78	1	1	5	#6	-3	#3	92	73.3
at Southern	24-3	361	18	31-137	4.4	19-31	224	0	247	16	43-166	3.9	12-21	81	1	114	3	21	2	#10	-39	#2	72	68.6
Lincoln (CA)	38-0	423	17	22-165	7.5	12-21	258	1	63	4	14-21	1.5	4-11	42	4	360	2	38	13					64.8
Alabama St	28-31	437	26	45-248	5.5	16-35	189	1	334	18	41-213	5.2	9-16	121	0	103	-3	-3	8	#6	70	#2	140	74.3
at Alabama A&M	48-5	607	27	38-213	5.6	17-23	394	1	204	15	33-103	3.1	18-39	101	0	403	-1	43	12	#3	209	#3	157	99.8
Ark Pine Bluff	56-9	644	30	41-288	7.0	22-26	356	0	253	10	37-173	4.7	9-16	80	1	391	1	47	20	#1	231	#2	93	92.2
Miss Valley St	59-6	500	22	35-234	6.7	15-23	266	0	142	8	35-62	1.8	9-20	80	2	358	1	53	14	#1	121	#1	153	91.0
at Jackson St	23-21	424	19	50-130	2.6	17-29	294	1	244	10	27-84	3.1	8-15	160	1	180	-2	2	9	#2	106	#1	236	62.8
† South Carolina St																								
TOTALS	**404-210**	5588	**275**	483-2563	**5.3**	**219-363**	**3025**	**8**	3479	**198**	**455-1812**	**4.0**	**156-298**	1667	**19**	**2109**	**4**	**194**	**77**	**#20**	**630**	**#6**	**660**	**74.1**
AVERAGES	**31-16**	430	**21.2**	**37-197**	**5.3**	**60.3%**	**233**	2.2%	268	**15.2**	**35-139**	**4.0**	52.3%	**128**	**6.4%**	162	**0.3**	**15**	**6**	**#18**	**53**	**#6**	**55**	#39
HOME	**38-16**	466	**21.5**	38-241	**6.4**	**61.3%**	**226**	**3**	253	**13.0**	**32-130**	**4.0**	53.9%	124	**10**	213	**0**	**22**	**9**	**#16**	101	**#12**	**30**	**74.3**
AWAY	**25-16**	**399**	**20.9**	**37-160**	**4.3**	**59.6%**	**239**	**5**	280	**17.1**	**37-148**	**4.0**	51.4%	**132**	**9**	**119**	**4**	**9**	**4**	**#24**	**32**	**#4**	**77**	**73.9**
CONF	**33-13**	458	**22.9**	**39-199**	**5.2**	**62.1%**	**259**	**0**	247	**14.2**	**35-126**	**3.6**	50.5%	121	**0**	210	**3**	**20**	**9**	**#13**	**90**	**#2**	121	**78.8**
NON-CONF	**22-30**	**348**	**17.3**	38-203	**5.3**	**55.1%**	**145**	**1**	**396**	**22.0**	42-219	**5.2**	**60.6%**	**178**	**1**	**-48**	**-1**	**-8**	**-5**	**#78**	**-45**	**#105**	**-107**	**63.5**
Last 4 Weeks	**47-10**	544	**24.5**	41-216	**5.5**	70.3%	**328**	**0.5**	211	**10.8**	**33-106**	**3.2**	48.9%	105	**1.0**	333	**0**	**36**	**14**		158		136	**86.4**

This Weeks Numbers

VEGAS LINE	**South Carolina St By 1.5**	**L4W Game Grade**	**N/A**
VEGAS TOTAL	**51.5 Points**	**Last Met Line**	**N/A**
+/- Rating	**Prairie View A&M By 0.0**	**Last Met Score**	**N/A**
Game Grade	**South Carolina St By 1.1**	**Points per Yards**	**28.39875 By 1.0**

Phil's Forecast:

The Celebration Bowl is played between the winners of the MEAC and the SWAC and is played in Atlanta at the Mercedes Benz Stadium. SC State is playing in their 3rd Celebration Bowl. The Gamecocks won this game in '21 when they beat Jackson St 31-10. Last year was a rematch vs Jackson St and they lost 28-7. PV A&M won their first SWAC Title since 2009 and this is their first Celebration Bowl.SCSt went 9-3 and won the MEAC in Chennis Berry's first year. They had 7 starters back including just 2 on offense but were still considered a contender in the MEAC. They started 2-3 but two of their 3 losses were vs FBS teams and they had a 449-345 yd edge in their loss to Charleston Southern. SCSt won their next 7 games including over Delaware St in the finale that decided the conference title. QB Billy Atkins is a James Madison transfer that led the Dukes to a bowl win over WKU last year. He has started the last 7 games and has a 17-4 ratio. Their D is holding foes 25 ypg below their avg. On offense they are putting up 35 ypg more than foes allow. SCSt is #2 in our FCS Pass D rankings (48%, 19-14) led by CB Jarod Washington (2 int, 20 pbu's). A&M went 5-7 last year and made a change, bringing in Tremaine Jackson who had success at Valdosta St. The Panthers were competitive in early losses to UTRGV and Rice. They won 5 straight before a 3 pt loss to Alabama St. A&M won their last 3 reg ssn games to clinch a berth in the SWAC Title game then upset Jackson St 23-21 last week. Their Oline is the strength of the tm. A&M avg 203 rush ypg (5.6) and they've allowed just 7 sacks. Their D holds foes 37 ypg below their avg. LB Kennedy Parker leads the team with 14.5 tfl's. A&M is #8 in our pass D rankings (52%, 7-8). SCSt has the location edge but A&M's fans will be excited for their first Celebration Bowl. The computer has PV A&M 31-25 but AGG has SCSt by 1. There is some concern for a letdown from A&M after they won the SWAC but Jackson is a good coach and will have them focused. Panthers win a close game by a fg.

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Troy Trojans

Trojans Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	TEAM ST	--PS RANK-- OFF	--PS RANK-- DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	FOE OFF	FOE DEF	FOE ST
0-0		0-0		112	#N/A			8/30	Nicholls	38-20	W	96	87	43						
1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	112	135		8	9/6	at Clemson	16-27	L	96	87	43	2	9	66			
1-1	2-0	0-0	0-0	108	116			9/13	Memphis	7-28	L	97	90	43	60	75	50			
1-2	2-1	0-0	1-0	111	108			9/20	at Buffalo	21-17	W	91	91	35	90	87	105			
2-2		0-0		108				9/27	Bye			107	91	56						
2-2	1-4	0-0	0-1	108	104			10/4	South Alabama	31-24	W	112	82	78	87	99	16			
3-2	3-2	1-0	0-1	108	109			10/11	at Texas St	48-41	W	114	81	88	44	102	80			
4-2	3-3	2-0	1-1	108	95			10/18	at ULM	37-14	W	112	81	81	115	101	1			
5-2	2-5	3-0	1-2	110	100			10/25	Louisiana	35-23	W	108	94	76	99	121	39			
6-2	4-4	4-0	3-1	111	105			11/1	Arkansas St	10-23	L	112	82	92	101	130	104			
6-3		4-1		111				11/8	Bye			110	80	85						
6-3	6-3	4-1	3-2	107	113			11/15	at Old Dominion	0-33	L	109	82	99	53	89	22			
6-4	1-9	4-2	0-6	107	92			11/22	Georgia St	31-19	W	119	83	99	94	133	4			
7-4	7-4	5-2	5-2	103	103			11/29	at Southern Miss	28-18	W	126	87	99	79	80	62			
8-4	11-1	6-2	8-0	103	125		19	12/6	at James Madison	14-31	L	125	85	100	61	33	88			
8-5	8-5	6-3	7-2	105	104			12/6	† Jax State			124	75	96	66	115	11			

OVERALL:	OVERALL:
8-5	8-5
vs. SUN	vs. CUSA
6-3	7-2

NCAA RANKINGS

2025 TEAM RANKINGS

Troy		Jacksonville St
#130	Rush Off	#4
#84	Pass Off	#121
#124	**Total Off**	**#34**
#92	Score Off	#59
#136	Sks Allowed	#35
#113	Rush Def	#67
#37	Pass Def	#108
#74	**Total Def**	**#84**
#67	Score Def	#75
#23	Sks By	#57
#116	Ypg Diff	#58
+1	**Total TO's**	**+9**

Jacksonville St Gamecocks

Gamecocks Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	TEAM ST	--PS RANK-- OFF	--PS RANK-- DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	FOE OFF	FOE DEF	FOE ST
0-0	-	0-0	-	104	108			8/30	at UCF	10-17	L	109	126	21	67	56	20			
0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	104	107			9/6	Liberty	34-24	W	109	126	21	94	79	64			
1-1	0-2	1-0	0-0	104	104			9/13	at GA Southern	34-41	L	110	121	21	86	119	14			
1-2		1-0		107	#N/A			9/20	Murray St	45-10	W	105	127	75						
2-2	2-2	1-0	1-0	104	99			9/27	at Southern Miss	25-42	L	99	128	18	104	88	39			
2-3		1-0		104				10/4	Bye			98	125	24						
2-3	0-5	1-0	0-2	99	87			10/11	at Sam Houston St	29-27	W	100	122	21	93	123	13			
3-3	3-2	2-0	1-1	99	101			10/18	Delaware	38-25	W	93	123	20	131	95	23			
4-3		3-0		98				10/25	Bye			82	118	16						
4-3	1-6	3-0	0-3	102	92			11/1	at Middle Tennessee	24-21	W	80	116	18	128	116	43			
5-3	2-6	4-0	1-3	102	98			11/8	at UTEP	30-27	W	77	121	18	129	99	8			
6-3	7-2	5-0	5-0	101	103			11/15	Kennesaw St	35-26	W	78	122	20	127	136	13			
7-3	5-5	6-0	3-3	101	101			11/22	at FIU	21-27	L	76	111	16	92	112	134			
7-4	8-3	6-1	6-1	104	108			11/29	WKU	37-34	W	74	117	13	101	91	80			
8-4	7-2	7-1	5-0	102	103			12/6	Kennesaw St	15-19	L	75	114	11	127	136	13			
8-5	8-5	7-2	6-3	104	105			1/1	† Troy			66	115	11	124	75	96			

Computer Forecast

Troy	PROJECTED	Jax St
97	Rush Yards	242
226	Pass Yards	111
322	Total Yards	353
22.6	Score	21.4
88	EXP	89

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Foe	Score	Tot Off	FD	Rush Att-Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks Vs	Tot Def	FD	Rush Att-Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks By	Net Yds	TO's	Net Pts	FD	Off vs FBS Foe Def		Def vs FBS Foe Off		Gm Grade
at UCF	10-17	322	18	39-165	4.2	16-30	157	2	422	23	37-108	2.9	22-33	314	2	-100	0	-7	-5	#7	-15	#10	-47	95.8
Liberty	34-24	390	18	50-338	6.8	6-12	52	0	534	20	37-199	5.4	19-29	335	4	-144	2	10	-2	#6	15	#11	-158	88.1
at Georgia Southern	34-41	394	22	42-214	5.1	17-25	180	1	410	24	42-219	5.2	16-24	191	0	-16	0	-7	-2	#10	-77	#7	-10	89.3
Murray St	45-10	531	29	45-329	7.3	19-34	202	0	233	16	35-92	2.6	21-33	141	2	298	1	35	13	#4	53	#1	120	96.5
at Southern Miss	25-42	390	21	54-262	4.9	13-25	128	4	377	25	50-225	4.5	13-22	152	2	13	-3	-17	-4	#8	-13	#5	29	85.8
at Sam Houston St	29-27	499	26	63-370	5.9	13-17	129	0	286	15	33-150	4.5	12-19	136	4	213	0	2	11	#5	17	#4	34	89.3
Delaware	38-25	388	24	50-255	5.1	16-24	133	2	456	22	22-34	1.5	32-50	422	2	-68	2	13	2	#5	-16	#10	-42	87.5
at Middle Tennessee	24-21	358	17	39-143	3.7	15-21	215	1	319	18	22-84	3.8	23-45	235	1	39	1	3	-1	#9	-45	#3	57	91.9
at UTEP	30-27	456	23	39-275	7.1	15-31	181	0	370	20	37-126	3.4	16-32	244	0	86	0	3	3	#3	71	#7	-42	89.1
Kennesaw St	35-26	451	18	42-252	6.0	9-14	199	1	579	32	46-217	4.7	27-44	362	2	-128	4	9	-14	#6	53	#13	-189	87.5
at FIU	21-27	449	23	46-251	5.5	17-31	198	3	398	19	41-202	4.9	14-28	196	2	51	1	-6	4	#4	47	#6	10	96.8
WKU	37-34	515	24	48-293	6.1	13-20	222	2	384	21	36-204	5.7	17-25	180	0	131	1	3	3	#2	123	#7	23	99.4
Kennesaw St	15-19	306	19	40-210	5.3	12-22	96	2	318	23	36-72	2.0	26-32	246	5	-12	0	-4	-4	#6	-104	#13	94	88.3
TOTALS	377-340	5449	282	597-3357	5.6	181-306	2092	18	5086	278	474-1932	4.1	258-416	3154	26	363	9	37	4	#72	54	#89	-241	91.2
AVERAGES	29-26	419	21.7	46-258	5.6	59.2%	161	5.9%	391	21.4	36-149	4.1	62.0%	243	6.3%	28	0.7	3	0	#73	4	#89	-20	#106
HOME	34-23	430	22.0	46-280	6.1	59.5%	151	7	417	22.3	35-136	3.9	66.7%	281	15	13	10	11	0	#94	35	#127	-61	91.2
AWAY	25-29	410	21.4	46-240	5.2	58.9%	170	11	369	20.6	37-159	4.3	57.1%	210	11	41	-1	-4	1	#61	-2	#54	5	91.1
CONF	29-26	424	21.3	46-265	5.7	60.4%	158	11	405	21.1	34-143	4.2	61.2%	262	20	19	11	4	0	#67	18	#92	-24	90.9
NON-CONF	29-28	409	22.5	45-243	5.4	57.0%	167	7	361	22.0	41-161	3.9	64.3%	200	6	49	-2	1	1	#97	-26	#83	-7	91.8
Last 4 Weeks	27-27	430	21.0	44-252	5.7	58.6%	179	2.0	420	23.8	40-174	4.3	65.1%	246	2.3	11	2	1	-3		30		-15	93.0

This Weeks Numbers

VEGAS LINE	**Troy By 3**	**L4W Game Grade**	**Jacksonville St By 3.0**
VEGAS TOTAL	**46.5 Points**	**Last Met Line**	**N/A**
+/- Rating	**Troy By 4.0**	**Last Met Score**	**N/A**
Game Grade	**Jacksonville St By 0.5**	**Points per Yards**	**21.384375 By 2.2**

Phil's Forecast:

These schools are separated by just 165 miles and were rivals as FCS programs. This will be their 64th meeting but the first since '01. Jacksonville St leads series 33-28-2 but Troy has won the last 7 meetings. This will be the first bowl game for both head coaches and the first Veterans Bowl (formerly the Camellia Bowl) appearance for both schools. This is the Gamecocks' 3rd straight year in a bowl, and they're 1-1 SU & 1-0-1 ATS. Trojans missed bowl last season. They're 6-4 SU, with 5 straight wins from '10-'22, and 6-3-1 ATS. Troy only went 4-8 in HC Gerad Parker's first year. They had 10 starters back and played tough in early losses to Clemson (led at HT) and Memphis. The Trojans lost QB Goose Crowder in the 3rd game, but Tucker Kilcrease stepped in to lead 5 straight wins including at Buffalo and Texas St. They lost to Ark St then they scored 0 pts vs ODU despite Crowder returning. Troy rebounded with b2b wins to clinch a spot in the Sun Belt title game vs James Madison. Crowder was injured again and on crutches and the Trojans lost 31-14. Top RB Tae Meadows (705, 4.2) is in the portal. Troy's O-line lost their starting LT and RT by the 7th game, and they've given up 57 sacks including 32 in their last 5 games! The defense holds opponents 8ypg below their average (#65 FBS) but 4 of the last 9 opponents have rushed for more than 250 yards. First-year HC Charles Kelly did a phenomenal job this year in his Jax St debut. Gamecocks went 9-5 last year and were CUSA champs but Rich Rod returned home to West Virginia and much of the roster was overhauled. Kelly maintained their identity as a physical run-based offense. RFr Caden Creel took over in the 5th game and sparked the offense. Gamecocks started 2-3 but had close road losses to UCF and Georgia Southern. JSU won 6 of their next 7 games to clinch a spot in the CUSA title game but lost the rematch vs Kennesaw St. JSU is rushing for 258 ypg (5.6). RB Cam Cook leads CUSA with 1,744 (5.5) and Creel has rushed for 1,197 (6.4). The defense allows 8ypg less than opponents avg (#64 FBS) and the ranks #72 against the pass with a 19-12 ratio. Jax St is 5-4 ATS this season as a dog. Troy is 3-2 ATS as a favorite and 5-4 in 2 years under Parker. My computer has Troy 23-21 and my AGG has Jax St by 0.5 and 2.9 over the last 4 weeks. Gamecocks have a huge advantage at RB and O-line, especially with Meadows opting out. I'm going with the upset here for my Best Bet of the week!

Best Bet: ★Jax State 24 (+) Troy 21

Old Dominion Monarchs

Monarchs Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	TEAM ST	--PS RANK-- OFF	--PS RANK-- DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	FOE OFF	FOE DEF	FOE ST
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	114	137		20	8/30	at Indiana	14-27	L	94	93	55	17	14	119			
0-1		0-0		115	#N/A			9/6	NC Central	54-6	W	92	91	55						
1-1	0-2	0-0	0-0	119	118			9/13	at Virginia Tech	45-26	W	73	86	24	63	54	33			
2-1		0-0		122				9/20	Bye			57	81	31						
2-1	1-3	0-0	0-1	122	100			9/27	Liberty	21-7	W	55	81	27	102	76	30			
3-1	2-2	0-0	1-0	122	100			10/4	Coastal Carolina	47-7	W	53	76	22	111	96	4			
4-1	2-3	1-0	0-1	125	100			10/11	at Marshall	24-48	L	41	72	25	109	100	63			
4-2	5-1	1-1	3-0	120	115			10/18	at James Madison	27-63	L	44	81	33	98	32	88			
4-3	4-3	1-2	1-2	115	100			10/25	Appalachian St	24-21	W	50	99	32	78	88	101			
5-3	3-5	2-2	1-3	113	91			11/1	at ULM	31-6	W	52	96	30	114	109	1			
6-3		3-2		113				11/8	Bye			54	96	27						
6-3	6-3	3-2	4-1	113	107			11/15	Troy	33-0	W	53	89	22	109	82	99			
7-3	5-5	4-2	3-3	117	105			11/22	at GA Southern	45-10	W	46	76	25	70	127	77			
8-3	1-10	5-2	0-7	121	92			11/29	Georgia St	27-10	W	44	60	16	85	132	4			
9-3	9-3	6-2	6-2	119	128			12/6	† USF			49	58	19	13	50	106			

OVERALL: 9-3 vs. SUN	OVERALL: 9-3 vs. American
6-2	6-2

NCAA RANKINGS

2025 TEAM RANKINGS

Old Dominion		USF
#7	Rush Off	#10
#71	Pass Off	#18
#15	**Total Off**	**#2**
#29	Score Off	#2
#22	Sks Allowed	#28
#65	Rush Def	#45
#24	Pass Def	#120
#32	**Total Def**	**#80**
#20	Score Def	#57
#10	Sks By	#23
#14	Ypg Diff	#19
-3	**Total TO's**	**+9**

USF Bulls

Bulls Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	TEAM ST	--PS RANK-- OFF	--PS RANK-- DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	FOE OFF	FOE DEF	FOE ST
0-0		0-0		115				8/23	OPEN			49	61	107						
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	115	122		25	8/30	Boise St	34-7	W	50	63	107	28	63	40			
1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	120	139		13	9/6	at Florida	18-16	W	49	55	107	16	12	114			
2-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	125	127	18	5	9/13	at Miami, Fl	12-49	L	56	50	78	6	33	71			
2-1		0-0		121	#N/A			9/20	South Carolina St	63-14	W	72	53	79						
3-1		0-0		123				9/27	Bye			63	56	116						
3-1	1-3	0-0	0-1	123	92			10/4	Charlotte	54-26	W	60	56	119	122	117	89			
4-1	5-0	1-0	1-0	123	116	24		10/11	at North Texas	63-36	W	55	59	123	43	96	94			
5-1	3-3	2-0	2-1	127	101	19		10/18	Florida Atlantic	48-13	W	34	58	126	62	126	129			
6-1	6-1	3-0	2-1	128	119	18		10/25	at Memphis	31-34	L	25	48	114	56	57	86			
6-2		3-1		125				11/1	Bye			18	47	110						
6-2	4-4	3-1	2-2	125	115			11/8	UTSA	55-23	W	18	47	112	51	103	44			
7-2	7-2	4-1	5-1	129	109	25		11/15	at Navy	38-41	L	19	46	117	54	97	89			
7-3	3-7	4-2	1-5	124	95			11/22	at UAB	48-18	W	18	53	108	80	129	15			
8-3	5-6	5-2	2-5	124	97			11/29	Rice	52-3	W	16	48	108	128	93	44			
9-3	9-3	6-2	6-2	128	119			12/6	† Old Dominion			13	50	106	49	58	19			

Computer Forecast

ODU	PROJECTED	USF
180	Rush Yards	211
213	Pass Yards	259
394	Total Yards	471
22.4	Score	36.0
97	EXP	73

USF 36 Old Dominion 22

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Foe	Score	Tot Off	Tot FD	Rush Att-Yds	Rush Avg	Rush Co-Att	Rush Yds	Sks Vs	Tot Def	Tot FD	Rush Att-Yds	Rush Avg	Rush Co-Att	Rush Yds	Sks By	Net Yds	Net TO's	Net Pts	Net FD	Off vs FBS	Off vs Foe Def	Def vs FBS	Def vs Foe Off	Gm Grade
Boise St	34-7	372	15	28-117	4.2	17-25	255	4	378	25	38-122	3.2	27-48	256	4	-6	3	27	-10	#5	46	#5	57	112.7
at Florida	18-16	391	20	29-128	4.4	23-36	263	1	355	20	31-133	4.3	23-33	222	1	36	1	2	0	#7	15	#7	-15	112.5
at Miami, Fl	12-49	332	15	27-40	1.5	24-41	292	2	576	27	38-205	5.4	25-30	371	1	-244	0	-37	-12	#5	59	#11	-168	95.9
South Carolina St	63-14	504	20	28-252	9.0	18-26	252	0	305	20	38-70	1.8	25-42	235	5	199	0	49	0	#3	194	#3	123	105.1
Charlotte	54-26	631	36	62-407	6.6	20-35	224	0	279	15	33-130	3.9	16-29	149	1	352	0	28	21	#2	174	#7	7	113.7
at North Texas	63-36	580	32	57-306	5.4	23-29	274	3	423	26	29-97	3.3	30-49	326	2	157	2	27	6	#2	200	#4	69	131.9
FAU	48-13	522	26	51-259	5.1	15-25	263	1	312	25	30-23	0.8	41-58	289	5	210	1	35	1	#3	94	#1	146	116.5
at Memphis	31-34	564	29	38-295	7.8	26-44	269	2	450	30	34-129	3.8	28-45	321	3	114	-1	-3	-1	#1	221	#8	-32	109.3
UTSA	55-23	471	20	32-238	7.4	16-18	233	1	381	25	38-72	1.9	29-44	309	6	90	1	32	-5	#2	97	#5	36	119.7
at Navy	38-41	556	23	36-200	5.6	24-33	356	1	524	21	53-338	6.4	10-19	186	1	32	-1	-3	2	#1	173	#10	-98	104.7
at UAB	48-18	544	24	34-191	5.6	19-25	353	2	382	27	43-131	3.0	21-40	251	2	162	2	30	-3	#1	131	#5	24	117.3
Rice	52-3	553	30	49-272	5.6	18-28	281	0	257	13	40-153	3.8	9-18	104	1	296	1	49	17	#2	166	#6	59	120.6
TOTALS	**516-280**	**6020**	**290**	**471-2705**	**5.7**	**243-365**	**3315**	**17**	**4622**	**274**	**445-1603**	**3.6**	**284-455**	**3019**	**32**	**1398**	**9**	**236**	**16**	**#5**	**1375**	**#66**	**84**	**113.3**
AVERAGES	**43-23**	**502**	**24.2**	**39-225**	**5.7**	**66.6%**	**276**	**4.7%**	**385**	**22.8**	**37-134**	**3.6**	**62.4%**	**252**	**7.0%**	**117**	**0.8**	**20**	**1**	**#5**	**125**	**#66**	**8**	**#21**
HOME	**51-14**	**509**	**24.5**	**42-258**	**6.2**	**66.2%**	**251**	**6**	**319**	**20.5**	**36-95**	**2.6**	**61.5%**	**224**	**22**	**190**	**6**	**37**	**4**	**#10**	**115**	**#37**	**61**	**114.7**
AWAY	**35-32**	**495**	**23.8**	**37-193**	**5.2**	**66.8%**	**301**	**11**	**452**	**25.2**	**38-172**	**4.5**	**63.4%**	**280**	**10**	**43**	**3**	**3**	**-1**	**#3**	**133**	**#97**	**-37**	**111.9**
CONF	**49-24**	**553**	**27.5**	**45-271**	**6.0**	**67.9%**	**282**	**10**	**376**	**22.8**	**38-134**	**3.6**	**60.9%**	**242**	**21**	**177**	**5**	**24**	**5**	**#1**	**157**	**#48**	**26**	**116.7**
NON-CONF	**32-22**	**400**	**17.5**	**28-134**	**4.8**	**64.1%**	**266**	**7**	**404**	**23.0**	**36-133**	**3.7**	**65.4%**	**271**	**11**	**-4**	**4**	**10**	**-6**	**#37**	**30**	**#104**	**-31**	**106.5**
Last 4 Weeks	**48-21**	**531**	**24.3**	**38-225**	**6.0**	**74.0%**	**306**	**1.0**	**386**	**21.5**	**44-174**	**3.8**	**57.0%**	**213**	**2.5**	**145**	**1**	**27**	**3**		**142**		**5**	**115.6**

