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# RAMBLIN' GAMBLIN' MAN

*A Weekly Insight Into The Art Of Sports Handicapping*

*Yeah, I'm gonna tell my  
tale come on,*

*Come on, give a listen*

*Cause I was born lonely  
down by the riverside*

*Learned to spin fortune wheels  
and throw dice*

**B**ob Seger, the legendary rock musician from Michigan, has penned some of the most iconic songs in rock-n-roll history. One of his early hits, "Ramblin' Gamblin' Man," holds a special place in the hearts of his fans – and count me in that fan club. Released in 1989 as the title track of his debut album, it initially flew under the radar. However, over time, it gained a cult following and earned its status as a classic.

The lyrics narrate the life of a man with an insatiable appetite for the gambling life. Always on the move and hunting for the next big win, he's often free-spirited and adventurous but equally flawed and reckless, constantly seeking action and using gambling as an escape hatch from his troubles.

In his youth, Seger frequented the racetracks and learned to play craps, all while working at a record shop popular with bookies and gamblers. This song mirrors the gambling subculture he observed firsthand.

A classic pitfall for the "Ramblin' Gamblin' Man"? Betting on a team

riding a hot streak, especially those in the clutch of an undefeated season – a surefire way to become a "square."

To avoid becoming a square peg in a round hole, here's a pro tip:

**BET AGAINST any 9-0 or greater college football road pick or favorite from Game Ten out if they are facing an opponent that allows 23.0 or fewer points per game.**

That's because these 9-0 or greater road teams who are not taking points from an opponent who surrenders 23.0 or fewer points per game are 24-46-1 ATS since 1990, including **10-36-1 ATS** when facing a foe that won 8 or fewer games the previous season – or opponents who are not popular public teams. If this same undefeated road team is a double-digit favorite they practically fall to their knees, falling to **2-19 ATS**. With that, look for **Miami, Florida** to be on their knees when they face Georgia Tech this Saturday.

With that, if you find yourself to be a "Ramblin' Gamblin' Man" I strongly suggest you adhere to the words of an iconic rock star who saw the light when he sang -

*Yeah, alright here we go now  
I'm out of money,  
cause you know I need some*

*I ain't around to love you now,  
and I gotta run*

*Gotta keep moving,*

*never gonna slow down*

*You can have your funky world, see  
you 'round*

*But I got to ramble (ramblin' man)*

*Oh I got to gamble (gamblin' man)*

*Got to got to ramble (ramblin' man)*

*I was born a ramblin' gamblin' man*

It's Here! My once-a-year **College Football Underdog Game of the Year**, and it goes this Saturday. A documented winner in 10 of the last 11 years, it's a LIVE DOG that that I see winning the game outright, like last year when Oklahoma tripped up Texas, 34-30, as a 4-point underdog.

We're on a major CFB Top game run with Syracuse winning outright as our CFB Revenge Game of the Year, Georgia taking out Texas, 30-15, as a 4.5-point dog as our 5-Star CFB Game of the Month, and Oregon +3 over Ohio State in a 32-31 win as our Perfect System Play of the Year. It's all part of another **\$99 football Weekend of Winners featuring the College Football Underdog Game of the Year**. Log in now at [PlaybookSports.com](http://PlaybookSports.com) or call 800.321.7777 today – you'll be glad you did!

*Marc Lawrence*

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**THIS WEEK'S AMAZING SITUATIONAL PLAY**

This coach knows how to dog it up, going 19-10 ATS in his career agunst opponents with an identical win percentage, including **7-0 ATS** when his team is coming off a double-digit ATS loss. Who is this week's "I'm better than you" coach?

**For the Trivia Teaser answer, turn to page 10.**

## AWESOME ANGLE OF THE WEEK

**PLAY AGAINST** any CFB road favorite that started the season 8-0 if they are coming off its first loss and are facing a .666 or fewer foe that allows 15 or more points that is coming off a SUATS loss.

**Play AGAINST:**  
**IOWA STATE CYCLONES (11/9)**

**BUBBLE  
BURST**

**ATS W-L  
Record S/1980:**  
**13-1-1  
(93%)**

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## College Football Games

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### TEAMS KEY FACTS, STATS & ATS TRENDS

#### Saturday, November 2

Iowa St KANSAS	4-1 as conf favs 8 < pts... 7-3 away w/ conf revenge 3-0 w/ rest L3Y... 5-1 as HD's 8 < pts... 3-1 vs doub revenge
Miami-Fla GA TECH	1-3 bef Week of Rest... 2-6 as conf RF's 14 < pts SERIES: 5-1 L6... 3-1 aft Va Tech... 2-9 as conf HD's 6 > pts
Byu UTAH	SERIES: Visitor 4-1... 4-2 off DD road win... 6-3 as RF's 10 < pts SERIES: 6-3 L9... 1-4 off road fav loss... 1-4-1 L6 as HD's
Georgia OLE MISS	SERIES: 4-1 L5... 0-3 vs sing conf revenge L4Y... 1-3 aft Fla 6-2 home vs .850 > conf opp... 1-4-1 bef Week of Rest
Army N TEXAS	4-0 aft Air Force... 5-1-1 bef Week of Rest... 8-4 L12 as RF's 2-0 aft Tulane... 5-2 aft allow 45 > pts... 1-4 w/ rest off SU loss
Utah St WASH ST	6-0 w/ rest off SU win... 3-1 as non-conf dogs 15 > pts 5-0 as favs 20 > pts... 1-4 off 3+ SU wins... 2-6 w/ rest
Maryland OREGON	4-1 as dogs 20 > pts... 0-9 w/ rest... 1-3 vs undef conf opp 4-1 home vs opp w/ rest... 1-5 vs opp off SU loss 21 > pts
Michigan INDIANA	8-2 bef Week of Rest... 3-6 away vs .850 > conf opp SERIES: Host 4-0... 3-1 w/ trip revenge... 4-2 Game 10
Florida St NOTRE DAME	5-1 as dogs 10 > pts... 1-4 bef unlined HG... 3-8 aft N Carolina 5-0 w/ rest... 5-1-1 aft Navy... 1-8 home off SU win 35 > pts
Alabama LSU	5-0 as conf fav/dog 3 < pts... 1-4 off home Shutout win 6-1 off SU loss 14 > pts... 11-2 w/ sing conf revenge



## AS THE NOOSE TIGHTENS

November is unquestionably the best time of the season for sports fans. The NFL enters its second-half race. College Football concludes with teams scurrying for bowl bids while the NBA and College Basketball tip off new campaigns. It's also an excellent time for handicappers as value aplenty abounds.

Some of the best value occurs when we focus on beating undefeated teams at this stage of the season. That's because the deeper these teams get into the year, the more pressure they have to remain unbeaten. As a result, the noose certainly gets tighter and tighter each week, especially when these perfect teams take to the road.

This is confirmed by the fact that, since 1980, undefeated College Football teams playing on the regular season road as favorites from Game Nine out facing .600 or greater opponents are just 70-29-2 SU and 41-56-4 (42.2).

When dressed up as favorites of -6 or more points, they dip to 51-14-2 SU and 24-49-3- ATS (34%). Say hello to the **Army**.

Worse, these same guys have seen their necks snap like they're swinging from the gallows stanchion when they're facing a foe that won five or fewer games during the regular season the previous year, as they evaporated to **3-14-1 ATS** since 1990.

As you've come to know, the **Black Knights** have received a warning signal this week. Gentlemen, please step forward...

## NFL Games

### TEAMS KEY FACTS, STATS & ATS TRENDS

#### Thursday, October 31

Cincinnati BALTIMORE	5-0-1 aft LV... 10-3 L13 vs .666 > opp... 0-3 away off BB HG SERIES: 4-0 L4... 5-0 Thursday HG... 1-7 in 2nd of BB HG
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#### Sunday, November 3

NY Giants Carolina (Munich)	SERIES: 4-0 L4... 7-3-1 L11 vs NFC South... 3-6 aft div HG 0-7 L7 vs NFC East... 1-9-1 L11 vs .333 < opp... 1-4 aft Saints
Buffalo INDIANAPOLIS	6-2-1 L9 as non-div RF's... 0-5 L5 vs AFC South... 3-7 aft div HG SERIES: 3-0 L3... 7-1 L8 vs AFC East... 3-7 aft non-conf RG
Minnesota JACKSONVILLE	SERIES: Visitor 4-0... 5-0-2 L7 non-conf RG... 3-7 in 1st of BB RG 4-1 aft non-conf RG... 3-10 non-conf HG... 1-3 vs NFC North
Pittsburgh WASHINGTON	SERIES: 3-1 L4... 5-0 L5 non-conf RG... 1-4 L5 vs NFC East 4-1-1 vs opp off Bye... 0-6-1 bef Phil... 1-4 L5 non-conf HG
Atlanta NEW ORLEANS	4-0 bef non-conf RG... 5-1 in 1st of BB RG... 7-3 L10 div RG SERIES: 6-1 w/ sing div revenge... 6-1 aft Car... 1-4 aft div RG
Denver KANSAS CITY	SERIES: 4-1 L5... 3-8 vs opp off Mon HG... 3-7 L10 as div RD's 3-0 aft Monday gm... 1-4 bef Buf... 1-3 as div HF's 6 > pts
San Francisco TAMPA BAY	4-2 L6 vs NFC South... 1-5 as non-div RF's > 3 pts... 1-4 aft Dal 3-1 bef Bye... 1-4 vs opp off Bye... 2-6-1 L9 vs NFC West
New England CHICAGO	SERIES: 3-1 L4... 5-2 L7 vs NFC North... 1-4 L5 non-conf RG 4-1 L5 vs .333 < opp... 7-3 as favs 6 > pts... 2-4 aft Ariz
Tennessee LA CHARGERS	5-0-1 L6 vs AFC West... 0-6 bef non-conf HG... 12-6 bef Min SERIES: 8-2-1 L11... 5-0-2 bef Monday gm... 1-5 aft Cleve
Philadelphia DALLAS	1-6 bef div HG... 1-5-1 L7 as road favs... 3-9 L12 div RG SERIES: Host 4-0... 9-1 L10 div HG... 1-3 L4 as home dog
NY Jets ARIZONA	0-4-1 L5 non-conf RG... 0-3 aft Hous... 1-5 aft allow 13 < pts SERIES: 3-0 L3... 5-0-1 bef Bye... 1-8 in 2nd of BB HG
Detroit HOUSTON	5-0 aft div RG... 6-1 L7 as non-div RF's... 1-3 vs opp off Thur gm SERIES: 2-0 L2... 4-1 L5 as non-div HD's... 1-4 L5 non-conf HG
Miami LA RAMS	SERIES: 2-0 L2 / 9-3 L12... 4-1 aft div RG... 1-4 L5 non-conf RG 4-0 aft div RG... 1-6 L7 vs AFC East... 2-5 L7 as non-conf HF's

#### Monday, November 4

**BYES: Cleveland Browns, Green Bay Packers, Las Vegas Raiders, Seattle Seahawks**

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### INCREDIBLE STAT OF THE WEEK

**The Indiana Hoosiers are 2-42 outright against Michigan since 1968. They've been the underdog in all 44 games.**

Be sure to read the INCREDIBLE STAT OF THE WEEK each week in the PLAYBOOK Football Newsletter!



# THIS WEEK IN FOOTBALL - NOVEMBER 5-11

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## NCAA FOOTBALL

**Tuesday, November 5**

### Bowling Green over CENTRAL MICHIGAN by 16

Finally, the college football season begins tonight with midweek MACtion. Central Michigan's season has been death by a thousand chips, along with a big chunk taken out in a 45-7 loss last week to Miami-Ohio. CMU is **2-12 ATS** in their last 14 conference outings, but it can be a spoiler here as BG is one game back of Western Michigan for the conference lead. Ohio's real Brown and Orange football team is 8-0 as road chalk when coming off a double-digit win, and for some odd reason, the visiting team cleans up in this series, going **7-1 ATS**. **The BeeGee's are fighting to stay alive in the conference title game race, and with Tuesday Night Fever, we suggest you don't throw it all away on Central.**

### Miami Ohio over BALL STATE by 15

Speaking of teams in the race for the title game, the RedHawks march into Muncie just one game back of WMU. Ball is on a roll with two straight wins, and Miami has a three-game W streak. It's another edition of the Redbird Rivalry, in which Miami has won the last four. The RedHawks are **6-1 ATS** as a favorite after changing out of puppy clothes the week before. The Cardinals have been tightening up a vulnerable defense since conference play began, but they're still ranked 127th in the nation, weighed down by a pass defense ranked 131st out of 133 teams. Miami is still being led by 6th-year QB Blaine Gabbert, who has been around so long that he was MAC Freshman of the Year before COVID. Gabbert gets to throw against a defense that's given up 24 TD tosses this year and gives up 50% of its third downs. There's no defense for no defense, and not even David Blaine can make magic out of that secondary.

