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## Best Bets are on a 63-30-1 (68%) run Last 12 Weeks!

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#### Week 13 News and Notes!

For those of you that are new, in this section we'll recap what happened last week specifically, the misleading finals, the key injuries, the bad beats and the line moves. We'll include most of these recaps here, therefore you don't have to waste time reading about them in my game-by-game write-ups for the upcoming week. Without further adieu, here's a run down of what happened last week in the world of CFB.

<b>Week 13 Trends</b>	
<b>Favorites-Dogs</b>	46-18
Straight Up	25-34-4
ATS	
<b>Home-Away</b>	35-29
Straight Up	30-30-4
ATS	
<b>Totals (O/U)</b>	29-33-2
Over-Under	

#### Largest Favorites to Cover:

Temple (-30.5) vs Connecticut, 57-7  
Alabama (-26.5) vs Auburn, 52-21  
Missouri (-24) vs Arkansas, 38-0

#### Biggest Money line Upsets:

Charlotte +588 at FAU, 27-24  
Hawaii +534 at San Diego St, 31-30  
UNLV +400 vs Nevada, 34-29  
Minnesota +345 at Wisconsin, 37-15  
Western Kentucky +330 at Louisiana Tech, 30-15



No. 10 Ohio St crushed No. 4 Michigan 62-39 as 4-point underdogs. The Buckeyes have now gone 7-0 SU/ATS in the underdog role under head coach Urban Meyer.

#### ATS Notables

Washington St is 10-2 ATS this season while Buffalo, FIU, Georgia Southern and Utah St went 9-3 ATS. On the other side, Louisville is 1-11 ATS this year (first team to do that since Central Michigan in 2011) while New Mexico St went 2-9-1 ATS.

Oklahoma games have seen the OVER go 10-1-1 in their games this year. The OVER is also 9-2 in North Carolina games. Meanwhile the UNDER is now 11-1 in North Texas games and 9-2 in Mississippi St games.

#### Misleading Finals

California beat Colorado 33-21. However, Colorado had 19-12 first down and 318-211 yard edges but were done in by a -5 TO margin. California got not one, but two "Pick 6's" in the first 2 minutes of the game!

Marshall beat FIU 28-25. However, FIU had 25-21 first down and 391-330 yard edges including 190-154 on the ground. FIU missed 2 FG's and Marshall got a 25-yard interception return TD and a blocked punt TD.

#### Major Injuries

Central Florida QB McKenzie Milton (knee) is out indefinitely.  
UAB RB Spencer Brown is ? for this week's game vs Middle Tennessee.

#### Recapping Last Week's Best Bets

Last week we rebounded with a 6-2 week and we are now hitting 68% in our last 12 weeks of action! The colleges went 4-1 but some of you may have pushed with Stanford as that line climbed to -7 later in the week. The NFL went 2-1 headlined by our top play winner on Buffalo who has been very good to us on these pages this year. Always remember gambling is a marathon, not a sprint.

#### Season Win Total Results

School	Win	Total	Wins	Result	School	Win	Total	Wins	Result
Air Force	4.5	5	OV	NC State	7	8	OV		
Akron	4	4	Push	Nebaska	6	4	UN		
Alabama	11	12	OV	Nevada	6	7	OV		
Appalachian State	8.5	9	OV	New Mexico	4	3	UN		
Arizona	7.5	5	UN	New Mexico State	6	3	UN		
Arizona State	5	7	OV	North Carolina	5	2	UN		
Arkansas	6	2	UN	North Texas	8	9	OV		
Arkansas State	9	8	UN	Northern Illinois	7	7	Push		
Army	7.5	9	OV	Northwestern	6	8	OV		
Auburn	9	7	UN	Notre Dame	9.5	12	OV		
Ball State	4	4	Push	Ohio	8.5	8	UN		
Baylor	6	6	Push	Ohio State	10.5	11	OV		
Boise State	10	10	Push	Oklahoma	10	11	OV		
Boston College	5.5	7	OV	Oklahoma State	8	6	UN		
Bowling Green	5.5	3	UN	Old Dominion	5.5	4	UN		
Buffalo	6.5	10	OV	Ole Miss	6	5	UN		
BYU	5.5	6	OV	Oregon	8.5	8	UN		
California	5.5	7	OV	Oregon State	2.5	2	UN		
Central Michigan	4	1	UN	Penn State	9.5	9	UN		
Charlotte	3.5	5	OV	Pittsburgh	5.5	7	OV		
Cincinnati	4	10	OV	Purdue	6	6	Push		
Clemson	11	12	OV	Rice	3	2	UN		
Coastal Carolina	3.5	5	OV	Rutgers	4	1	UN		
Colorado	4	5	OV	San Diego State	8.5	7	UN		
Colorado State	5.5	3	UN	San Jose State	3	1	UN		
Connecticut	3.5	1	UN	SMU	6	5	UN		
Duke	6.5	7	OV	South Alabama	3.5	3	UN		
East Carolina	3	3	N/A	South Carolina	7	6	N/A		
Eastern Michigan	6	7	OV	Southern Miss	6.5	6	UN		
FIU	5	8	OV	Stanford	8	7	N/A		
Florida	7.5	9	OV	Syracuse	6	9	OV		
Florida Atlantic	9	5	UN	TCU	7.5	6	UN		
Florida State	7.5	5	UN	Temple	6.5	8	OV		
Fresno State	8	10	OV	Tennessee	5.5	5	UN		
Georgia	10.5	11	OV	Texas	8.5	9	OV		
Georgia Southern	6.5	9	OV	Texas A&M	7	8	OV		
Georgia State	5	2	UN	Texas State	3	3	Push		
Georgia Tech	5.5	7	OV	Texas Tech	6	5	UN		
Hawaii	3.5	8	OV	Toledo	8.5	7	UN		
Houston	7.5	8	OV	Troy	8.5	9	OV		
Illinois	3.5	4	OV	Tulane	5.5	6	OV		
Indiana	5	5	Push	Tulsa	4	3	UN		
Iowa	7.5	8	OV	UAB	7.5	9	OV		
Iowa State	6.5	7	OV	UCF	9	11	OV		
Kansas	3	3	Push	UCLA	5	3	UN		
Kansas State	6	5	UN	UL-Lafayette	5	7	OV		
Kent State	2.5	2	UN	UL-Monroe	6	6	Push		
Kentucky	5.5	9	OV	UNLV	6	4	UN		
Louisiana Tech	7	7	Push	USC	8.5	5	UN		
Louisville	7	1	UN	USF	8.5	7	UN		
LSU	7	9	OV	Utah	7	9	OV		
Marshall	7.5	8	OV	Utah State	7.5	10	OV		
Maryland	4.5	5	OV	UTEP	2.5	1	UN		
Massachusetts	5	4	UN	UTSA	5	3	UN		
Memphis	8.5	8	UN	Vanderbilt	4	6	OV		
Miami (FL)	10	7	UN	Virginia	5	7	OV		
Miami (OH)	6	6	Push	Virginia Tech	8.5	5	UN		
Michigan	9	10	OV	Wake Forest	6	6	Push		
Michigan State	9	7	UN	Washington	10.5	9	UN		
Middle Tennessee	7	8	OV	Washington State	6.5	10	OV		
Minnesota	6	6	Push	West Virginia	7	8	OV		
Mississippi State	8.5	8	UN	Western Kentucky	4.5	3	UN		
Missouri	7.5	8	OV	Western Michigan	5.5	7	OV		
Navy	7	3	UN	Wisconsin	10	7	UN		
				Wyoming	6.5	6	UN		