This Weeks Numbers

VEGAS LINE	**Usf By 6**	**L4W Game Grade**	**Usf By 3.3**
VEGAS TOTAL	**56 Points**	**Last Met Line**	**N/A**
+/- Rating	**Usf By 11.0**	**Last Met Score**	**N/A**
Game Grade	**Usf By 7.9**	**Points per Yards**	**35.90125 By 5.6**

Phil's Forecast:

First meeting. Old Dominion is back in the postseason after going 5-7 and missing last year. Monarchs are after their 2nd bowl win and first since '16. They beat EMU (+5'), 24-20, in the Bahamas Bowl. Under HC Ricky Rahne, they're 0-2 SU & ATS losing the '21 Myrtle Beach Bowl to Tulsa (-8'), 30-17, and the '23 Famous Toastery Bowl to WKU (+6'), 38-35, in OT. This is USF's 3rd straight bowl gm. Bulls won and covered in '23 & '24 with wins over Syracuse & San Jose St. This is interim HC Kevin Patrick's 1st gm at the helm. He's been the team's DL coach since '23. After b2b 7-6 seasons, USF exploded out of the gate in '25 with upsets of Boise St at home and Florida in the Swamp to rise to #18 in the AP. After a loss to #5 Miami, Bulls got back on track with 4 straight blowouts and were heavily favored to grab the G5 playoff berth. However, they stumbled twice on the road down the stretch, at Memphis and at Navy, and didn't even qualify for the league title gm. After going 9-3 (best ssn since '17) and averaging 43ppg, 3rd yr HC Alex Golesh took the Auburn job. The star and catalyst was QB Byrum Brown (67%, 32-7, 1008 rush) but he is sitting this game out. Senior Gaston Moore (14-20-54-1/0) will start and he's been in Golesh's system his entire career from UCF to Tennessee and here. They also have touted frosh Locklan Hewlett (PS #64). The defense is solid in the front 7 (3.6 ypc, 32 sacks) but beatable through the air against better passers. Miami, North Texas, Memphis & UTSA dinged the DB's for more than 300 yds. ODU is also off a breakout season, going 9-3 for its most wins since '16. Rahne's 6th team in Norfolk was by far his best and most experienced. Monarchs only lost by 13 to Big Ten champ Indiana in the opener and then ripped off 4 straight wins by DD including at Va Tech which got Brent Pry fired. They hit a midseason snag with b2b blowout road losses to Marshall and JMU (-7 combined TO's) but rebounded for 5 wins in a row. ODU's version of Brown was QB Colton Joseph (60%, 21-10, 1007 rush) but he has opted out and is looking to transfer. Redshirt frosh Quinn Henicle gets his 2nd career start. In his 1st start in '24, he was the SBC POW after rushing for 206 yds and accounting for 4 td's in a 40-32 win at Arkansas St. The defense held the last 5 reg ssn opp below their avg and gave up just 9ppg in those wins. My computer has USF 36-22 and my AGG favors the Bulls by 7.8 but those projections don't factor opt outs and coaching changes. Bulls have faced the tougher schedule (#73 vs #97) and have a huge STs edge (#28 vs #119). As a favorite this year, USF 5-2-1 ATS. As a dog, ODU is 2-1 this year and 23-14-1 under Rahne. Both teams are after 10 wins, a particularly big deal for ODU. USF lost its coach, OC and QB while ODU lost their QB but Henicle won't be the drop-off many expect him to be, and this could be his big showcase chance before '26. With Brown out ODU is a live dog considering the QB edge would actually shift to Henicle and the Monarchs.

Old Dominion 27 (+) USF 24

Delaware Blue Hens

Blue Hens Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	TEAM ST	--PS RANK-- OFF	--PS RANK-- DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	FOE OFF	FOE DEF	FOE ST
0-0		0-0		94	#N/A			8/30	Delaware St	35-17	W	136	103	27						
1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	90	122			9/6	at Colorado	7-31	L	136	98	27	55	54	66			
1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	91	111			9/13	Connecticut	44-41	W	136	113	10	47	84	84			
2-1	2-1	0-0	0-0	96	100			9/20	at FIU	38-16	W	136	114	16	109	109	134			
3-1		1-0		101				9/27	Bye			135	109	22						
3-1	4-1	1-0	2-0	101	105			10/4	WKU	24-27	L	134	110	24	89	112	109			
3-2		1-1		101				10/11	Bye			134	108	28						
3-2	3-3	1-1	2-0	101	99			10/18	at Jax State	25-38	L	131	95	23	93	123	20			
3-3	1-5	1-2	0-2	97	92			10/25	Middle Tennessee	31-28	W	132	96	17	128	122	31			
4-3	3-4	2-2	2-1	97	101			11/1	at Liberty	30-59	L	126	100	15	116	77	86			
4-4	5-3	2-3	3-2	93	107			11/8	Louisiana Tech	25-24	W	127	100	22	126	64	125			
5-4	1-8	3-3	0-5	96	88			11/15	at Sam Houston St	23-26	L	125	88	27	76	111	57			
5-5	7-3	3-4	4-3	93	119			11/22	at Wake Forest	14-52	L	120	92	32	84	43	76			
5-6	2-9	3-4	1-6	91	94			11/29	UTEP	61-31	W	117	104	27	127	117	23			
6-6	6-6	4-4	5-3	96	103			12/6	† Louisiana			117	105	42	99	120	65			

OVERALL:	OVERALL:
6-6	6-6
vs. CUSA	vs. SUN
4-4	5-3

NCAA RANKINGS

2025 TEAM RANKINGS

Delaware		Louisiana
#118	Rush Off	#27
#6	Pass Off	#124
#36	**Total Off**	**#99**
#50	Score Off	#74
#84	Sks Allowed	#76
#89	Rush Def	#118
#102	Pass Def	#88
#101	**Total Def**	**#114**
#120	Score Def	#105
#68	Sks By	#91
#65	Ypg Diff	#121
-3	**Total TO's**	**+2**

Louisiana Ragin Cajuns

Ragin Cajuns Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	TEAM ST	--PS RANK-- OFF	--PS RANK-- DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	FOE OFF	FOE DEF	FOE ST
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	108	103			8/30	Rice	12-14	L	77	90	110	116	83	51			
0-1		0-0		106	#N/A			9/6	McNeese	34-10	W	78	88	110						
1-1	2-0	0-0	0-0	107	126		25	9/13	at Missouri	10-52	L	92	95	124	37	19	51			
1-2	0-3	0-0	0-0	103	88			9/20	at Eastern Michigan	31-34	L	101	102	95	104	134	59			
1-3	2-2	0-0	0-0	99	102			9/27	Marshall	54-51	W	92	108	49	118	100	52			
2-3		1-0		101				10/4	Bye			95	120	51						
2-3	4-1	1-0	2-0	101	118			10/11	at James Madison	14-24	L	90	119	51	88	35	79			
2-4	4-2	1-1	2-0	101	104			10/18	Southern Miss	10-22	L	93	120	39	96	74	47			
2-5	5-2	1-2	3-0	100	110			10/25	at Troy	23-35	L	99	121	39	108	94	76			
2-6	2-6	1-3	1-3	100	103			11/1	at South Alabama	31-22	W	98	119	41	91	99	17			
3-6	3-5	2-3	0-4	103	102			11/8	Texas St	42-39	W	99	118	52	35	108	100			
4-6		3-3		103				11/15	Bye			98	122	48						
4-6	5-5	3-3	4-2	103	108			11/22	at Arkansas St	34-30	W	100	123	50	106	125	95			
5-6	3-8	4-3	1-6	105	91			11/29	ULM	30-27	W	98	121	40	126	107	2			
6-6	6-6	5-3	4-4	103	96			12/6	† Delaware			99	120	65	117	105	42			

Computer Forecast

Delaware	PROJECTED	Louisiana
126	Rush Yards	191
293	Pass Yards	210
418	Total Yards	400
31.0	Score	34.9
89	EXP	109

Louisiana 35 Delaware 31

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Foe	Score	Tot Off	FD	Rush Att-Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks Vs	Tot Def	FD	Rush Att-Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks By	Net Yds	Net TO's	Net Pts	Net FD	Off vs FBS Foe	Def vs FBS Foe	Off	Def	Gm Grade
Rice	12-14	239	16	31-151	4.9	10-28	88	3	251	18	55-206	3.7	7-9	45	2	-12	-2	-2	-2	#12	-177	#5	66	80.6
McNeese St	34-10	401	25	45-315	7.0	14-22	86	1	238	14	26-47	1.8	19-30	191	1	163	2	24	11	#6	28	#2	154	87.7
at Missouri	10-52	121	4	22-117	5.3	2-14	4	2	606	32	62-427	6.9	17-24	179	2	-485	1	-42	-28	#12	-165	#12	-206	75.7
at Eastern Michigan	31-34	441	21	32-214	6.7	21-35	227	1	409	20	36-183	5.1	21-31	226	1	32	-1	-3	1	#7	30	#10	-35	92.3
Marshall	54-51	461	29	46-264	5.7	14-28	197	1	503	27	48-245	5.1	24-31	258	3	-42	-1	3	2	#5	55	#12	-106	86.2
at James Madison	14-24	288	11	28-45	1.6	14-29	243	2	477	21	41-187	4.6	26-40	290	0	-189	2	-10	-10	#4	38	#7	-28	103.5
Southern Miss	10-22	352	19	48-217	4.5	14-27	135	2	370	14	41-133	3.2	13-18	237	0	-18	-1	-12	5	#9	-55	#4	37	82.6
at Troy	23-35	371	18	42-184	4.4	12-23	187	4	345	21	39-165	4.2	16-24	180	3	26	-2	-12	-3	#5	-7	#6	-21	89.4
at South Alabama	31-22	393	23	46-161	3.5	14-17	232	1	368	20	36-165	4.6	20-33	203	1	25	1	9	3	#7	14	#7	8	99.9
Texas St	42-39	384	27	52-192	3.7	17-27	192	0	528	22	24-168	7.0	26-33	360	0	-144	0	3	5	#9	-16	#8	-57	93.5
at Arkansas St	34-30	349	16	46-202	4.4	18-25	147	5	394	24	35-138	3.9	25-43	256	1	-45	1	4	-8	#9	-74	#7	-9	92.9
ULM	30-27	338	17	38-212	5.6	16-30	126	0	516	29	43-205	4.8	19-33	311	3	-178	2	3	-12	#9	-52	#12	-212	75.1
TOTALS	**325-360**	**4138**	**226**	**476-2274**	**4.8**	**166-305**	**1864**	**22**	**5005**	**262**	**486-2269**	**4.7**	**233-349**	**2736**	**17**	**-867**	**2**	**-35**	**-36**	**#109**	**-410**	**#120**	**-563**	**88.3**
AVERAGES	**27-30**	**345**	**18.8**	**40-190**	**4.8**	**54.4%**	**155**	**7.2%**	**417**	**21.8**	**41-189**	**4.7**	**66.8%**	**228**	**4.9%**	**-72**	**0.2**	**-3**	**-3**	**#109**	**-37**	**#120**	**-51**	**#119**
HOME	**30-27**	**363**	**22.2**	**43-225**	**5.2**	**52.5%**	**137**	**7**	**401**	**20.7**	**40-167**	**4.2**	**70.1%**	**234**	**9**	**-39**	**0**	**3**	**2**	**#117**	**-49**	**#124**	**-55**	**84.3**
AWAY	**24-33**	**327**	**15.5**	**36-154**	**4.3**	**56.6%**	**173**	**15**	**433**	**23.0**	**42-211**	**5.1**	**64.1%**	**222**	**8**	**-106**	**2**	**-9**	**-8**	**#92**	**-28**	**#108**	**-48**	**92.3**
CONF	**30-31**	**367**	**20.0**	**43-185**	**4.3**	**57.8%**	**182**	**15**	**438**	**22.3**	**38-176**	**4.6**	**66.3%**	**262**	**11**	**-71**	**2**	**-2**	**-2**	**#94**	**-12**	**#116**	**-49**	**90.4**
NON-CONF	**22-28**	**301**	**16.5**	**33-199**	**6.1**	**47.5%**	**101**	**7**	**376**	**21.0**	**45-216**	**4.8**	**68.1%**	**160**	**6**	**-76**	**0**	**-6**	**-5**	**#122**	**-78**	**#116**	**-44**	**84.1**
Last 4 Weeks	**34-30**	**366**	**20.8**	**46-192**	**4.3**	**65.7%**	**174**	**1.5**	**452**	**23.8**	**35-169**	**5.1**	**63.4%**	**283**	**1.3**	**-86**	**1**	**5**	**-3**		**-32**		**-68**	**90.4**

This Weeks Numbers

VEGAS LINE	**Louisiana By 3**	**L4W Game Grade**	**Louisiana By 3.5**
VEGAS TOTAL	**58 Points**	**Last Met Line**	**N/A**
+/- Rating	**Louisiana By 8.5**	**Last Met Score**	**N/A**
Game Grade	**Louisiana By 0.2**	**Points per Yards**	**34.64625 By 1.3**

Phil's Forecast:

First meeting between these schools. This is Louisiana's 2nd trip to the 68 Ventures Bowl, a game they won in '20 over UTSA. The Cajuns have lost all 3 bowl games under HC Michael Desormeaux (0-1-2 ATS). Delaware is playing in a bowl in its FBS debut. Blue Hens were supposed to be ineligible in Year 1 but that was waived when not enough schools were bowl eligible. This game is a big deal for the entire program and the fan base. Delaware does have postseason experience, though, having reached the FCS playoffs under HC Ryan Carty in '21, '22 and '23. Louisiana won 10 games last season before losing the Sun Belt title game and the New Mexico Bowl to TCU (-10), 34-3. They returned just 7 starters this season. Cajuns overcame a 2-6 start to win the final 4 games and qualify for this trip to Mobile. The clincher was a 30-27 win over instate rival ULM in which they allowed 516 total yards. QB Lunch Winfield was injured in the game but is expected to be okay. He's provided a spark since coming off the bench in the Marshall win and has accounted for 18 td's and 1,951 yards. Cajuns are -72ypg for the year and were -71ypg during the winning streak. They've found ways to get to 6-6 despite yielding 51ypg more than the opp average (#120 FBS). None of their regular season wins were over a team with a winning record. Under Carty, Delaware has made a smooth transition to CUSA. They're also 6-6 and were +37ypg and +1ppg in conference play. Those wins included upsets of UConn, FIU and Louisiana Tech. QB Nick Minicucci threw for 3,495 (63%, 22-7) and added 10 td's on the ground. They are +14 ypg against our #124 sked. The D allows 403 ypg and 33 ppg. They are allowing 29 ypg more than their foes avg (#98 FBS) but the offense puts up 19 ypg more than their foes allow (#61 FBS). RB Jo Silver (536, 5.1) has missed time with injuries, but he played 23 snaps in the finale and could be healthy after having a few weeks off. My computer has Louisiana 35-31 and my AGG has the Cajuns by 0.2 and 3.5 over the last 4 weeks. As a favorite this yr, Louisiana is 1-3 ATS and 8-14 ATS over the last 3 years. Delaware was 3-2-1 ATS as a favorite this year including those 3 outright upsets. I expect a close game, and I agree with the computer's call for plenty of points after Delaware finished the season with 61 points and Louisiana allowed 516 yards to a bad ULM offense. I'll go with my computer with a lean to the over.

Louisiana 35 Delaware 31

Missouri St Bears

Bears Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	TEAM ST	--PS RANK-- OFF	--PS RANK-- DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	FOE OFF	FOE DEF	FOE ST
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	92	129			8/30	at USC	13-73	L	133	105	104	16	42	115			
0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	88	102			9/6	at Marshall	21-20	W	134	108	104	116	109	26			
1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	91	123			9/13	SMU	10-28	L	131	106	28	22	39	66			
1-2		0-0		93	#N/A			9/20	UT Martin	42-10	W	125	110	27						
2-2	3-1	0-0	1-0	96	105			9/27	WKU	22-27	L	117	113	34	100	118	112			
2-3		0-1		96				10/4	Bye			116	115	42						
2-3	1-4	0-1	0-1	96	92			10/11	at Middle Tennessee	22-20	W	117	112	22	130	126	15			
3-3		1-1		96				10/18	Bye			117	113	30						
3-3	3-3	1-1	1-2	96	96			10/25	at New Mexico St	24-17	W	116	115	28	130	118	21			
4-3	3-4	2-1	1-2	97	94			11/1	FIU	28-21	W	119	114	19	88	115	134			
5-3	4-4	3-1	3-1	97	105			11/8	at Liberty	21-17	W	118	114	10	117	77	83			
6-3	2-7	4-1	1-4	100	98			11/15	UTEP	38-24	W	112	127	13	128	103	15			
7-3	7-3	5-1	5-1	102	100			11/22	at Kennesaw St	34-41	L	113	124	6	128	135	6			
7-4	6-5	5-2	4-3	100	101			11/29	Louisiana Tech	30-42	L	115	127	9	118	71	110			
7-5	6-6	5-3	5-3	98	105			12/6	† Arkansas St			109	127	5	106	124	99			

OVERALL: 7-5 vs. CUSA	OVERALL: 6-6 vs. SUN
5-3	5-3

NCAA RANKINGS

2025 TEAM RANKINGS

Missouri St		Arkansas St
#114	Rush Off	#103
#21	Pass Off	#35
#65	**Total Off**	**#72**
#82	Score Off	#90
#132	Sks Allowed	#97
#83	Rush Def	#107
#76	Pass Def	#98
#77	**Total Def**	**#113**
#90	Score Def	#83
#82	Sks By	#29
#73	Ypg Diff	#99
0	**Total TO's**	**-9**

Arkansas St Indians

Indians Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	TEAM ST	--PS RANK-- OFF	--PS RANK-- DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	FOE OFF	FOE DEF	FOE ST
0-0		0-0		103	#N/A			8/30	SE Missouri St	42-24	W	88	134	111						
1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	102	126			9/6	at Arkansas	14-56	L	85	134	111	28	43	84			
1-1	3-0	0-0	1-0	99	133		14	9/13	Iowa St	16-24	L	82	134	76	36	32	120			
1-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	103	96			9/20	at Kennesaw St	21-28	L	83	133	110	115	122	28			
1-3	2-1	0-0	0-0	99	101			9/27	at ULM	16-28	L	83	134	73	111	107	2			
1-4	3-1	0-1	0-0	97	113			10/4	Texas St	31-30	W	98	133	95	48	102	99			
2-4		1-1		101				10/11	Bye			97	135	100						
2-4	1-5	1-1	0-2	101	104			10/18	at South Alabama	15-14	W	106	136	103	88	96	18			
3-4	3-4	2-1	1-2	102	104			10/25	GA Southern	34-24	W	110	132	107	90	129	102			
4-4	6-2	3-1	4-0	105	111			11/1	at Troy	23-10	W	101	130	104	112	82	92			
5-4	6-2	4-1	4-0	109	108			11/8	Southern Miss	21-27	L	103	131	91	87	68	60			
5-5		4-2		108				11/15	Bye			106	124	94						
5-5	4-6	4-2	3-3	108	103			11/22	Louisiana	30-34	L	106	125	95	100	123	50			
5-6	5-6	4-3	2-5	106	99			11/29	at Appalachian St	30-29	W	105	124	107	94	96	102			
6-6	7-5	5-3	5-3	105	98			12/6	† Missouri St			106	124	99	109	127	5			

Computer Forecast

Missouri St	PROJECTED	Arkansas St
143	Rush Yards	135
256	Pass Yards	249
399	Total Yards	385
24.9	Score	27.0
89	EXP	111

Arkansas St 27 Missouri St 25

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Foe	Score	Tot Off	FD	Rush Att-Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks Vs	Tot Def	FD	Rush Att-Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks By	Net Yds	TO's	Net Pts	FD	Off vs FBS Foe	Def vs FBS Foe	Off	Def	Gm Grade
SE Missouri St	42-24	492	25	36-147	4.1	26-32	345	0	364	20	33-92	2.8	26-36	272	3	128	0	18	5	#7	92	#6	-18	78.1
at Arkansas	14-56	285	23	42-153	3.6	22-36	132	4	630	9	29-321	11.1	20-29	309	0	-345	0	-42	14	#11	-153	#12	-191	74.0
Iowa St	16-24	382	20	40-160	4.0	19-33	222	3	452	20	34-187	5.5	14-25	265	2	-70	0	-8	0	#7	28	#8	-62	99.6
at Kennesaw St	21-28	318	18	28-92	3.3	25-41	226	1	497	30	49-189	3.9	25-34	308	2	-179	2	-7	-12	#8	-100	#9	-93	81.6
at ULM	16-28	305	22	27-17	0.6	29-46	288	6	392	18	33-217	6.6	16-25	175	0	-87	-1	-12	4	#11	-88	#9	-77	79.0
Texas St	31-30	398	22	34-150	4.4	27-35	248	5	519	22	46-289	6.3	18-26	230	0	-121	1	1	0	#6	-1	#7	-47	94.2
at South Alabama	15-14	367	21	32-158	4.9	29-45	209	0	293	15	36-175	4.9	18-23	118	2	74	-1	1	6	#8	-15	#1	90	98.9
Georgia Southern	34-24	482	29	48-266	5.5	24-37	216	2	336	22	41-128	3.1	18-25	208	4	146	-2	10	7	#4	19	#4	71	101.1
at Troy	23-10	297	17	33-50	1.5	21-29	247	0	187	11	34-21	0.6	19-34	166	9	110	0	13	6	#10	-88	#3	151	103.8
Southern Miss	21-27	456	28	34-119	3.5	38-53	337	1	528	22	42-172	4.1	24-35	356	3	-72	-4	-6	6	#3	59	#12	-136	82.2
Louisiana	30-34	394	24	35-138	3.9	25-43	256	1	349	16	46-202	4.4	18-25	147	5	45	-1	-4	8	#7	-25	#5	-5	86.4
at Appalachian St	30-29	448	23	34-85	2.5	32-47	363	3	453	23	36-182	5.1	26-39	271	1	-5	-2	1	0	#6	33	#9	-75	89.1
TOTALS	**293-328**	**4624**	**272**	**423-1535**	**3.6**	**317-477**	**3089**	**26**	**5000**	**228**	**459-2175**	**4.7**	**242-356**	**2825**	**31**	**-376**	**-8**	**-35**	**44**	**#105**	**-332**	**#105**	**-372**	**89.0**
AVERAGES	**24-27**	**385**	**22.7**	**35-128**	**3.6**	**66.5%**	**257**	**5.5%**	**417**	**19.0**	**38-181**	**4.7**	**68.0%**	**235**	**8.7%**	**-31**	**-0.7**	**-3**	**4**	**#106**	**-30**	**#105**	**-34**	**#115**
HOME	**29-27**	**434**	**24.7**	**38-163**	**4.3**	**68.2%**	**271**	**12**	**425**	**20.3**	**40-178**	**4.4**	**68.6%**	**246**	**17**	**9**	**-6**	**2**	**4**	**#79**	**16**	**#110**	**-36**	**90.3**
AWAY	**20-28**	**337**	**20.7**	**33-93**	**2.8**	**64.8%**	**244**	**14**	**409**	**17.7**	**36-184**	**5.1**	**67.4%**	**225**	**14**	**-72**	**-2**	**-8**	**3**	**#117**	**-68**	**#91**	**-32**	**87.7**
CONF	**25-25**	**393**	**23.3**	**35-123**	**3.5**	**67.2%**	**271**	**18**	**382**	**18.6**	**39-173**	**4.4**	**67.7%**	**209**	**24**	**11**	**-10**	**1**	**5**	**#95**	**-13**	**#69**	**-3**	**91.8**
NON-CONF	**23-33**	**369**	**21.5**	**37-138**	**3.8**	**64.8%**	**231**	**8**	**486**	**19.8**	**36-197**	**5.4**	**68.5%**	**289**	**7**	**-117**	**2**	**-10**	**2**	**#114**	**-56**	**#130**	**-87**	**83.3**
Last 4 Weeks	**26-25**	**399**	**23.0**	**34-98**	**2.9**	**67.4%**	**301**	**1.3**	**379**	**18.0**	**40-144**	**3.5**	**65.4%**	**235**	**4.5**	**20**	**-2**	**1**	**5**		**-5**		**-16**	**90.4**

This Weeks Numbers

VEGAS LINE	**Missouri St By 1.5**	**L4W Game Grade**	**Missouri St By 0.9**
VEGAS TOTAL	**56.5 Points**	**Last Met Line**	**N/A**
+/- Rating	**Arkansas St By 7.0**	**Last Met Score**	**N/A**
Game Grade	**Missouri St By 2.8**	**Points per Yards**	**26.870625 By 1.0**

Phil's Forecast:

This is their 1st meeting as FBS members. Arkansas St is 2-0 vs Missouri St, winning the most recent game in '15, 70-7. This is the Red Wolves' 3rd straight bowl trip. They beat Bowling Green (-9) in LY's 68 Ventures Bowl, 38-31, and lost to NIU (+2') in '23 Camellia Bowl, 21-19. HC Butch Jones is 5-3 SU & 6-2 ATS all-time in bowls (1-1 ATS at ASU/3-0 at Tenn/1-0 at Cinc/1-1 at CMU). This is Missouri St's debut in the FBS and their first bowl gm. This is HC Ryan Beard's 1st postseason game overall. As a condition of joining the FBS, Missouri St was supposed to be ineligible for a bowl this season, but that was waived when there weren't enough teams to fill available slots. This is a really big deal for a school and a fan base that thought it had no shot of bowling in '25. The Bears have made a nice transition to C-USA, going 7-5 with road upsets over the Sun Belt's Marshall and conference foe Liberty. They had a 5-gm win streak, including 4 by 7pts or less, but finished with losses to Kennesaw and LT. The offense is in good hands with veteran QB Jacob Clark (65%, 24-11) and FIU transfer RB Shomari Lawrence (964, 5.3). However, their 44 sacks allowed rank 134th in the FBS! The D is coming off 2 of its worst games of the yr, allowing 387 passing to Kennesaw, 388 rushing to LT and 83 total pts in those losses. Despite their 6-6 record, Arkansas St has been scrappy all season. They only lost by 8 to Iowa St, 7 to Kennesaw St, and won 4 in a row after it looked like the ssn was slipping away at 1-4. In a do-or-die battle for bowl eligibility, they ended the regular ssn by beating App St, 30-29, on the road on a td with :42 left. The ground gm is poor, so the offense rests on QB Jalen Raynor (67%, 16-11) and 700+ yd receivers Corey Rucker & Chauncy Cobb. The D is a weakness, allowing 34ypg more than opp avg (#105 FBS), and Clark will go right after the 120th ranked pass D (17-7 ratio). ASU is 4th in SBC with 31 sacks, and I expect All-Conference ends Ethan Hassler and Demarcus Hendricks to pin their ears back against the soft Missouri St blocking unit. As a favorite, Missouri St was 4-2 ATS this season. As a dog, Arkansas St was 6-2 ATS with 4 outright upsets! My computer has Arkansas St 27-25 but my AGG has Missouri St by 2.9. The Red Wolves have the better ST's (#35 vs #79). There is no doubt the Bears will be fired up for this program-first bowl. And Clark is going to put up numbers against the porous ASU secondary. However, Arkansas St has the more experienced staff and better line play. They'll pressure Clark into mistakes in a game that will be very close and high scoring, so I have a small lean to the over.

