
Official LAS VEGAS BOWL Prediction Thread

Posted by kitic77 - 2007/12/13 14:44

We're under 10 days to go now. Time for everyone to go on record with predictions.

UCLA 10
BYU 37

Re:Official LAS VEGAS BOWL Prediction Thread

Posted by mormonrasta - 2007/12/13 14:47

24-13 Cougs!!!

Re:Official LAS VEGAS BOWL Prediction Thread

Posted by ABYUFAN - 2007/12/13 14:50

BYU 35
UCLA 14

Re:Official LAS VEGAS BOWL Prediction Thread

Posted by Cougtastic - 2007/12/13 14:53

I see some rust on our "O" for the first few possessions resulting in a closer game than expected in the first quarter. After that, we keep ahead by 2 maybe 3 scores and never look back:

BYU 34
UCLA 17

Re:Official LAS VEGAS BOWL Prediction Thread

Posted by kenj - 2007/12/13 14:54

BYU 34
UCLA 9

Re:Official LAS VEGAS BOWL Prediction Thread

Posted by Gfunkcougar - 2007/12/13 14:56

BYU 31

UCLA 21

It is going to be a great game!!!

Re:Official LAS VEGAS BOWL Prediction Thread

Posted by GoCougarPokes - 2007/12/13 14:56

hmmmmmmm, I think UCLA has a pretty tough Defense, but Max Hall ripped them in the second half. Our Defense

really stuck it to them. They don't have a coach...and BYU has come a long way since the second game of the season (no more blind side sacks/fumbles). I will have to say:

BYU 35
UCLA 13

We don't really make any field goals, if we did i would say 38-13.

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Re:Official LAS VEGAS BOWL Prediction Thread

Posted by gmoney - 2007/12/13 15:17

LETS FLOP IT: 27-17 US THIS TIME AROUND

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Re:Official LAS VEGAS BOWL Prediction Thread

Posted by Gymcoug318 - 2007/12/13 15:24

Does anyone know who is going to be the home team? The previous two las vegas bowl we've been the road team. I would like to see the cougs the home team. And be in their home unis at LES South! Anyone heard anything about that?

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Re:Official LAS VEGAS BOWL Prediction Thread

Posted by ColoradoBlueZone - 2007/12/13 15:28

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Excellent. Thanks for the info. I still don't understand how the cougs were the road team last year. When Provo is closer to Vegas then Eugene is. And The cougs had a way better record then the ducks. But it will be really cool to see the cougs in their blue unis. I can't wait! Only nine days left!:lol:

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Re:Official LAS VEGAS BOWL Prediction Thread

Posted by LoyalCougar - 2007/12/13 16:05

I was hoping BYU would be the home team. Our chances are much better when wearing blue!

BYU 35

UCLA 10

GO COUGARS!!

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Posted by DeafBYUSports - 2007/12/13 16:09

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I am curious where you get this information? Link please if there is available?

Thanks!

My prediction will be:

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UCLA 16

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Posted by BoiseBYU - 2007/12/13 16:12

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Posted by Hipsdamann - 2007/12/13 16:23

I will say

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UCLA: 17

And by the way. Ben Olson Stinks

Re:Official LAS VEGAS BOWL Prediction Thread

Posted by iShowsToGo.com - 2007/12/13 16:32

FYI: BYU has not lost while wearing blue for 2 years! BYU Wins Big this game, BIG! Bronco shoves it in their faces for barely beating us earlier this year. We win 42-10. I am more leaning towards UCLA only scoring 7, but Maybe 10. We will score a lot of points, just like last year. We scored 38 points. It seems in Bowl Games that Bronco won't call off the dogs. Good too, I will be there on the front row with my blue face!!! Go Cougars!

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I generally agree with all of these except I don't think Kehl will get 3 sacks. Unfortunatley this year Kehl was not a sack-threat type of linebacker. All the sacks went to Jorgenson. There will be a big to-do about Kehl and Olsen, but it will come with pass break ups, int's, or tackles. However, that said, I sincerely wish Kehl gets three sacks.

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It means it's the same backwards and forwards.

BYU 28

UCLA 14

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Posted by Airwolf84 - 2007/12/13 17:16

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Posted by MajorCougar - 2007/12/13 17:35

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Re:Official LAS VEGAS BOWL Prediction Thread

Posted by SeattleCougar - 2007/12/13 17:59

BYU 35 UCLA 13

Re:Official LAS VEGAS BOWL Prediction Thread

Posted by imuakahuku - 2007/12/13 18:38

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Finally found someone after my own heart!
38-8 BYU!