### 2018 Nationwide Football Newsletter Contest (Regular Season Only)

We are happy to provide you with the records, standings and plays used from the Power Sweep (3★, 4★ & Underdog), Gold Sheet (Key Releases), Power Plays (4.5★), Sports Reporter (Best & Super Bets), Winning Points (Best Bets & Preferred), Playbook (3-5★'s), Pointwise (Ratings 1-4), Powers' Picks (1-4★'s) and new this year the Sunday Night Owl Report (1-4★'s).

College					NFL					College/NFL Combined							
Newsletter	W	L	T	%	Net	Newsletter	W	L	T	%	Net	Newsletter	W	L	T	%	Net
Night Owl	41	27	1	60.29%	14	Power's Picks	24	11	1	68.57%	13	Power's Picks	63	37	1	63.00%	26
Power's Picks	39	26	0	60.00%	13	Playbook	23	13	0	63.89%	10	Night Owl	50	33	1	60.24%	17
Power Plays	25	18	0	58.14%	7	Sports Reporter	14	9	1	60.87%	5	Sports Reporter	41	31	1	56.94%	10
Sports Reporter	27	22	0	55.10%	5	Night Owl	9	6	0	60.00%	3	Playbook	42	32	1	56.76%	10
Power Sweep	28	23	0	54.90%	5	Power Plays	6	6	0	50.00%	0	Power Plays	31	24	0	56.36%	7
Playbook	19	19	1	50.00%	0	Power Sweep	11	12	1	47.83%	-1	Power Sweep	39	35	1	52.70%	4
Winning Points	38	38	2	50.00%	0	Winning Points	22	24	2	47.83%	-2	Winning Points	60	62	4	49.18%	-2
Gold Sheet	22	25	3	46.81%	-3	Gold Sheet	16	18	2	47.06%	-2	Gold Sheet	38	43	5	46.91%	-5
Pointwise	31	42	4	42.47%	-11	Pointwise	12	24	0	33.33%	-12	Pointwise	43	66	4	39.45%	-23
Combined	270	240	11	52.94%	30	Combined	137	123	7	52.69%	14	Combined	407	363	18	52.86%	44

