NFL Best Bets 11-4 last 5 Weeks! Amazing 61% All-Time!
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Week 8 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 8 Trends	
Favorites-Dogs	
Straight Up	46-16
ATS	33-29
Home-Away	
Straight Up	40-22
ATS	29-33
Totals (O/U)	
Over-Under	33-29

Year-To-Date	
Favorites-Dogs	
Straight Up	411-96
ATS	256-241-10
Home-Away	
Straight Up	345-158
ATS	240-253-10
Totals (O/U)	
Over-Under	239-266-8

In the biggest upset in Big Ten conference play since 1982, Illinois beat No. 6 Wisconsin as 30.5-point underdogs 24-23 on a 39-yard FG on the final play. The Fighting Illini were 25/1 on the money line and were the biggest upset of the 2019 season so far.

Largest Favorites to Cover:
Oklahoma (-33.5) vs. West Virginia, 52-14
Minnesota (-28.5) at Rutgers, 42-7
Ohio State (-27.5) at Northwestern, 52-3
Clemson (-24) at Louisville, 45-10
Utah State (-21) vs. Nevada, 36-10

Biggest Money line Upsets:
Illinois +2500 won 24-23 vs Wisconsin as 30.5-point underdogs.
Vanderbilt +1000 won 21-14 vs Missouri as 21-point underdogs.
Georgia Tech +700 won 28-21 in OT at Miami, FL as 18.5-point underdogs.
Oregon St +325 won 21-17 at California as 10.5-point underdogs.
Eastern Michigan +275 won 34-27 vs Western Michigan as 9.5-point underdogs.

ATS Notables in 2019

Best ATS Margins Per Game:	Worst ATS Margins Per Game:
Ohio State +17.5 ppg (6-1 ATS)	Nevada -12.9 ppg (3-4 ATS)
Navy +15.8 (5-1)	Akron -10.2 (0-7)
SMU +10.8 (5-2)	Rutgers -9.7 (1-6)
Wisconsin +10.6 (5-2)	Virginia Tech -8.9 (2-5)
UL-Lafayette +10.2 (6-1)	Nebraska -8.5 (1-6)
Penn St +9.7 (4-3)	Toledo -8.2 (3-4)

Central Michigan is also 6-1-1 ATS this year (+6.8 ppg) while Auburn is 6-1 ATS (+6.7). Ball St is 5-1-1 ATS (+8.4 ppg) and Appalachian St is 5-1 (+7.3). On the other side, Vanderbilt is 1-6 ATS (-6.2 ppg) while Ohio is also 1-6 (-5.1 ppg). Georgia Tech is now 1-5-1 ATS (-3.3) this year.

SMU games are 7-0 to the OVER (+9.1 ppg) this year while Central Michigan games are 6-2 to the OVER (+3.6). San Diego St games are 6-1 to the UNDER (-9.6 ppg) this year and so are Clemson games (-8.9), Cal games (-7.9) and South Alabama games (-6.4).

Misleading Finals

UNLV lost 56-27 to Fresno St but the first downs were even at 21-21 and Fresno only had a 489-414 yard edge. Fresno scored 28 points off 5 UNLV TO's (Bulldogs had 0 TO's).

Virginia only had a 307-250 yard edge as they were +3 in TO's in their 48-14 win over Duke. UVA scored 20 points off 5 Duke TO's on just 74 total yards of offense. UVA also got a 95-yard kick return TD.

Connecticut had 23-16 first down and 438-284 yard edges in a 24-17 loss to Houston. UConn had a TO in Houston territory (returned 38 yards), was stopped on downs at the Houston 2-yard line and missed a FG.

Tulsa had 23-18 first down and 377-317 yard edges but also had 5 TO's in a 24-13 loss at Cincinnati. It was a rough day for Tulsa QB Zach Smith, who lost three fumbles and threw two interceptions, one in the end zone.

TCU had 22-14 first down and 366-266 yard edges including 228-94 on the ground in a 24-17 loss at Kansas St.

Bad Beat

For those who had UNDER 43 in the Coastal Carolina/Georgia Southern game, we feel your pain. It was 10-10 after regulation (UNDER was covering by 23 points), only to see the teams combine for 37 points in 3 OT's.

Major Injuries

Air Force QB Donald Hammond (shoulder) is ? for this week's game vs Utah St.
Akron QB Kato Nelson (suspension) is out vs Northern Illinois (DNP vs Buffalo).
Alabama QB Tua Tagovailoa (ankle) is out vs Arkansas this week.
Buffalo QB Matt Myers (neck) is out for the season.
California QB Devon Modster (head) has been downgraded to out vs Utah.
Houston QB Clayton Tune (hamstring) is questionable vs SMU this week.
Indiana QB Michael Penix is questionable vs Nebraska this week.
Maryland QB's Tyrell Pigrome (leg) and Josh Jackson (leg) are both ? vs Minnesota.
Miami, FL QB' N'Kosi Perry (shoulder) and Jarren Williams (arm) are both questionable this week vs Pittsburgh.
Nebraska QB's Noah Vedral and Adrian Martinez (knee) are both ? vs Indiana.
Northern Illinois QB Ross Bowers (head) is ? vs Akron.
USF QB Jordan McCloud (wrist) is ? vs Connecticut this week while QB Blake Barnett (ankle) is out for the season.
Stanford QB's Davis Mills (calf) and KJ Costello (thumb) are both questionable vs Arizona this week.
Syracuse QB Tommy DeVito (upper body) is questionable vs Florida St this week.
Tennessee QB Brian Maurer (concussion) is questionable vs South Carolina.
Texas St QB Gresch Jensen (concussion) is out vs Arkansas St this week.
Toledo QB's Carter Bradley and Mitchell Guadagni are both ? vs Eastern Michigan.

Recapping Last Week's Best Bets

Overall, our best bets went 4-4 this weekend but unfortunately all of our 3★'s lost. College best bets went 2-3. Oklahoma St was looking okay until the final 10 minutes where Baylor out-scored them 21-0 to close the game. Meanwhile, Stanford was one of our worst picks ever on these pages. We sent the newsletter out Wednesday afternoon around 3pm ET and at 8:30pm ET on Wednesday, the Cardinal announced they would be starting their 3rd string QB. They proceeded to get trucked by UCLA. As far as the 2★'s go, Penn St blew a 21-0 lead vs Michigan, Louisiana Tech was an easy outright winner thanks to a big 4Q and Florida also had a big 4Q vs South Carolina to cover. The NFL saw our top play on the Giants lose, but the Colts and Packers were comfortable winners.

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						NFL						College/NFL Combined					
Newsletter	W	L	T	%	Net	Newsletter	W	L	T	%	Net	Newsletter	W	L	T	%	Net
Sports Reporter	17	11	1	60.71%	6	Night Owl	6	1	0	85.71%	5	Sports Reporter	27	16	1	62.79%	11
Playbook	12	11	1	52.17%	1	Power Plays	5	2	0	71.43%	3	**Powers' Picks**	**33**	**25**	**2**	**56.90%**	**8**
Powers' Picks	**19**	**18**	**2**	**51.35%**	**1**	**Powers' Picks**	**14**	**7**	**0**	**66.67%**	**7**	Night Owl	18	14	1	56.25%	4
Power Sweep	16	16	0	50.00%	0	Sports Reporter	10	5	0	66.67%	5	Power Plays	11	9	0	55.00%	2
Night Owl	12	13	1	48.00%	-1	Pointwise	13	8	0	61.90%	5	Power Sweep	24	22	0	52.17%	2
Power Plays	6	7	0	46.15%	-1	Power Sweep	8	6	0	57.14%	2	Playbook	22	22	1	50.00%	0
Gold Sheet	14	18	0	43.75%	-4	Gold Sheet	11	10	0	52.38%	1	Pointwise	33	35	1	48.53%	-2
Pointwise	20	27	1	42.55%	-7	Winning Points	14	13	1	51.85%	1	Gold Sheet	25	28	0	47.17%	-3
Winning Points	18	30	0	37.50%	-12	Playbook	10	11	0	47.62%	-1	Winning Points	32	43	0	42.67%	-11
Combined	**134**	**151**	**6**	**47.02%**	**-17**	**Combined**	**91**	**63**	**1**	**59.09%**	**28**	**Combined**	**225**	**214**	**7**	**51.25%**	**11**

