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**Best Bets are on a 65-33-1 (66%) run Last 13 Weeks!**  
**Army/Navy Forecast Pg 2, Week 14 NFL Best Bets Pg 5**

**Week 14 Trends**  
**Favorites-Dogs**  
 ATS 8-8  
 Straight up 13-3  
**Totals (O/U)**  
 Over-Under 58-8

### ATS Notables

Washington St is 10-2 ATS this season while 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.

The OVER is went 9-2 in North Carolina games this year while the UNDER is now 11-1 in North Texas games and 9-2 in Mississippi St games.

### Bad Beats

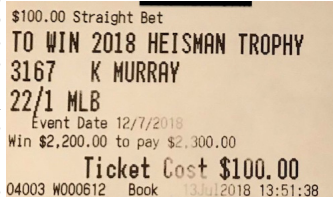
The total in the East Carolina/NC State game last Saturday was 60.5. The Wolfpack led 41-0 entering the fourth quarter and extended their lead to 58-0 late. However, on the final play of the game and with nothing to play for, the Pirates elected to attempt a field goal to avoid being shut out. The 46-yard field goal was good and those of you betting the UNDER suffered the worst beat of the weekend.

### Major Shift in Heisman Trophy Odds

Just two weeks ago, it looked like this year's Heisman Trophy race would have no drama as Alabama QB Tua Tagovailoa was a massive favorite at -1000. That means you'd have to bet \$10 to win \$1 on Tua. However, after a sub-par performance in the SEC championship game, the odds have dramatically shifted and now Oklahoma QB Kyler Murray is the new favorite. Keep in mind, about 10% of the vote was turned in prior to last week's games. Does somebody out there know something we don't? We sure hope so as we only made a few Heisman bets this year and one of them was on Kyler Murray (see ticket above).



No. 1 Alabama led by QB Jalen Hurts rallied from a 28-14 second half deficit to beat No. 4 Georgia 35-28 in the SEC Championship game last Saturday. The Crimson Tide were underdogs on the money line during live wagering odds.



**Two Weeks Ago**  
 Tua Tagovailoa -1000  
 Kyler Murray +600

**Now on December 5th**  
 Kyler Murray -190  
 Tua Tagovailoa +150

### Stat Comparison

Tua Tagovailoa	Kyler Murray
3,353 pass yards	4,053 pass yards
67.7% completion	70.9% completion
37-4 TD-to-INT ratio	40-7 TD-to-INT ratio
190 rush yards, 5 TD	892 rush yards, 11 TD
Pass Eff: 202.3 (No. 2 all-time)	Pass Eff: 205.7 (No. 1 all-time)
Total QBR: 94.6	Total QBR: 96.0

### 2018 College Football Regular Season Recap

	College Year-to-Date ATS Results				
Favored by (pts)	1-6.5	7-13.5	14-20.5	21-over	Total
Home Favorites	51-71	68-69-3	49-37-1	83-102-3	251-279-7
Road Favorites	62-73-1	40-40-2	29-20	9-9	140-142-3
Neutral Favorites	3-4	5-2	1-1	2-1	11-8
Favorites-Dogs	116-148-1	113-111-3	79-58-1	94-112-3	402-429-10

### Conference Winners

w/Preseason Title Odds (Westgate)  
 AAC: UCF +125 (favorite)  
 ACC: Clemson -180 (favorite)  
 CUSA: UAB 20/1  
 Big Ten: Ohio St -110 (favorite)  
 Big 12: Oklahoma -140 (favorite)  
 MAC: No. Illinois 2/1 (favorite)  
 MWC: Fresno St 5/1  
 Pac-12: Washington -180 (favorite)  
 SEC: Alabama -160 (favorite)  
 Sun Belt: Appalachian St +250

### Preseason Odds To Make Playoff

Alabama -200  
 Clemson -140  
 Oklahoma 4/1  
 Notre Dame 8/1

### Preseason Odds To Win Title

Alabama +250  
 Clemson 6/1  
 Oklahoma 18/1  
 Notre Dame 40/1

### Farewell to Urban Meyer and Bill Snyder Two of the Best ATS coaches in College Football History!

#### Urban Meyer's Career ATS Numbers:

Overall: 125-89-4 (58.4%)  
 Bowling Green: 12-9-1 ATS  
 Utah: 20-4 ATS  
 Florida: 45-32-1 ATS  
 Ohio St: 48-44-2 ATS  
 As an underdog: 21-6 including 16-2 ATS in his last 18  
 Bowl Games: 11-3 ATS  
 Extra time to prepare: 37-14-1 ATS

#### Bill Snyder's ATS Numbers:

Overall: 181-129-5 (58.4%)  
 As an underdog: 72-44-2 (62.1%)