CFB & NFL Schedules with Lines wk 14 Nov 29-Dec 3				NFL Week 13 Thurs, Nov 29th		Line	BP	All Times Eastern	
CFB Week 14 Friday, Nov 30th				Line	BP				
303 NORTHERN ILLINOIS	7:00 p.m. MAC Champ Detroit, MI ESPN2	49.5	48		301 NEW ORLEANS	-7.5	-3		
304 BUFFALO		-3.5	-2		302 DALLAS	52.5	55		
305 UTAH	8:00 p.m. Pac-12 Champ Santa Clara FOX	44.5	43		NFL Sunday, December 2nd				
306 WASHINGTON		-5.5	-9		Line BP				
Saturday, December 1st				Line	BP	All Times Eastern			
307 UAB	1:30 p.m. CUSA Champ CBS College	45.5	47		351 INDIANAPOLIS	-4	-1		
308 MIDDLE TENNESSEE		-1.5	-1		352 JACKSONVILLE	47.5	47		
309 MEMPHIS	3:30 p.m. AAC Champ ABC	64.5	66		353 L.A. CHARGERS	51.5	53		
310 CENTRAL FLORIDA		-3	-2		354 PITTSBURGH	-3.5	-7		
311 TEXAS	12:00 p.m. Big 12 Champ Arlington, TX ABC	78	78		355 CAROLINA	-3.5	-1		
312 OKLAHOMA		-8	-4		356 TAMPA BAY	56	53		
313 UL-LAFAYETTE	12:00 p.m. Sun Belt Champ ESPN	58.5	58		357 BALTIMORE	48.5	50		
314 APPALACHIAN ST		-17	-18		358 ATLANTA	-1	-4		
315 GEORGIA	4:00 p.m. SEC Champ Atlanta CBS	63.5	61		359 CLEVELAND	48	47		
316 ALABAMA		-13	-13		360 HOUSTON	-6	-5		
317 FRESNO ST	7:45 p.m. Mountain West Champ ESPN	52	51		361 BUFFALO	40	42		
318 BOISE ST		-2.5	-1		362 MIAMI	-5	-4		
319 PITTSBURGH	8:00 p.m. ACC Champ Charlotte, NC ABC	53	54		363 CHICAGO	-4.5	-4		
320 CLEMSON		-27.5	-28		364 N.Y. GIANTS	45	44		
321 NORTHWESTERN	8:00 p.m. Big Ten Champ Indianapolis FOX	60.5	59		365 DENVER	-5	-2		
322 OHIO ST		-14	-17		366 CINCINNATI	44	44		
323 DRAKE	12:00 p.m.	53.5	NL		367 L.A. RAMS	-10	-9		
324 IOWA ST		-42.5	NL		368 DETROIT	55	57		
325 NORFOLK ST	2:00 p.m.	59.5	NL		369 ARIZONA	44.5	46		
326 LIBERTY		-29.5	NL		370 GREEN BAY	-14	-14		
327 EAST CAROLINA	12:00 p.m.	60.5	59		371 KANSAS CITY	-15	-14		
328 NC STATE		-23	-25		372 OAKLAND	55.5	56		
329 MARSHALL	12:00 p.m.	53	54		373 N.Y. JETS	40.5	40		
330 VIRGINIA TECH		-4	-6		374 TENNESSEE	-7.5	-6		
331 AKRON	12:00 p.m. SEC Network	56	58		375 MINNESOTA	48.5	47		
332 SOUTH CAROLINA		-30.5	-30		376 NEW ENGLAND	-5	-5		
333 STANFORD	8:00 p.m.	-3	-2		377 SAN FRANCISCO	46	45		
334 CALIFORNIA		48.5	50		378 SEATTLE	-10	-11		
				Monday, December 3rd		Line	BP	All Times Eastern	
				379 WASHINGTON	8:15 p.m. ESPN	44	42		
				380 PHILADELPHIA		-6.5	-6		

## 2018-19 College Football Bowl/Playoff Schedules

CFB PLAYOFF	DATE	TIME	TV	LOCATION	MATCHUP
CFP National Championship	Monday, Jan. 7	8 p.m.	ESPN	Santa Clara, Ca.	Semifinal winners
Capital One Orange Bowl	Saturday, Dec. 29	4 or 8 p.m.	ESPN	Miami Gardens, Fl.	Semifinal
Goodyear Cotton Bowl	Saturday, Dec. 29	4 or 8 p.m.	ESPN	Arlington, Texas	Semifinal
OTHER BOWL GAMES	DATE	TIME	TV	LOCATION	MATCHUP
AutoNation Cure Bowl	Saturday, Dec. 15	1:30 p.m.	CBSC	Orlando, Fla.	American vs. Sun Belt
Gildan New Mexico Bowl	Saturday, Dec. 15	2:00 p.m.	ESPN	Albuquerque, N.M.	CUSA vs. MW
Las Vegas Bowl	Saturday, Dec. 15	3:30 p.m.	ABC	Las Vegas, Nev.	MW vs. Pac-12
Raycom Media Camellia Bowl	Saturday, Dec. 15	5:30 p.m.	ESPN	Montgomery, Ala.	MAC vs. Sun Belt
R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl	Saturday, Dec. 15	9:00 p.m.	ESPN	New Orleans, La.	CUSA vs. Sun Belt
Boca Raton Bowl	Tuesday, Dec. 18	7:00 p.m.	ESPN	Boca Raton, Fla.	American vs. CUSA
DXL Frisco Bowl	Wed., Dec. 19	8:00 p.m.	ESPN	Frisco, Tex.	American vs. At-Large
Gasparilla Bowl	Thursday, Dec. 20	8:00 p.m.	ESPN	Tampa, Fla.	Amer/ACC vs. CUSA
Bahamas Bowl	Friday, Dec. 21	12:30 p.m.	ESPN	Nassau, Bahamas	CUSA vs. MAC
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl	Friday, Dec. 21	4:00 p.m.	ESPN	Boise, Idaho	MAC vs. MW
Birmingham Bowl	Saturday, Dec. 22	12:00 p.m.	ESPN	Birmingham, Ala.	American vs. SEC
Armed Forces Bowl	Saturday, Dec. 22	3:30 p.m.	ESPN	Fort Worth, Tex.	American vs. Big 12
Dollar General Bowl	Saturday, Dec. 22	7:00 p.m.	ESPN	Mobile, Ala.	MAC vs. Sun Belt
Hawaii Bowl	Saturday, Dec. 22	10:30 p.m.	ESPN	Honolulu, Haw.	MW vs. CUSA
First Responder Bowl	Wed., Dec. 26	1:30 p.m.	ESPN	Dallas, Texas	Big Ten vs. CUSA/ACC
Quick Lane Bowl	Wed., Dec. 26	5:15 p.m.	ESPN	Detroit, Mich.	ACC vs. Big Ten
Chez-It Bowl	Wed., Dec. 26	9:00 p.m.	ESPN	Phoenix, Ariz.	Big 12 vs. Pac-12
Walk-On's Independence Bowl	Thursday, Dec. 27	1:30 p.m.	ESPN	Shreveport, La.	ACC vs. SEC
New Era Pinstripe Bowl	Thursday, Dec. 27	5:15 p.m.	ESPN	Bronx, N.Y.	ACC vs. Big Ten
Texas Bowl	Thursday, Dec. 27	9:00 p.m.	ESPN	Houston, Texas	Big 12 vs. SEC
Music City Bowl	Friday, Dec. 28	1:30 p.m.	ESPN	Nashville, Tenn.	ACC/Big Ten vs. SEC
Camping World Bowl	Friday, Dec. 28	5:15 p.m.	ESPN	Orlando, Fla.	ACC vs. Big 12
Valero Alamo Bowl	Friday, Dec. 28	9:00 p.m.	ESPN	San Antonio, Tex.	Big 12 vs. Pac-12
Belk Bowl	Saturday, Dec. 29	12:00 p.m.	ABC	Charlotte, N.C.	ACC vs. SEC
Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl	Saturday, Dec. 29	12:00 p.m.	ESPN	Atlanta, Ga.	At-Large vs. At-Large
Arizona Bowl	Saturday, Dec. 29	1:00 p.m.	CBSC	Tucson, Ariz.	Sun Belt vs. MW
Military Bowl	Monday, Dec. 31	12:00 p.m.	ESPN	Annapolis, Md.	ACC vs. American
Hyundai Sun Bowl	Monday, Dec. 31	2:00 p.m.	CBS	El Paso, Texas	ACC vs. Pac-12
Redbox Bowl	Monday, Dec. 31	3:00 p.m.	FOX	Santa Clara, Ca.	Big Ten vs. Pac-12
AutoZone Liberty Bowl	Monday, Dec. 31	3:45 p.m.	ESPN	Memphis, Tenn.	Big 12 vs. SEC
San Diego CU Holiday Bowl	Monday, Dec. 31	7:00 p.m.	FS1	San Diego, Calif.	Big Ten vs. Pac-12
Taxslayer Bowl	Monday, Dec. 31	7:30 p.m.	ESPN	Jacksonville, Fla.	ACC/Big Ten vs. SEC
Outback Bowl	Tuesday, Jan. 1	12:00 p.m.	ESPN2	Tampa, Fla.	Big Ten vs. SEC
Citrus Bowl	Tuesday, Jan. 1	1:00 p.m.	ABC	Orlando, Fla.	Big Ten vs. SEC
PlayStation Fiesta	Tuesday, Jan. 1	1:00 p.m.	ESPN	Glendale, Ariz.	At-Large vs. At-Large
Rose Bowl Game	Tuesday, Jan. 1	5:00 p.m.	ESPN	Pasadena, Calif.	Big Ten vs. Pac-12
Allstate Sugar Bowl	Tuesday, Jan. 1	8:45 p.m.	ESPN	New Orleans, La.	Big 12 vs. SEC

