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Week 14 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.

Week 14 Trends

	Favorites-Dogs
Straight Up	49-15
ATS	33-31
	Home-Away
Straight Up	38-26
ATS	30-34
	Totals (O/U)
Over-Under	29-35

Year-To-Date

	Favorites-Dogs
Straight Up	666-180
ATS	430-404-12
	Home-Away
Straight Up	537-305
ATS	410-420-12
	Totals (O/U)
Over-Under	403-434-15

Auburn QB Bo Nix and the No. 15 Tigers upset arch rival No. 5 Alabama 48-45 last Saturday ending the Crimson Tide's playoff hopes. It will be the first year without Alabama in the CFB Playoff.

Largest Favorites to Cover:
Georgia (-28.5) at Georgia Tech, 52-7
Buffalo (-28) vs. Bowling Green, 49-7
Utah (-28) vs Colorado, 45-15
Ohio (-27.5) at Akron, 52-3
Clemson (-27.5) at South Carolina, 38-3

Biggest Money line Upsets:
West Virginia +400 won 20-17 at TCU as 13.5-point underdogs.
South Alabama +325 won 34-30 vs Arkansas St as 10.5-point underdogs.
Northern Illinois +300 won 17-14 vs Western Michigan as 10-point underdogs.
Duke +270 won 27-16 vs Miami, FL as 9-point underdogs.

ATS Notables in 2019

Best ATS Margins Per Game:
Ohio St +12.6 ppg (9-3 ATS)
Navy +9.2 ppg (8-3 ATS)
UL-Lafayette +8.7 ppg (9-3 ATS)
Central Michigan +8.4 ppg (9-2-1 ATS)
Utah +7.5 ppg (9-3 ATS)
Kansas St +7.5 ppg (9-3 ATS)
Baylor +7.1 ppg (8-4 ATS)
Florida +6.3 ppg (8-3-1 ATS)
Western Kentucky +6.0 ppg (8-4 ATS)
Kentucky +5.9 ppg (8-4 ATS)

Worst ATS Margins Per Game:
Akron -10.4 ppg (1-11 ATS)
NC State -10.2 ppg (2-9-1 ATS)
Toledo -8.4 ppg (3-8-1 ATS)
Arkansas -7.8 ppg (5-7 ATS)
Michigan St -7.3 ppg (3-9 ATS)
North Texas -6.5 ppg (3-9 ATS)
Bowling Green -6.5 ppg (3-9 ATS)
Arizona -5.9 ppg (3-9 ATS)
Vanderbilt -5.5 ppg (3-9 ATS)
Nevada -5.5 ppg (6-6 ATS)

Oregon St (+5.4 ppg), Appalachian St (+5.3), Auburn (+4.1) and Clemson (+3.5) all finished 9-3 ATS. Stanford (-4.1 ppg), Nebraska (-2.9), UTEP (-2.3) and Northwestern (-2.1) all went 3-9 ATS.

SMU (+9.5 ppg), Memphis (+4.8) and Central Michigan (+6.0) games all went 9-3 to the OVER. San Diego St (-12.4 ppg) games went 11-1 to the UNDER this year while Missouri (-10.3 ppg) games went 10-2 to the UNDER.

Bad Beats

If you had **UNDER 68 in the Wake Forest/Syracuse** game, we feel your pain. First, they don't call it "under time" for a reason. The two teams each made long FG's in the final minute of regulation to force overtime (tied at 30). After Syracuse got a FG to take a 33-30 lead, the Orange then got a strip fumble and instead of going down to the ground, Trill Williams took it 94 yards to the house as the game went OVER by 1-point after that score.

It's fitting that the CFB season started off in Week 1 with a strip sack fumble recovery touchdown that gave **Stanford backers** a miracle cover in the final seconds vs Northwestern. Flash forward to the final week of the regular season and in the same exact end zone in the final seconds, Notre Dame got a strip sack fumble recovery TD that gave Stanford backers a tough loss. The Gambling Gods giveth and the Gambling Gods taketh away!