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### 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 Newsletter	W	L	T	%	Net
Night Owl	42	28	1	60.00%	14
<b>Powers' Picks</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>59.70%</b>	<b>13</b>
Power Plays	25	18	0	58.14%	7
Sports Reporter	28	22	0	56.00%	6
Power Sweep	28	24	0	53.85%	4
Playbook	19	19	1	50.00%	0
Winning Points	38	40	2	48.72%	-2
Gold Sheet	23	27	3	46.00%	-4
Pointwise	31	44	4	41.33%	-13
<b>Combined</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>52.39%</b>	<b>25</b>

NFL Newsletter	W	L	T	%	Net
<b>Powers' Picks</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>65.79%</b>	<b>12</b>
Playbook	24	15	0	61.54%	9
Sports Reporter	15	10	1	60.00%	5
Night Owl	9	7	0	56.25%	2
Power Plays	7	6	0	53.85%	1
Gold Sheet	18	19	2	48.65%	-1
Power Sweep	12	13	1	48.00%	-1
Winning Points	22	28	2	44.00%	-6
Pointwise	13	26	0	33.33%	-13
<b>Combined</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>51.42%</b>	<b>8</b>

College/NFL Combined Newsletter	W	L	T	%	Net
<b>Powers' Picks</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>61.90%</b>	<b>25</b>
Night Owl	51	35	1	59.30%	16
Sports Reporter	43	32	1	57.33%	11
Power Plays	32	24	0	57.14%	8
Playbook	43	34	1	55.84%	9
Power Sweep	40	37	1	51.95%	3
Gold Sheet	41	46	5	47.13%	-5
Winning Points	60	68	4	46.88%	-8
Pointwise	44	70	4	38.60%	-26
<b>Combined</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>52.05%</b>	<b>33</b>

CFB & NFL Schedules with Lines wk 15 December 7-11				
NFL Wk 14 Thursday, Dec 6th	Line	BP	All Times Eastern	
101 JACKSONVILLE 8:20 p.m. FOX	37.5	37		
102 TENNESSEE	-4	-5		
CFB Wk 15 Saturday, Dec 8th	Line	BP	All Times Eastern	
103 NAVY 3:00 p.m. CBS	40	38		
104 ARMY	-7	-4		
NFL Sunday, December 9th	Line	BP	All Times Eastern	
105 BALTIMORE 1:00 p.m. CBS	53	51		
106 KANSAS CITY	-6.5	-5		
107 INDIANAPOLIS 1:00 p.m. CBS	49.5	49		
108 HOUSTON	-4.5	-1		
109 CAROLINA 1:00 p.m. FOX	-1.5	-5		
110 CLEVELAND	47	47		
111 ATLANTA 1:00 p.m. FOX	49.5	48		
112 GREEN BAY	-5.5	-8		
113 NEW ORLEANS 1:00 p.m. FOX	-8	-7		
114 TAMPA BAY	55.5	55		
115 N.Y. JETS 1:00 p.m. CBS	38.5	38		
116 BUFFALO	-3.5	-4		
117 NEW ENGLAND 1:00 p.m. CBS	-7.5	-7		
118 MIAMI	47	47		
119 L.A. RAMS 8:20 p.m. NBC	-3	-3		
120 CHICAGO	52.5	51		
121 N.Y. GIANTS 1:00 p.m. FOX	-3.5	-3		
122 WASHINGTON	41	41		
123 DENVER 4:05 p.m. CBS	-5.5	-4		
124 SAN FRANCISCO	44.5	44		
125 CINCINNATI 4:05 p.m. CBS	48	48		
126 L.A. CHARGERS	-14	-14		
127 DETROIT 4:25 p.m. FOX	-2.5	-1		
128 ARIZONA	40.5	41		
129 PHILADELPHIA 4:25 p.m. FOX	43	43		
130 DALLAS	-3.5	-3		
131 PITTSBURGH 4:25 p.m. FOX	-10.5	-9		
132 OAKLAND	51.5	51		
Monday, December 10th	Line	BP	All Times Eastern	
133 MINNESOTA 8:15 p.m. ESPN	45.5	46		
134 SEATTLE	-3.5	-2		

## 2018-2019 Head Coaching Changes So Far

School	Former Coach	Replacement	Grade
Akron	Terry Bowden	TBD	
Appalachian St	Scott Satterfield	TBD	
Bowling Green	Mike Jinks	Scot Loeffler	B
Central Michigan	John Bonamego	Jim McElwain	A-
Charlotte	Brad Lambert	Will Healy	B
Colorado	Mike MacIntyre	TBD	
East Carolina	Scottie Montgomery	Mike Houston	B+
Georgia Tech	Paul Johnson	TBD	
Kansas	David Beaty	Les Miles	C+
Kansas St	Bill Snyder	TBD	
Liberty	Turner Gill	TBD	
Louisville	Bobby Petrino	Scott Satterfield	B+
Maryland	DJ Durkin	Mike Locksley	C+
Massachusetts	Mark Whipple	Walt Bell	B
North Carolina	Larry Fedora	Mack Brown	C
Ohio St	Urban Meyer	Ryan Day	C+
Texas St	Everett Withers	Jake Spavital	B-
Texas Tech	Kliff Kingsbury	Matt Wells	B
Utah St	Matt Wells	TBD	
Western Kentucky	Mike Sanford	Tyson Helton	B-

