NCAA COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saturday, December 30, 2023

OLE MISS REBELS @ PENN STATE NITTANY LIONS

Game Time: 12:00 pm ET Pick: Ole Miss Rebels +5

Ole Miss (10-2) hopes to complete the first 11-win season in school history. To do so, they will have to beat the Nittany Lions of Penn State, whose only two losses came against Ohio State and Michigan. There have been several changes on Penn State's staff highlighted by defensive coordinator Manny Diaz being hired to be Duke's head coach.

Along with the staff changes, the Nittany Lions' top pass rusher, Chop Robinson, has opted out of the game. Ole Miss quarterback Jaxson Dart is deadly when he has time to throw down the field. He averages 9.8 yards per attempt vs 6.9 on the Penn State side. The Nittany Lions have the edge with the run game in this matchup, but that is negated by the potent passing attack from the Rebels. Penn State has an excellent defense but has faced very few offenses like what they will see from Ole Miss in the Peach Bowl.

Head coach Lane Kiffin has talked all season about how the culture of his team includes a very strong chemistry. They play together and they don't quit. They demonstrated that in the slugfest, comeback win over LSU. We look for Kiffin to have his team ready to play toe-to-toe with Penn State. Take Ole Miss and the points.

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