Major Injuries

Boise St QB Hank Bachmeier (shoulder) downgraded to doubtful vs Hawaii.
Central Michigan WR JaCorey Sullivan (foot) is questionable vs Miami, Oh.
Cincinnati QB Desmond Ridder (shoulder) is probable vs Memphis.
Georgia RB D'Andre Swift (shoulder) is probable vs LSU.
Georgia WR George Pickens (suspension) is out for the first half vs LSU.
Miami, Oh QB Brett Gabbert is probable vs Central Michigan.
Wisconsin WR AJ Taylor (leg) is questionable vs Ohio St.

Recapping Last Week's Best Bets

Obviously, it wasn't a great week on these pages last week and it's not been a great season to say the least. We lost with Dallas on Thanksgiving and then lost a 3★ on Memphis on Friday. Saturday started off well with winners on Northwestern and Oregon St but we lost with Oklahoma St and Army in the night action. In the NFL we won with Pittsburgh, but lost with Indianapolis. It was a FREE VIP weekend for all subscribers. The NFL star-rated picks went 2-1 while the CFB star-rated picks went 4-4 with the top play on UNDER 61.5 in the Fresno St/San Jose St game winning by 4 TD's.

2019 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★ for College 4★ for NFL), Sports Reporter (Best & Super Bets), Winning Points (Best Bets & Preferred), Playbook (3-5★'s), Pointwise (Ratings 1-4), Powers' Picks (1-4★'s) and the Sunday Night Owl Report (1-4★'s).

College

Newsletter	W	L	T	%	Net
Sports Reporter	30	21	1	58.82%	9
Power Plays	15	15	0	50.00%	0
Night Owl	21	22	1	48.84%	-1
Playbook	19	20	3	48.72%	-1
Power Sweep	27	29	0	48.21%	-2
Winning Points	39	45	0	46.43%	-6
Pointwise	37	44	2	45.68%	-7
Powers' Picks	**30**	**36**	**3**	**45.45%**	**-6**
Gold Sheet	25	31	0	44.64%	-6
Combined	**243**	**263**	**10**	**48.02%**	**-20**

NFL

Newsletter	W	L	T	%	Net
Night Owl	10	3	0	76.92%	7
Power Plays	8	5	0	61.54%	3
Powers' Picks	**23**	**15**	**1**	**60.53%**	**8**
Sports Reporter	16	11	0	59.26%	5
Gold Sheet	22	16	1	57.89%	6
Pointwise	21	17	1	55.26%	4
Power Sweep	12	13	1	48.00%	-1
Winning Points	24	26	2	48.00%	-2
Playbook	17	21	1	44.74%	-4
Combined	**153**	**127**	**7**	**54.64%**	**26**

College/NFL Combined

Newsletter	W	L	T	%	Net
Sports Reporter	46	32	1	58.97%	14
Night Owl	31	25	1	55.36%	6
Power Plays	23	20	0	53.49%	3
Powers' Picks	**53**	**51**	**4**	**50.96%**	**2**
Gold Sheet	47	47	1	50.00%	0
Pointwise	58	61	3	48.74%	-3
Power Sweep	39	42	1	48.15%	-3
Winning Points	63	71	2	47.01%	-8
Playbook	36	41	4	46.75%	-5
Combined	**396**	**390**	**17**	**50.38%**	**6**

CFB & NFL Schedules with Lines Wk 15 December 5-9

NFL Week 14 Thurs, Dec 5th	Line	BP				All Times Eastern
101 DALLAS 8:20 p.m. FOX	-3	-2				
102 CHICAGO	42.5	42				

CFB Week 15 Friday, Dec 6th	Line	BP				All Times Eastern
103 OREGON 8:00 p.m. Pac-12 Champ Santa Clara ABC	46	43				
104 UTAH	-6.5	-5				