### College Bowl Issues Special Note:

Please be aware that there will be no single bowl issue covering all 39 bowl games. Next week's issue (sent Dec. 12) will only cover the bowl games played from December 15-22 (14 Bowls). The following issue (sent Dec. 19) will cover the bowl games played from December 26-29 (14 Bowls). Then the final bowl issue (sent Dec. 26) will cover the bowl games played from December 31-January 1 (11 bowls).

## Army vs Navy • December 9th • 3:00PM • CBS • Philadelphia, PA

### Army/Navy Facts

-This is the 119th all-time meeting dating back to 1890 (Navy leads the series 60-51-7).  
 -Prior to the last two years (both Army wins), Navy had beat Army 14 straight times, a record for either team as the previous high was just 5 (by both).  
 -This is the first time Navy is an underdog in the rivalry since 2001.  
 -This is also the largest underdog role for Navy in the rivalry since 1991.

### Army/Navy L/14 Meetings from Army's Perspective

Year	Opponent	W/L	Line	Score	Total	Year	Opponent	W/L	Line	Score	Total
2017	Navy	W	+2	14-13	u43.5	2010	Navy	L	+7.5	17-31	u53
2016	Navy	W	+4.5	21-17	u47.5	2009	Navy	W	+15.5	3-17	u41.5
2015	Navy	W	+21.5	17-21	u50.5	2008	Navy	L	+11	0-34	u43
2014	Navy	W	+15	10-17	u56	2007	Navy	L	+14	3-38	u64.5
2013	Navy	L	+14	7-34	u52	2006	Navy	W	+19.5	14-26	u49
2012	Navy	W	+6.5	13-17	u55.5	2005	Navy	L	+5.5	23-42	o50.5
2011	Navy	W	+7	21-27	u55.5	2004	Navy	L	+13	13-42	p55

### 2018 Army (SU: 9-2, ATS: 6-4-1, O/U: 6-5)

Date	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	O/U
8/31	at Duke	+14	14-34	L	o46
9/8	Liberty	-8	38-14	W	u58
9/15	Hawaii	-7	28-21	P	u62
9/22	Oklahoma	+29	21-28	W	u59
9/29	at Buffalo	+7	42-13	W	o54
10/6					
10/13	at San Jose State	-17	52-3	W	o50
10/20	Miami, Oh-OT	-6	31-30	L	o47
10/27	at Eastern Mich	-1	37-22	W	o47
11/3	Air Force	-5	17-14	L	u41
11/10	Lafayette	-46	31-13	L	u53
11/17	Colgate	-11	28-14	W	o37
11/24					
12/8	† Navy				

### 2018 Navy (SU: 3-9, ATS: 5-7, O/U: 8-4)

Date	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L	O/U
9/1	at Hawaii	-12	41-59	L	o61
9/8	Memphis	+7	22-21	W	u67
9/15	Lehigh	-33	51-21	L	o57
9/22	at SMU-ot	-6	30-31	L	o60
9/29					
10/6	at Air Force	-2	7-35	L	u47
10/13	Temple	+6	17-24	L	u49
10/20	Houston	+11	36-49	L	o59
10/27	† Notre Dame	+23	22-44	W	o54
11/3	at Cincinnati	+12	0-42	L	u48
11/10	at UCF	+24	24-35	W	u68
11/17	Tulsa	-5	37-29	W	o51
11/24	at Tulane	+6	28-29	W	o52
12/8	† Army				

2018 Season Stats	Army	Navy
Offensive PPG	30.8	26.3
Defensive PPG	18.1	34.9
PPG Difference	+12.7	-8.6
Rushing Off YPG	303.0	288.5
Rushing Off YPC	4.7	5.0
Passing Off YPG	81.4	72.2
Yds Per Att	10.5	7.7
Yds Per Catch	20.3	17.7
Off Comp %	51.7%	43.8%
TD/Int Ratio	6/3	5/3
Total Offense	384.4	360.7
Rushing Def YPG	106.5	189.0
Rushing Def YPC	4.2	5.2
Passing Def YPG	194.8	249.3
Yds Per Att	7.7	8.5
Yds Per Catch	12.8	12.4
Def Comp %	59.9%	68.7%
TD/Int Ratio	16/3	24/9
Total Defense	301.3	438.3
Kick Returns	13.1	15.3
Punt Returns	15.1	8.2
Kick Return Def	19.6	21.6
Punt Return Def	8.6	10.0
Net Punt	35.6	36.6
FG's	8-11	10-12
Sacks vs	2	9
Sacks by	15	19
TO Margin	+5	+8