**Wednesday, November 6**

### Ohio over KENT STATE by 24

Guess what, another 3-1 MAC team on the road and a heavy favorite. Ohio should be, too, as Kent State is historically awful this season, 0-8 and losing the stats charts by a staggering 276 YPG. Ohio is not just trying to nail down a spot in the MAC Title Game, but another year of bowling, and the Bobcats are 12-6 SUATS on the road in MAC play of late. We didn't think the Well-Oiled Machine worked on Wednesdays, but it reminds us that MAC home dogs that allow 44 or more PPG are only 4-11 ATS. If there really were Premier League-style relegation, we're not even sure Kent State could be sent down to Ohio AAA High School ball.

### WESTERN MICHIGAN over Northern Illinois by 7

NIU was good enough to knock off a playoff-bound Notre Dame team in South Bend, but it is only 1-3 in the MAC. This is proof of where the best football is being played and a warning to the Broncos to avoid overconfidence. Western leads the MAC at 4-0 but the desert isn't buying, installing the Huskies as the favorite. That's a role NIU has bumbled and stumbled in, going 9-18 SU and 5-21-1 ATS when the leader of the pack. The Broncos are led by QB Hayden Wolff, who has thrown 15 TD passes in his last six games. He's a pocket-passing throwback and will not in any way beat you with his legs but will with his arm. The Broncos have bowling on the brain; NIU is **1-9 ATS** against teams coming off a win. In Kalamazoo, Nixon's the One...RB Jaden Nixon, that is, the team's leading rusher, and hopefully, not a crook.

**Thursday, November 7**

### EAST CAROLINA over Florida Atlantic by 11

Boca Raton hasn't received any terrible tropical weather this year, but it's been a stormy season at FAU. The Owls are 2-6 / 0-4 in a massively disappointing campaign. However, the Pirates are also trending in the wrong direction, having gone 2-4 after a 2-0 start. ECU does

## 2024 COLLEGE FOOTBALL TOP 25 PLAYOFF RANKINGS

As Paul Myerberg of USA TODAY said, before we go crazy and flip out over the debut of the College Football Playoff rankings this week, consider that in nine of the ten previous seasons of the postseason format, 15 of the 32 teams listed in the top four of the debut rankings did not make the playoff semifinals. The one exception is the 2020 season, when the coronavirus pandemic pushed the first rankings to Nov. 24 and the top remained the same through selection day on Dec. 20. That being said, **here are this week's Top 25 teams in the nation, per the CFP Rankings:**

1 OREGON			
2	Ohio State	10	Notre Dame
3	Georgia	11	Alabama
4	Miami Fla	12	Boise State
5	Texas	13	SMU
6	Penn State	14	Texas A&M
7	Tennessee	15	LSU
8	Indiana	16	Ole Miss
9	BYU	17	Iowa State
18	Pittsburgh	19	Kansas State
20	Colorado	21	Washington St
22	Louisville	23	Clemson
24	Missouri	25	Army

something we don't appreciate at the Playbook: lose and lose big in the stats battle, over 100 yards per game during that six-game stretch. Even so, the Buccos are a hearty 21-0 SU and **18-3 ATS** as a home favorite of seven or more points, and **4-0 SUATS** when coming off a home game by an average margin of 55-118. FAU brings in a generous defense that may help balance the ledger, giving up 410 YPG. Last week, Owls coach Tom Herman went after his University of South Florida counterpart after a bad loss to USF, accusing him of running up the score. That was the exact accusation Herman was hit with by USF last year. Karma has flown the nest at FAU and may be found aboard a Pirate ship.

### Appalachian State over COASTAL CAROLINA by 4

The Coastal defense has been incontinent lately during the Chanticleers' three-game SUATS losing streak, giving up season-high yardage to Troy and Louisiana in the last two, a combined 1,031 yards of leakage. App State did all of Western Carolina a big favor with an exciting upset of Old Dominion last week, giving the Mountaineers hope for a bowl game at 4-4 and extending their post-season streak to 10. CCU has knocked off App State the last two years, but the numbers are darker than the evening skies after the fall time change: Coastal is **1-11 ATS** as the favorite when taking on a .250 or better conference team that is coming off a win, and seeking revenge in the next game. ASU QB Joey Aguilar has thrown seven touchdown passes in the last two Mountaineers wins. While the mountain air of Boone is refreshing, some South Carolina sea salt is on the menu for Appalachian State this evening.

**Friday, November 8**

### California over WAKE FOREST by 13

Another coast-to-coast trip for the Berkeley Boys, part of 19,000 miles worth of plane time for the Bears in 2024. The good news is they likely face a soft landing in Winston Salem against a Demon Deacons team that's 1-9 ATS when both teams are coming off ATS wins. It's not like Cal is flexing coming into the weigh-in either; they're 0-4 in conference play, losing those games by a total of nine points, and must grab two ACC victories to make bowl eligibility. Wake is weak as a home dog, 0-4 SU, and 0-3-1 ATS as a home underdog against teams coming off a SUATS win. If Cal is going to take advantage of trolling the Deacons in the forest, running back Jaydn Ott must return to form. Ott returned from injury in the Oregon State win two weeks ago, and the bye week should be good for his bum ankle.

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### MEMPHIS over Rice by 3

Two teams that could be considered having disappointing seasons clink glasses in the Liberty Bowl. Memphis was marked as one of the Group of Five CFP favorites, but last week's stunning loss to UTSA put them at 7-2/3-2. Rice's frustrations come from yet another losing season, leading to the firing of HC Mike Bloomgren on 10/29. Interim coach Pete Alamar promptly led the Owls to a shocking win over Navy as a 13-point home dog. Rice needs to boil over to be bowl eligible and win their last three games, but with Memphis on Letdown Watch, it's a good time to mention the San Francisco Treat is 35-15 SU and 34-14-2 ATS when coming off a SUATS win and facing a team off a SUATS loss. This includes a red-hot 18-4 SU and 18-3-1 ATS in the last 22 games. The Memphis media has declared the Tigers season over. True, it wasn't over when the Germans bombed Pearl Harbor (forget it, we're rolling); the Roadrunners shoving the Tigers into the CFP ditch has opened the skies for the Owls. Coming up next on "Wild Kingdom."

### Iowa over UCLA by 1

Iowa is trying something different from the 2023 season: scoring points. A staggering four times, the Hawkeyes have reached 40 or more; 40 used to be a three- or four-week total last year. It's not subtle; running back Kaleb Johnson has 1,279 yards and 19 touchdowns. At the beginning of the season, UCLA was awful but has improved to 3-6 with consecutive road wins over Rutgers and Nebraska. Iowa has been rough as a favorite when scoring BTB 40-pointers, going 3-5 ATS in that role. The Hawks are also 2-9 ATS when coming off a win when a favorite facing a team coming off a SUATS underdog win. Fueled by corn ethanol, the Well-Oiled Machine tells us conference home underdogs of seven or fewer points, coming off back-to-back underdog wins, are 37-21-1 ATS since 1985 if they were a bowl team the previous season. This includes a 25-10-1 ATS record when facing a sub .750 opponent. The last time these teams met in the Rose Bowl was an actual Rose Bowl in 1986, won by UCLA 45-28.

### SAN DIEGO STATE over New Mexico by 6

New Mexico is 3-6, SDSU 3-5, and both teams ride two-game losing streaks. New Mexico's turnstile defense has allowed five teams season-high offensive yards this season, including 604 to Wyoming last week. Remember that well-known defensive mind Bronco Mendenhall is the UNM head coach. In the series, UNM is a brutal 0-5 SU and 1-4 ATS and will have to finish 3-0 to make their first bowl game since 2016. The Aztecs are 10-2 ATS when coming off a road dog loss but will have to be wary of New Mexico QB Devon Dampier, who rushed for over 200 yards and three scores last week and added a TD pass. San Diego likes to play fast and run many plays. They should be able to move the ball against a weak defense in a short week.

**Saturday, November 9**

**UPSET GAME OF THE WEEK UPSET**

### Virginia over PITTSBURGH by 6

Pitt suffered a Bubble Burst loss vs. SMU last week, getting blown out by the Mustangs, but you could see that one coming. The Panthers were outgained in the prior two games, and the Ponies made it three straight negative In the Stats games for Pitt. The Panthers are also 1-3 ATS vs. conference opponents who are rested, 1-3 in the first half of back-to-back home games, and 3-6 ATS as conference favorites of 10 or greater. In this series, for some reason, the visiting team is **4-0 ATS**, plus the Wahoos are **3-0 ATS** in the first of consecutive road games, **6-1 ATS** off a bye, and for good measure, 9-3 ATS when off a SU loss, of 21 or greater. Call now, and we'll throw in 4-1 ATS with double conference revenge. Since you were one of the first 100 callers, we are adding **THE CLINCHER: The Cavaliers are 16-2 ATS as conference dogs of 6 or more points, including 8-0 ATS when seeking revenge. Operators are standing by.**

### TEXAS over Florida by 24

The Gators' first trip to new SEC foe Texas will likely be rough. Texas HC Steve Sarkisian is 10-3 ATS in conference games with rest, and he's facing a Florida team that was tied with rival Georgia in a game that had just four minutes remaining before the Bulldogs pulled away. UF is 6-3 ATS as a road dog of 10 or greater, but in game nine, they're an inexplicable 1-11 ATS. Texas is 4-1 ATS as double-digit home chalk. The Longhorns are playing for a CFP seed, and the Gators, 4-4/2-3, are fighting for a bowl berth with LSU and Ole Miss next before the finisher with the finished Florida State. As of publication time, Florida QB D.J. Lagway has not been ruled out for the trip to Austin; his leg injury wasn't as bad as feared. What is as bad as feared is this Bermuda Triangle schedule the Gators are in the middle of, and it's turning out exactly as feared.

### CINCINNATI over West Virginia by 13

The 5-3 / 3-2 Bearcats are 11-2 ATS if they are playing with rest and are coming off a loss and taking on a foe coming off a win. This includes a 6-0 SUATS record if they are playing with a greater-than-.400 win percentage. Remember, this is a "mission team" (had a losing season last year after being a bowler the previous three seasons), and Scott Satterfield is 11-4 ATS with revenge when his team is coming off a loss, including 5-0 ATS in the last five games. A win here sends the Bearcats to a bowl this season in what will then be a "mission accomplished" year in the Queen City. Meanwhile, the 4-4 / 3-2 Mountaineers are 4-0 ATS in this series but just 3-8 SU and **0-9 ATS** against avenging conference opponents. Go with the Bearcats, who will be completely focused and rested.

### 3★ BEST BET

### KANSAS over Iowa State by 7

It was a bloodbath Saturday for two of the top contenders in the Big 12. Not long after Iowa State fell to Texas Tech, with the Red Raiders scoring the winning touchdown with 19 seconds remaining, No. 15 Kansas State suffered an absolutely inexplicable 24-19 loss against a young Houston team still in the early stages of a rebuild behind first-year coach Willie Fritz. A 1-3 spread mark after playing Texas Tech complicates matters even further for the Cyclones here. On the flip side, the Jayhawks are **14-8 SUATS** at home in this series, including 3-0 ATS with rest over the last 3 years. KU head coach Lance Leipold is also **32-13-1 ATS** at home, including **15-2-1 ATS** versus .700 or greater opponents, and Kansas is 5-1 versus the number as home dogs of less than 8 points. Iowa State is **0-4 ATS** as conference favorites against a foe that won 8 or greater games last season that allows fewer than 25 PPG. The Clones are still suffering from having such a heart-breaking 'bubble burst' defeat, and we see Kansas capitalizing on that today. So does **THE CLINCHER: See Marc's AWESOME ANGLE OF THE WEEK on page 2.**

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### Miami over **GEORGIA TECH** by 3

Miami lost 23-20 as 19-point home chalk to the Wreck last year in a game in which Miami dominated 'In the Stats' by nearly 200 total yards (five turnovers did the Canes in). We'd typically be on Miami like a dog on a bone, but the Hurricanes are the center of attention in Marc's **"Rambin' Gamblin' Man" Awesome Angle**, as outlined on page 2, and we're certainly not about to fade that beauty. While Mario Cristobal's troops have overcome adversity in several games this season after halftime, today they enter the contest going up against a plethora of bad trends: **1-6 ATS** after playing Duke, **1-7 ATS** when coming off a win versus foe coming off a loss, 2-6 ATS as conference road favorites of less than 14 points, and 2-5 against the number with single conference revenge. Do you still want more ammo after all of that? Okay, we'll oblige with a **9-1 ATS** mark for the Yellow Jackets when they are coming off a double-digit loss and a **10-2 ATS** record as a home dog versus a foe coming off a SUATS win. Then we'll finish the package with the fact that Georgia Tech has covered five of the last six meetings in this series... just do it.