Arkansas St 31 Missouri St 30

Kennesaw St Owls

Owls Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	TEAM ST	--PS RANK-- OFF	--PS RANK-- DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	FOE OFF	FOE DEF	FOE ST
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	95	110			8/30	at Wake Forest	9-10	L	115	117	104	84	97	60			
0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	95	137		23	9/6	at Indiana	9-56	L	115	117	104	17	14	119			
0-2		0-0		97	65			9/13	Merrimack	27-13	W	114	123	104						
1-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	96	103			9/20	Arkansas St	28-21	W	115	122	28	83	133	110			
2-2	1-3	0-0	0-0	93	92			9/27	Middle Tennessee	24-16	W	115	121	27	133	129	14			
3-2		1-0		97				10/4	Bye			124	128	34						
3-2	4-1	1-0	2-0	97	110			10/9	Louisiana Tech	35-7	W	127	128	42	120	58	113			
4-2	3-3	2-0	1-1	97	91			10/21	at FIU	45-26	W	128	130	22	111	115	134			
5-2	2-5	3-0	1-2	102	99			10/28	UTEP	33-20	W	130	131	30	129	101	12			
6-2	3-5	4-0	1-4	102	92			11/1	at New Mexico St	24-21	W	131	133	28	132	113	33			
7-2		5-0		104				11/8	Bye			131	134	19						
7-2	6-3	5-0	5-0	105	101			11/15	at Jax State	26-35	L	131	134	10	78	122	20			
7-3	7-3	5-1	5-1	103	102			11/22	Missouri St	41-34	W	127	136	13	113	124	6			
8-3	4-7	6-1	3-4	100	98			11/29	at Liberty	48-42	W	128	135	6	99	87	66			
9-3	6-3	7-1	5-0	102	101			11/29	at Jax State	19-15	W	130	135	9	78	122	20			
10-3	9-4	8-1	8-1	102	110			11/29	† Western Michigan			129	135	5	119	70	85			

OVERALL:	OVERALL:
10-3	9-4
vs. CUSA	vs. MAC
8-1	8-1

NCAA RANKINGS

2025 TEAM RANKINGS

Kennesaw St		Western Michigan
#69	Rush Off	#21
#51	Pass Off	#129
#52	**Total Off**	**#107**
#66	Score Off	#96
#68	Sks Allowed	#68
#105	Rush Def	#33
#78	Pass Def	#18
#97	**Total Def**	**#15**
#65	Score Def	#14
#29	Sks By	#6
#76	Ypg Diff	#52
-2	**Total TO's**	**+7**

Western Michigan Broncos

Broncos Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	TEAM ST	--PS RANK-- OFF	--PS RANK-- DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	FOE OFF	FOE DEF	FOE ST
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	96	117			8/30	at Michigan St	6-23	L	125	123	17	69	38	32			
0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	96	110			9/6	North Texas	30-33	L	125	123	17	41	100	79			
0-2	2-0	0-0	0-0	96	134		9	9/13	at Illinois	0-38	L	123	118	17	32	24	131			
0-3	2-1	0-0	0-0	98	110			9/20	Toledo	14-13	W	122	115	45	61	61	42			
1-3		1-0		98	81			9/27	Rhode Island	47-14	W	128	116	22						
2-3	0-4	1-0	0-0	102	86			10/4	at UMass	21-3	W	131	101	21	132	130	6			
3-3	2-3	2-0	1-0	106	97			10/11	Ball St	42-0	W	130	95	64	133	133	7			
4-3		3-0		106				10/18	Bye			129	84	58						
4-3	4-3	3-0	3-0	110	109			10/25	at Miami, OH	17-26	L	122	67	69	118	59	120			
4-4	5-3	3-1	3-1	110	98			11/1	Central Michigan	24-21	W	122	64	68	121	97	20			
5-4		4-1		109				11/8	Bye			122	68	84						
5-4	6-3	4-1	4-1	108	110			11/15	Ohio	17-13	W	122	69	94	71	102	40			
6-4	3-7	5-1	2-4	108	98			11/22	at Northern Illinois	35-19	W	124	73	41	133	91	19			
7-4	4-7	6-1	3-4	110	98			11/29	at Eastern Michigan	31-21	W	123	68	88	87	131	26			
8-4	4-3	7-1	3-0	110	109			12/6	† Miami, OH	23-13	W	121	70	79	118	59	120			
9-4	10-3	8-1	8-1	110	102			12/6	† Kennesaw St			119	70	85	129	135	5			

Computer Forecast

Kennesaw St	PROJECTED	Western Mich
108	Rush Yards	214
205	Pass Yards	153
312	Total Yards	367
19.4	Score	26.2
89	EXP	108

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Foe	Score	Tot Off	FD	Rush Att-Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks Vs	Tot Def	FD	Rush Att-Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks By	Net Yds	TO's	Net Pts	FD	Off vs FBS Foe	Def vs FBS Foe	Gm Grade
at Michigan St	6-23	217	10	24-29	1.2	16-33	188	4	336	20	44-181	4.1	17-24	155	4	-119	1	-17	-10	#12 -176	#6 10	92.2
North Texas	30-33	303	18	57-216	3.8	7-14	87	1	406	23	30-182	6.1	18-33	224	3	-103	0	-3	-5	#11 -73	#1 105	102.0
at Illinois	0-38	204	12	34-113	3.3	13-24	91	3	358	20	37-162	4.4	17-26	196	2	-154	0	-38	-8	#11 -160	#6 13	84.3
Toledo	14-13	291	17	37-90	2.4	16-33	201	4	280	16	42-191	4.5	15-30	89	2	11	-1	1	1	#6 46	#1 155	104.2
Rhode Island	47-14	372	25	53-216	4.1	17-24	156	1	251	16	23--5	-0.2	19-28	256	7	121	2	33	9	#4 40	#1 193	98.3
at UMass	21-3	380	23	42-217	5.2	18-25	163	0	260	14	29-57	2.0	20-35	203	5	120	-1	18	9	#11 -59	#5 -14	85.3
Ball St	42-0	461	25	44-219	5.0	24-29	242	0	88	5	27-20	0.7	13-23	68	5	373	0	42	20	#2 61	#2 200	116.5
at Miami, Oh	17-26	316	17	39-144	3.7	16-29	172	3	408	19	32-148	4.6	18-30	260	0	-92	-1	-9	-2	#8 -15	#10 -64	87.9
Central Michigan	24-21	327	23	44-177	4.0	17-24	150	3	240	13	35-55	1.6	9-12	185	1	87	1	3	10	#7 -34	#3 104	95.1
Ohio	17-13	336	16	42-210	5.0	9-14	126	0	287	15	39-217	5.6	8-19	70	2	49	1	4	1	#8 -24	#2 141	98.8
at Northern Illinois	35-19	393	25	59-361	6.1	5-9	32	0	252	13	43-174	4.0	6-15	78	2	141	-1	16	12	#5 39	#4 36	100.1
at Eastern Michigan	31-21	378	18	49-278	5.7	7-15	100	1	461	21	23-134	5.8	24-41	327	1	-83	5	10	-3	#9 -39	#11 -91	91.9
† Miami, Oh	23-13	397	18	56-286	5.1	8-13	111	2	272	18	31-73	2.4	14-38	199	4	125	1	10	0	#8 73	#10 83	107.7
TOTALS	**307-237**	**4375**	**247**	**580-2556**	**4.4**	**173-286**	**1819**	**22**	**3899**	**213**	**435-1589**	**3.7**	**198-354**	**2310**	**38**	**476**	**7**	**70**	**34**	**#107 -362**	**#29 680**	**97.3**
AVERAGES	**24-18**	**337**	**19.0**	**45-197**	**4.4**	**60.5%**	**140**	**7.7%**	**300**	**16.4**	**33-122**	**3.7**	**55.9%**	**178**	**10.7%**	**37**	**0.5**	**5**	**3**	**#107 -30**	**#29 57**	**#82**
HOME	**29-16**	**348**	**20.7**	**46-188**	**4.1**	**65.2%**	**160**	**9**	**259**	**14.7**	**33-110**	**3.4**	**56.6%**	**149**	**20**	**90**	**3**	**13**	**6**	**#96 -5**	**#5 141**	**102.5**
AWAY	**19-20**	**326**	**17.6**	**43-204**	**4.7**	**56.1%**	**122**	**13**	**335**	**17.9**	**34-133**	**3.9**	**55.5%**	**203**	**18**	**-9**	**4**	**-1**	**0**	**#107 -59**	**#67 -16**	**90.3**
CONF	**25-14**	**364**	**20.2**	**46-220**	**4.8**	**62.8%**	**144**	**13**	**283**	**14.9**	**33-119**	**3.6**	**52.3%**	**164**	**22**	**81**	**4**	**11**	**5**	**#77 5**	**#21 61**	**98.6**
NON-CONF	**21-27**	**274**	**16.3**	**42-144**	**3.4**	**55.8%**	**131**	**9**	**338**	**19.8**	**34-130**	**3.9**	**64.0%**	**208**	**16**	**-64**	**3**	**-6**	**-4**	**#131 -102**	**#45 32**	**94.2**
Last 4 Weeks	**27-17**	**376**	**19.3**	**52-284**	**5.5**	**56.9%**	**92**	**0.8**	**318**	**16.8**	**34-150**	**4.4**	**46.0%**	**169**	**2.3**	**58**	**2**	**10**	**3**	**12**	**42**	**99.6**

This Weeks Numbers

VEGAS LINE	**W Michigan By 3.5**	**L4W Game Grade**	**W Michigan By 6.1**
VEGAS TOTAL	**47.5 Points**	**Last Met Line**	**N/A**
+/- Rating	**W Michigan By 7.0**	**Last Met Score**	**N/A**
Game Grade	**W Michigan By 2.0**	**Points per Yards**	**23.01375 By 4.0**

Phil's Forecast:

First meeting. This is a battle between the MAC and CUSA Champs. HC Jerry Mack did a phenomenal job turning KSU around in his 1st year on the job and the school's 2nd in the FBS. This is their first FBS bowl game. Western Michigan is making their first trip to the Myrtle Beach Bowl. The Broncos are just 2-8 SU but 5-5 ATS in bowls. Last year was HC Lance Taylor's first bowl and they lost to South Alabama 30-23 (+9'). KSU was picked to finish 11th in the preseason by the CUSA coaches. HC Mack built the roster with experienced lower-level guys, and it paid off. They nearly upset Wake Forest in the opener, losing 10-9, and after an 0-2 start they won 10 of their next 11 games. KSU lost at Jax St in the reg ssn meeting but rebounded and beat them in the CUSA Title game, 19-15. They are 10-3 SU/ATS but only +2 ypg despite playing our #133 sked. QB Amari Odom, who did not begin the year as the starter, came on to throw for 2385 with an 18-6 ratio (376, 7 td's rushing). Odom has a solid WR corps led by Gabriel Benyard (898, 16.3) and a location edge for fans who want to watch their first bowl game. The D allows 24ypg above opp average (#90 FBS) and gave up 236 rush ypg (5.7) over the final 4 weeks, a big concern against an opponent that rushed for 284 (4.5) in its final 4. Taylor has WMU bowling in b2b years. They were picked in the preseason to finish 7th but wound up winning their first MAC title since '16. Broncos opened 0-3 and trailed Toledo 13-0 in the 3Q but rallied for 14-13 upset win that turned the season around. They won 9 of their last 10 games including the MAC Title game in a revenge spot vs Miami, OH. They're 9-4 SU & 10-3 ATS incl 4 straight ATS wins to close out the regular season. WMU has a powerful ground game, led by RB Jalen Buckley (829, 4.8) and QB Broc Lowry who has rushed for 940 (4.8) and 14 td's. They have played the #108 sked and are +37 ypg. The defense has been outstanding all year. They hold opp 57ypg below their average (#29 FBS) and allow just 18ppg. They're #6 in FBS with 38 sacks, and DE Nadame Tucker leads the country with 14.5. WMU has a higher rated D at all 3 levels than KSU. My computer favors the Broncos in a low-scoring game, 22-17. AGG also gives the edge to WMU by 1.5 and 5.6 over the last 4 weeks. WMU has the better ST's (#49 vs #79) and has faced the tougher schedule (#105 vs #133). Under Taylor, Broncos are 16-4 ATS as a favorite (6-1 this yr)! KSU is 11-8 ATS as a dog since '23 and 3-1 this year with 2 outright upsets under Mack. WMU is the stronger overall team, and I like their physicality on both sides of the ball. They'll ride the ground game and the pass rush to a win and a cover over KSU.

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Memphis Tigers

Tigers Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	TEAM ST	--PS RANK-- OFF	--PS RANK-- DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	FOE OFF	FOE DEF	FOE ST
0-0		0-0		115	75			8/30	Chattanooga	45-10	W	62	71	69						
1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	115	98			9/6	at Georgia St	38-16	W	64	74	69	91	127	29			
2-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	116	108			9/13	at Troy	28-7	W	60	75	50	97	90	43			
3-0	2-1	0-0	0-1	119	129			9/20	Arkansas	32-31	W	58	61	40	12	38	19			
4-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	122	95			9/27	at Florida Atlantic	55-26	W	53	59	43	73	127	126			
5-0	2-3	1-0	0-2	122	95			10/4	Tulsa	45-7	W	51	54	47	107	118	59			
6-0		2-0		124		23		10/11	Bye			53	55	60						
6-0	2-4	2-0	0-3	124	92	22		10/18	at UAB	24-31	L	54	56	60	81	133	51			
6-1	6-1	2-1	3-0	119	128		18	10/25	USF	34-31	W	56	57	86	25	48	114			
7-1	4-4	3-1	1-3	122	99	25		11/1	at Rice	38-14	W	54	62	95	124	86	34			
8-1	6-2	4-1	3-1	122	117	22		11/8	Tulane	32-38	L	55	61	75	65	59	115			
8-2	6-3	4-2	4-1	119	117			11/15	at East Carolina	27-31	L	56	71	84	56	87	24			
8-3		4-3		117				11/22	Bye			52	67	90						
8-3	8-2	4-3	6-1	117	114			11/29	Navy	17-28	L	52	63	93	41	101	104			
8-4	7-5	4-4	5-4	114	121			12/6	† NC State			58	63	77	40	81	12			

OVERALL:	OVERALL:
8-4	7-5
vs. American	vs. ACC
4-4	5-4

NCAA RANKINGS

2025 TEAM RANKINGS

Memphis		NC State
#37	Rush Off	#77
#62	Pass Off	#48
#33	**Total Off**	**#61**
#19	Score Off	#46
#115	Sks Allowed	#63
#44	Rush Def	#51
#86	Pass Def	#134
#62	**Total Def**	**#117**
#47	Score Def	#93
#103	Sks By	#109
#37	Ypg Diff	#95
+9	**Total TO's**	**0**

NC State Wolfpack

Wolfpack Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	TEAM ST	--PS RANK-- OFF	--PS RANK-- DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	FOE OFF	FOE DEF	FOE ST
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	119	107			8/30	East Carolina	24-17	W	53	51	89	63	113	78			
1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	118	118			9/6	Virginia	35-31	W	56	52	89	70	60	63			
2-0	2-0	1-0	0-0	120	108			9/13	at Wake Forest	34-24	W	46	58	18	85	83	31			
3-0	1-2	2-0	0-0	120	114			9/20	at Duke	33-45	L	49	55	17	45	59	103			
3-1	1-3	2-1	0-0	116	114			9/27	Virginia Tech	21-23	L	42	61	8	70	69	38			
3-2		2-2		115	74			10/4	Campbell	56-10	W	49	66	9						
4-2	3-2	2-2	0-0	116	141		16	10/11	at Notre Dame	7-36	L	42	68	16	5	7	84			
4-3		2-2		116				10/18	Bye			51	68	13						
4-3	5-2	2-2	3-1	116	124			10/25	at Pittsburgh	34-53	L	52	69	12	31	31	117			
4-4	8-0	2-3	5-0	114	127		8	11/1	Georgia Tech	48-36	W	37	71	8	18	43	96			
5-4		3-3		119				11/8	Bye			40	73	9						
5-4	7-2	3-3	3-2	119	130		16	11/15	at Miami, Fl	7-41	L	23	81	8	17	17	87			
5-5	5-5	3-4	2-5	115	122			11/22	Florida St	21-11	W	32	88	9	15	25	57			
6-5	4-7	4-4	2-5	118	111			11/29	North Carolina	42-19	W	41	79	14	96	47	73			
7-5	8-4	5-4	4-4	121	114			12/6	† Memphis			40	81	12	58	63	77			

Computer Forecast

Memphis	PROJECTED	NC State
144	Rush Yards	125
263	Pass Yards	273
407	Total Yards	398
25.5	Score	33.0
87	EXP	33

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Foe	Score	Tot Off	FD	Rush Att-Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks Vs	Tot Def	FD	Rush Att-Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks By	Net Yds	Net TO's	Net Pts	FD	Off vs FBS Foe Def		Def vs FBS Foe Off		Gm Grade
East Carolina	24-17	423	21	36-105	2.9	24-34	318	1	413	18	29-30	1.0	31-45	383	1	10	-1	7	3	#4	81	#5	57	106.9
Virginia	35-31	416	22	35-216	6.2	16-23	200	0	514	24	32-257	8.0	30-43	257	0	-98	1	4	-2	#2	113	#9	-88	105.2
at Wake Forest	34-24	406	24	44-205	4.7	23-32	201	1	311	12	22-59	2.7	21-35	252	1	95	2	10	12	#3	92	#4	85	118.7
at Duke	33-45	535	26	35-171	4.9	29-39	364	2	418	22	35-149	4.3	19-28	269	3	117	-4	-12	4	#3	132	#5	-5	107.5
Virginia Tech	21-23	299	18	32-59	1.8	26-34	240	5	431	18	25-254	10.2	20-34	177	2	-132	0	-2	0	#11	-86	#9	-90	88.9
Campbell	56-10	607	28	26-236	9.1	25-34	371	0	188	13	33-67	2.0	20-32	121	2	419	-2	46	15	#1	213	#2	180	107.3
at Notre Dame	7-36	233	12	28-51	1.8	18-31	182	4	485	24	39-143	3.7	19-32	342	2	-252	-1	-29	-12	#9	-84	#8	-29	103.2
at Pittsburgh	34-53	445	15	19-161	8.5	25-41	284	0	529	29	33-106	3.2	28-49	423	0	-84	0	-19	-14	#1	118	#12	-149	99.3
Georgia Tech	48-36	583	26	34-243	7.1	24-33	340	1	559	30	33-151	4.6	25-37	408	2	24	1	12	-4	#1	203	#10	-101	112.1
at Miami, Fl	7-41	143	9	20-23	1.2	17-30	120	1	581	28	37-214	5.8	24-33	367	1	-438	-1	-34	-19	#11	-147	#12	-173	86.6
Florida St	21-11	286	20	42-134	3.2	18-26	152	4	383	21	34-180	5.3	16-32	203	0	-97	4	10	-1	#9	-47	#3	97	105.9
North Carolina	42-19	386	27	42-185	4.4	21-30	201	2	265	20	24-70	2.9	22-36	195	4	121	1	23	7	#4	54	#5	26	111.2
TOTALS	**362-346**	**4762**	**248**	**393-1789**	**4.6**	**266-387**	**2973**	**21**	**5077**	**259**	**376-1680**	**4.5**	**275-436**	**3397**	**18**	**-315**	**0**	**16**	**-11**	**#42**	**428**	**#104**	**-370**	**104.4**
AVERAGES	**30-29**	**397**	**20.7**	**33-149**	**4.6**	**68.7%**	**248**	**5.4%**	**423**	**21.6**	**31-140**	**4.5**	**63.1%**	**283**	**4.1%**	**-26**		**1**	**-1**	**#42**	**39**	**#104**	**-34**	**#56**
HOME	**35-21**	**429**	**23.1**	**35-168**	**4.8**	**72.0%**	**260**	**13**	**393**	**20.6**	**30-144**	**4.8**	**63.3%**	**249**	**11**	**35**	**4**	**14**	**3**	**#45**	**53**	**#91**	**-16**	**105.4**
AWAY	**23-40**	**352**	**17.2**	**29-122**	**4.2**	**64.7%**	**230**	**8**	**465**	**23.0**	**33-134**	**4.0**	**62.7%**	**331**	**7**	**-112**	**-4**	**-17**	**-6**	**#46**	**22**	**#112**	**-54**	**103.1**
CONF	**31-31**	**389**	**20.8**	**34-155**	**4.6**	**69.1%**	**234**	**16**	**443**	**22.7**	**31-160**	**5.2**	**62.7%**	**283**	**13**	**-55**	**4**	**-1**	**-2**	**#35**	**48**	**#111**	**-44**	**104.0**
NON-CONF	**29-21**	**421**	**20.3**	**30-131**	**4.4**	**67.7%**	**290**	**5**	**362**	**18.3**	**34-80**	**2.4**	**64.2%**	**282**	**5**	**59**	**-4**	**8**	**2**	**#71**	**-1**	**#65**	**10**	**105.8**
Last 4 Weeks	**30-27**	**350**	**20.5**	**35-146**	**4.0**	**67.2%**	**203**	**2.0**	**447**	**24.8**	**32-154**	**4.6**	**63.0%**	**293**	**1.8**	**-98**	**1**	**3**	**-4**		**16**		**-38**	**104.0**

This Weeks Numbers

VEGAS LINE	**N Car St By 4**	**L4W Game Grade**	**N Car St By 2.9**
VEGAS TOTAL	**57.5 Points**	**Last Met Line**	**N/A**
+/- Rating	**N Car St By 7.0**	**Last Met Score**	**N/A**
Game Grade	**N Car St By 0.6**	**Points per Yards**	**31.0725 By 0.7**

Phil's Forecast:

First meeting between schools. This game was previously known as the St. Petersburg Bowl and Beef O'Brady's Bowl. Memphis played in the first edition of this bowl in 2008, a 41-14 loss to USF. NC State won here in 2014, 34-27, over UCF. HC Ryan Silverfield left Memphis for Arkansas, so DB coach Reggie Howard is leading the team on an interim basis. Memphis has won 4 straight bowls (3-1 ATS). NC St has lost 4 straight bowls and HC Dave Doeren is 3-6 SU and 4-5 ATS in bowls, losing the Military Bowl LY to East Carolina (+7) 26-21. Memphis was the favorite to win the AAC and considered a strong CFP contender. Tigers opened 6-0 including a thrilling 32-31 win over Arkansas. QB Brendon Lewis missed their game at UAB (+21'), yet they lost a stunner in Birmingham 31-24. They rebounded with wins over USF and Rice but fell apart late in the season and lost their last 3 to finish a disappointing 8-4 SU & 7-5 ATS with 3 straight ATS losses to close the year. Memphis is +59 ypg and +28ypg in their last 4 despite the 3 losses. Lewis has thrown for 2,567 (70%, 15-6) and is their #2 rusher behind Sutton Smith with 613 (4.3). Their best OL, RT Travis Burke missed the finale and is questionable here for a struggling unit that ranks last in the American with 31 sacks allowed. The D allows just 3.7 ypc but ranks 57th in pass D and has just 18 sacks. NC St, on the other hand, started 3-0 but then lost 4 of their next 5 games. They won 3 of their last 4 to finish 7-5 & 6-6 ATS. Four of their losses were on the road vs ACC champ Duke, Notre Dame, Pitt and Miami. They beat GT, Virginia, Florida St and UNC at home, plus had a road win over Wake Forest. Pack is -26 ypg but did play our #34 toughest schedule. Balanced offense is led by QB CJ Bailey (70%, 2884, 23-9, 215 rush) and RB Hollywood Smothers (939, 5.9). They average 30ppg and gain 39ypg above opp avg (#42 FBS). The defense has underachieved this ssn especially against the pass. NC St allows opp to gain 34ypg above their avg (#104 FBS) and rank 90th in pass D (63%, 21-8). Like Memphis, the Pack DBs have been hurt by a lack of pressure and have just 18 sacks to rank 16th in the ACC. My computer has NC St 31-28 but gives Memphis the yardage edge 408-397. AGG also favors the Tigers by 5.4. The Wolfpack has played the much tougher schedule (#34 vs #87) and they have a big coaching edge with Doeren against an interim HC. Memphis has a big edge on ST's (#53 vs #126). Over the last 3 ssns, Memphis is 6-2 ATS as a dog incl 2-1 this yr with outright upsets of Arkansas and USF. Since '22, NC St is just 9-15 ATS as a favorite but 4-2 this ssn. NC St is the more motivated and the more stable team heading into this matchup. The Pack could have some key opt-outs on offense, but while they ended the yr with a 23-point win over rival UNC, Memphis collapsed and then lost their coach.

