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Round 2 in Memphis
Ever since Dec. 2, ISU coach Paul Rhoads and his staff have been raiding the filing cabinets for anything they could find on Tulsa.

The ISU football team beat Tulsa 38-23 on Sept. 1 to begin its season, but Rhoads said his staff will use the notes from that game along with new game plans to prepare for their re-match in the Liberty Bowl on Dec. 31.

“You have all of your post-game notes from what was good, what was bad, that we have filed away because we’re playing them the third game of 2013,” Rhoads said. “Now you take the things they’ve adjusted from a full season’s worth of film, take the month of December and put a game plan together.”

Forty years from its 31-30 loss to Georgia Tech in the Liberty Bowl, Iowa State (6-6, 3-6 Big 12) will be returning this time to face Tulsa.

“Playing the same team twice in one season is a rarity for Iowa State — the last time it did so was against Coe College in 1905. This creates a new challenge akin to last season when it prepared for the Pinstripe Bowl against Rutgers, which it had never faced before.

“[Playing Tulsa again is] a good thing, but it was the first game of the season we played them,” said senior linebacker A.J. Klein. “So we’re going to see a lot of new things.”

The team’s two previous appearances — a win at the 2009 Insight Bowl and a loss at the 2011 Pinstripe Bowl — have helped the coaching staff in preparation for this year’s trip to the Liberty Bowl.
“We’ve had plans in place for a number of different bowl game dates,” Rhoads said. “Playing on this date, playing on that date, how long we practice here... Now we’ve got this plan ready to execute.”

The Golden Hurricane (10-3, 7-1 C-USA) has already had a rematch this season, having beaten Central Florida once during the regular season and again in the C-USA Championship game.

Stopping Tulsa’s rushing attack, which is ranked 11th in the nation with 240.2 yards per game, will be a focal point for the ISU defense. On Sept. 1, Iowa State allowed 160 rushing yards — 125 from running back Trey Watts.

“It’s good to see an opponent that we’ve had success against,” Klein said. “But we know they’re talented, and it’s going to be a different team than what we played the first game of the season.”

When asked about the specifics of Tulsa’s defense, senior receiver Josh Lenz laughed and said he didn’t remember anything about it since the teams played each other three months ago.

One player the TU defense has not seen is quarterback Sam Richardson, who will likely get the start at quarterback for the Cyclones.

Even though Rhoads said he had not made a decision on who will be starting at quarterback, he did say Richardson was taking reps with the No. 1 offense.

Losing last year’s Pinstripe Bowl to Rutgers made the team — especially the seniors — hungrier to come out on top.

“We definitely want to [end on a good note],” Lenz said. “This is our third bowl game we’ve gone to as seniors. Our first one was a great experience... We got a bad taste in our mouth after losing last year. “We just want to end this thing on the upward slide. It’d be huge for us to get a win in this bowl game.”

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ISU fans have options when traveling to Memphis

By Alex Halsted
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Some 664 miles southeast of Ames lies Memphis, Tenn., the home of the 2012 Liberty Bowl and Iowa State’s 12th bowl game in program history.

In late December, many will pack their cars and start south with friends and family to take in the Cyclones’ third bowl game in four seasons with Paul Rhoads as their ISU football coach.

On the mind of many — especially college students who are already burdened with student loans, rent payments and things of that nature — will be the details of each little cost that will be racked up during the course of a trip to the Volunteer State.

Gas

Using AAA’s gas average of $3.23 in the Midwest region, which will likely go up during the holiday season, a 664-mile trip at 20 miles per gallon would cost $107.24 both to Memphis and back to Ames. That brings a round trip on the highways to around $215 for gas.

Hotel

Factor a hotel in between $90 and $130 per night, which a modest hotel in the area seems to go for. Most people will stay at least the night before the game Dec. 30 and probably after the game Dec. 31 since kickoff is set for 2:30 p.m.

Staying Dec. 29 would add an additional cost to the trip.