### Navy over **SOUTH FLORIDA** by 1

After losing to Rice in that rain-delayed debacle on Saturday, the 6-2 / 4-1 Middies are officially out of the Group of 5 running to make this year's CFB playoff, but they remain in the thick of the AAC race for first place. This just in from the Well-Oiled Machine: 6-2 college football teams coming off a pair of losses are 11-3 SU and 9-4-1 ATS away in Game Nine, including **4-0 ATS** as a single-digit favorite. The biggest concern here comes via the **MIDWEEK ALERT** as it notes that Navy is **"leaking oil"**, having lost the stats in each of their last three games. Meanwhile, the 4-4 / 2-2 Bulls are still alive in the race for a bowl bid now that they've won each of their last two games after opening the season on a 2-4 downer. They have a **7-0 ATS** record in games when facing a foe coming off consecutive SUATS losses if they also scored 35 or more points in the previous game.

### NC STATE over Duke by 7

If Manny Diaz wanted a measure of payback to Miami after the way he was summarily dismissed after the 2021 season, he'll have to settle for just a bit over a half-game of revenge. The Blue Devils led 28-17 early in the second half over the Canes, who, in their usual fashion, woke up shortly after that and turned on the jets to cruise to a victory. Duke enters today's contest just **2-10 ATS** off a double-digit loss and an equally poor **2-10 ATS** off consecutive losses as a dog. They are also **0-10 SUATS** after allowing 40-plus points in their previous game. This is a huge positional game for bowl seeding with the 6-3 / 2-3 Devils meeting the 5-3 / 2-5 Wolfpack. Meanwhile, it looked like the season was heading south for NC State after suffering unexpected mid-season losses to Syracuse and Wake Forest. Still, Dave Doeren has turned things around in Raleigh by nipping Cal and then destroying Stanford 59-28 last week as RB Jordan Waters ran for 115 yards on just five carries, and the Wolfpack totaled 527 offensive yards. NCSU is **10-2 ATS** when in a game where both teams are coming off a conference match-up, but more importantly, a win here makes the Pack bowl-eligible. We see that happening today.

### Syracuse over **BOSTON COLLEGE** by 3

The 4-4 / 1-3 Eagles are in bowl-seeking mode but are **"leaking oil"** at the wrong time of the season, going 0-3 ITS (In The Stats) in their last three games in the ACC. They have also been a bit turnover-prone this season, and Bill O'Brien needs to turn it around quickly, or BC will be home for the holidays. Meanwhile, you must like the momentum the Cuse are playing with after rallying for an overtime, bowl-clinching win against Virginia Tech in Marc's CFB Revenge Play of the Year last week. Ohio State transfer QB Kyle McCord has been everything head coach Fran Brown had hoped for in the first season for both men at the Cuse, but now is the time for the Orangemen to keep the pedal to the metal – upset time in Chestnut Hill.

### JAMES MADISON over Georgia State by 20

Now at 2-6 on the season, the Panthers have lost five straight games and are languishing in the Sun Belt East cellar at 0-4. However, even a blind squirrel finds an acorn once in a while, and for Georgia State, they found one back in mid-September when they upset a now-resurgent Vandy team, 36-32, outgaining the Commodores, 426-365. Unfortunately, since then, everything has gone out the window. On the flip side, the 6-2 / 2-2 Dukes are in the running in the Sun Belt East but will need to win out and get a little help from their friends. It starts

here this afternoon at **7-1 ATS** when coming off an ATS loss. Head coach Bob Chesney has not missed a beat since Curt Cignetti moved on to take Indiana to the top of the BIG Ten, and he will continue to ride his redshirt sophomore QB Alonza Barnett III – we'll join him today.

### OHIO STATE over Purdue by 34

Purdue is 1-3 ATS before taking on Penn State, but **6-1 ATS** as dogs of more than 20 points. They are also **6-1 ATS** on the road with double conference revenge and 5-2 against the spread in Game 9. However, in the W/L column, the Boilers fell to 1-7 and will not be anywhere near the alleys in December. They are staring down a 1-11 season with the Nittany Lions, Spartans, and the undefeated Hoosiers still to play. The worst team in the BIG this season has suffered from questionable decisions from head coach Ryan Walters, and this final gauntlet could well be his last in West Lafayette. Meanwhile, the Buckeye offense has averaged 20.5 points and 321.5 yards in their past two games... not good. They won again versus Penn State but spotted James Franklin's team an early 10-0 lead thanks to a pick-six from Will Howard. The fact is, Ohio State is **0-4 ATS** after playing Penn State, not to mention 1-4 ATS at home versus double conference revenge. We can't lay wood like this coming off their biggest win of the season.

### Liberty over **MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE** by 11

It is safe to say we have reservations about this Flames bunch that has cashed just ONE TIME this season. Liberty is coming off consecutive outright losses as favorites, and they have dropped back-to-back games for the first time since Jamey Chadwell took the reins in Lynchburg. That makes them now a non-desirable two-loss Group of Five squad that will need to win out to become a choice for a decent bowl invitation at the season's end. As for today, remember that the Flames are **1-7 ATS** when coming off a loss. Meanwhile, the Blue Raiders are finally showing signs of life at 2-1 SUATS and ITS (In The Stats) in their last three games following a 1-5 start to the season. The problem is that they are **0-10 ATS** in games when coming off an outright upset win. We pass.

## 4★ **BEST BET**

### **UTAH** over Byu by 8

At 8-0 this season and now leading the Big 12 (a game ahead of Iowa State and Colorado), we sense that the **"noose is getting tighter"** on the Mormons. Yes, being in the driver's seat in the conference is a good place to be, but we see that as added pressure. According to Austin Mock of The Athletic, BYU is the only Big 12 team with a larger than 50% chance of making the CFP. Coming off a bye week, the Cougars should be favored in all four of their remaining games, but the **"Holy War"** with Utah this week is the critical start of the home stretch. And while the Utes are on a rare 4-game losing streak and are clearly nowhere near the national contender we expected them to be entering the season, many good numbers are supporting them this week. Utah is **9-1 ATS** as a dog in this series, **4-0 ATS** in Game Nine, and 4-2 versus the number with rest. But here is the **THE CLINCHER: The Utes are 20-2-1 ATS as a dog when coming off a SUATS loss, including 5-0 ATS versus undefeated foes.**

### Fresno State over **AIR FORCE** by 14

Two fourth-quarter Rainbow Warrior TDs that led to a last-second 21-20 win by Hawaii last week put the Bulldogs firmly on the bowl bubble, but a win today and Fresno will hit the alleys for the 4th straight season. They also own a **6-1-1 ATS** mark as a road favorite of 11 or fewer points versus sub-.500 opponents. Junior QB Mikey Keene has thrown for nearly 2,200 yards and 17 touchdowns this season but has been picked off ten times. Meanwhile, the Falcons fought the Cadets tooth-n-nail before finally falling 20-3 as a 20-point dog last week. With Army QB Bryson Daily forced to sit out the game with an undisclosed injury, the Falcons held the Black Knights to a season-low 255 yards of offense. The good news is that the Flyboys are 4-1 SUATS in Army follow-ups but **0-6 ATS** when coming off a double-digit loss to the Black Knights.

### BOISE STATE over Nevada by 28

Behind Heisman Trophy candidate RB Ashton Jeanty's jaw-dropping numbers - 1,525 rushing yards on 90 carries for an 8.0 Yards Per Rush average and 20 TDs – the 15th-ranked Broncos are the leading Group



## BOWL SEASON

### Every Breath You Take...

It's that time of the 2024 college football season when the focus dramatically shifts to season-ending bowl games. They are the reward for a job well done, or in some cases, not-so-well done.

Rest assured the teams know where they are situated as far as bowl eligibility is concerned. Here is an updated report card of each team heading into upcoming games this week –

#### **Clinched Bowl Eligibility Last Game:**

Alabama, Arizona State, Colorado, Colorado State, Georgia Southern, Iowa, James Madison, Louisville, Minnesota, Syracuse, Toledo, UConn, Vanderbilt, and Western Kentucky.

#### **Looking to Clinch Bowl Eligibility Next Game:**

Arkansas, Baylor, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Eastern Michigan, Fresno State, Georgia Tech, Liberty, Marshall, Michigan, Nebraska, NC State, North Carolina, North Texas, Ohio U, Oklahoma, San Jose State, South Carolina, TCU, UL Monroe, Virginia Tech, Washington, Western Michigan, and Wisconsin.

For what it's worth, dating back to 2000 – when winning 6 games was considered mandatory in order to become bowl eligible – 6-3 teams coming off a 6th win on the season have gone 55-72-2 ATS as a dog in Game Ten, including 36-53-2 ATS as single-digit dogs.

**One thing is for certain, the bowl committees will be watching every breath they take!**

of five candidates to crash this year's CFB Playoff. Expect them to keep the pedal to the floor for Jeanty's Heisman run and their quest to make the Playoff. With a **12-1-1 ATS** mark as conference favorites of more than 17 points, plus a **5-1-1 ATS** record versus single conference revenge, it's a good day to play Boise today. Especially since the 3-7 / 0-4 Wolf Pack is going nowhere fast and will be playing out the string now that they've been eliminated from bowl contention. We'll cement the call with some bad numbers for Nevada: 2-7 ATS with single conference revenge and a 2-5 ATS mark as conference dogs of more than 18 points.

#### **Ucf over ARIZONA STATE by 4**

Entering the 2024 season, the Sun Devils were picked to finish at the bottom of the Big 12 but are now 6-2 and have clinched bowl eligibility with a convincing 42-21 revenge win over quicksand-sliding Oklahoma State last week. Devils' RB Cam Skattebo has been a major factor in their success – look at his performance on Saturday as he scored three times, rushed for 153 yards, and caught four passes for 121 more. On the negative side, ASU is **1-5 ATS** as a favorite of five or fewer points in games where both teams are coming off one win-exact. Meanwhile, the up-and-down Knights broke out of a five-game coma and crushed Arizona 56-12 behind 602 yards of offense last week. At 4-5 on the season, they will need wins in two of their final three games to keep an 8-year bowl streak alive. With none of the aforementioned opponents owning a losing record, a win here becomes vital. Let's go with the team that needs it more.

#### **TEXAS TECH over Colorado by 1**

The new-look Buffaloes will be bowling this season, and head coach Deion Sanders will take center stage and blow his own horn... count on it. Now, they are playing their best ball under Sanders on a 6-0 ATS, 5-1 SU, and 4-2 ITS (In The Stats) overall run. They are also on a **7-1 ATS** run when playing with rest, which makes jumping in front of them a shaky call. However, all good things end, especially against an opponent that is 14-4 outright on its home turf under its current coach, including 6-1 against greater-than-.600 opposition. Meanwhile, TTRR brings salvos of its own, including **9-2 ATS** as a dog coming off an underdog role in its last game, as well as **9-2 ATS** coming off a road game against an opponent coming off a home game. It was a massive win for Joey Maguire's bunch last Saturday when they knocked the 11th-ranked Cyclones off their undefeated perch. With both teams now sporting six wins, it's all about improving conference positioning with Tech two games in back of 5-0 BYU and Colorado just one game behind.

#### **UCONN over Uab by 10**

The Huskies have turned the corner on the gridiron under head coach Jim L. Mora, whose 15 wins in two-plus seasons is six wins more than they won in the previous six years combined before his hire in 2022. He's also 13-5-2 ATS against .600-or-fewer foes coming off a SUATS win. The latest win was a 34-27 victory over Georgia State. There is a lot to like about the direction of these sled dogs. Meanwhile, unlike the fast-tracking Huskies, the Blazers have been a bust when coming off a win, going **0-11 ATS** the last two-plus seasons. Coupled with head coach Trent Dilfer's disastrous **0-5 SUATS** career record when coming off a win – yes, he has never won consecutive games with UAB – there is only one way to look here.

#### **Marshall over SOUTHERN MISS by 16**

Sun Belt doormat Smissy brings a conference-worst 1-7 / 0-4 mark into this scrimmage after their latest sub-par effort in a 32-15 loss to James Madison. Ethan Crawford has taken over the starting role at quarterback from Florida State transfer Tate Rodemaker but has been largely ineffective. The Golden Eagles' offense ranks #126 in the nation. Meanwhile, we 'Herd' that 5-3 / 3-1 Marshall is **9-2 ATS** when coming off a home game against foes coming off an away game. They take on the worst team in the loop, just a half-game back from East division-leading Georgia Southern. The problem is that they are just 2-5 ITS (In The Stats) this season, and that will likely bite them somewhere down the road.

