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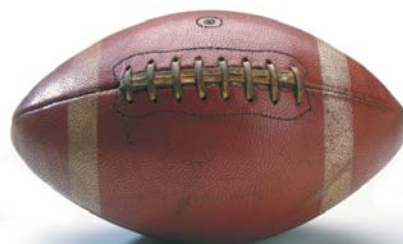
Marc's College Game of the Month: Notre Dame +6 - WINNER!

NFL BEST BETS 9-0!
ALL BEST BETS 19-6!

92% ATS AWESOME ANGLE INSIDE!



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THE BITCH IS BACK

A Weekly Insight Into The Art Of Sports Handicapping

*I'm a bitch, I'm a bitch,
oh, the bitch is back
Stone-cold sober,
as a matter of fact
I can bitch, I can bitch
'cause I'm better than you
It's the way that I move,
the things that I do, oh-oh-oh*

When coming across a quality college football team taking a touchdown at home, one's first reaction might be to step back and be circumspect. And it's understandable, knowing that trying to catch the line maker napping is a bitch as he is scarcely in a generous mood. Thus, it's almost always best to do a double-take and evaluate the situation from top to

Thanks to the power of our all-knowing database, we've learned that 6-point college football home underdogs who own a win percentage of .700 or better have been like an annuity over the past 40 years, as they have gone 335-287-9 ATS on the blind. Better yet, bring them in off a win, and they become a 55% winning proposition, going 289-237-9 ATS.

As handicappers, we know that's

something that rattles bookies. And since we enjoy rattling bookmakers, I'll let you in on an even better winning proposition. It occurs when you...

PLAY ON any greater-than .700 conference home dog of 6 or more points off back-to-back wins versus an opponent coming off a SUATS win.

How does a **46-22-1 ATS** winning ticket sound?

And when the home dog allows fewer than 18.5 PPG on the season, and they are taking 7 or more points from an opponent coming off consecutive wins, they tighten up to **29-10-1 ATS**. This is same role Baylor was in last week against Iowa State when they upended the Cyclones, 31-29.

And wouldn't you know it, if they are taking on a foe that won 10 or fewer games last season, they sharpen up to **16-4 ATS**. With that, we'll be on the **Kentucky Wildcats** this Saturday.

So now, rather than dissing these quality home dogs when they take on name-and-reputation visitors,

we recommend instead that you follow the words of The Rocketman himself, Elton John, when he told us:

*Times are changin',
now the poor get fat
But the fever's gonna get you
when the bitch gets back
oh, oh, oh.*

IT DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER THAN THIS: If you haven't heard, after sweeping the board again last week, my award winning Preferred Picks Executive Football Service is **EN FUEGO** this season, going a **documented 18-2 overall... including 10-2 in college football and 8-0 in the NFL** – highlighted by our 5* CFB Game Of the Month call with Notre Dame over Wisconsin!

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Marc Lawrence



This week's coach is at his best when facing quality opponents who own a .666 or greater record, going 37-13-2 ATS when the foe is coming off back-to-back wins, including **20-6-2 ATS** as a dog. Who is this week's "tough guy" head coach?

For the Trivia Teaser answer, turn to page 15.

AWESOME ANGLE OF THE WEEK

PLAY ON any 4-0 or greater college football home underdog versus a 4-0 or greater opponent.

Play ON:
MARYLAND TERRAPINS (10/1)

**COLLISION
COURSE**

**ATS W-L
Record S/2014:
12-1
(92%)**

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and more at the PlaybookSports.com website!**

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ATS = Against The Spread • **A** = Away • **Con** = Conference • **D** = Dog
F = Favorite • **H** = Home • **Rev** = Revenge • **R** = Road • **SU** = Straight-Up

College Football Games

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NFL Games

TEAMS KEY FACTS, STATS & ATS TRENDS

Saturday, October 2

Indiana	SERIES: 3-0 L3... 7-1 as conf dogs 10 > pts... 1-5 away vs conf rev
PENN ST	7-3 w/ conf rev... 0-3 bef Iowa... 3-7 conf HF's 10 > pts
Cincinnati	7-1 in 2nd of BB RG... 4-1 bef Temple... 5-2 off road fav win
NOTRE DAME	9-3 as fav/dog 4 < pts... 1-6 home aft neutral site gm
Oregon	4-1 aft Arizona... 4-1 as conf RF's < 13 pts... 3-1 bef Week of Rest
STANFORD	8-3 aft UCLA... 0-6 as dogs 7 < pts... 1-3 in 2nd of BB conf HG
Ole Miss	SERIES: 5-2 L7... 4-0 conf RD's 14 > pts... 1-7 w/ rest
ALABAMA	8-2 vs conf opp w/ rest... 3-1 aft So Miss... 3-6 Game Five
Arkansas	6-1 Game Five... 5-2 in 1st of BB RG... 5-2 as dogs 14 > pts
GEORGIA	5-1 as conf HF's 20 < pts... 0-3 aft Vandy... 4-8 Game Five
Texas	0-4 w/ conf rev LY... 3-9 Game Five... 2-6 away off BB HG
TCU	SERIES: 6-1 L7... 3-0 vs conf rev LY... 3-1 conf HF/HD 4 < pts
Florida	9-3 bef Vandy... 5-2 as conf RF's 9 < pts... 3-7 vs dbl conf rev
KENTUCKY	6-0 w/ conf rev LY... 3-1 aft S Carolina... 3-1 as HD's < 10 pts
Oklahoma	8-1 as RF's 10 < pts... 4-1 w/ dbl conf rev... 3-1 aft West Va
KANSAS ST	SERIES: 3-1 L4 / Host 4-1... 8-1 as HD's > 1 pt... 7-3 Game Five
Auburn	4-1 Game Five... 7-3 bef Georgia... 3-1 off non-conf home win
LSU	SERIES: Host 5-2... 7-1-1 L9 w/ conf rev... 6-1 conf HF's 7 < pts
Michigan	0-4 L4 w/ conf rev... 1-4 as dogs 6 < pts... 1-4 Game Five
WISCONSIN	7-3 as favs 6 < pts... 0-4 home vs conf rev... 1-3 Game Four

SMART
BOX

FRESHEN UP

According to our well-oiled machine, it appears Game Four of the College Football season is often times a critical stepping-stone for teams who play with a week of rest. This is especially true for teams that are either playing at home off a win, or conversely, on the road off their first defeat of the season. Check out these numbers:

- When these reinvigorated home teams take the field off a win with a week of rest in Game Four of the season, they are a super-strong **98-66-2 ATS** overall since 1980. **South Alabama** finds itself in this desirable role on Saturday.

Digging deeper, when these same teams are seeking revenge against a division they improve to **34-9 ATS**, including **22-4 ATS** versus .600 or greater opponents – which is all good news for the **Jaguars** this week.

- Meanwhile, Game Four rested road teams who find themselves off one loss-exact have gone **34-17 ATS** in conference games over the same span in this role, including **21-7 ATS** when taking the field off a double-digit spread loss in their last game. This week we find both **Central Florida** and **Nevada** fitting the bill, with favorites of more than seven points going **6-0 ATS** (Knights) and dogs of 3 or more points (Wolf Pack) checking in at **11-4 ATS**.

