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Week 3 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 3 Trends

	Favorites-Dogs
Straight Up	50-14
ATS	26-36-2
	Home-Away
Straight Up	45-19
ATS	29-33-2
	Totals (O/U)
Over-Under	35-28-1

Largest Favorites to Cover:
Utah St (-47.5) vs Tennessee Tech, 73-12
WMU (-46.5) vs Delaware St, 68-0
Cincinnati (-43) vs Alabama A&M, 63-7
Penn St (-35) vs Kent St, 63-10
Georgia (-34.5) vs Middle Tenn, 49-7

Biggest Money line Upsets:
BYU +1075 won at Wisconsin, 24-21 (+23.5)
Akron +900 won at Northwestern, 39-34 (+21)
Temple +550 won at Maryland, 35-14 (+15.5)
LSU (+320) won at Auburn, 22-21 (+10)
Troy (+300) won at Nebraska, 24-19 (+10)

LSU kicker Cole Tracy knocked home a 42-yard field goal on the final play to give No. 12 LSU a 22-21 upset win at No. 7 Auburn. The Tigers were 10-point underdogs and now have two Top 10 wins already this season.

ATS Notables

If you have blindly bet on Alabama in every game the last 10-plus seasons, you would be 82-58-2 ATS (58.6%). The Crimson Tide are already 3-0 ATS this year with an average cover of 20 ppg. That's the biggest average cover margin of any team so far this season!!!

Florida St new head coach Willie Taggart is 0-3 ATS with an average non-cover by 25.5 ppg. The worst mark of any team in the country.

There are 12 new Power 5 head coaches this year. So far it has been a rough start as they are a combined 9-17 SU/9-16-1 ATS vs FBS teams.

Eight different backup QB's started this weekend and those teams went 7-1 ATS with an average cover of 13 ppg. Only loser was Nebraska (-10) vs Troy.

Misleading Finals

Akron's huge upset over **Northwestern** (39-34, +21) was probably the most deceiving score of the season so far. Northwestern actually led 21-3 at halftime and had 30-15 first down and 491-357 yard edges. However, Northwestern had 3 TO's and remarkably all 3 were returned for TD's in the second half. On top of that, Northwestern missed 2 FG's and were stopped on downs twice inside Akron's 40-yard line. Akron may have deserved the cover but certainly not the outright win.

Oregon St (+3) had 28-17 first down and 540-357 yard edges over **Nevada** but lost 37-35. The Beavers missed two FG's (including a chip-shot 33-yarder on the final play) plus had 3 TO's including one that Nevada returned for a TD and another TO at the Nevada 8-yard line.

Vanderbilt (+13.5) got an easy cover over **Notre Dame** last Saturday but the Commodores should have gotten the outright upset. Vandy had a 420-380 yard edge but were -3 TO's. The Dores fumbled in the end zone for a touchback. They dropped a TD pass which led to a FG. Vandy also threw an interception at the 1-yard line.

Florida (-21) dominated **Colorado St** on the scoreboard (48-10) but not in the stats as the Rams had a 22-14 first down edge and also a 38:33 time of possession edge. The Gators benefited from 3 Colorado St TO's and two Rams' missed FG's. On top of that, Florida got a blocked punt return TD and an 85-yard punt return TD.

Ohio St (-12) got a 40-28 win over TCU this past week but the game was much closer than the final. The Buckeyes only had a 526-511 yard edge and actually trailed 21-13 in the third quarter. However, the Buckeyes scored 3 TD's in a 4-minute period that blew the game open. Overall, Ohio St got two defensive TD's while a blocked punt set up another short TD drive.

Major Injuries

Massachusetts QB Andrew Ford (knee) was injured during last week's loss to FIU. He is questionable for this week's game vs Charlotte.

Nebraska QB Adrian Martinez (knee) was medically cleared and passed through warm-ups but was held out of the Troy game. He is questionable vs Michigan.

Ohio St All-American DE Nick Bosa (groin) has been downgraded to out for this week's game vs Tulane.

Stanford RB Bryce Love (knee) sat out last week's game vs UC Davis. He is probable for this week's game at Oregon.

Syracuse QB Eric Dungey sat out the second half vs Florida St last week with an eye injury. He has been upgraded to probable this week vs Connecticut.

Bad Beats From Last Week

The **Alabama/Ole Miss** game was a popular OVER bet this past weekend. The totals' line was 70.5 and it was the highest totals' line ever for a Nick Saban coached team. The game couldn't have started any better for those of you that OVER tickets as Ole Miss scored a 75-yard TD on their first offensive play. The problem was the Rebels never scored again. However, Alabama looked like they could pass the total themselves scoring 49 points in the first half but only managed 13 in the second half as the final score (Bama 62-7) came up 1.5-points short.

Texas St (+10) actually led **South Alabama** 31-16 in the third quarter. However, the tide turned in the game starting with a 55-yard interception return TD that was the first of South Alabama's 25-points to close the game. South Alabama's final TD was the back-breaker coming on 4th Down and Goal from the 18-yard line with :33 left.

Recapping Week Three Best Bets

Overall, it was a solid 6-2 mark for our best bets on these pages last week. The college selections had their best week yet with a 4-1 mark. Both 3★'s were close as Purdue (+7) rallied from a 27-10 deficit to tie but ended up losing on a last-second field goal to Missouri. Georgia Southern benefited from a pair of missed FG's and three Clemson TO's. Syracuse (+3.5) had a dominant win over Florida St while UAB (+4) also pulled the outright upset over Tulane. The only loser was UL-Monroe as a blocked FG return for a TD was a key play for A&M. In the pros, we clearly underestimated the Chiefs and Patrick Mahomes as our 3★ on the Steelers really never had a chance. The Colts (+6) were an easy outright winner while the Falcons got the cover over the Panthers by one.

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	NFL Newsletter	W	L	T	%	Net	College/NFL Combined Newsletter	W	L	T	%	Net
Power Plays	5	1	0	83.33%	+4	**Powers' Picks**	**5**	**1**	**0**	**83.33%**	**+4**	Power Plays	6	2	0	75.00%	+4
Night Owl	9	7	0	56.25%	+2	Winning Points	5	2	1	71.43%	+3	Night Owl	11	8	0	57.89%	+3
Gold Sheet	5	6	0	45.45%	-1	Gold Sheet	4	2	0	66.67%	+2	Gold Sheet	9	8	0	52.94%	+1
Powers' Picks	**6**	**9**	**0**	**40.00%**	**-3**	Night Owl	2	1	0	66.67%	+1	**Powers' Picks**	**11**	**10**	**0**	**52.38%**	**+1**
Pointwise	6	10	1	37.50%	-4	Playbook	3	3	0	50.00%	0	Winning Points	11	14	1	44.00%	-3
Power Sweep	4	7	0	36.36%	-3	Power Plays	1	1	0	50.00%	0	Playbook	6	9	0	40.00%	-3
Playbook	3	6	0	33.33%	-3	Power Sweep	2	2	0	50.00%	0	Power Sweep	6	9	0	40.00%	-3
Sports Reporter	3	6	0	33.33%	-3	Sports Reporter	2	2	0	50.00%	0	Sports Reporter	5	8	0	38.46%	-3
Winning Points	6	12	0	33.33%	-6	Pointwise	1	5	0	16.67%	-4	Pointwise	7	15	1	31.82%	-8
Combined	**47**	**64**	**1**	**42.34%**	**-17**	**Combined**	**25**	**19**	**1**	**56.82%**	**6**	**Combined**	**72**	**83**	**2**	**46.45%**	**-11**

CFB/NFL Schedules Week 4 Sept 20th-24th

NFL/CFB Thursday, Sept 20th	Line	BP
301 N.Y. JETS (NFL Network, 8:20 p.m.)	39.5	41
302 CLEVELAND	-3	-7
303 TULSA (ESPN, 7:30 p.m.)	54.5	58
304 TEMPLE	-7	-8

Friday, September 21st	Line	BP
305 FLORIDA ATLANTIC (ESPN, 7:00 p.m.)	77	72
306 CENTRAL FLORIDA	-13.5	-12
307 PENN ST (FOX Sports 1, 9:00 p.m.)	-28	-25
308 ILLINOIS	60	57
309 WASHINGTON ST (ESPN, 10:30 p.m.)	53	55
310 USC	-3.5	-7