#### **Oklahoma over MISSOURI by 6**

Two under-performing offenses with QB questions – along with two over-performing defenses. QB Brady Cook is “absolutely” expected to be able to return this season, according to head coach Eli Drinkwitz, despite separate injuries to the starting quarterback's ankle and wrist/hand area. Backup QB Drew Pyne could get nothing going against the Crimson Tide in Bama's 34-0 whitewash of the Tigers, going 6-of-12 for 42 yards with three interceptions. Now set to face the Sooners as a small favorite, Mizzou's brutal series record comes into focus: 2-20 SU / 9-13 ATS / 0-2 ATS as a favorite. That record in this series makes Oklahoma a certified **DIA DIA dog – Dominating Dog in Action – Doing it Again**. Also, BREAKING NEWS: The 5-4 Sooners own the nation's **2nd longest consecutive bowl streak** at 25 (Georgia has 27) since 1999. They may likely need a win today to keep that streak alive, with Alabama and LSU closing out their slate after today. Thanks to a badly-needed win last week against “mighty Maine,” Brent Venables' job is safe for the moment, we think. A 27th-ranked 323-yard defense is not the problem – the 335-yard, 111th-ranked offense is the culprit. Okie is **11-2 ATS** in their last thirteen games as a road dog, while 13-7 ATS as a conference dog versus .900 or fewer foes is yet another carrot.

#### **OLE MISS over Georgia by 6**

The Dawgs lost the stats against Alabama and Kentucky this season and beat Auburn and Texas by only 43 and 24 yards, respectively. QB Carson Beck could be the primary culprit, as he has 11 interceptions in the last five games, including three against Florida. It was painful for Georgia fans to watch their team struggle to put the Gators away at the cocktail party since Florida had a third-string walk-on QB in for the majority of the game. Was that the cause for all those fights with police in the stands, or were those just drunken Florida fans? As for Ole Miss, they are 6-2 ATS at home vs. .850-or-higher conference opponents and keep in mind that their two losses this season were by a combined total of five points. Ole Miss is one of only five FBS teams that remain perfect ITS (In The stats) this season – that makes Johnny Reb a **“Puttin’ on the Stats”** play. QB Jaxon Dart had a school record of 515 yards and tied the school record with six touchdown passes (now shared with Eli Manning and Matt Corral). With star WR Tre Harris sidelined, WR Jordan Watkins delivered school records with 254 yards and five touchdown receptions. Color Johnny Reb dangerous here today.

#### **TULANE over Temple by 31**

The 2-6 / 1-3 Owls own a -116-point differential this season, and this contest doesn't figure to help matters. How bad is their offense? Well, they are ranked 119th in the country, but a more significant fact is that it was two days before Halloween that Temple got their first rushing TD of the season from a running back... scary. The Hooters have a **2-12 ATS** record coming off an ATS loss versus foes coming off

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an ATS win. On the flip side, the 7-2 / 5-0 Wave is in a virtual tie with Army for the top spot in the AAC and has a +177 point differential this season, directly correlating to Temple's tepid numbers. An 11-2 ATS mark as a favorite coming off a win versus a foe off a loss as a dog seals it.

### South Carolina over VANDERBILT by 6

What a season it's been for the Vanderbilt Commodores. With last week's 17-7 win at Auburn, Vandy has pulled off same-season upsets of Alabama and Auburn for the first time since 1955, effectively claiming football superiority over the state of Alabama. As a result, the Commies have already tripled last year's win total and will be bowling for the first time since 2013. Fourth-year head coach Clark Lea's squad has notched more SEC wins this season than Missouri, Florida, Oklahoma, Auburn, Kentucky, and Mississippi State. In addition, Vandy, along with BYU and Old Dominion, are the only FBS teams to have won four games outright as an underdog in 2024. However, with a closing slate that includes South Carolina, LSU, and Tennessee, it appears the good times may be coming to an end for the Commodores. Fueled by a pair of 100-yard backs, led by Raheim Sanders' 144 yards on 7.2 yards per rush, the Gamecocks used a 24-0 second half burst to bury Texas A&M last week, 44-20. The win vaulted SC to a 5-3 / 3-3 record this season, a half-leg behind 6-3 / 3-2 Vandy. While we'd normally be all over the Commies like a saltwater crocodile on an unsuspecting swimmer, the series history is overwhelmingly in favor of the visitors this afternoon in Nashville. Not only have the Cocks **won 15 STRAIGHT GAMES** over Vanderbilt, but they've also gone 8-1 ATS in the last nine meetings and **4-0 ATS** in the last four on this field. Yes, VU's upset of Auburn last week was an eye-opener, but the fact is the Commodores were outgained by 100 yards in the victory. As much as we've enjoyed Vandy's Cinderella season, too much series domination by the Gamecocks has us backing Shane Beamer's bunch here.

### Texas State over UL MONROE by 11

A pair of consecutive losses have dropped the Bobcats to 4-4 on the season, but with four beatable foes standing in their way down the stretch, they likely will reach the magical six-win plateau. Remember, Texas State qualified for and won its first bowl game in program history last year with an impressive 45-21 rout of Rice, so head coach G.J. Kinne can use the possibility of a post-season return as motivation on the Sun Belt road today. Rest assured, today's game has been circled in red on Kinne's calendar, as the Bobcats fell 21-20 as -18.5 point home chalk last year to Monroe in a game where they wiped the Warhawks out in the stats, winning by 530-396 total yards. ULM also limps in off two straight defeats, and the fact is the 5-3 Warhawks are long-term losers at home, just south of 40% at 42-63-1 ATS. Don't expect Monroe to take a vacation, though, as they've won

both games outright as a home dog, beating UAB and James Madison. That's just a splinter in the thumb compared to TSU's impressive **7-1 ITS** (In The Stats) mark this season, winning the stats by an average of +97 net yards per game. Toss in coach Kinne's 10-4 outright record when playing with revenge into the fray versus a team that simply can't be trusted, and we won't start now.

### Army over NORTH TEXAS by 1

After losing to Notre Dame two weeks ago, Navy deep-sixed our hopes for a season-ending Army-Navy game where both service academies arrived unbeaten. One half of that equation could still happen: Army is 8-0 and leading the American Athletic Conference, though they still have the Fighting Irish on deck next week at Yankee Stadium. But after last Saturday's surprisingly difficult 20-3 decision over a terrible Air Force squad, Jeff Monken and his troops had better be focused on THIS GAME before penciling in the W. Yes, North Texas – like both Texas State and UL Monroe above – takes the field on a two-game losing slide, but the Mean Green scored a total of 81 points while scaring the daylights out of Memphis and Tulane. In fact, a check of Kenny White's College Power Ratings on page 16 reveals both the Tigers and Green Wave are ranked significantly higher than the Black Knights, so North Texas should match up well. The biggest problem for Army? The Cadets must fight their way out of this week's **SMART BOX**, and we never cross swords with the Intelligent One. Army's cool-down actually started two games ago when they lost the money in each contest for the first time this season – it's called "slipping a cotter pin" for unbeaten teams – and the combination of a poor showing against Air Force and a look-ahead to Notre Dame lands the Knights in a dangerous sandwich here. The ATS archives also favor the Green, who are 5-2 ATS after allowing 45 or more points, and 7-3-1 ATS as home dogs versus .700 or greater foes. Second-year North Texas head coach Eric Morris seals the deal with his 11-6-1 ATS mark in all games. Must-see TV!

### TCU over Oklahoma State by 16

Woe are the Cowboys. We're still not sure what sort of campfire poisoning they suffered when Utah rolled into Stillwater in late September, but it was deadly. The Utes edged 3-0 OSU by just three points, 22-19, but a deeper look inside the stats foretold the Cowboys' pending doom when they were outyarded, 456-285 in the loss. With it, they are riding a seven-game losing streak, dropping the stats in every contest by an average of -169 net yards per game. No wonder the Horned Frogs – before the start of the season, this game would have been in the "pick 'em" range – are laying doubles to the Cowboys tonight in Fort Worth. That's how the guys in the desert treat a team when they field the No. 133 dead-last overall defense in the FBS, allowing **over 500 yards per game**. Look, the 5-4 Frogs still need a win to earn a bowl bid this year, so don't get lured in by OSU head coach Mike Gundy's past success and back a Cowboys team that can't get out of its own way. Meanwhile, TCU head coach Sonny Dykes owns a 19-12 ATS mark versus .400 or fewer conference foes, including **14-2 SU and 13-3 ATS** if his troops surrendered 34 or more points in their last game. We're never thrilled about laying double-digits in any game, but in this case, it's warranted.

### San Jose State over OREGON STATE by 3

When a marriage breaks up, and kids are involved, the children who are left behind must adapt to a strange new lifestyle. Such is the case for Oregon State, abandoned – along with Washington State – by the entire Pac-12 and fighting to stay relevant in the new landscape of college football. The 4-4 Beavers ride a three-game losing skein into this matchup, coming off their worst effort of the season in last week's 37-point loss at California, in which they allowed the Bears a season-high 44 points and 482 yards. It's a sign that the dyke has sprung a leak, and it starts with the Beavs' **2-10 ATS** record in games when coming off consecutive losses as a dog. This from a team that was **13-2 ATS** in its previous fifteen lined home games entering the 2024 season but just 1-3 ATS this year! The good news for Oregon State is that these two 'kissing cousins', are each rumored to be part of a new-look Pac-12 conference. Until then, we'll back a 5-3 San Jose State squad under head coach Ken Niumatalolo, who stands 34-21 ATS as a road dog, including **4-0 ATS** with a winning record and coming off a SUATS loss. No Beavers for us.

**NOTE:** Home team is shown in ALL CAPS. PLAYBOOK selection is **Underlined and Bold**. Should we pass or not have a strong opinion on a game, neither team will be bolded.



## WASHINGTON STATE over Utah State by 15

While Oregon State has struggled after being left behind by the Pac-12, Washington State has thrived. After a 7-1 start to the 2024 college football season, the Cougars had a bye in Week 10. Jake Dickert's team has risen two spots in this week's AP Poll from #22 to #20 despite not taking the field. The Cougs received 351 votes this week, up from 220 last week. The #20 spot marks the highest ranking for the Cougars this season, but where do the orphan Cougars rank on the newly-released CFB Playoff Rankings? Number 21, to be exact, and we like fading teams who move up the polls despite not playing the prior week; call it a false sense of security, but it works. The 2-6 Aggies ain't much, but they are **6-0 ATS** with rest of a SU win, **5-0 ATS** in Game 9, and **4-0 ATS** before playing Hawaii. That's like good news from a biopsy compared to WSU's 1-4 ATS record off three-plus SU wins and their 2-6 ATS mark when playing with rest. The **MIDWEEK ALERT** also reminds us that Wazzu surrendered season-high yardage to San Diego State in last week's 29-26 win over the Aztecs. Look, with three games remaining after tonight's contest versus New Mexico, Oregon State, and Wyoming, an 11-1 finish is not out of the question for the Cougars, so there's no need for Dickert and company to pull out all the stops here against a reeling opponent. Closer than you think.

## LOUISIANA over Arkansas State by 6

Battle for the top spot in the Sun Belt West finds the 5-3 / 3-1 Red Wolves bringing an underappreciated **8-1 ATS** mark into this contest when coming off a win-no-cover. And don't look now, but they are one win away from accepting a bowl bid at season's end. Not only that, a win here puts them atop the Sun Belt West as they will overtake the Ragin' Cajuns (now 4-0 in conference play) with a victory this afternoon. Despite the big buildup, however, we don't see Arkansas State winning on the scoreboard, though Louisiana's **2-10 ATS** record when coming off a double-digit ATS win and **2-9 ATS** mark when playing off a SUATS win gives us a warm, fuzzy feeling when it comes to cashing a ticket on the Wolves. ASU did take a bite out of the Cajuns in last year's battle, cruising to a 37-17 win, so the potential for an upset is still nothing to dismiss. With Louisiana on track to play for the Sun Belt title later in the season, we'll be content to look past a money line play and take the big points instead.

## Minnesota over RUTGERS by 10

This week's "Two Teams Headed In Opposite Directions" play of the day finds Rutgers in danger of hitting rock-bottom in the Big Ten standings. However, with cellar-dwelling Purdue scheduled to be annihilated by Ohio State in another 12:00 start, the Scarlet Knights will avoid last place despite losing here. Still, it will soon be goodnight for the Knights, who need a pair of season-ending wins at 4-4 / 1-7 to earn bowl status. It would be a real surprise should that happen, given Rutgers' current four-game losing streak, which stretched out to **0-5** in its last five games 'in The Stats.' Meanwhile, the 6-3 / 4-2 Gophers are riding a **4-0 SUATS** win skid entering this game, including a 10-to-1 turnover advantage in those games, with nary a giveaway in each of the last three games. In addition, this year's numbers for Minnesota on both sides of the ball surpass last year's by a wide margin. That looks like a buy sign, especially with Rutgers' **2-14 ATS** ledger in games coming off the Big Ten road. Though we've made fun of Gophers' head coach P.J. Fleck's "Row The Boat" mantra in the past, if they can continue rowing in their current direction, good things will happen.