Best Bet ★NC State 34 Memphis 23

Alabama Crimson Tide

Crimson Tide Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	TEAM ST	--PS RANK-- OFF	--PS RANK-- DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	FOE OFF	FOE DEF	FOE ST
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	142	117	8		8/30	at Florida St	17-31	L	4	5	82	40	34	54			
0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	142	102	21		9/6	ULM	73-0	W	4	5	82	113	99	29			
1-1	2-0	0-0	0-0	137	126	19		9/13	Wisconsin	38-14	W	5	5	82	48	21	92			
2-1		0-0		141		14		9/20	Bye			3	6	90						
2-1	3-0	0-0	1-0	142	132	17	5	9/27	at Georgia	24-21	W	5	4	88	14	21	120			
3-1	5-0	1-0	1-0	142	137	10	16	10/4	Vanderbilt	30-14	W	5	5	92	24	38	68			
4-1	5-0	2-0	1-0	141	128	8	14	10/11	at Missouri	27-24	W	7	6	73	21	10	55			
5-1	5-1	3-0	2-1	143	128	6	11	10/18	Tennessee	37-20	W	9	5	64	8	25	64			
6-1	3-4	4-0	1-4	141	122	4		10/25	at South Carolina	29-22	W	10	5	65	88	27	124			
7-1		5-0		141		4		11/1	Bye			12	7	59						
7-1	5-3	5-0	2-3	139	128	4		11/8	LSU	20-9	W	14	9	64	46	16	69			
8-1	7-2	6-0	3-2	139	131	4	11	11/15	Oklahoma	21-23	L	13	8	62	59	2	126			
8-2		6-1		139	65	10		11/22	Eastern Illinois	56-0	W	16	6	65						
9-2	5-6	6-1	1-6	136	129	10		11/29	at Auburn	27-20	W	17	8	64	49	16	68			
10-2	3-0	7-1	1-0	136	132	10	3	12/6	† Georgia	7-28	L	18	7	97	14	21	120			
10-3	7-2	7-1	3-2	136	135	11	8	12/6	at Oklahoma			15	11	90	59	2	126			

OVERALL:	OVERALL:
10-3	10-2
vs. SEC	vs. BIG 12
7-1	6-2

NCAA RANKINGS

2025 TEAM RANKINGS

Alabama		Oklahoma
#117	Rush Off	#108
#23	Pass Off	#64
#68	**Total Off**	**#91**
#41	Score Off	#78
#101	Sks Allowed	#84
#37	Rush Def	#5
#7	Pass Def	#31
#12	**Total Def**	**#10**
#12	Score Def	#7
#62	Sks By	#1
#22	Ypg Diff	#29
+8	**Total TO's**	**-2**

Oklahoma Sooners

Sooners Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	TEAM ST	--PS RANK-- OFF	--PS RANK-- DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	FOE OFF	FOE DEF	FOE ST
0-0		0-0		130	83	18		8/30	Illinois St	35-3	W	12	6	116						
1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	130	140	18	15	9/6	Michigan	24-13	W	12	6	116	45	2	123			
2-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	128	101	13		9/13	at Temple	42-3	W	15	7	116	77	111	47			
3-0	3-0	0-0	0-0	133	131	11	22	9/20	Auburn	24-17	W	25	5	80	28	17	55			
4-0		1-0		134		7		9/27	Bye			29	2	116						
4-0	1-3	1-0	0-1	134	83	5		10/4	Kent St	44-0	W	36	2	121	136	136	5			
5-0	3-2	1-0	0-1	134	132	6		10/11	† Texas	6-23	L	40	2	121	15	2	125			
5-1	3-3	1-1	1-3	133	125	14		10/18	at South Carolina	26-7	W	52	1	129	76	22	123			
6-1	6-1	2-1	3-1	129	133	13	8	10/25	Mississippi	26-34	L	61	3	124	11	29	72			
6-2	6-2	2-2	3-2	132	130	18	14	11/1	at Tennessee	33-27	W	60	1	105	7	32	76			
7-2		3-2		130		11		11/8	Bye			60	2	113						
7-2	8-1	3-2	6-0	131	139	11	4	11/15	at Alabama	23-21	W	59	2	126	13	8	62			
8-2	7-3	4-2	3-3	131	129	8	23	11/22	Missouri	17-6	W	58	2	128	29	13	51			
9-2	7-4	5-2	3-4	134	123	8		11/29	LSU	17-13	W	59	2	125	58	11	58			
10-2		6-2		136		8		12/6	Bye			60	2	120						
10-2	8-1	6-2	6-0	135	136	8	11	12/6	Alabama			60	2	113	13	8	62			

Computer Forecast

Alabama	PROJECTED	Oklahoma
46	Rush Yards	110
214	Pass Yards	211
260	Total Yards	321
16.1	Score	21.2
8	EXP	17

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Foe	Score	Tot Off	FD	Rush Att-Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks Vs	Tot Def	FD	Rush Att-Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks By	Net Yds	TO's	Net Pts	FD	Off vs FBS Foe	Def	Def vs FBS Foe	Def Off	Gm Grade
at Florida St	17-31	341	18	29-87	3.0	23-43	254	3	382	20	49-230	4.7	9-14	152	1	-41	1	-14	-2	#5	13	#2	98	104.0
ULM	73-0	583	29	36-212	5.9	29-33	371	0	148	9	32-93	2.9	10-18	55	0	435	3	73	20	#1	215	#1	190	138.0
Wisconsin	38-14	454	22	22-72	3.3	24-30	382	1	209	14	34-92	2.7	11-17	117	4	245	2	24	8	#2	142	#5	48	125.3
at Georgia	24-21	397	25	38-117	3.1	25-39	280	1	357	17	33-227	6.9	13-20	130	1	40	1	3	8	#2	122	#4	54	129.5
Vanderbilt	30-14	486	26	38-146	3.8	23-31	340	4	333	16	19-135	7.1	21-36	198	1	153	2	16	10	#2	142	#3	148	134.7
at Missouri	27-24	325	22	44-125	2.8	23-31	200	4	330	15	28-163	5.8	16-28	167	2	-5	1	3	7	#4	57	#3	95	121.7
Tennessee	37-20	373	23	32-120	3.8	19-29	253	0	410	27	33-142	4.3	28-44	268	4	-37	0	17	-4	#8	-25	#2	79	112.7
at South Carolina	29-22	325	17	23-72	3.1	24-43	253	2	333	18	37-111	3.0	18-33	222	2	-8	0	7	-1	#7	-31	#8	4	115.3
LSU	20-9	344	17	26-56	2.2	22-36	288	1	232	13	26-59	2.3	23-32	173	3	112	1	11	4	#6	27	#2	110	115.6
Oklahoma	21-23	406	23	33-80	2.4	28-42	326	4	212	12	28-74	2.6	15-23	138	2	194	-3	-2	11	#3	144	#1	155	120.7
Eastern Illinois	56-0	539	32	49-269	5.5	23-30	270	3	34	2	30-14	0.5	4-9	20	3	505	-1	56	30	#1	164	#1	287	113.5
at Auburn	27-20	280	18	38-158	4.2	19-35	122	3	411	20	36-152	4.2	18-39	259	1	-131	2	7	-2	#11	-43	#8	-40	113.4
† Georgia	7-28	209	11	16--3	-0.2	19-39	212	3	297	16	41-141	3.4	20-26	156	1	-88	-1	-21	-5	#2	-82	#4	119	112.4
TOTALS	406-226	5062	283	424-1511	3.6	301-461	3551	29	3688	199	426-1633	3.8	206-339	2055	25	1374	8	180	84	#26	684	#13	1058	119.7
AVERAGES	31-17	389	21.8	33-116	3.6	65.3%	273	6.3%	284	15.3	33-126	3.8	60.8%	158	7.4%	106	0.6	14	6	#27	57	#14	88	#8
HOME	39-11	455	24.6	34-136	4.0	72.7%	319	13	225	13.3	29-87	3.0	62.6%	138	17	230	4	28	11	#14	108	#11	121	122.9
AWAY	22-24	313	18.5	31-93	3.0	57.8%	220	16	352	17.7	37-171	4.6	58.8%	181	8	-39	4	-3	1	#64	20	#19	35	116.8
CONF	25-20	349	20.2	32-97	3.0	62.2%	253	22	324	17.1	31-134	4.3	61.2%	190	17	26	3	5	3	#45	35	#15	80	119.6
NON-CONF	46-11	479	25.3	34-160	4.7	72.8%	319	7	193	11.3	36-107	3.0	58.6%	86	8	286	5	35	14	#15	93	#19	84	120.2
Last 4 Weeks	28-18	359	21.0	34-126	3.0	61.0%	233	3.3	239	12.5	34-95	2.7	58.8%	143	1.8	120	-1	10	9		46		130	115.0

This Weeks Numbers

VEGAS LINE	Oklahoma By 1	L4W Game Grade	Oklahoma By 3.7
VEGAS TOTAL	40 Points	Last Met Line	N/A
+/- Rating	Oklahoma By 9.3	Last Met Score	N/A
Game Grade	Oklahoma By 1.5	Points per Yards	21.2325 By 4.4

Phil's Forecast:

Oklahoma has had the upper hand on Alabama lately, winning 5 of the last 6 meetings. This is a rematch of the Week 12 game won by Sooners (+6) in Tuscaloosa, 25-23. However, Bama actually had a 406-212 edge in yards but were done in by -3 TO's and an early pick-6 by CB Eli Bowen. In '24, OU was +14 yet won 24-3 in Norman. This is HC Brent Venables' first CFP game, while Tide HC Kalen DeBoer led Washington to the National Title Game against Michigan in '23. Bama got off to a brutal start when they were upset in the opener by Florida St, 31-17. However, they rebounded quickly and won their next 8 games including at Georgia and Vandy and Tennessee at home. Following the Oklahoma loss, they escaped Auburn in the Iron Bowl, 27-20, in a must-win situation. In the SEC CG rematch with Georgia, Tide had ssn-lows in points and yards (209) and lost in Atlanta, 28-7. QB Ty Simpson has thrown for 3268 with a 26-5 ratio but is only 5-4 in the last 4 games. RB Jam Miller (493, 4.0) has been banged up but is expected to return for this game. They'll need him because Bama averages just 116 rush ypg and 3.6 ypc! Simpson has 3 talened WR's in Germie Bernard, Ryan Williams, and Isaiah Horton. Tide averages 31ppg but have been below that # in their last 5 vs the FBS. The D holds opp 88ypg below their avg (#14 FBS) and have not allowed more than 28 pts since the opener in Tallahassee. Their ST's has been inconsistent, and K Conor Talty is just 13-20 on FG's this year. I considered Oklahoma to be a legit playoff contender before the season despite a tough schedule. They beat Michigan as part of a 5-0 start, but QB John Mateer was injured Week 4 vs Auburn. He returned for Texas but was clearly not 100% and the Sooners lost 23-6. Two wks later, they gave up a ssn high 34 pts in a loss to Ole Miss. However, facing CFP do-or-die every week, they won their final 4 including road upsets over Tennessee and Bama. Mateer hasn't been the playmaker he was expected to be when he transferred from Wazzu (62%, 12-10, 416 rush). Sooners only rush for 124 (3.7) and have allowed 24 sacks. In SEC play, they average 22ppg and are -17ypg. The defense, though, is elite. Venables' unit allows just 274ypg and is holding foes 112 ypg below their avg (#7 FBS). A dominant front 7 is holding tms to 2.5 ypc and is tied for the FBS lead with 41 sacks. Leading sacker R Mason Thomas, who missed the final 2 gms, was not listed on this week's injury report. My computer has Oklahoma winning a low-scoring 21-15 rock fight. AGG has the Sooners by 1.5. Bama has faced the tougher sked (#7 vs #20) but OU has the better ST's (#21 vs #44). As a single digit favorite, Bama is 3-2-1 ATS under HC DeBoer. This is just the 3rd time Oklahoma has been a home dog since '16! Under HC Venables, they are 4-5 ATS as a single digit dog (2-1 this yr with outright upsets of Tenn/Bama). Alabama has the better offense, but Oklahoma has the better D. The Sooners have home field while the Tide has double-revenge for losses the last 2 meetings. Bama was the better team in November despite the 2-point loss. I think they do a better job of protecting the ball and get payback with a close and hard-fought road win.

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James Madison Dukes

Dukes Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	TEAM ST	--PS RANK-- OFF	--PS RANK-- DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	FOE OFF	FOE DEF	FOE ST
0-0		0-0		114	74			8/30	Weber St	45-10	W	75	56	44						
1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	114	129			9/6	at Louisville	14-28	L	75	57	44	6	52	74			
1-1		0-0		114				9/13	Bye			74	59	44						
1-1	1-2	0-0	0-1	114	101			9/20	at Liberty	31-13	W	87	49	83	86	75	25			
2-1	2-2	0-0	0-0	114	107			9/27	GA Southern	35-10	W	87	46	73	77	123	104			
3-1	1-3	1-0	0-0	115	93			10/4	at Georgia St	14-7	W	86	45	81	99	131	3			
4-1	2-3	2-0	1-0	118	101			10/11	Louisiana	24-14	W	88	35	79	90	119	51			
5-1	4-2	3-0	1-1	115	120			10/18	Old Dominion	63-27	W	98	32	88	44	81	33			
6-1		4-0		115				10/25	Bye			94	28	83						
6-1	3-4	4-0	0-3	120	105			11/1	at Texas St	52-20	W	74	29	76	30	106	94			
7-1	4-4	5-0	2-2	120	102			11/8	at Marshall	35-23	W	71	28	80	96	93	78			
8-1	4-5	6-0	1-4	123	101	24		11/15	Appalachian St	58-10	W	72	27	77	79	91	100			
9-1	5-5	7-0	0-1	122	112	21		11/22	Washington St	24-20	W	65	31	73	123	80	37			
10-1	6-5	7-0	5-2	126	102	20		11/29	at Coastal Carolina	59-10	W	60	24		95	122	59			
11-1	8-4	8-0	6-2	125	103	19		12/6	Troy	31-14	W	61	33	88	125	85	100			
12-1	11-1	9-0	8-1	129	144	19	5	12/6	at Oregon			55	25	89	3	4	108			

OVERALL:	OVERALL:
12-1	11-1
vs. SUN	vs. PAC 12
9-0	8-1

NCAA RANKINGS

2025 TEAM RANKINGS

James Madison		Oregon
#6	Rush Off	#14
#94	Pass Off	#49
#22	**Total Off**	**#14**
#10	Score Off	#9
#63	Sks Allowed	#16
#2	Rush Def	#20
#12	Pass Def	#3
#2	**Total Def**	**#4**
#10	Score Def	#8
#7	Sks By	#76
#5	Ypg Diff	#4
-1	**Total TO's**	**+8**

Oregon Ducks

Ducks Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	TEAM ST	--PS RANK-- OFF	--PS RANK-- DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	FOE OFF	FOE DEF	FOE ST
0-0		0-0		134	82	7		8/30	Montana St	59-13	W	18	18	126						
1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	134	105	6		9/6	Oklahoma St	69-3	W	19	17	126	89	93	94			
2-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	137	112	4		9/13	at Northwestern	34-14	L	13	18	126	87	47	50			
3-0	0-3	1-0	0-0	141	103	6		9/20	Oregon St	41-7	W	2	18	123	78	79	1			
4-0	3-0	1-0	0-0	140	142	6	3	9/27	at Penn St	30-24	W	3	19	113	9	6	118			
5-0		2-0		140		2		10/4	Bye			3	11	111						
5-0	5-0	2-0	2-0	142	141	3	7	10/11	Indiana	20-30	L	2	9	93	3	16	126			
5-1	3-3	2-1	0-3	142	120	8		10/18	at Rutgers	56-10	W	3	8	96	43	98	67			
6-1	2-5	3-1	0-4	139	116	6		10/25	Wisconsin	21-7	L	4	10	90	113	51	40			
7-1		4-1		143		6		11/1	Bye			2	4	85						
7-1	6-2	4-1	4-1	141	138	6		11/8	at Iowa	18-16	L	3	4	81	68	10	130			
8-1	6-3	5-1	4-2	141	120	7		11/15	Minnesota	42-13	W	3	4	84	97	24	38			
9-1	8-2	6-1	6-1	141	136	6	16	11/22	USC	42-27	W	4	4	80	1	33	76			
10-1	8-3	7-1	5-3	142	136	5		11/29	at Washington	26-14	W	2	5	82	25	21	84			
11-1		8-1		144		4		12/6	Bye			2	4	96						
11-1	12-1	8-1	9-0	144	129	5	19	12/14	James Madison			3	4	108	55	25	89			

Computer Forecast

JMU	PROJECTED	Oregon
142	Rush Yards	169
81	Pass Yards	261
223	Total Yards	429
14.7	Score	37.4
102	EXP	16

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Foe	Score	Tot Off	FD	Rush Att-Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks Vs	Tot Def	FD	Rush Att-Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks By	Net Yds	TO's	Net Pts	FD	Off vs FBS Foe Def	Def vs FBS Foe Off	Gm Grade
Montana St	59-13	506	29	39-253	6.5	19-25	253	0	244	17	27-46	1.7	23-31	198	3	262	0	46	12	#1 210	#1 215	124.7
Oklahoma St	69-3	631	24	37-312	8.4	18-25	319	0	211	9	42-144	3.4	7-19	67	2	420	2	66	15	#1 232	#3 89	139.0
at Northwestern	34-14	373	21	30-176	5.9	19-26	197	0	313	15	37-178	4.8	11-22	135	2	60	1	20	6	#4 42	#6 39	119.2
Oregon St	41-7	585	29	46-280	6.1	21-31	305	1	147	8	26-67	2.6	7-22	80	0	438	1	34	21	#1 232	#1 223	127.2
at Penn St	30-24	424	20	39-176	4.5	29-39	248	0	276	15	35-139	4.0	14-25	137	2	148	1	6	5	#4 98	#4 91	124.4
Indiana	20-30	267	14	30-81	2.7	21-34	186	6	326	23	37-111	3.0	20-31	215	1	-59	-1	-10	-9	#8 17	#1 172	118.5
at Rutgers	56-10	750	29	36-415	11.5	18-24	335	0	202	12	42-123	2.9	8-27	79	3	548	0	46	17	#1 346	#2 224	156.2
Wisconsin	21-7	335	19	45-203	4.5	13-19	132	4	196	11	29-110	3.8	7-21	86	1	139	1	14	8	#5 12	#3 62	115.2
at Iowa	18-16	373	19	36-261	7.3	13-21	112	0	239	18	43-101	2.3	10-18	138	2	134	1	2	1	#2 112	#2 83	127.5
Minnesota	42-13	510	27	30-179	6.0	30-33	331	1	200	13	24-62	2.6	19-33	138	2	310	-1	29	14	#2 183	#3 105	125.9
USC	42-27	436	26	41-179	4.4	22-30	257	0	382	23	28-52	1.9	26-44	330	1	54	1	15	3	#3 95	#3 98	123.5
at Washington	26-14	392	17	42-106	2.5	20-29	286	2	283	18	33-154	4.7	15-30	129	4	109	2	12	-1	#3 88	#4 144	128.8
TOTALS	458-178	5582	274	451-2621	5.8	243-336	2961	14	3019	182	403-1287	3.2	167-323	1732	23	2563	8	280	92	#3 1456	#4 1329	127.5
AVERAGES	38-15	465	22.8	38-218	5.8	72.3%	247	4.2%	252	15.2	34-107	3.2	51.7%	144	7.1%	214	0.7	23	8	#2 132	#4 121	#2
HOME	42-14	467	24.0	38-212	5.5	73.1%	255	12	244	14.9	30-85	2.8	54.2%	159	10	223	3	28	9	#8 129	#7 125	124.9
AWAY	33-16	462	21.2	37-227	6.2	71.2%	236	2	263	15.6	38-139	3.7	47.5%	124	13	200	5	17	6	#2 137	#6 116	131.2
CONF	32-17	429	21.3	37-197	5.4	72.5%	232	13	269	16.4	34-114	3.3	51.8%	154	18	160	5	15	5	#7 110	#5 113	126.6
NON-CONF	56-8	574	27.3	41-282	6.9	71.6%	292	1	201	11.3	32-86	2.7	51.4%	115	5	373	3	49	16	#1 155	#11 104	130.3
Last 4 Weeks	32-18	428	22.3	37-181	5.0	75.2%	247	0.8	276	18.0	32-92	2.9	56.0%	184	2.3	152	1	15	4	119	107	126.4

This Weeks Numbers

VEGAS LINE	Oregon By 21	L4W Game Grade	Oregon By 13.9
VEGAS TOTAL	47.5 Points	Last Met Line	N/A
+/- Rating	Oregon By 21.3	Last Met Score	N/A
Game Grade	Oregon By 20.1	Points per Yards	36.16 By 14.8

Phil's Forecast:

First meeting. James Madison is in the College Football Playoff in just its 4th season as an FBS member. This is their 3rd straight year qualifying for the postseason. They lost to Air Force (+1') in '23, 31-21, and beat Western Kentucky (+7), 27-17, LY in HC Bob Chesney's debut. Chesney took Holy Cross to the FCS playoffs from '19-'23 so he has experience preparing teams for win or go home gms. Oregon has missed the postseason just 2 times this century, '04 under Mike Bellotti and '16 under Mark Helfrich. Top-ranked Ducks lost in the CFP quarterfinals (Rose Bowl) last yr to eventual national champ Ohio St, 41-21. HC Dan Lanning is 2-1 SU & 1-2 ATS in the postseason. JMU is 12-1 SU & 8-5 ATS after steamrolling through the Sun Belt. Dukes only loss was at the ACC's Louisville, 28-14, in a game they led in the 2H and could have won. Cards had just 264 yds and were +1 yd. JMU has outscored its opponents by an avg of 37-16 and 201ypg. However, their best wins are over Old Dominion and Washington St, so this is a massive step up in weight class. Chesney built this team on defense and the rushing attack. RB Wayne Knight is an all-purpose star who's rushed for 1263 yds (6.6) and has 37 rec for 379 yds. QB Alonza Barnett is a dual threat with 2533 passing (60%, 21-8) and 544 rushing (4.7). The passing gm ranks 94th and the offense will struggle when the run gm stumbles. The D, on the other hand, is elite. JMU holds opp 137 ypg below their avg (#2 FBS!) and have not allowed more than 28 pts in a gm all year. Dukes allow just 2.5 ypc and 49.5% completions which is #3 in the FBS. This is an SBC defense that plays at a P4 level. Chesney has accepted the UCLA job but will remain with JMU until their playoff run ends. #5 Oregon is the highest rated at-large team. They're also 12-1, only losing to #1 Indiana in Eugene, 30-20. At home, Ducks win by average of 42-14 and 223 ypg. QB Dante Moore has had a solid debut with 2733 yds and 24-6 ratio. His receivers have been banged up all year, but TE Kenyon Sadiq (490, 12.6) is a star and a future high NFL draft pick. The trio of RB's Noah Whittington, Jordon Davison, and Dierre Hill all avg over 6 ypc. The Oregon D is the best unit JMU will see all yr. Ducks hold opp 121ypg below their avg (#4 FBS) and give up only 3.2 ypc. The pass D is also terrific, ranking #4 with a 12-13 ratio. There are no areas of Lanning's D that JMU can exploit. Both Oregon coordinators have taken HC jobs but will coach in the CFP. Under Lanning, Ducks 18-9 ATS at home and 14-7 ATS when laying 20+ pts. JMU has covered 3 straight as an AD, the last 2 under Chesney. The Dukes have not been this big of a dog since '16. My computer calls for Oregon to win 36-14. My AGG has the Ducks by 20.1. Oregon has the better ST's (#26 vs #45) and a massive edge in schedule strength (#13 vs #102). JMU has been a great story, and they might be this year's best G5 team. But Oregon at Autzen is completely out of their league. With a big size and physicality advantage, Ducks will stack the box to stop Knight and Barnett, and from there it'll be lights out for the offense. The JMU defense will keep things from getting completely out of control, but I agree with my computer that the Ducks will overpower the Dukes and win going away.