Saturday, September 22nd	Line	BP
311 AKRON (12:00 p.m.)	45	51
312 IOWA ST	-18.5	-23
313 NC STATE (CBS College, 7:00 p.m.)	-5	-6
314 MARSHALL	57.5	54
315 CHARLOTTE (ESPN2, 3:30 p.m.)	58.5	57
316 MASSACHUSETTS	-9.5	-7
317 MICHIGAN ST (Big Ten, 7:30 p.m.)	-4.5	-10
318 INDIANA	48.5	50
319 MINNESOTA (Big Ten, 12:00 p.m.)	46.5	47
320 MARYLAND	-3	-1
321 WKU (3:00 p.m.)	55	54
322 BALL ST	-2.5	-6
323 BOSTON COLLEGE (ESPN2, 12:00 p.m.)	-6.5	-6
324 PURDUE	68	62
325 CONNECTICUT (ESPN News, 4:00 p.m.)	76	74
326 SYRACUSE	-27.5	-26
327 FIU (ESPN2, 3:30 p.m.)	58.5	59
328 MIAMI, FL	-26.5	-25
329 PITTSBURGH (12:20 p.m.)	-3.5	-4
330 NORTH CAROLINA	48.5	52
331 NORTHERN ILLINOIS (ESPNU, 3:30 p.m.)	45	45
332 FLORIDA ST	-10	-11
333 MIAMI, OH (3:00 p.m.)	-6.5	-7
334 BOWLING GREEN	54.5	57
335 TULANE (Big Ten, 3:30 p.m.)	69	68
336 OHIO ST	-37	-34
337 CLEMSON (ABC, 3:30 p.m.)	-16.5	-20
338 GEORGIA TECH	52	48
339 OHIO (ESPNU, 12:00 p.m.)	53.5	60
340 CINCINNATI	-8.5	-6
341 EAST CAROLINA (ESPN News, 8:00 p.m.)	68.5	65
342 SOUTH FLORIDA	-22	-21
343 NOTRE DAME (ABC, 12:00 p.m.)	-7.5	-7
344 WAKE FOREST	60.5	55
345 NEVADA (CBS College, 12:00 p.m.)	69.5	70
346 TOLEDO	-10	-10
347 LOUISVILLE (12:30 p.m.)	54.5	57
348 VIRGINIA	-5	-3
349 WESTERN MICHIGAN (2:00 p.m.)	-7.5	-7
350 GEORGIA ST	63	55
351 BUFFALO (Big Ten, 12:00 p.m.)	-5.5	-2
352 RUTGERS	50	54
353 ARIZONA (Pac-12, 4:00 p.m.)	-6.5	-3
354 OREGON ST	75.5	73
355 STANFORD (ABC, 8:00 p.m.)	-2	-4
356 OREGON	57.5	58
357 FLORIDA (ESPN, 7:00 p.m.)	-4.5	-3
358 TENNESSEE	47.5	49
359 MISSISSIPPI ST (ESPN2, 7:00 p.m.)	-10	-10
360 KENTUCKY	55.5	58
361 NEBRASKA (FOX Sports 1, 12:00 p.m.)	50	52
362 MICHIGAN	-19	-20
363 KANSAS ST (ESPN, 3:30 p.m.)	60.5	60
364 WEST VIRGINIA	-16	-14
365 KENT ST (SEC Network, 12:00 p.m.)	77	72
366 OLE MISS	-28.5	-24
367 RICE (7:00 p.m.)	54.5	54
368 SOUTHERN MISS	-14	-14

Saturday, September 22nd	Line	BP
369 ARKANSAS (SEC Network, 7:30 p.m.)	57.5	60
370 AUBURN	-30	-28
371 TEXAS TECH (FOX Sports 1, 7:00 p.m.)	77.5	75
372 OKLAHOMA ST	-13	-13
373 NAVY (ESPN News, 12:00 p.m.)	-6.5	-8
374 SMU	65	68
375 COASTAL CAROLINA (7:00 p.m.)	64.5	64
376 UL-LAFAYETTE	-4.5	-4
377 UNLV (7:00 p.m.)	68	67
378 ARKANSAS ST	-7.5	-7
379 TCU (FOX, 4:30 p.m.)	-3	-1
380 TEXAS	47.5	53
381 ARMY (7:00 p.m.)	63	59
382 OKLAHOMA	-32	-31
383 LOUISIANA TECH (ESPNU, 7:00 p.m.)	48	52
384 LSU	-21	-18
385 KANSAS (FOX Sports 1, 3:30 p.m.)	57.5	61
386 BAYLOR	-7.5	-13
387 SOUTH CAROLINA (SEC Network, 4:00 p.m.)	-2	-2
388 VANDERBILT	54.5	54
389 SOUTH ALABAMA (8:00 p.m.)	67.5	68
390 MEMPHIS	-31	-28
391 AIR FORCE (ESPN2, 10:15 p.m.)	64	62
392 UTAH ST	-10.5	-14
393 NEW MEXICO ST (7:30 p.m.)	-3.5	-3
394 UTEP	48.5	51
395 TEXAS ST (7:00 p.m.)	50	48
396 UTSA	-7.5	-8
397 TROY (7:00 p.m.)	-6	-6
398 UL-MONROE	64	60
399 VIRGINIA TECH (CBS College, 3:30 p.m.)	-28	-27
400 OLD DOMINION	51.5	55
401 NORTH TEXAS (6:00 p.m.)	-13.5	-13
402 LIBERTY	70	67
403 GEORGIA (ESPN, 12:00 p.m.)	-14	-17
404 MISSOURI	64.5	63
405 TEXAS A&M (CBS, 3:30 p.m.)	61	57
406 ALABAMA	-27	-23
407 WISCONSIN (FOX, 8:30 p.m.)	-3	-2
408 IOWA	43.5	44
409 ARIZONA ST (ESPN, 10:30 p.m.)	50	48
410 WASHINGTON	-17	-20
411 EASTERN MICHIGAN (CBS College, 10:30 p.m.)	48	50
412 SAN DIEGO ST	-11	-10

NFL Wk 3 Sunday, Sept 23rd	Line	BP
461 INDIANAPOLIS (FOX, 1:00 p.m.)	47.5	48
462 PHILADELPHIA	-6.5	-6
463 CINCINNATI (CBS, 1:00 p.m.)	44	44
464 CAROLINA	-3	-4
465 TENNESSEE (CBS, 1:00 p.m.)	NL	38
466 JACKSONVILLE	NL	-10
467 NEW ORLEANS (FOX, 1:00 p.m.)	53	57
468 ATLANTA	-3	-3
469 DENVER (CBS, 1:00 p.m.)	43	40
470 BALTIMORE	-5	-8
471 N.Y. GIANTS (FOX, 1:00 p.m.)	41.5	42
472 HOUSTON	-6	-10
473 OAKLAND (CBS, 1:00 p.m.)	43.5	44
474 MIAMI	-3	-4
475 GREEN BAY (FOX, 1:00 p.m.)	-3	-1
476 WASHINGTON	45.5	47
477 BUFFALO (CBS, 1:00 p.m.)	41	37
478 MINNESOTA	-16.5	-17
479 SAN FRANCISCO (FOX, 1:00 p.m.)	56.5	59
480 KANSAS CITY	-6.5	-3
481 L.A. CHARGERS (CBS, 4:05 p.m.)	48	52
482 L.A. RAMS	-7	-4
483 CHICAGO (FOX, 4:25 p.m.)	-6	-6
484 ARIZONA	37.5	38
485 DALLAS (FOX, 4:25 p.m.)	41.5	39
486 SEATTLE	-1.5	-7
487 NEW ENGLAND (NBC, 8:20 p.m.)	-6.5	-10
488 DETROIT	52	52

Monday, September 24th	Line	BP
489 PITTSBURGH (ESPN, 8:15 p.m.)	-1	-3
490 TAMPA BAY	53.5	51

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

Thursday, September 20th

TEMPLE 33 Tulsa 25. After an 0-2 start to the season that featured losses to Villanova and Buffalo, the Owls rebounded in a big way last week upsetting Maryland 35-14 (+15.5). There was nothing fluky about the final as the Owls dominated with a 429-195 yard edge and both of Maryland's TD's were non-offensive. Meanwhile, Tulsa fell to Arkansas St at home as 3 Tulsa TO's were key including an interception that was returned for a TD. We're passing.

Friday, September 21st

CENTRAL FLORIDA 42 Florida Atlantic 30. You could make a case that the two most impressive teams in the state of Florida a year ago were these two in what will be a very important non-conference game. UCF had their game vs North Carolina canceled a week ago while FAU beat up an FCS team as RB Singletary had 5 rushing TD's in the first half. We have a slight lean on the dog here.

