NCAA COLLEGE FOOTBALI

Thursday, December 21, 2023 SOUTH FLORIDA BULLS @ SYRACUSE ORANGE

Game Time: 8:00pm ET TV: ESPN Location: BOCA RATON BOWL - FAU STADIUM BOCA RATON, FL Selection: South Florida Bulls +3 vs. Syracuse Orange

The Boca Raton Bowl is the only bowl game on Thursday night and features a matchup between the South Florida Bulls and the Syracuse Orange. Both teams are 6-6 on the season and became bowl-eligible by winning their final game of the season. Kickoff is scheduled for 8:00 EST from FAU Stadium in Boca Raton, Florida, live on ESPN.

After a very dismal season, Syracuse fired their head coach. To make matters even more complicated, QB Garrett Shrader will miss this game after having surgery on a shoulder issue. Neither will backup QB Carlos Del Rio-Wilson, so that puts the game in the hands of a freshman QB who has only thrown one pass for a six-yard loss this season. The Orange also used tight end Dan Villari in wildcat packages toward the end of the year, so he is another option at QB. A few players on Syracuse's end have also hit the portal, including starting EDGE Leon Lowery Jr. and DL Terry Lockett.

Although 3 hours away in Boca Raton, this is like a home game for USF. Syracuse fired their coach, hired a new one that will not coach this game, and just lost their starting quarterback and the backup QB. USF has their regular coach and has a talented young quarterback that has them excited about the future. Byrum Brown threw for over 3,000 yards and ran for over 700 in his first season with the Bulls, whereas Syracuse is full of question marks. USF is also coming in off a confidence-building blowout win over Charlotte. They also played Alabama extremely tougher earlier in the season. Look for the Bulls to play big in this game. Take the points.

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