CFB and NFL Schedules with Vegas and Brad Powers Lines Week 9 October 24th-28th

NFL/CFB Thursday, Oct 24th	Line	BP						Saturday, October 26th	Line	BP				
101 WASHINGTON (FOX) 8:20 p.m.	42	43						173 FLORIDA ATLANTIC 3:30 p.m.	-13.5	-11				
102 MINNESOTA	-16	-17						174 OLD DOMINION	51	51				
103 SMU (ESPN) 7:30 p.m.	-14	-11						175 OHIO 2:00 p.m.	62.5	64				
104 HOUSTON	65.5	65						176 BALL ST	-2.5	-4				
Friday, October 25th	**Line**	**BP**						177 ARKANSAS (ESPN) 7:00 p.m.	55.5	54				
105 USC (ESPN2) 9:00 p.m.	-13.5	-10						178 ALABAMA	-32	-34				
106 COLORADO	62.5	60						179 SOUTH CAROLINA (SEC Network) 4:00 p.m.	-4	-3				
Saturday, October 26th	**Line**	**BP**						180 TENNESSEE	47.5	49				
107 CONNECTICUT (NESN) 3:30 p.m.	-10	-7						181 OKLAHOMA (ABC) 12:00 p.m.	-23.5	-20				
108 MASSACHUSETTS	62.5	61						182 KANSAS ST	57.5	54				
109 ILLINOIS (Big Ten) 12:00 p.m.	61	61						183 MARYLAND (ESPN) 3:30 p.m.	57	55				
110 PURDUE	-9.5	-13						184 MINNESOTA	-16.5	-15				
111 SAN JOSE ST (CBS College) 12:00 p.m.	52	52						185 TULANE (CBS College) 3:30 p.m.	53.5	53				
112 ARMY	-9	-10						186 NAVY	-3.5	-1				
113 TROY 7:00 p.m.	67	-1						187 TEXAS (FOX) 3:30 p.m.	-1	-2				
114 GEORGIA ST	-1	67						188 TCU	59	58				
115 BOSTON COLLEGE (ACC Network) 7:30 p.m.	58.5	61						189 MIAMI, FL (ESPN) 12:00 p.m.	43.5	47				
116 CLEMSON	-34.5	-35						190 PITTSBURGH	-5.5	-5				
117 MEMPHIS (CBS College) 7:00 p.m.	-10.5	-10						191 VIRGINIA (ACC Network) 3:30 p.m.	-3.5	-7				
118 TULSA	56.5	58						192 LOUISVILLE	52	53				
119 EASTERN MICHIGAN 3:30 p.m.	58	58						193 AKRON 3:30 p.m.	44.5	44				
120 TOLEDO	-3.5	-4						194 NORTHERN ILLINOIS	-23.5	-24				
121 MISSISSIPPI ST (SEC Network) 12:00 p.m.	50.5	51						195 TEXAS TECH (FOX Sports 1) 7:00 p.m.	-4	-7				
122 TEXAS A&M	-10.5	-11						196 KANSAS	65	67				
123 CENTRAL FLORIDA (ESPN2) 7:00 p.m.	-11	-10						197 NORTH TEXAS 3:30 p.m.	-4	-3				
124 TEMPLE	61	64						198 CHARLOTTE	63.5	63				
125 BOWLING GREEN 12:00 p.m.	63	59						199 WISCONSIN (FOX) 12:00 p.m.	50.5	51				
126 WESTERN MICHIGAN	-26.5	-25						200 OHIO ST	-14.5	-15				
127 INDIANA (Big Ten) 3:30 p.m.	-1	55						201 TEXAS ST 7:00 p.m.	59	61				
128 NEBRASKA	52	-1						202 ARKANSAS ST	-11.5	-13				
129 CENTRAL MICHIGAN 3:30 p.m.	48.5	51						203 AUBURN (CBS) 3:30 p.m.	58.5	59				
130 BUFFALO	-2.5	-1						204 LSU	-10.5	-11				
131 IOWA (ESPN2) 12:00 p.m.	-10.5	-10						205 LOUISIANA TECH 8:00 p.m.	-20.5	-19				
132 NORTHWESTERN	37.5	36						206 UTEP	51	53				
133 SOUTH FLORIDA (ESPNU) 3:45 p.m.	-2	53						207 NOTRE DAME (ABC) 7:30 p.m.	-1	51				
134 EAST CAROLINA	52	-1						208 MICHIGAN	51	-3				
135 SYRACUSE (ESPN2) 3:30 p.m.	57.5	57						209 ARIZONA ST (Pac-12) 7:30 p.m.	-3.5	-7				
136 FLORIDA ST	-10	-9						210 UCLA	55.5	55				
137 LIBERTY (Big Ten) 12:00 p.m.	-7.5	-5						211 SAN DIEGO ST (CBS College) 7:30 p.m.	-13.5	-11				
138 RUTGERS	47	51						212 UNLV	45	49				
139 SOUTHERN MISS 1:00 p.m.	-10	-13						**NFL Wk 8 Sunday, October 27th**	**Line**	**BP**				
140 RICE	52.5	55						251 N.Y. GIANTS (FOX) 1:00 p.m.	49	51				
141 CALIFORNIA (FOX Sports 1) 10:00 p.m.	37.5	39						252 DETROIT	-7	-5				
142 UTAH	-21.5	-21						253 TAMPA BAY (FOX) 1:00 p.m.	45.5	45				
143 NEVADA 2:00 p.m.	43.5	44						254 TENNESSEE	-2.5	-3				
144 WYOMING	-14	-12						255 L.A. CHARGERS (FOX) 1:00 p.m.	40.5	41				
145 UTAH ST (ESPN2) 10:15 p.m.	57.5	58						256 CHICAGO	-4	-3				
146 AIR FORCE	-3.5	-2						257 SEATTLE	-3.5	-7				
147 HAWAII 4:00 p.m.	-10	-13						258 ATLANTA (FOX) 1:00 p.m.	53.5	53				
148 NEW MEXICO	70	69						259 N.Y. JETS (CBS) 1:00 p.m.	41	42				
149 WKU	45	48						260 JACKSONVILLE	-6	-4				
150 MARSHALL 2:30 p.m.	-5	-6						261 PHILADELPHIA (FOX) 1:00 p.m.	43.5	-1				
151 ARIZONA (Pac-12) 3:30 p.m.	-1	53						262 BUFFALO	-1.5	43				
152 STANFORD	52.5	-1						263 CINCINNATI (CBS) 1:00 p.m.	48	47				
153 WASHINGTON ST (ESPN) 10:30 p.m.	64.5	66						264 L.A. RAMS	-13	-15				
154 OREGON	-14	-10						265 ARIZONA (CBS) 1:00 p.m.	48	50				
155 COLORADO ST (ESPNU) 7:30 p.m.	58.5	60						266 NEW ORLEANS	-9.5	-10				
156 FRESNO ST	-14.5	-16						267 OAKLAND (CBS) 4:25 p.m.	51.5	50				
157 MISSOURI (SEC Network) 7:30 p.m.	-10.5	-8						268 HOUSTON	-6.5	-10				
158 KENTUCKY	45.5	48						269 CAROLINA (FOX) 4:05 p.m.	41.5	41				
159 DUKE (ACC Network) 4:00 p.m.	54	55						270 SAN FRANCISCO	-5.5	-7				
160 NORTH CAROLINA	-3.5	-1						271 DENVER (CBS) 1:00 p.m.	43.5	44				
161 PENN ST (ABC) 3:30 p.m.	-6.5	-4						272 INDIANAPOLIS	-5.5	-10				
162 MICHIGAN ST	44	44						273 CLEVELAND (CBS) 4:25 p.m.	46	47				
163 MIAMI, OH 3:30 p.m.	58.5	58						274 NEW ENGLAND	-13	-13				
164 KENT ST	-1.5	-2						275 GREEN BAY (NBC) 8:20 p.m.	-4	-1				
165 APPALACHIAN ST (ESPNU) 12:00 p.m.	-26	-25						276 KANSAS CITY	47.5	47				
166 SOUTH ALABAMA	52	55						**Monday, October 28th**	**Line**	**BP**				
167 NEW MEXICO ST	55	55						277 MIAMI (ESPN) 8:15 p.m.	43	42				
168 GEORGIA SOUTHERN	-14.5	-15						278 PITTSBURGH	-14.5	-14				
169 OKLAHOMA ST (FOX Sports 1) 3:30 p.m.	63.5	63												
170 IOWA ST	-10	-9												
171 FIU (NFL Network) 3:30 p.m.	-2.5	-1												
172 MIDDLE TENNESSEE	59.5	59												

All Times Eastern

BRAD POWERS' ATS STAT OF THE WEEK:
This week Connecticut is a 10-point favorite at UMass. However, the Huskies are on a 1-19 ATS run as a favorite.

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Games in Rotation Order — *HOME TEAM IN CAPS*

Thursday, October 24th

Smu 38 HOUSTON 27. Last week SMU dominated Temple much more than the 45-21 final as they had 33-15 first down and 655-273 yard edges including 198-69 on the ground. SMU QB Shane Buechele was 30 of 53 for 457 yards and 6 TD's and WR Reggie Roberson had 250 receiving yards on just 8 receptions (31.3 ypc) and 3 TD's. The Mustangs have opened the season with seven straight wins for the first time since 1982. Meanwhile, Houston had 23-16 first down and 438-284 yard DEFICITS in a 24-17 win over Connecticut. UConn had a TO in Houston territory (returned 38 yards), was stopped on downs at the Houston 2-yard line and missed a FG. SMU has the 3rd best ATS margin in CFB this year but we feel you're starting to pay a premium on them especially traveling on a short week. We lean with Houston who is catching doubles at home for only the 2nd time in 15 years (beat Louisville outright as 16-point dogs in 2016).

Friday, October 25th

Usc 35 COLORADO 25. USC is on a 10-0 SU/5-4-1 ATS run vs Colorado with an average win by 18.7 ppg. The Buffs have struggled as of late off back-to-back blowout losses. On the other side, USC beat Arizona 41-14 last week. USC was much more explosive with a 6.8-5.1 yards per play advantage and led 34-0 at one point. The Trojans began the night without their top three CB's and DE Christian Rector due to injury, and they lost top safety Talanoa Hufanga to a shoulder injury in the first half and star freshman DE Drake Jackson to an ankle injury in the second half. RB's Stephen Carr (hamstring) and Markese Stepp (ankle) also picked up injuries during the game. Make sure you're checking the injury report prior and because of that we're disagreeing with all the early money on the Trojans.

Saturday, October 26th

Connecticut 34 MASSACHUSETTS 27. Last week Connecticut had 23-16 first down and 438-284 yard edges in a 24-17 loss to Houston. UConn had a TO in Houston territory (returned 38 yards), was stopped on downs at the Houston 2-yard line and missed a FG. Meanwhile UMass comes in off a bye. The Huskies haven't been a double-digit favorite on the road since 2008. Connecticut is on a 1-19 ATS run as a favorite since 2012 failing to cover by an average of 10.3 ppg. We're leaning with UMass here even though they're clearly the worst team in the country.

3★ PURDUE 37 Illinois 24. We like Purdue here as they've clearly turned the corner in the last couple of games (despite all the injuries). First, they crushed Maryland 40-14 as 4-point dogs and then last week nearly upset Iowa as 17.5-point dogs (only lost by 6 and only out-gained by 2). Purdue QB Jack Plummer was 30 of 50 for 327 yards and 2 TD's. Frosh WR David Bell had a career-high 13 catches for 197 yards. On the other side, we're fading Illinois off the biggest upset of 2019 so far (won outright as 30.5-point dogs vs Wisconsin). But we're actually fading a team that has had four misleading finals in a row. First, the Illini lost by only 4 to Nebraska despite getting out-gained by 375 yards (were +3 TO's). Then Illinois lost by 23 to Minnesota but both of Illinois' TD's were defensive scores. Two weeks ago, Illinois trailed Michigan 28-0 before the Wolverines fell asleep and then last week Illinois had a 2% win probability late in the game (see pic), but managed the big upset.

Win Probability — 98.2%
WIS 98.2%   WIS 23 – ILL 14
1st & 10 at ILL 32
(7:28 – 4th) Jack Coan pass complete to Quintez Cephus for 7 yds to the Illin 25

ARMY 31 San Jose St 21. What in the world is going on with Army this year? The Black Knights have lost 3 straight and are now in danger of missing out on a bowl game this year (remember their season win total was 9.5 as the UNDER has already cashed!). Last week Army actually led 21-14 mid-3Q before Georgia St scored the game's final 14 points. On the other side, San Jose St only lost by 10 to San Diego St but the Aztecs controlled the game with 22-15 first down and 348-272 yard edges including 260-54 on the ground. We think Army gets back on track here as remember this is a 9am PT start time for the Spartans.