Now, if you're either a fan of **Central Florida, Nevada** or **South Alabama**, then raise your hand if you're sure!

TEAMS KEY FACTS, STATS & ATS TRENDS

Thursday, September 30

Jacksonville	6-2 aft non-conf HG... 8-3 vs AFC North... 1-3 on Thursdays
CINCINNATI	SERIES: 4-2-1 L7... 4-0 vs AFC South LY... 4-1 Thursdays

Sunday, October 3

Washington	SERIES: Visitor 4-0... 7-3 aft non-conf RG... 0-3-1 Game Four
ATLANTA	8-3 non-div HD's 4 < pts... 1-3 home vs NFC East
Detroit	7-1 aft non-conf HG... 3-1 in 1st of BB div gms... 1-5 L6 div RG
CHICAGO	5-1 bef non-conf RG... 0-3 home vs div LY... 1-4 L5 as div favs
Tennessee	1-5 as non-div RF's 3 > pts... 1-4 bef Jags... 3-10 vs AFC East
NY Jets	SERIES: 3-0 L3... 3-1 aft Denv... 6-2 home vs AFC South
Cleveland	0-6 as RF's < 6 pts... 1-7 in 2nd of BB non-conf gms... 1-3 aft Chi
MINNESOTA	SERIES: 3-1 L4... 6-1 aft Sea... 8-3 as non-div HD's
Indianapolis	4-0-1 aft Tenn... 7-2 aft div RG... 0-6-1 as non-div RD's 5 < pts
MIAMI	SERIES: 3-1 L4... 6-2 bef non-conf RG... 1-4 as favs 4 < pts
Carolina	7-3 in 2nd of BB RG... 3-1 Game Four... 1-4 aft non-conf RG
DALLAS	3-1 aft Phil... 1-7 aft Monday gm... 2-7 as favs in 2nd of BB HG
Ny Giants	17-3 as RD's L4Y... 3-1 Game Four... 4-1-1 vs NFC South
NEW ORLEANS	SERIES: 5-1-1 L7... 5-1 aft non-conf RG... 1-6 in 1st HG
Kansas City	6-2 aft LAC... 1-4-1 L6 non-conf RG... 2-5 as non-div RF's > 3 pts
PHILADELPHIA	3-1 aft Dal... 3-9 aft Mon gm... 3-8 vs AFC West
Houston	SERIES: 4-2 L6... 7-3 aft non-conf HG... 1-7 as RD's 8 > pts
BUFFALO	5-0 vs opp off Thur gm... 5-1 non-div HF's > 10 pts
Arizona	9-3-1 as div RD's 10 < pts... 2-8 bef SF... 2-5 bef div HG
LA RAMS	SERIES: 8-0 L8... 8-2 vs div rev... 1-5-1 in 2nd of BB HG
Seattle	0-5 bef div HG... 0-4 as div dogs 6 < pts... 0-3 bef Rams
SAN FRAN	6-3 aft GBay... 0-8-1 L9 as div HF's... 3-11 bef Ariz
Baltimore	5-0 bef Mon gm... 1-3 L4 vs AFC West... 1-3-1 Game Four
DENVER	SERIES: 3-1 L4... 5-0 aft Jets... 5-1 non-div fav/dog 3 < pts
Pittsburgh	7-1 as dogs > 3 pts... 6-1 L7 non-conf RG... 6-1-1 aft div HG
GREEN BAY	5-1 aft SF... 5-1 L6 non-conf HG... 15-3 as non-div HF's 7 < pts
Tampa Bay	8-1-1 L10 non-conf RG... 4-1 non-div RF's 4 > pts
NEW ENGLAND	SERIES: 4-0 L4... 10-2 L12 as HD's... 1-4 Game Four

Monday, October 4

Las Vegas	SERIES: 3-1 L4... 8-1 bef non-conf HG... 4-1 away vs div
LA CHARGERS	2-12 in 1st of BB HG... 1-3-1 Mondays... 3-8 L11 as div HF's

INCREDIBLE STAT OF THE WEEK

College football's Buffalo Bulls
are 17-1 ATS at home since 2017,
including 14-0 ATS in conference games.

THIS WEEK IN FOOTBALL - SEPT 30-OCT 4

Remember: You Have A PLAYBOOK BEST BET Whenever Our Predicted Margin Of Victory Is 6 Or More Points In Favor Of Your Line

Silver State Wolves Strike The Mother Lode In Boise... Mile-High Broncos Stampede Lamar And The Ravens...

Thursday, September 30

MIAMI FLORIDA over Virginia by 3

A new week of college football kicks off with a matchup between 2-2 teams that can't seem to get over the hump in the ACC. The Hurricanes used to be the biggest, baddest, brawlingest team in America (remember Catholics vs. Convicts?), but over the previous ten seasons, they've made it to only one conference final (38-13 loss to Clemson in 2017). In fact, the Canes have averaged just 7 wins per season since 2006, and this year's edition is not any better. Sure, they crushed Central Connecticut (a cut below UConn), 69-0, while putting up 739 yards in the contest last week without QB D'Eriq King, but that's simply fluff. Meanwhile, over that same 10-year time span, Virginia has also played in one ACC title game (62-17 loss to Clemson in 2019), but has gone just 7-7 SU since then. While we would normally be impressed that the Cavs actually outyarded the Demon Deacons, 506-473, in last week's 37-17 loss against Wake Forest, the truth is a lot of those yards came at garbage time with the game already decided. Still, we can't lose sight of Virginia's "mission team" status in 2021, plus the fact that the Wahoos are seeking double revenge in the series with Miami, losing a pair of tight contests by scores of 19-14 and 17-9. Although the ATS trends may be in the Canes' favor - Miami 5-1 ATS versus conference revenge and Virginia 1-5 ATS in the first of back-to-back road games - we won't be dating them anytime soon. Not until head coach Manny Diaz starts delivering rather than dancing around post game questions about what went wrong. With the spread currently dancing around Miami by a FG, we'll take a pass for now.

Friday, October 1

TULSA over Houston by 6

We gave it to Houston head coach Dana Holgorsen pretty good when his Cougars dropped a 38-21 decision at home to Texas Tech in the season opener. Mostly it was because UH sprinted to a 21-7 halftime lead against the Red Raiders, then got ripped for 31 unanswered points after the break. But a lot of it was residual resentment from the fact that Holgorsen had commanded a zillion dollars to accept the job, and delivered an unacceptable 7-13 SU record before the loss to Tech. However, the scheduling gods gave Houston a break by pitting the Cougars against Rice, Grambling and Navy (2-9 SU combined in 2020), which resulted in three straight victories for the win-starved program. By comparison, the Golden Hurricane own a mirror-like 1-3 SU mark entering this contest, yet they are outyarding foes 92 net YPG thanks to a 3-1 ITS (In The Stats) log this campaign. Tulsa head coach Phil Montgomery has been a money earner for backers of the Big Breeze in

AAC play, going 24-11 ATS in conference games versus a foe coming off a win, including **6-1 ATS** when coming off a spread win of 5 or fewer points. In addition, Tulsa stands 7-3 ATS in the series of late, plus the Hurricane has cashed a ticket in ten of their last thirteen contests. Considering Houie is just 4-7 SUATS in games after military battles, we're not buying in on their early success. Lay it or leave it.