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## OREGON over Maryland by 27

The new King of the Hill, the Ducks took the No. 1 slot in this year's initial CFB Playoff Rankings. We know this: only four of the previous ten No. 1 ranked teams in the initial CFB Ranking Poll each year have won the championship (Alabama three times, Clemson the other). However, as far as tonight's matchup goes, this will look like one of those "Matrix" movies where Keanu Reeves (Oregon) easily fights off a horde of Agent Smith clones (Maryland). While the Terps figure to bring anything and everything they've got here, it will only be enough to get them into the second quarter before the rout becomes official. As you might expect, the Ducks have a death grip on most of the good numbers surrounding this contest, going **4-1 ATS** at home versus rested opponents and **8-2 ATS** as chalk of 20 or more points. Yes, Maryland has managed a 4-1 ATS mark of late as dogs of 20 or more points, but they're **0-9 ATS** off a bye week and 1-3 ATS when clashing with undefeated conference foes. This will be the first-ever meeting on the gridiron for these two schools, and the Terps will never want to see these guys again when it's over. With Oregon 10-3 ATS in games when coming off a SUATS win – and feeling mighty good about themselves just about now – we don't want to step in front of the Ducks this week.

## INDIANA over Michigan by 6

"We're gonna find out what it is all about," sang J.J. Cale in his song "After Midnight," and that's what we'll uncover today in unbeaten Indiana's first real game with a big bullseye on their uniforms. No less than the defending national champion Wolverines take the field in Bloomington with only one thing in mind: destroying No. 8 IU's bid for a perfect season. However, these ain't your daddy's Hoosiers under new head coach Curt Cignetti. Indiana was in a MAJOR letdown spot last week at Michigan State, but after trailing 10-0 after the first quarter – the only time they've trailed the entire season – the Hoosiers stepped up and put the pedal to the metal rather than raise the white flag. Their body of work is spectacular, winning the stats by an average of 217 net yards per game, with only Ole Miss and Miami Fla owning larger margins. Despite losing all sense of national importance with an up-and-down 5-4 effort in 2024, the Wolverines can't help but be insulted by today's 14-point spread, especially since they own a **6-1 ATS** record as a dog of nine or more points with a winning record and coming off a loss. Then there is Indiana's appearance in this week's **INCREDIBLE STAT** on page 3, which makes the Wolves the epitome of a **DIA DIA** dog (Dominating Dog in Action, Doing It Again). And speaking of which, it's incredible that Indiana was picked 17th out of 18 teams in the Big Ten's preseason media poll. If Indiana gets by Michigan to start 10-0 for the first time in school history, they'll face an even bigger obstacle in their next game versus mighty Ohio State. The Hoosiers are certainly enjoying a dream season, but they're challenging Big Ten royalty today and might find the going much tougher than anticipated. A solid take.

## PENN STATE over Washington by 8

Each year, the Lions are like a bad movie; you watch it repeatedly, and even though you know what the eventual outcome will be, you still tune in, looking for a different result. After Penn State lost its eighth straight game to Ohio State last week, 20-13, the critics of head coach James Franklin were out in force for multiple reasons. Win or lose, Penn State players traditionally stay on the field for the Blue Band's postgame performance of the Alma Mater. But on Saturday, a significant portion of the squad left early for the locker room as the band performed. Loyal Penn State fans were not happy about this, calling the team out in posts like this: "Embarrassing performance and even more embarrassing behavior. Man up and own the loss". No, what's embarrassing is that Franklin is 3-7 ATS in Buckeye post-mortems, including **0-5 ATS** at home. Tonight's contest against Washington should be a cakewalk for the Nittany Lions, considering the Huskies are riding an edge-of-the-ledge **1-15 ATS** mark after playing USC, including **0-9 SUATS** away. But PSU has the smell of a "bubble burst" all over themselves here, and the Huskies are still a **"Puttin' On The Stats" SMART BOX** play. We don't mess with the 'Four-Sided Square' very often, and we're not about to start here.

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### UTEP over Kennesaw State by 3

So, how has life been going for Kennesaw State, the latest addition to the FBS? As John Boy and Billy might say, "Not too good." In fact, we'd rather put on a blindfold and try to solve a Rubik's Cube than feel comfortable forecasting the winner of this slop bucket. The New Kids on the Block are 1-7 SU and **0-8 ITS** (In The Stats), losing the stats by an average of -161 net yards per game in their debut season. Yes, they did shock Liberty, 27-24, as a 27-point dog, but they caught the Flames with their candles down, and we simply don't see another win in the books for KSU this season. Then there are the pitiful 1-8 Miners, going through the motions for first-year head coach Scotty Walden. UTEP can't muster much here with a 2-9 ATS ledger in games off a spread loss when facing a foe off a spread win. Let's put it this way – if you absolutely need to make a play on this game, your next call should be to the 1.800.GAMBLER hotline.

### Jacksonville State over LOUISIANA TECH by 14

The whip has come down in Jacksonville, Alabama. After an ugly 0-3 start to the season in which Jacksonville State surrendered season-high yards in every contest, Rich Rod orchestrated a my-way-or-the-highway meeting with his Gamecock players and coaches, the result of which has been a torrid 5-0 SUATS skein where JSU has outscored foes by an average of 47-17 and beat the spread over 17 points per game in the process. Do you want to step in front of that? We hope not. The 3-5 / 2-3 Techsters need this game like blood to stay alive in the bowl chase, and the good news is they are 3-1 at home as opposed to 0-4 away this season. Then again, they are just **2-29 SU** as double-digit dogs when coming off an ATS loss, including **0-4 SUATS** in the last four games. No sense in playing with danger, especially when we've been warned.

### TENNESSEE over Mississippi State by 25

Homecoming in Knoxville today and Tennessee has ordered up a true sacrificial lamb in the guise of 2-7 Mississippi State. While the No. 7 Vols sit just one game behind first-place Georgia and Texas A&M, the Bulldogs haven't been the same since the passing of former head coach Mike Leach. Replacement Zach Arnett's 5-7 debut in 2023 was deemed so unacceptable that he was ousted after a single season. Problem is, new head coach Jeff Lebby is on target to deliver an even worse season than his predecessor. Still, there are a lot of dueling trends butting heads in tonight's Rocky Top hoedown. MSU has cashed in four of its last five tries as SEC dogs of more than 17 points, but they're also just 1-5 ATS after a non-conference home game. Tennessee sports a **5-1 ATS** record in the last six series meetings with Hail State, and is **7-1 ATS** as a home favorite of 17 or more points in three seasons under head coach Josh Heupel. But the Vols are also in a bad SEC look-ahead with Georgia on deck, plus they're just **1-5 ATS** in their fourth straight home game. All that back-and-forth may be confusing, but the bottom line is we want no piece of the Bulldogs here.

### Western Kentucky over NEW MEXICO STATE by 22

WKU an 18-point road favorite? Believe it. The Hilltoppers are rated among the top five Group of Five power rankings this season, and rightfully so. With their two losses coming at the hands of Power Four foes (Alabama and Boston College), they've managed to dominate their own this season, going **6-0 SU**, **5-1 ATS** and **5-1 ITS** against teams of their ilk. Over in Las Cruces, things aren't going as well for first-year NMSU head coach Tony Sanchez, who inherited a 17-11 record with two bowl appearances and failed to uphold the status quo. The 2-6 Aggies are as bad as their record indicates, going **1-6 SU**, **2-5 ATS** and **1-6 ITS** against FBS competition. They also bring a miserable **2-9 ATS** failure as a dog off a loss versus a foe off a win as a favorite. Not so for the Toppers, who are **10-1 ATS** as a double-digit favorite if they were double-digit chalk in their last game. WKU head coach Tyson Helton and his squad will also be ready to bust some Aggie ass after last year's humbling 38-29 home loss to New Mexico State. Too much to overcome for Sanchez and company tonight.

### NOTRE DAME over Florida State by 28

Let's get real, folks: Florida State should forfeit the rest of its games this season and let the Great Housecleaning in Tallahassee commence. You just know that Bobby Bowden is cursing in his grave after the Seminoles have gone **1-8 SU** and **ITS** this season, losing the stats by an average -126 net yards per game. The team has lost its will to play and can't be trusted to perform no matter who or where they're playing. The 7-1 Irish are fighting valiantly to be included among the Top 12 ranked teams at season's end. They managed to shake off a

dreadful 16-14 loss to Northern Illinois in Game Two by winning six straight games by an average score of 40-12, holding three of those foes to single-digit scoring. Marcus Freeman's squad stands **5-0 ATS** when playing with rest, **5-1-1 ATS** after tangling with Navy, and 8-3 ATS as chalk of 14 or more points. In years gone by, we would have perked up after learning that FSU is 5-1 ATS as a dog of 10 or more points, but not with this shell of a team impersonating the Seminoles. Lay it or leave it.

### Clemson over VIRGINIA TECH by 3

Dabo Swinney's campaign to restore universal respect for his Tigers after getting beheaded by Georgia in Game One of the season was rumbling down the tracks with a 7-0 record until Louisville did the unthinkable, beating Clemson in Death Valley. Now the Tigers own a conference loss and if current leaders Miami and SMU both win out, a trip to the new CFB Playoffs for Clemmie just won't happen. Most puzzling about the loss to Louie was Dabo Swinney's decision to kick an extra point in Saturday's 33-21 after cutting the Cardinals lead to 13 with six minutes to go. A two-point conversion would have cut the margin to 11. Going for two points there would have meant they just needed a touchdown and a field goal to tie the game, instead of two touchdowns. Dabo explained his decision, saying he didn't consider it. "All the charts said kick it and go get an onside kick afterward. Anything can happen." He needs to get new charts. There is NO chart that tells you to play for a 12-point deficit there! Go stand in the corner, Dabo. You've been a bad coach! Across the field, Virginia Tech head coach Brent Pry gets his first crack at Clemson this afternoon and we're sure he's hoping Dabo and his staff will continue to make numbskull decisions again, especially with the Tigers having gone 5-1 ATS in the last six series get-togethers. From where we sit, this game has the look of a contest that's going right down to the wire.

## 5★ BEST BET

### LSU over Alabama by 11

One can only imagine what's going on in Nick Saban's mind as his former team, Alabama, takes on another of his former teams, LSU, and the Nicktator will not be standing on either sidelines. After winning six national championships with the Tide and one with the Bayou Bengals, we're sure he's got some stories to tell. Maybe he can explain why Bama is a road favorite today in Death Valley South when the Tide is saddled with so many bad numbers entering the game. Alabama is just 1-4 ATS off a home shutout win and 2-4 ATS versus single conference revenge, while new coach Kalen DeBoer stands 2-5 ATS versus .500 or greater opponents coming off a loss, including **0-4 ATS** versus foes who allow 23.2 or fewer points per game. On the opposite end of the spectrum, Brian Kelly's Tigers are **6-1 ATS** off a SU loss of 14 or more points, **11-2 ATS** with single conference revenge, and 6-2 ATS versus a rested foe. LSU is also 25-6 SU and 18-7 ATS during the regular season when coming off one loss-exact, including **15-3 SUATS** versus foes who allow more than 18.5 points per game. We sweeten the deal on this "BOD" (dog with the better offense and the better defense) with the **TRIVIA TEASER** on page 2. And the whipped cream comes courtesy of **THE CLINCHER: LSU is 16-2-1 ATS as a dog off a SUATS loss versus a foe off a win as a favorite who allows more than 12 points per game, including 10-0 ATS the last ten games.**

### Unlv over HAWAII by 6

The 6-2 Rebels have been the rage of the Group of Five squads this season, riding a 16-6 SU and 14-6 ATS skein under second-year head coach Barry Odom, including a super-sharp **10-1 ATS** away mark. Tonight, however, the Sin City heathens are coming off a hard-fought loss to Boise State, plus they're just 2-11 outright in Honolulu, including **0-3 ATS** laying points. Hawaii has got some momentum going after two straight wins, and the Warriors are a mortgage-paying **10-1 ATS** when coming off a road game against foes coming off a home game. Don't tell Timmy Chang's 4-5 Islanders, but two more wins earns them a bowl ticket. Stranger things have happened this season such as NIU's upset of Notre Dame or Kennesaw State's takedown of heavily-favored Liberty. With UNLV now a game behind Boise State and Colorado State in the MWC race, they'll unleash the full arsenal tonight in an attempt to keep pace. But while it may be enough to bag the win, we think the Warriors will ultimately bag the cash.