Ticket

For tickets, students are in luck. While Iowa State’s ticket allotment to the Liberty Bowl is set at $55 apiece, the ISU athletic department is subsidizing $30 of that cost for students for up to two tickets. That means anyone with a student ID can go to the game for $25.

Driving alternatives

Instead of driving, there is the option of flying. Most people would fly out of Des Moines International Airport and, according to Orbitz, a round-trip flight from Des Moines to Memphis would cost around a minimum of $670.

The cost with some airlines is closer to $800, making a trip through the air an expensive option.

A Greyhound bus round trip from Ames to Memphis would cost $265 for an advanced purchase and $345 for standard fare. One problem with this option is the long travel time, which Greyhound estimates at more than 21 hours due to its routes and stops.

One big package

The ISU Alumni Association is offering students the opportunity to purchase one big package to take in the bowl game.

Students would take a bus to Memphis, stay in a hotel from Dec. 29 through Jan. 1, 2013, and would receive a ticket to the game.

The prices on this trip vary depending on how many people are going in a group: One person is $664 per person, two people would be $459 each, three people costs $399 each and four people would come in at $364 each.

‘Walking to Memphis’

For anyone who is curious, it would take 208 hours to walk to Memphis, according to Google.

That would take just more than 8.5 days to get to Memphis from Ames without sleeping or taking breaks.

ISU fans have a few options when deciding how to travel to the Liberty Bowl. But, when they get there, in the words of Marc Cohn:

“Then they’ll be walking in Memphis... walking with [their] feet ten feet off of Beale... walking in Memphis.”
One-on-one with George Amundson

By Alex Halsted
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After helping Iowa State to its first bowl game in 1971, George Amundson was back leading the Cyclones when they went to the 1972 Liberty Bowl. In that game Iowa State lost 31-30 to Georgia Tech in front of 50,021 fans in Memphis, Tenn.

As the team’s quarterback in that game, George Amundson threw for 153 yards and rushed for another 78 yards in the one-point loss.

Now, 40 years after that Liberty Bowl, Iowa State is headed back to Memphis, Tenn.

What are some of your key memories from the 1972 Liberty Bowl?

The one that stands out is at the very end; we had gone down and scored a touchdown. I looked up at the scoreboard, and it was 30-31; they were ahead, and we could kick an extra point and tie the game. But back then we didn’t have tiebreakers or any overtime.

We took a quick timeout, and I went over to [coach] Johnny Majors, and he looked at me and said ‘What do you think?’ I said, ‘Well, let’s run X.’ Whatever X was, it was my favorite play and let’s go for the win instead of a tie.

Of course we ran my favorite play, and of course I guess Georgia Tech knew it was my favorite play, too.

They were sort of waiting there for us and I remember trying to hit Larry Marquardt in the back of the end zone and he was about 6-foot-5, 6-foot-6, and I threw it above him. So I guess I thought he was 10-foot tall. We ended up losing by one, darn it.

That was the second bowl in school history; you helped the team to its first in 1971. What is it like to see Iowa State going to bowl consistently again?

I think it’s so wonderful. It’s so special for the student athletes to be able to go to a city where you’re taken care of and treated awesome. Usually it’s in a warmer climate.

You get to do things that you really don’t get to do back at your home. Like last year going to the bowl game in New York City. How special was that for a lot of guys?

One of the biggest things that I didn’t pick up until I was much older was, ‘Gosh this is like another three or four more weeks of practice time that coaches can work on stuff not only for the bowl game but for a year or two to come.’

It’s just a big deal to get a chance to play in a bowl game.

[Athletic Director] Jamie Pollard mentioned that he gave you a call after they found out; what was does that mean to you?

I would be a non-truth teller if I didn’t say I was pretty surprised and honored.

At our house with three girls and a wife — and of course the three girls are out of the house already — I never answer the telephone.

I was here by myself, and I let it go to the answer-service thing, and I heard Jamie Pollard’s voice, so I quick picked up.

It was pretty special, and it really felt good for him to want to share that with an old-timer. He said he talked to Majors, and I was awfully excited for Iowa State.