† Army 21 Navy 17 @Philadelphia, PA. Army has taken each of the last two meetings in dramatic fashion but prior to those, Navy had claimed a series record 14 straight wins in one of the greatest rivalries and traditions in all of college football. Navy has been favored in each of the last 16 meetings but this year find themselves an underdog in the rivalry for the first time since 2001. This is actually the largest underdog role for Navy in the rivalry since 1991! Army comes into the game winners of 7 in a row after their OT loss against playoff bound Oklahoma. The Black Knights are ranked for the first time since 1996 and are trying to notch back-to-back 10-win season. Army is No. 1 in the country in time of possession as they hold the ball for 39:15 per game nearly 4 minutes more than the No. 2 team Texas A&M. A big reason for that is that Army is an incredible 30 of 33 on 4th down this season as they continue to extend drives. On the other side, it's been the worst season for Navy in 16 years. However, it should be noted that Navy is playing their best football down the stretch as the Middies have covered 3 straight games and also notably covered against unbeaten Notre Dame and unbeaten UCF earlier this year. Navy has played the much tougher schedule while playing in the AAC as Army hasn't played an FBS foe since November 3rd! Also noteworthy is that Navy is in their preferred underdog role. In the last 16 years Navy is 50-27-1 ATS (65%) as an underdog and now they find themselves an "historic" underdog at least according to recent series history. We'll gladly take the points in what should be a low scoring game. Speaking of scoring, totals' players note that the UNDER has cashed in 12 straight Army/Navy games by an average of 15 points per game. Quite simply, it's two option teams that like to work the clock and are familiar with defending each other's offenses. However, the market in our opinion has finally caught up to this UNDER trend as this year's total of 40 is the lowest total in the series in the last 16 years.

# 2018-19 Complete Bowl Schedule with Early Lines

College Football - Saturday, December 15, 2018				
#	Time	Team	Line	
<b>NEW MEXICO BOWL - Dreamstyle Stadium - Albuquerque, NM</b>				
201	2:00p	North Texas	67.5	
202	ESPN	Utah St	-9	
<b>CURE BOWL - Camping World Stadium - Orlando, FL</b>				
203	1:30p	Tulane	-3.5	
204	CBS C	UL Lafayette	59	
<b>LAS VEGAS BOWL - Sam Boyd Stadium - Las Vegas, NV</b>				
205	3:30p	Arizona St	52	
206	ABC	Fresno St	-4.5	
<b>CAMELLIA BOWL - Cramton Bowl - Montgomery, AL</b>				
207	5:30p	Eastern Michigan	48	
208	ESPN	Georgia Southern	-1	
<b>NEW ORLEANS BOWL - Mercedes-Benz Superdome- New Orleans, LA</b>				
209	9:00p	Middle Tenn St	50.5	
210	ESPN	Appalachian St	-7	
<b>College Football - Tuesday, December 18, 2018</b>				
<b>BOCA RATON BOWL - FAU Stadium - Boca Raton, FL</b>				
211	7:00p	No Illinois	43.5	
212	ESPN	UAB	-1.5	
<b>College Football - Wednesday, December 19, 2018</b>				
<b>FRISCO BOWL - Toyota Stadium - Frisco, TX</b>				
213	8:00p	Ohio	-3	
214	ESPN	San Diego St	55	
<b>College Football - Thursday, December 20, 2018</b>				
<b>GASPARILLA BOWL - Raymond James Stadium - Tampa, FL</b>				
215	8:00p	Marshall	-2.5	
216	ESPN	South Florida	54.5	
<b>College Football - Friday, December 21, 2018</b>				
<b>BAHAMAS BOWL - Thomas Robinson Stadium - Nassau, Bahamas</b>				
217	12:30p	Florida Intl	68.5	
218	ESPN	Toledo	-6	
<b>POTATO BOWL - Albertsons Stadium - Boise, ID</b>				
219	4:00p	BYU	-12	
220	ESPN	Western Michigan	48.5	
<b>College Football - Saturday, December 22, 2018</b>				
<b>BIRMINGHAM BOWL - Legion Field - Birmingham, AL</b>				
221	12:00p	Wake Forest	73.5	
222	ESPN	Memphis	-5	
<b>ARMED FORCES BOWL - Amon G Carter Stadium - Fort Worth, TX</b>				
223	3:30p	Houston	67.5	
224	ESPN	Army	-3	
<b>DOLLAR GENERAL BOWL - Ladd-Peebles Stadium - Mobile, AL</b>				
225	7:00p	Buffalo	-2.5	
226	ESPN	Troy	53.5	
<b>HAWAII BOWL - Aloha Stadium - Honolulu, HI</b>				
227	10:30p	Louisiana Tech	57.5	
228	ESPN	Hawaii	-1.5	
<b>College Football - Wednesday, December 26, 2018</b>				
<b>FIRST RESPONDER BOWL - Cotton Bowl Stadium - Dallas, TX</b>				
229	1:30p	Boston College	55	
230	ESPN	Boise St	-3	
<b>QUICK LANE BOWL - Ford Field - Detroit, MI</b>				
231	5:15p	Minnesota	61	
232	ESPN	Georgia Tech	-4	
<b>CHEEZ-IT BOWL - Chase Field - Phoenix, AZ</b>				
233	9:00p	TCU	40.5	
234	ESPN	California	PK	
<b>College Football - Thursday, December 27, 2018</b>				
<b>INDEPENDENCE BOWL - Independence Stadium - Shreveport, LA</b>				
235	1:30p	Duke	56.5	
236	ESPN	Temple	-3	
<b>PINSTRIPES BOWL - Yankee Stadium - Bronx, NY</b>				
237	5:15p	Miami Florida	-3.5	
238	ESPN	Wisconsin	47	
<b>TEXAS BOWL - NRG Stadium - Houston, TX</b>				
239	9:00p	Vanderbilt	-4	
240	ESPN	Baylor	55	

