HOLIDAY BOWL Wednesday, December 27, 2023 LOUISVILLE CARDINALS VS. USC TROJANS

Game Time: 8:00pm ET Selection: UNDER 58

After a surprisingly great season orchestrated by coach Jeff Brohm, Louisville rolls into Southern California to take on the Trojans of USC. A dozen Louisville players and nearly two dozen USC players have chosen not to participate in Wednesday night's game at Petco Park. The Cardinals will be without Jawha Jordan and Jamari Thrash, their top rusher and receiver, respectively. Both star players declared for the draft, and they are major losses for UofL in this game. Cornerback Derrick Edwards, who participated in 11 games, was the only person to receive playing time among 10 defensive players who entered the transfer portal for the Cardinals.

USC quarterback Caleb Williams, the 2022 Heisman Trophy winner, won't play in the Holiday Bowl. Similar to Louisville, neither will their top running back Marshawn Lloyd and top wide receiver Brenden Rice, who had a team-high 12 touchdown catches. Only cornerback Domani Jackson is the one defensive starter not playing for USC.

So, both defenses are intact, but the offenses are a mess. Logic dictates that both UofL and USC will not have the same offensive firepower that they often displayed during the season. Louisville also has an outstanding defense when they bring their A game. This game should be a lot lower scoring than the public expects. Take the Under.

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