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## PRO FOOTBALL

**Thursday, November 7**

**BALTIMORE over Cincinnati by 3**

So, how long do we keep giving the Bengals a mulligan? Do we look at a Cincinnati defense that has surrendered season-low yards against the Chiefs and the Raiders? Or the team that coughed up season-high yardage to the Ravens and the Browns? Or to a team playing with a triple-revenge chip on its shoulder? Or perhaps a quarterback in Joe Burrow who is 22-12-2 ATS in his NFL career in a game where his team does not sport a winning record, including **4-1 SU and 5-0 ATS** away versus foes coming off a SUATS win? So, what will Burrow and his buddies be up against tonight? His counterpart, for openers. Lamar Jackson not only owns the best QB Rating in the league this season, but he's also coming off his FOURTH perfect 158.3 QB Rating, breaking a tie with Hall of Famers Peyton Manning and Kurt Warner and future HOFers Tom Brady and Ben Roethlisberger. Is there a "bounce" in order from LaMarvelous following the perfect game no-hitter? Nope. Not according to his 3-0 SU and 2-1 ATS career mark in follow-up contests, by an average win margin of 18 points per game. So now we're at the halfway point of the NFL season, and the two-time defending Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs have a troublesome rival nipping at their heels in the Ravens. However, with the slow-starting 4-5 Bengals now up to the No. 9 seed in the AFC Playoff Picture, expect revenge to rear its head in this payback from a 41-38 home loss five weeks ago. With the Striped Cats **5-1 ATS** as a dog of ten or fewer points in the first of back-to-back road games, and the Black Birds **1-7 ATS** in the second of consecutive home games, and **1-6 ATS** in their last seven division home games, we suggest that you stop what you are doing and grab the points.

**Sunday, November 10**

**NY Giants over Carolina by 6**

From the NFL History Book: the last time a total of nine teams were 2-7 after nine games of the season was in 2006. Meet the 2-7 Panthers and the 2-7 Giants this week. If ever a team needed a trip to Germany this time of the season, it would be Big Blue, who, along with their passports, get away from a rough home environment where they are 0-5 SU and 0-4-1 ATS this season heading into this "highly anticipated" matchup of NFL deadbeats. On the other side of the location ladder, the G-men sport a 14-10 ATS record under head coach Brian Daboll away from MetLife Stadium. Better yet, the Giants are **4-0 ATS** in this

series and **5-0 SUATS** in their last five games on a 'neutral field,' and they've **NEVER LOST** an International Series game going 3-0 while winning 27-22 as a 9.5-point dog in 2022. The Panthers finally showed some sign of life in their 23-22 surprise win over slumping New Orleans despite being outstated 427-246 in total yardage. Despite a near-invisible 63.1 QB Rating this season – only Anthony Richardson's 57.2 rating is worse – QB Bryce Smith has resumed the starting duties for Carolina. However, New York's Daniel Jones' 82.9 QB Rating ranks No. 27 overall, while Lil Blue is favored today for the first time this season and only the second time in its last twenty games! And the **MIDWEEK ALERT** jumps on the pile, noting that the Jints are "**leaking oil**," having lost the stats in their last three games. Read: which means they must be playing the Panthers. Carolina's porous 1-11 SU and 4-8 ATS record in games when coming off a win doesn't hold much weight. Nor does their **0-7 ATS** ledger in games against NFC East opposition. New York's **5-0 record** against the NFC South when the Giants are coming off a SUATS loss seals the deal. Hey, somebody's gotta win. Heil den Siegern!

## 4★ BEST BET

**INDIANAPOLIS over Buffalo by 8**

The Bills are smoking hot with four straight wins in pursuit of a fifth consecutive AFC East division title. The hiccup today, though, is they are looking dead ahead to a rematch with Kansas City next week from a 27-24 home favorite playoff loss last season. That's not good news for a team that is 2-11 outright away in games before taking on the Chiefs, including **0-4 SU and 0-3-1 ATS** in the last four tries. They are also **1-8 SUATS** at AFC sites, including **0-5 SUATS** in the previous five. On the opposite side of the field, the Colts are **7-1 ATS** in their last eight games against AFC East opposition and 8-1 SUATS in Game Ten of the season, including **8-0 ATS** when not favored by double-digits. Buffy's barf-awful 4.8 Yards Per Rush defense is no match for the Colts' 4.6 Yards Per Rush offense. Nor is **THE CLINCHER: The Bills are 1-9-1 ATS after scoring 30-plus points in their previous three games, including 3-6 SU and 0-8-1 ATS as a favorite.**

**JACKSONVILLE over Minnesota by 3**

The Vikings scored all 21 points in the second half of last week's 21-13 come-from-behind win over the Colts, digging the knife deeper into dog lovers on a week that saw favorites go 14-1 SU and 10-5 ATS overall. The Jaguars were one of five dogs that managed to cash a ticket last week, stretching the record of underdogs to 6-2 ATS in Jacksonville's games this season. Puppies are 5-3 ATS in Vikings' contests this campaign. It doesn't hurt knowing that Minny is a not-so-mighty 3-7 ATS in the first of consecutive roadies, while Jack head coach Doug Pederson brings a lofty 14-7-1 ATS career mark into this fray as a home dog, **8-0-1 ATS** when his team owns a sub-.400-win percentage and a **7-0 ATS** when facing a foe coming off a win of seven or more points. You know just what to do.

## 5★ BEST BET

**Pittsburgh over WASHINGTON by 10**

Flash! If the NFL playoffs were to start this weekend, the Commanders would be the No. 2 seed in the NFC, and the Steelers would be the No. 3 seed in the AFC. So, imagine if you would, this being the Super Bowl matchup (stranger matchups have happened). This means that the Steelers would be the favorite team in this contest. Not bad for a team that couldn't find the end zone to start the season, with its first six scores and ten of its first twelve tallies coming off the foot of field goal kicker Chris Boswell. The offense has come alive today, though, under the auspices of QB Russell Wilson. With it, Wilson brings a 111.9 QB Rating in his two starts with Pittsburgh, thanks to three TD passes and zero INTs. That adds to the Black-and-Gold's **5-0 ATS** record in its last five games on the NFC road and **4-0 ATS** mark when coming off a Bye week. With the upstart Commanders in a sticky division sandwich, **0-6-1 ATS** in games before facing Philadelphia, and **1-5-1 ATS** after taking on the Giants, we feel more than comfortable handing this off to **THE CLINCHER: Steelers QB Russell Wilson is 18-4-1 ATS as a dog against opponents coming off back-to-back wins his NFL career, including 11-0-1 ATS as a dog of four or fewer points.**



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#### NEW ORLEANS over Atlanta by 1

When the Saints allowed the Carolina doormats to come back and pull out a 23-22 victory last week, the fate of head coach Dennis Allen was etched in stone when he was fired on Monday. What two months can do to a team's dreams and vision of hosting the Super Bowl in February is strange. After a 2-0 start, in which New Orleans outscored two foes by a 91-29 combined margin, the Saints sealed Allen's fate by losing its next seven games. It was cemented on Sunday when New Orleans was the only favorite to lose outright on the scoreboard, making NFL chalk an eye-opening 13-1 for the week. Allen's departure was more like a merciful divorce. It should be said that the Saints are down three starting wide receivers and undermanned on both lines, which is not a pretty picture in New Orleans these days. Flipping the script, Atlanta is currently the No. 3 seed in the NFC Playoff Picture and 16-3 ATS when the Saints own a sub-.333-win percentage. That would usually put us all over the Dirty Birds, but the feeling here is that New Orleans comes to play either inspired by Allen's departure or in dedication to Allen. We say ditch the numbers, grab the clothespin, and back a Saints' squad that is **6-1 ATS** when playing with single-revenge against a flock of Falcons that is **0-4 SUATS** in Game Ten of the season for the past four years.

#### KANSAS CITY over Denver by 4

Last year at this time, the then top-seeded Chiefs went into a 3-5 funk yet still managed to win the Super Bowl. This season, they appear laser-focused on returning to the Super Bowl for a first-ever third consecutive season. Yet, for all the holes the Chiefs have shown, there is something innate in this team that rises and delivers when crunch time rolls around; we can't call for the upset. The point spread, though, is another matter. As unreal as it may seem, the Broncos would be the No. 7 and final seed in the AFC playoffs if they were beginning today. And they will go toe-to-toe with the Chiefs on the defensive front in this game, with Denver's 296-YPG stop unit right there with the Chiefs' 294-yard defense. Not only are the Wild Horses also 4-1 ATS of late in this series, but they are also a keen 16-11-1 ATS when taking points from the Chiefs, including **6-0 ATS** when the Featherheads sport a .857 or greater win percentage. For a coach with a penchant for playing in one-score games – Andy Reid has won just 43 of his last 98 games by seven or more points when favored by more than seven points – the points become the play here today.

#### San Francisco over TAMPA BAY by 11

The long-awaited return of RB Christian McCaffrey happens today in Tampa, where the 4-4 Niners are anxious to make up lost ground

following their Bye week. It's not often that you'll find them sitting just a half-game out of the NFC West basement, yet that's the case as they have yet to post consecutive wins this season. Coming off a 30-24 victory over Dallas in which they creamed the Cowboys in the stats (469-292), they take the playing field knowing they are 13-5 SU and 11-7 ATS when coming off a non-division home game, including **9-1 SUATS** when Frisco owns a .700 or fewer win percentage. We realize that head coach Kyle Shanahan has taken a powder lately in games in which the Niners own a .500-exact win percentage (1-4 SU and 0-5 ATS), but he is also 14-6 SU and 13-7 ATS away in his career with a .500 or fewer win percentage. Tampa enters 10-1 ATS in Game Ten of the season, but only 4-7-1 ATS against foes coming off a Bye week, and 2-7-1 ATS in its last ten games versus the NFC West. We look at this as the start of C-Mac to the rescue.

#### CHICAGO over New England by 6

Two top first-round picks in last year's NFL draft will square off in the Windy City when celebrated Bears' QB Caleb Williams matches serves with Drake Maye and the Patriots. Williams has been met with mixed results thus far, as his 86.0 QB Rating ranks No. 26 among fellow quarterbacks in the league, one slot lower than Maye's 85.1. There is no escaping that 4-4 Chicago sits in the basement of the NFC North, while 2-7 New England – one of nine 2-7 teams in the NFL at this point in the season – holds down the cellar in the AFC East. The Pats have cashed in five of their last seven games against the NFC North, while the Da' Bears are 8-2 ATS as a home favorite. We're not delving further into this scrimmage for fear of finding something good on either team. Pass.

#### LA CHARGERS over Tennessee by 4

After winning a national championship with the Michigan Wolverines, Jim Harbaugh immediately installed the physicality and toughness the Chargers needed, particularly along the lines of scrimmage he has been known to prioritize. The 'Jaw' had been out of the NFL for nine seasons, but you'd never know it as his Chargers became the sixth team since 1990 to surrender 20 or fewer points in their first eight games of a season. Surprisingly, underused QB Justin Herbert has passed for 275-plus yards in each of the Bolts' last three games and is quietly – very quietly – enjoying a banner season. The terrible Titans enter with the top overall defense in the league (269 YPG) but own the No. 27 overall offense (297 YPG). It's what happens when your two top QBs, Will Levis and Mason Rudolph, rank No. 34 and No. 32 in QB Passer Ratings respectively. Tennessee is **5-0-1 ATS** in its last six games against the AFC West but has scored more than 20 points in only one game this season. The Bolts are **10-2 ATS** when hosting AFC South foes but only **1-5 ATS** as a favorite of seven-plus points when coming off consecutive SUATS wins. As they like to say in Tennessee, this is a tough call, Y'all.

#### Philadelphia over DALLAS by 1

It's no secret that the Eagles' offense is measurably better with A.J. Brown on the field. After leaving Sunday's game against the Jaguars due to a knee injury, early reports indicate room for optimism as he avoided anything severe and is listed as day-to-day. With little to no depth behind Brown and DeVonta Smith at the wide receiver position in Philly, the news couldn't have been any better. It couldn't be any worse for the sinking ship, the Dallas Cowboys, who lost QB Dak Prescott to the Injured Reserve with a severe hamstring injury. Backup QB Cooper Rush gains the nod, with Trey Lance as his backup. Rush brings a lofty **5-1 SUATS** career mark as a starter for the Cowboys into the game, including **4-0 SUATS** as a dog of 5 or fewer points. The 'Boys are also **9-1 ATS** in their last ten division home games, while the host in this series stands **10-1 SUATS**. Philly knows it's up against many strong trends, but they bring a **1-5-1 ATS** record into this tiff as road chalk and a murky 3-9 ATS ledger in its last dozen division road games. With Rush's raucous record in rescue games and Dallas's **4-0 ATS** in its last four games when riding a 0-3 SUATS losing skein, the Eagles need to bring their 'A' game against this wounded warrior today.