Troy 34 GEORGIA ST 33. You have to be impressed with Georgia St this season as the Panthers have now pulled 3 consecutive outright upsets (over Arkansas St, Coastal Carolina and Army) and obviously also pulled the shocker in Week 1 over Tennessee. Last week, Georgia St had a 379-343 yard edge despite only having the ball for 21:52 in their 28-21 win over Army. On the injury front, Georgia St LB Ed Curney, the team's leading tackler this season, limped off the field with a left leg injury after getting hurt. After making it to the sideline, he was carted to the locker room (check status). Meanwhile, Troy has a couple extra days to prep after beating crushing South Alabama last Wednesday. Troy had 28-20 first down and 432-274 yard edges including 220-91 on the ground. To the wire.

CLEMSON 48 Boston College 13. Clemson, the defending national champs and unbeaten this year have fallen from No. 1 to No. 4 in the polls despite the fact they're a Texas A&M back-door TD away from being 6-1 ATS. Does that motivate them to want to blow out some teams? Maybe, they've certainly have had no love lost for ACC opponents as of late as they're on a 12-0 SU/11-1 ATS run vs ACC opponents with an average win by 35.4 ppg and an average cover of 9.3 ppg. Clemson only has Wofford on deck but Boston College is in their biggest underdog role since 1990 (+37 at Miami, FL).

Memphis 34 TULSA 24. Last week Memphis easily beat Tulane 47-17 despite all the money coming in on Tulane all week (line went from Memphis -5.5 down to -2).Memphis RB Kenneth Gainwell ran for 104 yards and a TD and also added 9 receptions for 203 yards and 2 TD's. Gainwell is the first player for Memphis and the first in the FBS to have 200 yards receiving and 100 yards rushing in a game since Troy Edwards of Louisiana Tech in 1997. On the other side, Tulsa had 23-18 first down and 377-317 yard edges but also had 5 TO's in a 24-13 loss at Cincinnati. It was a rough day for Tulsa QB Zach Smith, who lost three fumbles and threw two interceptions, one in the end zone. We don't see much value.

TOLEDO 31 Eastern Michigan 27. Last week Ball St led Toledo 38-0 at half-time. Toledo QB Carter Bradley making his first career start, was only 14 of 34 for 137 yards and an INT. On the other side, EMU also started a new QB in Preston Hutchinson as he was 31 of 36 for 357 yards and 3 TD's in their upset win over rival Western Michigan. EMU trailed 14-3 early but was the superior team afterwards. Obviously, the Toledo QB injury report (see page 1) needs to become clearer here before we get involved.

TEXAS A&M 31 Mississippi St 20. Last week Mississippi St lost at home to LSU 36-13. LSU did settle for 3 short FG's in the first half (all 25 yards or shorter). Meanwhile, Miss St go 90 yards on 7 plays to score a TD with :59 left. On the other side, Texas A&M had 22-20 first down and 405-337 yard deficits including 250-165 on the ground in a 24-17 win over Ole Miss. The difference in the game was a 62-yard fumble return TD in the middle of the 3Q by A&M. We agree with the early money on A&M here.

Central Florida 37 TEMPLE 27. Last week UCF only beat East Carolina 41-28. The first downs were even but UCF was more explosive with a 611-483 yard edge. The final was a bit misleading as UCF led 35-3 late in the 2Q. On the other side, Temple was crushed at SMU 45-21. SMU dominated much more than the final as they had 33-15 first down and 655-273 yard edges including 198-69 on the ground. Slightest of leans on the home dog here who's already pulled two upsets at home.

WESTERN MICHIGAN 42 Bowling Green 17. Last week Bowling Green lost by 18 to Central Michigan but the game should've been more lopsided than the final as CMU missed 2 FG's and BG got a 100-yard fumble return TD (14-point swing). Meanwhile, Western Michigan comes in off a upset loss to Eastern Michigan as 9.5-point favorites. The Broncos blew an early 14-3 lead. The Falcons are No. 129 in yards per play differential but we don't see much value here.
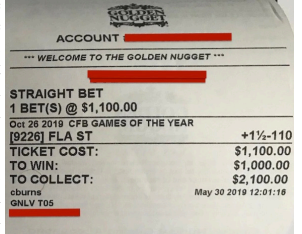
NEBRASKA 28 Indiana 27. It all comes down to which QB will be healthy here. Indiana QB Michael Penix is questionable while Nebraska QB's Noah Vedral and Adrian Martinez (knee) are both ?. The Huskers come in off a much needed bye while Indiana is looking to clinch bowl eligibility already after a 6-point win at Maryland last week. Indiana had 28-21 first down and 520-383 yard edges. Don't see an edge here for now.

BUFFALO 26 Central Michigan 25. Obviously, Central Michigan has been one of the biggest surprises this year coming off a 1-win season, the Chips are one win away from bowl eligibility and 7-1 ATS this season after an 18-point win at Bowling Green last week. On the other side, Buffalo had a 254-196 yard edge including 189-3 on the ground but were also +3 in TO's in a 21-0 win over Akron. The Bulls got TWO strip sack fumble return TD's in the game. Both teams have played similar strengths of schedule but CMU is the superior team stats wise. Slight lean on CMU.

Iowa 23 NORTHWESTERN 13. Remember, Iowa is on a 19-0 SU/16-2-1 ATS run as a road favorite with an average cover of 11.6 ppg. The Hawkeyes only had a 362-360 yard edge vs Purdue last week in a 6-point win (Iowa was -17.5). On the other side, Northwestern was curb-stomped vs Ohio St 52-3. Wildcats' QB Aidan Smith was only 6 of 20 for 42 yards and an INT. Despite the trend, we're not sure we can lay doubles with Iowa here but how does the Northwestern offense (No. 129 in yards per play) have success here?

EAST CAROLINA 27 South Florida 26. USF was crushed at Navy last week 35-3. Navy had 23-13 first down and 457-264 yard edges including 434-150 on the ground and won despite being -2 in TO's. The Bulls have QB question marks (see page 1). Meanwhile, ECU only lost by 13 at UCF (were +34.5). The first downs were even but UCF was more explosive with a 611-483 yard edge. The final was a bit misleading as UCF led 35-3 late in the 2Q. Wrong team favored here.

FLORIDA ST 33 Syracuse 24. Big money came in on FSU last week in their 22-20 loss to Wake Forest (line went from FSU +4 to -3). The Noles had 28-20 first down and 449-424 yard edges but were -2 in TO's. Those two FSU turnovers both came inside the red zone after long drives. On the other side, Syracuse has an extra day to prep after losing to Pitt last Friday 27-20. Pitt actually led 24-6 at halftime and the Syracuse QB's combined to go only 19 of 44 for 277 yards and 2 TD's. Syracuse has now allowed 35 sacks on the season, the most in FBS. We feel we have a

good ticket here from our summer betting but we don't see value at the current line.

Liberty 28 RUTGERS 23. It doesn't get much worse than being a TD home underdog to a program in their 2nd year of FBS play. But here Rutgers is. The Scarlet Knights have thrown for 49 total yards in their last 2 games combined. They are No. 129 in ypg differential, No. 129 in scoring margin and No. 127 in yards per play differential. They're one of the worst Power 5 teams ever at this point but with that being said, this line doesn't look cheap if you're looking to back the favorite.

Southern Miss 34 RICE 21. For whatever reason, the "Wise Guys" really like this Rice team as the 0-7 SU Owls get bet on each and every week. Last week they went from 2.5-5.5-point favorites at UTSA and lost the game outright 31-27. Rice had 21-19 first down and 369-361 yard edges but were -3 in TO's including UTSA getting a 34-yard interception return TD. On the other side, we cashed on these pages fading Southern Miss in their 45-30 loss at Louisiana Tech. Southern Miss led 14-0 early (included a 100-yard opening kickoff return TD) in the 1Q but LT was the superior team after including outscoring So Miss 21-3 in the second half. We're leaning with the road team here.

UTAH 30 California 9. This side and total line is amazing considering since 2003, there's only one other instance involving two FBS teams with a line of 3 TD's or more and a total of 38 or less (Georgia -27 vs Colorado in 2006, total 36.5). Last week Utah dominated Arizona St with 20-8 first down and 342-136 yard edges in a 21-3 win. The Utes were -2 in TO's and still covered. The Utes ended Arizona State's modern-era record streak of 125 games with more than 10 points. Now they're taking on a Cal team that could be down to their 3rd string QB. Yikes!

WYOMING 28 Nevada 16. Totals' players note that heavy wind is in the forecast here (total has dropped from 48 to 43.5). Last week Wyoming won 23-10 but they were once again out-gained as they are now -47 ypg despite their 5-2 record. Meanwhile, Nevada lost 36-10 at Utah St. Utah St had 22-15 first down and 418-326 yard edges including 244-113 on the ground. Slight lean on the dog here as we can't lay 2 TD's with a stodgy Wyoming offense.

AIR FORCE 30 Utah St 28. Despite last week's 36-10 win over Nevada, what is wrong with Utah St QB Jordan Love this season? Did he get caught up in the off-season hype? He only has a 7-to-9 TD-to-INT ratio this season and ranks No. 108 in QBR. Meanwhile, AF incredibly averaged 24.1 yards per pass (6 of 7 for 169 yards) last week in their 56-26 demolition of Hawaii. AF QB Mike Schmidt (filling in for injured Donald Hammond, check status) was 5 of 6 for 147 yards and a TD and also ran for 120 yards and 3 TD's. We have a slight lean on the dog here.

Hawaii 41 NEW MEXICO 28. Hawaii is a 10-point favorite here. It's the first time since 2011 that the Rainbow Warriors are favored by double-digits on the road. With that being said, we think it is deserved even though the Rainbow Warriors were blown out last week to Air Force. The game should've been a little closer as AF got a 92-yard interception return TD late in the game (14-point swing) after it bounced off an AF player several times. Meanwhile, New Mexico lost by 13 at Wyoming but covered. New Mexico had a 372-345 yard edge but were out-rushed 259-169. We like the favorite here despite the rare role as we think NM's bottom 10 defense will struggle slowing them down.

