



21st ANNUAL INSIGHT BOWL

MINNESOTA vs. IOWA STATE

Date: Thursday, December 31, 2009

Site: Sun Devil Stadium (56,000)

Kickoff: 4:00 p.m. MST (6:00 p.m. EST)

Television: NFL Network (Paul Burmeister, Mike Mayock, Stacey Dales)

Radio: Westwood One Radio Network (Kevin Kugler, Terry Donahue)

Minnesota (Dave Lee, Dave Mona, Darrell Thompson, Mike Grimm)

Iowa State (John Walters, Eric Heft)

Series: Minnesota leads 22-2-1

Team Information

Minnesota, the designated visiting team, will wear white jerseys and occupy the west bench. Iowa State, the designated home team, will wear dark jerseys and use the east bench.

Minnesota-Iowa State All-Time Series

The Gophers lead the all-time series 22-2-1. Minnesota won the most recent meeting 53-29 in 1997. The schools have met only three times since 1924.

This Season

Iowa State and Minnesota collide in the 21st Annual Insight Bowl after following very similar paths during the 2009 regular season. Both finished 6-6 overall with 3-1 records in non-conference play and 3-5 slates in their respective conferences.

Game-By-Game

Minnesota (6-6, 3-5 Big Ten)

09/05	@ Syracuse	W	23-20 (OT)
09/12	Air Force	W	20-13
09/19	California	L	35-21
09/26	@ Northwestern	W	35-24
10/03	Wisconsin	L	31-28
10/10	Purdue	W	35-20
10/17	@ Penn State	L	20-0
10/24	@ Ohio State	L	38-7
10/31	Michigan State	W	42-34
11/07	Illinois	L	35-32
11/14	South Dakota St.	W	16-13
11/21	@ Iowa	L	12-0

Iowa State (6-6, 3-5 Big 12)

09/03	North Dakota State	W	34-17
09/12	Iowa	L	35-3
09/19	@ Kent State	W	34-13
09/26	Army	W	31-10
10/03	@ Kansas St. (K.C.)	L	24-23
10/10	@ Kansas	L	41-36
10/17	Baylor	W	24-10
10/24	@ Nebraska	W	9-7
10/31	@ Texas A&M	L	35-10
11/07	Oklahoma State	L	34-8
11/14	Colorado	W	17-10
11/21	@ Missouri	L	34-24

Minnesota Thumbnail

Minnesota makes its third appearance in the Insight Bowl in the past four years. The 21st Annual Insight Bowl will be the Golden Gophers' 14th all-time bowl appearance and their eighth in the past 10 years. The Gophers opened new TCF Bank Stadium in 2009, the first Big Ten stadium constructed since 1960.

Iowa State Thumbnail

The Cyclones make their 10th all-time bowl appearance in the 21st Annual Insight Bowl. It is their first bowl game since the 2005 EV1Net Houston Bowl. The Cyclones are bowl eligible for the first time since 2005 and rank as one of the nation's most improved teams, climbing from 2-10 in 2008 to this year's 6-6 record under first-year head coach Paul Rhoads.

Minnesota in the Insight Bowl

The Golden Gophers are making their third Insight Bowl appearance, all in the past four years. In the memorable 2006 contest, Texas Tech overcame a 31-point Minnesota advantage to send the game into overtime and eventually prevail 44-41. It was the largest comeback in NCAA Division I-A bowl history. In last year's appearance, the Gophers and Jayhawks lit the scoreboard at the outset, playing to a 14-14 draw in the first quarter. Kansas took command thereafter en route to its 41-21 victory.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Score</u>
December 31, 2008	Kansas 42, Minnesota 21
December 29, 2006	Texas Tech 44, Minnesota 41 (OT)

Iowa State In The Insight Bowl

The Cyclones make their second appearance in the Insight Bowl. They earned the schools first bowl victory by defeating Pittsburgh in the 2000 Insight Bowl on the strength of a 27 point first half. Cyclone quarterback Sage Rosenfels was named the offensive player of the game by completing 23 of 24 passes for 208 yards and two touchdowns.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Score</u>
December 28, 2000	Iowa State 37, Pittsburgh 29

Minnesota Head Coach Tim Brewster

Tim Brewster completes his third season at the Gophers' helm and makes his second trip to the Insight Bowl in as many years. The 2009 Insight Bowl will be Brewster's 11th career bowl appearance. He joined the Gophers following a five-year stint in the National Football League as an assistant coach with the Denver Broncos and San Diego Chargers. Earlier in his coaching career, Brewster spent time at Purdue (graduate assistant), North Carolina and Texas. As a player, the Phillipsburg, New Jersey native was a two-time all-Big Ten Conference tight end at Illinois. He led the nation's tight ends in receiving in 1984 and captained the Illini to their 1984 Rose Bowl appearance against UCLA.

Iowa State Head Coach Paul Rhoads

The Ankeny, Iowa native became the first ISU rookie head coach to win six or more games since Charles Mayser in 1915. Most recently, he served as defensive coordinator at Auburn and Pittsburgh. He also was on Iowa State head coach Dan McCarney's staff from 1995-99. Rhoads began his coaching career with stints at Ohio State (graduate assistant), Pacific and Utah State.

The Sponsorship

Insight Enterprises, Inc. is in its 13th year as the title sponsor of the Insight Bowl.

Team Payouts

Minnesota and Iowa State each receive \$1.35 million for their participation in the 2009 Insight Bowl.

Network Television

The NFL Network will televise the Insight Bowl for the fourth consecutive year with Paul Burmeister (play-by-play), Mike Mayock (color analysis) and Stacey Dales (sideline reporter) describing the action.

Radio

The Westwood One Radio Network will broadcast the Insight Bowl to a national audience. Kevin Kugler (play-by-play) and Terry Donahue (color analysis) call the action.