NATIONAL/ACC PREVIEWS



at



#2 TEXAS TECH

Kickoff time: 8 p.m.

Heisman hopefuls Graham Harrell of the Red Raiders and Sam Bradford of the Sooners square off in this matchup of Big 12 heavyweights. Expect the scoreboard to light up early and often in this one as both teams' explosive offensive playmakers face off against vulnerable defenses.



at



#8 UTAH

#16 BYL

Kickoff time: 6 p.m.

In this clash of the top teams in the Mountain West, the highly ranked Cougars and Utes battle for the conference title. BYU represents the last obstacle in the Utes' path to an undefeated regular season. BYU signal-caller Max Hall will need to be at his best to give his team a shot at the upset.



at



#17 MICHIGAN STATE

#7 PENN STATE

Kickoff time: 3:30 p.m.

■ The Spartans' Javon Ringer, the third-leading rusher in the FBS, looks to spark an upset on the road against the Nittany Lions. A Penn State win will clinch the Big Ten championship for Joe Paterno's squad, but a loss opens the door for Ohio State to earn a trip to the Rose Bowl.



at



#19 CINCINNATI

Kickoff time: 7 p.m.

#20 PITTSBURGH

Two surging Big East teams flying under the national radar square off in a game for conference positioning and rivalry bragging rights. Defensive end Connor Barwin leads a ferocious Bearcat defense that will try to prove its toughness against running back LeSean McCoy and the Panthers.



at



FLORIDA STATE

■ Kickoff time: 7:45 p.m.

■ An up-and-down Terrapin team will attempt to build off its emotional win against North Carolina at home versus the Seminoles. Antone Smith of the 'Noles and Da'Rel Scott of the Terps lead two of the more potent rushing units in the ACC. An FSU win will boost it into a tie for the Atlantic Division lead.



at



WAKE FOREST

BOSTON COLLEGE

■ Kickoff time: 3:30 p.m.

■ Quarterback Riley Skinner and the Demon Deacons slipped considerably since their strong start to open the season, but they look to close their conference slate strong against a resurgent Boston College squad that has won two straight. The Eagles had three interceptions last weekend against Florida State.



Focus on the GAME