Saturday, December 7th	Line	BP				All Times Eastern
105 MIAMI, OH 12:00 p.m. MAC Champ Detroit, MI ESPN2	54	56				
106 CENTRAL MICHIGAN	-6.5	-6				
107 UL-LAFAYETTE 12:00 p.m. Sun Belt Champ ESPN	56	53				
108 APPALACHIAN ST	-6.5	-7				
109 BAYLOR 12:00 p.m. Big 12 Champ Arlington, TX ABC	64	64				
110 OKLAHOMA	-8.5	-10				
111 UAB 1:30 p.m. CUSA Champ CBS College	49.5	50				
112 FLORIDA ATLANTIC	-7.5	-10				
113 CINCINNATI 3:30 p.m. AAC Champ ABC	57.5	57				
114 MEMPHIS	-9.5	-9				
115 HAWAII 4:00 p.m. Mountain West Champ ESPN	64.5	65				
116 BOISE ST	-14	-15				
117 GEORGIA 4:00 p.m. SEC Champ Atlanta CBS	55	57				
118 LSU	-7	-5				
119 WISCONSIN 8:00 p.m. Big Ten Champ Indianapolis FOX	56	58				
120 OHIO ST	-16.5	-16				
121 VIRGINIA 7:30 p.m. ACC Champ Charlotte, NC ABC	55.5	54				
122 CLEMSON	-28.5	-28				

BRAD POWERS' ATS STAT OF THE WEEK:
In their last 22 games, Clemson is 22-0 SU winning by +35.6 ppg and they are 18-4 ATS covering by +9.1 ppg.

NFL Sunday, December 8th	Line	BP				All Times Eastern
131 BALTIMORE 1:00 p.m. CBS	-5.5	-4				
132 BUFFALO	43.5	44				
133 WASHINGTON 1:00 p.m. FOX	41.5	43				
134 GREEN BAY	-13	-13				
135 DENVER 1:00 p.m. FOX	42	42				
136 HOUSTON	-9.5	-8				
137 SAN FRANCISCO 1:00 p.m. FOX	44	46				
138 NEW ORLEANS	-2.5	-4				
139 CINCINNATI 1:00 p.m. CBS	41	40				
140 CLEVELAND	-8.5	-8				
141 CAROLINA 1:00 p.m. FOX	47.5	46				
142 ATLANTA	-3	-4				
143 DETROIT 1:00 p.m. FOX	43	43				
144 MINNESOTA	-13	-11				
145 MIAMI 1:00 p.m. CBS	45	46				
146 N.Y. JETS	-5.5	-6				
147 INDIANAPOLIS 1:00 p.m. FOX	47	-1				
148 TAMPA BAY	-3	47				
149 L.A. CHARGERS 4:05 p.m. CBS	-3	-3				
150 JACKSONVILLE	43	43				
151 KANSAS CITY 4:25 p.m. CBS	49	48				
152 NEW ENGLAND	-3	-6				
153 PITTSBURGH 4:25 p.m. CBS	-3	-1				
154 ARIZONA	43.5	41				
155 TENNESSEE 4:25 p.m. CBS	-2.5	47				
156 OAKLAND	47	-1				
157 SEATTLE 8:20 p.m. NBC	47	47				
158 L.A. RAMS	PK	-3				

Monday, December 9th	Line	BP				All Times Eastern
159 N.Y. GIANTS 8:15 p.m. ESPN	46	45				
160 PHILADELPHIA	-9.5	-9				

Week 15 Computer Projected Lines for Every CFB Game

For the past couple of seasons we have posted computer projected lines at pregame.com. **Games where there was of difference of more than 3 points saw our computer lines actually beat the Vegas line at a 224-176-10 (56%) clip the last three years.** That's pretty solid and actually better than our own handicapping in some seasons. **Last week's plays went 6-9 and now the record for this year is 75-71-2.** Keep in mind, these computer lines don't take into consideration off-the-field factors like revenge or flat spots. They are basically a power-rating number difference between the two teams that also takes into consideration the home field advantage.

Of the 1 game where our computer is off more than 3 points compared to the Vegas line (highlighted), our favorite team this week to back would be Florida Atlantic -7.5.

The Comp column is the computer projected line and the Diff column is the difference between the Vegas line and the Computer line. "+" numbers in the difference column say back the underdog. "-" numbers in the difference column say back the favorite. Let us know if you have questions.

