A&M picked to defeat Tech

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NEW YORK — It's decision-making time. And it has nothing to do with people named Ford or Carter, although it wouldn't be surprising if Jerry Ford, a one-time Michigan center, dropped in to see how the football team is coming along when he kicks off his campaign in Ann Arbor this week.

No, the immediate choices lie between Nebraska and Louisiana State. Arizona State and UCLA, Ohio State and Michigan State, Pitt and Notre Dame...people like that.

Our Presidential favorite will remain a secret, that's why they have curtains around voting booths. The college football picks are yours for the price of this newspaper.

Virginia Tech at Texas A&M: The Gobblers are trying to crack the Top Twenty and this could be their only stumbling block...Texas A&M 24-10.

Nebraska at Louisiana State: The Cornhuskers had all sorts of trouble with LSU a year ago, winning by only 10-7. Husker tackle Bob Langenfelder said neither team played very well, which shocked LSU Coach Charlie McClendon, whose club did itself proud to stay close to Nebraska. This time, the Cornhuskers are ranked No. 1 in the nation, but it still won't be a runaway...Nebraska 24-14.

UCLA at Arizona State: The Sun Devils make no bones about it—they're going for No. 1. You can see them do it on national television in a unique Thursday night game. If the camera-man can stay with the ASU speed demons...Arizona State 28-14.

Michigan State at Ohio State: For a change, someone other than Woody Hayes is out for revenge. Michigan State is streaming because Hayes—among others—whispered their recruiting misdeeds into NCAA ears, leading to a whopping three-year probation. New Coach Darryl Rogers said he doesn't know Hayes or Columbus, Ohio, very well but he doesn't like either one. He'll like them even less after...Ohio State 24-7.

Pitt at Notre Dame: From 1965-73, Notre Dame outscored Pitt 427-74. But the Panthers made it close in '74 and whipped the Irish last year behind Tony Dorsett's amazing 305-yard galloping. The winner of this game goes right into the thick of the national championship picture...Notre Dame 17-14.

Oklahoma at Vanderbilt: A chance for the Commodores to answer some questions without being overly tested. No team has ever won three national championships in a row and only one team has a chance this year...Oklahoma 36-14.

Alabama at Mississippi: How much was Ole Miss looking ahead when Memphis State zapped 'em last weekend? Too much, probably. Last week, the Tigers, this week, a Bear named Bryant...Alabama 28-7.


Missouri at Southern California: USC still has a coach named John, but the surname is Robinson, not McKay. By any name, the Trojans are aware of what underdog Missouri did to Alabama in last year's opener. As it turned out, that game cost 'Bama the national championship...Southern Cal 31-17.

Stanford at Penn State: Will Stanford be looking ahead to Michigan more than Penn State will be looking ahead to Ohio State? The same situation prevailed last year, Penn State winning 34-14. This time...Penn State 19-14.

North Carolina at Florida: The Tar Heels used a fake-injury, no-middle trick play to dump Miami of Ohio last weekend. Another ranked team coming up...Florida 30-13.

Duke at Tennessee: The feeling in this corner is that the Vols will be the surprise team in the South...Tennessee 24-10.