College Football - Friday, December 28, 2018				
#	Time	Team	Line	
<b>MUSIC CITY BOWL - Nissan Stadium - Nashville, TN</b>				
241	1:30p	Auburn	-4	
242	ESPN	Purdue	54.5	
<b>CAMPING WORLD BOWL - Camping World Stadium - Orlando, FL</b>				
243	5:15p	Syracuse	74.5	
244		West Virginia	-7	
<b>ALAMO BOWL - Alamodome - San Antonio, TX</b>				
247	9:00p	Iowa St	54.5	
248	ESPN	Washington St	-3.5	
<b>College Football - Saturday, December 29, 2018</b>				
<b>ARIZONA BOWL - Arizona Stadium - Tuscon, AZ</b>				
245	1:15p	Arkansas St	-1	
246	CBS C	Nevada	59.5	
<b>PEACH BOWL - Mercedes-Benz Stadium - Atlanta, GA</b>				
249	12:00p	Florida	50.5	
250	ESPN	Michigan	-7.5	
<b>BELK BOWL - Bank of America Stadium - Charlotte, NC</b>				
251	12:00p	South Carolina	-4	
252	ABC	Virginia	54.5	
<b>ORANGE BOWL - Hard Rock Stadium - Miami Gardens, FL</b>				
253	8:00p	Oklahoma	79.5	
254	ESPN	Alabama	-14.5	
<b>COTTON BOWL - AT&amp;T Stadium - Arlington, TX</b>				
255	4:00p	Notre Dame	55	
256	ESPN	Clemson	-11	
<b>College Football - Monday, December 31, 2018</b>				
<b>MILITARY BOWL - Navy-Marine Corps Stadium - Annapolis, MD</b>				
257	12:00p	Virginia Tech	53.5	
258	ESPN	Cincinnati	-5.5	
<b>SUN BOWL - Sun Bowl Stadium - El Paso, TX</b>				
259	2:00p	Pittsburgh	52	
260	CBS	Stanford	-6.5	
<b>SAN FRANCISCO BOWL - Levi's Stadium - Santa Clara, CA</b>				
261	3:00p	Michigan St	48	
262	FOX	Oregon	-2.5	
<b>LIBERTY BOWL - Liberty Bowl - Memphis, TN</b>				
263	3:45p	Missouri	-8	
264	ESPN	Oklahoma St	72	
<b>HOLIDAY BOWL - SDCCU Stadium - San Diego, CA</b>				
265	7:00p	Northwestern	45	
266	FS1	Utah	-6.5	
<b>GATOR BOWL - TIAA Bank Field - Jacksonville, FL</b>				
267	7:30p	NC State	58.5	
268	ESPN	Texas A&M	-5	
<b>College Football - Tuesday, January 1, 2019</b>				
<b>OUTBACK BOWL - Raymond James Stadium - Tampa, FL</b>				
269	12:00p	Iowa	44.5	
270	ESPN2	Mississippi St	-6	
<b>CITRUS BOWL - Camping World Stadium - Orlando, FL</b>				
271	1:00p	Kentucky	48	
272	ABC	Penn St	-6	
<b>FIESTA BOWL - U of Phoenix Stadium - Glendale, AZ</b>				
273	1:00p	LSU	-7.5	
274	ESPN	UCF	54.5	
<b>ROSE BOWL - Rose Bowl - Pasadena, CA</b>				
275	5:00p	Washington	58	
276	ESPN	Ohio St	-6	
<b>SUGAR BOWL - Mercedes-Benz Superdome - New Orleans, LA</b>				
277	8:45p	Texas	58	
278	ESPN	Georgia	-11	
<b>College Football - Monday, January 7, 2019</b>				
<b>NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME - Levi's Stadium - Santa Clara, CA</b>				
151	8:00p			
152	ESPN			