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Tulane Green Wave

Green Wave Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	TEAM ST	--PS RANK-- OFF	--PS RANK-- DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	FOE OFF	FOE DEF	FOE ST
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	113	117			8/30	Northwestern	23-3	W	62	53	92	81	48	50			
1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	113	107			9/6	at South Alabama	33-31	W	60	53	92	86	101	2			
2-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	116	116			9/13	Duke	34-27	W	59	49	92	55	53	96			
3-0	3-0	0-0	2-0	115	133		13	9/20	at Mississippi	10-45	L	59	51	107	12	22	65			
3-1	2-2	0-0	0-1	117	95			9/27	at Tulsa	31-14	W	68	51	89	108	120	65			
4-1		1-0		114				10/4	Bye			68	60	72						
4-1	3-2	1-0	1-0	114	117			10/11	East Carolina	26-19	W	70	51	81	59	84	40			
5-1	3-3	2-0	2-2	114	109			10/18	Army West Point	24-17	W	64	51	87	103	64	11			
6-1		3-0		117				10/25	Bye			65	48	106						
6-1	3-4	3-0	1-2	117	110			11/1	at UTSA	26-48	L	61	56	113	53	104	38			
6-2	8-1	3-1	4-1	117	122		22	11/8	at Memphis	38-32	W	65	59	115	55	61	75			
7-2	4-5	4-1	3-3	112	102			11/15	Florida Atlantic	35-24	W	64	57	110	68	128	125			
8-2	5-5	5-1	3-3	115	104	24		11/22	at Temple	37-13	W	55	66	116	96	113	67			
9-2	1-10	6-1	0-7	115	89	22		11/29	Charlotte	27-0	W	57	65	118	129	126	37			
10-2	11-1	7-1	7-1	117	119	21	20	12/6	North Texas	34-21	W	54	55	127	17	108	99			
11-2	3-0	8-1	2-0	117	134	17	6	12/6	at Mississippi			56	51	127	12	22	65			

OVERALL:	OVERALL:
11-2	11-1
vs. American	vs. SEC
8-1	7-1

NCAA RANKINGS

2025 TEAM RANKINGS

Tulane		Mississippi
#56	Rush Off	#29
#57	Pass Off	#3
#43	**Total Off**	**#3**
#58	Score Off	#11
#6	Sks Allowed	#18
#30	Rush Def	#70
#123	Pass Def	#20
#67	**Total Def**	**#33**
#50	Score Def	#24
#16	Sks By	#62
#54	Ypg Diff	#7
+10	**Total TO's**	**-2**

Mississippi Rebels

Rebels Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	TEAM ST	--PS RANK-- OFF	--PS RANK-- DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	FOE OFF	FOE DEF	FOE ST
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	131	102	21		8/30	Georgia St	63-7	W	25	22	88	90	125	29			
1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	131	117	20		9/6	at Kentucky	30-23	W	25	23	88	58	48	84			
2-0	2-0	1-0	0-0	135	129	17		9/13	Arkansas	41-35	W	23	24	88	16	37	26			
3-0	3-0	2-0	0-0	133	115	13		9/20	Tulane	45-10	W	12	22	65	59	51	107			
4-0	4-0	2-0	1-0	133	136	13	4	9/27	LSU	24-19	W	11	31	92	28	7	86			
5-0		3-0		136		4		10/4	Bye			9	26	105						
5-0	3-2	3-0	0-0	137	104	4		10/11	Washington St	24-21	W	10	23	101	120	109	32			
6-0	5-1	3-0	3-1	137	134	5	9	10/18	at Georgia	35-43	L	8	22	98	18	13	116			
6-1	6-1	3-1	2-1	133	129	8	13	10/25	at Oklahoma	34-26	W	11	29	72	61	3	124			
7-1	3-5	4-1	1-5	132	124	7		11/1	South Carolina	30-14	W	11	37	82	86	24	117			
8-1		5-1		133	62	7		11/8	The Citadel	49-0	W	10	38	92						
9-1	3-6	5-1	2-4	134	123	6		11/15	Florida	34-24	W	10	37	103	50	27	97			
10-1		6-1		134		5		11/22	Bye			10	26	106						
10-1	5-6	6-1	1-6	134	119	6		11/29	at Miss St	38-19	W	9	23	87	46	62	81			
11-1		7-1		134		6		12/6	Bye			10	25	85						
11-1	3-0	7-1	0-0	134	117	6	17	12/6	Tulane			8	24	100	59	51	107			

Computer Forecast

Tulane	PROJECTED	Mississippi
127	Rush Yards	159
170	Pass Yards	358
296	Total Yards	518
17.8	Score	32.9
69	EXP	54

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Foe	Score	Tot Off	Tot FD	Rush Att-Yds	Rush Avg	Rush Co-Att	Rush Yds	Sks Vs	Tot Def	Tot FD	Rush Att-Yds	Rush Avg	Rush Co-Att	Rush Yds	Sks By	Net Yds	Net TO's	Net Pts	Net FD	Off vs FBS	Off vs Foe Def	Def vs FBS	Def vs Foe Off	Gm Grade
Georgia St	63-7	695	34	44-295	6.7	24-37	400	1	260	10	5-191	38.2	12-25	69	1	435	-1	56	24	#1	269	#2	129	130.7
at Kentucky	30-23	455	20	48-220	4.6	13-24	235	0	359	18	37-172	4.6	16-33	187	3	96	-2	7	2	#4	88	#7	-20	112.2
Arkansas	41-35	475	25	40-118	3.0	22-30	357	1	526	29	37-221	6.0	22-35	305	0	-51	1	6	-4	#6	54	#9	-78	106.4
Tulane	45-10	548	23	42-241	5.7	17-27	307	1	282	18	39-178	4.6	10-29	104	0	266	0	35	5	#1	192	#1	146	131.9
LSU	24-19	480	28	45-166	3.7	23-39	314	0	254	16	22-57	2.6	21-34	197	1	226	-1	5	12	#1	175	#3	86	119.6
Washington St	24-21	439	25	41-186	4.5	20-29	253	3	345	21	28-127	4.5	24-31	218	4	94	-1	3	4	#2	146	#9	-32	107.2
at Georgia	35-43	351	21	24-88	3.7	19-36	263	0	510	34	49-221	4.5	26-31	289	1	-159	0	-8	-13	#3	66	#11	-102	110.7
at Oklahoma	34-26	431	21	41-116	2.8	24-46	315	1	359	14	28-136	4.9	17-32	223	3	72	1	8	7	#2	172	#8	-6	125.8
South Carolina	30-14	417	19	45-258	5.7	12-21	159	0	230	15	32-50	1.6	16-30	180	6	187	1	16	4	#4	70	#2	116	124.2
The Citadel	49-0	603	35	35-151	4.3	37-46	452	3	106	5	42-83	2.0	3-8	23	2	497	-1	49	30	#1	201	#1	243	114.5
Florida	34-24	538	27	48-237	4.9	26-35	301	5	326	14	25-108	4.3	16-32	218	1	212	0	10	13	#1	176	#6	17	120.0
at Mississippi St	38-19	545	29	41-186	4.5	23-34	359	0	440	22	43-262	6.1	15-31	178	3	105	1	19	7	#2	152	#7	-45	120.7
TOTALS	**447-241**	**5977**	**307**	**494-2262**	**4.6**	**260-404**	**3715**	**15**	**3997**	**216**	**387-1806**	**4.7**	**198-351**	**2191**	**25**	**1980**	**-2**	**206**	**91**	**#2**	**1559**	**#53**	**210**	**118.7**
AVERAGES	**37-20**	**498**	**25.6**	**41-189**	**4.6**	**64.4%**	**310**	**3.7%**	**333**	**18.0**	**32-151**	**4.7**	**56.4%**	**183**	**7.1%**	**165**	**-0.2**	**17**	**8**	**#1**	**142**	**#53**	**19**	**#10**
HOME	**39-16**	**524**	**27.0**	**43-207**	**4.9**	**68.6%**	**318**	**14**	**291**	**16.0**	**29-127**	**4.4**	**55.4%**	**164**	**15**	**233**	**-2**	**23**	**11**	**#2**	**154**	**#42**	**55**	**119.3**
AWAY	**34-28**	**446**	**22.8**	**39-153**	**4.0**	**56.4%**	**293**	**1**	**417**	**22.0**	**39-198**	**5.0**	**58.3%**	**219**	**10**	**29**	**0**	**7**	**1**	**#5**	**119**	**#102**	**-43**	**117.3**
CONF	**33-25**	**462**	**23.8**	**42-174**	**4.2**	**61.1%**	**288**	**7**	**376**	**20.3**	**34-153**	**4.5**	**57.8%**	**222**	**18**	**86**	**1**	**8**	**4**	**#4**	**119**	**#70**	**-4**	**117.4**
NON-CONF	**45-10**	**571**	**29.3**	**41-218**	**5.4**	**70.5%**	**353**	**8**	**248**	**13.5**	**29-145**	**5.1**	**52.7%**	**104**	**7**	**323**	**-3**	**36**	**16**	**#4**	**152**	**#31**	**61**	**121.1**
Last 4 Weeks	**38-14**	**526**	**27.5**	**42-208**	**4.9**	**72.1%**	**318**	**2.0**	**276**	**14.0**	**36-126**	**3.5**	**49.5%**	**150**	**3.0**	**250**	**0**	**24**	**14**		**150**		**83**	**119.8**

This Weeks Numbers

VEGAS LINE	**Mississippi By 17.5**	**L4W Game Grade**	**Mississippi By 18.9**
VEGAS TOTAL	**56.5 Points**	**Last Met Line**	**N/A**
+/- Rating	**Mississippi By 17.5**	**Last Met Score**	**N/A**
Game Grade	**Mississippi By 19.5**	**Points per Yards**	**Mississippi 35-18**

Phil's Forecast:

These former SEC rivals have met 72 times. Ole Miss leads series 44-28 and has won 12 straight and covered the last 3 including Week 4 this yr. This will be the first College Football Playoff gm for both schools. This is the Rebels' 6th straight ssn in the postseason (3-2 SU & ATS) but 1st gm as a HC for Pete Golding who was elevated from DC after Lane Kiffin left for LSU. Since '18, Tulane only missed the postseason in '21. HC Jon Sumrall is 1-1 SU & ATS in bowls, losing LY in the Gasparilla Bowl to Florida, 33-8, who he'll be coaching in '26. Tulane is riding its best 4-yr run in program history. Sumrall has maintained what Willie Fritz built from '16-'23. The Green Wave is 11-2 and just slowed down UNT for their 2nd American title since '22. Mean Green leads FBS in scoring but only scored ssn-low 21 points. Tulane lost at UTSA, which is almost unbeatable in San Antonio, but also fell to Ole Miss, 45-10, on Sept 20. They were outgained by 266 yds and the QBs were 10-29 for 104 yds. They also allowed ssn-highs in rushing (241 yds) and total yds (548). Green Wave has beaten Northwestern, Duke and UNT but those were all in New Orleans. On the road, they're 4-2 SU & 3-3 ATS while going -2 ppg and -8 ypg. QB Jake Retzlaff (62%, 14-6, 610 rush) is an average passer, so the run game must produce for the offense to be effective. Tulane's strength is the defense. They hold opp 31ypg below their average (#43 FBS), allow just 3.5 ypc, and lead the American with 34 sacks. At 11-1, Ole Miss is having one of its best seasons ever, but they no longer have their architect, Kiffin. Golding was DC for 3 yrs and previously was Bama's DC, so he has plenty of big game experience. Rebels' only loss was at Georgia, 43-35, in a gm they were outgained 510-351. Their best win was at #8 Oklahoma. At home, Ole Miss is 8-0 SU & 4-4 and +23ppg and +233ypg. The offense gains 142 ypg above opp avg (#1 FBS!) led by QB Trinidad Chambliss (66%, 18-3) and Missouri transfer RB Kewan Lacy (1279, 5.0). Chambliss led Ferris St to the D2 National Championship, so he knows about playoff stakes and atmosphere. The D can be beaten but it takes a balanced attack which Tulane does not have. The Rebels are softer against the run (4.3 ypc) than the pass (182 ypg, 13-7 ratio). Since '20, Ole Miss is 21-19-1 ATS at home and 18-13-1 as a DD favorite. Tulane is 7-4 as an AD since '21 (along with Ole Miss loss this yr, upset Memphis as 3'pt dog). Green Wave on an 0-4 ATS slide as a DD dog. My computer is calling for Ole Miss to win 35-18 and the AGG favors the Rebels by 19.5. Tulane has the better ST's (#7 vs #34) but Ole Miss has faced the tougher schedule (#55 vs #71). The offense might miss Kiffin, but the team will play with something to prove to the coach that left them for another SEC school. The Rebels, with a fired-up fan base behind them, will play with 60 mins of passion, especially on defense against 1-dimensional Tulane. However, the Green Wave D will play much better than the first meeting which is why I'm leaning to Tulane with the points and under the total.

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Miami, Fl Hurricanes

Hurricanes Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	--PS RANK-- OFF	--PS RANK-- DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	FOE OFF	FOE DEF	FOE ST
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	124	145	10	6	8/30	Notre Dame	27-24	W	3	21	72	5	3	122			
1-0		0-0		124	86	5		9/6	Bethune-Cookman	45-3	W	3	21	72						
2-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	129	125	5	18	9/13	USF	49-12	W	3	21	72	56	50	78			
3-0	1-2	0-0	0-1	127	131	4		9/20	Florida	26-7	W	6	33	71	22	10	87			
4-0		0-0		131		2		9/27	Bye			4	26	58						
4-0	3-1	0-0	0-1	134	124	3	18	10/4	at Florida St	28-22	W	10	18	59	6	24	56			
5-0		1-0		134		2		10/11	Bye			9	17	58						
5-0	4-1	1-0	1-1	134	126	2		10/18	Louisville	21-24	L	11	13	61	38	39	127			
5-1	3-4	1-1	2-2	134	113	9		10/25	Stanford	42-7	W	12	15	58	97	76	47			
6-1	5-3	2-1	3-1	131	125	10		11/1	at SMU	20-26	L	15	17	70	41	18	39			
6-2	3-6	2-2	1-5	134	108	18		11/8	Syracuse	38-10	W	16	16	75	66	76	55			
7-2	5-4	3-2	3-3	130	119	16		11/15	NC State	41-7	W	17	17	87	23	81	8			
8-2	3-7	4-2	2-4	131	111	14		11/22	at Virginia Tech	34-17	W	17	15	75	66	70	29			
9-2	8-3	5-2	6-1	135	126	13	24	11/29	at Pittsburgh	38-7	W	13	7	69	40	26	131			
10-2		6-2		134		12		12/6	Bye			11	12	75						
10-2	11-1	6-2	7-1	138	134	10	7	12/6	at Texas A&M			10	8	73	7	14	72			

OVERALL:	OVERALL:
10-2	11-1
vs. ACC	vs. SEC
6-2	7-1

NCAA RANKINGS

2025 TEAM RANKINGS

Miami, Fl		Texas A&M
#78	Rush Off	#25
#22	Pass Off	#34
#31	**Total Off**	**#20**
#20	Score Off	#14
#8	Sks Allowed	#11
#7	Rush Def	#38
#30	Pass Def	#21
#11	**Total Def**	**#19**
#6	Score Def	#41
#16	Sks By	#3
#11	Ypg Diff	#10
+9	**Total TO's**	**-7**

Texas A&M Aggies

Aggies Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	--PS RANK-- OFF	--PS RANK-- DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	FOE OFF	FOE DEF	FOE ST
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	131	117	19		8/30	UTSA	42-24	W	7	10	125	30	85	61			
1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	131	103	19		9/6	Utah St	44-22	W	7	10	125	122	120	22			
2-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	131	140	16	8	9/13	at Notre Dame	41-40	W	7	10	125	17	2	61			
3-0		0-0		130		10		9/20	Bye			9	12	119						
3-0	3-1	0-0	0-1	133	131	9		9/27	Auburn	16-10	W	6	11	97	30	12	37			
4-0	4-1	1-0	0-1	133	124	6		10/4	Miss St	31-9	W	6	15	90	35	48	123			
5-0	2-3	2-0	1-1	133	131	5		10/11	Florida	34-17	W	11	11	83	33	11	89			
6-0	2-4	3-0	0-2	135	122	4		10/18	at Arkansas	45-42	W	10	9	92	14	60	25			
7-0	5-2	4-0	2-2	137	132	3	20	10/25	at LSU	49-25	W	7	11	79	37	9	91			
8-0		5-0		135		3		11/1	Bye			5	16	75						
8-0	6-2	5-0	2-2	139	131	3	19	11/8	at Missouri	38-17	W	4	15	89	24	7	45			
9-0	3-6	6-0	1-6	139	123	3		11/15	South Carolina	31-30	W	4	15	92	93	28	113			
10-0		7-0		141	77	3		11/22	Samford	48-0	W	3	12	88						
11-0	8-3	7-0	5-2	138	132	3	16	11/29	at Texas	17-27	L	4	15	68	23	6	132			
11-1		7-1		138		7		12/6	Bye			6	14	82						
11-1	10-2	7-1	6-2	134	138	7	10	12/6	Miami, Fl			7	14	72	10	8	73			

Computer Forecast

Miami, Fl	PROJECTED	Texas A&M
116	Rush Yards	152
193	Pass Yards	236
310	Total Yards	388
24.1	Score	25.6
45	EXP	14

Texas A&M 26 Miami, FL 24

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Foe	Score	Tot Off	FD	Rush Att-Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks Vs	Tot Def	FD	Rush Att-Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks By	Net Yds	Net TO's	Net Pts	Net FD	Off vs FBS Foe	Def vs FBS Foe	Gm Grade
UTSA	42-24	399	17	23-108	4.7	23-36	291	0	373	17	33-203	6.2	21-34	170	1	26	0	18	0	#7 18	#4 44	108.5
Utah St	44-22	554	30	45-235	5.2	22-34	319	2	250	18	35-78	2.2	16-31	172	6	304	0	22	12	#1 141	#1 188	121.2
at Notre Dame	41-40	488	24	32-128	4.0	17-37	360	0	429	23	39-136	3.5	20-32	293	2	59	0	1	1	#1 194	#5 32	133.5
Auburn	16-10	414	21	47-207	4.4	15-22	207	4	177	9	24-52	2.2	18-33	125	5	237	-1	6	12	#3 104	#1 215	127.2
Mississippi St	31-9	479	23	54-299	5.5	13-23	180	1	219	14	31-77	2.5	15-20	142	4	260	1	22	9	#3 80	#1 196	124.7
Florida	34-17	417	19	42-183	4.4	16-26	234	0	319	15	24-74	3.1	21-37	245	3	98	1	17	4	#4 44	#5 24	116.2
at Arkansas	45-42	497	29	35-217	6.2	22-32	280	0	527	25	32-268	8.4	20-33	259	4	-30	0	3	4	#2 78	#10 -79	111.4
at LSU	49-25	426	24	40-224	5.6	12-21	202	0	278	18	27-60	2.2	25-39	218	7	148	-2	24	6	#2 116	#4 59	130.3
at Missouri	38-17	464	21	39-243	6.2	20-29	221	1	284	17	34-207	6.1	7-22	77	2	180	1	21	4	#1 209	#1 146	139.9
South Carolina	31-30	503	23	29-64	2.2	22-39	439	2	388	15	33-121	3.7	16-31	267	4	115	-3	1	8	#1 164	#10 -56	113.5
Samford	48-0	475	22	43-247	5.7	20-37	228	1	77	3	31-31	1.0	7-17	46	1	398	-2	48	19	#5 22	#1 283	107.4
at Texas	17-27	337	19	34-157	4.6	20-32	180	1	397	19	35-218	6.2	14-31	179	2	-60	-2	-10	0	#7 1	#7 -15	111.1
TOTALS	436-263	5453	272	463-2312	5.0	222-368	3141	12	3718	193	378-1525	4.0	200-360	2193	41	1735	-7	173	79	#12 1150	#24 754	120.4
AVERAGES	36-22	454	22.7	39-193	5.0	60.3%	262	3.3%	310	16.1	32-127	4.0	55.6%	183	11.4%	145	-0.6	14	7	#12 105	#23 69	#6
HOME	35-16	463	22.1	40-192	4.7	60.4%	271	10	258	13.0	30-91	3.0	56.2%	167	24	205	-4	19	9	#15 92	#28 102	117.0
AWAY	38-30	442	23.4	36-194	5.4	60.3%	249	2	383	20.4	33-178	5.3	54.8%	205	17	59	-3	8	3	#8 120	#39 29	125.3
CONF	33-22	442	22.4	40-199	5.0	62.5%	243	9	324	16.5	30-135	4.5	55.3%	189	31	119	-5	11	6	#12 99	#21 61	121.8
NON-CONF	44-22	479	23.3	36-180	5.0	56.9%	300	3	282	15.3	35-112	3.2	56.1%	170	10	197	-2	22	8	#17 88	#28 66	117.7
Last 4 Weeks	34-19	445	21.3	36-178	4.7	59.9%	267	1.3	287	13.5	33-144	4.2	43.6%	142	2.3	158	-2	15	8		99		89	118.0

This Weeks Numbers

VEGAS LINE	**Texas A&M By 3.5**	**L4W Game Grade**	**Texas A&M By 0.2**
VEGAS TOTAL	**48.5 Points**	**Last Met Line**	**N/A**
+/- Rating	**Texas A&M By 1.0**	**Last Met Score**	**N/A**
Game Grade	**Texas A&M By 5.2**	**Points per Yards**	**23.785 By 5.6**

Phil's Forecast:

Miami is 3-2 all-time vs Texas A&M. The home team won both meetings when they met in '22 and '23. This is both Mike Elko and Mario Cristobal's Playoff debut as HC. Cristobal was on Nick Saban's Alabama staff when they played in the playoffs in '15 and '16. Miami almost made the playoffs in '24 but were upset twice down the stretch by Georgia Tech & Syracuse and got left out. Cristobal had 15 starters back this year including transfer QB Carson Beck from Georgia. The 'Canes opened 5-0 including a 27-24 win over Notre Dame which proved to be their ticket to an at-large berth. They were upset by Louisville and SMU at midseason then won their last 4 but lost an odd playoff tiebreaker to 5 loss Duke and were left out of the ACC Title game. The 'Canes are +144 ypg against our #43 sked. They have wins over 5 bowl eligible teams. Their offense avg 34 ppg and 422 ypg and their top-flight O-line has given up just 11 sacks. In WR Malachi Toney (1246 all-purpose yds) they have one of the nation's most dangerous freshmen. The offense is good, but the D is what's really driven Miami to 10-2 SU & 7-5 ATS. Canes allow just 278 ypg and 14 ppg, and they hold foes 123 ypg below their avg (#3 FBS!). They allow just 87 rush ypg (2.9) led by NFL-caliber DE's Rueben Bain (37 tkl, 4.5 sk) and Ahkeem Mesidor (7 sk). We felt A&M was a legit playoff contender this year with 15 starters back and in Elko's 2nd year in College Station. Just like Miami, Aggies' best win came against Notre Dame, but they did it in South Bend 41-40. A&M had a favorable SEC schedule where they missed all of the top half of the SEC until their loss at Texas in the reg ssn finale. They started 11-0 and won all 7 home games by an avg of +19ppg and +205 ypg. Aggies average 36 ppg and 454 ypg and 105 ypg more than their foes allow (#12 FBS). QB Marcel Reed was in the Heisman discussion for much of the yr, throwing for 2932 (62%, 25-10) and rushing for 466 and 9 td's. His terrific WR corps is led by 800+ yd playmakers KC Concepcion & Mario Craver. There's cautious optimism RB Le'Veon Moss (389, 5.6) will join Rueben Owens (618, 5.5) for 1st time since Week 7. The D holds opp to 22 ppg and 310 ypg and holds foes 69 ypg below their avg (#23 FBS). Aggies are stout in the front 7 and lead FBS with 41 sacks, 11.5 from DE Cashius Howell. My computer has Miami 25-24 buy AGG has Texas A&M by 5.2. Aggies more battled tested after facing 15th ranked schedule (A&M #43). Miami has been a dog just once in the last 2 years, beating ND (-2') in the opener. At Miami, Cristobal is 6-4 ATS vs ranked tms incl 4-0 this season! Under Elko, A&M is 4-10 ATS at home in 2 ssns. Against ranked tms, they're 5-3 ATS and 3-1 this yr (only loss at Texas). This will be a physical game won in the trenches. A&M has the better team, the home field advantage, and a big edge at HC. They've also faced a tougher slate of opponents. I'll go against my computer and take the Aggies by single digits.

