

2012 Rowe Bowl Contest

Back for its 19th year, it's the 2012 Rowe Bowl Contest. The deadline is 6:30 PM (Central), Friday, December 21. There is a limit of five entries per person. Please forward or copy this e-mail to anyone you think would be interested in participating (spouses, friends, clients, etc.). Just a reminder that my software limits the number of games to 32 so I'm missing a couple of games. I apologize to those of you who are big fans of the Poinsettia or Potato Bowls. The Famous Idaho Potato Bowl!! You can find past results and the standings as the games are completed. My website is: <http://www.markrowecontest.com/RoweBowlIndex.htm>.

I'm not going to complain about this year's BSC process because we all know it stinks. Instead, I'm going to complain about next year's process. Top four teams. That would mean Notre Dame plays Oregon while Alabama plays Florida in the semi-finals. What about Kansas St., Stanford, or A&M? They all deserve a shot. A 16 team playoff bracket would get Northern Illinois a shot with a first round match up against Alabama. A&M would get an LSU rematch. Personally, I'm a proponent of a 32 team bracket with the first two rounds at the higher bracketed teams home stadium with regional selections after that. Not sure what will come first, a decent college football playoff system (I-A) or self-driving cars. I'm hoping both are in my lifetime.

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, Central Florida is favored by 6.5 points over Ball St. If you think Central Florida will win by 7 points or more then pick Central Florida. If you think Central Florida will win by 6 or less points or not win at all then pick Ball St. If there isn't a point spread, it means you only have to pick the winner. The tiebreaker will be based on the combined score of the Notre Dame-Alabama game. If you think the score will be 37 to 27 then enter 64 (37 + 27) in the tie breaker box.

Make sure you click the box next to "Email Me a Copy" so you receive a copy of your picks. If you run into any problems, let me know.