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Re:Official LAS VEGAS BOWL Prediction Thread

Posted by ProV1 - 2007/12/13 19:15

I think Bronco is really considering how to "play the game" of getting national recognition. He knows the only way to achieve his team's goal of a BCS bowl/NC game is to 1) win all of the games; therefore, scheduling will receive added scrutiny and consideration 2) be in the national discussion from the beginning; meaning preseason polls are crucial in obtaining an appropriate launching point. Also, I expect to see Bronco personally take up the mtn./Comcast fight and start saying some important things 3) win convincingly

For reason #3 - I see the Cougs working hard and rolling 41-17
This will set up #2 nicely - I see a #21 preseason ranking
As for #1 - it will be an intense off season and a great 2008

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Re:Official LAS VEGAS BOWL Prediction Thread

Posted by bball - 2007/12/13 19:25

Do we know who's going to calling the game? If we get that dufus Musberger again, I'm going to croak. He was so pathetic last year.

1. BYU has the motivation edge over the Bruins (revenge, and we know and the team knows BYU should have won the first time these teams met this year).
2. BYU has the offensive edge over the Bruins. UCLA's offense is in a shambles, and won't produce more than a couple of field goals and maybe a TD.
3. BYU's defense has gotten better and better. Our strength is against the run, and that's all UCLA has.
4. BYU has the coaching edge over UCLA (UCLA has no coach).

BYU wins this one going away...again. BYU 41 UCLA 13

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Re:Official LAS VEGAS BOWL Prediction Thread

Posted by Cougy_Monster - 2007/12/13 19:37

Cougs 45 (31 in first half)
Teddies 17 (7 in first half)

The Cougs are going to come out with guns blazing. UCLA won't know what hit them.

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Nice predictions. Here's my bold prediction:

there will be at least 8 references to the 2007 Las Vegas Bowl game and even some live footage of the action. Gotta love espn. Someone should make a sign that says "NCAA football frequents here" or "irrelevant discussions live here".

BYU 37 UCLA 10

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Re:Official LAS VEGAS BOWL Prediction Thread

Posted by blue42 - 2007/12/13 21:09

Here is my prediction, someone either from ESPN or the Vegas Bowl will comment on how BYU made the Holiday bowl and hope they will do the same here after BYU's third straight appearance and say how they will be a fairly consistent participant in the game for years to come.

BYU 42
UCLA 10

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Re:Official LAS VEGAS BOWL Prediction Thread

Posted by kitic77 - 2007/12/14 08:15

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Looks like you're picking BYU to win:

From Potkey's blog on the SL Trib site:

"Brian Dohn of the L.A. Daily News is reporting that because of the injury to Patrick Cowan, Ben Olson will get the start for UCLA at quarterback against BYU."

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Re:Official LAS VEGAS BOWL Prediction Thread

Posted by penn cougar - 2007/12/14 08:57

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If Olsen is the QB, I say the score is 31-14.

If Cowan is the QB, I say that UCLA is up by 6 with 30 seconds left on the clock and BYU takes its last time out. All he has to do is take a knee and win the game. However, as the center is hiking the ball, one of Cowan's massive face zits erupts and gets white pussy substance in his eye. The ball "squirts" out of his hands and Kehl or Nixon picks it up and runs in for the game winning touchdown. BYU 31 - UCLA 30

With all the proactive commercials, you think that kid would get a clue

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Posted by imuakahuku - 2007/12/14 09:03

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Posted by j2b03 - 2007/12/14 09:16

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I don't think it would be a slap in the face, if BYU is ranked 20th or lower, I would start looking to the east...:huh:
I think if we win convincingly against UCLA and we aren't ranked at all, THAT would be a slap in the face, especially with all the offense we are returning.

How does HI and BSU look for next year?

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It's not about interviewing his dad. It's about interviewing him for 30min during the game when we want to watch it and not him. Sure he is a great guy and I do hope that Ben makes it to the NFL and becomes and all-pro (I want all LDS players (that are a great example of His gospel) to be very successful). But knowing ESPN they will have to do something "exciting/interesting" during the game like the Ryan Leaf interview last year.

PS. Unless the Prophet is the QB (etc) of the other team I hope that person has a fruitless game vs BYU. It's BYU blue first, always first!

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Re:Official LAS VEGAS BOWL Prediction Thread

Posted by BlueTrue - 2007/12/14 09:29

I don't think there is any question that BYU will win this game. It is just by how much 10 20 30 points? I don't think it will be any more or less than this.