Best Bet: ★Texas A&M 28 Miami, FL 20

Washington St Cougers

Cougers Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	TEAM ST	--PS RANK-- OFF	--PS RANK-- DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	FOE OFF	FOE DEF	FOE ST
0-0		0-0		101	74			8/30	Idaho	13-10	W	100	119	39						
1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	101	103			9/6	San Diego St	36-13	W	99	119	39	107	88	117			
2-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	99	113			9/13	at North Texas	10-59	L	105	117	39	43	96	79			
2-1	2-0	0-0	0-0	104	132			9/20	Washington	24-59	L	108	104	57	25	23	38			
2-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	100	102			9/27	at Colorado St	20-3	W	118	111	34	103	103	134			
3-2		0-0		100				10/4	Bye			121	114	32						
3-2	5-0	0-0	3-0	104	137		4	10/11	at Mississippi	21-24	L	120	109	32	10	23	101			
3-3	5-1	0-0	3-1	104	127		18	10/18	at Virginia	20-22	L	123	107	35	35	61	102			
3-4	4-3	0-0	2-2	108	110			10/25	Toledo	28-7	W	120	103	26	28	38	97			
4-4	1-7	0-0	0-0	111	103			11/1	at Oregon St	7-10	L	120	92	26	79	88	2			
4-5		0-1		116				11/8	Bye			121	83	42						
4-5	5-4	0-1	3-3	112	103			11/15	Louisiana Tech	28-3	W	120	84	41	116	70	120			
5-5	9-1	0-1	7-0	112	122		21	11/22	at James Madison	20-24	L	123	80	37	65	31	73			
5-6	1-7	0-1	0-0	115	103			11/29	Oregon St	32-8	W	122	69	48	79	88	2			
6-6		1-1		116				11/29	Bye	32-8	W	122	66	48						
7-6	6-6	1-1	4-4	117	110			12/6	at Utah St			121	62	66	75	111	29			

OVERALL:	OVERALL:
7-6	6-6
vs. PAC 12	vs. MTW
1-1	4-4

NCAA RANKINGS

2025 TEAM RANKINGS

Washington St		Utah St
#113	Rush Off	#54
#100	Pass Off	#46
#121	**Total Off**	**#29**
#36	Score Off	#36
#54	Sks Allowed	#126
#99	Rush Def	#99
#117	Pass Def	#117
#18	**Total Def**	**#121**
#26	Score Def	#89
#39	Sks By	#49
#71	Ypg Diff	#81
-8	**Total TO's**	**+2**

Utah St Aggies

Aggies Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	TEAM ST	--PS RANK-- OFF	--PS RANK-- DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	FOE OFF	FOE DEF	FOE ST
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	102	99			8/30	UTEP	28-16	W	122	122	22	129	116	7			
1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	103	131		19	9/6	at Texas A&M	22-44	L	122	120	22	7	10	125			
1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	104	115			9/13	Air Force	49-30	W	116	120	27	102	71	102			
2-1		1-0		109	86			9/20	McNeese	48-7	W	110	120	26						
3-1	4-0	1-0	1-0	110	136		18	9/27	at Vanderbilt	35-55	L	93	117	45	40	37	60			
3-2		1-0		111				10/4	Bye			77	119	50						
3-2	4-2	1-0	1-1	111	109			10/11	at Hawaii	26-44	L	78	116	50	116	62	73			
3-3	2-4	1-1	1-1	105	106			10/18	San Jose St	30-25	W	75	117	59	73	89	24			
4-3	4-3	2-1	1-2	107	104			10/25	at New Mexico	14-33	L	75	119	66	94	109	98			
4-4		2-2		102				11/1	Bye			83	124	46						
4-4	1-7	2-2	0-4	102	96			11/8	Nevada	51-14	W	83	124	47	130	104	19			
5-4	7-2	3-2	3-2	106	108			11/15	at UNLV	26-29	L	70	117	47	44	110	86			
5-5	7-3	3-3	4-2	106	111			11/22	at Fresno St	28-17	W	73	109	31	112	52	93			
6-5	7-4	4-3	5-2	110	113			11/29	Boise St	24-25	L	70	109	21	56	55	28			
6-6	7-6	4-4	1-1	110	117			12/6	† Washington St			75	111	29	121	62	66			

Computer Forecast

Wash St	PROJECTED	Utah St
140	Rush Yards	143
238	Pass Yards	198
377	Total Yards	341
25.1	Score	17.7
64	EXP	75

Wash St 25 Utah St 18

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Foe	Score	Tot Off	FD	Rush Att-Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks Vs	Tot Def	FD	Rush Att-Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks By	Net Yds	Net TO's	Net Pts	Net FD	Off vs FBS	Off vs Foe Def	Def vs FBS	Def vs Foe Off	Gm Grade
Idaho	13-10	211	13	22-3	0.1	23-32	208	1	221	16	45-188	4.2	12-20	33	0	-10	1	3	-3	#12	-184	#1	170	72.1
San Diego St	36-13	396	19	36-139	3.9	28-42	257	0	215	10	30-82	2.7	15-30	133	3	181	0	23	9	#1	140	#1	137	118.4
at North Texas	10-59	275	17	28-64	2.3	23-35	211	3	410	25	29-163	5.6	29-34	247	1	-135	-5	-49	-8	#11	-133	#3	83	82.2
Washington	24-59	304	21	28-27	1.0	25-36	277	3	471	23	33-173	5.2	16-19	298	3	-167	-3	-35	-2	#6	-8	#8	-62	93.4
at Colorado St	20-3	347	19	33-158	4.8	16-28	189	1	334	20	37-146	3.9	19-28	188	4	13	1	17	-1	#10	-86	#7	-11	92.8
at Mississippi	21-24	345	21	28-127	4.5	24-31	218	4	439	25	41-186	4.5	20-29	253	3	-94	1	-3	-4	#6	13	#4	64	115.4
at Virginia	20-22	326	18	35-143	4.1	18-27	183	1	301	13	32-122	3.8	15-25	179	0	25	-2	-2	5	#5	15	#3	144	114.3
Toledo	28-7	321	20	44-162	3.7	10-22	159	1	299	15	24-61	2.5	26-42	238	1	22	-1	21	5	#4	79	#2	135	113.2
at Oregon St	7-10	271	16	35-125	3.6	13-24	146	6	208	15	41-148	3.6	12-18	60	3	63	-2	-3	1	#10	-111	#2	156	96.5
Louisiana Tech	28-3	303	19	39-157	4.0	17-25	146	0	167	11	30-107	3.6	9-21	60	3	136	1	25	8	#10	-80	#2	215	109.3
at James Madison	20-24	301	19	37-130	3.5	19-31	171	0	319	14	32-175	5.5	9-18	144	1	-18	0	-4	5	#3	52	#3	144	115.3
Oregon St	32-8	383	22	34-186	5.5	17-28	197	0	280	17	29-40	1.4	28-41	240	6	103	1	24	5	#10	11	#2	78	104.9
TOTALS	**259-242**	**3783**	**224**	**399-1421**	**3.6**	**233-361**	**2362**	**20**	**3664**	**204**	**403-1591**	**3.9**	**210-325**	**2073**	**28**	**119**	**-8**	**17**	**20**	**#90**	**-108**	**#12**	**1085**	**102.3**
AVERAGES	**22-20**	**315**	**18.7**	**33-118**	**3.6**	**64.5%**	**197**	**5.5%**	**305**	**17.0**	**34-133**	**3.9**	**64.6%**	**173**	**8.6%**	**10**	**-0.7**	**1**	**2**	**#90**	**-10**	**#12**	**99**	**#64**
HOME	**27-17**	**320**	**19.0**	**34-112**	**3.3**	**64.9%**	**207**	**5**	**276**	**15.3**	**32-109**	**3.4**	**61.3%**	**167**	**16**	**44**	**-1**	**10**	**4**	**#68**	**28**	**#17**	**101**	**101.9**
AWAY	**16-24**	**311**	**18.3**	**33-125**	**3.8**	**64.2%**	**186**	**15**	**335**	**18.7**	**35-157**	**4.4**	**68.4%**	**179**	**12**	**-24**	**-7**	**-7**	**0**	**#101**	**-42**	**#9**	**97**	**102.8**
CONF	**20-9**	**327**	**19.0**	**35-156**	**4.5**	**57.7%**	**172**	**6**	**244**	**16.0**	**35-94**	**2.7**	**67.8%**	**150**	**9**	**83**	**-1**	**11**	**3**	**#114**	**-50**	**#4**	**117**	**100.7**
NON-CONF	**22-22**	**313**	**18.6**	**33-111**	**3.4**	**65.7%**	**202**	**14**	**318**	**17.2**	**33-140**	**4.2**	**63.9%**	**177**	**19**	**-5**	**-7**	**0**	**1**	**#70**	**-1**	**#25**	**85**	**102.7**
Last 4 Weeks	**22-11**	**315**	**19.0**	**36-150**	**4.1**	**61.1%**	**165**	**1.5**	**244**	**14.3**	**33-118**	**3.5**	**59.2%**	**126**	**3.3**	**71**	**0**	**11**	**5**		**-32**		**148**	**106.5**

This Weeks Numbers

VEGAS LINE	**Utah St By 2**	**L4W Game Grade**	**Utah St By 2.0**
VEGAS TOTAL	**50.5 Points**	**Last Met Line**	**N/A**
+/- Rating	**Wash St By 7.0**	**Last Met Score**	**N/A**
Game Grade	**Wash St By 2.9**	**Points per Yards**	**20.67375 By 2.6**

Phil's Forecast:

These schools will compete as Pac-12 foes beginning next season. Washington St leads the series 3-2, losing 26-23 in '21 and winning 49-28 in '24 behind 5 TD's from current Oklahoma QB John Mateer. The Cougars are on a 4-game bowl losing skid but did cover LY's Holiday Bowl in a 52-35 loss to Syracuse. Interim HC Jesse Bobbit has taken over for Jimmy Rogers who has replaced Matt Campbell at Iowa St. Utah St played in the '23 Potato Bowl and lost to Georgia St 45-22. This is HC Bronco Mendenhall's first bowl game since '19. He's 7-7 SU & 8-6 ATS going back to his days at BYU and Virginia.

Mendenhall is off to a good start at Utah St, adding 2 wins to a team that was 4-8 in '24. The Aggies are also 10-2 ATS (4-1 as fav), covering against Texas A&M and Vandy and losing by just 1 to MWC champ Boise St. Their only ATS losses were road games at Hawaii and New Mexico. This year's improvement has been led by an offense that averages 32 ppg and gains 44ypg above opp avg (#37 FBS). The sparkplug is QB Bryson Barnes who leads with 733 rushing and has thrown for 2687 (60%, 18-4). However, his top target Brandon Pegan is in the portal which means an even bigger role for Brady Boyd (644, 15.3). The defense allows 46ypg more than opp avg (#117 FBS) and gave up 23 td passes but did shave 10ppg and 46ypg off last year's numbers. Rogers also had a solid 1st season but used that success to land the Iowa St job. This is Bobbit's 1st gm at the helm. His D is a huge reason Wazzu is 6-6 and 8-4 ATS (5-2 as a dog). Cougars lost by just 9 combined pts to Ole Miss, Virginia and SBC champ JMU, and did not lose a gm by more than 4pts over the final 2 months of the reg ssn. In stark contrast to Utah St, they win with defense. WSU holds opp 99ypg below their avg (#12 FBS) and has allowed just 12.5 ppg over the last 8 weeks! However, the offense ranks 121st at 315ypg and averages just 22ppg. Cougs have just 36 plays of 20+ yds (#128 FBS) so they're unlikely to stretch the Aggie defense. The offense runs through QB Zevi Eckhaus who's thrown for just 1760 (12-9 ratio, 337 rush). My computer has Washington St 23-21. AGG favors Wazzu by 2.9 but Utah St by 2.0 over the last 4 weeks. Cougars have the edge in ST's (#69 vs #108) and schedule (#64 vs #75). Utah St's offense vs Bobbit's D is a very good early bowl matchup. Both tms are battle-tested vs the P4 and looking to finish this ssn over .500. Aggies have the edge and stability in the 2 most important areas, QB and HC. This is Mendenhall's 15th bowl as HC and Bobbit's 1st. Barnes will engineer the 2H drives to pull out an Aggie win in a close and competitive game.

Washington St 26 Utah St 21

Toledo Rockets

Rockets Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	TEAM ST	--PS RANK-- OFF	--PS RANK-- DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	FOE OFF	FOE DEF	FOE ST
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	107	117	##		8/30	at Kentucky	16-24	L	65	68	97	52	50	84			
0-1	2-0	0-0	1-0	107	107			9/6	WKU	45-21	W	65	68	97	104	114	62			
1-1		0-0		107	64			9/13	Morgan St	60-9	W	65	63	97						
2-1	0-3	0-0	0-0	110	98			9/20	at Western Michigan	13-14	L	61	61	42	122	115	45			
2-2	1-3	0-1	0-0	114	99			9/27	Akron	45-3	W	54	58	94	125	122	18			
3-2		1-1		110				10/4	Bye			59	50	87						
3-2	2-3	1-1	0-1	114	103			10/11	at Bowling Green	23-28	L	56	45	111	118	105	70			
3-3	2-4	1-2	1-1	114	89			10/18	Kent St	45-10	W	57	43	112	134	134	6			
4-3	3-4	2-2	0-0	110	108			10/25	at Washington St	7-28	L	28	38	97	120	103	26			
4-4		2-2		112				11/1	Bye			23	40	106						
4-4	2-6	2-2	1-3	107	98			11/8	Northern Illinois	42-3	W	26	42	82	134	91	13			
5-4	5-4	3-2	4-1	107	110			11/15	at Miami, OH	24-3	W	29	44	85	111	62	124			
6-4	4-6	4-2	3-3	111	90			11/22	Ball St	38-9	W	25	42	104	136	132	11			
7-4	7-4	5-2	5-2	114	103			11/29	at Central Michigan	21-3	W	30	32	101	116	89	17			
8-4		6-2		115				12/6	Bye			30	34	112						
8-4	8-4	6-2	4-4	116	123			12/6	† Louisville			33	36	101	35	26	129			

OVERALL:	OVERALL:
8-4	8-4
vs. MAC	vs. ACC
6-2	4-4

NCAA RANKINGS

2025 TEAM RANKINGS

Toledo		Louisville
#44	Rush Off	#64
#53	Pass Off	#67
#30	**Total Off**	**#70**
#39	Score Off	#46
#14	Sks Allowed	#68
#8	Rush Def	#21
#6	Pass Def	#28
#3	**Total Def**	**#16**
#4	Score Def	#35
#10	Sks By	#49
#6	Ypg Diff	#26
+6	**Total TO's**	**+3**

Louisville Cardinals

Cardinals Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	TEAM ST	--PS RANK-- OFF	--PS RANK-- DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	FOE OFF	FOE DEF	FOE ST
0-0		0-0		129	84			8/30	Eastern Kentucky	51-17	L	6	52	74						
1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	129	114			9/6	James Madison	28-14	L	6	52	74	75	57	44			
2-0		0-0		127				9/13	Bye			6	53	74						
2-0	2-1	0-0	0-0	127	103			9/20	Bowling Green	40-17	L	21	47	108	117	104	108			
3-0	2-1	0-0	0-0	127	118			9/27	at Pittsburgh	34-27	W	19	48	104	36	35	131			
4-0	4-1	1-0	2-1	127	124		24	10/4	Virginia	27-30	L	26	49	131	31	66	114			
4-1		1-1		127				10/11	Bye			31	42	129						
4-1	5-0	1-1	1-0	126	134		2	10/18	at Miami, Fl	24-21	W	38	39	127	11	13	61			
5-1	1-6	2-1	0-4	126	105	19		10/25	Boston College	38-24	L	39	34	132	77	79	87			
6-1	3-5	3-1	2-2	129	113	16		11/1	at Virginia Tech	48-16	W	39	28	128	59	70	27			
7-1	5-4	4-1	2-3	127	110	14		11/8	California	26-29	L	28	27	125	108	55	58			
7-2	4-5	4-2	3-4	127	124	19		11/15	Clemson	19-20	L	28	28	121	19	21	57			
7-3	7-3	4-3	5-1	122	130			11/22	at SMU	6-38	L	34	34	126	29	19	39			
7-4	5-6	4-4	2-6	122	122			11/29	Kentucky	41-0	W	31	33	106	64	36	57			
8-4		4-4		118				12/6	Bye			42	40	123						
8-4	8-4	4-4	6-2	123	116			12/6	† Toledo			35	26	129	33	36	101			

Computer Forecast

Toledo	PROJECTED	Louisville
118	Rush Yards	144
192	Pass Yards	209
309	Total Yards	354
18.7	Score	23.2
129	EXP	53

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Foe	Score	Tot Off	FD	Rush Att-Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks Vs	Tot Def	FD	Rush Att-Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks By	Net Yds	TO's	Net Pts	FD	Off vs FBS Foe Def	Def vs FBS Foe Off	Gm Grade
Eastern Kentucky	51-17	542	28	30-229	7.6	25-37	313	0	150	10	39-74	1.9	5-14	76	4	392	-3	34	18	#1 195	#2 123	108.3
James Madison	28-14	264	12	30-113	3.8	13-23	151	3	263	19	47-126	2.7	18-31	137	6	1	1	14	-7	#6 11	#1 206	118.7
Bowling Green	40-17	439	21	29-126	4.3	24-33	313	3	321	14	29-190	6.6	11-21	131	0	118	1	23	7	#1 104	#8 -16	99.8
at Pittsburgh	34-27	392	23	34-53	1.6	33-51	339	2	339	14	23-80	3.5	17-32	259	2	53	4	7	9	#5 60	#4 58	117.9
Virginia	27-30	383	26	27-54	2.0	34-48	329	5	237	14	32-88	2.8	19-31	149	2	146	-2	-3	12	#3 77	#1 214	116.8
at Miami, Fl	24-21	367	21	31-119	3.8	23-37	248	1	334	15	24-63	2.6	25-35	271	0	33	3	3	6	#4 97	#2 96	128.7
Boston College	38-24	504	16	31-317	10.2	15-28	187	1	360	20	36-116	3.2	23-46	244	2	144	0	14	-4	#3 77	#4 26	110.3
at Virginia Tech	28-16	371	18	34-235	6.9	18-28	136	1	240	16	40-164	4.1	11-24	76	0	131	-1	12	2	#7 -8	#2 119	114.7
California	26-29	351	16	30-148	4.9	20-39	203	2	427	21	25-77	3.1	31-49	350	3	-76	-1	-3	-5	#6 -9	#10 -87	95.4
Clemson	19-20	385	16	30-171	5.7	20-29	214	1	308	19	30-121	4.0	22-34	187	1	77	0	-1	-3	#5 34	#2 106	111.1
at SMU	6-38	228	12	29-128	4.4	14-20	100	2	485	28	36-178	4.9	30-38	307	1	-257	-1	-32	-16	#12 -178	#11 -72	87.4
Kentucky	41-0	440	26	50-258	5.2	12-21	182	1	140	10	26-40	1.5	13-26	100	6	300	2	41	16	#5 72	#1 219	132.7
TOTALS	**362-253**	**4666**	**235**	**385-1951**	**5.1**	**251-394**	**2715**	**22**	**3604**	**200**	**387-1317**	**3.4**	**225-381**	**2287**	**27**	**1062**	**3**	**109**	**35**	**#49 339**	**#18 870**	**111.8**
AVERAGES	**30-21**	**389**	**19.6**	**32-163**	**5.1**	**63.7%**	**226**	**5.6%**	**300**	**16.7**	**32-110**	**3.4**	**59.1%**	**191**	**7.1%**	**89**	**0.3**	**9**	**3**	**#50 31**	**#18 79**	**#27**
HOME	**34-19**	**414**	**20.1**	**32-177**	**5.5**	**63.2%**	**237**	**16**	**276**	**15.9**	**33-104**	**3.2**	**56.3%**	**172**	**24**	**138**	**-2**	**15**	**4**	**#46 52**	**#26 96**	**111.6**
AWAY	**23-26**	**340**	**18.5**	**32-134**	**4.2**	**64.7%**	**206**	**6**	**350**	**18.3**	**31-121**	**3.9**	**64.3%**	**228**	**3**	**-10**	**5**	**-3**	**0**	**#73 -7**	**#24 50**	**112.2**
CONF	**25-26**	**373**	**18.5**	**31-153**	**5.0**	**63.2%**	**220**	**15**	**341**	**18.4**	**31-111**	**3.6**	**61.6%**	**230**	**11**	**31**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**#65 19**	**#25 58**	**110.3**
NON-CONF	**40-12**	**421**	**21.8**	**35-182**	**5.2**	**64.9%**	**240**	**7**	**219**	**13.3**	**35-108**	**3.0**	**51.1%**	**111**	**16**	**203**	**1**	**28**	**9**	**#26 47**	**#14 102**	**114.9**
Last 4 Weeks	**23-22**	**351**	**17.5**	**35-176**	**5.1**	**60.6%**	**175**	**1.5**	**340**	**19.5**	**29-104**	**3.4**	**65.3%**	**236**	**2.8**	**11**	**0**	**1**	**-2**	**-20**	**42**	**106.6**

This Weeks Numbers

VEGAS LINE	**Louisville By 6.5**	**L4W Game Grade**	**Louisville By 1.2**
VEGAS TOTAL	**45 Points**	**Last Met Line**	**N/A**
+/- Rating	**Louisville By 7.0**	**Last Met Score**	**N/A**
Game Grade	**Louisville By 4.8**	**Points per Yards**	**23.265625 By 3.1**

Phil's Forecast:

This is the 9th meeting between these programs but just the first since 1981. After a decade on the sidelines, HC Jason Candle has left for UConn. QB coach Robert Weiner is the interim HC and the Huskies have already hired Mercer's Mike Jacobs to take over in '26. Last yr, Rockets (+6') upset Pitt 48-46 for their 1st ever win over the ACC, and the underdog has covered in Toledo's last 6 bowl trips. Louisville HC Jeff Brohm is 5-2 SU & 4-3 ATS in bowls. Last yr, Cardinals defeated Washington 35-34 despite significant opt outs including their starting QB. Louisville has won 3 straight over the MAC but has dropped L/2 ATS incl this year's Week 4 win over Bowling Green (+26'), 40-17. On paper, Toledo was the MAC's top team this year. Rockets only lost to Kentucky by 8 in their opener. They blew a 13-0 lead at eventual league champ Western Michigan and a 21-0 lead at BG as a 10-pt favorite. Their only other loss was at Washington St. Toledo won their last 4 games to finish 8-4 SU & 9-3 ATS but lost tiebreaker for the MAC Title game to Miami, OH despite a head-to-head win. Toledo averages 32 ppg and 422 ypg, and they are +174 ypg. They're led by the veteran trio of QB Tucker Gleason (2515, 65%, 21-9), RB Chip Trayanum (950, 5.7) and WR Junior Vanderdoss (947, 12.6). The O-line has allowed just 13 sacks. On D, the Rockets rank #4 in the FBS at 12ppg and #3 at 249 ypg, though that was against one of CFB's weakest schedules. They allow just 2.6 ypc and are #22 in pass D with an 11-13 ratio. Louisville opened 4-0 but they were not impressive in the opening month. James Madison held the Cards to 264 yds and they had to rally back from a 17-pt deficit to defeat Pitt. A week later, they had a 383-237 yd edge at Virginia but lost by a fg. They upset Miami on the road the following week and were in the mix for the ACC Title game at 7-1, but they lost 3 straight to slip to 7-4. They were down to a walk-on RB and missing other key starters yet still pounded instate rival Kentucky 41-0 to reach 8-4 SU but 4-8 ATS. Cards are +89 ypg and have outscored opponents by an avg of 30-21. QB Miller Moss (64%, 2526, 14-7) plans to play but there's still uncertainty about the health/status of the RB's. We do top WR Chris Bell (917, 12.7) is out with a torn ACL. The D allows just 21 ppg and 300 ypg and holds foes 79 ypg below their avg (#18 FBS). Cards have the #20 pass D and have been especially tough against the run (6 opp held under 100 yds). My computer gives a 23-21 edge to Louisville and AGG has them at +4.8. They've played the much tougher schedule (#53 vs #127) and have one of the top ST's units (#5 vs #33). Toledo was a solid dog under Candle the last 5 yrs, going 6-1 ATS. In 3 ssns under Brohm, Louisville is 12-15 ATS under Brohm (just 3-7 this yr). This is a tough spot because there's so much opt-out uncertainty on both sides and Toledo is without Candle for the first time in a decade. I'll go with my computer and give a very cautious lean to Toledo plus the points.