MARSHALL 27 Western Kentucky 21. WKU has been a surprise this year at 5-2 SU/ATS especially on the defensive side of the ball where they boast a Top 20 total and scoring defense. However, this will arguably be their toughest test since the Louisville game. Marshall comes in feeling good about themselves after a 36-31 win at FAU (Herd were 4.5-point dogs). Marshall controlled the line of scrimmage with a 254-57 rushing yard edge. Despite our power ratings liking Marshall, we don't see as much value match-up wise

STANFORD 28 Arizona 27. Last week Stanford was one of our worst picks ever on these pages. We sent the newsletter out Wednesday afternoon around 3pm ET and at 8:30pm ET on Wednesday, the Cardinal announced they would be starting their 3rd string QB (both top 2 guys are questionable this week). They proceeded to get trucked by UCLA. Speaking of getting trucked, that's what happened to Arizona last week in a 41-14 loss at USC. Arizona had a 22-16 first down edge but USC was much more explosive with a 6.8-5.1 yards per play advantage. Head coach Kevin Sumlin said immediately after the game that Khalil Tate will start next week. With so much uncertainty, we're not getting involved but note that if the +1 line holds vs Arizona this week, note that Stanford is 9-2 SU/10-1 ATS as a home underdog with an average cover of 13 ppg.

2★ Washington St (plus the points) OREGON 38 Washington St 28. Washington St is 9-0 ATS vs Oregon this decade with an average cover of 16.3 ppg. Both teams come in off wins. Note that Washington St head coach Mike Leach said after last week's game vs Colorado, "I think we are emerging defensively. We simplified some things but we are still kind of coming together there a little bit, honestly. I think the defense has some of its best football ahead of us." Meanwhile, that vaunted Ducks' defense that allowed four touchdowns all season gave up three in the first half to Washington and the Ducks were extremely fortunate to come back and win that game. Oregon has USC on deck and have a commanding lead in the Pac-12 North so they could be a little lax here.

FRESNO ST 38 Colorado St 22. Just announced on Tuesday night, Colorado St has suspended RB Marvin Kinsey for this game as the Rams come in off a bye. Meanwhile, Fresno St beat UNLV 56-27 last Friday but the first downs were even at 21-21 and Fresno only had a 489-414 yard edge. Fresno scored 28 points off 5 UNLV TO's (Bulldogs had 0 TO's). Despite that misleading final, we lean with the home team here.

Missouri 28 KENTUCKY 20. Missouri head coach Barry Odom is overrated. In each of the last two years his teams were favored in 10 games each season and yet they only won 7 and 8 games. This year already, Missouri has lost twice outright as a 2-TD plus favorite including last week. The Tigers came in having scored 31 or more points in 11 straight games, the second-longest streak nationally behind only Oklahoma (16). That ended against a Vanderbilt defense that came in ranked 124th out of 130 FBS teams allowing 482.7 yards a game. On the other side, Kentucky was blanked at Georgia 21-0. The game was tied at 0-0 at halftime as each offense was affected by Nestor, the former tropical storm which dumped rain on Athens throughout the day. Kentucky QB Lynn Bowden (converted WR) was only 2 of 15 for 17 yards but did run for 99 yards. After the big upset loss, we'd thought we would be liking Mizzou here but this line seems too pricey.

NORTH CAROLINA 28 Duke 27. North Carolina has played in six games that have been decided by six points or less and the Tar Heels are 2-4 in such contests. Last week's game was no different as they lost in 6OT's at Virginia Tech. The game was remarkably even as the two teams each had 23 first downs while NC had a 491-490 yard edge. Also remarkable was the two teams only scoring a combined 22 points in 6 OT's as the two teams missed a combined 4 consecutive FG's in the 3rd and 4th OT's. On the other side, Duke was involved in a misleading 48-14 final as their opponent Virginia only had a 307-250 yard edge as they were +3 in TO's in their 48-14 win over Duke. UVA scored 20 points off 5 Duke TO's on just 74 total yards of offense. UVA also got a 95-yard kick return TD. We're taking the dog here who is slightly better in yards per play differential (No. 75 vs No. 81) and the spot also calls for it.

Penn St 24 MICHIGAN ST 20. A great situational spot for Michigan St here as they are off a bye taking on a Penn St team off a dramatic, "White Out" win over Michigan and a physical game vs Iowa the week before (both prime-time ABC games). Penn St was handled in the final 40 minutes of Michigan game (much to our dismay on these pages) after taking a 21-0 lead in the 2Q. We feel Penn St is a little overrated as they are 2-0 SU the last two weeks but were -134 yards vs Michigan and -62 yards vs Iowa. Michigan St is 5-1 SU/ATS vs Penn State as of late with an average cover by 8.5 ppg! Also note that Michigan St has caught Penn St off big games vs Ohio St the last 2 years and pulled outright upsets.

KENT ST 30 Miami, Oh 28. Miami comes in off an upset win over Northern Illinois as they did lead 27-17 before NIU scored a TD late in the 4Q. Meanwhile, Kent St lost by 7 at Ohio but covered by "the hook". Kent St QB Dustin Crum was 24 of 35 for 262 yards and 4 TD's. Stats wise, Kent St is the better team but Miami has played the tougher schedule. We're passing.

Appalachian St 40 SOUTH ALABAMA 15. With last week's win, Appalachian St became the first Sun Belt conference team ever to be ranked in consecutive weeks. App St had 27-9 first down and 572-213 yard edges including 302-111 on the ground in a blowout win over ULM. Why again was all that money on ULM in that game? The line dropped from App St -18.5 down to -15.5! On the other side, South Alabama had extra time to prep after a blowout loss to Troy last Wednesday. This line is right around our power rating on the game. Pass.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 35 New Mexico St 20. Georgia Southern will be playing heavy hearts as their freshman OL Jordan Wiggins unfortunately took his own life this week (see page 1). Last week Georgia Southern was involved in a bad beat as far as the total goes (see page 1). Georgia Southern did have 22-14 first down and 360-228 yard edges including 299-127 on the ground in the 30-27 win in 3OT's over Coastal Carolina. Meanwhile, New Mexico St comes in fresh off a bye. Again, we don't see a lot of value here.

IOWA ST 36 Oklahoma St 27. We know the final looked really bad last week for our top play on Oklahoma St but the Cowboys did lead the Baylor game with 10 minutes left before the Bears out-scored them 21-0 to close. Oklahoma St QB Spencer Sanders is a dual threat right now, he's either an interception or fumble waiting to happen with 8 of them the last 2 games (4 INT's, 4 fumbles). On the other side, Iowa St has found a RB in frosh Breece Hall the last two weeks as he had 183 yards last week. Remember, Iowa St's 2 losses have come by a combined 2 points to a pair of teams that are 12-2 right now. The Cyclones are No. 8 in yards per play differential this year (OSU No. 50). However, this line looks a bit steep.

Florida International 30 MIDDLE TENNESSEE 29. A lot of money came in on FIU last week (line went from them -20.5 to -24.5) but it turned out wrong as UTEP had a 17-15 first down edge but FIU had a 335-283 yard edge in FIU's non-covering 32-17 win. On the other side, Middle Tennessee lost on the final play 33-30 at North Texas (still covered). While stats wise FIU is the much better team, Middle Tennessee has played the tougher schedule. Lean on the home dog.

Florida Atlantic 31 OLD DOMINION 20. FAU does come in with one day more rest after losing at home to Marshall 36-31 in an upset. FAU QB Chris Robison threw for 362 yards and an INT but it wasn't enough as Marshall controlled the line of scrimmage with a 254-57 rushing yard edge. Meanwhile, how much does OSU have left in the tank after losing 6 straight games? Last week UAB dominated them with 21-15 first down and 435-150 yard edges including 175-39 on the ground. FAU is only No. 107 in yards per play differential...Not sure that warrants laying 2 TD's on the road with them here.

BALL ST 34 Ohio 30. Two teams heading in opposite directions this year. Last week Ohio had 31-27 first down and 571-476 yard edges in a non-covering win over Kent St. The Bobcats are now just 1-6 ATS on the season. Meanwhile, Ball St has covered 4 in a row after crushing Toledo last week. Ball St had 24-16 first down and 580-303 yard edges including 374-132 on the ground. Ball St led 38-0 at halftime. Ball St is the better team (No. 42 vs No. 79 in yards per play) and have played the tougher schedule. The only reason this line isn't 3.5, is Ohio's past pedigree.

ALABAMA 44 Arkansas 10. Obviously, the big story is the injury to Alabama QB Tua Tagovailoa. Tua is the most valuable Alabama player under Nick Saban (worth 7 points) and right now we have Alabama No. 5 in our power ratings without Tua (Ohio St, Clemson, LSU and Oklahoma all better). Remember Tua's replacement, Mac Jones, is a 3-star recruit. With that being said, Arkansas is just not betable at this point. The Hogs were completely out-classed at home vs Auburn last week and it's funny that head coach Chad Morris left SMU and Arkansas QB Ben Hicks also left SMU (all-time leading passer) and they've gotten way better in their absences.

South Carolina 26 TENNESSEE 23. Tennessee is starting to show some life. Last week, midway through the 4Q, Tennessee QB Jarrett Guarantano fumbled on 4th&-Goal at the Alabama 1-yard line only to see the Tide pick it up and run it back 100 yards for a TD. Obviously, the Vols benefited from the injury to Alabama QB Tua Tagovailoa but Tennessee QB Brian Maurer (5 of 7 for 62 yards and an INT) also got hurt in the game. On the other side, we cashed fading South Carolina on these pages last week. South Carolina did have a 387-354 yard edge including 217-154 on the ground. Florida actually trailed 20-17 early in the 4Q before scoring 3 straight TD's. After playing physical close games vs Florida and Georgia, how much do they have left here?

Oklahoma 37 KANSAS ST 17. Pure power ratings lean for us here (see page 6). We're much higher in the market place on Kansas St (see TCU game last week). We don't mind the situational spot either as Kansas St has been home 4 straight weeks while Oklahoma is on the road for the 3rd time in 4 weeks. Finally, this is the lowest total for an Oklahoma game in 18 games. The pace of play says it will be more likely played in Kansas St's wheel-house (lower scoring).

MINNESOTA 35 Maryland 20. Minnesota had 25-16 first down and 443-189 yard edges including 245-48 through the air in a blowout win over a hapless Rutgers team. The Gophers improved to 7-0 for the first time since winning the national title in 1960 and the nine-game winning streak dating back to last season is the Gophers' longest since 1941-42. On the other side, Maryland's hot start is now long-gone as they lost to Indiana at home last week. Indiana had 28-21 first down and 520-383 yard edges. The Gophers have a bye on deck so they should be going all-in here.