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

## THE POWERS' PACK

- 3★ Indianapolis +4.5 over HOUSTON
- 2★ Carolina -1.5 over CLEVELAND
- 2★ GREEN BAY -5.5 over Atlanta

Games in Rotation Order  
Thursday, December 6th

HOME TEAM IN CAPS

**TENNESSEE 21 Jacksonville 16.** Jacksonville comes in off a herculean effort on defense last week as they shut out the red-hot Indianapolis Colts and snapped their 7-game losing streak. However, the Jags offense continues to struggle as new starter Kessler only led them to 2 FG's and 11 first downs. However, they do get back RB Fournette here. On the other side, the Titans rallied from a 16-point 2Q deficit to beat the lowly Jets. The Titans won the earlier meeting 9-6 and are on a 5-1 SU/ATS run in the series. Pass.

Sunday, December 9th

**KANSAS CITY 28 Baltimore 23.** Last week we dropped a 2★ on these pages fading the Ravens as they dominated Atlanta much more than the 10-point final indicated (366-131 yard edge). We weren't the only ones backing Atlanta who closed as a near FG favorite and one of the biggest bets of the season was placed on them (\$330K at the MGM). Meanwhile, the Chiefs survived a late rally from the Raiders in their non-covering win. Obviously, we have two contrasting styles here with the Ravens owning the top scoring defense while the Chiefs rely on their top scoring offense. We leans with the Ravens.

**3★ Indy (plus the points) HOUSTON 25 Indianapolis 24.** Houston comes in as the hottest team in the NFL with 9 straight wins. However, that usually means you start to get over-valued in the market place (see our winner fading the Saints last week). The Texans have won 4 games by a FG or less and have been out-gained in 4 of those 9 wins (including 428-384 vs CLE last week) so they are worse than their record indicates. Meanwhile, the Colts are coming off their worst performance of the season in a shut-out loss to the Jags. It was the first shut-out of Andrew Luck's career. They have revenge from an OT loss to the Texans earlier this season.

**2★ Carolina 26 CLEVELAND 21.** After a 6-2 start, Carolina has lost 4 straight and the Panthers have remarkably out-gained each of their last 3 opponents but have somehow found a way to lose them all. Last week QB Newton threw 4 INT's for the first time since his rookie season in 2011. On the other side, the Browns were exposed a bit in a blowout loss to the Texans as keep in mind, they faced poor defenses in prior weeks (Chiefs, Falcons and Bengals). Carolina is just on a 1-7 ATS run on the road but we think they get right here.

**2★ GREEN BAY 28 Atlanta 20.** Entering last week, teams 13-point or more favorites were on a 50-1 SU run in the NFL since 2013. However, the Packers shockingly lost outright to the Cardinals at home in the cold and HC McCarthy was shown the door. That's now 3 straight losses and a current 1-5 run although Rodgers still has a 21-to-1 TD-to-INT ratio. It's no better on the other side as the Falcons were embarrassed by the Ravens last week (much to our dismay). Atlanta managed only 131 yards, their worst output since 1999 and have now dropped 4 straight. Early forecast calls for highs in the mid-20's. That's not good for the team from the South. The Packers were laying "7.5" in the look-ahead line and we'll take advantage of the extra value here as we expect a one-game bump from the Packers with new interim coach Philbin and an extremely motivated QB Rodgers for the first time in awhile.

**New Orleans 31 TAMPA BAY 24.** Last week we cashed a 2★ on these pages fading the red-hot Saints who had won 10 straight and had covered 9 in a row. Still, we were even shocked that their high-powered offense was held to just 10 points and 176 yards (lowest since 2010). QB Brees was held to just 39 pass yards in the first half (lowest of career). Now they face the only other team to beat them this season, the Bucs who pulled off the Week 1 stunner 48-40 in the Super Dome as 10-point dogs. Remarkably, Tampa has the No. 1 total offense in the league and should be considered an above average team when they aren't turning the ball over. We leans with the home dog.

**BUFFALO 21 N.Y. Jets 17.** This is the first time all season that the Bills are favored and we're a little concerned considering their offensive struggles. Last week Buffalo dominated Miami in a 21-17 loss as the Bills had a 415-175 yard edge. QB Allen again pulled off his Tebow-imitation running for 135 yards. Meanwhile the Jets have now lost 6 straight games after blowing a 16-point lead to the Titans last week. Remember the Bills crushed the Jets just a few weeks ago 41-10. No revenge for the Jets but we're not laying it.