MARYLAND over Iowa by 3

If you're looking for a high-octane offense that stretches the field and scores lots of points on plenty of big plays, you should immediately scratch the Iowa Hawkeyes off your list. Gaining under 300 YPG while averaging just 3.3 yard per rush, we'd normally point to smoke-and-mirrors as the reason behind Iowa's 4-0 start. Turns out, though, it's a stifling Hawkeyes defense that's been carrying Kirk Ferentz and company in 2021. That unit is about to be tested big-time tonight against upstart Maryland, also 4-0, but fielding an offense that's exploded for 37 points and 519 yards per game. Both teams are one of five units in the Big Ten sporting unbeaten records, though Iowa is the lone entry from the West division, and the Hawkeyes certainly won't be overlooking the Terrapins here before next week's home game with Penn State. As for the ATS archives, Ferentz can claim a strong 12-1 ATS mark as conference road chalk of 4 or more points, though he's gone just 1-3 ATS in the last four Weekday games. But while the Terps are 4-2 ATS in Weekday games of late, they've gone just 3-6 ATS in their last nine as conference home dogs. While the trends split out, the database reminds us the Terps are appearing in Marc's **AWESOME ANGLE** on page 2. With Maryland outgaining foes by over 200 YPG, we'll channel Howard Cosell here to proclaim: "And down goes Iowa!"

UPSET GAME OF THE WEEK UPSET

UTAH ST over BYU by 3

How great a job has BYU head coach Kalani Sitake done with the Cougars lately? Let's just say if the NFL decided to expand to the state of Utah next year, Coach K would be a leading contender for the top job. How does a 15-1 SU run in the last sixteen games sound to you? Despite losing superstar QB Zach Wilson and OC Jeff Grimes, who combined for 44 points and 525 yards per game in 2020, Sitake has his crew off to a 4-0 start - including wins over THREE Pac-12 opponents. BYU also stomped Utah State in their most recent meeting in 2019 as 3-point dogs, 42-14. Yikes. So now that we've delivered part one of this bait-and-switch special, it's time to get to the meaningful stuff. The 'Y' is a money-burning **2-10 ATS** in their last twelve tries as chalk, and coach Sitake is just 4-10 ATS as a favorite when coming off an ATS loss, including **1-8 ATS** versus a foe not coming off a spread win of 7 or more points (**0-7 ATS** the last seven). We know if you watched Utah State implode against Boise State last week, you won't relish the idea of backing them here, but the bottom line is, the Aggies are a "mission team" coming off a loss, seeking revenge. With non-conference teams 27-11-1 ATS in this role since 1990, we're on these guys like flies on a rib roast. Especially with added support from **THE CLINCHER: USU head coach Blake Anderson is 5-0 SU and 4-0 ATS at home in his career when coming off a home loss.**

Saturday, October 2

FLORIDA ST over Syracuse by 8

Things have gotten so bad with the 0-3 Seminoles that parents of players are complaining openly about fan negativity. And while the 'Fire Mike Norvell Now' movement might have been gaining traction at Tallahassee, FSU athletic director David Coburn put up the stop sign with a vote of confidence for Norvell when addressing the FSU Board of Trustees last Friday afternoon - despite the team going 0-4 for the first time since 1974, when they lost their first eight games before finishing 1-10. "On

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football, I have just three things to say," offered Coburn. "One, we have the right guy. Two, we will improve. And three, we will win. That's going to happen." Whether or not it does, the Seminoles are just shadows of the Bobby Bowden squads that joined the ACC in 1991, and terrorized the entire conference for years. But to their credit, they haven't thrown in the towel, trailing Louisville 31-7 in the first half last week, before fighting back in a 31-23 loss. Quarterback McKenzie Milton, who finished 24-for-38 for 248 yards and a TD, needs better protection from the FSU O-line, as he was sacked five times by the Cardinals pass rush. Meanwhile, Syracuse head coach Dino Babers and the Orange were being squeezed by the frustrated Syracuse media, and they quieted the naysayers for another week with an upset win over Liberty. The fact that Babers' teams are just 5-8 SUATS in follow-up games when coming off a SU underdog win is not his biggest problem in this afternoon's clash in Tallahassee, it's Syracuse's incredibly woeful 1-10 SU and 4-7 ATS series failure against FSU, including **0-6 SU and 1-5 ATS** away. Compare those numbers to the Seminoles' 9-1 SU record at home when coming off a home loss, and we think AD Coburn will be rewarded for defending his head coach. This is one of those exceedingly rare instances where we'll back a winless favorite that gives up more yards than they gain, but it's safe to say, Norvell needs this game like a vampire needs blood.

NORTH CAROLINA over Duke by 13

Carolina Blue may be the color of the Tar Heels, but there aren't many more teams in college football that will show up to play this weekend as red-faced as Mack Brown's underachievers. That's because a Georgia Tech squad that scored only 8 points in the previous week's loss to Clemson, somehow managed to eviscerate North Carolina's rush defense for 261 yards and 6.1 YPC in the Yellow Jackets' mind-boggling 45-22 humiliation of UNC. While everyone expects the Heels to bounce back big-time this weekend, we're surprised to see a 3-1 conference dog – and a hated rival – like Duke taking 18 points from a struggling 2-2 foe. The Blue Devils certainly have momentum on their side, going on a 3-0 SU run after the puzzling loss to Charlotte in their season opener, and QB Gunnar Holmberg appears to be hitting his stride after accounting for a school record five touchdowns in last week's win over Kansas. Yes, North Carolina is a few pegs higher than the Jayhawks, but the Tar Heels are just 2-6-1 ATS in the series when playing off a SU favorite loss, and the series visitor has cashed four straight tickets. While UNC might be a ticking time bomb, we have no interest in a team looking to reestablish its identity at this point in the season. Take it or leave it.

Tulane over EAST CAROLINA by 10

With the Big 12 gutting the American Athletic Conference by luring away big-draw programs like Cincinnati, UCF and Houston, we'll get a look at some of the 'leftovers' this afternoon. We were looking for better things out of Tulane after last year's COVID-impacted 6-6 campaign, but this year's 1-3 Wave can't seem to find their groove, with their only win coming against LeRoy Kelly's alma mater, Morgan State. As a result, they are in danger of snapping a 3-year bowl skein. Going to a bowl period has not been on East Carolina's radar of late, as the Pirates haven't advanced to post-season play since 2014. Despite a 2-2 start, ECU is still looking for its first stats win this season, having been outyarded in all three contests against lined foes by nearly 100 YPG. Even worse, the homeboys have

not fared well in this series recently, going **0-5 SU and 1-4 ATS** as a dog. That's like a shark smelling blood for Tulane head coach Willie Fritz, who is 5-1 ATS when coming off a SU favorite loss, including **4-0 ATS** in conference games. Must win for the Green Wave here.