NAVY 27 Tulane 26. Remember Tulane routinely sees the option and just played Army a few weeks ago. Last week, though the Green Wave was crushed at Memphis. It seemed like everyone was riding the Wave throughout the week as the line went from Tulane +5.5 to +2.5. On the other side, Navy had 23-13 first down and 457-264 yard edges including 434-150 on the ground in a 35-3 win over USF. "I've been in this stadium for 22 years, man, and that was as dominant as a defensive performance against a really good team that I've seen in a really long time," Niumatalolo said. However, this week is a much taller order. Lean on the dog.

Texas 30 TCU 28. A lot of money came in against Texas last week and it proved correct as the Horns nearly lost outright as a 3-TD favorite to Kansas (50-48). The two teams combined for 50 points in the 4Q! On the other side, TCU had 22-14 first down and 366-266 yard edges including 228-94 on the ground in a 24-17 loss at Kansas St. This line says the game will be close...who would you trust late in the game? Texas QB Sam Ehlinger or true frosh TCU QB Max Duggan? We'll take our chances with Texas here. Also note that TCU is 10-21 ATS vs Big 12 since 2016.

PITTSBURGH 26 Miami, FL 21. It's been a tough first season for Miami head coach Manny Diaz. Last week Miami missed 3 short FG's, GT faked a punt for a TD and GT also got a fumble recovery in the end zone for a TD as the Yellow Jackets pulled off the stunner as 18-point underdogs. The Hurricanes have now missed six field goals inside of 34 yards this season, plus two extra points. Also all four of Miami's losses have been by seven points or fewer, and missed kicks have been a factor in all of them. On the other side, Pitt actually led Syracuse 24-6 at halftime and held on for a 27-20 win. We don't see much value here.

> **2★ Virginia 30 LOUISVILLE 23.** Last week Virginia blew out Duke as the Cavaliers control their own destiny in the ACC Coastal division. While they don't have many play-makers on offense, they have the best player on the field in QB Bryce Perkins who should be enough here. Meanwhile, Louisville QB's combined for only 8 of 22 for 107 yards and 2 INT's in a blowout loss to Clemson. We're not sure those QB's will have a better outing here against a UVA defense that ranks No. 8 in yards per play allowed.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS 34 Akron 10. Both teams have QB question marks here. Akron QB Kato Nelson (suspension) is out (DNP vs Buffalo) and Northern Illinois QB Ross Bowers (head) is questionable. Akron is now 0-7 ATS on the season (-10.2 ppg). They probably should've covered considering two of Buffalo's TD's came via strip sack. On the other side, NIU had 22-14 first down and 350-344 yard edges but lost at Miami, Oh. We're passing here.

Texas Tech 37 KANSAS 30. Last week big money came in on Kansas and the Jayhawks nearly pulled off the shocker only losing by 2 at Texas as 3-TD underdogs. Part of the reason the money may have come in on them is their new offensive coordinator Brent Dearmon, who was calling his first game after being promoted by Miles two weeks ago. Dearmon was coaching at NAIA program Bethel University last season but dialed up big-hit plays against the Longhorns time and again. Meanwhile, Texas Tech had few big plays vs Iowa St as QB Jeff Duffey was 40 of 52 but for only 239 yards (4.6 ypa per attempt). Still, this is the shortest underdog role for the Jayhawks in a Big 12 game since 2012! Lean on the favorite.

North Texas 33 CHARLOTTE 30. Last week NT had 27-23 first down and 507-433 yard edges and won despite being -2 in TO's. NT got a 22-yard FG on the final play of the game for the 33-30 win over Middle Tennessee. NT QB Mason Fine was 33 of 45 for 375 yards but had a 1-2 ratio (only a 41 QBR this season, No. 109 in country). Meanwhile, Charlotte got shut-out in the 2H 13-0 in a 30-14 loss to WKU. NT is the better team, but we're not sure they should be laying more than a FG here.

OHIO ST 33 Wisconsin 18. Ohio State has the best ATS margin in College Football this year at +17.5 ppg (6-1 ATS). Obviously it was a look ahead game for Wisconsin last week but still led 20-7 and 23-14 late and had a 98% chance to win before the historic upset loss (see page Illinois write-up). Ohio St usually doesn't overlook Wisconsin typically as they are 9-1 SU/7-2-1 ATS with an average cover of 7.2 ppg. However, Wisconsin after a straight up loss under head coach Paul

Chryst is 11-1 SU/10-1-1 ATS (+6.9 ppg). Don't see a lot of value here. You do have the No. 1 (Ohio St) and No. 3 (Wisconsin) teams as far as ypg differential and scoring margin in the country here.

ARKANSAS ST 37 Texas St 24. Texas St comes in fresh off a bye. However, their QB Gresch Jensen (concussion) is out this week. On the other side, Arkansas St after back-to-back losses probably needs a feel-good win here. Last week they lost by 17 to UL-Lafayette at home. Arkansas St QB Layne Hatcher threw for 303 yards, RB Marcel Murray ran for 164 yards and WR Omar Bayless had 150 yards receiving (leads nation with 993 yards this year), but it wasn't enough. Slight lean ASU.

LSU 35 Auburn 24. We think LSU can make Auburn one-dimensional here. LSU has a Top 10 rush defense (allowing 93 rush ypg and 2.8 ypc). If that's the case, then Auburn has to rely on true frosh QB Bo Nix (56%, No. 61 in QBR) who failed in last big road test at Florida. Speaking of Florida, the Gators almost played perfect game vs LSU offensively and still lost by 14 (did score 0 points in final 2 possessions inside LSU's red zone). Can Bo Nix keep pace with LSU QB Joe Burrow, the Heisman favorite now (29-3 ratio, 79% completions). Remember, LSU is a perfect 6-0 ATS vs FBS foes this year.

Louisiana Tech 36 UTEP 17. Last week we cashed on these pages with Louisiana Tech. La Tech had a 476-437 yard edge and were the much more explosive team (15.5 yards per pass while Southern Miss averaged 8.2. Southern Miss led 14-0 early (included a 100-yard opening kickoff return TD) in the 1Q but LT was the superior after including outscoring So Miss 21-3 in the second half. LT WR Malik Stanley had 212 yards receiving. On the other side, UTEP had a 17-15 first down edge but FIU had a 335-283 yard edge in a 32-17 loss. Note that UTEP is on a 1-12 SU/ATS run at home failing to cover by 6.5 ppg. That prevents us from taking them here in what we feel will be a flat spot for LT.

> **3★ MICHIGAN 27 Notre Dame 24.** Jim Harbaugh is 0-4 SU vs Michigan St and Ohio St at home but is 28-0 SU vs everyone else. The Wolverines were really impressive last week at Penn St (much to our dismay) as down 21-0 early, they rallied and almost forced OT. Even though they lost, we think they should come away confident from that performance. To us the match-ups favor the home team. In order to beat Michigan's defense, you need to be able to beat their press man coverage. Penn St had an elite speed guy in WR KJ Hamler last week, Ohio St had multiple guys last year. ND simply doesn't have that kind of play-maker at RB or WR this year. Also, on the other side, ND's defense really struggled vs USC's WR's in their last game and now face another talented WR corps. Michigan at home vs Notre Dame is on a 7-1 SU run with an average win by 12.4 ppg. The only negative here is that Notre Dame is off a bye. Still, at "Pick-Em" we have the right side in our opinion. Remember, UM was laying 3 in South Bend last year (meaning they would've been -9 at home). Have these teams changed 9 points since then? We don't think so.

> **2★ Arizona State 31 UCLA 24.** We'll back the Sun Devils off the worst loss of the Herm Edwards tenure last week. The Utes ended Arizona State's modern-era record streak of 125 games with more than 10 points. The last time the Sun Devils were held under double-digits was a 28-0 loss to Southern California in 2008. On the other side, UCLA took advantage of a Stanford team that announced they would be starting their 3rd string QB less than 24 hours before the game. UCLA dominated with 20-11 first down and 455-198 yard edges including 263-55 on the ground. However, the Bruins are still No. 112 in yards per play differential while Arizona St is No. 47. Keep in mind, two of UCLA's best performances this season came vs back-up QB's (Arizona and Stanford, unfortunately two losers on these pages).

San Diego St 30 UNLV 19. San Diego St has revenge for a big upset loss to UNLV last year as 24-point favorites. The Aztecs come in off a double-digit win over San Jose St. San Diego St controlled the game with a 348-272 yard edge including 260-54 on the ground. Meanwhile, UNLV is off a misleading final vs Fresno St. Fresno scored 28 points off 5 UNLV TO's (Bulldogs had 0 TO's). We're actually leaning with the home team here.

