NCAAF Picks: Penn State vs Illinois College Football Odds & Predictions

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NCAAF Picks: Penn State vs Illinois College Football Odds & Predictions: The Penn State Nittany Lions and the Illinois Fighting Illini will attempt to rebound from conference opener losses last weekend when they meet at Memorial Stadium in Champaign-Urbana this Saturday. The two Big 10 rivals are set to kick things off at 3:30pm ET on ABC. NCAAF Picks at Sportsbook.com have the Lions listed as a -7 against the spread favorite.

It was the curse of the dreaded Hawkeyes again that tripped up Penn State last Saturday as Kirk Ferentz squad came into Beaver Stadium and nipped the Lions 21-10. The loss dropped Penn State's record to 3-1 and the school fell from fifth in the ranking all the way to 15th as a result of the setback. Joe Pa's troops led 10-0 after the first quarter but could do nothing against Iowa after that. Quarterback Daryll Clark had a horrific game, completing 12-of-32 passes for 198 yards, a touchdown, and three interceptions.

The fourth quarter proved to be nightmarish for Penn State as Iowa blocked a punt and returned it for a score, ended another Lions drive with a pick, and stopped yet another drive deep in their own territory by forcing a Lions fumble, all in the final frame. The loss brought Penn State's record to 2-8 in their last 10 meetings with Iowa.

As bad as Penn State had it, Illinois had it worse last weekend, losing in humiliating 0-30 fashion at the Horseshoe in Columbus, Ohio. The Buckeyes had their way on the ground against the Illini, racking up 236 yards at 5.1 yards per clip. They also completely shut down quarterback Juice Williams and the Illinois offense. The Illini managed just 170 total yards as Williams completed 13-of-25 passes for 77 yards and two interceptions. The senior passer also rushed 15 times for just 18 yards.

Illinois' record dropped to 1-2 with the loss and Ron Zook really needs a win against the Lions to keep his seat from getting warm. The Fighting Illini host Michigan State after Penn State, and then they have away games at Indiana and Purdue that suddenly do not look so winnable.

NCAAF Picks Betting Trend: Illinois is 2-8 straight up in their last 10 games against Penn State. The Illini are 2-4 in their last six games as a home dog with a spread between 4 and 7.5; they are 0-6 straight up in those games.

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