






























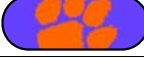

















2007-08 College Football Bowl Schedule

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Dec. 20 ESPN 9 p.m.			Poinsettia Bowl — San Diego, Calif. Utah (8-4, MWC No. 3) vs. Navy (7-4, At-large)	Navy will be in this game every year as long as it is bowl eligible. Utah had a seven-game win streak snapped by BYU Saturday. Pick: Utah 26, Navy 23.	
Dec. 21 ESPN 2 8 p.m.			New Orleans Bowl Florida Atlantic (7-5, Sun Belt No. 1) vs. Memphis (6-5, C-USA No. 4)	Howard Schnellenberger leads his Owls against a Memphis team making its fourth bowl trip in five years, but for the life of me, I can't remember any of them. Pick: FAU 26, Memphis 22	
Dec. 22 ESPN 2 1 p.m.			Papajohns.com Bowl — Mobile, Ala. Cincinnati (9-3, Big East No. 3) vs. Southern Miss (7-5, C-USA No. 6)	Old CUSA rivals match up in Jeff Bowers' final game at Golden Eagles' coach. The way Bowers was run out of Hattiesburg was criminal. Pick: Southern Miss 35, Cincinnati 31	
Dec. 22 ESPN 4:30 p.m.			New Mexico Bowl — Albuquerque New Mexico (8-4, MWC No. 4) vs. Nevada (6-6, WAC No. 4)	Free home game for the Lobos against a Nevada team that needed to rally on the final day to become bowl eligible. Pick: New Mexico 48, Nevada 41.	
Dec. 22 ESPN 8 p.m.			Las Vegas Bowl UCLA (6-6, Pac 10 No. 5) vs. BYU (10-2, MWC No. 1)	Cougars completed undefeated run through Mountain West with win over Utah. UCLA may be fighting for coach Karl Dorrell's job. Pick: BYU 29, UCLA 20.	
Dec. 23 ESPN 8 p.m.			Hawaii Bowl — Honolulu Boise State (10-2, WAC No. 2) vs. East Carolina (7-5, C-USA No. 5)	The Broncos aren't quite the BCS darling they were a year ago, but Boise still will have too much for ECU. Pick: Boise State 38, East Carolina 17.	
Dec. 26 ESPN 7:30 p.m.			Motor City Bowl — Detroit, Mi. Central Michigan (8-5, MAC No. 1) vs. Purdue (7-5, Big Ten No. 9)	Chippewas making second straight trip to Detroit to face non-descript Purdue outfit. Pick: Central Michigan 31, Purdue 20.	
Dec. 27 ESPN 8 p.m.			Holiday Bowl — San Diego, Calif. Arizona State (10-2, Pac 10 No. 2) vs. Texas (9-3, Big 12 No. 4)	Devils' BCS dreams were flattened by USC. Texas: nice name, but not nice team this year, with a near loss to UCF and blowout loss to Texas A&M. Pick: ASU 31, Texas 20.	
Dec. 28 ESPN 5 p.m.			Champs Sports Bowl — Orlando, Fla. Boston College (10-3, ACC No. 2) vs. Michigan State (7-5, Big Ten No. 8)	Matt Ryan should have a field day against Sparty's porous secondary. Heck, Northwestern did. Pick: Boston College 34, Michigan State 17.	
Dec. 28 ESPN 8 p.m.			Emerald Bowl — San Francisco, Calif. Maryland (6-6, ACC No. 8) vs. Oregon State (8-4, Pac 10 No. 3)	Terps snuck win with late-season win at North Carolina State. Beavers riding high after knocking off Emerald State rival Oregon. Pick: Oregon State 28, Maryland 14.	
Dec. 28 ESPN NETWORK 8 p.m.			Texas Bowl — Houston TCU (7-5, MWC No. 5) vs. Houston (8-4, C-USA No. 3)	What the heck is up with all these old Conference USA rivalries coming back to life? No one outside of Texas will care about or see this game. It's on the NFL Network. Pick: UH 24, TCU 14.	