Do you have any memories about the city and trip to Memphis?

I remember going to a concert there. Our favorite group for our little house on 820 Duff [in Ames] was Deep Purple, the group. I’ll be darned if we didn’t go to a concert with them in Memphis. The warm-up group was Fleetwood Mac.

Of course we had a curfew, so the bus was leaving, Deep Purple just came on and of course our favorite song was “Smoke on the Water.” We were pretty much feeling awesome about being able to hear that group.
When the Liberty Bowl played its inaugural game in 1959, ISU defensive coordinator Wally Burnham was being recruited by Alabama, one of the two teams playing in that first game. Not long after the game Burnham chose to go play for coach Paul “Bear” Bryant at Alabama. From there, he would have other bowl experiences as a player and coach.

Do you remember watching the 1959 Liberty Bowl on TV?

Oh yeah, I remember. I was being recruited by them, so I remember very well.

As a young kid back in those days, you were excited to know that you were being recruited by somebody that was going to bowls. It might have been the first bowl that Alabama went to after coach [Paul “Bear”] Bryant came back. I remember that part of it.

It was an exciting time for Alabama football. I didn’t know at that time for sure that I was going to be going there, but that made an impression on me because they were in a bowl game.

Is it cooler to go to a bowl with tradition than a recently created bowl?

Yeah. The thing about the Liberty Bowl is it’s been around for years and it’s never changed its name. It’s got some history, there’ve been a lot of games played there.

That’s where coach Bryant coached his last game, in the Liberty Bowl. It’s got tradition, some great teams that have played there. So I think it’s an honor that we’re getting to go play there.

Playing Tulsa again, does that help or does it make it a little more difficult?

We’ll go back and we’ll evaluate all of their tapes since we’ve played them [on Sept. 1] and see what changes they have made in their offense and what they’re doing that might be different.

The only thing you would be concerned about, which you doubt if they do, is make big-scale changes. And I don’t think that’s going to happen.

They’ll have some kind of new wrinkle for us, but you have that in any game. Everybody has one or two plays they’re going to put in.
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- J. Douglas #25 - RB  
- W. Carter #34 - HB/TE  
- T. Dupy #53 - C  
- J. Grigg #72 - LT  
- J. Alexander #77 - LG  
- S. Burnett #74 - RG  
- G. Stafford #76 - RT  
- C. Copa #87 - TE  
- J. James #12 - WR  
- J. Reeves #86 - LCB  

**ISU Defense**  
- K. Garrett #1 - WR  
- C. Stokes #77 - RCB  
- A. Klein #47 - WLB  
- R. Maggitt #38 - RE  
- J. McDonough #94 - NG  
- J. Laing #90 - DT  
- W. Scott #50 - LE  
- D. Broomfield #26 - NB  
- J. Grigg #72 - LT  
- J. Reeves #5 - LCB  
- G. Shaeffer #16 - SS  
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Highlights

Big wins, close losses define 2012 season

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Big wins and close losses were aplenty in the ISU football team’s 2012 season.

The Cyclones (6-6, 3-6 Big 12) have met numerous milestones en route to their berth in the Liberty Bowl — their third in four years under coach Paul Rhoads. Record attendance and big plays littered the highly-anticipated 2012 campaign.

Unbeaten conference mark... Again

For the first time since 1999-2001, Iowa State went 3-0 in consecutive seasons after going undefeated in nonconference play.

The Cyclones began their season with a 38-23 win against Tulsa in a contest where everything seemed to click. Running back Shontrelle Johnson turned in one of the rare 100-yard rushing performances for Iowa State against the Golden Hurricane, tallying 120 yards on 18 carries (6.7 yards per carry) and one touchdown.

Johnson’s performance came in his debut after sustaining a season-ending neck injury in October 2011 against Texas.

“I put on 10 pounds since last year,” Johnson said after the game. “My numbers in the weight room increased dramatically, and I just feel like a more complete back, a stronger back.”

