

Tuesday, December 27
3:15 PM ET ESPN



Gerald J. Ford Stadium
Dallas, TX



**MEMPHIS
TIGERS**
(-7.5)

VS.

**UTAH STATE
AGGIES**
O/U (60.5)



First Responder Bowl History	
2021	Air Force 31-28 Louisville
2020	Louisiana 31-24 UTSA
2019	W. Kentucky 23-20 W. Michigan
2017	Utah 30-14 West Virginia
2016	Army 38-31 North Texas



Memphis Bowl History (5-8)
2021 Hawaii - Hawaii (Cancelled)
2020 Montgomery - Florida Atl (W 25-10)
2019 Cotton - Penn State (L 39-53)
2018 Birmingham - Wake Forest (L 34-37)
2017 Liberty - Iowa State (L 20-21)

QUICK STATS	MEMPHIS	UTAH ST
Points Per Game	35.1	23.3
PPG Allowed	27.3	30.6
Pass YDs	279.8	200.2
Rush YDs	142.1	162.1
Pass YDs Allowed	250.2	198.4
Rush YDs Allowed	121.8	198.2
Turnover Margin	4	-7
Last 5 Games	(2-3)	(3-2)

Utah State Bowl History (6-8)
2021 LA - Oregon State (W 24-13)
2019 Frisco - Kent State (L 41-51)
2018 New Mexico - North Texas (W 52-13)
2017 Arizona - N. Mexico St. (L 20-26)
2015 Potato - Akron (L 21-23)



Aaron's Pick
35-23

Jonny's Pick
42-24



THE BOTTOM LINE

The Tigers enter this game better than a touchdown favorite in part due to the arm of quarterback Seth Henigan. He spreads the ball all over the field including to tight end Caden Prieskorn and running back Asa Martin, so it's difficult to key in on his weapons and take them away. Combine that with his legs (315 yards, 4 touchdowns), and it's easy to see why Memphis can be a challenge to stop. However, in each of their six losses, the Memphis defense has allowed 30 points or more. The same is true of Utah State (with a slight exception of allowing 28 against Wyoming). The Aggies overcame a tough 2-4 start to reach the postseason but look to do much of their damage on the ground. Calvin Tyler Jr. broke the 1,000 yard mark which has helped steady an offense that has used four different quarterbacks this season. Cooper Legas has established himself as the new starter but has four picks in his last two games. It's critical that Utah State controls the time of possession in order to keep Henigan and company off the field.

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