Friday, December 6th			
Time/TV	Line	Comp	Diff
Pac-12 Champ Game - Santa Clara, CA			
103 Oregon			
104 Utah	-6.5	-4.8	+1.7
Saturday, December 7th			
MAC Championship Game - Detroit, MI			
105 Miami (OH)			
106 Central Michigan	-6.5	-3.8	+2.7
Sun Belt Championship Game - Boone, NC			
107 Louisiana-Lafayette			
108 Appalachian State	-6.5	-7.4	-0.9
Big 12 Championship Game - Arlington, TX			
109 Baylor			
110 Oklahoma	-8.5	-9.8	-1.3
CUSA Championship Game - Boca Raton, FL			
111 UAB			
112 Florida Atlantic	-7.5	-11.2	-3.7

AAC Championship Game - Memphis, TN			
113 Cincinnati			
114 Memphis	-9.5	-8.8	+0.7
Mountain West Champ Game - Boise, ID			
115 Hawaii			
116 Boise State	-14	-14.1	-0.1
SEC Championship Game - Atlanta, GA			
117 Georgia			
118 LSU	-7	-5.4	+1.6
Big Ten Champ Game - Indianapolis, IN			
119 Wisconsin			
120 Ohio State	-16.5	-15.4	+1.1
ACC Championship Game - Charlotte, NC			
121 Virginia			
122 Clemson	-28.5	-27.5	+1.0

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Top 10 CFB ATS Trends for Week 15

1. In their last 8 games, Utah is 8-0 SU with an average score of 38.5-9.5 (+29.0 ppg) and remarkably, they're also 8-0 ATS (+12.2 ppg). This week Utah is a 6.5-point favorite vs Oregon in the Pac-12 Championship game.

2. Oregon is just 3-12 SU (-15.1 ppg) and 3-11-1 ATS (-8.1 ppg) as an underdog the last 4 years.

3. Appalachian St is 7-0 SU (+20.6 ppg) and 4-3 ATS (+9.3 ppg) vs ULL since joining the Sun Belt in 2014. This week App St is a 6.5-point home favorite.

4. The UNDER is 3-0 in ULL/Appalachian St games the last 2 years by an average of 25 ppg. This week's total is 56.

5. Baylor is on 8-0 ATS (+11.3 ppg) run as an underdog including 6-2 SU. This week the Bears are 8.5-point underdogs vs Oklahoma.

6. Since 2007 only 3 times have teams played each other in back-to-back games with the dog going 3-0 ATS in the second game (Cincy vs Memphis this week).

7. Boise St is 13-1 SU (+25.9 ppg) and 10-4 ATS (+10.4 ppg) vs Hawaii. This week the Broncos are 14-point home favorites.

8. Ohio St is 10-1 SU (+13.6 ppg) and 8-2-1 ATS (+8 ppg) vs Wisconsin since 2007. This week the Buckeyes are 16.5-point favorites.

9. Clemson in their last 22 games is 22-0 SU (+35.6 ppg) and 18-4 ATS (+9.1 ppg).

10. In their last 18 conference games, Clemson is 16-2 ATS vs ACC opponents (+9.4 ppg).

Games in Rotation Order   **HOME TEAM IN CAPS**
Friday, December 6th
Pac-12 Championship Game - Levi's Stadium - Santa Clara, CA

2★ UNDER 46 † Utah 24 Oregon 19. It's all about the early weather forecast with an 80% chance of rain and 19mph winds expected at kick-off (see pic). Keep it mind, it's already a questionable playing surface to begin with as 49ers home games are 27-16-3 to the UNDER since they opened in 2014. Obviously, Utah comes into this game as one of the hottest teams in the country. In their last 8 games, the Utes are 8-0 SU with an average score of 38.5-9.5 (+29.0 ppg) and remarkably, they're also 8-0 ATS (+12.2 ppg). Certainly their defense is legit at No. 2 in the country in ypg, No. 3 in ppg and No. 4 in ypp.

Levi's Stadium, 4900 Marie P DeBartolo Way, Santa Clara, CA
Friday 5:00 PM
Rain
60 °F | °C
Precipitation: 80%
Humidity: 79%
Wind: 19 mph
Temperature Precipitation Wind

On the other side, when Oregon has had to step up in class, they have not fared well. The Ducks are just 3-12 SU (-15.1 ppg) and 3-11-1 ATS (-8.1 ppg) as an underdog the last 4 years. Note that vs 8 common opponents this year Utah is out-scoring their opponents by 25 ppg (+216 ypg) while Oregon is "only" outscoring their opponents by 16 ppg (+84 ypg). With all that in mind, Utah is playing with added pressure in one of the most important games in school history and we think they're a little expensive here due to that 8-0 ATS run. That's why we prefer the UNDER.