Iowa State carried that momentum into its annual Cy-Hawk rivalry game against Iowa. Iowa State had not won consecutive games in the series since 2001-2002 during the years of Dan McCarney’s tenure as coach.

Despite three offensive turnovers inside the red zone and a stagnant array of play-calling, the defense held its own in the 9-6 victory against the Hawkeyes that was sealed by the surreal tip-and-catch interception by linebacker Jake Knott.

“Something like that to happen, when you understand the rivalry and you’ve been here and seen it all, it’s kind of a dream come true,” Knott said of his game-winning interception.

ISU schedule

- Sept. 1 W 38-23 vs. Tulsa
- Sept. 8 W 9-6 at Iowa (Iowa City, Iowa)
- Sept. 15 W 37-3 vs. Western Illinois
- Sept. 29 L 24-13 vs. Texas Tech
- Oct. 6 W 37-23 at TCU (Fort Worth, Texas)
- Oct. 13 L 27-21 vs. Kansas State
- Oct. 20 L 31-10 at Oklahoma State (Stillwater, Okla.)
- Oct. 27 W 35-21 vs. Baylor (Homecoming)
- Nov. 3 L 35-20 vs. Oklahoma
- Nov. 10 L 33-7 at Texas (Austin, Texas)
- Nov. 17 W 51-23 at Kansas (Lawrence, Kan.)
- Nov. 23 L 31-24 vs. West Virginia

The ISU defense played a critical role in stifling the Hawkeyes’ running attack, holding it to 68 yards — the lowest it has allowed in the series since 1999.

Following a 37-3 win against Western Illinois of the Football Championship Subdivision the following week, Iowa State headed into conference play with high hopes and high expectations.

Quarterback carousel, Part 2

The Big 12 Conference has often been lauded as the deepest conference in the nation for some time. Although having 90 percent of its teams become bowl-eligible can attest to this, the Big 12 still veiled itself as uncharted waters again with new additions TCU and West Virginia.

Iowa State began conference play with a home contest against Texas Tech, which had boasted the nation’s best offense and defense thus far. Even though Tech had a seemingly easy nonconference schedule leading up to that game, it held Iowa State to 189 total yards of offense en route to a 24-13 victory at Jack Trice Stadium.

Quarterback Steele Jantz’s abysmal 73 yards passing led to his benching role once again.

With the help of senior receiver Josh Lenz, Barnett helped spur the Cyclones’ first-ever victory against then-No. 15 TCU in Fort Worth, Texas. In that game, Lenz had four total touchdowns — three receiving and one passing — to lead the Cyclones to their first 4-1 start since 2002.

However, beating a favored team on the road had become more of an expectation at that point.

“You have to give all the credit to coach Rhoads and Iowa State,” said TCU coach Gary Patterson after the game. “They came into our house, beat us fair and square, and pushed us around. That is only our fourth loss in four years.”

But after a heart-breaking loss to Kansas State and a discommodulated offensive performance against Oklahoma State the following week, Jantz soon found himself in the starting role once again.

Homecoming ‘razzle dazzle,’ Knott says goodbye

Jantz had an easy task ahead of him against the nation’s worst defense in Baylor. Until that point, Jantz was 0-6 against Big 12 opponents.

In a bizarre game that began with an onside kick, Jantz led the Cyclones to a 35-21 victory after turning in a 36-for-52 performance for 381 passing yards and five touchdowns — all career-highs.

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for him, but as a mom, to see him happy for just a short period of time, it was just a relief.”

Playing without Knott — sixth all-time leading ISU tackler with 347 career tackles — would prove tough, but it was a task that had to be met.

Quarterback carousel, Part 2.5

Overwhelming losses to Oklahoma and Texas had the Cyclones gasping for air at 5-5, giving them two chances to attain that elusive sixth win.

Even though Jantz officially got the start, it was redshirt freshman Sam Richardson who stole the show in the Cyclones’ 51-23 win against Kansas on Nov. 17.

Richardson, who had yet to throw a pass at the Division I level, went 23-for-27 for 250 passing yards and four touchdowns to torch the Jayhawks on their senior day.