CLEMSON over Boston College by 11

How do you feel about kicking a man when he's down? Considering Clemson had lost just TWO games to ACC opponents over the previous five seasons, NC State's upset of the Tigers last week means conference teams will be lining up for a shot at some serious payback. First up on the Revenge List are the unbeaten (not a typo) Eagles of Boston College. Head coach Jeff Hafley has adjusted since losing potential all-conference quarterback Phil Jurkovec to a hand injury earlier this month, emphasizing a ground game that now averages 222 rushing YPG. But while BC is 9-1 ATS away of late when playing with conference revenge, and the series visitor is on a 4-1 ATS run, there's very little value with the Eagles tonight, as the line on this game would likely have seen Boston College grabbing an additional 10 points before the season began. Regardless, this is the biggest game of the year for Clemson, who is no longer in control of its ACC destiny, and seems to have many more questions than answers right now. Following last week's double-overtime loss to the Wolfpack, the Tigers will likely see their six-year College Football Playoff skein snapped this season. Yet, it's not all that surprising. A defeat in the Playoff to LSU after the 2019 season showed cracks, and they were further exposed when Ohio State blew them away in last year's semifinals. Coupled with the loss of QB Trevor Lawrence and RB Travis Etienne to Jacksonville in the first-round of the recent NFL draft, the Tigers are on the verge of unraveling. It's what happens when your team ranks LAST in the ACC in Yards Per Game and Points Per Game... and it's why Clemson has slipped to No. 25 in the AP Poll this week, snapping its streak of 97 straight weeks in the Top 10. Perhaps it's time HC Dabo Swinney worries more about coaching his team rather than being the spokesperson for continuing the four-team CFB Playoff arrangement. Your call.

PURDUE over Minnesota by 6

In every college football season, there are a handful of games where the result is so completely mind-blowing that you have to check the final score two or three times just to process that it actually happened. Here's one: Bowling Green 14, Minnesota 10. Yes, off a stunning 30-0 road shutout of Colorado the week before, and poised to rejoin the AP Top 25 rankings, the Gophers (-30) laid arguably the biggest egg of the season, as their nation's-best skein of 21 straight wins over non-conference opponents came to a screeching halt in front of a horrified crowd at TCF Bank Stadium. It marked the first time in the last three-plus campaigns that P.J. Fleck's troops were held to 10 or fewer points, courtesy of a Bowling Green squad that was 0-5 in 2020, and 4-16 overall under HC Scot Loeffler – all of which put the kibosh on rumors that Fleck was a legitimate contender for the vacant USC head coaching job. So now that 'the boat' has sprung a leak of major proportions, here's more bad news for P.J.'s oarsmen: the last five FBS teams to lose SU as 30-plus point chalk have gone **0-5 ATS** in follow-up games. Today's high noon affair finds the homeboy Boilermakers lying in wait with triple revenge-exact from losses suffered against Minnesota the last three seasons. With that in mind, our mean machine springs into action, informing us that Big Ten favorites coming off a win are **13-4 SU and 12-5 ATS** when seeking triple revenge-exact in conference games. Purdue obliges; going 8-5-1 ATS at home in Big Ten battles when dressing up with triple revenge-exact. After scoring just 13 points in consecutive games, it's time for Purdue's offense to break loose with a big game, so we'll step out with the well-dressed Boilers here.

Pittsburgh over GEORGIA TECH by 1

Did you get the name of that truck? That's what North Carolina's players and coaches were asking last Saturday after getting mowed down by a suddenly lethal Ramblin' Wreck in Atlanta. How bad was it? It was like trying to cross the dozen or so lanes of traffic entering the ATL on I-85 while wearing earplugs and a blindfold. So fresh off their 45-22 destruction of UNC, Geoff Collins and company shift from Mercedes-Benz Stadium to Bobby Dodd Stadium to host Pittsburgh in a most interesting matchup. We say that because the 3-1 Panthers' offense is cooking like a five-alarm fire in 2021. Operating behind finally-healthy QB Kenny Pickett, Pitt is averaging an FBS-best 53 PPG behind a 6th-ranked overall offense gaining 548 YPG. While those numbers are greatly skewed by a 51-7 win over UMass and last week's 77-7 rout of New Hampshire, the Panthers' offense still averaged 443 yards while scoring 41 points in each game versus Tennessee and Western Michigan. In addition, Pat

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Narduzzi's defense has allowed just 3.2 rushing YPC, so it's doubtful that Georgia Tech can run the ball at will today like they did against the Tar Heels. The good news for the 2-2 Yellow Jackets is they've outyarded all four opponents this season. The bad news is home dogs coming off a SU win as a dog of 14 or more points are just **9-19-2 ATS** since 2011. Despite their knockout of North Carolina, the Wreck still owns an 8-18 SU record under Collins... which means we put up the stop sign here and look elsewhere.

NC STATE over Louisiana Tech by 14

Personal injury lawyers were practically salivating at the sight of thousands of NC State fans storming the field at Carter-Finley Stadium last Saturday after the Wolfpack had brought down mighty Clemson in double OT, 27-21. But after celebrating like they had just won the CFB National Championship, will head coach Dave Doeren be able to get his team out of the clouds in time for what looks to be a pencil-it-in win for Raleigh's finest? The 2-2 Bulldogs of Louisiana Tech pulled themselves up off the mat after SMU 'Hail Mary'd' them the previous week, and they get to put HC Skip Holtz's magical dog act in play today. Lou's son brings a 38-19 ATS career mark as a road dog into the fray, including **7-2 ATS** against foes coming off a SU underdog win. As for whether or not the Pack's feet make contact with the ground before game time, it may not matter: ACC teams who knock the Tigers off are just 4-7 ATS at home the next game. Hey, it ain't been pretty, but the Ruston Bulldogs are just 5 points away from being undefeated, and NC State may look past them to a rejuvenated Boston College team waiting on deck. Look for some sleight-of-hand from Skippy this evening as La Tech gets the money.

Appalachian St over **GEORGIA ST** by 4

Talk about a gut-buster. Georgia State led for 59:15 against Auburn last week before the Tigers scored on a gift when SEC refs turned a blind eye and handed the Tigers a 34-24 win on a silver platter. Auburn's go-ahead TD may not have happened at all if it wasn't for an incorrect call after a replay review. Officials ruled that Auburn's John Samuel Shenker made a diving catch at the Georgia State 11 with 1:13 to go. Georgia State players immediately thought that the ball went through Shenker's hands and hit the ground – which it did. But officials ruled that the call of a catch stood on the field, and Auburn had a first down at the 11. The Tigers scored four plays later on fourth down play, and a pick-six on GSU's desperation drive provided the final margin of victory. So how do the Panthers react today? Like a team who knows they were robbed by the Zebras in a game they were primed and ready to win, or do they more closely resemble a stack of flapjacks at the House of Pancakes today. Appalachian State should still be riding high after outlasting Marshall in a 31-30 thriller last Thursday, but the Mountaineers haven't done well as road chalk of late, going **0-3-1 ATS** the last four games. There's also the matter of a Louisiana revenge game waiting on deck for ASU, courtesy of a 24-21 home setback that slammed the door on App State's chances of reaching a third straight Sun Belt Championship game. With this being Georgia State's initial conference contest, and owning a **6-1-1 ATS** all-time mark in Sun Belt openers, we'll be on the take here today.

