

2013 Rowe Bowl Contest

Back for its 20th year, it's the 2013 Rowe Bowl Contest. The deadline is 6:30 PM (Central), Friday, December 20. 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 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>.

Before I discuss the BCS, I need to address the Longhorns. First, I want to say thanks to Mack for all he's done for the football team and University. In my lifetime, it's been Royal, Akers, McWilliams, Mackovic, and then Brown. UT has had high expectations for a long time and Brown came closest to meeting them consistently than any other coach since Royal. Second, I do agree it was time for a change. I'm hopeful that Brown will stay affiliated with UT as he is a great ambassador. With that said, UT has mishandled one position that I believe has created the doldrums of the last four years. Mack would still be the coach if he handled our QB position better and I'm not talking about the recruits he skipped over because his staff thought they would only be DBs. While Colt was starting at QB, we signed John Chiles and G. J. Kinne in 2007. Chiles was moved to WR and Kinne became the second leading all time passer at Tulsa and won the Conference USA player of the year. In 2008, we didn't sign a QB and in 2009 we signed Garrett Gilbert (SMU). In 2010, we signed Case McCoy and Connor Wood who is now at Colorado. This means that over a four year period, the only QB signed who ended up a UT QB was McCoy who I think most people figure we signed because he was Colt's brother. In 2011, we signed David Ash. In 2012, we signed Connor Brewer who is now at Arizona and Jalen Overstreet who was moved to RB. I think the talent was brought in but it wasn't handled well at all. We'll see what the next coach does.

Good riddance BCS! Hard to feel sorry for Alabama but they deserve to be in a playoff. I still want a comprehensive bracket (32 teams). I think each conference champion should have a shot at the national championship. The four team structure will be an improvement but it's going to mess up my contest. The service I use hasn't said how they are going to handle this playoff structure for contest purposes. We'll see how it goes next year as well.

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, USC is favored by 6.5 points over Fresno St. If you think USC will win by 7 points or more then pick USC. If you think USC will win by 6 or less points or not win at all then pick Fresno 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 Florida St.-Auburn 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.