Saturday, December 7th
MAC Championship Game - Ford Field - Detroit, MI
† Central Michigan 31 Miami, Oh 25. Central Michigan was just 1-11 last year and new head coach Jim McElwain should be up for National Coach of the Year by getting the Chips to 8 wins. We've upgraded them 12 points since the start of the season in our power ratings. CMU has a huge edge statistically here as Central Michigan is No. 24 vs Miami's No. 108 in ypg margin, No. 49 vs No. 96 in ppg margin and No. 28 vs No. 83 in ypp margin. One worry for Central Michigan is they have a fumbling problem (23 this season, more than any other team in the country). On the other side, Miami, Oh is 7-5 this year, but have been outgained by 74 ypg and out-scored by 4.2 ppg.Howe have they done it? Well Miami is 4-0 in games decided by 7 points or less. Note last week their QB Brett Gabbert was injured late first half last week and DNP in second half in loss to Ball St. Backup Jackson Williamson threw 2 INT's as they blew a big lead. By reading early practice reports, it does seem like Gabbert will be a go here. We don't see a tremendous amount of value here but do lean OVER.

Sun Belt Championship Game - Kidd Brewer Stadium - Boone, NC
APPALACHIAN ST 30 UL-Lafayette 23. These teams are very familiar with one another having already played 3 times in the last 2 years. Note that the UNDER is 3-0 in those games by an average of 25 ppg. App St won the earlier meeting this year 17-7 as 2-point road underdogs as App St had a 343-254 yard edge. The Mountaineers are 7-0 SU (+20.6 ppg) and 4-3 ATS (+9.3 ppg) vs ULL since joining the Sun Belt in 2014. We feel these are two of the best teams we've seen in the Sun Belt over the past 5-10 years. Both are in the Top 15 of ypg margin (ULL No. 10, App St No. 15), both in the Top 11 of ppg margin (ULL No. 8, App St No. 11) and both in the Top 17 of ypp margin (ULL No. 13, App St No. 17). We prefer the UNDER more than anything.

Big 12 Championship Game - AT&T Stadium - Arlington, TX
† Oklahoma 37 Baylor 27. Remember, Oklahoma was laying 10.5 points at Baylor just 3 weeks ago now are only an 8.5-point favorite at a neutral. Baylor blew a 25-point lead in that game three weeks ago but OU did have a 525-307 yard edge. The Sooners were also playing without All-American WR Cee Dee Lamb who will play here. In Big 12 action, Oklahoma is +197 ypg while Baylor is only +45 ypg. Note that Oklahoma's defense is No. 15 in country holding opponents to 89 ypg below season average. The Sooners have been there and done that as OU is 9-1 SU/7-2-1 ATS in Big 12 title games while Baylor has never played in Big 12 title game before. Baylor is on 8-0 ATS (+11.3 ppg) run as an underdog including 6-2 SU. Since 1998 there have been 49 times that conference foes have met a second time. If the favorite won the first game and is favored in the rematch, they've gone 19-2 SU & 13-7-1 ATS (Per Ralph Michaels). We lean with the Sooners here.

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CUSA Championship Game - FAU Stadium - Boca Raton, FL

1★ FLORIDA ATLANTIC 30 Uab 20. This year UAB benefited from playing the weakest schedule in CFB (No. 130). The Blazers are also a much different team on the road than what they are at home. In the last 3 years, UAB is 18-0 SU/14-2-2 ATS at home but only 9-9 SU on the road. FAU is No. 1 in the country in TO margin at +19. Usually we would say that makes them a little overrated as we believe TO's are mostly random (outside of throwing INT's). However, note that UAB QB's have thrown 17 INT's this year (2nd most in the country) and will be taking on an FAU defense that has 19 INT's (most in the country) this year. All 9 of FAU's wins this year have come by double-digits and we expect this one will as well. The one concern we have is there could be distractions for FAU HC Lane Kiffin who has been rumored for Arkansas and Ole Miss jobs.

