

2004 Rowe Bowl Contest

Back for its 11th year, it's the 2004 Rowe Bowl Contest. The deadline is 5:00 PM (Central), Tuesday, December 14. Rules are at the bottom. Please forward or copy this entry form to anyone you think would be interested in participating (spouses, friends, clients, etc.). An Adobe Acrobat version is also attached. Last year we had over 150 entries. Scoring and entries will be posted on my website (<http://home.satx.rr.com/markrowe/RoweBowlIndex.htm>).

Bowl	Date	Location	Match up
FedEx Orange	Jan. 4	Miami, Fla.	USC -2.5 vs. Oklahoma
Nokia Sugar	Jan. 3	New Orleans, La.	Auburn -6.5 vs. Virginia Tech
Tostitos Fiesta	Jan. 1	Tempe, Ariz.	Utah -16.5 vs. Pittsburgh
Rose	Jan. 1	Pasadena, Calif.	Michigan vs. Texas -5.5
Capital One	Jan. 1	Orlando, Fla.	LSU -6.5 vs. Iowa
Gator	Jan. 1	Jacksonville, Fla.	Florida State -8.5 vs. West Virginia
Cotton	Jan. 1	Dallas, Tex.	Texas A&M -2.5 vs. Tennessee
Outback	Jan. 1	Tampa, Fla.	Wisconsin vs. Georgia -6.5
Peach	Dec. 31	Atlanta, Ga.	Miami (FL) -3.5 vs. Florida
Liberty	Dec. 31	Memphis, Tenn.	Louisville -13.5 vs. Boise State
Sun	Dec. 31	El Paso, Tex.	Purdue -8.5 vs. Arizona State
Music City	Dec. 31	Nashville, Tenn.	Alabama -3.5 vs. Minnesota
Silicon Valley	Dec. 30	San Jose, Calif.	Northern Illinois vs. Troy
Holiday	Dec. 30	San Diego, Calif.	California -11.5 vs. Texas Tech
Emerald	Dec. 30	San Francisco, Calif.	New Mexico -2.5 vs. Navy
Continental Tire	Dec. 30	Charlotte, N.C.	N. Carolina -3.5 vs. Boston College
Alamo	Dec. 29	San Antonio, Tex.	Oklahoma State -1.5 vs. Ohio State
Houston	Dec. 29	Houston, Tex.	Colorado -3.5 vs. UTEP
Independence	Dec. 28	Shreveport, La.	Iowa State vs. Miami (OH) -2.5
Insight	Dec. 28	Phoenix, Ariz.	Oregon State -3.5 vs. Notre Dame
Motor City	Dec. 27	Detroit, Mich.	Toledo vs. Connecticut
MPC Computers	Dec. 27	Boise, Idaho	Fresno State vs. Virginia -5.5
Hawaii	Dec. 24	Honolulu, Hawaii	UAB vs. Hawaii -2.5
Las Vegas	Dec. 23	Las Vegas, Nev.	Wyoming vs. UCLA -12.5
Fort Worth	Dec. 23	Fort Worth, Tex.	Cincinnati vs. Marshall
GMAC	Dec. 22	Mobile, Ala.	Memphis vs. Bowling Green -4.5
Champs Sports	Dec. 21	Orlando, Fla.	Georgia Tech -4.5 vs. Syracuse
New Orleans	Dec. 14	New Orleans, La.	North Texas vs. Southern Miss -5.5

Tie Breaker

Total Points Scored - Both Teams

Oklahoma vs. USC

A new year. UT gets the benefit of the screwy scoring system. They stayed the same in the polls and the computer ratings but because of the number of votes received they get the BCS bid. I love my Horns and I'm glad they get the big paycheck but the system is still messed up. We could end the season with four undefeated teams. That's ludicrous and I hope it happens. This should be the first round of the 16 team playoffs. If you used the BCS standings for seedings guess what would be happening. UT would be playing Michigan in a first round game – the winner to take on the Cal-Iowa winner. How about these other first round games – USC vs. Florida St. and OU vs. Tennessee and Auburn vs. Tennessee. That would be good football. Instead we get Memphis vs. Bowling Green. I wish someone would tell me who likes the current system. It's not the fans, the players or the coaches. I can't believe the college presidents could care less. They would just as well ban athletics. I just figure the worse it gets; the closer we get to a playoff. On to the contest.

Here is your chance to once again prove your football knowledge (or lack thereof). The rules are simple. Each bowl game is listed above along with the point spread. If no point spread is listed, then you only have to pick the winner. Go to the entry form at my website (see above) and pick the team you think will cover the spread. The spread indicates how much one team is supposed

to beat another. For example, USC is favored by 2.5 points over OU. If you think USC will win by 3 points or more then pick USC. If you think USC will win by 2 or less points or not win at all then pick OU. The tiebreaker will be based on the combined score of the OU-USC game. If you think the score will be 37 to 27 then enter 64 ($37 + 27$).