SOUTH CAROLINA over Troy by 3

Three earthquakes in one day shook the South Carolina low country on Tuesday, not a huge surprise since the state experiences between six and ten quakes a year. Unfortunately for Gamecock football fans, the epicenter was about 105 miles away from Columbia, where the event would undoubtedly have been interpreted as a sign that SC football was ready to rise from the depths of its 2-2 misery. No, the Cocks are not standing too tall following consecutive conference losses heading into this game, but they did play two of the SEC East's leading contenders in Georgia and Kentucky. As for the men of Troy, after opening the season at 2-1, the Trojans fell into quicksand last week when they were sucked down by lowly UL-Monroe, losing 29-18, as 23.5-point road favorites – one of 48 teams to lose SU as 20-point road chalk since 1980. FYI: these same teams are **7-0 SU** and **5-1 ATS** in follow-up games when facing non-conference foes. Good news since the Trojans know how to bounce back after having had the rug pulled out from underneath them, going 13-4 ATS when coming off a SU favorite loss, including **5-0 ATS** when coming off a double-digit setback. Hard to lay a TD with the Gamecocks when they score just 22.3 PPG, and Troy's defense allows only 15.5 PPG. With a Tennessee revenger waiting on deck, we can't see South Carolina getting up for the lowly Trojans this afternoon.

Army over BALL ST by 1

Another week, another win for the Black Knights. After running roughshod over Miami Ohio last week, the Cadets are off to their first 4-0 start since 1996, when they started 9-0 before losing to Auburn in the Independence Bowl. The 23-10 win also improved Army's SU record to 13-3 overall since the start of last season. True to form, the infantry gained all of its 384 yards on the ground, with five pass attempts falling incomplete. Also steadfast was the Knights defense, which has limited foes to just 17 points and 277 yards per game in the aforementioned 16-game span. But the new week brings a bad role for Jeff Monken's troops: Army is just 9-17 ATS against MAC foes, including **2-10 ATS** when coming off a win. The reeling Cardinals are still searching for a good role in 2021, currently 0-3 SUATS and ITS the last three games, but those losses came against quality teams that own a combined 10-2 SU record this year. Usually, we would consider fading the Cadets with Wisconsin up next, but they won't get caught with their khakis down in a possible look-ahead, as Army will have an extra week to prepare for the Badgers. Still, MAC teams have sprung an upset or two this year (Bowling Green over Minnesota, Western Michigan over Pitt, etc.) and the conference stands 6-3 SU and 7-2 ATS overall against military teams since 1990. A lean to Ball State this afternoon is far from solid, so let's call it what it is – a ballsy play on the home dog Cardinals.

PENN ST over Indiana by 6

Two teams heading in opposite directions? While Penn State has quietly climbed to the No. 4 spot in this week's AP Top 25, Indiana has slid completely out of sight, not even denting the 'Others receiving votes' category. After going 6-1 SU and 7-0 ATS against Big Ten opponents in 2020, the Hoosiers have lost their only conference clash so far against Iowa in the season opener. Don't forget the media, who have pinned the blame squarely on QB Michael Penix Jr., whose season looks like this: 77 of 140 for 821 yards, four TDs, six picks, and a QB rating of 47.8 (81st in the country). So now that just about everyone outside of the Hoosier star has jumped off the IU bandwagon, it may be time to scarf up the double-value in this public vs. perception play. The ATS archives don't argue, pointing to Indiana's 3-0 ATS run in this series, where they also stand 7-3 ATS as a dog of 6+ points against the Nittany Lions. Tom Allen's troops are also 8-1 ATS in Game Five, including **6-0 ATS** as a double-digit dog, and **7-1 ATS** as conference dogs of 10 or more points. On the flip side, PSU owns a concerning 3-7 ATS mark in its last ten tries as Big Ten home chalk of 10 or more points. Sure, we realize the Lions will be out to avenge last year's 36-35 season-opening loss to Indiana, but they have an even bigger revenge affair on deck with Iowa. Closer than you think in Happy Valley tonight.

Memphis over TEMPLE by 6

Despite the perception that Temple has been beaten from pillar to post this season, the fact is the Owls are 2-2 SU, and have outgained opponents by 56 YPG. A closer look, though, tells us the majority of those positive stats came at the expense of victims Wagner and Akron, while

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they were outscored in losses to Rutgers and Boston College by 89-17. Meanwhile, Memphis is developing quite the personality this season. The Tigers led UTSA 21-0 in the 1Q last week before going on to lose, 31-28. They rallied from a 10-point deficit at the half to beat Mississippi State. And in a game with 1,346 yards, they held off Arkansas State, 55-50. Through it all, they own the No. 120 ranked defense, surrendering 483 YPG, so it's a scary situation asking them to lay a dozen points on the road against an avenging Temple team. Despite last year's 41-29 loss to Memphis, the Owls covered, and take the field today on a perfect **6-0 ATS** run in this series. Thus, the avenging double-digit home dog with 181 yards the better defense gets the call here.

IOWA ST over Kansas by 36

Remember the song 'Eve Of Destruction' by Barry McGuire? The song covered far-reaching themes of political and social unrest that hinted at the end of civilization as we know it. This week, however, the tune will more likely refer to the party atmosphere at Ames, Iowa on Friday night, as the 2-2 Cyclones prepare to get back in the win column by hosting the Big 12's favorite victim, Kansas. This much we do know: in our time watching Iowa State games on TV since head coach Matt Campbell took over in 2016, we have NEVER seen the man more sideline-psychotic than in last week's upset loss at Baylor. Maybe it's because he looks like everyone's favorite uncle, the one you could trust around your teenage daughter, that it was disturbing to see the man go primal. In fact, if his incisors were an inch or two longer, he could've backed down a baboon after ISU failed on a 2-point conversion to tie the game. Still somewhat surly at the press conference after, Campbell spelled it out for doubters: "Attitude and effort – I love this football team. Precision and detail – we're a hair off." Since the width of a human hair measures in between 17 and 180 micrometers, we think Mad Matt will make the necessary adjustments to enable his team to denude Kansas in prime time. Don't forget the money, as Campbell is 5-1 ATS after battling Baylor, and 4-1 ATS in conference play when coming off a SU favorite loss. Meanwhile, KU stands 1-5 ATS as a Big 12 dog of 20 or more points, and has been outscored 97-26 in the second half of games this season. As mad as Campbell is, his stingy 3rd-ranked defense figures to only add to those woes. The Cyclones smoked 'em by 30 points last year, so look for more of the same here. Destruction, indeed.