Dec. 29 ESPN 1 p.m.			Meineke Bowl — Charlotte, N.C. Wake Forest (8-4, ACC No. 5) vs. Connecticut (9-3, Big East No. 2)	The Huskies allowed 66 points to the same West Virginia team that scored nine points against 5-7 Pittsburgh. Virginia beat both teams 17-16. Pick: Wake 17, UConn 16.	
Dec. 29 ESPN 4:30 p.m.			Liberty Bowl — Memphis, Tenn. Central Florida (10-3, C-USA No. 1) vs. Mississippi State (7-5, SEC No. 7)	High-scoring Knights wrapped up the CUSA title with a win over Tulsa at home. MSU may have saved Sylvester Croom's job with solid season. Pick: MSU 30, UCF 24.	
Dec. 29 ESPN 8 p.m.			Alamo Bowl — San Antonio, Texas Penn State (8-4, Big Ten No. 5) vs. Texas A&M (7-5, Big 12 No. 6)	Two teams that went 4-4 in their respective conferences meet in what promises to be an excruciatingly boring game in San Antonio. Pick: Penn State 10, A&M 6.	
Dec. 30 ESPN 8 p.m.			Independence Bowl — Shreveport, La. Colorado (6-6, Big 12 No. 7) vs. Alabama (6-6, SEC No. 9)	Ah, the Independence Bowl, where once lofty SEC seasons go to die. What will Nick Saban compare a loss in this game to? Pick: Colorado 17, Alabama 14.	
Dec. 31 ESPN 12:30 p.m.			Armed Forces Bowl — Fort Worth, Texas California (6-6, Pac 10 No. 7) vs. Air Force (9-3, MWC No. 2)	From national championship contender to afterthought. This game means a lot more to Air Force's program. Pick: Air Force 34, California 20.	
Dec. 31 WDBJ 2 p.m.			Sun Bowl — El Paso, Texas Oregon (8-4, Pac 10 No. 4) vs. South Florida (9-3, Big East No. 4)	As long as a Leaf is leading the Ducks at quarterback, pick against Oregon. Matchup of two teams formerly ranked No. 2 in BCS. Pick: USF 27, Oregon 16.	
Dec. 31 ESPN 2 2 p.m.			Humanitarian Bowl — Boise, Idaho Fresno State (8-4, WAC No. 3) vs. Georgia Tech (7-5, ACC No. 7)	Lame-duck Georgia Tech coaching staff goes to Boise. This could get real ugly. Pick: Fresno State 51, Georgia Tech 20.	
Dec. 31 ESPN 4 p.m.			Music City Bowl — Nashville, Tenn. Kentucky (7-5, SEC No. 7) vs. Florida State (7-5, ACC No. 6)	The 'Noles are making a habit of ending up in minor bowl games. Kentucky had higher aspirations before a couple of tough losses to end the season. Pick: Kentucky 41, FSU 30.	
Dec. 31 ESPN NETWORK 6 p.m.			Insight Bowl — Tempe, Ariz. Indiana (7-5, Big Ten No. 7) vs. Oklahoma State (6-6, Big 12 No. 7)	Hoosiers dedicated season to late coach Terry Hoepner and made it to a bowl for the first time since '93. OSU is known for coach Mike Gundy's tirade. Pick: Indiana 20, Ok. State 16.	
Dec. 31 ESPN 7:30 p.m.			Chick-fil-A Bowl — Atlanta, Ga. Auburn (8-4, SEC No. 5) vs. Clemson (9-3, ACC No. 4)	Dream matchup for old Peach Bowl with two closely teams with fan bases that love to travel. Two of Clemson's losses were to VT and BC. Pick: Clemson 34, Auburn 27.	
Jan. 1 ESPN 11 a.m.			Outback Bowl — Tampa, Fla. Wisconsin (9-3, Big Ten No. 4) vs. Tennessee (9-4, SEC No. 3)	Outback's Cheese Fries are apparently the worst food in America. The Vols' 'Creamsicle' uniforms from the SEC title game might be the worst duds in America. Pick: Wisconsin 20, UT 17.	