**New England 27 MIAMI 20.** In the earlier meeting, we cashed a 5★ on the Patriots in their 38-7 blowout win over the Dolphins (our strongest NFL play of the season so far). Last week the Pats cashed for VIP clients as they held the Vikings to just 10 points and 278 yards. Meanwhile Miami is phoniest team in the NFL as despite their 6-6 record, the Dolphins are getting out-gained by 96 ypg this year. Last week, they somehow managed to beat the Bills despite getting out-gained 415-175. Shockingly with Tannehill at QB, the Dolphins have won 8 straight home games. Keep in mind, New England traditionally struggles in South Beach (lost 4 of their last 5). Pass.

**L.A. Rams 27 CHICAGO 24.** This game has been flexed out to SNF. Maybe the Bears were looking ahead to this one in their OT loss to the Giants last week. Meanwhile, the Rams have clinched back-to-back division titles for the first time since 1978-79 and are off to their best start since 1969 after their win and cover over the Lions last week. The Rams are in a tough travel spot flying to Detroit and Chicago in back-to-back weeks and have only covered twice in their last 9 games. However, note they are 12-2 SU on the road under head coach McVay. Until Chicago QB Trubisky's status clears, we're passing.

**N.Y. Giants 22 WASHINGTON 19.** We've seen a huge line move here as the look-ahead lines had Washington favored by 3 here. Obviously, you have to downgrade the Redskins significantly considering they lost QB McCoy for the season (lost 2nd QB in 3 weeks) and also two more OL. In addition, the Giants unlike last season have not given up on the season as they have won 3 of their last 4 after a 1-7 start. Still, we're not laying more than a FG on the road.

**Denver 24 SAN FRANCISCO 20.** Raise your hand if you had the Broncos in the playoff hunt after their 3-6 start? Now after 3 straight wins and an easy remaining schedule, the Broncos are battling the Ravens for the final playoff spot. Last week rookie RB Lindsay (how was he undrafted?) had 157 yards. QB Keenum threw an INT in each of Denver's first 8 games and the Broncos were 3-5. He now hasn't thrown a pick in their last 4 and the Broncos are 3-1. They face a reeling San Fran team that is remarkably on a 3-32 SU run without Garoppolo at QB. However, now you're starting to pay a premium.

**L.A. CHARGERS 31 Cincinnati 17.** The Chargers come in off that shocking come-from-behind win over the Steelers on SNF in which they were trailing 23-7 late in the 3Q to derail our top play on these pages last week. They face a Cincinnati team that has rolled over after their 4-1 start and has lost each of their last 4 games. Last week they lost WR Green again to a foot injury and of course are without QB Dalton. We used to say, you can't make money backing large favorites in the NFL. However, the reality is you'd be 33-18-2 ATS (65%) backing 13-point or more favorites in the NFL since 2013. That gives us pause here but also note that the Chargers are in a PIT/KC sandwich.

**Detroit 21 ARIZONA 20.** 13-point or more underdogs were on a 1-50 SU in the NFL prior to the Cardinals upset of the Packers last week. That still doesn't hide the fact the Cardinals have the worst offense in the NFL. Speaking of bad offense, the Lions haven't topped 22 points in 6 straight games and they are off back-to-back home losses in which they failed their backers miserably in the 4Q of each game. Since the 1970 merger, the Lions are an NFL-worst 13-46 SU playing in the Mountain and Pacific time zones. We want no part of Detroit.

**DALLAS 23 Philadelphia 20.** The Cowboys winners of 4 straight and off a big upset win over the Saints last Thursday have a chance to really take hold of the NFC East here with a win over the Eagles. These two just met a month ago with the Cowboys philly 27-20 as 7.5-point underdogs that started their current run. Meanwhile, Philly stayed in the hunt last week after a win over a depleted Washington team. Traditionally the Cowboys have been really poor home favorites and are just 15-30 ATS in that role under head coach Garrett.

**Pittsburgh 30 OAKLAND 21.** The Steelers come in off 3 straight poor performances as they had to rally to beat the Jags, lost outright to the Broncos and then last week blew a 23-7 3Q lead against the Chargers. Remarkably the Steelers were 220-0-2 when leading by 14-points or more in their storied franchise history. It was arguably our toughest loss on these pages all year. Meanwhile, the Raiders have clearly not "tanked" on the season as they covered at home vs the Chiefs. Do you really want to lay double-digits on the road with the Steelers having the Pats on deck? Also note RB James Conner is out.

Monday, December 10th

**SEATTLE 24 Minnesota 22.** Seattle has won 3 straight games but note the Seahawks have been out-gained in 4 of their last 5 games and even in a blowout win over the 49ers last week were out-yarded 480-353. Meanwhile, the Vikings are in must-win mode having alternated wins and losses in each of their last 6 games. We lean with the Vikings.

Just missed the cut: Minnesota +3.5 over Seattle.