Toledo over UMASS by 31

No crystal ball needed here. The only question here is how much longer will it take Massachusetts to drop back down to the FCS level? Our guess is a loss to fellow bottom-feeder UConn next Saturday should probably seal the deal. If not, the fact that the "Over In A Minute-men" have won only ONE of their last 20 contests (Akron owns that badge of shame) should at least get the University's leadership to seriously question the return on investment of UMass football. Yes, Paul Revere's favorite team has yet to sound a warning that they are remotely close to becoming competitive, surrendering 48 points and 534 yards per game this campaign. On the flip side, the Rockets rebounded from an upset home loss to Colorado State by bagging the cash at Ball State last week, but we have little interest in them here, as the Minutemen are little more than the meat in a non-conference sandwich for Toledo. For what it's worth, the Rockets are just 1-4 ATS as favorites of 30 or more points, and have NEVER laid this many points away from home. FYI: they were 27-point favorites at Bowling Green in 2019 – and lost the whole game, 20-7. Even though 30-plus-point home dogs are 9-5 ATS since 2019, that's not enough to move the needle for us. Pass.

ILLINOIS over Charlotte by 6

Yes, the Illini have dropped four straight contests since a season-opening win over Nebraska, but 1st-year head coach Bret Bielema has his defense hitting on all cylinders, holding Maryland to just 20 points and Purdue to 13 points in their last two defeats. Overall, however, Illinois hasn't put up much of a fight in the trenches this year as our **MIDWEEK ALERT** reports they have been outgained in all five of their contests to date. That makes them a "leaking oil" favorite here, and the 49ers arrive as their vinegar. While 3-1 Charlotte resides atop the CUSA East Division standings, they are only 6-14 ATS in non-conference games, which raises the question: are the Niners prepared to step up in class and take advantage of Illinois' swiss cheese stats? With Bielema just 10-17 ATS in his career as a non-conference host, we're willing to roll the dice that Charlotte is ready.

WAKE FOREST over Louisville by 11

The Demon Deacons offense raised more than a few eyebrows versus Virginia last week when they scored on their first seven possessions of the game, building a 20-3 lead in an eventual 37-17 beatdown of the Cavaliers. Ever the master of understatement, Wake Forest head coach

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Dave Clawson said, "It would be hard to find fault right now with how we're executing our offense. We're able to do what we need to do." Duh. Wake is 4-0 and sitting atop the ACC Atlantic Division in a tie with Boston College, plus the Deacs are riding an 8-3 SU and 6-2-1 ATS skein over the last year. Don't sell the Cardinals short, though, as they followed a season-opening loss to Ole Miss with three straight wins, the last a 31-23 winner over Florida State in Tallahassee. Word is Louisville is still celebrating last week's upset of the Seminoles, but it may be a short-lived celebration considering their 5-12 SU and 3-13-1 ATS mark in games after winning SU as a puppy, including **1-8 ATS** in conference contests. We'll need more than that to step in front of Clawson's crew today. Lay it.

BUFFALO over Western Michigan by 6

The always informative **MIDWEEK ALERT** informs us that the Bulls bring the better offense and the better defense into this battle. They also hold a huge edge on the ground with a rushing offense that pounds the ball at a 5.7 yards per rush clip, which fits like a new pair of slippers into Western Michigan's 5.3 Yards Per Carry rush defense. After falling 47-14 at Michigan in their season opener, the Broncos have high-kicked their way to three consecutive victories, while holding two of the foes to a total of 3 points (the other was a 44-41 shootout win at Pitt). The biggest hurdle WMU faces today, though, is their 1-4 ATS record in this series of late, including **0-4 ATS** when the Bulls arrive off a win (Buffie beat Old Dominion, 35-34 as a 13-point favorite last week). Don't forget that while Buffalo sits at 2-2, the Bulls are tied with Bowling Green for first place in the MAC East standings. With a Ball State revenger on tap for the Broncos, WMU could well get caught with their heels down this week. Best of all, Buffie's **6-0 ATS** recent run as home dogs ties perfectly into the **INCREDIBLE STAT OF THE WEEK** on page 3. Who could ask for anything more!

Ohio St over RUTGERS by 13

It's a sign of the times, folks. The previous two meetings between the Buckeyes and Scarlet Knights found Ohio State favored by 51.5 points and 37.5 points – far below the opening line on Saturday's game of OSU -15.5. And despite the fact they own one loss on the season and possess a 411-yard defense, the Buckeyes still cling to the No. 11 spot in this week's AP rankings. Ryan Day's team does bring an impressive 38-3 SU and 24-16-1 ATS road record since 2012 into today's game, as well as a 27-1 SU mark in their last 28 regular season games. However, until the defense goes on a diet, we're not willing to lay double digits on the road with OSU – even if it's against Rutgers. Do the Scarlet Knights have even a glimmer of a chance at knocking off Ohio State this afternoon in Jersey? Nah. But they have covered two straight in the series, and RU head coach Greg Schiano is 15-5-1 ATS in his last 26 games as a double-digit dog, including **10-2-1 ATS** against winning foes. That's nothing to sneeze at, folks, so we suggest you hold your nose and grab the points.

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COASTAL CAROLINA over UL-Monroe by 36

Wow. When Coastal Carolina football stepped up to the FBS in 2017, no fan in their wildest dreams could have imagined that one day their Chanticleers would be favored by 33 points over an established subdivision opponent. Much like the Tuesday debut of NBC's 'La Brea', where a giant sinkhole opened in Los Angeles and pulled a whole lot of stuff into its gaping maw, UL-Monroe was teetering on the edge of a 0-10 slide before getting squashed by Kentucky in the Warhawks season opener. But lo and behold, 1st-year head coach Terry Bowden went back to the drawing board, and ULM responded with consecutive wins over Jackson State and Troy. However, this afternoon we see Monroe stepping out of conference play, and into a cannibal pit as they are 7-57 SU and 21-42-1 ATS as visitors against .500 or greater opponents. And for what it's worth, ULM stands 57-102 ATS as an underdog in games they fail to win on the scoreboard. As big-time chalk, the Chanticleers are not in new territory, having murdered Massachusetts, 53-3, as 36-point favorites earlier this season. They're also 3-0-2 ATS in their FBS career as favorites of 17 or more points, but as much as all the numbers point CCU's way, we point out the fact that laying this kind of lumber is simply not in our DNA. Pick your poison.

Eastern Michigan over NO ILLINOIS by 4

America's Greatest Football Conference (trademark pending as talks drag on with the SEC), the MAC begins conference play this afternoon with this directional tilt in DeKalb, Illinois. Looking at what's going on with Georgia Tech right now, it's even more amazing that the 2-2 Huskies knocked off the Yellow Jackets in their season opener. But the red flags are already up and flying for the NIU defense, who have allowed 154 points in their last three contests. The Eagles are one of two teams in the MAC this season with a 3-1 overall record, and a **4-0 ATS** mark when coming off a double-digit win (beat Texas State, 59-21, last week). Considering the host team is on a dizzying 4-15-1 ATS slide in this series, we'll go with the 20-returning starter Green Team from the Gray Field. DINING TIP: Going to DeKalb? Egg Haven for breakfast, Portillo's for lunch and Fatty's for dinner. You're welcome.

