

# WORLD'S WEEKLY PICKS

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<b>Oklahoma State (-3) vs. Oregon</b>	OSU 48-41	OSU 45-38	OSU 48-43	OSU 29-24	OSU 45-41	OSU 43-35	OSU 52-45	Oregon 49-41	OSU 35-34	OSU 42-35	OSU 50-49	OSU	OSU
<b>Georgia Tech (-3.5) vs. LSU</b>	Ga. Tech 35-20	Ga. Tech 31-21	Ga. Tech 31-17	Ga. Tech 14-9	Ga. Tech 24-20	Ga. Tech 30-24	LSU 24-17	Ga. Tech 38-21	Ga. Tech 26-25	Ga. Tech 31-24	Ga. Tech 24-21	Ga.T	Ga.T
<b>Kansas (-10) vs. Minnesota</b>	Kansas 44-23	Kansas 38-21	Kansas 41-21	Kansas 24-13	Kansas 34-21	Kansas 38-27	Kansas 42-30	Kansas 48-17	Kansas 28-27	Kansas 38-24	Kansas 45-44	KU	KU
<b>Clemson (-2.5) vs. Nebraska</b>	Nebraska 35-31	Nebraska 34-29	Clemson 21-17	Clemson 29-26	Nebraska 27-26	Nebraska 28-24	Clemson 28-24	Clemson 31-27	Clemson 29-28	Clemson 28-24	Nebraska 31-20	Clem.	Neb.
<b>Southern Cal (-10) vs. Penn St.</b>	USC 41-23	USC 27-24	USC 27-13	USC 30-18	USC 40-17	USC 41-14	USC 28-10	USC 35-21	USC 25-24	USC 21-14	USC 30-17	USC	USC
<b>Texas Tech (-5.5) vs. Mississippi</b>	Texas Tech 35-28	Texas Tech 37-28	Texas Tech 38-35	Texas Tech 51-45	Texas Tech 39-30	Texas Tech 42-35	Texas Tech 41-30	Mississippi 39-33	Texas Tech 32-29	Texas Tech 45-35	Mississippi 38-35	TT	TT
<b>Alabama (-10.5) vs. Utah</b>	Alabama 30-23	Alabama 41-24	Alabama 27-10	Alabama 22-10	Alabama 35-23	Alabama 35-6	Alabama 28-13	Alabama 30-14	Utah 25-24	Alabama 35-17	Alabama 24-13	Ala.	Ala.
<b>Texas (-9.5) vs. Ohio State</b>	Texas 51-23	Texas 31-24	Texas 35-16	Texas 31-20	Texas 37-28	Texas 33-28	Texas 35-21	Texas 39-35	Texas 29-24	Texas 31-24	Ohio State 27-24	Texas	OhSt
<b>Ball State (-2.5) vs. Tulsa</b>	Tulsa 51-35	Ball State 39-34	Tulsa 44-41	Ball State 42-38	Tulsa 44-40	Tulsa 44-40	Tulsa 42-39	Tulsa 51-45	Tulsa 34-33	Tulsa 42-35	Tulsa 62-50	Tulsa	Tulsa
<b>Florida (-3.5) vs. Oklahoma</b>	Oklahoma 38-28	Florida 41-35	Oklahoma 38-35	Florida 38-33	Oklahoma 49-38	Oklahoma 34-31	Oklahoma 45-38	Florida 35-31	Florida 35-34	Oklahoma 31-21	Florida 34-20	OU	OU

