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New release

Nebraska will make its 48th all-time bowl appearance and its second appearance in the Capital One Bowl on Jan. 2 when Nebraska takes on South Carolina at Florida Citrus Bowl Stadium in Orlando, Fla. The game against the 10-2 Gamecocks is the Huskers' fourth meeting all-time with South Carolina, and the first postseason meeting between the schools. Nebraska holds a 3-0 edge in the series, most recently winning a home-and-home series in 1986 and 1987.

The 9-3 Huskers are making their fourth straight bowl trip under Head Coach Bo Pelini and Nebraska's 48 bowl appearances rank in a tie for the fourth-most of any school in the country.

Kickoff for the 2012 Capital One Bowl is set for 1 p.m. ET (Noon CT) on Jan. 2. ESPN will provide the telecast to a national audience.

The Huskers enter the postseason ranked 21st in the Associated Press Poll and 20th in the USA Today Coaches poll. Nebraska's nine victories marked its fourth straight nine-win season under Pelini, and the Huskers are one of just eight programs with four straight nine-win seasons. A victory in the Capital One Bowl would give Nebraska three consecutive 10-win seasons for the first time since 1999 to 2001.

South Carolina comes into the Capital One Bowl with a 10-2 record, including a 6-2 mark in the SEC, and is ranked 10th in the AP Poll and No. 9 by the coaches.

The Gamecocks' only losses this season were by three points to defending national champion Auburn and on the road at Arkansas. South Carolina's 10-win season is just the second in Gamecock school history, joining a 10-2 campaign in 1984.

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2011-12 bowl season schedule, results

By The Associated Press

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Saturday, Dec. 17

New Mexico Bowl

Temple 37, Wyoming 15

Famous Idaho Potato Bowl

Ohio 24, Utah State 23

New Orleans Bowl

Louisiana-Lafayette 32,

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San Diego St. 30

Tuesday, Dec. 20

Beef 'O'Brady's Bowl, St. Petersburg

Marshall (6-6) vs. FIU (8-4), 6 p.m., ESPN

Wednesday, Dec. 21

Poinsettia Bowl, San Diego

TCU (10-2) vs. Louisiana Tech (8-4), 6 p.m., ESPN

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Thursday, Dec. 22

MAACO Bowl, Las Vegas

Boise State (11-1) vs. Arizona State (6-6), 6 p.m., ESPN

Saturday, Dec. 24

Hawaii Bowl, Honolulu, Nevada (7-5) vs. Southern Mississippi (11-2), 6 p.m., ESPN

Monday, Dec. 26

Independence Bowl, Shreveport, La., North Carolina (7-5) vs. Missouri (7-5), 2 p.m., ESPN

Tuesday, Dec. 27

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Little Caesars Pizza Bowl, Detroit

Western Michigan (7-5) vs. Purdue (6-6), 2:30 p.m., ESPN2

Belk Bowl, Charlotte, North Carolina St. (7-5) vs. Louisville (7-5), 6 p.m., ESPN

Wednesday, Dec. 28

Military Bowl, Washington D.C.

Air Force (7-5) vs. Toledo (8-4), 2:30 p.m., ESPN

Holiday Bowl, San Diego, Texas (7-5) vs. California (7-5), 6 p.m., ESPN

Thursday, Dec. 29

Champs Sports Bowl, Orlando, Florida State (8-4) vs. Notre Dame (8-4), 3:30 p.m., ESPN

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Alamo Bowl, San Antonio

Baylor (9-3) vs. Washington (7-5), 7 p.m., ESPN

Friday, Dec. 30

Armed Forces Bowl, Dallas Tulsa (8-4) vs. BYU (9-3), 10 a.m., ESPN

Pinstripe Bowl, Bronx, N.Y., Rutgers (8-4) vs. Iowa State (6-6), 1:30 p.m., ESPN

Music City Bowl, Nashville, Mississippi St. (6-6) vs. Wake Forest (6-6), 4:40 p.m., ESPN

Insight Bowl, Tempe, Ariz., Oklahoma (9-3) vs. Iowa (7-5), 8 p.m., ESPN

Saturday, Dec. 31

Meinke Car Care Bowl, Houston

Texas A&M (6-6) vs. Northwestern (6-6), 10 a.m., ESPN

Sun Bowl at El Paso, Texas, Georgia Tech (8-4) vs. Utah (7-5), Noon, CBS

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Liberty Bowl, Memphis, Vanderbilt (6-6) vs. Cincinnati (9-3), 1:30 p.m., ESPN

Fight Hunger Bowl, San Francisco

UCLA (6-7) vs. Illinois (6-6), 1:30 p.m., ESPN

Chick-Fil-A Bowl, Atlanta, Virginia (8-4) vs. Auburn (7-5), 5:30 p.m., ESPN

Monday, Jan. 2

Ticket City Bowl, Dallas, Penn State (9-3) vs. Houston (12-1), 10 a.m., ESPNU

Capital One Bowl, Orlando, Nebraska (9-3) vs. South Carolina (10-2), 11 a.m., ESPN

Outback Bowl, Tampa, Georgia (10-3) vs. Michigan St. (10-3), 11 a.m., ABC

Gator Bowl, Jacksonville, Fla., Florida (6-6) vs. Ohio St. (6-6), 11 a.m., ESPN2

Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif., Oregon (11-2) vs. Wisconsin (11-2), 3 p.m., ESPN

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Fiesta Bowl, Glendale, Ariz., Stanford (11-1) vs. Oklahoma St. (11-1), 6:30 p.m., ESPN

Tuesday, Jan. 3

Sugar Bowl, New Orleans, Michigan (10-2) vs. Virginia Tech (11-2), 7 p.m., ESPN

Wednesday, Jan. 4

Orange Bowl, Miami

West Virginia (9-3) vs. Clemson (10-3), 7 p.m., ESPN

Friday, Jan. 6

Cotton Bowl, Arlington, Texas, Kansas St. (10-2) vs. Arkansas (10-2), 6 p.m., FOX

Saturday, Jan. 7

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BBVA Compass Bowl, Birmingham

Pittsburgh (6-6) vs. SMU (7-5), 10 a.m., ESPN

Sunday, Jan. 8

Godaddy.Com Bowl, Mobile, Arkansas St. (10-2) vs. Northern Illinois (10-3), 7 p.m., ESPN

Monday, Jan. 9

BCS National Championship, New Orleans, LSU (13-0) vs. Alabama (11-1), 6:30 p.m., ESPN

Saturday, Jan. 21

East-West Shrine Classic, St. Petersburg, Fla., East vs. West, TBA, (NFLN),

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Saturday, Jan. 28

Senior Bowl, Mobile, Ala., North vs. South, 11 a.m. (NFLN),

Saturday, Feb. 5

Texas vs. Nation, San Antonio, 9 a.m. (CBSSN)