AAC Championship Game - Spectrum Stadium - Orlando, FL
MEMPHIS 33 Cincinnati 24. These two just played last Friday and Memphis won 34-24 (-13) as we lost on these pages backing the Tigers. We came away very impressed with Cincy as down 17-3 after the first quarter, you'd think they would've thrown in the towel with a back-up QB. However, they rallied and covered. Cincy QB Desmond Ridder missed that game but will play here. Note that back-up Ben Bryant has a stronger arm but also had 3 TO's. The question you have to ask is it hard to beat the same team in back-to-back games? Note that since 2007 only 3 times have teams played each other in back-to-back games with the dog going 3-0 ATS in the second game! If Memphis wins, they're going to the Cotton Bowl so there will be added pressure. With that being said, Cincinnati has been outgained in 7 of their last 8 games. We don't see much value here.

Mountain West Championship Game - Albertson's Stadium - Boise, ID
BOISE ST 40 Hawaii 25. These two teams played here on October 12th and Boise St won 59-37 as a 13-point home favorite. Boise was +3 TO's in that game but also led 52-21 entering 4Q. While Boise St QB Hank Bachmeier is out here, the Broncos have not missed a beat with Jaylon Henderson at QB (9-1 ratio on season). On the other side, we've been very impressed with Hawaii the last couple of games as last week in a bad spot, they took care of Army much to our dismay on these pages. Still, this century Boise St is 13-1 SU (+25.9 ppg) and 10-4 ATS (+10.4 ppg) vs Hawaii and we don't see the Rainbow Warriors hanging here.

SEC Championship Game - Mercedes-Benz Stadium - Atlanta, GA
† Lsu 31 Georgia 26. Right now, the big story here is the UGA injuries at the skill positions. Top WR Lawrence Cager is out for the season, No. 2 WR George Pickens is suspended for the first half due to fighting last week and top RB D'Andre Swift is hopeful to play after suffering a shoulder injury last week. Note that UGA QB Jake Fromm's completion percentage to Cager/Pickens is 73% and only 53% vs everyone else. Against 4 common opponents, UGA is "only" +11 ppg and +71 ypg, while LSU is +22 ppg and +221 ypg. With that being said, we lean towards Georgia here. The Bulldogs have played here 4 times in the last 3 years while LSU is making their 1st trip. UGA has the superior defense in ypg (No. 4 vs No.35), ppg (No. 2 vs No. 31) and ypp (No. 3 vs No. 28). UGA also has the edge at line of scrimmage (+17 in sack margin vs +3 for LSU). While Georgia is the best defense LSU has faced this year, LSU certainly is the best offense UGA has faced.

Big Ten Championship Game - Lucas Oil Stadium - Indianapolis, IN
† Ohio St 37 Wisconsin 21. Ohio St was a 14.5-point home favorite vs Wisconsin in late October and the Buckeyes won 38-7. OSU had a 431-191 yard edge in that game and it was played in weather (rain, wind). Now we have a fast indoor track that favors OSU. Ohio St is No. 1 in the country in ATS margin +12.6 after their easy win and cover over rival Michigan last week. The Buckeyes are also No. 1 in ppg margin at +38.1 ppg. OSU QB Justin Fields remarkably has 37 TD's and only 1 INT this year! The question we have is can Ohio St get back up for 3rd game in a row after Penn St and Michigan? It might not matter considering their talent advantages. We were impressed with Wisconsin last week as they took care of rival Minnesota in easy fashion. However, Ohio St is 10-1 SU (+13.6 ppg) and 8-2-1 ATS (+8 ppg) vs Wisconsin since 2007. Slight lean OVER.