#### ARIZONA over NY Jets by 6

Who would have guessed at the start of the season that the Cardinals would be holding the No. 4 seed in the NFC Playoff Picture and the Jets the No. 10 seed in the AFC? That's the case today with Arizona QB Kyler Murray saying he's never thrown the ball better. His 97.2 overall QB Rating speaks for itself and tops Aaron Rodgers' 88.4, which is a significant reason they ride a 3-0 SUATS win streak heading into the matchup. If New York's



**0-4-1 ATS** record on the NFC road isn't bad enough, then try their **2-13 ATS** record as a dog after having been a favorite the previous game, and it's **2-10 ATS** mark in games in which both teams were favored the last game. With 'Zona **5-0-1 ATS** before its Bye week, look for the Redbirds to improve to 4-0 ATS in this series. And down go the Jets!

### 3★ **BEST BET**

#### **HOUSTON** over Detroit by 6

Kudos to the Mouths that Roar. Detroit's 24-14 win at Green Bay last week was its first game played outdoors this season. They'll next be tested outside when they visit Chicago three days before Christmas in December. No team has been more complete, more balanced – and that goes for the entire NFL, including the Kansas City Chiefs – than the Lions, who are 7-1 for the first time since 1956. They have more TDs (28) than incompletions (24) during their 6-game winning streak and are the only team since at least 1940 with more TDs than incompletions in a 6-game span within a season. Talk about hot! It's so hot that we've lifted the fire extinguisher off the wall with a Texans' team that ranks No. 2 overall in the league in overall defense (281 yards per game; 66 YPG superior to the Lions' stop-unit) and an offense that trails Detroit's vaunted overall offense by only 22 YPG. The super-hot Motor City men ride a 6-0 SUATS-exact win skein entering this pit stop in Houston. The Well-Oiled Machine jumps in, noting that only 58 other teams have managed the same feat. Those who faced .666 or greater non-division foes in the following games are just 6-11 ATS, including 2-8 ATS when favored by three or more points. With Detroit just 13-34 SU and 19-27-1 ATS in games after defeating Green Bay, we turn this over to **THE CLINCHER: Houston QB CJ Stroud is 6-0 ATS as a dog of two or more points versus .500 or greater opponents in his NFL career.**

### **Monday, November 11**

#### **Miami over LA RAMS by 3**

At 2-6 this season, the hard-luck Dolphins look increasingly like an endangered species after falling at Buffalo, 30-27, last week in a game Miami out-gained Buffalo, 373-325. In a tie game with 54 seconds left, the Dolphins had the Bills facing a third-and-9 from Buffalo's 31-yard line. Josh Allen heaved a low-percentage deep toss down the left sideline. It was well-covered and broken up. But, as Miami has done all season, an epic blunder – in this case, the most unnecessary helmet-to-helmet personal foul by Dolphins' safety Jordan Poyer – gave the Bills new life. Seven plays later, the Bills kicked a game-winning 61-yard field goal, and the Dolphins fell to 2-6. Game over. Season over. They've now dropped all three games following their Bye week by a total of ten points despite winning the stats by a net margin of 30 yards per contest. That's on head coach Mike McDaniel, who appears less significant with each passing game. The Fish had better brace themselves for Rams' QB Matthew Stafford, who finished off Seattle late in the game with his 46th career game-winning, or overtime, drive last week. The win was huge for the 4-4 Horned Ones, as only one game separates the first-place 5-5 Cardinals from the 4-5 last-place Seahawks in the suddenly crowded NFC West. Four weeks ago, the Rams were 1-4, their top two receivers were banged up, and their season appeared on the brink. Health changes things. WRs Cooper Kupp and Puka Pacua have infused playmaking back into the offense, and the Rams have won three games in a row after escaping the Seattle Seahawks with a 26-20 overtime victory. Most importantly, Los Angeles is sitting in the No. 10 seed in the NFC playoff picture. So, if you're looking for Stafford to light up the scoreboard tonight, remember, last week, only one quarterback had more than 300 passing yards – Geno Smith of Seattle. And he went down in flames. So, like a seasoned politician, we'll be on the take Monday Night with the Fish 9-3 ATS in the last dozen games in this series and the Rams **1-6 ATS** in their last seven AFC East encounters.

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# THE 2-MINUTE HANDICAP: O/U STYLE

**AN 'OVER / UNDER'  
REPORT ON THIS  
WEEK'S NFL CARD  
BY VICTOR KING**

All games played on this week's NFL schedule are listed below. As always, the number listed first is the 'OVER' and the number listed second is the 'UNDER'. If you like what you see, there's much more – including **5 NFL O/U BEST BETS** – inside the **2024 Playbook 'TOTALS' TIPSHEET** by Victor King – the definitive weekly OU newsletter. A single issue is only \$11.00. Rest-of-Season subscription is \$55.00. Sent via email on Tuesdays. Call the PLAYBOOK offices to get on the 2024 "Totals Train!"  
**\*This week's GAME 10 Playbook O/U TREND play: 49ers @ Buccaneers 'UNDER' the TOTAL'**

## 2024 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE – WEEK TEN

GAME MATCHUPS	KEY OVER/UNDER STATS
<b>Cincinnati (Open: 48.5)</b> <b>BALTIMORE</b>	6-0 OU L6 vs .666 > opp... 3-0-1 OU Thursday RG... 7-1 OU off SU win 17 > pts... but 1-7 OU aft Raiders 4-0 OU L4 vs Cin (56.7)... 8-1 OU TY... 6-1 OU Thursdays... 4-1 OU off SU home win 21 > pts... but 2-6 OU L8 div HG
<b>NY Giants (42)</b> <b>Carolina (Germany)</b>	3-0 OU L3 as non-div favs... 3-1 OU aft div HG... but 0-4 OU bef Bye... 0-4 OU L4 vs NFC South... 0-3 OU aft Wash 5-1 OU off dog win... 4-1 OU bef non-conf HG... but 1-5 OU L6 vs NFC East... 1-3 OU aft Norl... 2-4 OU Game 10
<b>Buffalo (48)</b> <b>INDIANAPOLIS</b>	6-1 OU Game 10... 7-3 OU bef KC... but 1-4-1 OU L6 vs Indy (40.5)... 2-8 OU L10 as non-div RF's... 1-3 OU aft div HG 4-0 OU L4 as non-div HD's... 5-1 OU aft score < 14 pts... but 0-4 OU L4 vs AFC East... 2-6 OU home off BB RG
<b>Minnesota (47.5)</b> <b>JACKSONVILLE</b>	3-0-1 OU L4 vs Jack (45.7)... 5-1 OU in 2nd of BB non-conf gms... 9-3 OU Game 9... but 1-5 OU L6 vs .250 < opp 4-0 OU L4 vs NFC North... 4-1 OU aft Phil... but 1-7 OU aft non-conf HG... 2-7 OU Game 10... 3-10 OU L13 non-conf HG
<b>Pittsburgh (44)</b> <b>WASHINGTON</b>	4-1 OU aft non-conf HG... 3-1 OU off 3+ SUATS wins... but 1-5 OU bef div HG... 1-4 OU aft Bye... 1-4 OU bef Balt 4-0 OU aft NYG... 3-0 OU aft div RG... 8-1 OU Game 19... 6-3 OU vs opp off Bye... but 2-6 OU bef Phil
<b>Atlanta (47)</b> <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	3-0 OU L3 div RG... 5-2 OU aft Dal... 5-2 OU in 1st of BB RG... but 0-6 OU bef non-conf RG... 1-5 OU Game 10 3-0 OU L3 div HG... 4-1 OU off SU fav loss... 7-3 OU bef non-conf HG... but 2-5 OU L7 home vs Atl... 3-7 OU aft div RG
<b>Denver (43)</b> <b>KANSAS CITY</b>	4-0 OU aft allow 35 > pts... 6-1 OU aft Balt... but 0-4 OU Game 10... 2-9 OU as div RD's 4 > pts... 2-7 OU aft score 10 < pts 4-0 OU bef Buf... but 0-3 OU Game 9... 1-5 OU L6 home vs Den (37.6)... 1-5 OU w/ sing revenge... 1-4 OU aft Mon gm
<b>San Francisco (47.5)</b> <b>TAMPA BAY</b>	0-3 OU Game 9... 1-4 OU as non-div RF's > 3 pts... 1-3 OU aft Bye... 1-3 OU vs opp off Mon gm... 1-3 OU L4 vs TB (41.7) 0-3 OU Game 10... 1-7 OU aft KC... 1-6 OU as non-div HD's > 3 pts... 1-4 OU L5 vs NFC West... 1-3 OU bef Bye
<b>New England (40)</b> <b>CHICAGO</b>	4-0 OU L4 vs Chic (58.2)... 5-1 OU non-div dogs 5 > pts... but 1-8 OU Game 10... 1-5 OU aft Ten... 1-3 OU L4 non-conf RG 5-0 OU 5 vs AFC East... 3-0 OU aft Ariz... 6-1 OU aft score 10 < pts... 5-1 OU L6 non-conf HG... 4-1 OU L5 vs .333 < opp.
<b>Tennessee (38)</b> <b>LA CHARGERS</b>	5-1 OU bef Min... but 0-3 OU Game 9... 0-2 OU aft NEng... 1-8-1 OU bef non-conf HG... 2-5 OU L7 vs AFC West 5-1 OU L6 home vs Ten (52.8)... 5-1 OU bef Balt... but 0-5 OU 1st of 3 straight HG... 0-4 OU aft Clev... 1-3 OU bef Mon gm
<b>Philadelphia (48.5)</b> <b>DALLAS</b>	3-0 OU Game 9... 6-1 OU L7 vs Dal (58.0)... but 0-3 OU L3 div RG... 1-7 OU as RF's < 7 pts... 1-4 OU bef div HG 5-0 OU bef Hou... 11-2 OU L13 div HG... 4-1 OU bef non-conf HG... 9-3 OU L12 vs .750 > opp... but 1-3 OU bef Mon gm
<b>NY Jets (44)</b> <b>ARIZONA</b>	4-1 OU aft Hou... but 0-3 OU Game 10... 1-5 OU aft Thur gm... 1-4 OU L5 vs NFC West... 1-4 OU aft allow 13 < pts 8-1 OU Game 10... 5-1 OU aft Chic... 3-1 OU bef div RG... 4-2 OU L6 non-conf HG... but 0-3 OU L3 vs Jets (28.0)
<b>Detroit (48.5)</b> <b>HOUSTON</b>	5-1 OU aft div RG... 4-1 OU aft GBay... 4-1 OU L5 vs Hou (51.4)... 3-1 OU Game 9... but 1-3 OU in 2nd of BB RG 5-0 OU bef Monday gm... 9-3 OU aft score 13 < pts... but 0-5 OU Game 10... 0-4 OU aft Thur gm... 1-4 OU L5 non-conf HG
<b>Miami (49.5)</b> <b>LA RAMS</b>	8-3 OU L11 non-conf RG... but 0-6 OU aft Buf... 0-4 OU bef LV... 1-3 OU Monday road games... 2-5 OU aft div RG 3-1 OU aft Sea... 3-1 OU aft div RG... but 0-4 OU L4 vs Mia (32.0)... 0-4 OU on Mondays... 2-9 OU L11 non-conf HG
<b>Bye Week</b> <b>Bye Week</b>	Cleveland Browns Green Bay Packers
<b>Bye Week</b> <b>Bye Week</b>	Las Vegas Raiders Seattle Seahawks

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# KENNY WHITE'S 2024 FOOTBALL POWER RATINGS

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**Rnk:** Overall rank nationally (130 teams) • **PWR:** Numerical team power rating • **HF:** Numerical home field value