Penn St 41 ILLINOIS 16. Last week, Illinois QB AJ Bush sat out but backup M.J. Rivers was solid in relief going 20 of 29 for 168 yards. The Illini actually led 19-7 in the fourth quarter but were outscored 18-0 down the stretch. On the other side, Penn St throttled Kent St 63-10 but do note that QB McSorley continues to struggle with accuracy (67% last year vs 52% this year). The Nittany Lions do have a big game vs Ohio St on deck but are 8-1-1 ATS prior to facing the Buckeyes the last 10 years. We have a slight lean with the home team.

USC 31 Washington St 24. USC has revenge for a 30-27 loss to Washington St last year. Remember while USC has been terrible on the road under head coach Clay Helton, they are 17-0 SU at home. This number saw USC as a 15.5-point favorite in the West Gate Game of the Year lines in the summer. This seems like an overreaction to USC's last two games. Keep in mind, the Trojans were up 14-13 at Texas last week and were stopped on downs at the 1-yard line going in for another score. While Washington St has impressed so far, who have they played? Last week they were +4 TO's and turned a 35-24 game into a 59-24 blowout vs Eastern Washington.

Saturday, September 22nd

3★ IOWA ST 37 Akron 14. The Cyclones crushed the Zips last year 41-14 as 10.5-point road favorites. Last week Iowa St was without QB Kyle Kempt but backup Zeb Noland had a great game with 360 pass yards in the Cyclones' respectable cover over Oklahoma. Meanwhile, Akron got their first win over a Big Ten team since 1894 in their upset over Northwestern. It was arguably the most misleading score of the season so far as the Zips trailed 21-3 at halftime but got 3 defensive TD's in the second half. They were out-FD'd 30-15 and out-gained 491-357. Now they go back on the road again taking on an 0-2 Iowa St team that is in desperate need of a win. We love the home team to roll.

NC State 30 MARSHALL 24. Both teams come in off unscheduled byes due to Hurricane Florence last week and both are 2-0. Last year Marshall led 20-10 in the second quarter before NC State closed the game with 27 straight points. Originally, NC State would have been in a flat spot here off the West Virginia game but now should be better focused. However, the Herd are in a rare home dog spot (only 5th time in last 6 years). We're passing on this one for now.

MASSACHUSETTS 32 Charlotte 25. Massachusetts has been extremely disappointing so far coming off back-to-back blowout losses to Georgia Southern and FIU (two games where the Minutemen were slight underdogs). Their QB Andrew Ford was banged up last week and is questionable here. The line says he is likely to play. On the other side, Charlotte has two wins already (1-11 last year) after beating Old Dominion 28-25 last week (game was moved up to Thursday due to Hurricane Florence). We lean with the road dog.

3★ Michigan St 30 INDIANA 20. The Spartans come in off a much-needed bye as they need to re-group from a disappointing start to the season. Michigan State had one bad 4Q vs Arizona St in a terrible spot for them (in heat, late at night), other wise this line would see Michigan St -6 or -7. On the other side, while the Hoosiers are off to a 3-0 start, they are taking a large step up in class here. Michigan St has the No. 1 rush defense in the country (1.3 yards per attempt and 34 rush ypg) and should make Indiana one-dimensional here. Michigan St has dominated the series (12-2 SU/11-3 ATS the last 14) and get the win and cover here.

MARYLAND 24 Minnesota 23. The Gophers are off to a 3-0 SU/ATS start in the second year under P.J. Fleck. QB Zack Annexstad was banged up last week but should be good to go here. On the other side, Maryland after an impressive 2-0 start was upset by Temple last week as a 15.5-point home favorite. The game wasn't as close as the 35-14 final as the Terps got two non-offensive TD's. We're passing.

BALL ST 30 Western Kentucky 24. After a great performance vs Notre Dame, the Cardinals were overrun by Indiana last week. The Cardinals have revenge for 33-21 loss at WKU last year. It was misleading as Ball St led 21-20 with under 5 minutes left. On the other side, despite the fact the Hilltoppers were coming off a SU loss to FCS Maine and starting a backup QB in Shanley (22 of 33 for 240 yards), they led 14-0 at Louisville before losing 20-17. It was the second straight week, WKU has blown a big lead (led Maine 21-0). We like the home team here.

Boston College 34 PURDUE 28. Boston College is off to their best start since 2007 (when Matt Ryan was their QB). Last week in their 41-34 win at Wake Forest, BC QB Brown threw for a career-high 304 yards and 5 TD passes. On the other side, we cashed a 3★ on Purdue (+7) on these pages. It was yet another heart-breaking loss for the Boilers as Missouri hit a last-second FG. QB David Blough did throw for 572 yards but Purdue is off to their worst start since 1996. Sooner or later that will have to turn around. Not sure it does this week vs a very good Boston College team that has now covered 12 straight regular season games.

SYRACUSE 50 Connecticut 24. Last week on these pages we easily cashed a 2★ with Syracuse who crushed Florida St 30-7. We have to be honest, when QB Eric Dungey went down with injury (blurred vision) in the first half we didn't like our chances. Backup QB Tommy DeVitto played better than he did vs Western Michigan as he was 11 of 16 for 144 yards. Dungey is expected to return here. On the other side, UConn rallied for a 56-49 win over Rhode Island in a game that featured 1,123 yards. This is Syracuse's largest favorite role over an FBS opponent since 2000 when they were 43.5-point favorites vs Buffalo. Lean on the dog.

MIAMI. FL 42 Florida International 17. These two campuses are only 9 miles a part. A homecoming of sorts for former Miami head coach Butch Davis who coached the Hurricanes from 1995-2000. Davis has done an incredible job at FIU so far. The Golden Panthers far exceeded expectations last year and are on track due to do it again this year after back-to-back wins. The Hurricanes are off a 49-24 win over Toledo that was closer than the final indicated. We lean with the huge dog here.

Pittsburgh 28 NORTH CAROLINA 24. It's been a tough start for the Tar Heels who come in at 0-2 with an embarrassing loss to East Carolina two weeks ago. Head coach Larry Fedora is certainly on the hot seat. Last week the Tar Heels had their game against UCF canceled. On the other side, Pitt got a big home win over Georgia Tech as they led 24-6 before hanging on. The last seven meetings between these two have all been decided by 7 points or less. We're passing on the side but do like the OVER here.

FLORIDA ST 28 Northern Illinois 17. It's been a horrific start for new Florida St head coach Willie Taggart. The Noles are now 0-3 ATS with an average non-cover by 25.5 ppg, the worst mark of any team in the country. Last week we easily cashed on these pages going against them in their blowout loss to Syracuse. The offense managed just 11 first downs and the OL is one of the worst in the country. On the other side, NIU ended a 4-game losing streak vs Central Michigan but weren't that impressive in a non-cover (outgained 322-284). The Huskies are going to be a trendy upset pick here but we're passing..

Miami, Oh 32 BOWLING GREEN 25. After a near upset loss to Eastern Kentucky last week (Falcons outgained 498-388) Bowling Green head coach Mike Jinks is just 7-19-1 ATS in 2-plus seasons and the Falcons are just 1-12 in their last 13 home games. It's also been a poor start for Miami, OH who is 0-3 and head coach Chuck Martin should be on the hot seat. The Red Hawks are dealing with some injuries at the skill positions. We lean with the OVER.

OHIO ST 51 Tulane 17. Obviously the big story here is the return of Ohio St head coach Urban Meyer after his 3-games suspension. Ohio St (-12) got a 40-28 win over TCU this past week but the game was much closer than the final. The Buckeyes only had a 526-511 yard edge and actually trailed 21-13 in the third quarter. However, the Buckeyes scored 3 TD's in a 4-minute period that blew the game open. Overall, Ohio St got two defensive TD's while a blocked punt set up another short TD drive. Meanwhile we cashed going against Tulane in their upset loss at UAB. With a huge game vs Penn St on deck and All-American DE Nick Bosa out for Ohio St, we have a slight lean on the big road dog here.

Clemson 34 GEORGIA TECH 14. The Clemson defensive front has dominated Georgia Tech in recent years. They've allowed only 17 points the last two years combined and just 122 rush ypg the last 3. Clemson just got a "dress rehearsal" game vs the option last week vs Georgia Southern and should've covered as they missed two FG's and had 3 TO's (595-143 yard edge). On the other side, it's been a disappointing start for Georgia Tech who lost, yet again as a road favorite (0-8 SU last 8 in that role). Head coach Paul Johnson called a stupid fake punt at his own 28-yard line that got the Yellow Jackets down early. We lean with the road favorite here.