**Bold means already accepted bid**

4★ = BEST  
3★ = BETTER  
2★ = GOOD  
1★ = FAIR

## THE POWERS' PACK

2★ Washington -5.5 over Utah (Friday)

1★ Texas +8 over Oklahoma

Limited card with only 14 games this week

Remember there will be a ★-rated play on every bowl

Games in Rotation Order

HOME TEAM IN CAPS

Friday, November 30th

**MAC Championship Game - Ford Field - Detroit, MI**

† Buffalo 25 Northern Illinois 23. Last week Buffalo needed a win over BG to get here and the Bulls dominated. Buffalo had 30-6 first down and 483-205 yard edges including 332-58 on the ground and held the ball for 43:51. The Bulls got to 10 wins for first time since joining the FBS in 1999. On the other side, NIU has had the MAC Title game wrapped up the last couple of weeks and come in losers of two straight. Last week, Western Michigan had 22-16 first down and 379-262 yard edges. The final could've been worse as NIU got a 85-yard fumble return TD. The Broncos did get a 1-yard TD run with 1:36 left to get the win. NIU does have the experience edge in this game as they are playing in their 8th MAC Championship (first since 2015) while Buffalo is only playing in their 2nd (first since 2008). These two teams have played 6 common opponents and NIU was +7 ppg (+74 ypg) vs those opponents while Buffalo was +3 4 ppg (+24 ypg). Lean on the dog.

**Pac-12 Championship Game - Levi's Stadium - Santa Clara, CA**

2★ † Washington 26 Utah 17. Last week the Washington head coach Chris Petersen continued his mastery over Washington St as the Huskies are now on a 5-0 SU/ATS run in the Apple Cup. Washington controlled the game in the snow with a 487-237 yard edge including 258-85 on the ground. Washington's final drive ran out the final 8:47 of the game. On the other side, Utah had to rally from 20-points down late in the 3Q to beat rival BYU. Going back to 2005, BYU was 51-0 when leading by 14 or more points at halftime and this marked the largest deficit Utah ever overcame against the Cougars. While Washington has disappointed this season, the Huskies are getting healthier. RB Myles Gaskin (Preseason All-American) missed a couple of games. He's off his best game of the season (178 rushing yards). TE Hunter Bryant (Preseason All-Pac 12, leading returning receiver) missed the first 9 games of the season. He's off his best game of the season (108 receiving yards). LT Trey Adams (Preseason All-American)...he missed first 10 games of the season and has now played last 2 games. Remember, Washington was a 4.5-point favorite at Utah in September. They won the game 21-7. Now they're laying 5.5 on a neutral field and Utah has lost their starting QB and RB since then. We like the Huskies here.

Saturday, December 1st

**CUSA Championship Game - Johnny Floyd Stadium - Murfreesboro, TN**

MIDDLE TENNESSEE 24 Uab 23. Obviously, these two teams just played here last week. Middle Tennessee needed a win to clinch the division while UAB had already clinched. MTSU dominated as they had 19-8 first down and 394-89 yard edges including 133-(-1) on the ground. UAB QB AJ Erdely returned after missing the last couple of games but was only 9 of 20 for 90 yards. MT QB Brent Stockstill was 22 of 29 for 261 yards and 2 TD's. Please note that UAB was without 3 starting OL and their RB Spencer Brown is also banged up (all are ? this week). Were the Blazers playing possum last week? Or is this a team similar to last year that is low on depth and running out of gas at the end of the season? We're passing.

