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COLLEGE FOOTBALL FUTURES PREDICTIONS 2024-25

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Conference: SEC			
Place	Team	Projected Regular Season Record	Notes
1st:	Texas	11-1	Return 16 starters; Depth at QB; Get GA at Home and avoid Bama, LSU, Ole Miss
2nd:	Georgia	11-1	14 starters back; veteran QB but tough schedule!
3rd:	Tennessee	10-2	I'm trusting in Nico living up to the hype!
4th:	Ole Miss	10-2	20 returning starters back and were 11-2 last year.
5th:	LSU	10-2	Avoid TX and GA, get Bama, Ole Miss, and OU at Home. Defense should be much better.
6th:	Alabama	9-3	Love the HC hire but they are going to slip up after losing so many to

Conference: SEC			
			the portal
7th:	Missouri	9-3	Return 14 starters, i don't think they are an elite SEC team but got lucky with the schedule. Avoid GA, TX, LSU, and Ole Miss
Darkhorse	Texas A&M	8-4	Love Elko, 18 starters back. This team could be dangerous?

Conference: Big 10			
Place	Team	Projected Regular Season Record	Notes
1st:	Ohio State	12-0	Re-loaded nicely in the portal and probably have top 3 talent.
2nd:	Oregon	11-1	Bring in Gabriel at QB, easily top 5 recruiting/transfer class
3rd:	Penn State	11-1	13 returning starters; this could be the year?
4th:	USC	9-3	Never count out Lincoln Riley. Lots of talent on this roster but looks on paper to be worse than the top 3.
5th:	Iowa	9-3	Schedule is not

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			terrible for being in the Big 10.
6th:	Michigan	9-3	They still have lots of talent but too much change plus they play non-conf game against TX
7th:	Maryland	8-4	HC M.Lockesley continues to improve this team. Lots of talent in the DMV and this team will be tough.
Darkhorse	Rutgers	8-4	Coming off a great season last year. Probably have the league's easiest schedule. Wouldn't be shocked if they are in the conversation heading into late October.

Conference: ACC			
Place	Team	Projected Regular Season Record	Notes
1st:	Virginia Tech	11-1	Probably my riskiest pick but I'm going with it. No FSU and they get Clemson at Home.
2nd:	Florida State	10-2	Have a lot of great talent coming in from the portal. They will be contenders for sure.
3rd:	NC State	10-2	Best schedule in the ACC. Defense looks strong on paper.
4th:	Louisville	9-3	Love HC Brohm...they will be ranked but not good enough
5th:	Clemson	9-3	This team is good but not as good as other Clemson teams. They will face both FSU and VT on the road...I think they lose both games.
6th	Miami	8-4	This team has talent but I don't think they can be consistent all season.
Darkhorse	SMU	8-4	This team has the talent to compete for the ACC title. Schedule is not too

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			bad. Easily could go 10-2.

Conference: Big 12			
Place	Team	Projected Regular Season Record	Notes
1st:	Utah	11-1	Loaded with returning starters and star QB is back. OSU game is biggest test!
2nd:	Oklahoma State	10-2	19 returning starters back. Away at KSU but gets Utah at Home
3rd:	Colorado	9-3	I know most would say this is a crazy prediction but I am drinking that Prime Time Kool-Aid.
4th:	Kansas State	9-3	KSU could possibly win this conference because of their schedule.
5th:	Kansas	9-3	This prediction is assuming that Daniels is their QB.
Darkhorse	Arizona	9-3	Schedule looks nice! Utah game will be tough but the rest are winnable.

Conference: AAC			
Place	Team	Projected Regular Season Record	Notes
1st:	Memphis	10-2	Best QB in the league. Other than FSU game...they look like they could win out.
2nd:	UTSA	9-3	HC is 23-4 in the Alamo Dome. They have two tough consecutive games with Texas St and Texas
3rd:	South Florida	9-3	18 returning starters. They have a tough non-conference schedule though.
4th:	Tulane	8-4	I think this team takes a step back this year. They still have some talent but it will be tough replacing Fritz and their QB Pratt
Darkhorse	East Carolina	8-4	Call me crazy but I really think this 2-10 team from last year could possibly win the AAC this year. They easily have the best defense in the AAC. They completely change their offense to more a Mike Leach style offense. ECU schedule is

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			probably the easiest I have ever seen that school play. They win 7 games easy...could possibly go 12-0! I will predict 8-4 though.

Conference: Mountain West			
Place	Team	Projected Regular Season Record	Notes
1st:	Boise State	10-2	Easily the best team in this conference. The state of Oregon might mess their playoff hopes up though. They play both the Ducks and Beavers.
2nd:	Fresno State	10-2	Tough first game in the Big House but then things will calm down and next thing you know Fresno has 10 wins.
3rd:	Air Force	9-3	Best military academy again!
Darkhorse	UNLV	9-3	11 starters back and key conference games are at home this year.

Conference: Sun Belt			
Place	Team	Projected Regular Season Record	Notes
1st:	Texas State	12-0	They landed the perfect schedule. GJ Kinne is doing big things in San Marcos! Playoff bound?
2nd:	App State	10-2	They will be a contender for the Sun Belt. They have a tougher route than Texas St. though.
3rd:	James Madison	9-3	They will surprise teams again this year. UNC game will be a loss but the rest are all winnable.
Darkhorse	Louisiana	9-3	I feel like this school is always forgotten about in the Sun Belt. They will be dangerous this year. 15 returning starters. A lot of people might be mad that I didn't talk about Marshall and GA Southern. Look at how many big games those teams play this year!