CINCINNATI 33 Ohio 27. The Bearcats are off to a 3-0 SU/ATS start so far this season and are fresh off a 63-7 win over Alabama A&M where they had 38-8 first down and 741-182 yard edges. Meanwhile, Ohio has been a disappointment so far at 0-2 ATS. Last week in a game that got moved to Nashville, TN because of Hurricane Florence, the Bobcats fell behind 35-7 early before making the final respectable. We're guessing Ohio would have at least been a FG favorite here just 3 weeks ago. We like the OVER as the Bobcats are easily 2-0 to the OVER this year and Cincinnati had a game vs Miami, OH two weeks ago that saw scoring reduced big time because of bad weather.

SOUTH FLORIDA 43 East Carolina 22. In each of the last two weeks, USF has found themselves down double-digits in the fourth quarter only to pull come-from-behind wins. Unlike the game vs GT, USF dominated the stats last week vs Illinois with a 626-380 yard edge but needed to outscore the Illini 18-0 in the fourth quarter. (USF did have a couple of key INT's and missed two FG's). Meanwhile, East Carolina saw their game vs Virginia Tech canceled because of Hurricane Florence. Prior to that, head coach Scottie Montgomery got a much-needed win over North Carolina to cool his seat a little. ECU did move their team to Orlando for the last week. Is that a distraction or did it help them focus? We're not sure. Pass.

Notre Dame 31 WAKE FOREST 24. Last year ND was dominating WF until a couple of late garbage TD's gave Wake Forest the back-door cover. We feel the Irish are getting too much credit for the Michigan win. After a 14-0 start to that game, ND is outscoring its opponents only 56-50 and that includes games vs Ball St and Vanderbilt. Last week the Irish were very fortunate to beat Vanderbilt as the Commodores turned it over twice in ND's end zone. On the other side, Wake Forest has a couple of extra days rest after losing to Boston College 41-34. QB Kendall Hinton (suspended first 3 games) is back for Wake Forest, but head coach Clawson says he will be a back-up. However, do they have a special package for him (he's a solid runner). We lean UNDER which is 9-2 in ND's last 11 games.

TOLEDO 40 Nevada 30. The Rockets had a solid effort vs Miami, FL last week (trailed 35-24) but came up short. Meanwhile, Nevada had to hold on for dear life vs Oregon St last week after leading 30-7. The Beavers had 28-17 first down and 540-357 yard edges but missed two FG's (including a chip-shot 33-yarder on the final play) plus had 3 TO's including one that Nevada returned for a TD and another TO at the Nevada 8-yard line. We're passing.

VIRGINIA 30 Louisville 27. Two teams and arguably two programs that are heading in opposite directions here. Virginia is off to a 3-0 ATS start and last week had a solid win over Ohio in game that was moved to Nashville, TN. UVA didn't let those distractions bother them as they led 35-7 early. QB Perkins continues to impress as he was 25 of 30 for 379 yards and 3 TD's. Meanwhile, Louisville fell behind WKU 14-0 only to rally for a 20-17 win. QB Jawon Pass has been benched for Malik Cunningham who is the better runner (129 rush yards). We're passing here.

Western Michigan 31 GEORGIA ST 24. After an 0-2 start which featured losses to Syracuse and Michigan, the Broncos let some frustrations out in a 68-0 win over Delaware St last week. WMU did have 3 non-offensive TD's. On the other side, Georgia St was hammered at Memphis as there was a lot of steam money come in on the Tigers (line moved 6 points throughout the week). We lean UNDER.

Buffalo 28 RUTGERS 26. Buffalo is 0-7 SU all-time vs Big Ten teams but yet find themselves favored by a near TD here. You have to be impressed by what you've seen so far from the Bulls who are 3-0 for the first time since 1983. Meanwhile, Rutgers is coming off back-to-back blowout road losses. Ohio St was expected but losing 55-14 to Kansas is unacceptable for third-year coach Chris Ash even if the Scarlet Knights were -6 in TO's. You have to think they put forth a much better effort here. We like the home dog.

Arizona 38 OREGON ST 35. Both teams have played FCS Southern Utah and both covered. Oregon St won 48-25 (+161 yards) while Arizona won 62-31 (+163 yards). Yes, Arizona QB Khalil Tate threw for 349 yards and 5 TD passes last week but he still only has 41 total rushing yards on the season. Meanwhile, Oregon St had 28-17 first down and 540-357 yard edges over Nevada but lost 37-35. The Beavers missed two FG's (including a chip-shot 33-yarder on the final play) plus had 3 TO's including one that Nevada returned for a TD and another TO at the Nevada 8-yard line. We like the home dog here who has one of the most improved offenses in the country this year under new head coach Jonathan Smith.

Stanford 31 OREGON 27. Oregon is making huge step up in class here. The Ducks have played arguably the easiest first 3 games of any team in the country so far (Bowling Green, Portland St, San Jose St). How will they react when they are punched in the mouth? It's been men against boys the last two years with Stanford outscoring them 101-34. Stanford RB Bryce Love sat out last week's game with a knee injury but he should be back here. We lean with the Cardinal.

Florida 26 TENNESSEE 23. Gators simply own the series at 12-1 SU the last 13 years and have 3 last-second come-from-behind wins in the last 4 years including a long Hail Mary TD last year on the final play. Florida is off a misleading 38-point win last week. The Gators benefited from a blocked punt TD, an 85-yard punt return TD, two missed FG's by Colorado St and 3 TO's. Meanwhile Tennessee near 400-yard edge vs UTEP but only won 24-0. We feel that gives value to the Vols side here.

Mississippi St 34 KENTUCKY 24. The Bulldogs are on a 8-1 SU in the series including a 45-7 win last year. New head coach Joe Moorhead has Miss St off to a 3-0 SU/ATS start after last week's blowout win over UL-Lafayette. The Bulldogs continue to dominate the line of scrimmage (331-65 rush yard edge) and QB Fitzgerald had 6 total TD's. The Wildcats are also off to a 3-0 SU start as they have also controlled the line of scrimmage over their opponents (average 282 rush ypg). We lean with the OVER.

MICHIGAN 36 Nebraska 16. We're not sure you can bet this game unless you fully know the health status of Nebraska QB Adrian Martinez. We thought he was worth 4 points, but he may be worth 7 points or more after Nebraska's debacle last week vs Troy (fell behind 17-0 early). Martinez went through warm-ups and was medically cleared but head coach Scott Frost sat him out. Does Frost want to play him here vs an aggressive Michigan defense? Frost appears to be looking more for the long-term. The Wolverines are off back-to-back-blowout wins over Western Michigan and SMU. QB Patterson is starting to look more comfortable in the offense. We're passing for now.

WEST VIRGINIA 37 Kansas St 23. This has been a close series with the last 4 decided by a total of 13 points and Kansas St has covered 5 of last 6 meetings. Holgorsen is just 3-12 ATS off a bye after last week's game vs NC State was canceled. Meanwhile, Kansas St is 22-6 ATS as a road dog. Slight lean on the Wildcats.

OLE MISS 48 Kent St 24. Last week Ole Miss got a 75-yard TD pass on their first offensive play against Alabama but after that it was pure domination by the Crimson Tide (Bama scored last 62 points). Speaking of getting dominated the Golden Flashes were crushed 63-10 at Penn St last week. Not sure we can lay 4 TD's plus with that poor Ole Miss defense. We lean with the road dog.

SOUTHERN MISS 34 Rice 20. Both teams come in off a bye. Rice's was scheduled after a trip to Hawaii (easy 2nd straight cover for Rice) while Southern Miss' game at Appalachian St was canceled due to Hurricane Florence. The Owls have covered 4 of the last 5 meetings but we're passing here.

AUBURN 44 Arkansas 16. Auburn head coach Gus Malzahn is Arkansas native and long-time high school head coach in the state so he's taken this rivalry seriously including back-to-back blowout wins by a combined 108-23. Last week Auburn blew a 21-10 lead vs LSU and with road games vs No. 2 Georgia and No. 1 Alabama still left on the docket, the Tigers' chances of winning the SEC West again are slim. On the other side, it's been a disastrous start to the Chad Morris era as the Hogs are off back-to-back losses to Colorado St and North Texas. Huge spread here and note Malzahn is just 20-34-2 ATS since his first year on the Plains. We lean OVER.