Updated College Football Power Ratings for Week 9

Rank	Team	Pre	10/23	Rank	Team	Pre	10/23	Rank	Team	Pre	10/23	Rank	Team	Pre	10/23
1	Ohio State	88.60	99.60	34	Indiana	74.19	75.19	67	Maryland	66.84	67.84	100	Georgia Southern	61.26	59.76
2	Clemson	99.54	98.53	35	Memphis	74.53	75.03	68	UCLA	77.55	67.55	101	Arkansas State	64.22	59.72
3	LSU	90.95	95.45	36	Florida State	80.46	74.96	69	San Diego State	67.01	67.51	102	Georgia State	61.96	58.46
4	Oklahoma	89.67	94.67	37	Pittsburgh	72.13	74.63	70	Temple	67.03	67.03	103	Middle Tennessee	59.30	57.80
5	Alabama	99.90	93.40	38	North Carolina	69.24	74.24	71	Colorado	66.74	66.24	104	Miami (OH)	60.18	57.68
6	Georgia	93.01	91.01	39	TCU	78.18	74.18	72	Stanford	77.90	65.90	105	Buffalo	57.40	57.40
7	Auburn	86.93	89.42	40	Mississippi State	83.14	74.14	73	Southern Miss	64.63	65.63	106	Kent State	54.28	57.28
8	Wisconsin	81.71	88.70	41	Arizona State	74.57	74.07	74	Marshall	66.61	65.61	107	Eastern Michigan	58.65	57.15
9	Oregon	84.43	88.43	42	Miami (FL)	79.38	73.38	75	Western Michigan	65.54	65.54	108	Central Michigan	49.99	56.99
10	Penn State	83.62	87.12	43	Air Force	67.85	73.35	76	Hawaii	62.00	65.50	109	Coastal Carolina	51.73	56.73
11	Notre Dame	86.31	86.31	44	Duke	71.49	72.99	77	Oregon State	62.93	65.43	110	UL-Monroe	55.41	56.41
12	Florida	86.70	85.70	44	Ole Miss	72.99	72.99	78	West Virginia	70.22	65.22	111	Colorado State	55.71	56.21
13	Utah	81.68	84.68	46	Utah State	69.67	72.67	79	Florida Atlantic	64.74	64.74	112	Liberty	54.05	56.05
14	Michigan	89.42	83.92	47	Kansas State	70.58	72.08	80	Arkansas	69.78	64.28	113	Nevada	60.86	55.86
15	Iowa State	79.87	82.37	48	Tennessee	79.03	71.03	81	Wyoming	60.68	64.18	114	Charlotte	53.43	54.93
16	Washington	82.69	82.19	49	Tulane	64.36	70.86	82	Louisiana Tech	63.92	63.92	115	San Jose State	51.36	54.86
17	Texas A&M	84.75	81.75	50	Nebraska	79.80	70.80	83	Army	67.90	62.90	116	UNLV	55.67	54.67
18	Iowa	81.13	81.13	51	Virginia Tech	78.98	70.48	84	Ball State	54.36	62.86	117	East Carolina	54.87	54.37
19	Missouri	81.55	81.05	52	Arizona	74.37	70.37	85	FIU	65.22	62.72	118	Texas State	53.19	52.19
20	UCF	77.31	80.31	53	California	71.79	70.29	86	Illinois	62.56	62.56	119	Rice	45.48	50.48
21	Minnesota	78.57	79.57	54	Texas Tech	73.64	70.14	87	Vanderbilt	69.87	61.87	120	New Mexico	51.23	48.73
22	USC	79.14	79.14	55	Northwestern	75.03	70.03	88	Georgia Tech	66.32	61.82	121	Old Dominion	48.73	48.23
23	Baylor	76.92	78.91	56	Kentucky	72.99	69.99	89	Western Kentucky	58.74	61.74	122	New Mexico State	49.72	48.22
24	Michigan State	84.38	78.88	57	NC State	72.35	69.85	90	Troy	62.23	61.73	123	Rutgers	58.53	48.03
25	Virginia	77.04	78.54	58	BYU	74.18	69.68	91	Tulsa	61.08	61.58	124	South Alabama	45.54	47.04
26	Texas	81.70	78.20	59	Fresno State	71.01	69.51	92	Kansas	57.53	61.53	125	UTSA	49.41	46.91
27	South Carolina	80.26	77.76	60	Syracuse	76.36	69.36	93	Ohio	66.44	61.44	126	UTEP	44.53	43.53
28	Boise State	76.55	77.55	60	UL-Lafayette	59.36	69.36	94	Houston	68.11	61.11	127	Bowling Green	48.34	43.34
29	Oklahoma State	78.38	77.38	62	Louisville	65.28	69.28	95	UAB	59.59	61.09	128	Connecticut	43.86	42.86
30	Washington State	78.78	77.28	63	Wake Forest	69.14	69.14	96	Toledo	63.73	60.73	129	Akron	48.73	39.73
31	Cincinnati	74.96	75.46	64	Boston College	69.35	68.35	97	Northern Illinois	62.03	60.53	130	Massachusetts	44.58	34.58
32	SMU	64.32	75.32	65	Navy	58.24	68.24	98	North Texas	61.42	60.42				
33	Appalachian State	73.72	75.22	66	Purdue	73.51	68.01	99	USF	65.72	60.22				

Biggest Movers Since Preseason

Team	Pts
SMU	+11.0
Ohio State	+11.0
Navy	+10.0
UL-Lafayette	+10.0
Ball State	+8.5
Central Mich	+7.0
Wisconsin	+7.0
Georgia State	+6.5
Tulane	+6.5
Air Force	+5.5
Michigan State	-5.5
Purdue	-5.5
Florida State	-5.5
Michigan	-5.5
USF	-5.5
Arkansas	-5.5
Miami (FL)	-6.0
Alabama	-6.5
Syracuse	-7.0
Houston	-7.0
Tennessee	-8.0
Vanderbilt	-8.0
Virginia Tech	-8.5
Akron	-9.0
Mississippi St	-9.0
Nebraska	-9.0
UCLA	-10.0
Massachusetts	-10.0
Rutgers	-10.5
Stanford	-12.0

Week 9 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 6-7-1 and now the record for this year is 48-41-2.** 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 8 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 Hawaii -10.

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, Oct 24th	Line	Comp	Diff
103 SMU			
104 Houston	+14.5	+10.0	+4.0
Friday, October 25th	**Line**	**Comp**	**Diff**
105 USC			
106 Colorado	+13.5	+9.2	+4.3
Saturday, October 26th	**Line**	**Comp**	**Diff**
107 Connecticut			
108 Massachusetts	+10	+5.8	+4.2
109 Illinois			
110 Purdue	-9.5	-8.7	+0.8
111 San Jose State			
112 Army	-9	-11.5	-2.5
113 Troy			
114 Georgia State	-1	+1.0	+2.0
115 Boston College			
116 Clemson	-34.5	-35.7	-1.2
117 Memphis			
118 Tulsa	+10.5	+10.2	+0.3
119 Eastern Michigan			
120 Toledo	-3.5	-7.8	-4.3
121 Mississippi State			
122 Texas A&M	-10.5	-12.1	-1.6
123 Central Florida			
124 Temple	+11	+9.8	+1.2
125 Bowling Green			
126 Western Michigan	-26.5	-25.7	+0.8
127 Indiana			
128 Nebraska	+1	+0.1	+0.9
129 Central Michigan			
130 Buffalo	-2.5	-3.9	-1.4
131 Iowa			
132 Northwestern	+10.5	+7.6	+2.9
133 South Florida			
134 East Carolina	+2	+2.6	-0.6
135 Syracuse			
136 Florida State	-10.5	-10.1	+0.4
137 Liberty			
138 Rutgers	+7.5	+5.0	+2.5
139 Southern Miss			
140 Rice	+10	+12.7	-2.7
141 California			
142 Utah	-21.5	-18.9	+2.6
143 Nevada			
144 Wyoming	-14	-11.8	+2.3
145 Utah State			
146 Air Force	-3.5	-4.9	-1.4
147 Hawaii			
148 New Mexico	+10	+14.0	-4.0
149 Western Kentucky			
150 Marshall	-5	-7.6	-2.6
151 Arizona			
152 Stanford	+1	-0.3	+1.3
153 Washington State			
154 Oregon	-14	-15.9	-1.9
155 Colorado State			
156 Fresno State	-14	-17.3	-3.3

Saturday, October 26th	Line	Comp	Diff
157 Missouri			
158 Kentucky	+10.5	+7.3	+3.2
159 Duke			
160 North Carolina	-3.5	-4.8	-1.3
161 Penn State			
162 Michigan State	+6.5	+4.0	+2.5
163 Miami (OH)			
164 Kent State	-2	-2.1	-0.1
165 Appalachian State			
166 South Alabama	+26	+25.4	+0.6
167 New Mexico State			
168 Georgia Southern	-14.5	-15.3	-0.8
169 Oklahoma State			
170 Iowa State	-10.5	-8.7	+1.8
171 FIU			
172 Middle Tennessee	+2.5	+1.2	+1.3
173 Florida Atlantic			
174 Old Dominion	+13.5	+13.0	+0.5
175 Ohio			
176 Ball State	-2.5	-3.9	-1.4
177 Arkansas			
178 Alabama	-32.5	-34.6	-2.1
179 South Carolina			
180 Tennessee	+4	+2.7	+1.3
181 Oklahoma			
182 Kansas State	+23.5	+18.3	+5.2
183 Maryland			
184 Minnesota	-17	-15.5	+1.5
185 Tulane			
186 Navy	-3.5	-1.6	+1.9
187 Texas			
188 TCU	+1	-0.5	+1.5
189 Miami (FL)			
190 Pittsburgh	-5	-5.3	-0.3
191 Virginia			
192 Louisville	+3.5	+5.3	-1.8
193 Akron			
194 Northern Illinois	-23.5	-24.6	-1.1
195 Texas Tech			
196 Kansas	+3.5	+5.9	-2.4
197 North Texas			
198 Charlotte	+4	+3.0	+1.0
199 Wisconsin			
200 Ohio State	-14.5	-16.4	-1.9
201 Texas State			
202 Arkansas State	-11.5	-11.8	-0.3
203 Auburn			
204 LSU	-11	-11.3	-0.3
205 Louisiana Tech			
206 UTEP	+20.5	+18.4	+2.1
207 Notre Dame			
208 Michigan	-1	-2.9	-1.9
209 Arizona State			
210 UCLA	+3.5	+2.8	+0.7
211 San Diego State			
212 UNLV	+13	+10.3	+2.7

Top 20 CFB ATS Trends for Week 9

1. USC is on a 10-0 SU/5-4-1 ATS run vs Colorado with an average win by 18.7 ppg.

2. Connecticut is a 10-point favorite at Massachusetts this week. The Huskies haven't been a double-digit favorite on the road since 2008.

3. Connecticut is on a 1-19 ATS run as a favorite since 2012 failing to cover by an average of 10.3 ppg.

4. Clemson is on a 12-0 SU/11-1 ATS run vs ACC opponents with an average win by 35.4 ppg and an average cover of 9.3 ppg. This week the Tigers are 34.5 point favorites hosting Boston College.

5. Boston College is in their biggest underdog role since 1990 (+37 at Miami, FL) this week at Clemson.

6. Iowa is on a 19-0 SU/16-2-1 ATS run as a road favorite with an average cover of 11.6 ppg. This week the Hawkeyes are 10.5-point favorites at Northwestern.

7. This week Utah is a 21.5-point favorite vs California and the total is only 37.5. Since 2003, there's only one other instance involving two FBS teams with a line of 3 TD's or more and a total of 38 or less (Georgia -27 vs Colorado in 2006, total 36.5).

8. Hawaii is a 10-point favorite at New Mexico this week. It's the first time since 2011 that the Rainbow Warriors are favored by double-digits on the road.

9. If the 1-point line holds vs Arizona this week, note that Stanford is 9-2 SU/10-1 ATS as a home underdog with an average cover of 13 ppg.

10. Washington St is 9-0 ATS vs Oregon this decade with an average cover of 16.3 ppg. This week the Cougars are 14-point underdogs at Oregon.

11. Michigan St is 5-1 SU/ATS vs Penn State in their last 6 meetings with an average cover of 8.5 ppg. This week the Spartans are 6.5-point underdogs at home.

12. Oklahoma State is on a 7-3 SU/9-1 ATS run as an underdog with an average cover of 13.4 ppg. This week Oklahoma St is a 10.5-point underdog at Oklahoma St.

13. Iowa St head coach Matt Campbell 21-9-1 ATS (+7.5 ppg) vs the Big 12. This week the Cyclones are 10.5-point home favorites vs Oklahoma St.