Rnk	School	Conference	PWR	HF	Rnk	School	Conference	PWR	HF	Rnk	School	Conference	PWR	HF
<b>NCAA</b>														
123	Air Force	Mountain West	92	4.5	38	Kansas	Big 12	113	4.5	57	Rutgers	Big Ten	109	4.5
126	Akron	Mid-American	90.5	2	15	Kansas St	Big 12	119	5.5	106	Sam Houston St	Conference USA	97.5	3.5
5	Alabama	Southeastern	128	6	133	Kennesaw St	Conference USA	84.5	3.5	111	San Diego St	Mountain West	96	3.5
95	Appalachian St	Sun Belt	99.5	4.5	134	Kent St	Mid-American	80.5	4	95	San Jose St	Mountain West	99.5	4.5
53	Arizona	Big-12	110	5	21	Kentucky	Southeastern	116	4	17	SMU	Atlantic Coast	118	4.5
47	Arizona St	Big-12	111	3.5	66	Liberty	Conference USA	107	4	86	South Alabama	Sun Belt	102	3
30	Arkansas	Southeastern	114	4.5	63	Louisiana	Sun Belt	108	3.5	28	South Carolina	Southeastern	115	5.5
99	Arkansas St	Sun Belt	99	3.5	117	Louisiana Tech	Conference USA	94.5	4.5	122	Southern Miss	Sun Belt	93.5	4
72	Army	American Athletic	105	3.5	13	Louisville	Atlantic Coast	120	5.5	99	Stanford	Atlantic Coast	99	4
26	Auburn	Southeastern	116	5.5	10	LSU	Southeastern	122	6	53	Syracuse	Atlantic Coast	110	5
131	Ball St	Mid-American	88	3	95	Marshall	Sun Belt	99.5	4	21	TCU	Big 12	116	5.5
30	Baylor	Big 12	114	4	57	Maryland	Big Ten	109	4.5	127	Temple	American Athletic	90	3
20	Boise St	Mountain West	117	5.5	47	Memphis	American Athletic	111	3	7	Tennessee	Southeastern	126	6
71	Boston College	Atlantic Coast	105	4	9	Miami (FL)	Atlantic Coast	125	3.5	4	Texas	Southeastern	128	5.5
78	Bowling Green	Mid-American	103	2	75	Miami (OH)	Mid-American	104	2.5	17	Texas A&M	Southeastern	118	6
127	Buffalo	Mid-American	90	3	38	Michigan	Big Ten	113	5.5	61	Texas St	Sun Belt	109	4
28	BYU	Big 12	115	5	53	Michigan St	Big Ten	110	4.5	50	Texas Tech	Big 12	110	5.5
38	California	Atlantic Coast	113	4	124	Middle Tenn St	Conference USA	91.5	3.5	78	Toledo	Mid-American	103	4
121	C Michigan	Mid-American	94	2.5	47	Minnesota	Big Ten	111	5	102	Troy	Sun Belt	98	4
108	Charlotte	American Athletic	97	2.5	86	Mississippi St	Southeastern	102	5	45	Tulane	American Athletic	112	3
57	Cincinnati	Big 12	109	4.5	21	Missouri	Southeastern	116	5	125	Tulsa	American Athletic	91	3.5
13	Clemson	Atlantic Coast	120	5.5	76	Navy	American Athletic	104	4	108	UAB	American Athletic	97	4.5
91	Coastal Carolina	Sun Belt	101	3.5	63	NC State	Atlantic Coast	108	4.5	21	UCF	Big 12	116	4.5
30	Colorado	Big 12	114	4.5	38	Nebraska	Big Ten	113	5	57	UCLA	Big Ten	109	3.5
99	Colorado St	Mountain West	99	4.5	113	Nevada	Mountain West	95.5	4	91	UConn	Independent	101	3.5
72	Duke	Atlantic Coast	105	4.5	95	New Mexico	Mountain West	99.5	3	113	UL-Monroe	Sun Belt	95.5	3
93	East Carolina	American Athletic	100	4	132	New Mexico St	Conference USA	87.5	4	130	UMass	Independent	89	2
117	E Michigan	Mid-American	94.5	2	50	North Carolina	Atlantic Coast	110	4.5	43	UNLV	Mountain West	112	3
30	Florida	Southeastern	114	5.5	82	North Texas	American Athletic	103	3.5	12	USC	Big Ten	121	5.5
116	Florida Atlantic	American Athletic	95	3	86	No Illinois	Mid-American	102	3.5	84	USF	American Athletic	102	3
117	Florida Int'l	Conference USA	94.5	2.5	82	Northwestern	Big Ten	103	3	38	Utah	Big 12	113	5.5
70	Florida St	American Coast	106	6	10	Notre Dame	Independent	122	5.5	113	Utah St	Mountain West	95.5	4
78	Fresno St	Mountain West	103	4.5	1	Ohio State	Big Ten	131	6.5	129	UTEP	Conference USA	89.5	3
2	Georgia	Southeastern	130	6.5	106	Ohio U	Mid-American	97.5	4.5	76	UTSA	American Athletic	104	3
102	Geo Southern	Sun Belt	98	4	26	Oklahoma	Southeastern	116	5.5	62	Vanderbilt	Southeastern	108	4
111	Georgia St	Sun Belt	96	2	53	Oklahoma St	Big 12	110	5	65	Virginia	Atlantic Coast	107	4
46	Georgia Tech	Atlantic Coast	111	4.5	86	Old Dominion	Sun Belt	102	2.5	30	Virginia Tech	Atlantic Coast	114	5
102	Hawaii	Mountain West	98	4.5	6	Ole Miss	Southeastern	127	5.5	74	Wake Forest	Atlantic Coast	105	4.5
68	Houston	Big 12	106	4	3	Oregon	Big Ten	130	5.5	36	Washington	Big Ten	114	5.5
50	Illinois	Big Ten	110	4.5	84	Oregon St	Pac-12	102	5.5	67	Washington St	Pac-12	106	4
19	Indiana	Big Ten	117	4.5	8	Penn St	Big Ten	124	6	30	West Virginia	Big 12	114	5.5
21	Iowa	Big Ten	116	5	43	Pitt	Atlantic Coast	112	4.5	90	W Kentucky	Conference USA	101	4
16	Iowa St	Big 12	118	5.5	93	Purdue	Big Ten	100	4.5	108	W Michigan	Mid-American	97	4
78	Jacksonville St	Conference USA	103	5.5	102	Rice	American Athletic	98	3	36	Wisconsin	Big Ten	114	5.5
69	James Madison	Sun Belt	106	4.5						117	Wyoming	Mountain West	94.5	5

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Rnk	Team	Conf/Div	PWR	HF	Rnk	Team	Conf/Div	PWR	HF	Rnk	Team	Conf/Div	PWR	HF
<b>NFL</b>														
20	Arizona Cardinals	NFC West	100	2.5	16	Houston Texans	AFC South	101.5	2.5	17	Minnesota Vikings	NFC North	101	1.5
8	Atlanta Falcons	NFC South	103.5	2.5	27	Indianapolis Colts	AFC South	98	2	31	New England Pats	AFC East	95.5	1.5
2	Baltimore Ravens	AFC North	109	3.5	17	Jacksonville Jaguars	AFC South	101	1.5	24	New Orleans Saints	NFC South	99	2
6	Buffalo Bills	AFC East	105.5	3	1	Kansas City Chiefs	AFC West	111	2	29	N.Y. Giants	NFC East	97.5	1.5
32	Carolina Panthers	NFC South	92	1.5	26	Las Vegas Raiders	AFC West	98.5	2.5	11	N.Y. Jets	AFC East	103	2
24	Chicago Bears	NFC North	99	2.5	11	L.A. Chargers	AFC West	103	1.5	4	Philadelphia Eagles	NFC East	107	1.5
7	Cincinnati Bengals	AFC North	104.5	2	20	L.A. Rams	NFC West	100	2	8	Pittsburgh Steelers	AFC North	103.5	1.5
20	Cleveland Browns	AFC North	100	2.5	17	Miami Dolphins	AFC East	101	2.5	3	San Francisco 49ers	NFC West	107.5	1.5
15	Dallas Cowboys	NFC East	99	3						14	Seattle Seahawks	NFC West	102.5	1.5
20	Denver Broncos	AFC West	100	2.5						27	Tampa Bay Bucs	NFC South	98	2
5	Detroit Lions	NFC North	106.5	2.5						30	Tennessee Titans	AFC South	96.5	2
8	Green Bay Packers	NFC North	103.5	2.5						11	Wash Commanders	NFC East	103	1.5

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				OL	PB					OL	PB					OL	PB					OL	PB											
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5					127	WEST VIRGINIA 12:00 PM						163	TEMPLE 4:00 PM						199	ALABAMA 7:30 PM				2'										
					128	CINCINNATI	FS1	4	13			164	TULANE				ESPNU	27	31		200	LSU ★				ABC		11						
101	BOWLING GREEN 7:30 PM			12'	16			129	IOWA ST 3:30 PM				3			165	SOUTH CAROLINA 4:15 PM				3'	6		201	UNLV 9:00 PM				13	6				
102	C MICHIGAN			ESPN2				130	KANSAS ★				FS1		7		166	VANDERBILT				SEC			202	HAWAII				CBSSN				
103	MIAMI OHIO 8:00 PM			12	15			131	MIAMI FLA 12:00 PM				11'	3		167	TEXAS ST 12:00 PM				7	11		SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10										
104	BALL ST			ESPN				132	GA TECH				ESPN			168	UL MONROE				ESPNU													
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6					133	NAVY 12:00 PM				3	1		169	ARMY 3:30 PM				ESPNU	5'	1		261	NY GIANTS 9:30 AM (at Munich)				4'	6						
					134	S FLORIDA				ESPN2			170	NORTH TEXAS							262	CAROLINA				NFL								
105	OHIO 7:00 PM			18'	24			135	DUKE 3:30 PM							171	OKLAHOMA ST 7:00 PM							263	BUFFALO 1:00 PM				5					
106	KENT ST			ESPNU				136	NC STATE				ACC	2'	7		172	TCU				FS1	11	16		264	INDIANAPOLIS ★					8		
107	NO ILLINOIS 7:00 PM			1'				137	SYRACUSE 12:00 PM					3		173	SAN JOSE ST 3:30 PM					3		265	MINNESOTA 1:00 PM				4'					
108	W MICHIGAN			ESPN2		7		138	BOSTON COLL				CW	2		174	OREGON ST				CW	3'		266	JACKSONVILLE				FOX		3			
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7					139	GEORGIA ST 3:30 PM							175	UTAH ST 10:30 PM				CW				267	PITTSBURGH ★					10						
					140	J MADISON				ESPN+	16'	20		176	WASHINGTON ST					20'	15		268	WASHINGTON				CBS	2'					
109	CINCINNATI 8:15 PM							141	PURDUE 12:00 PM							177	ARKANSAS ST 5:00 PM							269	ATLANTA 1:00 PM				3					
110	BALTIMORE			PRIME	6'	3		142	OHIO ST				FOX	38	34		178	LOUISIANA				ESPN+	14	6		270	NEW ORLEANS				FOX		1	
111	FLA ATLANTIC 8:00 PM							143	LIBERTY 1:00 PM				10'	11		179	MINNESOTA 12:00 PM				6'	10		271	DENVER 1:00 PM									
112	E CAROLINA			ESPN2	7'	11		144	MID TN ST				CBSSN			180	RUTGERS				NBC				272	KANSAS CITY				CBS	9	4		
113	APPALACHIAN ST 8:00 PM				4			145	BYU 10:15 PM				5			181	MARYLAND 7:00 PM							273	SAN FRANCISCO 1:00 PM				6'	11				
114	COAST CARO			ESPN	Pk			146	UTAH ★				ESPN		8		182	OREGON				BTN	24	27		274	TAMPA BAY				FOX			
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8					147	FRESNO ST 9:45 PM				10'	14		183	MICHIGAN 3:30 PM							275	NEW ENGLAND 1:00 PM												
					148	AIR FORCE				FS1			184	INDIANA				CBS	14	6		276	CHICAGO				FOX	7	6					
115	CALIFORNIA 8:00 PM			7	13			149	NEVADA 8:00 PM							185	WASHINGTON 8:00 PM							277	TENNESSEE 4:05 PM									
116	WAKE FOREST			ACC				150	BOISE ST				FOX	24'	28		186	PENN ST				Peacock	13'	8		278	LA CHARGERS				FOX	7'	4	
117	RICE 9:00 PM							151	UCF 7:00 PM					4		187	KENNESAW ST 4:00 PM							279	PHILADELPHIA 4:25 PM				6	1				
118	MEMPHIS			ESPN2	10'	3		152	ARIZONA ST				ESPN2	3'		188	UTEP				ESPN+	3'	3		280	DALLAS				CBS				
119	IOWA 9:00 PM			6	1			153	COLORADO 4:00 PM				3			189	JACKSONVILLE ST 4:30 PM				10	14		281	NY JETS 4:25 PM									
120	UCLA			FOX				154	TEXAS TECH				FOX		1		190	LA TECH				CBSSN				282	ARIZONA				CBS	1'	6	
121	NEW MEXICO 10:30 PM							155	UCONN 2:30 PM				6	10		191	MISSISSIPPI ST 7:00 PM							283	DETROIT 8:20 PM				4'					
122	SAN DIEGO ST			FS1	3	6		156	UAB				ESPN+			192	TENNESSEE				ESPN	24	25		284	HOUSTON ★				NBC		6		
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9					157	MARSHALL 3:00 PM				14	16		193	W KENTUCKY 6:00 PM				18'	22		MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11													
					158	SO MISS				ESPN+			194	N MEXICO ST				ESPN+																
123	VIRGINIA ★ 8:00 PM				6			159	OKLAHOMA 7:45 PM					6		195	FLORIDA ST 7:30 PM							285	MIAMI 8:15 PM					3				
124	PITTSBURGH			ACC	7			160	MISSOURI				SEC	2		196	NOTRE DAME				NBC	25	28		286	LA RAMS				ESPN	2'			
125	FLORIDA 12:00 PM							161	GEORGIA 3:30 PM				2'			197	CLEMSON 3:30 PM				6'	3		BYES: CLEVELAND, GREEN BAY, LAS VEGAS, SEATTLE										
126	TEXAS			ABC	21'	24		162	OLE MISS				ABC		6		198	VA TECH				ESPN												