OKLAHOMA ST 44 Texas Tech 31. These two have combined to score at least 72 points in each of their last seven meetings. Both teams are coming off big wins from last week. One of the biggest line moves of last week saw Oklahoma St go from FG favorites over Boise St to FG underdogs in some spots. All that "Pros and Joes" money was wrong as the Pokes blasted the Broncos 44-21. Note that OSU did only have a 422-414 yard edge. On the other side, Texas Tech also had a lot of money go against them in their game vs Houston but again it was wrong as they handled the Cougars 63-49. True frosh QB Alan Bowman threw for 605 yards! Pass.

NAVY 38 Smu 30. The Middies have won 8 straight series meetings over the Ponies. Even though they are 0-3 SU, the Mustangs are starting to show some signs of life in recent weeks. Last week they got a cover at Michigan. Meanwhile, Navy is off back-to-back wins. We lean with the road team as Navy is on a 7-3 ATS run as a road chalk as of late.

UL-LAFAYETTE 34 Coastal Carolina 30. We identified Coastal Carolina as an underrated team in the markets this year thanks to the return of their head coach Joe Moglia. The Chanticleers have covered 2 straight in blowout fashion and last week outscored Campbell 48-0 to close out the game. However, how much will the distractions of Hurricane Florence impact them? UL-Lafayette is off a blowout loss to Mississippi St last week. We're passing.

ARKANSAS ST 37 UNLV 30. Two solid Group of 5 teams here that are 2-1 to start the season. It is a unique trip for UNLV to the south. The Rebels are off back-to-back blowout wins as they are averaging 347 rush ypg (6.4 ypc)! Meanwhile, Arkansas St is off a 29-20 win at Tulsa. The Red Wolves are 35-7 SU in their last 42 home games but UNLV is on a 12-4 ATS run as a road underdog under head coach Tony Sanchez. Slight lean UNDER.

Tcu 27 TEXAS 26. The Frogs have owned the series with 4 straight wins and covers with a combined score of 153-33! However, Tom Herman coached teams are on a 21-1 ATS run as an underdog (10-1 ATS as a head coach). The main question here is what are the two teams' psyche after emotional big games last week? TCU gave everything and came up short vs Ohio St. The Horned Frogs were only out-gained 526-511 and actually led 21-13 in the third quarter. However, the Buckeyes scored 3 TD's in a 4-minute period that blew the game open. Overall, Ohio St got two defensive TD's while a blocked punt set up another short TD drive. Meanwhile, Texas has a misleading blowout win over USC as they stopped the Trojans on 4th and Goal from the 1-yard line and also had a blocked FG returned for a TD. However, the sense in that stadium after the game is they finally got over the hump. We lean with the home dog.

OKLAHOMA 45 Army 14. Oklahoma QB Kyler Murray has been sensational so far and is among the Heisman favorites. Last week he was 21 of 29 for 348 yards with 3 TD's (also 77 rushing yards) in the Sooners' tougher than expected win in Ames over Iowa St. Meanwhile, Army got a nice win over a 3-0 Hawaii team as they stopped the Rainbow Warriors late. We're passing.

2★ (La Tech plus the points) LSU 35 Louisiana Tech 17. This is an SEC sandwich spot for LSU off the big win over Auburn last week with Ole Miss on deck. The Tigers rallied last week from a 21-10 deficit as they got the game-winning FG on the final play. While they already have two wins over Top 10 teams, we're not quite sold just yet on them and due note that new QB Joe Burrow is completing only 46% of his passes. Meanwhile, Louisiana Tech is coming off a bye and the Bulldogs have losses on the SEC road by a combined 2 points to Arkansas and South Carolina the last two years. Ed Orgeron is a great underdog coach (5-1 ATS here with 4 outright upsets) but he is just 0-4 ATS laying 20 or more.

2★ BAYLOR 37 Kansas 24. Yes Kansas is improved this year. Yes, they've won back-to-back games for the first time since 2011 but let's pump the brakes a bit. The Jayhawks are a remarkable +12 in TO's the last two weeks skewing those blowout finals. Meanwhile, Baylor is in must-win mode following a loss to a Duke team with their back-up QB last week. Baylor has won and covered 6 straight in this series by an average of 52-11. Last year their only win of the entire season came via a 38-9 blowout of Kansas. We even bet a bad early number here thinking the line should be double-digits. Bears make it 7 for 7!

South Carolina 28 VANDERBILT 26. South Carolina has won 9 straight over the Commodores and have covered the last 3. Vanderbilt (+13.5) got an easy cover over Notre Dame last Saturday but the Commodores should have gotten the outright upset. Vandy had a 420-380 yard edge but were -3 TO's. The Dores fumbled in the end zone for a touch back. They dropped a TD pass which led to a FG. Vandy also threw an interception at the 1-yard line. On the other side, South Carolina's game vs Marshall was canceled due to Hurricane Florence. The Gamecocks make it 10 in a row but we don't see much value here.

MEMPHIS 48 South Alabama 20. The Tigers continue to get a lot of "Wise Guys" action as last week their line vs Georgia St was bet up 6 points (easy win and cover) and this week already this line has moved 3 points. Last week the Tigers got 5 TD passes from QB Brady White and RB Henderson now has back-to-back 200-yard games. South Alabama got a misleading win and cover last week vs Texas St as they trailed Texas St 31-16 in the third quarter. We're passing on this one.

UTAH ST 38 Air Force 24. Air Force has won and covered the last 3 games in this series and are 8-2 ATS as a road dog in their last 10. The Falcons come in off a bye. However, Utah St has been one of the most impressive teams so far with 3 straight easy covers. After last week's 73-12 demolition of FCS Tennessee Tech, the Aggies have topped 60-points in back-to-back weeks for the first time in school history. We like the Aggies to get some revenge here but obviously we got them at a much better number.

New Mexico St 27 UTEP 24. The Battle of I-10 features arguably the two worst teams in the FBS this season (see our power ratings below). The Aggies are 0-4 SU/ATS this season after losing to in-state rival New Mexico last week. Meanwhile, UTEP has now lost 15 straight games dating back to last year as they were blanked by Tennessee last week (Miners did get the cover). We're passing on this one.

UTSA 28 Texas St 20. Finally UTSA takes a step down in competition after facing three straight Power 5 opponents to start the season. On the other side, last week Texas St (+10) actually led South Alabama 31-16 in the third quarter. However, the tide turned in the game starting with a 55-yard interception return TD that was the first of South Alabama's 25-points to close the game. South Alabama's final TD was the back-breaker coming on 4th Down and Goal from the 18-yard line with :33 left that gave Texas St backers a bad beat. We're passing.

Troy 33 UL-MONROE 27. Troy head coach Neal Brown did it again. One year after taking his team into Baton Rouge and pulling an outright upset over LSU, last week, the Trojans went into Lincoln and upset the Huskers. On the other side, ULM was the only college loser on these pages last week at A&M as a blocked FG TD was a key play going against them. We're passing.

Virginia Tech 41 OLD DOMINION 14. Virginia Tech had their game vs East Carolina canceled last week due to Hurricane Florence. Meanwhile, it's been a horrific start for ODU at 0-3 SU/ATS as the Monarchs lost at Charlotte 29-25 (game was moved up). ODU is now 3-10 ATS in their last 13 games and while this is a big home game for them, we don't see how they keep it close here. We're passing on the side but we do lean OVER.

North Texas 40 LIBERTY 27. Liberty saw their game vs Norfolk St postponed until the end of the season. Meanwhile, North Texas is off to their first 3-0 start since 1989 as they hammered Arkansas last week in one of the biggest wins in school history. They did benefit from 6 Arkansas TO's and of course had the viral 90-yard "fake fair catch" punt return TD. We're passing.

Georgia 40 MISSOURI 23. Last week we cashed on these pages going against Missouri in their last-second win at Purdue. Note that Drew Lock does have disparate results vs Group of 5/FCS teams compared to Power 5 Teams (Completion % is 15% less). Missouri is on a 10-6 SU run but they haven't beat a winning team since 2016. We think the Early 11am start time helps Georgia (less of a raucous crowd). and note Georgia is 11-1 ATS away from home in their last 12 games.