14. TCU is 10-21 ATS vs the Big 12 since 2016. This week the Horned Frogs are 1-point home underdogs vs Texas.

15. Pittsburgh and Miami, FL have met 22 times since 1980 and this week is only the 2nd time Pitt has been favored in the series (2015 was the other). The average line has been Miami -15 but this week Pitt is a 5.5-point home favorite.

16. This week Kansas is a 3.5-point home underdog to Texas Tech. It's the shortest underdog role for the Jayhawks in a Big 12 game since 2012!

17. Wisconsin after a straight up loss under head coach Paul Chryst is 11-1 SU/10-1-1 ATS (+6.9 ppg). This week that will be put to the test as the Badgers are 14.5-point underdogs at Ohio St.

18. UTEP is on a 1-12 SU/ATS run at home failing to cover by 6.5 ppg. This week the Miners are 20.5-point home underdogs to Louisiana Tech.

19. The underdog is on a 22-7-1 ATS run in the Michigan/Notre Dame series. This week the Irish are 1-point underdogs at Michigan.

20. Michigan is 28-4 SU at home under Jim Harbaugh with the only losses coming to Michigan St and Ohio St. This week, the Wolverines are basically in a "pick-em" game vs Notre Dame.

4★ = BEST	THE POWERS' PACK
3★ = BETTER	3★ INDIANAPOLIS (-5.5) over Denver
2★ = GOOD	2★ HOUSTON (-6.5) over Oakland
1★ = FAIR	2★ KANSAS CITY (+4) over Green Bay

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

Thursday, October 24th

MINNESOTA 30 Washington 13. 10.5-point or more favorites on Thursday are 22-0 SU/17-4-1 ATS the last 30 years with an average win of 19 ppg and an average cover of 6.3 ppg. The thought process is that with less time to prep, it's all about the "Jimmy's and the Joe's" and not the "X's and the O's". Also Mike Zimmer is 19-2-2 ATS as a non-division home favorite but note the only time in the last 10 years, Minnesota laid 14 or more points, they lost Bills last year 27-6 (-16.5). Obviously, Kirk Cousins will be taking on his former team here. Cousins has had 3 straight great games (976 yards and a 10-1 ratio) while the Skins are off a feeble offensive effort in the rain vs San Francisco.

Sunday, October 27th

DETROIT 28 N.Y. Giants 23. We're simply stunned at that feeble effort out of the Giants last week as we lost our top play on these pages. Turnovers have now become an issue for rookie QB Daniel Jones (RB Barkley did have 72 yards rushing in his return). On the other side, the Detroit defense has been struggling allowing 430 yards in each of their last 3 games and it's been tough for the Lions to get margin as they haven't won a game more than 3 points all season. Lean Giants.

TENNESSEE 24 Tampa Bay 21. The Bucs come in off a bye after QB Jameis Winston had another turnover meltdown (threw a career-high 5 INT's) in London. That's now 86 TO's for Winston the last 5 years. On the other side, Tennessee had a big goal line stand as they've now held every opponent this season to 20 points or less. The offense also had their best performance of the season as QB Tannehill had his first 300-yard game since September 2016. Don't see much value here.

CHICAGO 22 L.A. Chargers 19. Who wants to bet on either team here? We guess the best unit on the field is Chicago's defense but they were gashed by New Orleans last week. On the other side, how are the Chargers feeling after that ghastly final minute vs Tennessee last week where they thought they scored the game-winning TD multiple times only to fumble it away in the final seconds? Can you trust the Bears' offense (haven't topped 300 yards in any game this season) laying more than a FG?

Seattle 30 ATLANTA 23. Whether Atlanta QB Matt Ryan plays or not (Matt Schaub is his back-up), the Falcons have the signs of being a total fade in what should be head coach Dan Quinn's last season. They haven't recorded a sack in a month and have allowed 36 ppg in their 5-game losing streak. They also traded WR Sanu to the Pats signaling a "white flag being waved". Meanwhile, Seattle comes in off a loss in a misleading game vs Baltimore (Ravens had 2 non-offensive TD's). Will head coach Pete Carroll take it easy on his former D.C.? We don't think so.

JACKSONVILLE 23 N.Y. Jets 19. The Jets are traveling on a short week after that dumpster fire of a performance vs New England. QB Sam Darnold had a 0.7 QBR and the Jets had 6 TO's. Meanwhile, the Jags come in off a win over a hapless Cincinnati team. This is the biggest favorite role for Minshew an Co this year. We can't lay the 6. Lean dog.

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

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

Philadelphia 22 BUFFALO 21. Last week Buffalo needed to out-score Miami 22-7 in the second half to get the win (but not the cover). They are off to their best start in 11 years and have not allowed 250 yards passing in 13 straight games. However, their offense has gone 38 straight games without topping 300 yards passing. Right now, it's not looking good in Philly after that abysmal SNF effort at Dallas, but note the Eagles last year recovered after a 48-7 loss at New Orleans (won 5 of their last 6 to make playoffs). Lean on the Eagles.

† L.A. Rams 31 Cincinnati 16. *London, England.* Last week the Rams played their best game of the season as they handled the Falcons easily on the road (first time Goff had more TD passes than INT's in a game this year). This is their 2nd trip here in 3 years as they crushed Arizona 33-0 in 2017. The Bengals are now 0-7 under first-year coach Zac Taylor and last week QB Andy Dalton threw 3 picks in the 10-point loss at home to Jakcsonville. It is note-worthy that the Bengals O.C. Brian Callahan (35 years old, never been a coordinator) and the D.C. Lou Anarumo (career DB's coach) hasn't been a D.C. since 1994 for the Merchant Marine Academy. These guys are in over their heads! The only question is will Sean McVay want to run it up on Taylor who served on the Rams staff the last couple of years?

NEW ORLEANS 30 Arizona 20. No question the Cardinals shocked us last week with their outright upset over the Giants. Yes, they've exceeded expectations so far, but exactly who have they beat? Cincinnati, Atlanta and the Giants are a combined 3-18 SU. Meanwhile, Teddy Bridgewater is now 5-0 SU/ATS this season and 28-7 ATS as an NFL starter after the Saints dominating win over the Bears. However, after being an underdog in 4 of those 5 games (other being -3 vs Tampa Bay), now the Saints are laying close to double-digits here. They do have a bye on deck.

2★ HOUSTON 30 Oakland 20. Last week we cashed on these pages fading both teams. First, we won with Indianapolis over Houston and then we won with Green Bay over Oakland. The Raiders saw Green Bay QB Aaron Rodgers have a perfect passer rating (429 yards and 6 TD's). This is the final road game for Oakland in a stretch that spanned 5 games and 6 weeks (haven't been home since September 15 vs Chiefs). The key to beating the Texans is to get pressure on QB Watson and the Raiders have just 10 sacks this season (bottom 5) and their No. 22 in adjusted sack rate.	

SAN FRANCISCO 24 Carolina 17. Carolina comes in fresh off a bye, we won with them in their London game vs Tampa Bay. QB Allen is 4-0 SU/ATS as a starter with a 7-0 ratio). Meanwhile, the 49ers defense had another dominant outing, this time in the rain vs Washington as they got the shutout. It's the first time they've been 6-0 since 1990 and they're only the 6th team since 1990 to limit a team to 7 points or less and 200 yards or less for 3 straight games. They haven't given up a point in their last 18 possessions. They'll give up so points here but not enough to prevent them from covering the spread.

2★ INDIANAPOLIS 27 Denver 17. Last week's offensive performance by the Broncos was indeed "offensive" as even the mild-mannered Troy Aikman was dissing them on the FOX broadcast. QB Joe Flacco got sacked 9 times (most by a Denver QB since Elway's rookie season in 1983!). They managed 130 yards after their first drive. Meanwhile, we won on these pages with Indianapolis last week in their win over Houston. Jacoby Brissett had 4 TD passes and is proving to be a quality starter in the NFL. The defense hasn't allowed a 100-yard rusher in 24 straight games, they'll force Flacco to beat them and that won't happen.	

NEW ENGLAND 30 Cleveland 17. The Browns come in off a bye. It's not going to matter really here as they're catching a Patriots team off a 33-0 white-washing of the Jets (Pats were +5 in TO's). New England's defense has allowed just 3 TD's all year (3 others were defensive and ST's) and they have 18 interceptions already (Carolina is No. 2 in the NFL with 9). Now they're taking on Baker Mayfield who has an NFL-high 11 interceptions. Say it out loud: Freddie Kitchens vs Bill Belichick. Baker Mayfield vs Tom Brady. Nuff said.

2★ KC (plus the points) Green Bay 24 KANSAS CITY 23. Both teams come in off blowout wins. Green Bay's stats look good this season but keep in mind, they've played an NFL-high 5 games at home already this season (one of the best HFA's in the NFL). Remember in his career, Packers QB Aaron Rodgers is a .500 QB on the road (straight-up). Obviously, we don't mind fading him after the first perfect passer rating in the history of the franchise. Even without QB Patrick Mahomes here, Andy Reid has a couple more days to scheme up something for back-up Matt Moore.	

Monday, October 28th

PITTSBURGH 28 Miami 14. Mason Rudolph will be back under center here for the Steelers (PIT has covered all 4 games since Big Ben went down). Pittsburgh does come in off a bye after upsetting the Chargers with a 3rd string QB Devlin Hodges. Yes, the Dolphins are one of the worst teams in the history of the NFL (at least through 6 games). However, that doesn't mean you can't make money on them. We don't see much value here.