“I was talking to him, and I was like, ‘Look, you’ve got this. Just run the show,’” said center Tom Farniok after the game. “‘We’re going to protect for you, and we’re going to run the ball good. Just you do your thing, and it will work out good.”

Richardson and Co. fell short in the regular season finale against West Virginia to lose three of their last four.
Liberty Bowl

Tulsa emerges as familiar opponent for Cyclones

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It will be the second time in a little more than three months that the Golden Hurricane will match up against the Cyclones.

However, Iowa State is a different team than what Tulsa saw in its opponent’s home season opener, which they lost 38-23.

Conference champions

After starting off 0-1 against the Cyclones, the Golden Hurricane went on a 7-0 run before losing to nonconference opponent Arkansas and, later, conference rival SMU to finish with a 10-3 record en route to a Conference USA title.

During that seven-win streak Tulsa won by an average of 18 points with victories against Rice and the Mountain West champion Fresno State.

Trey Watts, Ja’Terian Douglas and Alex Singleton were all dynamic for the TU rushing attack, totalling 959, 857 and 765 rushing yards, respectively, on the season.

In what was a thrilling C-USA title game, the Golden Hurricane got their 10th win against Central Florida in overtime 33-27. The Golden Hurricane finished atop the C-USA with an almost spotless conference record of 7-1, despite the loss to SU.

Back to Memphis

Tulsa will be returning to Memphis, Tenn., for the second time in school history, just as Iowa State will be. Tulsa made its Liberty Bowl debut in 2005 when it faced off against Fresno State, then part of the WAC.

The Golden Hurricane were the victors in that game, giving them their first bowl victory since 1991. They won 31-24 after quarterback Paul Smith ran it in from four yards out for what ended up being the game-winning touchdown.

Smith achieved the final statistics of 18-of-27 with 224 yards and one passing and one rushing touchdown each. Smith was also crowned the bowl’s MVP afterwards.

A familiar opponent

Not only will this Tulsa team be facing a familiar, but not too similar ISU team for the second time in one season, quarterback Cody Green is facing a familiar foe as well.

For the 2009 and 2010 seasons, Green spent his time as the quarterback at Nebraska, which was part of the Big 12 at the time before its move to the Big Ten.

Green squared off against Iowa State as the NU quarterback in two different showings. Not playing in the 2009 matchup, Green was 7-of-12 with 79 yards and no touchdowns in the Cornhuskers’ 31-30 overtime victory against the Cyclones in 2010.

The Cyclones failed on a two-point conversion in that game, and the Cornhuskers came out the victors, 31-30 in overtime.

Tulsa schedule

- Sept. 1
  L 38-23 at Iowa State (Ames, Iowa)
- Sept. 8
  W 45-10 vs. Tulane
- Sept. 15
  W 66-16 vs. Nichols State
- Sept. 22
  W 27-26 vs. Fresno State
- Sept. 29
  W 49-42 at UAB (Birmingham, Ala.)
- Oct. 6
  W 45-38 at Marshall (Huntington, W.Va.)
- Oct. 11
  W 33-11 vs. UTEP
- Oct. 20
  W 28-24 vs. Rice
- Nov. 3
  L 19-15 at Arkansas (Fayette, Ark.)
- Nov. 10
  W 41-7 at Houston (Houston)
- Nov. 17
  W 23-21 vs. Central Florida
- Nov. 24
  L 35-27 at SMU (Dallas)
- Dec. 1
  W 33-27 (OT) vs. Central Florida (C-USA title game)

Defensive end Willie Scott tries to block Tulsa players during the game on Sept. 1. The Cyclones defeated the Golden Hurricane 38-23. Iowa State is preparing to face Tulsa again on New Year’s Eve, but has become a different team throughout the season.
Entertaining Memphis

Found yourself in Tennessee early for the bowl game? Looking for things to do with fellow Cyclone travelers? Here are some suggestions for fun and entertaining attractions to occupy time in the Volunteer State.