<b>Previous week straight up</b>	6-4 (.600)	8-2 (.800)	9-1 (.900)	6-4 (.600)	7-3 (.700)	6-4 (.600)	6-4 (.600)	7-3 (.700)	7-3 (.700)	7-3 (.700)	8-2 (.800)	7-3 (.700)
<b>Previous week against spread</b>	4-6 (.400)	6-4 (.600)	5-5 (.500)	3-7 (.300)	3-7 (.300)	3-7 (.300)	3-7 (.300)	3-7 (.300)	5-5 (.500)	3-7 (.300)	3-7 (.300)	3-7 (.300)
<b>Season straight up</b>	114-36 (.760)	114-36 (.760)	114-36 (.760)	115-35 (.767)	106-44 (.707)	106-44 (.707)	112-38 (.747)	117-33 (.780)	115-35 (.767)	109-41 (.727)	111-39 (.740)	112-38 (.747)
<b>Season against spread</b>	84-63-3 (.570)	91-56-3 (.617)	93-54-3 (.630)	83-64-3 (.563)	73-74-3 (.497)	66-81-3 (.450)	79-68-3 (.537)	90-57-3 (.610)	62-85-3 (.423)	76-71-3 (.517)	67-80-3 (.457)	86-61-3 (.583)

Consensus picks are selecting the game's winner straight up (SU) and picking winners against the point spread (ATS).

## Oklahoma State's top 5 bowl moments

By Matt Doyle, World sports writer

**1. 1984 Gator Bowl**  
OSU 21, South Carolina 14

After blowing a 13-0 lead, Oklahoma State rallied behind the sheer determination of Barry Hanna. The OSU tight end took a short Rusty Hilger pass and ran 25 yards down the sideline, hauling a few South Carolina defenders across the goal line for the winning touchdown with 1:04 left. OSU finished 10-2 and seventh in the final AP poll.

**2. 1988 Holiday Bowl**  
OSU 62, Wyoming 14

It was the last hurrah for OSU before NCAA probation sent the program into a decade-long decline. Heisman Trophy winner Barry Sanders ran for 222 yards and five TDs, Mike Gundy threw for 315 yards and two TDs, and Hart Lee Dykes caught 10 passes for 163 yards and a TD in smashing Wyoming to finish 10-2.

**3. 1987 Sun Bowl**  
OSU 35, West Virginia 33

On a snowy Christmas day in El Paso, Texas, seldom-used freshman defensive tackle Shawn Mackey delivered a late Christmas present. Mackey stopped Mountaineers tight end Keith Wynn 1 yard short of the goal line on the potential tying two-point conversion with 1:13 left. Thurman Thomas' 157 yards and four TDs highlighted OSU's 10th win of the season.



**4. 2002 Houston Bowl**  
OSU 33, Southern Mississippi 23

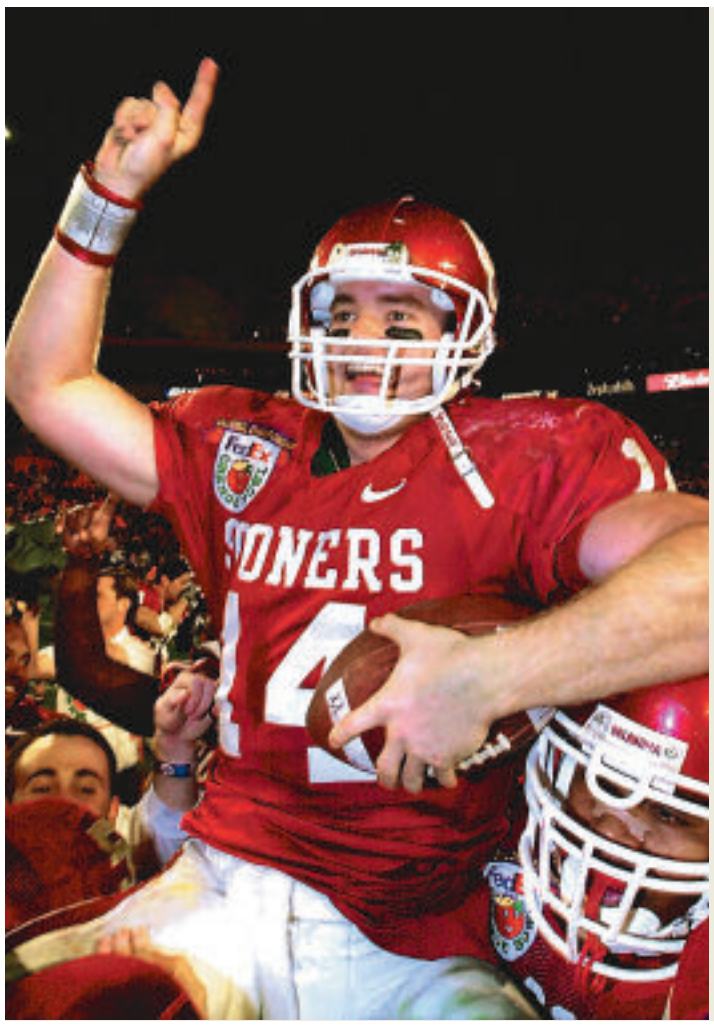
A new version of the Triplets led the Cowboys to their first bowl win in 14 years. Josh Fields threw for 310 yards and two TDs, Rashaun Woods caught nine passes for 164 yards and a TD, and Tatum Bell ran for 160 yards and a score as the Cowboys rallied from a 23-20 deficit entering the fourth quarter.