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Nevada over BOISE ST by 8

It's no small irony the numbers tilt towards the Silver State representative here. Boise State is an underwhelming **2-7-1 ATS** in their last ten games versus Nevada, and the Broncos are not living up to recent successes since the departure of head coach Bryan Harsin (Auburn). The Wolves, however, are packed neatly inside our **SMART BOX** (see page 3) this week, and with that, a take has been issued. Ranked No. 6 overall in the land in Returning Production by Bill Connelly of ESPN, and keyed by all 22 returning starters from last year, Nevada has had a week off to lick their wounds from a 21-point loss to Kansas State, and should be raring to go in the high country today. It makes sense considering the Broncos are just 1-3 'In The Stats' this year, outgained by 49 YPG this season. Nevada head coach Jay Norvell (no relation to Mike) is 5-2 SU and **6-1 ATS** coming off a bye, and we're choosing to forget about the blowout loss to KSU. **Need a CLINCHING punch? Nevada is 8-2 SU and 9-1 ATS in games when coming off a SU favorite loss, including 7-0 ATS versus a foe coming off a win.**

Air Force over NEW MEXICO by 14

That pizza on the roof from "Breaking Bad" is long gone, but this early evening game in the lair of the Lobos should be almost as entertaining. The Flyboys bounced back off their initial loss to Utah State to flatten Florida Atlantic last week, 31-7, while outyarding them in the game, 516-219. Back in Albuquerque, the Fighting Heisenbergs of New Mexico ripped out of the gate quickly, albeit with wins over Houston Baptist and New Mexico State, so it was no surprise when a two-game losing streak quickly followed. Losing streaks are not part of the plan with Air Force head coach Troy Calhoun: you don't get to hang around with an FBS program for fifteen years unless you loathe losing. And after following up an 11-2 season in 2018 with last year's 3-3 effort, the Falcons' 3-1 start is right on schedule to return the jet jockeys to postseason play in 2021. There's just too much mojo going on for Air Force at the moment, enough to dissuade us from backing a Lobos team that's a near-toothless 5-13 ATS log as home dogs of 12 or fewer points. Take a good look, because we don't generally run with road favorites, but with the Falcons piling up 357 yards rushing per contest, we know what we're going to get here. Lay it if you play it.



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Usc over COLORADO by 3

It's easy to mix up the Miami Hurricanes and the USC Trojans. Bright lights, beaches, big city and a half empty stadium with disappointed and hostile fans. The Trojans have sacrificed their coach already, so the 45-27 dump they took last week as double-digit home chalk against Oregon State did not surprise us. They enter Pac-12 play in Boulder this afternoon with an uncertain future, and we expect the Trojans' up-and-down woes to continue most of the season in 2021 with the unsteady atmosphere surrounding the program. Today, they bring a 9-19 ATS ledger into this fray as road chalk of 7 or more points – and that was with far more stable teams! With a 1-0 record and a lead at home over Texas A&M in the 4th quarter, Colorado fans were having visions of a 2-0 start and their first bowl game since 2016. Those dreams were dashed by a late Aggies comeback, and the beleaguered Buffaloes dropped their next three games straight, although they were somewhat competitive at Arizona State last week before the Sun Devils pulled away on a 21-3 surge to close out the contest. As for today's 'loser-is-in-big-trouble' showdown, we'll side with CU head coach Karl Dorrell and his best stat – **10-1 ATS** as a home dog. Take the Buffs at home, and keep the Trojans in your wallet.

NOTRE DAME over Cincinnati by 3

If it's 2:30 ET and you're watching NBC, it's time for another round of Notre Dame football. Chances are the announcers will mention that last week's Fighting Irish win over Wisconsin made head coach Brian Kelly the all-time winningest coach in South Bend, passing legends like Knute Rockne, Lou Holtz and Ara Parsegian. Next up on one of the toughest schedules we've seen this season is 3-0 Cincinnati, ranked No. 7 while the 4-0 Irish hold down the No. 9 spot. If Notre Dame remains the underdog at game time, our well-oiled machine advises us that 4-0 or greater college football road favorites coming off a week of rest are just 12-19-1 ATS when taking on greater than .750 foes. However, that's just the tip of the ATS iceberg favoring the Fighting Irish. Not only is Notre Dame 8-3 ATS versus rested opponents, Kelly's heroes are 21-10-1 ATS taking points in front of Touchdown Jesus, including **10-1 ATS** with an .800 or greater win percentage. And when it comes to Game Five, fuhgettaboudit – the Domers are 10-1 SU and 9-2 ATS in Game Fives, including **5-0 ATS** when undefeated. We have the utmost respect for UC head coach Luke Fickell and his elevation of the Bearcats program to the steps of a CFB Playoff berth, but Notre Dame has won its last 26 home games SU. Be sure to check the condition of Irish starting QB Jack Coan, who left last week's game against Wisconsin with a foot injury. If he's good to go, so are we.

SAN JOSE ST over New Mexico St by 25

An after-dark contest for you East Coasters, but is it worth staying up for? To quote Bart Simpson: "Meh". Always in the runoff for worst FBS team in the land, New Mexico state is just 4-23 SU and 9-18 ATS versus lined opponents since 2018, including **1-15 SU and 5-11 ATS** away. The points don't really enter into it, either, as the Aggies are an awful 15-33 ATS as underdogs of 20 or more points. With only San Jose State to seriously consider as a play, we're pleased to report that the Spartans have gone 7-1 SU and 5-3 ATS in the last eight meetings with NMSU. The problem is they are 4-9 ATS in lined non-conference games under HC Brent Brennan, having been favored only one time – and they lost that game straight up, 34-13. Playing late games like this with four-TD spreads is a sure-fire way to end up at the clinic. Do like us, and take a Pasadena instead.

OREGON ST over Washington by 4

How big was Oregon State's 45-27 victory against USC at the Coliseum last Saturday? Bigger than you probably thought, as the victory was the Beavers' first win in Los Angeles since the Kennedy-Nixon debates in 1960. Kudos to 4th-year head coach Jonathan Smith, who has led OSU to quite the resurgence. Smith was the main catalyst for Washington's rise under Chris Petersen as his offensive coordinator, so he'll be seeking personal triple revenge against UDub tonight. After losing their opener to Purdue – in a game that was close in the final quarter – the Beavers have rattled off three straight dominating wins over Hawaii, Idaho, and the Trojans, and would love to bring down the Huskies at Reser Stadium after getting smashed nine consecutive times in this series, outscored by an average of 38-15. Meanwhile, the Huskies have that look about them that screams "We need a shrink". They are just 2-5 ATS under head coach Jimmy Lake, as they limp into Corvallis on the heels of an overtime win at home against California last week – despite being outgained by 121 yards in the contest. While Washington's 1-4 ATS mark in conference games under Lake also cries out for help, we'll turn a deaf ear to their pleas and side with the semiaquatic rodents in a close one. Go Beavers!