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WKU Hilltoppers

Hilltoppers Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	--PS RANK-- OFF	--PS RANK-- DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	FOE OFF	FOE DEF	FOE ST
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	98	102			8/23	Sam Houston St	41-24	W	117	115	62	109	126	16			
1-0		1-0		103	70			8/30	North Alabama	55-6	W	119	115	62						
2-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	107	107			9/6	at Toledo	21-45	L	104	114	62	65	68	97			
2-1		1-0		104				9/13	Bye			99	116	101						
2-1	1-2	1-0	0-0	104	96			9/20	Nevada	31-16	W	96	117	93	123	118	24			
3-1	2-2	1-0	0-0	105	96			9/27	at Missouri St	27-22	W	100	118	112	117	113	34			
4-1	3-1	2-0	1-0	105	101			10/3	at Delaware	27-24	W	89	112	109	134	110	24			
5-1	2-3	3-0	0-1	105	91			10/14	FIU	6-25	L	96	110	111	111	113	134			
5-2	4-2	3-1	2-1	105	105			10/21	Louisiana Tech	28-27	W	89	110	118	126	66	108			
6-2		4-1		100				10/25	at Bye			100	113	120						
6-2	3-4	4-1	1-3	102	94			11/1	New Mexico St	35-16	W	103	110	91	132	112	31			
7-2		5-1		104				11/8	Bye			104	111	89						
7-2	1-8	5-1	0-5	104	89			11/15	Middle Tennessee	42-26	W	102	98	90	126	123	54			
8-2	6-4	6-1	3-4	104	127			11/22	LSU	10-13	L	90	104	72	50	16	55			
8-3	7-4	6-1	6-1	108	104			11/29	at Jax State	34-37	L	101	91	80	74	117	13			
8-4	7-5	6-2	5-3	105	100			1/1	† Southern Miss			97	99	70	86	85	49			

OVERALL:	OVERALL:
8-4	7-5
vs. CUSA	vs. SUN
6-2	5-3

NCAA RANKINGS

2025 TEAM RANKINGS

WKU		Southern Miss
#94	Rush Off	#88
#24	Pass Off	#27
#49	**Total Off**	**#54**
#50	Score Off	#48
#54	Sks Allowed	#43
#110	Rush Def	#104
#70	Pass Def	#80
#99	**Total Def**	**#100**
#58	Score Def	#84
#122	Sks By	#49
#75	Ypg Diff	#78
-5	**Total TO's**	**+13**

Southern Miss Golden Eagles

Golden Eagles Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	--PS RANK-- OFF	--PS RANK-- DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	FOE OFF	FOE DEF	FOE ST
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	95	120			8/30	Miss St	17-34	L	101	91	2	34	70	58			
0-1		0-0		95	64			9/6	Jackson St	38-20	W	101	92	2						
1-1	2-0	0-0	0-0	96	105			9/13	Appalachian St	38-22	W	102	94	2	78	90	44			
2-1	2-1	1-0	1-0	92	112			9/20	at Louisiana Tech	20-38	L	109	96	59	111	70	70			
2-2	2-2	1-0	1-0	97	104			9/27	Jax State	42-25	W	108	95	39	99	128	18			
3-2		1-0		99				10/4	Bye			104	88	39						
3-2	2-3	1-0	0-1	104	104			10/11	at GA Southern	38-35	W	103	87	53	83	127	83			
4-2	2-4	2-0	1-1	104	101			10/18	at Louisiana	22-10	W	101	86	54	93	120	39			
5-2	3-4	3-0	1-2	104	94			10/25	ULM	49-21	W	96	74	47	118	103	1			
6-2		4-0		105				11/1	Bye			93	68	52						
6-2	5-4	4-0	4-1	108	109			11/8	at Arkansas St	27-21	W	85	67	61	103	131	91			
7-2	3-6	5-0	0-5	108	102			11/15	Texas St	14-41	L	87	68	60	30	115	96			
7-3	3-7	5-1	2-4	110	100			11/22	at South Alabama	35-42	L	73	69	62	99	95	10			
7-4	7-4	5-2	5-2	106	103			11/29	Troy	18-28	L	83	71	63	126	87	99			
7-5		5-3		103				12/6	Bye			79	80	62						
7-5	8-4	5-3	6-2	100	105			12/6	† WKU			86	85	49	97	99	70			

Computer Forecast

WKU	PROJECTED	S Miss
143	Rush Yards	159
249	Pass Yards	268
392	Total Yards	427
27.6	Score	24.7
128	EXP	118

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Foe	Score	Tot Off	Tot FD	Rush Att-Yds	Rush Avg	Rush Co-Att	Rush Yds	Sks Vs	Tot Def	Tot FD	Rush Att-Yds	Rush Avg	Rush Co-Att	Rush Yds	Sks By	Net Yds	Net TO's	Net Pts	Net FD	Off vs FBS	Off vs Foe Def	Def vs FBS	Def vs Foe Off	Gm Grade
Sam Houston St	41-24	506	26	35-105	3.0	33-51	401	2	382	14	31-173	5.6	19-30	209	2	124	-1	17	12	#4	25	#10	-71	86.4
North Alabama	55-6	563	26	33-164	5.0	30-39	399	0	258	17	37-153	4.1	16-37	105	2	305	1	49	9	#2	107	#3	105	115.7
at Toledo	21-45	333	18	28-59	2.1	24-39	274	2	508	21	42-307	7.3	12-21	201	0	-175	-1	-24	-3	#2	92	#9	-93	87.6
Nevada	31-16	361	22	33-145	4.4	22-33	216	2	372	22	39-207	5.3	16-33	165	0	-11	1	15	0	#6	-10	#10	-76	94.2
at Missouri St	27-22	476	25	29-159	5.5	26-39	317	2	414	21	34-214	6.3	15-32	200	1	62	0	5	4	#3	100	#7	-24	97.8
at Delaware	27-24	338	16	26-108	4.2	23-31	230	1	435	27	34-121	3.6	28-46	314	0	-97	1	3	-11	#11	-71	#9	-20	86.0
FIU	6-25	341	18	23-116	5.0	27-41	225	1	453	21	39-249	6.4	20-31	204	1	-112	-3	-19	-3	#12	-71	#9	-50	78.1
at Louisiana Tech	28-27	340	21	38-113	3.0	21-34	227	1	449	24	37-109	2.9	31-46	340	0	-109	0	1	-3	#8	-40	#9	-92	89.3
New Mexico St	35-16	429	24	38-128	3.4	30-41	301	2	176	14	26-66	2.5	13-40	110	3	253	-1	19	10	#4	30	#1	165	104.6
Middle Tennessee	42-26	642	29	38-271	7.1	29-41	371	2	541	20	25-152	6.1	25-42	389	2	101	-1	16	9	#1	264	#12	-185	96.7
at LSU	10-13	152	14	24-22	0.9	21-41	130	5	328	20	37-126	3.4	25-42	202	2	-176	0	-3	-6	#12	-183	#7	5	100.5
at Jacksonville St	34-37	384	21	36-204	5.7	17-25	180	0	515	24	48-293	6.1	13-20	222	2	-131	-1	-3	-3	#3	-26	#11	-94	86.3
TOTALS	357-281	4865	260	381-1594	4.2	303-455	3271	20	4831	245	429-2170	5.1	233-420	2661	15	34	-5	76	15	#72	110	#118	-535	93.6
AVERAGES	30-23	405	21.7	32-133	4.2	66.6%	273	4.4%	403	20.4	36-181	5.1	55.5%	222	3.6%	3	-0.4	6	1	#72	10	#118	-49	#94
HOME	35-19	474	24.2	33-155	4.6	69.5%	319	9	364	18.0	33-167	5.1	51.2%	197	10	110	-4	16	6	#51	48	#116	-36	95.9
AWAY	25-28	337	19.2	30-111	3.7	63.2%	226	11	442	22.8	39-195	5.0	59.9%	247	5	-104	-1	-4	-4	#91	-21	#109	-53	91.3
CONF	30-25	432	22.5	33-151	4.6	68.0%	282	11	421	20.6	34-172	5.0	57.1%	249	11	11	-6	5	2	#58	26	#112	-46	90.6
NON-CONF	29-20	352	20.0	30-98	3.3	63.8%	255	9	367	20.0	39-198	5.1	51.9%	168	4	-14	1	9	0	#96	-25	#113	-41	99.5
Last 4 Weeks	30-23	402	22.0	34-156	4.3	65.5%	246	2.3	390	19.5	34-159	4.5	52.8%	231	2.3	12	-1	7	3		21		-27	97.0

This Weeks Numbers

VEGAS LINE	Wku By 5	L4W Game Grade	Wku By 5.7
VEGAS TOTAL	57.5 Points	Last Met Line	N/A
+/- Rating	Wku By 3.0	Last Met Score	N/A
Game Grade	Wku By 1.3	Points per Yards	25.5975 By 2.6

Phil's Forecast:

Western Kentucky has won all 4 meetings played from '12-'20. The Hilltoppers have bowled in all 7 seasons under HC Tyson Helton. They are 4-2 SU & 3-3 ATS including a 44-23 New Orleans Bowl win over South Alabama (-3') in '22. This is Southern Miss' first bowl since '22. Veteran Blake Anderson has replaced Charles Huff (Memphis) as HC. He was Huff's OC this season. Anderson is 3-6 SU & ATS in bowls and coached Arkansas St to a New Orleans Bowl loss in '15. Helton is 56-36 here but has yet to get over the hump and win a CUSA title. This year's 8-4 team (9-3 ATS) had a new look incl just 2 returning starters on defense. The Hilltoppers went 3-1 in non-conf and won their 1st 2 CUSA games before being stunned by FIU (+10) in game QB Maverick McIvor threw 3 INT's and then was lost to an injury. He hasn't played since. WKU rallied for 3 wins and only lost at LSU by 3 but dropped a 37-34 heartbreaker to Jax St in the regular ssn finale to miss out on a league title berth. Frosh Rodney Tisdale stepped in at QB and flashed potential with 1367 yds and 9-6 ratio. However, the offense gains just 10ypg above opp avg (#72 FBS) and was inconsistent all year. The D, though, is a much bigger concern, allowing 5.1 ypc and lacking havoc with just 16 sacks (last in CUSA) and 13 takeaways (next to last in CUSA). Huff led USM to a 6-win improvement before taking the Memphis job. However, Golden Eagles faded down the stretch with 3 late losses (0-4 ATS in Nov) to squander a shot at the SBC title game vs JMU. QB Braylon Braxton (65%, 23-7) missed the 1st loss against Texas St, but he started the next 2 losses. The D fell apart with 4 straight gms over 400 yds allowed and allows 30 ypg above opp avg (#99 FBS). USM's best win is over the CUSA's Jax St, 42-25, who WKU lost to. Unlike WKU, Eagles create defensive chaos with 26 sacks and 26 TO's (#1 FBS with 21 INT's!). Six different Eagles have multiple picks while WKU has turned it over 18 times to rank 96th in the FBS. My computer has WKU 27-26 and my AGG has Hilltoppers by 1.3. WKU has the better ST's (#64 vs #89) while USM has slight schedule edge (#118 vs #129). Eagles just a 2-hour drive from New Orleans so they should have a crowd edge. Under Helton, WKU is 29-23-1 ATS as a favorite (6-2 this yr). Since '20 USM is 18-27 ATS as a dog (1-2 this yr). Anderson is a veteran HC so there'll be little drop-off for USM. In fact, his players will be extra motivated to impress the guy who'll be in charge in '26. Braxton has had time to get back to full strength, and rookie Tisdale vs the takeaway-happy USM DB's favors the Eagles. USM will win the line of scrimmage on D, so I think they have a shot to pull the outright upset in Anderson's debut as HC.

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UNLV Rebels

Rebels Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	TEAM ST	--PS RANK-- OFF	--PS RANK-- DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	FOE OFF	FOE DEF	FOE ST
0-0		0-0		109	0			8/23	Idaho St	38-31	W	71	82	77						
1-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	105	97			8/30	at Sam Houston St	38-21	W	71	82	77	109	126	16			
2-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	106	119			9/6	UCLA	30-23	W	72	89	77	60	51	65			
3-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	111	108			9/20	at Miami, OH	41-38	W	67	88	2	130	74	87			
4-0		0-0		111				9/27	Bye			64	86	3						
4-0	2-2	0-0	0-0	111	108			10/4	at Wyoming	31-17	W	56	91	29	113	98	134			
5-0	1-4	1-0	0-3	111	107			10/11	Air Force	51-48	W	55	93	27	79	117	1			
6-0	4-2	2-0	2-0	113	120			10/18	at Boise St	31-56	L	60	91	69	22	57	21			
6-1		2-1		13				10/25	Bye			55	105	104						
6-1	5-3	2-1	2-2	110	109			11/1	New Mexico	35-40	L	45	110	78	95	104	109			
6-2	2-6	2-2	1-3	110	97			11/8	at Colorado St	42-10	W	44	111	88	106	112	134			
7-2	5-4	3-2	3-2	108	106			11/15	Utah St	29-26	W	44	110	86	70	117	47			
8-2	7-3	4-2	4-2	112	116			11/22	Hawaii	38-10	W	32	107	85	95	54	73			
9-2	3-8	5-2	2-5	112	100			11/29	at Nevada	42-17	W	36	100	75	124	95	35			
10-2	4-2	6-2	2-0	117	120			12/6	at Boise St	21-38	L	37	89	90	22	57	21			
10-3	8-4	6-3	6-2	118	106			1/1	† Ohio			32	88	86	74	101	52			

OVERALL:	OVERALL:
10-3	8-4
vs. MTW	vs. MAC
6-3	6-2

NCAA RANKINGS

2025 TEAM RANKINGS

UNLV		Ohio
#19	Rush Off	#9
#36	Pass Off	#105
#17	**Total Off**	**#39**
#16	Score Off	#61
#76	Sks Allowed	#76
#101	Rush Def	#66
#116	Pass Def	#52
#122	**Total Def**	**#58**
#94	Score Def	#53
#35	Sks By	#98
#55	Ypg Diff	#38
+6	**Total TO's**	**-1**

Ohio Bobcats

Bobcats Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	TEAM ST	--PS RANK-- OFF	--PS RANK-- DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	FOE OFF	FOE DEF	FOE ST
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	116	127			8/30	at Rutgers	31-34	L	95	76	32	35	61	109			
0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	117	114			9/6	West Virginia	17-10	W	93	73	32	54	69	72			
1-1	2-0	0-0	0-0	117	147		1	9/13	at Ohio St	9-37	L	88	69	5	10	7	52			
1-2		0-0		117	84			9/20	Gardner-Webb	52-35	W	94	77	8						
2-2	2-2	0-0	0-0	114	103			9/27	Bowling Green	35-20	W	80	93	44	116	104	47			
3-2	1-3	1-0	0-0	114	92			10/4	at Ball St	14-20	L	76	103	26	133	135	7			
3-3		1-1		109				10/11	Bye			84	99	31						
3-3	1-5	1-1	0-2	109	96			10/18	Northern Illinois	48-21	W	87	102	28	135	80	8			
4-3	2-6	2-1	1-3	111	94			10/25	at Eastern Michigan	28-21	W	73	108	23	89	134	46			
5-3		3-1		110				11/1	Bye			69	108	26						
5-3	5-3	3-1	4-0	110	110			11/4	Miami, OH	24-20	W	70	107	23	109	61	123			
6-3	5-4	4-1	4-1	110	108			11/11	at Western Michigan	13-17	L	71	102	40	122	69	94			
6-4	0-10	4-2	0-6	108	73			11/18	UMass	42-14	W	77	103	38	135	136	3			
7-4	5-6	5-2	4-3	107	96			11/28	at Buffalo	31-26	W	78	102	52	107	77	128			
8-4	10-3	6-2	6-3	106	118			1/1	† UNLV			74	101	52	32	88	86			

Computer Forecast

UNLV	PROJECTED	Ohio
196	Rush Yards	235
268	Pass Yards	196
464	Total Yards	431
34.5	Score	31.2
98	EXP	116

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Foe	Score	Tot Off	FD	Rush Att-Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks Vs	Tot Def	FD	Rush Att-Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks By	Net Yds	TO's	Net Pts	FD	Off vs FBS Foe Def	Def vs FBS Foe Off	Gm Grade
at Rutgers	31-34	440	24	31-201	6.5	21-31	239	0	399	24	36-147	4.1	18-23	252	1	41	0	-3	0	#5 8	#5 9	107.0
West Virginia	17-10	429	24	48-182	3.8	22-31	247	3	250	13	28-72	2.6	15-28	178	4	179	-2	7	11	#5 22	#3 109	107.9
at Ohio St	9-37	181	9	34-68	2.0	10-21	113	4	572	28	31-225	7.3	25-32	347	1	-391	2	-28	-19	#7 -24	#11 -146	99.6
Gardner-Webb	52-35	608	33	48-318	6.6	18-27	290	0	480	16	31-191	6.2	19-30	289	0	128	1	17	17	#2 233	#9 -68	84.6
Bowling Green	35-20	439	24	39-231	5.9	17-25	208	2	350	21	36-180	5.0	19-29	170	5	89	1	15	3	#1 104	#9 -47	95.0
at Ball St	14-20	356	18	37-168	4.5	16-29	188	4	357	20	42-172	4.1	17-33	185	0	-1	0	-6	-2	#11 -54	#9 -93	78.9
Northern Illinois	48-21	538	27	52-333	6.4	17-23	205	1	293	15	26-132	5.1	21-30	161	2	245	0	27	12	#1 197	#8 -9	106.7
at Eastern Michigan	28-21	487	25	45-172	3.8	23-29	315	2	371	17	25-112	4.5	21-30	259	0	116	-1	7	8	#3 80	#5 7	101.5
Miami, Oh	24-20	338	19	31-137	4.4	16-31	201	1	303	16	31-109	3.5	17-25	194	2	35	-1	4	3	#6 15	#3 57	97.1
at Western Michigan	13-17	287	15	39-217	5.6	8-19	70	2	336	16	42-210	5.0	9-14	126	0	-49	-1	-4	-1	#6 -17	#7 -5	95.3
UMass	42-14	391	17	57-363	6.4	3-8	28	2	215	17	39-125	3.2	15-28	90	3	176	2	28	0	#10 -47	#4 35	88.7
at Buffalo	31-26	506	27	54-359	6.6	10-23	147	2	370	19	32-100	3.1	16-28	270	2	136	-2	5	8	#1 173	#7 -9	100.1
TOTALS	**344-275**	**5000**	**262**	**515-2749**	**5.3**	**181-297**	**2251**	**23**	**4296**	**222**	**399-1775**	**4.4**	**212-330**	**2521**	**20**	**704**	**-1**	**69**	**40**	**#40 457**	**#77 -92**	**96.9**
AVERAGES	**29-23**	**417**	**21.8**	**43-229**	**5.3**	**60.9%**	**188**	**7.7%**	**358**	**18.5**	**33-148**	**4.4**	**64.2%**	**210**	**6.1%**	**59**	**-0.1**	**6**	**3**	**#40 42**	**#77 -8**	**#83**
HOME	**36-20**	**457**	**24.0**	**46-261**	**5.7**	**64.1%**	**197**	**9**	**315**	**16.3**	**32-135**	**4.2**	**62.4%**	**180**	**16**	**142**	**1**	**16**	**8**	**#41 58**	**#58 29**	**96.7**
AWAY	**21-26**	**376**	**19.7**	**40-198**	**4.9**	**57.9%**	**179**	**14**	**401**	**20.7**	**35-161**	**4.6**	**66.3%**	**240**	**4**	**-25**	**-2**	**-5**	**-1**	**#42 28**	**#98 -39**	**97.1**
CONF	**29-20**	**418**	**21.5**	**44-248**	**5.6**	**58.8%**	**170**	**16**	**324**	**17.6**	**34-143**	**4.2**	**62.2%**	**182**	**14**	**93**	**-2**	**10**	**4**	**#30 56**	**#77 -8**	**95.4**
NON-CONF	**27-29**	**415**	**22.5**	**40-192**	**4.8**	**64.5%**	**222**	**7**	**425**	**20.3**	**32-159**	**5.0**	**68.1%**	**267**	**6**	**-11**	**1**	**-2**	**2**	**#66 1**	**#84 -7**	**99.8**
Last 4 Weeks	**28-19**	**381**	**19.5**	**45-269**	**5.8**	**45.7%**	**112**	**1.8**	**306**	**17.0**	**36-136**	**3.7**	**60.0%**	**170**	**1.8**	**75**	**-1**	**8**	**3**	**31**	**20**	**95.3**

This Weeks Numbers

VEGAS LINE	**Unlv By 6.5**	**L4W Game Grade**	**Unlv By 10.9**
VEGAS TOTAL	**65 Points**	**Last Met Line**	**N/A**
+/- Rating	**Unlv By 7.0**	**Last Met Score**	**N/A**
Game Grade	**Unlv By 1.8**	**Points per Yards**	**27.11375 By 2.4**

Phil's Forecast:

UNLV won the only previous meeting between these schools in '88. This is the Rebels' 3rd straight bowl game and 1st under HC Dan Mullen. They beat Cal (+3'), 24-13, in LY's LA Bowl. Mullen was 7-3 SU & 4-6 ATS in bowls while at Miss St and Florida. This is Ohio's 4th bowl in a row. Bobcats have won 6 straight dating back to '17 and are 5-1 ATS those games This is DC John Hauser's debut as interim HC. It's his 2nd year with the program after 8 seasons at Miami OH. Mullen has done a solid job of maintaining what Barry Odom built in Vegas. Despite significant roster turnover and new players from the portal, the Rebels are 10-3 (7-6 ATS) and made it to the MWC title gm. They were smoke and mirrors in the early going, getting outgained in 6 of the first 8 gms, but they gelled in November. Before losing to Boise in the league title gm, UNLV had won 4 straight by 22ppg and a struggling defense improved. Virginia transfer QB Anthony Colandrea is the face of the program, throwing for 3275 (66%, 23-8, 621 rush) after opening the yr as the backup. The skill guys include big-play RB Jai'Den Thomas (985, 7.2) and WR Jaden Bradley (869, 16.1). While the off avg 36ppg and 79ypg above the opp avg (#17 FBS) the D allows 53ypg above opp avg (#122 FBS). The Rebels give up 5.3 ypc and have allowed 23 td passes but were better in the 2nd half of the season. After winning their 1st MAC title since 1968, Ohio missed making the league champ gm this yr. New HC Brian Smith went 8-4 (6-6 ATS) but finished 1-4 ATS down the stretch incl a pivotal 17-13 loss at eventual MAC champ WMU. Earlier this month, Smith took a leave of absence which is why Hauser will be coaching here. Bobcats beat West Virginia and Miami OH, and all 4 losses came on the road. They've used a familiar blueprint of a north-south running gm and solid defense. QB Parker Navarro is a dual-threat senior (61%, 14-10, 839 rush) with bowl experience and Sieh Bangura leads the MAC in rushing with 1243 yds (5.6). The D only allows 23ppg but is more vulnerable than in '24, allowing 4.4ypc and 64% through the air. My computer has UNLV 35-27 and my AGG favors the Rebels by 1.8. The Rebels have the better ST's (#48 vs #96) and have faced the tougher schedule (#97 vs #116). UNLV is 15-6 ATS as a single digit favorite over the last 4 years (6-3 this yr). Over that same time, Ohio is 10-3 ATS as a single digit dog (1-0 this yr). The Bobcats have the culture to overcome Smith's absence, and they are very tough to beat in bowl games. I also like the matchup of their running game against a UNLV run D giving up 5+ ypc. I'll go against my computer and call for the outright upset as Ohio makes it 7 straight bowl wins.