Jan. 1 FOX 11:30 a.m.			Cotton Bowl — Dallas, Texas Missouri (11-2, Big 12 No. 2) vs. Arkansas (8-4, SEC No. 6)	No national title game, but still a heck of an accomplishment for a Missouri team that is not usually talked about in terms of national prominence. Pick: Missouri 35, Arkansas 17.	
Jan. 1 ESPN 2 1 p.m.			Capital One Bowl — Orlando, Fla. Michigan (8-4, Big Ten No. 3) vs. Florida (9-3, SEC No. 4)	Lloyd Carr's swan song won't be pretty. Lots of Tim Tebow. Lots of Percy Harvin. Lots of Big Blue Pain. Pick: Florida 41, Michigan 6.	
Jan. 1 WDBJ 1 p.m.			Gator Bowl — Jacksonville, Fla. Virginia (9-3, ACC No. 3) vs. Texas Tech (8-4, Big 12 No. 5)	The Cavs' only trip to Jacksonville resulted in a 48-14 loss to Oklahoma. Texas Tech likes to foul it all over the lick. In other words, the Raiders like to throw it some. Pick: TTU 38, Uva 27.	
Jan. 1 ESPN 2 5 p.m.			Rose Bowl — Pasadena, Calif. Illinois (9-3, Big Ten No. 2) vs. Southern Cal (10-2, Pac-10 Champion)	Illinois will give the paper-tiger Trojans much more trouble than people expect. Ron Zook gets a huge crown-jewel victory here. Pick: Illinois 24, USC 21.	
Jan. 1 FOX 8:30 p.m.			Sugar Bowl — New Orleans, La. Hawaii (12-0, WAC, BCS At-Large) vs. Georgia (10-2, SEC No. 2)	Georgia fans will expect a 60-0 romp. Not going to happen. Hawaii won't win, but the Warriors will prove their BCS worth. Pick: Georgia 37, Hawaii 33.	
Jan. 2 FOX 8 p.m.			Fiesta Bowl — Glendale, Ariz. Oklahoma (11-2, Big 12 Champion) vs. West Virginia (10-2, Big East Champion)	Surging Sooners face a moribund WVU team wondering what hit it in Morgantown Saturday. Pick: Oklahoma 30, West Virginia 17.	
Jan. 3 FOX 8 p.m.			Orange Bowl — Miami, Fla. Virginia Tech (11-2, ACC Champion) vs. Kansas (11-1, Big 12 No. 3)	Kansas hasn't played anyone of Tech's caliber. Missouri included. Todd Reesing better watch where he throws it against VT's DBs. Pick: Virginia Tech 26, Kansas 14.	
Jan. 5 ESPN 2 Noon			International Bowl — Toronto, Canada Rutgers (7-5, Big East No. 5) vs. Ball State (7-5, MAC No. 4)	Rutgers' Ray Rice averaging 5.0 yards per carry. When 7-5 MAC teams earn bowl bids, it's time to cut the bowl from the bloated schedule. Pick: Rutgers 31, Ball State 7.	
Jan. 6 ESPN 8 p.m.			GMAC Bowl — Mobile, Ala. Tulsa (9-4, C-USA No. 2) vs. Bowling Green (8-4, MAC No. 3)	Tulsa QB Paul Smith has thrown for 4,753 yards, 42 TDs. BGSU finished season with four straight wins. Pick: Tulsa 44, Bowling Green 29.	
Jan. 7 FOX 8 p.m.			BCS Nat. Champ. — New Orleans, La. LSU (11-2, SEC, BCS No. 2) vs. Ohio State (11-1, Big Ten, BCS No. 1)	LSU would be 11-0-2 if overtime didn't exist. Just ask Les Miles. Can a Michigan man beat Ohio State? Lloyd Carr wonders. Pick: LSU 44, Ohio State 10.	