I am going with BYU 34 UCLA 17.

Also I don't really get where a couple people say Kehl is going to sack somebody. I hope it does, but we should all know by now that Jorgensen is going to be doing the sacking, wrapping, and giving is all some nice Christmas presents as he demolishes the UCLA quarterbacks.

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Posted by Airwolf84 - 2007/12/14 11:44

bball wrote:

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Totally agree... that was sickening to listen to. They talked about everything but the game since Oregon decided not to show up and since BYU was kicking them all over the field, they had to ignore it. That was the worst commentating (if you want to call it that) that I've ever seen! What was actually even worse was when they would go to Ryan Leaf down on the sideline and talk to him about his brother Brady!:laugh: :dry: Yeah, nothing like grabbing possibly the biggest bust at QB in the history of the NFL and asking him to do a cameo every now and then so we can hear all about little brother Brady's success at Oregon, while he stinks it up on the field!!:laugh: :laugh: :laugh: :laugh: :laugh:

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Posted by PlayoffDude - 2007/12/14 12:15

Remember, BYU was in the red zone, ready to win the game against UCLA when Hall fumbled. That was also Hall's second game of his CAREER and very first ROAD game...at the ROSE BOWL!!!

I think BYU will tear apart UCLA's defense this time around. With a full season under their belts, Hall, Harvey, and the gang will humiliate UCLA. My prediction:

BYU 41

UCLA 23 (with a last second score to make it look somewhat respectable)

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All these retorts with religious overtones are becoming way to frequent. You ask people not to judge, yet you do, "Talk about stupidity and self-righteousness!:laugh: "

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who beat Wofford

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who beat Penn State

who beat Temple

who beat Kent State

who beat Iowa State

who beat Colorado

who beat Texas Tech

who beat Oklahoma

who beat Western Ky

who beat Louisiana Laffayette

who beat Alabama

who beat Arkansas

who beat LSU See BYU would beat LSU! :lol:

who beat Memphis

who beat Marshall

who beat UAB

who beat Tulane

who beat UTEP

who beat New Mexico

who beat Arizona

who beat Washington State

who beat Stanford

who beat USC Could we beat USC too?!:cheer:

who beat Arizona State

who beat San Jose State

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who beat Ill State

who beat Youngstown St

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Posted by Illinois1Cougar - 2007/12/14 14:18

BYU 35
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Posted by Short_Changed - 2007/12/14 15:07

BYU 28
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Posted by jvip - 2007/12/14 16:26

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Posted by MtnRadio - 2007/12/15 16:47

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Posted by UliUli79 - 2007/12/17 12:27

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BYU 35
Powder Puffs 20

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Posted by Illinois1Cougar - 2007/12/17 14:46

Some good reading for all of LV bowl haters out there

http://myspn.go.com/s/blogs/show/username/GBU_12?target_tsn=12

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Posted by MizzouCoug - 2007/12/17 15:22

I heard from those close to former players that Lavell treated bowl games as vacations/rewards for a good season. Winning bowls didn't matter, but getting there did. Like I said, this isn't coming from me--but I'm glad that's not the case these days.

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Wasn't that the era in college football when Army and Navy were annual contenders for the national title? And Nebraska??

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I have read several quotes from coaches that the indoor facility has made a world of difference. Years ago at this time they were concentrating on keeping warm and not on running formations. The facility will lead to a dramatic change in our Bowl record. Also, I think the attitude has changed, at least for me. It is now one of expecting to win instead of hoping to win. I also read that Lavell wasn't very concerned with the bowl games. Bronco most certainly is.

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Posted by PlayoffDude - 2007/12/17 15:40

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Just keep in mind this fact: Airwolf84 still lives in 1984 and has a jilted understanding of BYU football (and college football in general)

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Re:Official LAS VEGAS BOWL Prediction Thread

Posted by rackem - 2007/12/17 20:07

It seems every thread turns into an Airwolf spam party. He comes on blathering some kind of downer and then he get's his jollies by being a nay-sayer. Can't he just... disappearate!

BYU - 27

UCLA - 24

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Re:Official LAS VEGAS BOWL Prediction Thread

Posted by azcavalier - 2007/12/17 20:41

Airwolf84 wrote:

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Where did you pull that statistic from? It's not even true. BYU has only played in 25 bowl games. Their record is 8-16-1. Now, I will admit that is an awful record. But many good, or perceived great teams have losing records in bowl games. Not as bad as BYU's, but bad, nonetheless. Teams like Ohio State (18-20), Michigan (18-20), and Notre Dame (13-15). Heck, many other good teams have average bowl game records, like Texas (22-21-3).