2★ (Texas A&M plus the points) ALABAMA 40 Texas A&M 17. The point-spread tax for this year's Alabama team has really kicked in here after last week's 62-7 win over Ole Miss. Similar to last year where Bama beat Ole Miss 66-3 and were then laying a huge number at A&M, but the Crimson Tide only won 27-19. Now a year later, A&M is better especially at QB and has a much better head coach in Jimbo Fisher who has covered all 3 games so far. While Nick Saban is 12-0 SU/10-2 ATS vs his former assistants with an average score of 38-11. We like the dog here. A&M nearly beat Clemson outright two weeks ago. Getting 4 TD's even against the Crimson Tide juggernaut is just way too much disrespect for what we consider to be a Top 15 team.

Wisconsin 23 IOWA 21. Iowa is off to a 3-0 SU/ATS start and they usually take it up a couple of notches at home, at night against ranked teams. It's an underrated atmosphere as since 2007, the Hawkeyes are 9-3-1 ATS as a home underdog with 6 outright upsets. On the other side, what's the emotional state of the Badgers after suffering biggest upset loss of the season (were 23.5-point in a 24-21 loss to BYU) so far? Traditionally, they've been great after a straight up loss under head coach Paul Chryst (7-0 ATS). Look for a low scoring close game down to the wire here.

WASHINGTON 34 Arizona St 14. A key matchup here will be the Arizona St rush offense that is averaging 40 ypg the last two weeks vs a powerful Washington defense. Last week the Sun Devils were dominated at the line of scrimmage by San Diego St (out-rushed 311-36). We're wondering if Herm Edwards is still a little overrated? Outside of the 4Q vs Michigan St, the Sun Devils pretty much are who we thought they were. On the other side, Washington won 21-7 at Utah in game where the Utes blew several scoring opportunities. While Arizona St is on 12-0 ATS/11-1 SU run vs Washington in their last 12 meetings, we lean with the Huskies to get a comfortable win in this one.

SAN DIEGO ST 30 Eastern Michigan 20. Eastern Michigan is on a 16-3-1 ATS run as an underdog but did lose in that role last week at Buffalo. It's a unique long trip for the Eagles and it is their third consecutive game on the road. Meanwhile, San Diego St is playing their third straight game at home. Last week even with a backup QB, they dominated the line of scrimmage in an upset win over Arizona St as they had a 311-36 rush yard edge. We're passing here.

FBS vs FCS Matchups Lines Courtesy of 5Dimes.eu
Saturday, September 22nd

#	Team	Line		#	Team	Line
413	Illinois St			419	Gardner Webb	
414	Colorado St	-6.5		420	Appalachian St	-44.5
415	Maine			421	McNeese St	
416	Central Michigan	-7.5		422	BYU	-19
417	NC Central			423	Texas Southern	
418	Duke	-46.5		424	Houston	-49.5
				425	Duquesne	
				426	Hawaii	-37

Updated College Football Power Ratings for Week 4

Rank	Team	Pre	9/18	Rank	Team	Pre	9/18	Rank	Team	Pre	9/18	Rank	Team	Pre	9/18
1	Alabama	96.80	101.30	34	Duke	77.90	76.90	67	Baylor	74.94	69.44	100	Miami (OH)	63.53	59.53
2	Georgia	93.18	96.18	35	Washington State	72.19	76.19	68	Tennessee	70.55	69.05	101	Hawaii	48.33	59.33
3	Clemson	96.04	95.54	36	California	75.81	75.81	69	Marshall	68.90	68.90	102	Illinois	63.73	59.23
4	Ohio State	94.53	94.53	37	Memphis	76.26	75.76	70	North Texas	63.26	68.76	103	Georgia Southern	58.22	59.22
5	Oklahoma	91.33	92.33	38	Georgia Tech	78.86	75.36	71	UCLA	73.53	68.03	104	Rutgers	63.45	58.95
6	Washington	90.26	90.26	39	Fresno State	72.57	75.07	72	Toledo	68.34	67.84	105	Akron	55.98	57.98
7	Auburn	90.27	88.77	40	Texas Tech	75.56	75.06	73	Nebraska	74.17	67.67	106	Colorado State	60.55	57.55
8	Penn State	88.57	88.57	41	Syracuse	69.42	74.92	74	Navy	69.00	67.00	107	UL-Monroe	58.48	57.48
9	Michigan	90.01	88.01	42	Iowa State	78.31	74.81	75	Arkansas State	66.96	66.96	108	Southern Miss	58.35	57.35
10	Mississippi State	85.77	87.27	43	Arizona State	72.77	74.77	76	Arkansas	73.15	66.65	109	Ball State	51.27	57.27
11	LSU	82.24	86.74	43	Kentucky	71.27	74.77	77	Northern Illinois	67.55	66.55	110	Western Kentucky	55.14	55.14
12	Wisconsin	90.14	86.14	45	Florida State	84.04	74.54	78	Louisiana Tech	66.45	66.45	111	Central Michigan	56.40	54.90
13	Stanford	86.18	85.68	46	Northwestern	77.89	73.89	79	Troy	64.82	66.32	112	Massachusetts	59.87	54.87
14	Oklahoma State	81.99	84.49	47	BYU	65.88	73.88	80	Army	66.23	66.23	113	UL-Lafayette	51.29	54.79
15	Texas A&M	81.73	84.23	47	Utah State	66.88	73.88	80	Cincinnati	59.73	66.23	114	New Mexico	55.41	54.41
16	Miami (FL)	85.86	83.86	49	Minnesota	70.83	73.83	82	Middle Tennessee	67.58	65.58	115	East Carolina	53.84	54.34
17	TCU	82.01	83.51	50	Vanderbilt	67.74	73.74	83	Temple	67.98	65.48	116	UTSA	55.05	53.55
18	Virginia Tech	80.28	83.28	51	Ole Miss	74.30	73.30	84	Ohio	69.61	64.61	117	Coastal Carolina	51.35	53.35
19	Notre Dame	87.75	82.75	52	Louisville	79.18	73.18	85	North Carolina	71.19	64.19	118	Bowling Green	55.68	52.68
20	Boston College	79.57	82.57	53	Wake Forest	76.55	73.05	86	Buffalo	62.12	64.12	119	Liberty	47.65	52.65
21	Michigan State	87.55	82.55	54	Maryland	70.54	73.04	87	Tulane	62.69	63.69	120	Georgia State	53.10	51.60
22	West Virginia	79.44	82.44	55	Pittsburgh	74.93	72.93	88	Air Force	61.10	63.60	121	South Alabama	52.48	51.48
23	Boise State	80.43	81.43	56	Florida Atlantic	76.83	72.83	89	UNLV	59.65	63.15	122	Kent State	48.22	51.22
24	Missouri	80.05	80.55	57	Houston	71.76	72.76	90	Eastern Michigan	60.29	62.79	123	Old Dominion	57.14	50.64
25	Oregon	81.48	80.48	58	Purdue	75.25	72.75	91	Western Michigan	63.47	62.47	124	Charlotte	50.83	50.33
26	USC	84.38	80.38	59	Indiana	72.63	72.63	92	Wyoming	65.38	62.38	125	Rice	49.46	49.46
27	Iowa	77.70	80.20	60	Colorado	69.52	72.52	93	Kansas	60.47	61.47	126	Connecticut	52.42	48.92
28	Utah	81.16	80.16	61	USF	69.65	71.65	94	Nevada	61.62	61.12	127	Texas State	48.82	46.82
29	Texas	83.93	79.93	62	San Diego State	72.49	71.49	95	Oregon State	59.11	61.11	128	San Jose State	48.25	46.75
30	UCF	78.16	79.16	63	Kansas State	76.46	71.46	96	UAB	61.07	61.07	129	New Mexico State	56.14	46.64
31	South Carolina	80.47	78.97	64	Virginia	66.53	70.53	97	Tulsa	60.24	60.74	130	UTEP	45.98	42.48
32	NC State	77.90	77.40	65	Arizona	78.38	70.38	98	FIU	55.74	59.74				
33	Florida	81.18	77.18	66	Appalachian State	65.65	69.65	99	SMU	62.70	59.70				

Biggest Movers Since Preseason

Team	Points
Hawaii	+11.0
BYU	+8.0
Utah St	+7.0
Cincinnati	+6.5
Vanderbilt	+6.0
Ball St	+6.0
North Texas	+5.5
Syracuse	+5.5
Liberty	+5.0
LSU	+4.5
Alabama	+4.5
Rutgers	-4.5
Illinois	-4.5
Michigan St	-5.0
Notre Dame	-5.0
Ohio	-5.0
Massachusetts	-5.0
Kansas St	-5.0
UCLA	-5.5
Baylor	-5.5
Louisville	-6.0
Nebraska	-6.5
Arkansas	-6.5
Old Dominion	-6.5
North Carolina	-7.0
Arizona	-8.0
New Mexico St	-9.5
Florida St	-9.5

Week 4 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 155-129-7 (55%) clip the last two years.** That's pretty solid and actually better than our own handicapping (much to our dismay). **So far this year's plays are a disappointing 8-9.** 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 11 games where our computer is off more than 3 points compared to the Vegas line (highlighted), our favorite team this week to back would be Baylor -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.