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2018-19 Season: 103-64-1 (62%)

Week 1 College:
3★ Northern Illinois +10.5 over IOWA — L ($330)
2★ Florida Atlantic +21 over OKLAHOMA — L ($220)
2★ UMass +18 over BOSTON COLLEGE — L ($220)
2★ Texas -13.5 over Maryland — L ($220)
2★ WYOMING +1.5 over Washington St — L ($220)

Week 2 College:
3★ Georgia Tech (-3) over SOUTH FLORIDA — L ($330)
3★ STANFORD (-5) over Usc — W $300
2★ Arizona (+4.5) over HOUSTON — L ($220)
2★ TEXAS (-23) over Tulsa — L ($220)
2★ California (+3.5) over BYU — W $200

Week 1 NFL:
3★ Pittsburgh/CLEVELAND UNDER 44 — W $300
2★ MINNESOTA -6 over San Francisco — W $200
2★ MIAMI +1.5 over Tennessee — W $200

Week 3 College:
3★ PURDUE +7 (-120) over Missouri — W $300
3★ Georgia Southern +34 over CLEMSON — W $300
3★ SYRACUSE +3.5 (-120) over Florida St — W $300
2★ UAB +4 over Tulane — W $200
2★ UL-Monroe +27 over TEXAS A&M — L ($220)

Week 2 NFL:
3★ PITTSBURGH -4 over Kansas City — L ($330)
2★ Indianapolis +6 over WASHINGTON — W $200
2★ ATLANTA -6 over Carolina — W $200

Week 4 College:
3★ Michigan St -4.5 over INDIANA — W $300
3★ IOWA ST -18.5 over Akron — L ($330)
2★ BAYLOR -7.5 over Kansas — W $200
2★ Louisiana Tech +21 over LSU — W $200
2★ Texas A&M +27 over ALABAMA — W $200

Week 3 NFL:
3★ SEATTLE -1.5 over Dallas — W $300
3★ BALTIMORE -5 over Denver — W $300
2★ CLEVELAND -3 over N.Y. Jets — W $200

Week 5 College:
3★ FRESNO ST -7.5 over Toledo — W $300
3★ CALIFORNIA +3 (-120) over Oregon — L ($360)
2★ Byu +17.5 over WASHINGTON — L ($220)
2★ LSU -12 over Ole Miss — W $200
2★ Ohio St/PENN ST UNDER 72 — W $200

Week 4 NFL:
3★ NEW ENGLAND -7 (-105) over Miami — W $300
2★ Cincinnati +5.5 over ATLANTA — W $200
2★ OAKLAND -2.5 over Cleveland — W $200

Week 6 College:
3★ TEXAS A&M -5.5 over Kentucky — W $300
3★ Iowa -7 over MINNESOTA — W $300
2★ Northern Illinois -3 over BALL ST — W $200
2★ Northwestern +11 over MICHIGAN ST — W $200
2★ WYOMING +3.5 over Hawaii — L ($220)

Week 5 NFL:
3★ Oakland +5.5 over L.A. CHARGERS — L ($330)
2★ BUFFALO +3.5 over Tennessee — W $200
2★ Arizona +4.5 over SAN FRANCISCO — W $200

Week 7 College:
3★ CALIFORNIA -7 over Ucla — L ($330)
3★ Duke +3 over GEORGIA TECH — W $300
2★ Florida -7 over VANDERBILT — W $200
2★ IOWA ST +6.5 over West Virginia — W $200
2★ RICE +16.5 over Uab — L ($220)

Week 6 NFL:
3★ TENNESSEE +3 (-120) over Baltimore — L ($330)
2★ Indianapolis +2.5 over N.Y. JETS — W $200
2★ Pittsburgh +2.5 over CINCINNATI — W $200

Week 8 College:
3★ ARKANSAS -7 over Tulsa — W $300

Week 6 College (col 2):
3★ Stanford -2.5 over ARIZONA ST — W $300
2★ UAB PK over North Texas — W $200
2★ UTAH -6.5 over Usc — W $200
2★ Nevada +3 over HAWAII — W $200

Week 7 NFL:
3★ JACKSONVILLE -4.5 over Houston — L ($330)
2★ Minnesota -3 (-120) over N.Y. JETS — W $200
2★ TAMPA BAY -3 (-120) over Cleveland — P $0

Week 9 College:
3★ Texas A&M +2.5 over MISSISSIPPI ST — L ($330)
3★ IOWA ST -3.5 over Texas Tech — W $300
3★ STANFORD -3 over Washington St — L ($220)
2★ Iowa +6.5 over PENN ST — W $200
2★ ARKANSAS +1.5 over Vanderbilt — L ($220)

Week 8 College:
3★ Green Bay +9.5 over L.A. RAMS — W $300
3★ San Francisco PK over ARIZONA — L ($220)
2★ Denver/KANSAS CITY UNDER 54 — W $200

Week 10 College:
3★ Louisiana Tech +23 over MISSISSIPPI ST — L ($330)
3★ Michigan St -2.5 over MARYLAND — W $300
2★ Ohio -2 over WESTERN MICHIGAN — W $200
2★ FLORIDA -6 over Missouri — W $200
2★ NORTHWESTERN +9.5 over Notre Dame — L ($220)

Week 9 NFL:
3★ SEATTLE -1.5 over L.A. Chargers — W $300
2★ MINNESOTA -4.5 over Detroit — W $200
2★ Pittsburgh +3 over BALTIMORE — W $200

Week 11 College:
3★ NORTHERN ILLINOIS -3.5 over Toledo — L ($330)
3★ Texas -1.5 over TEXAS TECH — W $300
3★ PITTSBURGH -3 over Virginia Tech — W $300
2★ Liberty +23.5 over VIRGINIA — W $200
2★ TENNESSEE +6 over Kentucky — W $200

Week 10 NFL:
3★ PHILADELPHIA -6.5 over Dallas — L ($330)
2★ Seattle +10 over L.A. RAMS — W $200
2★ Buffalo +7.5 over N.Y. JETS — W $200

Week 12 College:
3★ MINNESOTA +2 over Northwestern — L ($330)
3★ Syracuse +10.5 over Notre Dame — L ($330)
2★ NEBRASKA +2.5 over Michigan St — W $200
2★ OREGON -3.5 over Arizona St — L ($220)
2★ OVER 59.5 Cincinnati/CENT. FLORIDA — L ($220)

Week 11 NFL:
3★ Kansas City +3.5 over L.A. RAMS — W $300
2★ Philadelphia +9 over NEW ORLEANS — L ($220)
2★ Minnesota +2.5 over CHICAGO — L ($220)

Week 13 College:
3★ SMU -2 over Tulsa — L ($330)
3★ Nebraska +10 over IOWA — W $300
2★ MEMPHIS -7 over Houston — W $200
2★ OHIO ST +4.5 over Michigan — L ($220)
2★ Stanford -6.5 over UCLA — W $200

Week 12 NFL:
3★ BUFFALO +3.5 (-120) over Jacksonville — W $300
2★ CAROLINA -3.5 over Seattle — L ($220)
2★ DENVER +3 (EV) over Pittsburgh — W $200

Week 14 College:
2★ Washington -5.5 over Utah — W $200
1★ Texas +8 over Oklahoma — L ($110)

Week 13 NFL:
3★ PITTSBURGH -3.5 over L.A. Chargers — L ($330)
3★ DALLAS +7.5 over New Orleans — W $300
2★ ATLANTA -1 over Baltimore — L ($220)

Week 14 NFL:
3★ Indianapolis +4.5 over HOUSTON — W $300
2★ Carolina -1.5 over CLEVELAND — L ($220)

Week 15 NFL (col 3):
2★ GREEN BAY -5.5 over Atlanta — W $200
3★ INDIANAPOLIS -3 (EV) over Dallas — W $300
2★ MINNESOTA -7 over Miami — W $200
2★ Tennessee +2.5 (EV) over N.Y. GIANTS — W $200

Week 16 NFL:
3★ SEATTLE +2.5 over Kansas City — W $300
2★ Minnesota -5.5 over DETROIT — W $200
2★ MIAMI -4 over Jacksonville — L ($220)

Week 17 NFL:
3★ BUFFALO -3.5 over Miami — W $300
2★ GREEN BAY -8 over Detroit — L ($220)
1★ Indianapolis -3 over TENNESSEE — W $100

Bowls and College Football Playoffs:
1★ North Texas (+8) over Utah St — L ($110)
1★ UL-Lafayette (+3.5) over Tulane — L ($110)
1★ Fresno St (-4.5) over Arizona St — W $100
1★ Eastern Mich (+7) over Georgia Southern — W $100
2★ Middle Tenn (+7) over Appalachian St — L ($220)
2★ Uab (-2.5) over Northern Illinois — W $200
1★ San Diego St over Ohio — W $100
1★ Marshall/SOUTH FLORIDA UNDER 55.5 — L ($110)
2★ Florida International (+5.5) over Toledo — W $200
1★ Western Michigan (+12) over BYU — L ($110)
1★ Wake Forest (+4.5) over Memphis — W $100
1★ Army (-3) over Houston — W $100
3★ Troy (+3) over Buffalo — W $300
1★ Louisiana Tech/HAWAII OVER 60 — L ($110)
1★ Boston Coll/Boise St UNDER 56 — Cancelled
2★ Georgia Tech (-5) over Minnesota — L ($220)
1★ Tcu/California OVER 39.5 — W $100
2★ Duke (+4.5) over Temple — W $200
1★ Wisconsin (+3.5) over Miami, FL — W $100
1★ Baylor (+4.5) over Vanderbilt — W $100
1★ Purdue/Auburn OVER 55 — W $100
3★ Syracuse (+1.5) over West Virginia — W $300
1★ Iowa St (+3.5) over Washington St — W $100
2★ Nevada (+2) over Arkansas St — W $200
1★ Florida (+7.5) over Michigan — W $100
1★ South Carolina (-5) over Virginia — L ($110)
1★ Alabama (-14) over Oklahoma — L ($110)
1★ Notre Dame (+13.5) over Clemson — L ($110)
2★ Va Tech (+5.5) over Cincinnati — W $200
1★ Stanford (-5.5) over Pittsburgh — L ($110)
2★ Michigan St (+2.5) over Oregon — W $200
1★ Missouri/Oklahoma St UNDER 74.5 — W $100
1★ Northwestern (+7) over Utah — W $100
2★ Texas A&M (-7) over NC State — W $200
1★ Iowa (+7) over Mississippi St — W $100
1★ Penn St (-6.5) over Kentucky — L ($110)
1★ LSU (-7) over Central Florida — W $100
4★ Ohio St (-6.5) over Washington — L ($440)
2★ Texas (+13) over Georgia — W $200
1★ Clemson/Alabama OVER 59.5 — W $100

NFL Playoffs:
1★ Indianapolis (+1.5) over HOUSTON — W $100
1★ Seattle (+1.5) over DALLAS — L ($110)
1★ L.A. Chargers (+2.5) over BALTIMORE — W $100
1★ CHICAGO (-5.5) over Philadelphia — L ($110)
1★ Indianapolis (+5.5) over KANSAS CITY — L ($220)
1★ L.A. RAMS (-7) over Dallas — W $100
2★ NEW ENGLAND (-4) over L.A. Chargers — W $200
1★ NEW ORLEANS (-8) over Philadelphia — L ($110)
1★ NEW ORLEANS (-3.5) over L.A. RAMS — L ($110)
1★ KANSAS CITY (-3) over New England — L ($110)
1★ New England/L.A. Rams UNDER 56.5 — W $100