Conference: C-USA			
Place	Team	Projected Regular Season Record	Notes
1st:	Liberty	10-2	Could be playoff bound but I think they slip up against App State and ECU. I still think they win the CUSA though.
2nd:	Jacksonville State	10-2	Big game against Louisville. This team is solid though and is going to give Liberty a run for their money. If they didn't go on the road against Liberty and WKU I would have them at 11-1
Darkhorse	Western Kentucky	9-3	They start with Bama and I think that could be a really bad thing :-) Schedule is too tough this year but they are always a good program. Bama, Toledo, BC, Liberty, and Jax St are all going to be tough.

Conference: MAC			
Place	Team	Projected Regular	Notes

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		Season Record	
1st:	Toledo	11-1	Love the schedule. If they pull off the upset against Miss State we could be talking playoff bound? They get Miami OH at Home. I like this team a lot!
2nd:	Miami (OH)	8-4	Good team but will suffer from their tough schedule. They could very easily start off 1-4
Darkhorse	Northern Illinois	8-4	16 starters back and Toledo game is at Home. Could be one of the biggest MAC games ever if both NIU and Toledo can pull off some upsets early on in the season. I think Miami (OH) is slightly better than NIU but NIU probably finishes with the same or better record because of schedule

INDEPENDENT:

Notre Dame- 10-2 maybe 9-3

Oregon State- 9-3 possibly 10-2

Washington State-8-4

*No other Indy school worth mentioning :-)

Playoff Discussion/Rant:

Most Likely SEC Champ:

In my opinion Texas. Only issue is that TX might have to beat GA 2 or 3 times to win not only the SEC but a Natty. Not sure about that? Texas and Georgia are the two best in the SEC though. I think Bama takes a step back and two of the four (LSU, Tenn, Ole Miss, and Missouri) find themselves joining TX and GA in the playoffs.

Most Likely Big 10 Champ:

It will be Ohio State. I think they go undefeated this year and end up being the #1 seed in the playoffs. Michigan falls off this year and misses the playoffs. I like Oregon and Penn State to also get an invite to the playoffs.

Most Likely ACC Champ:

This conference is going to be interesting. I am not sold on anyone in this conference. I know FSU, Miami, and Clemson are getting hyped up but I do not believe in any of them as true contenders for a Natty. I loved how Va Tech ended their season last year. They return a lot of key players and have that momentum. I love how the Hokie's schedule lines up. I think they could go 12-0 next year. So, I am taking the Hokies to win the ACC. I think FSU finds a way to stay relevant enough to get into the playoffs. Miami, Clemson, Louisville, SMU, and NC State all flirt with potential but will lack consistency throughout the season. So, give me Hokies and 'Noles in the playoffs!

Most Likely Big 12 Champ:

It's difficult to argue against Utah. So, I am taking Utah to win it. I like Oklahoma State to make it interesting all season long. K-State, Kansas (If Daniels plays), Colorado, and Arizona will all

be tough teams from the Big 12 but none of them will do enough to get into the playoffs.

Most Likely Best Group of 5 School:

I am learning with Texas State. I love GJ Kinne's offense. I think the schedule sets up nicely for them as well. That UTSA game will have major playoff implications. UTSA could be a mid-major to look out for IF they can gain momentum with a win over Texas State. I think UTSA will lose and be nothing more than a 9-3 team. I don't believe in Liberty or Tulane this year. Memphis will win the AAC and App State could be a problem as well. ECU is my long shot though. Great defense and easy schedule but their non-conference games are meaningful (App State and Liberty). It is hard to argue for a team that finished 2-10 last season. I love Boise and Toledo as well. So, based off of schedules and where I think everyone ends up...I believe it will go 1. Texas State, 2. Boise, 3. Memphis 4. Toledo 5. App State

Potential At-Larges:

I think you will see all of the at-large bids this year come from the SEC and Big 10 with maybe 1 ACC or Big 12 team sneaking in there too. Below is my projected playoff bracket.

Concerns with my Playoff Predictions:

1. **Va Tech**- This could easily be a reach. Momentum at the end of the previous season doesn't always relate to success the next year. I believe that Clemson and Miami will not live up to the pre-season hype this year. I could easily be wrong with that theory though. I also worry about the game against Rutgers this year.
2. **Texas**- I have Texas winning the SEC and Natty. This could mean that Texas has to play Georgia 3 times. I don't know if

it's likely Georgia loses to the same team 3 times in one season. Texas is also historic for having at least one or two games where they just play terribly.

3. **Florida State**- FSU has lost a lot of people from last year's squad. They did a great job in the portal but saying that the chemistry is going to be there is still unknown. There are some analysts who think they will struggle to win 8 games this year. I am not one of those people.
4. **Penn State**- Franklin is on the "hot seat"..this team is notorious for always finding a way to lose at least 2 games in the regular season. The schedule is tougher this year. Does 10-2 even get you in the playoffs this year? I'm not sure it does. While I like PSU, I am not feeling 100% they go 11-1 or better.
5. **SEC At-Large**- This is going to be tricky. You have so many legit teams in this conference. I have learned during the Saban days that you never bet against Bama. Yet, I have Bama losing 3 games and not going to the playoffs. I think they made a great hire at HC but they also lost a ton in the portal. The other question is...how many SEC schools will get selected?
6. **Best of Group of 5**- Some of the better Group of 5 schools play some really tough non-conference games that I don't think they win. How much stock is given to a school like Texas State who I think might go 12-0 with a school like Memphis who I think could go 11-1 but has a loss to Florida State? I believe there will be several schools in the discussion.
7. **Indy Schools**- How does the committee handle Notre Dame and possibly Oregon State? Oregon State got shafted by

Conference Realignment. If they were to go 11-1 do they get consideration? I know the media LOVES Notre Dame but how many losses can they survive with? If they go 10-2 do they still get into the playoffs?



I hope everyone enjoyed my “Failurenaire” insight. Good luck to every school this year!

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