

NORTHCOAST SPORTS PLUS OR MINUS POWER RATINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SUN BOWL

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

MIAMI, FL (8-4)

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

WASHINGTON ST (8-4)

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

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

HEART OF DALLAS BOWL

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

SOUTHERN MISS (9-4)

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

WASHINGTON (6-6)

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

NO PLAY: WASHINGTON 32 SOUTHERN MISS 22

PINSTRIPES BOWL

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

INDIANA (6-6)

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

DUKE (7-5)

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

4.5★ OVER THE TOTAL

INDEPENDENCE BOWL

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

TULSA (6-6)

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

VIRGINIA TECH (6-6)

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

NO PLAY: VIRGINIA TECH 41 TULSA 22

FOSTER FARMS BOWL

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

NEBRASKA (5-7)

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

UCLA (8-4)

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

NO PLAY: UCLA 32 NEBRASKA 26

MILITARY BOWL

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

PITTSBURGH (8-4)

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

NAVY (9-2)

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

NO PLAY: NAVY 31 PITTSBURGH 24

QUICK LANE BOWL

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

CENTRAL MICHIGAN (7-5)

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

MINNESOTA (5-7)

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

NO PLAY: MINNESOTA 28 CENTRAL MICHIGAN 22

ARMED FORCES BOWL

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

AIR FORCE (8-5)

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

CALIFORNIA (7-5)

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

1★ AIR FORCE (+) 32 CALIFORNIA 37

RUSSELL ATHLETIC BOWL

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

BAYLOR (9-3)

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

NORTH CAROLINA (11-2)

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

NO PLAY: BAYLOR 38 NORTH CAROLINA 38

ARIZONA BOWL

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

NEVADA (6-6)

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

COLORADO ST (7-5)

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

NO PLAY: COLORADO STATE 28 NEVADA 25

TEXAS BOWL

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

TEXAS TECH (7-5)

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

LSU (8-3)

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

4.5★ OVER THE TOTAL

BIRMINGHAM BOWL

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

MEMPHIS (9-3)

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

AUBURN (6-6)

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

NO PLAY: MEMPHIS 32 AUBURN 27

BELK BOWL

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

NC STATE (7-5)

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

MISSISSIPPI ST (8-4)

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

NO PLAY: MISSISSIPPI STATE 33 NC STATE 30

MUSIC CITY BOWL

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

LOUISVILLE (7-5)

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

TEXAS A&M (8-4)

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

NO PLAY: LOUISVILLE 26 TEXAS A&M 25

NOTE: Power Plays - PP

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

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

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

2★ BUFFALO 22 NY JETS 21

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

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

NO PLAY: CAROLINA 34 TAMPA BAY 17

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

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

3.5★ NEW ENGLAND 31 MIAMI 13

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

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

3★ CINCINNATI 23 BALTIMORE 9

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

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

3.5★ ATLANTA 24 NEW ORLEANS 18

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

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

4★ HOUSTON 30 JACKSONVILLE 20

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

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

NO PLAY: PITTSBURGH 27 CLEVELAND 21

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

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

3.5★ KANSAS CITY 25 OAKLAND 14

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

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

NO PLAY: INDIANAPOLIS 25 TENNESSEE 16

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

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

NO PLAY: WASHINGTON 22 DALLAS 17

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

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

1★ DETROIT 26 CHICAGO 25

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

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

NO PLAY: NY GIANTS 33 PHILADELPHIA 28

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

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

NO PLAY: DENVER 14 SAN DIEGO 7

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

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

NO PLAY: ST LOUIS 18 SAN FRANCISCO 14

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

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

NO PLAY: ARIZONA 30 SEATTLE 20

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

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

NO PLAY: MINNESOTA 23 GREEN BAY 22

NFL STREAKERS

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

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HOLIDAY BOWL

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

WISCONSIN (9-3)

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

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

4★ UNDER THE TOTAL

PEACH BOWL

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

HOUSTON (12-1)

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

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

NO PLAY: FLORIDA STATE 30 HOUSTON 24

COTTON BOWL

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

MICHIGAN ST (12-1)

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

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

4★ UNDER THE TOTAL

ORANGE BOWL

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

OKLAHOMA (11-1)

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

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

4.5★ OKLAHOMA 40 CLEMSON 28

OUTBACK BOWL

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

TENNESSEE (8-4)

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

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

NO PLAY: TENNESSEE 26 NORTHWESTERN 17

CITRUS BOWL

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

FLORIDA (10-3)

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

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

NO PLAY: MICHIGAN 20 FLORIDA 17

FIESTA BOWL

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

OHIO ST (11-1)

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

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

NO PLAY: OHIO STATE 30 NOTRE DAME 23

ROSE BOWL

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

IOWA (12-1)

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

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

4.5★ IOWA (+) 25 STANFORD 27

SUGAR BOWL

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

MISSISSIPPI (9-3)

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

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

3★ MISSISSIPPI 41 OKLAHOMA STATE 31

TAXSLAYER BOWL

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

PENN ST (7-5)

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

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

NO PLAY: GEORGIA 22 PENN ST 16

LIBERTY BOWL

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

KANSAS STATE (6-6)

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

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

NO PLAY: ARKANSAS 37 KANSAS STATE 23

ALAMO BOWL

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

TCU (10-2)

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

This is in a dome (perfect conditions) so it will be a shootout. UO avg 48.6 ppg the L5 gms & TCU avg 56.4 ypg on the ssn. The Off's and ST's are nearly even. TCU despite being banged up on D held opp to 32 yds below their ssn avg & UO's D all'd 50 ypg above. Both teams played a similar schedule and TCU was +168 ypg and Oregon just +68. Keep in mind on the road vs a powerful Oklahoma team and without QB Boykin, TCU lost by 1 on a failed 2pt conv & Boykin here is as healthy as he has been the entire ssn.

4.5★ TCU 41 OREGON 35

CATCUS BOWL

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

WEST VIRGINIA (7-5)

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

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

NO PLAY: WEST VIRGINIA 31 ARIZONA STATE 27

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