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The Pac-12 and Big 12 conferences meet up in San Diego Dec. 28 in the 2nd of two San Diego bowl matchups. California ended the regular season playing well, while the Longhorns have struggled to cross the finish line, but both squads played good football to be invited to this bowl game. This will be a chance to end the season on a good note when they play each other in the Bridgepoint Education Holiday Bowl.

Texas has been victorious in all four games versus Cal, but the last meeting was back in 1970.

The current [Holiday Bowl spread](#) list the Longhorns as a 3-point chalk, while the total has been listed at 47.5 points.

## California

Cal enters this matchup on a pretty good run, having come out on top in three of their final four games, with the only blip a 31-28 loss to top-10 Stanford. Recently, the Bears won at Arizona State, 47-38, to end up fourth in the Pac-12 North (4-5) and finish with a 2-4 record as a visitor.

The Bears rank 47th in the nation in scoring (30 points per game) while racking up 418 yards per contest (252 via the pass, 166 running). Zach Maynard has hit on 57 % of his attempts for 2,806 yards and 17 touchdowns with 11 picks. The offensive line has surrendered 22 sacks.

Keenan Allen leads the receiving crops with 89 receptions (34 more than anyone else) for 1,261 yards and six scores, while Isi Sofele anchors the running game with 1,266 yards and nine scores on 5.5 yards per game.

Defensively, the Golden Bears rank 52nd in the nation in points allowed (24 ppg), surrendering 339 yards per game (209 passing, 130 rushing) while recording 32 sacks and forcing 23 turnovers – two of which converted to TDs (Trevor Guyton, fumble; Josh Hill, interception).

Mychal Kendricks anchors the defense with 96 tackles, adding three sacks, a team-best two picks and two fumble recoveries, while D.J. Holt adds 81 tackles with two sacks. Guyton and Ernest Owusu have nine combined sacks, chipping in 69 tackles, three forced fumbles and two recoveries.

## Texas

Texas began the year 4-0 but have struggled coming into this contest, losing three of their last four contests – most recently a 48-24 defeat vs Baylor. Overall, Texas was 3-3 as a visitor this season, but did win its only contest in the state of California – a 49-20 victory against UCLA.

The Longhorns rank 42nd nationally in points allowed (23 ppg), surrendering 316 yards per game (212 passing, 104 rushing) while compiling 23 sacks and forcing 21 turnovers – with one being returned for a TD (Carrington Byndom, interception).

Emmanuel Acho leads this defensive unit with 122 stops (26 more than anyone else), adding three sacks and a forced fumble, while Alex Okafor has seven sacks, 54 stops, two forced fumbles and one recovery. Quandre Diggs adds a team-best three interceptions with 48 stops and two forced fumbles.

Texas lists 53rd in the nation in scoring offense (29 ppg), compiling 404 yards per game (210 running, 194 via the pass). Malcolm Brown paces the ground attack with 707 yards and five scores on 4.4 yards per attempt.

David Ash and Case McCoy platoon at quarterback, combining to complete 59 percent of their passes for 1,971 yards and 10 TDs with 12 interceptions. The offensive line has allowed 26 sacks. Mike Davis is the top receiving target with 45 receptions for 609 yards and one score, while Jaxon Shipley has 40 grabs for 593 yards and three scores in nine games.

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