ACC Championship Game - Bank of America Stadium - Charlotte, NC
† Clemson 41 Virginia 13. Even though they have played a weak schedule, we agree with Clemson head coach Dabo Swinney in that the Tigers are getting disrespected this year. Clemson is now No. 1 in ypg margin (+309) and No. 1 in ypp margin (+3.5). Offensively, QB Trevor Lawrence hasn't thrown an INT in 5 straight games (16-0 ratio) and the Clemson is the first defense since at least 1996 to hold all 12 opponents to less than 300 yards. The SU and ATS numbers are also mind-boggling. Clemson in their last 22 games is 22-0 SU (+35.6 ppg) and 18-4 ATS (+9.1 ppg). Despite being the defending National Champs, Clemson is 9-3 ATS this year (+3.5 ppg) and we've upgraded them in our power ratings since the start of the season. In their last 18 conference games, Clemson is 16-2 ATS vs ACC opponents (+9.4 ppg). This is a huge number and we respect UVA QB Bryce Perkins but we can't fade the Tigers right now. Pass.

THE POWERS' PACK

3★ L.A. RAMS (PK) over Seattle
2★ Indianapolis (+3) over TAMPA BAY
2★ NEW ENGLAND (-3) over Kansas City

Games in Rotation Order — — — — — — — — **HOME TEAM IN CAPS**

Thursday, December 5th

Dallas 22 CHICAGO 20. We want nothing to do with Dallas after that miserable failure on these pages last week on Thursday. We still have indigestion from our Turkey dinner after watching that debacle. That's now 4 straight games where RB Elliott has failed to top 100 yards and 4 straight games where the Cowboys haven't forced a TO. Statistically they are one of the best teams in the NFL (were +10 first downs and +70 yards last week) but obviously it hasn't shown on the final scoreboard. On the other side, the Bears got a win but no cover (at least to those who bet them on Game Day) in their win over Detroit last Thursday. Pass.

Sunday, December 8th

Baltimore 24 BUFFALO 20. After calling them one of the most overrated 8-3 teams in NFL history, we came away very impressed with Buffalo last Thursday in their upset over Dallas. QB Josh Allen threw 3 TD's and had ZERO INT's and the Bills are basically a lock to get to the playoffs now. On the other side, the only thing that has been able to slow down Lamar Jackson is Mother Nature (somewhat) and still the Ravens have won 8 straight games and Jackson has a 20-to-ZERO TD-to-INT ratio in his last 7 games. Buffalo does have extra rest and Baltimore has a Thursday game on deck. We lean with the Bills.

GREEN BAY 28 Washington 15. Congrats if you took a 3-team money-line parlay on the Redskins, Dolphins and Bengals last week as the payout was 60/1! Remarkably, the Redskins have won 2 straight games after their upset win over Carolina last week (Washington had a 248-65 rushing yard edge) and the defense has back-to-back games with 6-plus sacks (first time since 1984). The Packers are just 4-3 SU and 2-5 ATS (-5 ppg) as a double-digit home favorite the last 5 years. Last week they took advantage of rookie Daniel Jones (3 INT's) in their easy win and cover. Per Football Outsiders, Rush Defense DVOA rankings, the Packers are No. 28 in rush defense and are taking on a Washington team that will want to run the ball.

HOUSTON 25 Denver 17. We don't mind fading Houston off a big win over New England on SNF. Do note that the game was a bit misleading as NE scored a couple of late TD's. The Broncos defense is legit as they've allowed 6 of their last 8 opponents to 20-points or less. Obviously, Drew Lock's first NFL start was a success getting the win over the Chargers last week but now he is making his first road start. Also note that he only threw for 11 yards in the second half of that game.

NEW ORLEANS 25 San Francisco 21. How bad was last weekend for San Francisco? The 49ers nearly won outright and still covered on the road against arguably the best team in the NFL and went from being the No. 1 seed in the NFC down to the No. 5 seed and in the Wild Card. This line of 2.5 certainly says they are still the best team in the NFC. The Saints do have extra time to prep coming off the win over Atlanta last Thursday. The Saints are 13-2 SU (+9.2 ppg) and 14-1 ATS (+8.5 ppg) at home vs teams that own a winning percentage of .800 or better since 2006! That alone has us leaning with them here. Do note the Saints are 6-0 in games decided by 7 points or less.