**Oklahoma State QB Josh Fields passes against Southern Mississippi during the 2002 Houston Bowl.** AP FILE

**5. 1946 Sugar Bowl**  
OSU 33, St. Mary's (Calif.) 13 (1945 season)

The only undefeated season in school history is completed. The "Blond Bomber" Bob Fenimore got the best of his individual matchup against St. Mary's All-American "Squirmin'" Herman Wedemeyer. Fenimore compiled 206 yards of total offense with two touchdown runs and a scoring pass to Cecil Hankins as the Cowboys finished 9-0.

Watch video of OSU Heisman winner Barry Sanders' five touchdowns in the 1988 Holiday Bowl. [tulsaworld.com/osubowlvideo](http://tulsaworld.com/osubowlvideo)



## Oklahoma's top 5 bowl moments

By Guerin Emig, World sports writer

**1. 2001 Orange Bowl**  
Oklahoma 13, Florida State 2 (2000 season)

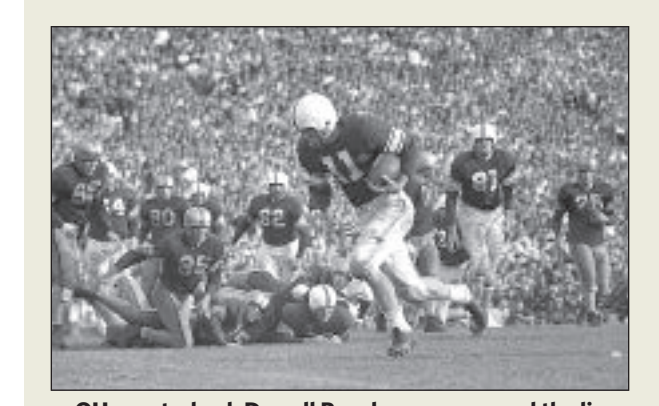
Three weeks earlier, Josh Heupel lost the Heisman Trophy to Florida State quarterback Chris Weinke. That didn't sit well with the Sooners, and linebacker Torrance Marshall told the Seminoles so during the pregame coin-flip. "It's gonna hurt," he promised. And it did. The high-octane Seminoles couldn't even find the end zone. Heupel threw for 214 yards, then got the ride of his life on his teammates' shoulders, game ball in hand and index finger in the air.

**OU quarterback Josh Heupel is carried off the field by his teammates at the Orange Bowl after the Sooners beat Florida State for the 2000 national championship. Heupel threw for 214 yards.** Tulsa World file

Watch OU's winning drive in the 1981 Orange Bowl, the lone TD in the 2001 Orange Bowl, Billy Brooks' touchdown catch in the 1976 Orange Bowl and Jamelle Holieway's 71-yard TD pass to Keith Jackson in 1986. [tulsaworld.com/oubowlvideo](http://tulsaworld.com/oubowlvideo)

**2. 1976 Orange Bowl**  
Oklahoma 14, Michigan 6 (1975 season)

Michigan's defense was keeping the Sooners' quicksilver backfield in check and locked in a scoreless struggle when Barry Switzer said, "Fine. We'll just pitch it to one of our receivers." Quarterback Steve Davis did just that, and a 39-yard gallop later, Billy Brooks had put OU ahead 7-0. With the Selmon brothers anchoring OU's own dominant defensive performance, the Sooners had all the points necessary en route to a national championship victory.