Ohio 35 UNLV 34

California Golden Beats

Golden Beats Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	TEAM ST	--PS RANK-- OFF	--PS RANK-- DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	FOE OFF	FOE DEF	FOE ST
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	110	110			8/30	at Oregon St	34-15	W	85	46	31	68	65	14			
1-0		0-0		110	64			9/6	Texas Southern	35-3	W	85	46	31						
2-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	114	124			9/13	Minnesota	27-14	W	77	45	31	62	27	56			
3-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	113	101			9/20	at San Diego St	0-34	L	84	40	122	114	87	112			
3-1	1-2	0-0	0-1	118	116			9/27	at Boston College	28-24	W	79	41	102	58	57	54			
4-1	3-2	1-0	2-0	113	123			10/4	Duke	21-45	L	94	41	80	36	61	100			
4-2		1-1		115				10/11	Bye			91	41	72						
4-2	2-3	1-1	0-1	113	104			10/18	North Carolina	21-18	W	99	46	49	99	79	70			
5-2	2-5	2-1	1-2	113	112			10/25	at Virginia Tech	34-42	L	102	49	53	65	75	43			
5-3	7-1	2-2	4-1	112	124		15	11/1	Virginia	21-31	L	109	50	45	44	60	117			
5-4	7-1	2-3	4-1	110	127		14	11/8	at Louisville	29-26	W	108	55	58	28	27	125			
6-4		3-3		110				11/15	Bye			108	54	66						
6-4	3-7	3-3	2-5	115	110			11/22	at Stanford	10-31	L	105	50	60	109	74	37			
6-5	8-3	3-4	6-1	115	134		25	11/29	SMU	38-35	W	105	48	59	26	17	41			
7-5		4-4		110				11/29	Bye			109	49	64						
7-5	8-4	4-4	5-3	115	113			12/6	at Hawaii			103	54	60	100	56	68			

OVERALL:	OVERALL:
7-5	8-4
vs. PAC 12	vs. MTW
4-4	5-3

NCAA RANKINGS

2025 TEAM RANKINGS

California		Hawaii
#136	Rush Off	#127
#25	Pass Off	#10
#98	**Total Off**	**#63**
#86	Score Off	#64
#108	Sks Allowed	#108
#85	Rush Def	#42
#36	Pass Def	#62
#60	**Total Def**	**#51**
#77	Score Def	#60
#98	Sks By	#39
#85	Ypg Diff	#50
-2	**Total TO's**	**-4**

Hawaii Rainbow Warriors

Rainbow Warriors Logs

TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP TM	AP FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	TEAM ST	--PS RANK-- OFF	--PS RANK-- DEF	--PS RANK-- ST	FOE OFF	FOE DEF	FOE ST
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	110	109			8/23	Stanford	23-20	W	106	64	4	91	86	76			
1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	111	117			8/30	at Arizona	6-40	L	106	64	4	45	57	32			
1-1	0-2	0-0	0-1	107	96			9/6	Sam Houston St	37-20	W	112	61	4	110	121	16			
2-1		0-0		108	68			9/13	Portland St	23-3	W	112	56	39						
3-1	3-1	0-0	0-0	106	110			9/20	Fresno St	21-23	L	120	54	44	95	82	117			
3-2	1-2	0-1	0-2	106	109			9/27	at Air Force	44-35	W	123	55	46	96	97	63			
4-2		1-1		109				10/4	Bye			115	63	70						
4-2	3-2	1-1	1-0	109	111			10/11	Utah St	44-26	W	116	62	73	78	116	50			
5-2	2-4	2-1	1-1	114	101			10/18	at Colorado St	31-19	W	113	63	75	97	111	134			
6-2		3-1		114				10/25	Bye			111	55	54						
6-2	2-5	3-1	1-2	114	104			11/1	at San Jose St	38-45	L	106	56	55	66	89	28			
6-3	7-1	3-2	4-0	111	114			11/8	San Diego St	38-6	W	107	56	58	92	37	128			
7-3		4-2		116				11/15	Bye			92	53	68						
7-3	8-2	4-2	4-2	116	112			11/22	at UNLV	10-38	L	95	54	73	32	107	85			
7-4	4-7	4-3	2-5	111	101			11/29	Wyoming	27-7	W	102	59	67	123	81	134			
8-4	7-5	5-3	4-4	113	115			12/6	California			100	56	68	103	54	60			

Computer Forecast

California	PROJECTED	Hawaii
62	Rush Yards	99
264	Pass Yards	261
326	Total Yards	359
22.6	Score	26.9
66	EXP	113

Best Bet: ★Hawaii 27 California 23

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Foe	Score	Tot Off	FD	Rush Att-Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks Vs	Tot Def	FD	Rush Att-Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks By	Net Yds	TO's	Net Pts	FD	Off vs FBS	Foe Def	Def vs FBS	Foe Off	Gm Grade
Stanford	23-20	306	20	24-96	4.0	27-40	210	4	286	21	43-177	4.1	15-30	109	1	20	0	3	-1	#10	-111	#3	37	101.3
at Arizona	6-40	290	21	29-67	2.3	26-47	223	5	344	16	33-183	5.5	13-23	161	2	-54	-5	-34	5	#8	-13	#2	66	101.1
Sam Houston St	37-20	417	24	34-123	3.6	27-43	294	3	248	19	31-89	2.9	18-28	159	3	169	-1	17	5	#9	-72	#3	75	89.0
Portland St	23-3	357	18	29-107	3.7	27-45	250	2	230	16	23-41	1.8	23-35	189	3	127	1	20	2	#11	-99	#3	93	77.2
Fresno St	21-23	308	20	27-89	3.3	28-47	219	4	294	16	32-64	2.0	22-29	230	1	14	-3	-2	4	#6	16	#4	61	98.6
at Air Force	44-35	535	26	31-78	2.5	35-47	457	0	494	17	34-216	6.4	10-13	278	2	41	1	9	9	#3	122	#10	-95	103.0
Utah St	44-26	546	26	29-133	4.6	34-54	413	5	435	20	29-166	5.7	19-37	269	3	111	1	18	6	#2	133	#8	-14	109.7
at Colorado St	31-19	435	19	28-134	4.8	26-38	301	0	261	15	34-85	2.5	15-29	176	6	174	0	12	4	#6	10	#1	69	99.2
at San Jose St	38-45	496	22	25-95	3.8	32-47	401	1	630	26	28-172	6.1	20-40	458	0	-134	-1	-7	-4	#1	101	#12	-232	80.2
San Diego St	38-6	386	20	35-130	3.7	22-34	256	2	267	12	34-135	4.0	10-28	132	3	119	3	32	8	#2	129	#4	81	116.3
at UNLV	10-38	231	12	26-68	2.6	15-24	163	3	470	29	41-217	5.3	21-26	253	1	-239	0	-28	-17	#12	-208	#6	-8	81.0
Wyoming	27-7	417	14	33-128	3.9	17-25	289	1	256	16	28-54	1.9	20-37	202	3	161	0	20	-2	#3	79	#5	64	105.8
TOTALS	342-282	4724	242	350-1248	3.6	316-491	3476	30	4215	223	390-1599	4.1	206-355	2616	28	509	-4	60	19	#64	186	#62	104	96.9
AVERAGES	29-24	394	20.2	29-104	3.6	64.4%	290	6.1%	351	18.6	33-133	4.1	58.0%	218	7.9%	42	-0.3	5	2	#64	17	#62	9	#84
HOME	30-15	391	20.3	30-115	3.8	63.2%	276	21	288	17.1	31-104	3.3	56.7%	184	17	103	1	15	3	#67	29	#45	51	99.7
AWAY	26-35	397	20.0	28-88	3.2	66.0%	309	9	440	20.6	34-175	5.1	60.3%	265	11	-42	-5	-10	-1	#67	3	#100	-40	92.9
CONF	32-25	419	19.9	29-107	3.7	66.1%	312	16	388	18.9	33-139	4.3	57.3%	250	19	31	1	7	1	#36	48	#79	-9	99.2
NON-CONF	22-21	343	20.8	29-98	3.4	61.1%	244	14	277	18.0	33-123	3.8	59.5%	155	9	66	-5	2	3	#109	-49	#38	45	92.2
Last 4 Weeks	28-24	383	17.0	30-105	3.5	66.2%	277	1.8	406	20.8	33-145	4.3	54.2%	261	1.8	-23	1	4	-4		26		-24	95.8

This Weeks Numbers

VEGAS LINE	**California By 1**	**L4W Game Grade**	**California By 4.8**
VEGAS TOTAL	**54.5 Points**	**Last Met Line**	**N/A**
+/- Rating	**Hawaii By 1.5**	**Last Met Score**	**N/A**
Game Grade	**Hawaii By 0.7**	**Points per Yards**	**25.949375 By 2.4**

Phil's Forecast:

Cal won the last mtg, 51-31, in Australia in '16. Nick Rolovich, a former Hawaii QB making his Warrior debut as HC in Sydney, is Cal's interim HC in this game. He coached in 3 Hawaii Bowls, going 2-1 SU & ATS. He was also the Washington St coach in '20 and part of '21. Rolovich and Hawaii HC Timmy Chang were teammates as QB's. This is Hawaii's first bowl gm since the '20 New Mexico Bowl win over Houston and Chang's 1st bowl as a coach. This is Chang's best and most experienced tm and they played like it, going 8-4 SU & ATS. In Honolulu, they're 6-1 SU & ATS and +15ppg and +103ypg. The Warriors already have an ACC win this ssn, beating Cal's rival Stanford in the opener 23-20. They also lit up San Diego St for 38 pts when the Aztec D looked unbeatable and was holding everyone under 10 pts. QB Micah Alejado has had a breakout 1st ssn as the starter with 2832 yds and a 21-9 ratio. After he returned from an early injury, UH gained more yds than the opposing D's avg in 7 of the final 8 gms. Top WR Jackson Harris (963, 19.6, 12 td's) has opted out and entered the portal so others like Pofele Ashlock (704, 11.4) will have to step up. The defense only allows 15ppg at home and both lines are better than Cal's units.

Another mediocre ssn was enough for Cal to fire HC Justin Wilcox after 9 yrs. The Bears are 7-5 SU & 5-7 ATS. They started 3-0 then never won b2b games. Against common opponents, they lost to Stanford & SD St by 65-10 while Hawaii beat both 61-26. The bright spot in '25 was frosh QB Jaron-Keawe Sagapolutele (PS#15) who grew up just 20 miles from the UH campus. He threw for 3117 (64%, 17-9) and will return in '26 to play for new HC Tosh Lupoi. In road games, Cal is 3-3 and -6ppg and -9ypg. In their worst losses, TO's were an issue. The Bears rank last in FBS rushing (76, 2.6) so this will be a battle of young lefty QB's, JKS vs Alejado. Defense, long a staple under Wilcox, really went south this yr. Cal allows 13ypg more than opp avg (#81 FBS) and was 13th in ACC sacks and 11th in TO's. They do have the better pass D (#37 vs #59) which will be a key factor in this matchup. My computer gives the edge to Hawaii, 26-24, and AGG favors the Warriors by 0.7. Cal has faced the much tougher schedule (#66 vs #113). As a home dog, Hawaii is 17-5-2 ATS since '20! Cal is 4-2 ATS in its last 6 as an AF (1-2 this yr with outright losses to SD St and Cal). This game matters to Rolovich and JKS who have deep Hawaii ties. And Cal's personnel match up evenly with Hawaii, especially with Harris out. But UH is a totally different team on the island and the common opponent comparison is telling. Alejado outduels JKS in a showcase of the gunslingers and the fact that Hawaii is getting points is a bonus.

Hawaii 28 California 23

Computer Forecast

Illinois St	PROJECTED	Villanova
173	Rush Yards	167
203	Pass Yards	202
377	Total Yards	368
22.2	Score	20.8
89	EXP	89

Illinois St 22 Villanova 21

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Foe	Score	Tot Off	FD	Rush Att-Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks Vs	Tot Def	FD	Rush Att - Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks By	Net Yds	Net TO's	Net Pts	Net FD	Off vs Foe Def	Def vs Foe Off	Gm Grade
Colgate	24-17	416	18	35-117	3.3	18-28	299	0	350	17	26-111	4.3	15-30	239	1	66	0	7	1	#5 6	#4 59	70.5
at Penn St	6-52	179	11	36-83	2.3	13-27	96	3	465	28	38-237	6.2	17-31	228	0	-286	-1	-46	-17	#12 -169	#11 -116	81.3
at Monmouth	33-51	498	27	28-165	5.9	25-43	333	3	637	37	45-240	5.3	20-30	397	0	-139	-1	-18	-10	#3 101	#10 -151	58.7
William & Mary	31-24	426	24	36-232	6.4	15-28	194	0	356	23	39-123	3.2	18-36	233	3	70	0	7	1	#3 64	#6 8	75.3
at New Hampshire	37-7	461	28	42-238	5.7	17-26	223	1	207	13	24-89	3.7	13-24	118	3	254	1	30	15	#1 129	#2 150	102.5
at Elon	29-21	392	20	39-137	3.5	23-31	255	1	344	18	33-124	3.8	14-22	220	3	48	1	8	2	#6 20	#5 30	78.7
Hampton	56-14	395	21	35-220	6.3	12-16	175	2	270	16	40-176	4.4	12-23	94	3	125	2	42	5	#8 -27	#5 32	78.8
Albany	29-16	256	17	39-53	1.4	15-22	203	3	154	13	28-52	1.9	11-27	102	4	102	1	13	4	#12 -126	#1 133	73.5
at Towson	28-10	473	24	48-353	7.4	11-23	120	1	287	15	29-131	4.5	14-30	156	1	186	1	18	9	#1 102	#4 58	91.3
Stony Brook	30-27	440	24	44-160	3.6	18-30	280	4	354	14	27-76	2.8	21-33	278	2	86	1	3	10	#4 102	#3 34	76.3
Sacred Heart	34-10	455	19	25-239	9.6	18-30	216	1	374	14	30-88	2.9	28-35	286	4	81	0	24	5	#6 72	#5 13	73.9
Harvard	52-7	512	26	48-319	6.6	14-22	193	0	213	14	28-106	3.8	9-21	107	3	299	3	45	12	#1 213	#1 248	104.1
at Lehigh	14-7	235	14	27-27	1.0	18-28	208	3	339	21	42-178	4.2	12-20	161	1	-104	2	7	-7	#8 -47	#2 92	82.4
at Tarleton St	26-21	426	23	38-219	5.8	17-34	207	2	266	17	31-56	1.8	12-23	210	4	160	0	5	6	#3 102	#1 206	105.3
Illinois St																						
TOTALS	**429-284**	**5564**	**296**	**520-2562**	**4.9**	**234-388**	**3002**	**24**	**4616**	**260**	**460-1787**	**3.9**	**216-385**	**2829**	**32**	**948**	**10**	**145**	**36**	**#21 542**	**#8 796**	**82.3**
AVERAGES	**31-20**	**397**	**21.1**	**37-183**	**4.9**	**60.3%**	**214**	**6.2%**	**330**	**18.6**	**33-128**	**3.9**	**56.1%**	**202**	**8.3%**	**68**	**0.7**	**10**	**3**	**#26 39**	**#9 57**	**#15**
HOME	**37-16**	**414**	**21.3**	**37-191**	**5.1**	**62.5%**	**223**	**10**	**296**	**15.9**	**31-105**	**3.4**	**55.6%**	**191**	**20**	**118**	**7**	**20**	**5**	**#34 51**	**#26 88**	**76.4**
AWAY	**25-24**	**381**	**21.0**	**37-175**	**4.7**	**58.5%**	**206**	**14**	**364**	**21.3**	**35-151**	**4.4**	**56.7%**	**213**	**12**	**17**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**#31 34**	**#5 38**	**90.3**
CONF	**34-21**	**418**	**23.1**	**39-195**	**5.0**	**62.1%**	**223**	**1**	**326**	**18.6**	**33-126**	**3.8**	**54.7%**	**200**	**2**	**92**	**6**	**13**	**5**	**#34 46**	**#21 37**	**80.0**
NON-CONF	**26-19**	**371**	**18.5**	**35-167**	**4.8**	**58.0%**	**203**	**2**	**335**	**18.5**	**33-129**	**4.0**	**58.1%**	**205**	**2**	**36**	**4**	**7**	**0**	**#23 25**	**#8 72**	**84.7**
Last 4 Weeks	**32-11**	**407**	**20.5**	**35-201**	**5.7**	**58.8%**	**206**	**1.5**	**298**	**16.5**	**33-107**	**3.2**	**61.6%**	**191**	**3.0**	**109**	**1**	**20**	**4**		**85**	**140**	**91.4**

This Weeks Numbers

VEGAS LINE	**Illinois St By 1.5**	**L4W Game Grade**	**Villanova By 8.1**
VEGAS TOTAL	**52.5 Points**	**Last Met Line**	**N/A**
+/- Rating	**Villanova By 1.0**	**Last Met Score**	**N/A**
Game Grade	**Villanova By 3.8**	**Points per Yards**	**21.414375 By 2.1**

Phil's Forecast:

Villanova is the #12 seed and gets to host a semifinal after pulling 3 straight upsets to get here. Illinois St is the Missouri Valley's last hope. They are unseeded and they've also pulled 3 straight upsets to get here. ISU was just 4-3 but their losses were to Oklahoma, #1 NDSU and YSU. They won at South Dakota as part of a 4 game winning streak and made the playoffs despite getting trounced by Southern Illinois 37-7 in the reg season finale. ISU upset SELA 21-3 then pulled perhaps the FCS' largest upset in playoff history when they beat North Dakota St 29-28 (+23'). They even had a 422-179 yd edge against NDSU. Last week they were +3 at UC Davis. ISU trailed 10-7 1Q. It was 21-17 end of 1Q, no points scored in 2Q. ISU went 75/9 td, 11/80 td and 94/10 td, led 42-17. UC Davis had 25 yd td drive with 2:11 left and added garbage time td, as ISU won 42-31. ISU QB Tommy Rittenhouse has a 34-11 ratio and his top target, Daniel Sobkowicz has 992 (14.0) and 16 td's. Nova has won 11 straight. They destroyed Harvard 52-7 in the first round, escaped vs Lehigh despite getting outgained 339-235 then upset Tarleton St on the road last week. Nova trailed 14-0 1Q. It was 21-12 3Q, Nova got a 47 yd td run from RB Mace then went 78/12 td and led 26-21. Tarleton appeared to score the go-ahead td on 4th down late but the play was overturned and Nova won, with a 426-266 yd edge. QB Pat McQuaide has a 24-3 ratio. They have 3 RB's with over 680 rush yards! ISU has been gashed for over 200 rush in 3 games but also held NDSU to 59 rush (2.2). The computer has ISU by 1, but AGG has Nova by 5.7. Nova has the edge on offense and defense and they are at home and I'll take them in this spot to win and advance to the Title game.

Villanova 27 Illinois St 24

Computer Forecast

Montana	PROJECTED	Montana St
138	Rush Yards	195
191	Pass Yards	204
329	Total Yards	398
29.0	Score	39.1
89	EXP	89

Montana St 39 Montana 29

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Foe	Score	Tot Off	FD	Rush Att-Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks Vs	Tot Def	FD	Rush Att - Yds	Avg	Co-Att	Yds	Sks By	Net Yds	TO's	Net Pts	FD	Off vs Foe	Def	Def vs Foe	Off	Gm Grade
at Oregon	13-59	244	17	27-46	1.7	23-31	198	3	506	29	39-253	6.5	19-25	253	0	-262	0	-46	-12	#6	-8	#8	-45	95.0
South Dakota St	24-30	349	17	42-210	5.0	19-29	139	3	297	16	40-107	2.7	17-25	190	4	52	0	-6	1	#7	32	#2	89	85.8
San Diego	41-7	539	28	42-218	5.2	27-31	321	2	209	12	25-66	2.6	14-27	143	1	330	-1	34	16	#1	207	#1	166	91.6
Mercyhurst	17-0	354	20	41-233	5.7	12-17	121	0	263	15	23-58	2.5	24-36	205	3	91	1	17	5	#5	1	#3	-12	70.8
Eastern Washington	57-3	580	25	44-293	6.7	15-26	287	3	207	14	36-83	2.3	15-31	124	1	373	0	54	11	#2	155	#2	145	112.6
at Northern Arizona	34-10	417	18	32-196	6.1	14-20	221	1	296	22	31-86	2.8	28-47	210	2	121	1	24	-4	#6	24	#1	124	95.6
Idaho St	48-14	568	35	53-384	7.2	17-21	184	4	404	17	17-36	2.1	26-48	368	1	164	3	34	18	#1	163	#4	60	104.8
at Cal Poly	34-17	466	25	50-290	5.8	19-30	176	2	241	12	15-50	3.3	22-35	191	0	225	0	17	13	#4	44	#2	153	94.2
at Northern Colorado	55-7	532	23	38-189	5.0	17-23	343	0	261	17	35-104	3.0	24-40	157	1	271	2	48	6	#2	136	#2	106	103.7
Weber St	66-14	452	29	40-269	6.7	17-22	183	3	285	12	35-178	5.1	17-29	107	0	167	2	52	17	#8	28	#4	40	100.9
UC Davis	38-17	377	15	32-233	7.3	10-18	144	1	424	28	46-190	4.1	22-37	234	6	-47	2	21	-13	#8	-55	#4	33	75.6
at Montana	31-28	416	23	42-241	5.7	18-20	175	4	364	20	28-178	6.4	26-32	186	2	52	1	3	3	#6	21	#2	109	93.5
Yale	21-13	341	20	42-249	5.9	10-16	92	0	351	24	39-153	3.9	20-36	198	2	-10	3	8	-4	#7	-3	#5	38	77.4
SF Austin	44-28	473	25	42-227	5.4	20-26	246	2	344	22	29-102	3.5	26-43	242	5	129	2	16	3	#1	207	#5	53	98.5
Montana																								
TOTALS	**523-247**	**6108**	**320**	**567-3278**	**5.8**	**238-330**	**2830**	**28**	**4452**	**260**	**438-1644**	**3.8**	**300-491**	**2808**	**28**	**1656**	**16**	**276**	**60**	**#10**	**953**	**#2**	**1059**	**92.9**
AVERAGES	**37-18**	**436**	**22.9**	**41-234**	**5.8**	**72.1%**	**202**	**8.5%**	**318**	**18.6**	**31-117**	**3.8**	**61.1%**	**201**	**5.7%**	**118**	**1.1**	**20**	**4**	**#15**	**68**	**#2**	**76**	**#2**
HOME	**40-14**	**448**	**23.8**	**42-257**	**6.1**	**71.4%**	**191**	**18**	**309**	**17.8**	**32-108**	**3.4**	**58.0%**	**201**	**23**	**139**	**12**	**26**	**6**	**#18**	**82**	**#9**	**68**	**90.9**
AWAY	**33-24**	**415**	**21.2**	**38-192**	**5.1**	**73.4%**	**223**	**10**	**334**	**20.0**	**30-134**	**4.5**	**66.5%**	**199**	**5**	**81**	**4**	**9**	**1**	**#21**	**43**	**#2**	**89**	**96.4**
CONF	**45-14**	**476**	**24.1**	**41-262**	**6.3**	**70.6%**	**214**	**1**	**310**	**17.8**	**30-113**	**3.7**	**60.2%**	**197**	**2**	**166**	**11**	**32**	**6**	**#77**	**65**	**#1**	**96**	**85.8**
NON-CONF	**27-23**	**383**	**21.2**	**39-197**	**5.0**	**74.0%**	**186**	**2**	**328**	**19.7**	**33-123**	**3.8**	**62.5%**	**205**	**3**	**55**	**5**	**4**	**2**	**#11**	**73**	**#5**	**48**	**93.4**
Last 4 Weeks	**34-22**	**402**	**20.8**	**40-238**	**6.1**	**72.5%**	**164**	**1.8**	**371**	**23.5**	**36-156**	**4.5**	**63.5%**	**215**	**3.8**	**31**	**2**	**12**	**-3**		**42**		**58**	**86.3**

This Weeks Numbers

VEGAS LINE	**Montana St By 4.5**	**L4W Game Grade**	**Montana St By 4.0**
VEGAS TOTAL	**56 Points**	**Last Met Line**	**N/A**
+/- Rating	**Montana St By 10.0**	**Last Met Score**	**N/A**
Game Grade	**Montana St By 12.9**	**Points per Yards**	**30.570625 By 5.6**

Phil's Forecast:

Never before have there been bigger stakes in this rivalry known as The Brawl of the Wild! These two met in the regular season finale. Montana led 7-3 1Q. MSU went 77/11 and 52/2 td's, 17-7. Montana went 72/10 td 17-14 H then 89/16 21-17. MSU Pick-6 then Montana missed fg. MSU 65/8 td 31-21. RB Gilman broke a 52 yd td run, got within 3 but MSU went 72/14 and ran out the clock. The home team has covered the last 6 in this series. Montana is 12-1 SU/9-4 ATS, and they've covered their last 4. Last week we cashed a Best Bet on the Over in Montana's 52-22 win over #11 South Dakota. SD was coming off a 47-0 win over Mercer yet Montana led 24-0 2Q. Up 24-7, Montana got a 93 yd PR td and a 51 yd td pass. It was 38-7 4Q, SD scored two td's to get within 16 but Montana scored two td's in the last 2:40. QB Keali'I Ah Yat threw for 305 yds and 3 td's. He has a 7-0 ratio in playoff wins over SDSt and SD. RB Eli Gilman has 1,434 and 20 td's. He ran for 132 in the first meeting. Both Ah Yat and Gilman were 1st Team All-Big Sky. MSU started 0-2 this year, losing to Oregon and South Dakota St. They've bounced back by winning 12 straight (8-6 ATS this year). HC Vigen chewed the team out at midfield after their lackluster 21-13 win over Yale. Last week they led SF Austin 24-0 2Q. It was only 41-28 4Q, MSU added a fg with 1:52 left for a 16 pt win (-14.5). QB Lamson has a 22-3 ratio along with 661 rush (4.3). RB's Davis and Jones have combined for nearly 2,000 yards. S Caden Dowler leads the team with 6 int's and was named the Big Sky Defensive POY. The computer has MSU by 10 and AGG has MSU by 11.5 but L4W AGG has Montana by 5.3. Montana has had 8 of their last 12 games go Over the Vegas total. MSU just gave up 28 points and 344 yards to SF Austin. Montana has the slightly better offense while MSU has a huge edge on D, holding foes 76 ypg below their avg (#2 in FCS) while Montana allows 27 ypg more than their foes avg. The computer has 68 total points and the total is 56. We will call for MSU to win a close game and run it back with the Over in a Montana game for this week's best bet!

Best Bet: ★(over 56) Montana St 38 Montana 31