

Bowl Survey

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Over the next two days and nights ten bowl games will be played across the expanse of our great nation. At the end of the bowl season, culminating with the BCS Championship Game on January 7, thirty-five bowl games will have been played. The first, the Gildan New Mexico Bowl, took place on December 15.

Looking at this phenomenon it seemed that some sort of index of football fanaticism and general mental health could be developed from a person's level of interest in these bowls.

If you choose to participate in this survey you need to look at each bowl game and offer an honest assessment of your personal interest in each game.

If your interest is High, score 3 points. If your interest is Moderate score 2 points, and if you have No interest in a particular bowl score zero.

Beginning with the games of January 1, "High" will score two points, and "Moderate" one point. The final game will be awarded one point for both high and moderate interest.

If you are a student, alumnus, financial contributor, or fan of a participating school in any bowl game score zero for that game.

The highest possible score is 92.

BOWL GAME

MY SCORE (ENTER BELOW)

Gildan New Mexico Bowl,
Nevada vs. Arizona

Famous Idaho Potato Bowl,
Toledo vs. Utah State

San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl,
BYU vs. San Diego State

Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl,
Ball State vs. UCF

R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl,
East Carolina vs. Louisiana-Lafayette

MAACO Bowl Las Vegas Bowl,
Washington vs. Boise State

Sheraton Hawaii Bowl,
Fresno State vs. SMU

Little Caesars Pizza Bowl,
Western Kentucky vs. Central Michigan

Military Bowl Presented by Northrop Grumman,
San Jose State vs. Bowling Green

Belk Bowl,
Cincinnati vs. Duke

Bridgepoint Education Holiday Bowl,
Baylor vs. UCLA

AdvoCare V100 Independence Bowl,
Ohio vs. Louisiana-Monroe

Russell Athletic Bowl,
Rutgers vs. Virginia Tech

Meineke Car Care Bowl of Texas,
Minnesota vs. Texas Tech

Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl,
Rice vs. Air Force

New Era Pinstripe Bowl,
West Virginia vs. Syracuse

Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl,
Navy vs. Arizona State

Valero Alamo Bowl,
Texas vs. Oregon State

Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl,
TCU vs. Michigan State

Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl,
NC State vs. Vanderbilt

Hyundai Sun Bowl,
USC vs. Georgia Tech

AutoZone Liberty Bowl,
Iowa State vs. Tulsa

Chick-fil-A Bowl,
(8)LSU vs. (14)Clemson

TaxSlayer.com Gator Bowl,
Mississippi State vs. (20)Northwestern

Heart of Dallas Bowl,
Purdue vs. Oklahoma State

Outback Bowl,
(10)South Carolina vs. (18)Michigan

Capital One Bowl,
(7)Georgia vs. (16)Nebraska

Rose Bowl,
Wisconsin vs. (6)Stanford

Discover Orange Bowl,
(15)Northern Illinois vs. (12)Florida State

Allstate Sugar Bowl,
(21)Louisville vs. (3)Florida

Tostitos Fiesta Bowl,
(4)Oregon vs. (5)Kansas State

AT&T Cotton Bowl,
(9)Texas A&M vs. (11)Oklahoma

BBVA Compass Bowl,
Pittsburgh vs. Ole Miss

GoDaddy.com Bowl,
Kent State vs. Arkansas State

BCS National Championship,
(1)Notre Dame vs. (2)Alabama

MY TOTAL SCORE _____

Inside the Numbers:

If your total score is one or less you probably didn't bother to complete this survey and have only a mild curiosity about the BCS National Championship.

A score between 2 and 15 indicates that you are a semi-normal college football fan. Above 10 probably indicates you believe that the BCS Championship is really a National Championship Game.

A score above 15 but not over 25 indicates that although you are not yet in dangerous emotional territory you may be headed in that direction. Be aware that there are other warning signs such as a desire to "face paint" in the team colors of a bowl participant or excessive complaining about the referees while watching a bowl game.

A score between 26 and 44 indicates you are well on the road to emotional imbalance. You should seek to diversify your interests of both a sport and non-sports nature. Seek out a support group heavily populated with baseball fans.

If you score above 44 but do not exceed 65 you have entered dangerous territory. You need to enroll in a counseling program before you have gone beyond the point of no return. If you routinely "face paint" to watch bowl games, go to sports bars designated for the fans of one of the participating teams to get the full experience of the game, or purchase team merchandise in excess of \$500 you are in serious trouble and probably scored above 65.

If you scored 75 points or more you are over the edge and are in need of professional help. The simple answer to your problem is found in the popular catch phrase "Get a Life!" However in your condition you will dismiss such taunts as

coming from simple-minded nerds. You will be convinced you have achieved a state of high consciousness, and will have to depend on your friends, if you still have any, to pull you back under the 75 point threshold. You will also find yourself talking about the "sense of community" one finds at a football game. Remember there are no simple solutions to your problem, and the first step is for you to recognize you have a problem. In addition if you scored in the 90s, all hope is lost, and at this moment you are probably watching replays of the Utah State/Toledo tilt in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl.

So there it is, yet another survey, as big a waste as the bowl games themselves or the time spent by the creator of the survey.

As for me, I am off to my Twitter Account to comment on the important battle in the "In YourFacebook Bowl" streaming online at Irrelevant.com.

On Sport and Society this is Dick Crepeau wishing you a Happy New Year and reminding you that you don't have to be a good sport to be a bad loser.

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