**AAC Championship Game - Spectrum Stadium - Orlando, FL**

CENTRAL FLORIDA 34 Memphis 32. UCF has won 12 straight in the series including a 31-30 thriller earlier this year at Memphis where the Knights rallied from a 30-14 deficit. The big story here is that UCF QB McKenzie Milton is out for this game after that gruesome injury last week. Milton's worth about 7 points as he has accounted for 80 total TD's the last 2 years (most in the country). His backup is Darriel Mack who was 5 of 14 for 81 yards vs USF and also started the ECU game earlier this year. Mack is completing only 49% of his passes this year but did have 100-plus yards rushing vs ECU. We have a match-up edge for Memphis here. UCF's weakness is their rush defense as they are allowing 212 rushing ypg. Memphis, meanwhile is averaging 276 rushing ypg on offense this year and they have the nation's 2nd leading rusher in Darrell Henderson (1,699) yards. Last week we easily cashed on these pages with the Tigers in their 52-31 win over Houston. Meanwhile, UCF looked impressive even after QB Milton out in a blowout win over USF. Keep in mind, we've seen a huge line adjustment here as UCF was a 5.5-point favorite at Memphis earlier this year (means they would've been laying 11.5 at home) and now find themselves only 3-point favorites here. We expect another to the wire performance here with UCF's 24-game win streak on the line.

**Big 12 Championship Game - AT&T Stadium - Arlington, TX**

1★ Texas (plus the points) † Oklahoma 41 Texas 37. Texas has owned Oklahoma as of late. The Horns have 6 straight covers by 14 ppg and each of the last 5 meetings have been decided by 7 points or less. Defensively, the Horns are unlike any other team in Big 12. They have better athletes in the secondary to cover Oklahoma in space and they're better up front to get pressure. Texas was +3 TO's in the first meeting as they held on for a 48-45 win (led 45-24 late). While OU's offense is among the best ever, the OU defense is atrocious. The Sooners are the first team in history to allow 40 points in 4 straight games and win all 4 (last week allowed 56 in a win over West Virginia). Texas head coach Tom Herman is on a 23-1 ATS run in the underdog role dating back his days as an O.C. at Iowa St. He's 12-1 ATS and 9-4 SU in the dog role as a head coach. We like the Horns.

**Sun Belt Championship Game - Kidd Brewer Stadium - Boone, NC**

APPALACHIAN ST 38 UL-Lafayette 20. This is the inaugural Sun Belt Championship game. These two teams played here on October 20th as App St won 27-17 as 25.5-point favorites. The Mountaineers only had a 364-328 yard edge in the game. However, the Mountaineers have won 5 straight in the series by 24.6 ppg. Last week App St clinched a berth to this game with a 21-10 win over Troy. The Mountaineers had 15-13 first down and 314-218 yard edges including 201-48 on the ground. They led 21-0 at one point but were +3 in TO's. Meanwhile, ULL clinched a berth here with an outright upset at rival ULM. ULL had 22-17 first down and 453-344 yard edges including 240-143 on the ground. ULM got a 66-yard interception return TD but missed a game-tying FG on the final play of the game. Against 6 common opponents App St was +26 ppg (+170 ypg) while ULL was +5 ppg (only +2 ypg). We don't see too much value in this one. Pass.

**SEC Championship Game - Mercedes-Benz Stadium - Atlanta, GA**

† Alabama 37 Georgia 24. Obviously a rematch of last year's National Championship which saw Alabama rally from a 13-0 deficit to win 26-23 and also signify the start of the Tua Tagovailoa era who came on in the second half. Last week, Alabama became the first team since Yale in 1888 to win their first 12 games of the season by 20 points or more. The Crimson Tide had a 500-283 yard edge in the win over rival Auburn. Alabama failed to cover the first half (only led 17-14) but outscored Auburn 35-7 in the second half (was 31-21 late 3Q). Tua Tagovailoa was 25 of 32 for 324 yards and 5 TD's. On the other side, UGA crushed rival GT. Georgia had 25-12 first down and 447-219 yard edges including 285-128 on the ground. The Bulldogs led 38-7 at halftime and UGA QB Jake Fromm was 13 of 16 for 175 yards and 4 TD's. We'll lean with the UNDER here as this is the highest total for a SEC Championship (27 games). Saban usually is conservative in these types of games and against the two best defenses (LSU and Miss St) they have played, Alabama has averaged just 25 ppg. UGA has the No. 12 total D in country.

**Mountain West Championship Game - Albertson's Stadium - Boise, ID**

BOISE ST 26 Fresno St 25. 4th meeting between these two in the last calendar year. Boise St beat Fresno St 24-17 as 2.5-point home underdogs on November 9th. The Broncos had a 448-390 yard edge and rallied from a 17-3 deficit. Last week, Boise St got another big win over Utah St as the Broncos had 21-18 first down and 509-425 edges including 199-62 on the ground. The Broncos were +2 TO's and scored a TD on 4th and Goal from the 1-yard with :04 left to get the cover! Boise RB Alexander Mattison was the work horse with 200 rushing yards and 3 TD's on 37 carries. On the other side, Fresno St was probably looking ahead to this one in their lackluster win over San Jose St. Fresno St had 19-16 first down and 515-367 yard edges including 198-60 on the ground. However, Fresno as a 32.5-point favorite only led 3-0 at halftime and the Bulldogs did get a 95-yard interception return TD late in the game. The point-spread tax has caught up to Fresno St at the end of the year as they were on a 19-3-1 ATS run but are 0-3 ATS in their last 3. Since 1999, Boise St is 121-8 SU at home! To the wire once again.

