

2006 Rowe Bowl Contest

Back for its 13th year, it's the 2006 Rowe Bowl Contest. The deadline is 5:00 PM (Central), Tuesday, December 19. Please forward or copy this e-mail to anyone you think would be interested in participating (spouses, friends, clients, etc.). Last year we had over 300 entries. You enter your picks at my website. You can also find past results and the standings as the games are completed. My website is:

<http://www.markrowecontest.com/RoweBowlIndex.htm>.

Usually I rant and rave about the BCS and how bad it is. This year, I'm not feeling it. I think two straight Longhorn losses in which the Horns played well below their potential knocked the wind out of my typical anti-BCS sails. I think it's because in most of my playoff scenarios, the Horns would still not be included. It hasn't been an issue the last few years and the Horns always finished on a high note – the low was always early October. Of course, then I think about Texas 5A High School and realize that the top four from each district make the playoffs. Yes, there should be a 32 team or 24 team playoff and Texas should be in it. Stupid BCS.

Here is your chance to once again prove your football knowledge (or lack thereof). The rules are simple. Each bowl game is listed along with the point spread. Go to the entry form at my website (see above) and pick the team you think will cover the spread for each game. The spread indicates how much one team is supposed to beat another. For example, Ohio St. is favored by 7.5 points over Florida. If you think Ohio St. will win by 8 points or more then pick Ohio St. If you think Ohio St. will win by 7 or less points or not win at all then pick Florida. The tiebreaker will be based on the combined score of the Florida-Ohio St. game. If you think the score will be 37 to 27 then write 64 (37 + 27) in the box above.