Thursday, September 20th

Game	Line	Comp	Diff
303 Tulsa			
304 Temple	-7	-8.2	-1.2

Friday, September 21st

Game	Line	Comp	Diff
305 Florida Atlantic			
306 Central Florida	-13.5	-10.1	+3.4
307 Penn State			
308 Illinois	+28	+26.3	+1.7
309 Washington St			
310 USC	-3.5	-9.2	-5.7

Saturday, September 22nd

Game	Line	Comp	Diff
311 Akron			
312 Iowa St	-18.5	-20.3	-1.8
313 NC State			
314 Marshall	+5	+4.5	+0.5
315 Charlotte			
316 Massachusetts	-9.5	-7.0	+2.5
317 Michigan St			
318 Indiana	+4.5	+6.7	-2.2
319 Minnesota			
320 Maryland	-3	-2.2	+0.8
321 Western Kentucky			
322 Ball St	-2.5	-4.6	-2.1
323 Boston College			
324 Purdue	+6.5	+7.1	-0.6
325 Connecticut			
326 Syracuse	-27.5	-29.3	-1.8
327 FIU			
328 Miami, FL	-26.5	-28.6	-2.1
329 Pittsburgh			
330 North Carolina	+3.5	+5.0	-1.5
331 Northern Illinois			
332 Florida St	-10	-12.7	-2.7
333 Miami, OH			
334 Bowling Green	+6.5	+4.1	+2.4
335 Tulane			
336 Ohio St	-37	-36.1	+0.9
337 Clemson			
338 Georgia Tech	+16.5	+15.9	+0.6
339 Ohio			
340 Cincinnati	-8.5	-5.1	+3.4
341 East Carolina			
342 South Florida	-22	-21.1	+0.9
343 Notre Dame			
344 Wake Forest	+7.5	+6.5	+1.0
345 Nevada			
346 Toledo	-10	-11.0	-1.0
347 Louisville			
348 Virginia	-5	-0.6	+4.4
349 Western Michigan			
350 Georgia St	+7.5	+8.4	-0.9
351 Buffalo			
352 Rutgers	+5.5	+2.2	+3.3
353 Arizona			
354 Oregon St	+6.5	+6.3	+0.2
355 Stanford			
356 Oregon	+2	+0.7	+1.3

Game	Line	Comp	Diff
357 Florida			
358 Tennessee	+4.5	+4.1	+0.4
359 Mississippi St			
360 Kentucky	+10	+9.0	+1.0
361 Nebraska			
362 Michigan	-19	-21.6	-2.6
363 Kansas St			
364 West Virginia	-16	-15.2	+0.8
365 Kent St			
366 Mississippi	-28.5	-26.3	+2.2
367 Rice			
368 Southern Miss	-14	-11.1	+2.9
369 Arkansas			
370 Auburn	-30	-27.1	+2.9
371 Texas Tech			
372 Oklahoma St	-13	-13.9	-0.9
373 Navy			
374 SMU	+6.5	+4.3	+2.2
375 Coastal Carolina			
376 UL - Lafayette	-4	-4.4	-0.4
377 UNLV			
378 Arkansas St	-7.5	-8.1	-0.6
379 TCU			
380 Texas	+3	-0.4	-3.4
381 Army			
382 Oklahoma	-32	-31.4	+0.6
383 Louisiana Tech			
384 LSU	-21	-25.3	-4.3
385 Kansas			
386 Baylor	-7.5	-12.0	-4.5
387 South Carolina			
388 Vanderbilt	+2	+2.0	0.0
389 South Alabama			
390 Memphis	-31	-28.5	+2.5
391 Air Force			
392 Utah St	-10.5	-14.3	-3.8
393 New Mexico St			
394 UTEP	+3.5	+1.7	+1.8
395 Texas St			
396 UTSA	-7.5	-9.5	-2.0
397 Troy			
398 UL - Monroe	+6	+6.1	-0.1
399 Virginia Tech			
400 Old Dominion	+28	+29.1	-1.1
401 North Texas			
402 Liberty	+13.5	+13.9	-0.4
403 Georgia			
404 Missouri	+14	+11.9	+2.1
405 Texas A&M			
406 Alabama	-27	-22.6	+4.4
407 Wisconsin			
408 Iowa	+3	+1.4	+1.6
409 Arizona St			
410 Washington	-17	-20.2	-3.2
411 Eastern Michigan			
412 San Diego St	-11	-12.7	-1.7

Top 20 CFB ATS Trends for Week 4

1. Michigan St is on a 12-2 SU/11-3 ATS run vs Indiana. This week the Spartans are 4.5-pont favorites at Indiana.

2. However, Michigan St is just 1-9 ATS in their last 10 games as an away favorite.

3. Boston College has covered 12 straight regular season games. This week the Eagles are 6.5-point favorites at Purdue.

4. Syracuse is a 27.5-point favorite over Connecticut this week. That's their largest favorite role over an FBS opponent since 2000 when they were 43.5-point favorites over Buffalo.

5. The last seven meetings between Pittsburgh and North Carolina have all been decided by 7 points or less. This week Pittsburgh is a 3.5-point favorite at North Carolina.

6. Bowling Green head coach Mike Jinks is just 7-19-1 ATS in 2-plus seasons. This week the Falcons are 6.5-point home dogs to Miami, OH.

7. Bowling Green is just 1-12 ATS in their last 13 home games dating back to 2016.

8. Notre Dame is 0-6 ATS its last six games as a favorite. This week the Irish are 7.5-point favorites at Wake Forest.

9. Louisville is just 5-15 ATS in their last 20 games dating back to 2016. This week the Cardinals are 5-point underdogs at Virginia.

10. Per Marc Lawrence's Playbook, MAC teams are just 33-205 SU on the road vs Big Ten teams since 1993 but are 5-0 ATS as favorites. This week, Buffalo is a 5.5-point favorite at Rutgers.

11. West Virginia head coach Dana Holgorsen is just 3-12 ATS off a bye. This week the Mountaineers are 16-point favorites over Kansas St.

12. Kansas St is on a 22-6 ATS run as a road dog. This week the Wildcats are 16-point road underdogs at West Virginia.

13. Auburn head coach Gus Malzahn is just 20-34-2 ATS since his first season (12-2 ATS in 2013). This week the Tigers are 29.5-point favorites over Arkansas.

14. Baylor has won and covered six straight meetings vs Kansas by an average score of 52-11. This week the Bears are 7.5-point home favorites to the Jayhawks.

15. Dating back to 2011 when he was an offensive coordinator at Iowa State, Tom Herman coached teams (Iowa St, Ohio St, Houston & Texas) are 21-1 ATS in the underdog role! This week the Horns 3.5-point home underdogs to TCU.

16. Georgia is 11-1 ATS in their last 12 games away from home. This week the Bulldogs are 14-point favorites at Missouri.

17. Nick Saban is 12-0 SU/10-2 ATS vs his former assistants with an average score of 38-11. This week Alabama is a 27-point home favorite vs Texas A&M and former assistant Jimbo Fisher.

18. Since 2007, Iowa is 9-3-1 ATS as a home dog with 6 outright upsets. This week the Hawkeyes are 3-point home dogs to Wisconsin.

19. Wisconsin head coach Paul Chryst is 7-0 ATS off a straight up loss (lost to BYU last week). This week the Badgers are 3-point road favorites at Iowa.

20. Arizona St is 12-0 ATS and 11-1 SU in their last 12 meetings vs Washington. This week the Sun Devils are 17-point dogs at Washington.

Games in Rotation Order　　　　　　　　*HOME TEAM IN CAPS*
Thursday, September 20th

2★ CLEVELAND 24 N.Y. Jets 17. Obviously, if the Browns had a reliable field goal kicker, they would be 2-0 instead of 0-1-1. After Zane Gonzalez missed two field goals and two extra points in the Browns' 3-point loss at New Orleans (Browns had a 327-275 yard edge), they predictable cut him. On the other side, the Jets couldn't overcome several miscues in a 20-12 loss to Miami. QB Darnold threw for 334 yards but had 2 INT's. Now he faces a Browns' defense that limited PIT and NO to just 21 ppg. Yes, the Browns haven't won a game in their last 19 and are laying points here but we think they're the better team at home on a short week.