**ACC Championship Game - Bank of America Stadium - Charlotte, NC**

† Clemson 41 Pittsburgh 13. Clemson is a bad match-up vs Pitt's one-dimensional run heavy offense. Last week Pitt faced a Miami, FL team that led the nation in TFL's and Pitt allowed 14 TFL's and only ran for 69 yards (season-low) in a 24-3 loss. Clemson is 2nd in the country in TFL's and No. 2 in run defense. If Clemson can stop the run, Pitt can't throw as they've only topped 200 passing yards one time this year. On the other side, Clemson's defense allowing 600 yards last week to South Carolina should have them focused here. Clemson gave up their first TD in the 1Q this season and the 35 points allowed, was the most for Clemson since 2016 (28 games ago). Clemson had 38-29 first down and 744-600 yard edges including 351-90 on the ground. QB Trevor Lawrence was 27 of 36 for 393 yards. Note that Pitt upset the Tigers two years ago as 3 TD dogs. They have no chance to repeat that performance here as the Tigers roll.

**Big Ten Championship Game - Lucas Oil Stadium - Indianapolis, IN**

† Ohio St 38 Northwestern 21. Last week, Ohio State scored more points than it ever had against Michigan in a 62-39 win. Ohio St had a 567-401 yard edge and QB Dwayne Haskins was 20 of 31 for 396 yards and 6 TD's! Head coach Urban Meyer is now on a 7-0 SU/ATS run as an underdog here. On the other side, we think Northwestern is overrated. Despite their 8-4 record, they are only outscoring their opponents by 2 pp and are getting out-gained on the season by 21 ypg. The Cats are 5-2 in games decided by 8 points or less including last week's 24-16 non-covering win vs Illinois last week. This will be a fast track in a dome and that should play to Ohio St's speed advantage. Keep in mind, Northwestern's slow grass surface at home kept ND and Michigan in check from getting margin vs the Wildcats. Against 6 common opponents (Rutgers, Minnesota, Purdue, Nebraska, Michigan St and Michigan) Ohio St was +138 ypg while Northwestern was -29 ypg. The Buckeyes will likely need style points and Urban Meyer is not afraid to run it up in these types of situations. Do note that the underdog in Northwestern games is on a 12-0-1 ATS run. NC STATE 42 East Carolina 17. ECU actually beat NC State 33-30 in their last meeting (2016). A make-up game for both teams as ECU's game vs Virginia Tech was canceled on September 15th due to Hurricane Florence and NC State's game vs West Virginia was also canceled the same day. ECU might have packed it in on the season as they are coming off a 56-6 loss to Cincinnati last week. Cincy dominated with 25-12 first down and 641-303 yard edges including 247-83 on the ground. Cincy was +4 in TO's but led 42-6 at halftime. ECU QB Holton Ahlers was 8 of 22 for 184 yards with 1 TD, 1 INT and 2 fumbles. He left after twisting his right leg in the 3Q and limped off. On the other side, NC State had 22-19 first down edges but NC had a 429-406 yard edge in the Wolf Pack's OT win. NC State RB Reggie Gallaspy ran for 129 yards and scored 5 rushing TD's! We're leaning with NC State here.

**VIRGINIA TECH 30 Marshall 24.** Virginia Tech needs a win to extend a 24-year bowl streak as this is a make-up game. Last week, VT led rival UVA 24-14 early in the 4Q but had to score a TD with 1:51 left to tie it. It was a wild finish with VT recovering a fumble in OT to win their 15th straight over their rival. The Hokies had a 453-423 yard edge including 254-164 on the ground. On the other side, Marshall had a misleading win over FIU last week. FIU had 25-21 first down and 391-330 yard edges including 190-154 on the ground. FIU missed 2 FG's and Marshall got a 25-yard interception return TD and a blocked punt TD. We lean with the Hokies.

## BRAD POWERS' ATS STAT OF THE WEEK:

Dating back to his days as the O.C. of Iowa St, Tom Herman coached teams are on a 23-1 ATS run as underdogs. This week Texas is +8 vs Oklahoma.





**4★ = BEST**  
**3★ = BETTER**  
**2★ = GOOD**  
**1★ = FAIR**

**THE POWERS' PACK**

**3★ PITTSBURGH -3.5 over L.A. Chargers**  
**2★ DALLAS +7.5 over New Orleans (Thursday)**  
**2★ ATLANTA -1 over Baltimore**

*Games in Rotation Order* *HOME TEAM IN CAPS*  
**Thursday, November 29th**

**2★ Dallas (plus the points) New Orleans 29 DALLAS 26.** The Saints have now won 10 straight games and have remarkably covered 9 in a row. QB Brees threw 4 more TD passes and now has an incredible 29-to-1 TD-to-INT ratio. On the other side, the Cowboys have won and covered 3 in a row and last week WR Cooper had 180 receiving yards. This one reminds us of the classic 2009 match-up where New Orleans was 13-0 SU but lost outright to the Cowboys. Keep in mind, no NFL team has covered 10 straight games since 1992.

**Sunday, December 2nd**  
**Indianapolis 24 JACKSONVILLE 23.** Just 3 weeks ago, Indianapolis was only a 3-point home favorite vs Jacksonville and now the Colts are laying 4 on the road. Have these two teams really changed that much since? Yes, the Colts have won 5 straight games but last week needed a FG on the final play to beat Miami as TD-plus favorites. Meanwhile, the Jags have lost 7 straight games but each of their last 3 have come by 4 points or less. Cody Kessler will get the start for the Jags but is he that much of a downgrade to Bortles? Probably not.