## 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	3-9-0	1-5-0	2-4-0	6-6-0	3-3-0	3-3-0	5-7-0	2-4-0	3-3-0
Atlanta	4-8-0	3-4-0	1-4-0	3-9-0	2-5-0	1-4-0	6-6-0	4-3-0	2-3-0
Baltimore	7-5-0	4-2-0	3-3-0	6-6-0	3-3-0	3-3-0	5-7-0	3-3-0	2-4-0
Buffalo	4-8-0	2-3-0	2-5-0	5-7-0	2-3-0	3-4-0	5-7-0	3-2-0	2-5-0
Carolina	6-6-0	5-1-0	1-5-0	5-7-0	4-2-0	1-5-0	7-5-0	5-1-0	2-4-0
Chicago	8-4-0	5-1-0	3-3-0	8-4-0	5-1-0	3-3-0	8-4-0	4-2-0	4-2-0
Cincinnati	5-7-0	3-4-0	2-3-0	5-7-0	2-5-0	3-2-0	8-4-0	4-3-0	4-1-0
Cleveland	4-7-1	3-2-1	1-5-0	7-5-0	4-2-0	3-3-0	6-6-0	3-3-0	3-3-0
Dallas	7-5-0	5-1-0	2-4-0	7-5-0	4-2-0	3-3-0	5-7-0	4-2-0	1-5-0
Denver	6-6-0	3-3-0	3-3-0	6-5-1	2-3-1	4-2-0	3-9-0	1-5-0	2-4-0
Detroit	4-8-0	3-4-0	1-4-0	6-6-0	3-4-0	3-2-0	6-6-0	2-5-0	4-1-0
Green Bay	4-7-1	4-1-1	0-6-0	4-7-1	3-3-0	1-4-1	6-6-0	3-3-0	3-3-0
Houston	9-3-0	5-1-0	4-2-0	6-6-0	3-3-0	3-3-0	5-7-0	3-3-0	2-4-0
Indianapolis	6-6-0	4-2-0	2-4-0	5-6-1	2-3-1	3-3-0	6-6-0	3-3-0	3-3-0
Jacksonville	4-8-0	3-4-0	1-4-0	4-6-2	3-3-1	1-3-1	5-7-0	2-5-0	3-2-0
Kansas City	10-2-0	5-0-0	5-2-0	8-3-1	3-2-0	5-1-1	7-5-0	1-4-0	6-1-0
L.A. Chargers	9-3-0	4-2-0	5-1-0	7-5-0	2-4-0	5-1-0	7-5-0	3-3-0	4-2-0
L.A. Rams	11-1-0	6-0-0	5-1-0	5-5-2	2-2-2	3-3-0	6-6-0	4-2-0	2-4-0
Miami	6-6-0	5-1-0	1-5-0	7-5-0	5-1-0	2-4-0	5-7-0	4-2-0	1-5-0
Minnesota	6-5-1	4-2-0	2-3-1	6-5-1	4-2-0	2-3-1	5-7-0	1-5-0	4-2-0
New England	9-3-0	6-0-0	3-3-0	8-4-0	5-1-0	3-3-0	4-8-0	2-4-0	2-4-0
New Orleans	10-2-0	5-1-0	5-1-0	9-3-0	4-2-0	5-1-0	5-7-0	3-3-0	2-4-0
N.Y. Giants	4-8-0	2-4-0	2-4-0	6-5-1	1-4-1	5-1-0	6-6-0	3-3-0	3-3-0
N.Y. Jets	3-9-0	2-4-0	1-5-0	4-8-0	2-4-0	2-4-0	7-5-0	4-2-0	3-3-0
Oakland	2-10-0	1-5-0	1-5-0	4-8-0	2-4-0	2-4-0	6-6-0	3-3-0	3-3-0
Philadelphia	6-6-0	4-3-0	2-3-0	4-8-0	2-5-0	2-3-0	4-8-0	1-6-0	3-2-0
Pittsburgh	7-4-1	3-3-0	4-1-1	6-5-1	3-3-0	3-2-1	7-5-0	5-1-0	2-4-0
San Francisco	2-10-0	3-0	0-7-0	3-9-0	1-4-0	2-5-0	7-5-0	3-2-0	4-3-0
Seattle	7-5-0	3-2-0	4-3-0	7-3-2	3-1-1	4-2-1	6-6-0	3-2-0	3-4-0
Tampa Bay	5-7-0	4-2-0	1-5-0	5-6-1	3-3-0	2-3-1	8-4-0	2-4-0	6-0-0
Tennessee	6-6-0	4-1-0	2-5-0	6-6-0	3-2-0	3-4-0	5-7-0	2-3-0	3-4-0
Washington	6-6-0	3-3-0	3-3-0	7-5-0	4-2-0	3-3-0	5-7-0	3-3-0	2-4-0