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

CLEVELAND 24 Cincinnati 16. Andy Dalton came to the Bengals rescue last week in getting them their first win of the season. Will that give them momentum here or will there be a sigh of relief? As bad as they've been this year, they're actually 6-6 ATS and covered 3 straight. Meanwhile, we cashed on these pages fading the Browns as they lost their 16th straight game in Pittsburgh. Obviously, Cleveland has a lot of weapons on offense but the dynamic duo of HC Kitchens and QB Mayfield are clearly holding the team back among other things. Pass.

ATLANTA 25 Carolina 21. How will the firing of Carolina head coach Ron Rivera impact the Panthers this week? So far, the market as faded them with Atlanta going from 1-to-3-point home favorites. Obviously, Carolina had their worst performance of the season last week in the upset loss to Washington. Meanwhile, the Falcons are home for a 3rd straight week. Atlanta is on a 7-1 SU (+11.9 ppg) and 7-1 ATS (+11.2 ppg) run in the series including a 29-3 beat down 3 weeks ago. We lean with the Falcons here.

MINNESOTA 27 Detroit 16. The Lions have led in every game this season but are only 3-8-1 (only once have they lost by more than 8 points but that was to the Vikings at home). Last week David Blough became the 12th straight Detroit QB to lose his first start. However, he didn't look that bad at 22 of 38 for 280 yards and a 2-1 ratio. Meanwhile, Minnesota is on a short week after the MNF thriller but are dealing with injuries. We lean with the Lions.

N.Y. JETS 26 Miami 20. The Jets have revenge for losing to the hapless Dolphins but also have to atone for that pathetic performance last week when they lost to the 0-11 Bengals. The Jets became the first team in NFL history to lose 2 games in a season to teams that were 0-7 or worse. Somehow the Jets offense only managed 6 points after scoring 34 in each of their previous 3 contests. Meanwhile, the Dolphins are off an outright upset over the Eagles as 10.5-point underdogs. After their miserable September, Miami is 6-2 ATS in their last 8 games.

L.A. Chargers 23 JACKSONVILLE 20. The Chargers have now lost 8 games this year by 7 points or fewer. They are 4-8 but have outscored their opponents by a total of 3 points this year. Last week set yet another low for how to lose a football game (pass interference in final seconds that set DEN up for a FG). Meanwhile, the Jags have benched Nick Foles (3 TO's on the first 3 drives last week) and will go back to Gardner Minshew here. Whenever you're looking to back a road favorite you have to ask yourself, if you'd be willing to lay 9 at home with the Chargers in this game (6-point adjustment from away to home). The 4:05pm start time should help them here but we don't see too much value.

Pittsburgh 21 ARIZONA 20. Last week we cashed on these pages backing Pittsburgh in their outright upset over Cleveland. QB Duck Hodges is now 2-0 SU/ATS as a starter as does look like an upgrade over Mason Rudolph. However, they could be in a flat spot here vs an Arizona team off a big loss to the Rams. The Cards were out-gained 549-198 in that one and that is alarming considering they were off a bye. Do note that Arizona's 3 wins this year have come against teams that are a combined 6-30 SU. Pittsburgh is not in a preferred role here at 25-38 ATS (40%) as a road favorite under Tomlin.

OAKLAND 24 Tennessee 23. Last week Tennessee beat us on these pages as they scored 24 unanswered in the win over Indianapolis. Obviously, the clinching play being a blocked FG return TD late in the 4Q. Meanwhile, the Raiders come in reeling after back-to-back blowout losses. However, this seems like a good spot for them as they had won 3 straight home games prior to the losing streak. Remember in the last 30 years, teams off 30-point or more losses in the NFL are 199-166-13 ATS (54.5%) and this is only the 11th time a team is coming in off back-to-back 30-point losses (6-4 ATS +7.2 ppg).

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PHILADELPHIA 27 N.Y. Giants 18. We certainly don't trust either team at this point. The Giants have lost 8 straight games and have already been eliminated from the playoffs in a weak division. QB Jones has 21 TO's in 11 games! Meanwhile, the Eagles who were supposed to surge down the stretch of the season just stunk up the joint in an outright loss as a 10-point favorite at Miami last Sunday. Philadelphia is 18-4 SU (+5.7 ppg) and 14-8 ATS (+5.2 ppg) vs the Giants since 2008. Pass.