

## Ohio State vs. Purdue College Football Picks

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Ohio State vs. Purdue College Football Picks: The No. 7 ranked Ohio State University Buckeyes football team (5-1,3-0 BIG TEN) will travel to West Lafayette, Ind., on Saturday to take on the unranked Purdue Boilermakers (1-5, 0-2) in a BIG TEN Conference battle at Ross-Ade Stadium. Kick-off for today's game is set for Noon ET and will be televised by the BIG TEN Network.

College football picks oddsmakers at SPORTSBETTING.COM have installed the Buckeyes as 13.5-chalk favorites versus the Purdue with a 45 total. Moneyline odds are currently OFF the SPORTSBETTING college football board. Ohio State, who leads the all-time series with Purdue, 37-12-2 is led at quarterback by sophomore sensation, Terrelle Pryor who needs 36 yards rushing to become the fifth Buckeyes quarterback to rush for 1,000 career yards.

Since a season-opening win over Toledo (52-31), Purdue has lost five straight, with four by an average of 4.5 points. The Boilers lost by two at Oregon, by a touchdown to NIU before two fourth-quarter, heartbreaking defeats to Notre Dame and Northwestern at home. Despite their record the Boilermakers pose one of the top passing attacks in the Big Ten. Senior quarterback Joey Elliot leads the Big Ten in passing and total offense with 262.5 yards per game through the air and 283.7 yards per game overall.

Running back Ralph Bolden is second in the conference in rushing with 99.8 ypg while receiver Keith Smith is second in the Big Ten in both receptions (7.0) and yards per game (97.5). Meanwhile, senior receiver/return man Aaron Valentine ranks first with 145.2 all-purpose yards per game. Purdue is led by first-year head coach Danny Hope, who spent 2003-07 as the head coach at Eastern Kentucky, his alma mater, where he went 32-8 in OVC play. In 2008 Hope served as assistant head coach and offensive line coach at Purdue under former coach Joe Tiller.

College Football Picks: Take the Buckeyes in this one (-13.5).

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