Also, remember that WHO CARES what past teams have done? All that matters is the last couple of seasons. Bowl losses from ten or twenty years ago have no bearing on how this bowl game is going to turn out, or how this team is going to perform. Last season's game DOES make a difference. It makes a difference in confidence and national perception. And this year's bowl game will have an impact on next season as well.

Oh, and did anyone mention that the mighty UCLA Bruins are 13-14-1 in their bowl history? And are just 3-7 in their last ten? But do we think that really makes a difference?

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Re:Official LAS VEGAS BOWL Prediction Thread

Posted by Iceman - 2007/12/17 22:52

Airwolf84 wrote:

loopycoug wrote:

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I have 2 predictions actually...

If Ben Olsen is UCLA's QB, BYU wins 20-13. If Cowan is QB, UCLA wins 24-20.

Airwolf you must be smoking something awefully good. You need to share. BYU outplayed UCLA the first time around. They lost because of penalties, turnovers and a liberal helping of PAC 10 officiating. This time around the outcome will be different. I think (1) the offense is a little more disciplined, (2) there will be no PAC 10 officials to help the powder blue boys, (3) UCLA is pretty banged up, (4) they have the termoil of coaching change to deal with, (5) BYU has a home

crowd, and (6) the game simply means more to BYU. 20+ point BYU victory regardless of who QBs the lesser blue. 30 to 10.

You don't think UCLA has something to prove and that they're just going to lie down, roll over and die for BYU? Right! This will be a close ball game. Last year, Oregon was deflated emotionally after riding high for a while and teasing the top 10 for most of the season, only to falter down the stretch due to injuries and once they were out of national championship and BCS contention, the air was no longer in their sails, and it showed in their bowl game. UCLA has never been in a position to contend for a national title or BCS bowl game this year and they've had some time to heal up for the bowl game. They aren't favored to win, they just lost their head coach and no one is giving them much respect. All this after starting the season ranked as high as 9th in the nation. If these UCLA guys have any pride and play with emotion in this game, BYU will have their hands full and more. Remember... Olson was very mediocre in the first meeting earlier this year and they still won by 10 points AND Utah had BYU held to 9 points with 1:30 remaining in the game 3 weeks ago and UCLA's D is better than Utah's. If you guys think BYU is going to blow UCLA out of the water, you're kidding yourselves. This won't be like Last year. While your post seems to have been well reasoned, and even makes some sense, I'll have to go with the butt-whoopin' crowd. I only have to base that on your record so far;) Just a little fun at your expense:lol:

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I remember the article. I think Wolfey was the guy after Dallas hurt his knee?? Still, Hall took many hits WHEN Dallas was in the game... The one in the UNLV game:blink:

UCLA is going to bring pressure all night long. The extra blitzing could mean less rush yards and less time for hall to pass. I don't think Byu puts up offensive fireworks in this one.

Re:Official LAS VEGAS BOWL Prediction Thread

Posted by harlinestillopen - 2007/12/19 10:45

Since it looks like Olsen probably won't play, I pick the cougs 35-0.

If olsen does play, I'll say..... 41-10 Cougars on top

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Re:Official LAS VEGAS BOWL Prediction Thread

Posted by CougarPeasant - 2007/12/19 13:11

UCLA has no offense, but still has a good defense.

BYU wins: 24-10

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Re:Official LAS VEGAS BOWL Prediction Thread

Posted by bouteloua - 2007/12/20 03:18

BYU 28

UCLA 3

Unga gets MVP with 75 rushing, 120 recieving, 3 TD's

the cougs have no turnovers, also holding UCLA under 200 yards offense.

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Re:Official LAS VEGAS BOWL Prediction Thread

Posted by mormonrasta - 2007/12/24 09:22

Nobody predicted this thing accurately, but props to Rackem for predicting a close BYU win and Stgeorgefan also predicting a close BYU win with a great game by Bruce Davis, a Max Hall fumble, and only 1 UCLA offensive TD.

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Re:Official LAS VEGAS BOWL Prediction Thread

Posted by CougarPeasant - 2007/12/24 13:07

BYU is now 9-16-1 all time in bowl games. Bronco is 2-1 as the HC.

When you deliberately make BYU look worse than they really are, intentionally misrepresenting their record so you can make some shallow point, it's really no wonder you have no credibility around here. :side:

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