Sunday, September 23rd
PHILADELPHIA 27 Indianapolis 21. Carson Wentz returns for Philadelphia and just in time as the Eagles are coming off a loss at Tampa Bay last week (trailed 27-7 at one point). Wentz is 13-2 SU/12-3 ATS in his last 15 starts but will he show some rust? Meanwhile we cashed on these pages with Indianapolis last week in their 21-9 outright upset win over Washington. While Indy was outgained 334-281, the Redskins got a lot of their yards late and the Colts were efficient when it mattered. Philly is on a 7-1-1 ATS run as a home favorite but note that new Indianapolis H.C. Frank Reich was the Philly O.C. last year. Pass.
CAROLINA 24 Cincinnati 20. The Bengals come in off a pair of 34-23 wins. Note both games have been a bit misleading as last week the Ravens had a 425-373 yard edge but the Bengals were +3 in TO's (Cincy did have a huge early lead). They're taking on a Carolina team that we faded on these pages and cashed last week in a 31-24 loss at Atlanta. Both teams are dealing with some injury concerns as Bengals RB Joe Mixon is out for a few weeks while the Panthers have cluster injuries at OT and in the secondary. Slight lean on the home.
JACKSONVILLE 24 Tennessee 14. No line here due to the questionable status of Tennessee QB Marcus Mariota (Blaine Gabbert would get the start if he can't go). Tennessee got their first win under head coach Mike Vrabel last week but it was very misleading as the Texans had a 437-283 yard edge. Meanwhile, Jacksonville dominated New England from start to finish as QB Bortles had a career day going 29 of 45 for 377 yards and 4 TD's. Jacksonville is 8-2 ATS as a division home favorite while the Titans are 0-9 ATS as a division away dog. We'll call the home team by 10 and see where the line ends up later in the week.
ATLANTA 30 New Orleans 27. The Saints are very fortunate to not be 0-2 on the season as they benefited from Browns' kicker Gonzalez having a horrific day (2 missed FG's and 2 missed XP's). The offense woke up just in time late. Meanwhile, we cashed on these pages with Atlanta last week in their 31-24 win over Carolina. However, they have lost arguably their two best defensive players for the season in S Neal and LB Jones. New Orleans' recent 8-0-1 ATS run as dogs of 3 or more points keeps us off the Falcons here. We do lean OVER.

2★ BALTIMORE 24 Denver 16. This is a good situational spot for the Ravens off a Thursday night game taking on a 2-0 Denver team that is flying across the country and playing their first road game of the season. The Ravens fell behind 21-0 early vs Cincinnati but did have a 425-373 yard edge (-3 in TO's). On the other side, the Broncos rallied from a 19-7 deficit to beat the Raiders last week. However, Denver is just 1-9 SU/ATS in their last 10 road games. We like the Ravens.

HOUSTON 26 N.Y. Giants 16. Both teams are 0-2 but last week Houston had a misleading loss to Tennessee as the Texans had a 437-238 yard edge. Meanwhile, the Giants were down 20-3 at Dallas before a couple of late scores made the final look more respectable. The G-Men could only produce 35 rushing yards (Barkley just 28 rush yards). The Giants made a mistake not going with a QB with their 1st-round pick and now you have the "way past his prime" and immobile Eli going against that fearsome Houston defensive front. Texans roll.
MIAMI 24 Oakland 20. The Raiders did look much improved last week but ended up blowing a 19-7 lead in Denver. QB Carr remarkably was 29 of 32 to start but somehow OAK still found a way to lose. Now they take on a 2-0 Miami team that should be playing with a lot of confidence. Last week the Dolphins took advantage of several N.Y. Jets miscues and coasted

(led 20-0 at halftime). The Dolphins are now 9-1 in QB Tannehill's last 10 starts while Oakland is just 5-21 SU in the Eastern Time Zone since 2009.
Green Bay 24 WASHINGTON 23. The Packers have to be happy with a 1-0-1 start to the season considering they trailed Chicago 20-0 in the opener, QB Aaron Rodgers is less than 100% and then were fortunate to get a tie vs Minnesota last week (Vikings 480-357 yard edge but Green Bay had a 20-7 lead). Now they're making their first road trip of the season to Fed Ex Field where the Redskins had their first non-sellout in a home opener since 1967. We cashed going against the Redskins on these pages last week in their upset loss to Indy. Slight lean on the home team here.
MINNESOTA 27 Buffalo 10. This one is going to get ugly. While the final looked more respectable last week for the Bills after the dumpster fire season opener, they did trail the Chargers 28-6 at halftime. Starting CB Vontae Davis abruptly changed into street clothes and announced his retirement. On the other side, the Vikings missed a couple of FG's in the 29-29 tie at Lambeau (Minnesota did have a 480-357 yard edge). Since 1989, NFL favorites of 16.5-points or more are 52-3 SU but just 21-33-1 ATS. We're passing.
KANSAS CITY 31 San Francisco 28. The only loser on these pages last week was going against Kansas City in their first road win in Pittsburgh since 1986. Obviously, we underestimated QB Patrick Mahomes, whose 10 TD passes in the first two weeks is an NFL record. Clearly Andy Reid knew what he was doing when he dumped Alex Smith. However, you're starting to pay a point spread premium on them already and the 49ers are coming off a misleading non-cover vs Detroit last week as the Lions scored a couple of late TD's. Tough laying points with a KC defense that is allowing 508 ypg. Note that since 1989, totals at 56.5 or higher have gone 32-20-2 to the OVER.
L.A. RAMS 28 L.A. Chargers 24. The Rams come in off a dominating win over the Cardinals as they didn't allow Arizona to cross the 50-yard line until late in the 4Q. They've now scored 57 unanswered points since the first half of the Oakland game. Meanwhile, the Chargers got well in a blowout win at Buffalo. The Rams are probably the best team in the NFL but this is a steep line. We lean with the Chargers who are 24-12 ATS as a road dog while the visitor in Chargers' games is 29-9 ATS.
Chicago 22 ARIZONA 16. Tough travel spot for the Bears who come in on a short week after a big Monday Night win over the Seahawks. However, we want no part of the Cardinals who look completely inept on offense as they couldn't cross mid-field until late in the game last week in a 34-0 loss to the Rams. QB Sam Bradford was 17 of 27 for only 90 yards and the Cardinals are 0-2 for the first time in 13 years. Pass.

3★ SEATTLE 23 Dallas 16. Seattle has won 9 straight home openers by 17 ppg. The Seahawks are desperate at 0-2 (also went 0-4 in the preseason) off a MNF loss at Chicago. Clearly they aren't the same team as the last 5-10 years but the Century Link crowd should be amped for this one. On the other side, Dallas got a much-needed win on SNF over the Giants. Remember, Seattle went into to Dallas last year and came away with a 21-12 win that pretty much ended the Cowboys' playoff hopes. Seattle is 6-0 SU/ATS at home off consecutive losses under head coach Pete Carroll.

New England 31 DETROIT 21. Obviously the story here is former Patriots D.C. Matt Patricia is now the head coach at Detroit. The Lions at 0-2 should be sky-high for this game. Last week Detroit scored a couple of late TD's to make the final respectable vs San Francisco (trailed 30-13 in middle of 4Q). Now they face a New England team fresh off a blowout loss at Jacksonville last week. The Pats are 25-7 ATS following a straight up loss since 2008. That's good enough for us.
Monday, September 24th
Pittsburgh 27 TAMPA BAY 24. Last week we dropped a 3★ on these pages, as we figured the Steelers would rebound after the Cleveland performance. The offense did but the defense failed to show up yet again allowing 43 points and 6 TD passes. Meanwhile, "Fitzmagic" continued in Tampa Bay as the Bucs raced out to a 27-7 lead vs Philly and hung on. They are now 7-0 ATS in the home underdog role and QB Fitzpatrick has 8 TD passes and 800-plus yards in the first two weeks. The Steelers are 6-0 on MNF since 2014 and haven't lost back-to-back games since the middle of the 2016 season. Lean on Pittsburgh.

Just missed the cut: Houston -6 over N.Y. Giants, San Francisco +6.5 over Kansas City and L.A. Chargers +7 over L.A. Rams.