Texas A&M picked to win by 14

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NEW YORK (AP) — 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.

Nebraska at Louisiana State: The Cornhuskers had all sorts of trouble with LSU a year ago, winning by only 10-7. This time, the Cornhuskers are ranked No. 1 in the nation, but it still won't be an runaway ... Nebraska 21-14.

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 cameraman 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 reeling 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 303-yard gaioping. The winner of this game goes right into the thick of the national championship picture ... Notre Dame 17-14.

Oklahoma at Vanderbilt: No team has ever won three national championships in a row and only one team has a chance this year ... Oklahoma 38-14.

Alabama at Mississippi: How much was Ole Miss looking ahead when Memphis State zapped them last weekend? Too much, probably. Last week, the Tigers; this week, a Bear named Bryant ... Alabama 26-7.

Texas at Boston College: With Earl Campbell and a couple of speedsters named Johnny Jones, Darrell Royal's Wishbone could become a Royal? — royalty, get it? So will B.C. ... Texas 29-13.

Missouri at Southern California: 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 24-14. This time ... Penn State 18-14.

California at Georgia: This one should be a 'breather' for the Bears since their next two games, also on the road, are at Oklahoma and Arizona State ... Cal 28-14.

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

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

Washington State at Kansas: Jackie Sherrill, State's new coach, may turn the program around, but not this fast ... Kansas 28-14.

Rutgers at Navy: The Scarlet Knights are looking for an unbeaten season to match the one turned in by the basketball team. Surprise, surprise ... Navy 18-14.

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

Houston at Baylor: Houston makes its long-awaited debut in the Southwest Conference. Too much, too soon ... Baylor 20-12.

Indiana at Minnesota: The Gophers, riding Tony Dungy's throwing arm, are the Big Ten's darkhorse. Things get even darker via the Upset Special of the Week ... Indiana 21-17.

Tulsa at Oklahoma State: Winner can lay claim to being the second best team in the State of Oklahoma ... Oklahoma State 29-14.

Colorado at Texas Tech: The last time the Buffs hit the Lone Star State, Texas provided a 30-21 loss in the Alamo Bowl. Tech ain't Texas ... Colorado 28-20.

Arkansas State at San Diego State: Goodbye to the nation's longest winning streak at a major college. Arkansas State has won 15 in a row, but ... San Diego State 21-13.

Wisconsin at Michigan: Oh, yes, Mr. President, the Wolverines are playing very nicely, thank you ... Michigan 42-7.

Other games:

East — Army 21, Lafayette 7; Colgate 24, Connecticut 20; Holy Cross 21, New Hampshire 14; Massachusetts 21, Rhode Island 7; Syracuse 24, Bowling Green 17; West Virginia 34, Villanova 14; Providence 18, Richmond 6; Miami of Ohio 38, Marshall 7; Appalachian State 28, East Tennessee State 14; The Citadel 62, Clemson 9; East Carolina 26, Southern Mississippi 12; Georgia Tech 28, South Carolina 17; Oregon State 10, Kentucky 19; McNeese State 28, Southern Illinois 14; Memphis State 27, Florida State 31; Southwestern Louisiana 22, Fresno State 10; Furman 23, Tennessee Tech 16; Tulane 16, Cincinnati 9; North Carolina State 28, Wake Forest 10.

Midwest — Temple 24, Akron 14; Louisiana Tech 21, Ball State 20; Central Michigan 20, Kent State 10; Illinois 21, Iowa 15; Chattanooga 14, Illinois State 6; Iowa State 40, Drake 20; Kansas State 22, Brigham Young 19; Purdue 28, Northwestern 21; Western Michigan 20, Eastern Michigan 10; Wichita State 17, Northern Illinois 14.

Southwest — Arkansas State 47, Utah State 7; Lamar 14; Northwestern Louisiana 7; North Texas State 21, Texas- Arlington 7; Texas Christian 26, Southern Methodist 16.