By Cole Komma
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The National Civil Rights Museum
Visit the historic Lorraine hotel, the site Martin Luther King Jr.’s assassination. According to the National Civil Rights Museum’s website, it “exists to assist the public in understanding the lessons of the Civil Rights Movement and its impact and influence on human rights movements worldwide.”

Memphis Zoo
Started in 1906 with only a $1,200 from the Memphis Park Comission, the Memphis Zoo has grown into a 70-acre site-seeing smorgasbord. Now showing baby Red Pandas.

Beale Street
See the famous street where Elvis Presley obtained his love for music. Attend local music shows at its various restaurants and venues such as Blues City, King’s Palace Cafe and the New Daisy Theatre.

Graceland
The King of Rock and Roll’s abode has been open to the public since 1982. And just down the street, feel free to stay at the Heartbreak Hotel. Be prepared to spend some money, because you have to pay to take in all that Graceland has to offer.
A taste of the South
in style

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Are you ready for Memphis? The Liberty Bowl isn’t just any football game, and your standard tailgating wardrobe might not cut it in Elvis Presley’s home state.

Naturally, the biggest game of the year is also the coldest, so get ready to pack on the layers and go all out in your red and gold.

This is the one game where your Cyclone style can get a little glam. Presley wasn’t Memphis’s most famous export for nothing, so take a note from the king of rock ‘n’ roll and add a simple gold sequin headband from Target or even a statement clutch.

The Liberty Bowl is on New Year’s Eve, and if nothing else, you can wear the sequins from the game to the bars — which Memphis is known for.

Whether it’s a night on the town or just relaxing back at your hotel, the next morning before you hit the road, remember that no road trip is complete without a few souvenirs, and luckily for you, we’ve done the research for you.

Shop like a local at boutique Oak Hall, where you can pick yourself up a Heritage-style fleece pullover in cardinal or a tailgate-ready wooly tartan Johnston blanket. The store, on Poplar Avenue, has southern styles for both men and women.

Looking for something less pricey? Another boutique, Southern Couture, is just down the road. The boho haven is full of chic-but-offbeat pieces for the Southern belle in everyone.

And when you come back to Ames? Make sure to mention your loot is from the birthplace of rock ‘n’ roll.

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If you find yourself heading south for the bowl game on New Year’s, it’s vital to experience all that Memphis has to offer.

Try to step away from the typical hotdogs, brats and beer and start 2013 off right. Indulge after the Liberty Bowl with some great food and delicious drinks at these local restaurants.

**Blues City Cafe**
38 Beale St.; 901-526-3637

Located on the world-famous Beale Street, this restaurant offers burgers, gumbo and oven-broiled steaks, served by the pound. Try the “Best Meal on Beale,” which is a half-rack of barbecue ribs and catfish, served with sides. Best part? The kitchen is open until 3 a.m. for those late night cravings.

**Boscos Squared**
2120 Madison Ave.; 901-432-2222

Love beer? This is the place to be. Boscos Squared offers small-batch beer, which is crafted on site. Compliment your drink with a wood-fired pizza, seafood, or many other options on their menu. The average entrée price ranges from $10 to $19.

**Majestic Grille**
145 S. Main St.; 901-533-8555

If you’re looking for something unique, the Majestic Grille is an old movie theatre renovated into an upscale restaurant. Try the pork tenderloin with Tabasco onions. Be sure to grab your dessert in a shot glass for only $2 each. You might even catch an old black and white movie on the large projection screens while you’re there!

**Silky O’Sullivan’s**
183 Beale St.; 901-533-9596

Great drinks, barbecue and seafood. What more could you want? This casual restaurant offers live blues music and dueling pianos nightly. Grab “The Diver,” a drink served in a gallon bucket.

**B.B. King’s Blues Club**
143 Beale St.; 901-525-5464

Love blues music and southern-style food? This club opened in 1994 and is still a favorite among locals. Be sure to try their barbecue and the best fried dill pickles in the city. They also offer banana bread pudding for dessert.

If you need any more ideas, check out memphistravel.com
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