Michigan vs. Illinois College Football Picks

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Michigan vs. Illinois College Football Picks: The University of Michigan Wolverines will travel to Champaigne, Ill., on Saturday with a chance to get bowl qualified when they play the struggling Fighting Illini of the University of Illinois in a crucial BIG TEN battle for both schools. The game will be shown on ESPN2 or ABC with a 3:30 pm ET kickoff.

The 2009 college football season has been nothing but a disaster for coach Ron Zook and his Fighting Illini. Afterall, this was a season where Illinois was expected to contend for the BIG TEN crown. They had several pieces in place including a senior quarterback in Juice Williams. Well, something happened on the way to the forum because Illinois is still looking for its first win versus a FBS school. With only a win against FCS Illinois State (Missouri Valley Conference), Illinois is 1-6 overall and 0-5 in the BIG TEN.

At least Michigan has the excuse of rebuilding under second year coach Rich Rodriguez. The Wolverines are currently 5-3 overall and have a chance to get bowl qualified with a win today at Illinois. Michigan is 1-3 in conference play with their only league win coming at Indiana in week 4.

College football picks experts at online super sportsbook BetUS.com list Michigan as 7-chalk favorites versus Illinois with a 54 1/2 total. Illinois backers are getting +235 moneyline odds for a SU win while the price of a Michigan moneyline wager is -275.

Michigan found out that Penn State is still the team to beat in the Big Ten, losing 35-10 at Michigan Stadium in Week 8. Penn State covered as a 3.5-point road favorite while the final score played under the 48-point total.

Mikel LeShoure led Illinois with 122 yards rushing but failed to make a score in a 24-14 loss to Purdue in Week 8. The Illini covered the 10.5-point spread, while the final score played UNDER the day's posted total of 55.

College Football Picks: Michigan is rebuilding but Illinois is a disaster. This will be an easy road win and cover for the Maize and Blue.

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