**3★ PITTSBURGH 30 L.A. Chargers 23.** Last week Philip Rivers completed 25 straight passes (NFL record) in the Chargers rout of the Cardinals. Yes, the Chargers have won 7 of their last 8 games but only Seattle had a winning record. Meanwhile, the Steelers' 6-game winning streak came to a halt last week. While we cashed on these pages going against them, Pittsburgh should have won but they were -4 in TO's. Pittsburgh has blown out their last 3 opponents at home (ATL, CLE and CAR) by 23 ppg and we expect a max effort here vs a Chargers team playing without RB Gordon. Pittsburgh is 43-14 SU/33-22-2 ATS in December with QB Roethlisberger.

**Carolina 27 TAMPA BAY 26.** Carolina's 10-game home winning streak was snapped last week as Seattle scored 10 points in the final 3:26. Carolina should have won and covered as they had a significant yardage edge but we dropped a 2★ on these pages. Meanwhile, the Bucs went back to QB Winston (312 yards and no INT's) and got an easy win over San Fran last week. This line seems a bit pricey as Carolina is just 1-4 SU/ATS on the road this year. We lean with the dog.

**2★ ATLANTA 27 Baltimore 23.** Atlanta's 3 TO's in the red zone certainly cost them last week in their loss to New Orleans. Meanwhile Lamar Jackson has led the Ravens to back-to-back wins with a combined 188 rushing yards. The Ravens, however did benefit from a 70-yard punt return TD and a 46-yard fumble return TD. However, this is their first road game since October 28th and Atlanta QB Matt Ryan has a 15-to-2 TD-to-INT ratio at home this year. This is likely to be Jackson's first road start. Fade.

**Updated NFL Records: Straight Up, ATS and Over/Under**

Team	Straight-Up			Against The Spread			Over/Under		
	Total	Home	Away	Total	Home	Away	Total	Home	Away
Arizona	2-9-0	1-5-0	1-4-0	5-6-0	3-3-0	2-3-0	5-6-0	2-4-0	3-2-0
Atlanta	4-7-0	3-3-0	1-4-0	3-8-0	2-4-0	1-4-0	6-5-0	4-2-0	2-3-0
Baltimore	6-5-0	4-2-0	2-3-0	5-6-0	3-3-0	2-3-0	5-6-0	3-3-0	2-3-0
Buffalo	4-7-0	2-3-0	2-4-0	5-6-0	2-3-0	3-3-0	5-6-0	3-2-0	2-4-0
Carolina	6-5-0	5-1-0	1-4-0	5-6-0	4-2-0	1-4-0	7-4-0	5-1-0	2-3-0
Chicago	8-3-0	5-1-0	3-2-0	8-3-0	5-1-0	3-2-0	7-4-0	4-2-0	3-2-0
Cincinnati	5-6-0	3-3-0	2-3-0	5-6-0	2-4-0	3-2-0	8-3-0	4-2-0	4-1-0
Cleveland	4-6-1	3-2-1	1-4-0	7-4-0	4-2-0	3-2-0	6-5-0	3-3-0	3-2-0
Dallas	6-5-0	4-1-0	2-4-0	6-5-0	3-2-0	3-3-0	5-6-0	4-1-0	1-5-0
Denver	5-6-0	3-3-0	2-3-0	5-5-1	2-3-1	3-2-0	3-8-0	1-5-0	2-3-0
Detroit	4-7-0	3-3-0	1-4-0	6-5-0	3-3-0	3-2-0	6-5-0	2-4-0	4-1-0
Green Bay	4-6-1	4-0-1	0-6-0	4-6-1	3-2-0	1-4-1	6-5-0	3-2-0	3-3-0
Houston	8-3-0	4-1-0	4-2-0	5-6-0	2-3-0	3-3-0	5-6-0	3-2-0	2-4-0
Indianapolis	6-5-0	4-2-0	2-3-0	5-5-1	2-3-1	3-2-0	6-5-0	3-3-0	3-2-0
Jacksonville	3-8-0	2-4-0	1-4-0	3-6-2	2-3-1	1-3-1	5-6-0	2-4-0	3-2-0
Kansas City	9-2-0	5-0-0	4-2-0	8-2-1	3-2-0	5-0-1	6-5-0	1-4-0	5-1-0
L.A. Chargers	8-3-0	4-2-0	4-1-0	6-5-0	2-4-0	4-1-0	6-5-0	3-3-0	3-2-0
L.A. Rams	10-1-0	6-0-0	4-1-0	4-5-2	2-2-2	2-3-0	6-5-0	4-2-0	2-3-0
Miami	5-6-0	4-1-0	1-5-0	6-5-0	4-1-0	2-4-0	5-6-0	4-1-0	1-5-0
Minnesota	6-4-1	4-2-0	2-2-1	6-4-1	4-2-0	2-2-1	5-6-0	1-5-0	4-1-0
New England	8-3-0	5-0-0	3-3-0	7-4-0	4-1-0	3-3-0	4-7-0	2-3-0	2-4-0
New Orleans	10-1-0	5-1-0	5-0-0	9-2-0	4-2-0	5-0-0	5-6-0	3-3-0	2-3-0
N.Y. Giants	3-8-0	1-4-0	2-4-0	5-5-1	0-4-1	5-1-0	5-6-0	2-3-0	3-3-0
N.Y. Jets	3-8-0	2-4-0	1-4-0	3-8-0	2-4-0	1-4-0	6-5-0	4-2-0	2-3-0
Oakland	2-9-0	1-4-0	1-5-0	3-8-0	1-4-0	2-4-0	5-6-0	2-3-0	3-3-0
Philadelphia	5-6-0	3-3-0	2-3-0	3-8-0	1-5-0	2-3-0	4-7-0	1-5-0	3-2-0
Pittsburgh	7-3-1	3-2-0	4-1-1	6-4-1	3-2-0	3-2-1	6-5-0	4-1-0	2-4-0
San Francisco	2-9-0	2-3-0	0-6-0	3-8-0	1-4-0	2-4-0	6-5-0	3-2-0	3-3-0
Seattle	6-5-0	2-2-0	4-3-0	6-3-2	2-1-1	4-2-1	5-6-0	2-2-0	3-4-0
Tampa Bay	4-7-0	3-2-0	1-5-0	4-6-1	2-3-0	2-3-1	8-3-0	2-3-0	6-0-0
Tennessee	5-6-0	3-1-0	2-5-0	6-5-0	3-1-0	3-4-0	4-7-0	1-3-0	3-4-0
Washington	6-5-0	3-3-0	3-2-0	7-4-0	4-2-0	3-2-0	5-6-0	3-3-0	2-3-0