**OU quarterback Darrell Royal sweeps around the line on his way to a touchdown in the fourth quarter of the 1950 Sugar Bowl.** AP file

**5. 1950 Sugar Bowl**  
Oklahoma 35, LSU 0 (1949 season)

The die for OU's destruction of LSU was cast a week before the game, when former Tiger Walter "Piggy" Barnes was caught spying on a Sooner practice. Bud Wilkinson fumed, and his players took it out on LSU Jan. 1. Leon Heath broke off a school bowl-record 86-yard touchdown run as the Sooners stamped Wilkinson's first undefeated season, and served notice of an approaching dynasty.



**OU coach Barry Switzer is carried off the field by Sooner players, including Tony Casillas (left) following OU's win over Penn State in the 1986 Orange Bowl.** AP file

**3. 1986 Orange Bowl**  
Oklahoma 25, Penn State 10 (1985 season)

Jamelle Holieway may have been the ultimate wishbone wizard, but it was the quarterback's pint-sized right arm responsible for his defining play at OU. The Sooners trailed Penn State 7-3 in the second quarter in Miami, when Holieway heaved a perfect post pass over the shoulder of Keith Jackson. The All-America tight end hauled it in and won a footrace to the end zone to complete a 71-yard score. OU had passed the Nittany Lions, and was on its way to its sixth national championship.

## Tulsa's top 5 bowl moments

By Mike Brown, World sports writer

**1. 1964 Bluebonnet Bowl**  
Tulsa 14, Mississippi 7

Jerry Rhome threw 35 yards to Eddie Fletcher for the go-ahead score as TU notched its first bowl win in nearly 20 years. Rhome also scored on a 1-yard run and was chosen as the game's most outstanding back. The Hurricane finished 9-2 — its best record in 13 seasons — and No. 18 in the United Press International rankings.



**2. 2005 Liberty Bowl**  
Tulsa 31, Fresno State 24

Paul Smith's 4-yard diving TD with 2:55 left capped a fourth-quarter comeback and gave TU its first bowl win in 14 years. Anthony Germany's leaping interception near midfield set up the winning score. Smith also threw a 54-yard TD pass to Ashlan Davis and was chosen MVP.

**Tulsa's Paul Smith hoists the Liberty Bowl trophy after the 2005 game.** Tulsa World file

**3. 1991 Freedom Bowl**  
Tulsa 28, San Diego State 17

A veteran line led by All-America guard Jerry Ostroski opened huge holes and Ron Jackson rushed for 211 yards and a Freedom Bowl-record four TDs. TU's first bowl win in 27 years capped a 10-2 season and the Hurricane finished No. 21 in both national polls.

**4. 2008 GMAC Bowl**  
Tulsa 63, Bowling Green 7 (2007 season)

The Hurricane won by the widest margin in NCAA bowl history. Paul Smith threw for 312 yards and five TDs, and was chosen MVP of a bowl game for the second time. Smith became only the seventh Division I player to pass for 5,000 yards in a season.



**Tulsa's Perry Moss runs for a gain during the 1945 Orange Bowl.** AP file

**5. 1945 Orange Bowl**  
Tulsa 26, Georgia Tech 12 (1944 season)

Playing in the fourth of six consecutive New Year's Day games (1942-46, '53), the Hurricane avenged a loss to the Yellow Jackets in the previous year's Sugar Bowl. Camp Wilson returned a kickoff 90 yards and Ed Shedlosky caught a TD pass from Perry Moss and scored on a 4-yard run.

Watch highlights of Tulsa's win in the 2008 GMAC Bowl. [tulsaworld.com/tubowlvideo](http://tulsaworld.com/tubowlvideo)