**HOUSTON 26 Cleveland 21.** How about them Browns? Last week they ended their 25-game road losing streak as QB Mayfield continues to play well without HC Jackson and OC Haley. The 15-point win was Cleveland's largest margin of victory in 60 games! Not to be out-done the Texans have now won 8 straight games after their 0-3 start although the 17-point win over the Titans was a bit misleading on MNF. Slight lean on Browns.

**MIAMI 23 Buffalo 19.** We've become big fans of the Bills on these pages this year as they've cashed multiple star-rated picks for us including last week in their outright upset over Jacksonville. QB Allen looked like Tebow with his 99 rushing yards and 2 TD's. Meanwhile, Miami looks like a different team with Tannehill at QB as they nearly upset the Colts on the road. Buffalo has covered 7 of the last 10 in the series and have more momentum.

**Chicago 24 N.Y. GIANTS 20.** No solid line on this game due to Chicago QB Trubisky's status. The Bears' defense saved the day in Detroit on Thanksgiving as they got a 4Q "Pick 6" followed up by an INT in the end zone. Meanwhile, the Giants blew a big 19-3 lead vs the Eagles last week as there was some questionable play-calling in the second half with RB Barkley getting very few touches. Until we get further word on Trubisky's status, we're passing here.

**Denver 23 CINCINNATI 21.** We cashed with Denver last week on these pages in their outright upset over the Steelers. However, it should be noted the Broncos were +4 in TO's. Meanwhile, the money came pouring in against the Bengals last week as they closed "Pick" at home vs a Browns team that had lost 25 straight on the road. That money proved correct as the Browns led 28-0 early. QB Jeff Driskel looked okay in garbage time and will get the start here. He does get back WR A.J. Green. Cincinnati was a 2.5-point favorite in the look ahead lines. Now the line has moved more than a TD? It's not like Andy Dalton was playing that well for the Bengals.

**L.A. Rams 33 DETROIT 24.** The Rams come in fresh off a bye after that classic MNF shootout with the Chiefs. However, they are just 1-5-2 ATS in their last 8 games as you're often paying a premium on them as they are popular public pick each week. Meanwhile, the Lions blew a 13-9 4Q lead vs the Bears last week as QB Stafford threw a "Pick 6" and an INT in the end zone. Detroit had a 333-2264 yard edge but have now lost 4 of 5. Detroit has been pretty good at home this year with upsets over New England, Green Bay and Carolina.

**GREEN BAY 30 Arizona 16.** Not sure we want to lay 2 TD's with a Green Bay team that has questionable motivation and a most likely lame duck coach. However, we're also reluctant to take it with Arizona after that dismal performance vs the Chargers last week. The Cardinals had just 41 total yards in the final 3Q's and allowed Philip Rivers to go 28 of 29. Do not take that Green Bay is on a 15-0 SU/14-1 ATS run at home in December.

**Kansas City 35 Oakland 21.** This is the largest road favorite role for any team in the NFL since the famous 2007 New England team. The Chiefs come in off a bye after becoming the first NFL team in history to lose a game while scoring 50 points. Still we think they were the better team as they nearly won outright despite having 5 TO's. Meanwhile, the Raiders failed to cover in Baltimore last week allowing Lamar Jackson and Co to amass 242 yards rushing. While Andy Reid is 16-3 SU off a bye in his career, he's never been laying this kind of number.

**TENNESSEE 23 N.Y. Jets 17.** Last week the Jets gave a solid effort vs the Patriots but ultimately failed to cash. QB Josh McCown is likely to get another start here. Meanwhile, the Titans are off a 17-point loss to the Texans on MNF. It's tough imagining the Jets' offense having success vs that Titans defense. However, we're not sure we want to lay a TD-plus when the Titans are on a short week and have Jacksonville on deck on Thursday.

**NEW ENGLAND 26 Minnesota 21.** The Patriots were coming off a blowout loss to Tennessee and were off a bye last week but still didn't look all that impressive in their win over the Jets. Meanwhile, the Vikings got a big win on SNF over the Packers. Belichick and Zimmer are the two most profitable long-term ATS coaches in the NFL. Pass.

**SEATTLE 28 San Francisco 17.** Seattle got a big win last week in Carolina snapping the Panthers' 10-game home winning streak with 10 unanswered points late. QB Wilson now has a 25-to-5 TD-to-INT ratio on the season. Meanwhile, the 49ers got big time action in the market place vs Tampa Bay last week but that money proved incorrect as San Fran was out-classed. Seattle is on a 10-2-1 ATS run in this series and we see more of the same.

**Monday, December 3rd**  
**PHILADELPHIA 24 Washington 18.** The Eagles came back from a 19-3 deficit last week to save their season in a win over the Giants. Still, the Eagles are just 3-8 ATS this year. Meanwhile, Washington has extra rest after their loss to Dallas on Thanksgiving. The Redskins were right in it from start to finish and who knows what would've happened if they would have correctly called the "helmet-to-helmet" hit on TE Reed. Note that the dog is on a 15-4 ATS run in Eagles games.

**Just missed the cut: Cincinnati +5 over Denver and Detroit +10 over L.A. Rams.**