CALIFORNIA over Washington St by 8

Bears may be the hardest-luck 1-3 team in the land, with their three losses coming at the hands of Nevada, TCU and Washington, by an average margin of less than 3 PPG. Sheesh. Cal beat Washington State here at Berkeley, 33-20, in the most recent meeting in 2019 as 8.5 point home dogs, so we're not keen on this year's line swing that saw the Bears open as by 7-point chalk. Wazzu continues to struggle under head coach Nick 'No Stick' Rolovich, now 2-6 SUATS under his lead. Most disturbing is the fact that the Cougars are a "mission team" coming off a loss and seeking revenge, a powerful winning angle from our all-knowing database – and we're not about to jump in front of that today, despite a strong coaching edge to the Bears in this matchup. Rolovich is only **4-19-1 ATS** in games when coming off a loss, which makes backing this mission dog a difficult task. Instead, it could be a YouTube Saturday, checking out "This Week in Pro Football" from the early 1970's, with Pat Summerall and Tom Brookshier. You can't beat 'em!

Oregon over STANFORD by 1

The 4-0 Ducks continue to tread water while holding down the No. 3 slot in the current AP Poll, despite the fact they've been outyarded in three of their games. Oh, did we mention the defense is ranked 100th in the nation, giving up 423 yards per game? That certainly doesn't sound like a Top 5 team to us. Stanford had a two-game win streak snapped by UCLA last week in a 35-24 loss to the Bruins, but the Cardinal are 3-1 SUATS against the spread in series history when Oregon is unbeaten. Cardinal Coach David Shaw is an impressive 13-4 ATS as a dog of 4 or more points, and when we add the fact that Stanford is on a **7-0 ATS** run versus undefeated opponents, we smell an upset on The Farm. Welcome to the shooting gallery.

Central Michigan over MIAMI OHIO by 4

Da Chips have had an interesting schedule with wins over Robert Morris and Florida International, and losses to LSU and Missouri, so it's time for the Chippewas to reach their own weight class against the RedHawks. In the MAC, Central Michigan is 9-6 SU and 10-5 ATS in their last 15 conference matchups, including a staggering **7-1 SUATS** against foes with a losing record. Miami qualifies at 1-3, but there's a problem here: the RedHawks are an incredible 16-5 SUATS in their last 21 MACtion affairs, and **8-1 SUATS** in the friendly confines of Yager Stadium. To borrow the classic cliché (we only use the classics here), something's gotta give. We'll take the team with the better numbers: Central Michigan.

KENT ST over Bowling Green by 20

Bowling Green cannot run the ball. Period. Somehow, the Bee Gees drilled Minnesota last weekend with a mere 22 yards on 25 carries, pulling off the outright upset as 31-point dogs. BTW: the last FBS squad to win a lined game in our database was Stanford in 2007 when they beat USC as a 39.5 point dog. Back in the MAC, you'd think BGSU could handle someone their own size, but we say pump the brakes. Teams who win SU as 30-plus-point dogs have gone 2-10 SU and 3-8 ATS in their next game since 1990, including **1-6 ATS** away. Kent State is a solid 10-3 ATS in conference play since 2018, and **7-1 ATS** when the Golden Flashes have a losing record. Finally, a **4-0 ATS** record for KSU as double digit conference chalk means just one thing here: Lay the points.

ALABAMA over Mississippi by 8

The Crimson Tide may be the kings of CFB, but a Court Jester with Bama ties – Ole Miss head coach Lane Kiffin – would love to pull the upset this afternoon over former boss Nick Saban. The Lane Train chugs into Tuscaloosa unbeaten and ranked 12th, their previous high being a No. 12 ranking back on October 10, 2016. In the series, Mississippi is 11-5 ATS in the last sixteen meetings, and 6-2 ATS as the road team of late. Kiffin's offense is smokin', leading the nation with 636 yards and 53 points per game, thanks in large part to stellar quarterback play by Matt Corral, whose performance is generating a lot of NFL draft buzz. Kiffin is also 8-4 ATS as a double digit dog, including **6-1 ATS** with revenge, and **5-1 ATS** in conference games. The Crimson Tide is **1-4 ATS** at home in Game Five, 0-4 ATS when coming off a non-conference home game, and 8-2 versus a conference opponent with rest. From the all-knowing database: matchups of undefeated teams from Game Four out find underdogs 9-2 ATS if they scored 60-plus points in their previous game, including 5-0 ATS versus foes who scored more than 42 points in their previous game. And with Ole Miss on a 4-0 ATS run as SEC road dogs of 14 or more points, we ask you to spell it out with us: M I S S I S S I P P I

Ucf over NAVY by 20

Welcome to the **SMART BOX**, Knights! There is a little bad news with the good, UCF is 3-5 SU and **1-7 ATS** when coming off their first loss of the year, and that includes 0-5 ATS away. It's a good time to jump ship on the Swabbies, as the **MIDWEEK ALERT** points out Navy is being outgained by 102 yards per game, while UCF is +200 net YPG. Yes, the Mids are 31-19 SU and 30-18-2 ATS against the AAC, including 14-5 of late, but this Navy team isn't convincing us they belong with UCF. Lay the points

SMU over South Florida by 25

It wasn't long ago USF was a tough out, but these days the Bulls are everyone's best beatable buddy, having gone 1-11 under second year coach Jeff Scott, after opening with a win Day One 2020. Defensively they're a pasta strainer, allowing 505 YPG, good for a 128th ranking. Bulls are 4-2-1 ATS in conference openers since 2014, but these aren't your Jim Leavitt or even Charlie Strong Bulls. This leaky D faces an SMU squad that averages 553 yards per game. Worried about a hangover after the TCU win? Perish the thought, as the Ponies are 9-2 ATS in games after tackling TCU. SMU managed that win despite three picks from Tanner Mordecai. We're counting on that slice of history not repeating itself. Take the Ponies.

OKLAHOMA ST over Baylor by 6

Dave Aranda's Bears remain undefeated following last week's nail-biting win over Iowa State. As a result, they sit atop the Big 12 at this juncture with Oklahoma State breathing down their necks. However, we don't like the fact that Baylor lost the stats by -194 yards in its win over the Cyclones. Meanwhile, Mike Gundy's OSU offense has not found its stride in 2021, with last week's 31-point effort against Kansas State tops this season. But when it comes to this series, the Cowboys can't wait to saddle up. Gundy's boys are 19-8 SU and 18-8-1 ATS in the series, including **9-1 SU and 8-2 ATS** as home chalk. In fact, if it weren't for the nasty revenge the Cowboys are facing after blasting the Bears, 42-3, in Waco last year, we'd be kicking our spurs and laying the points in this fracas. Instead, we'll put the brakes on for the time being.

GEORGIA over Arkansas by 24

Without question, the Razorbacks are the surprise team of 2021, as they have beaten Texas and Texas A&M this campaign, and will carry a 4-0 record into this contest for the first time since 2003. My oh my, how things can change in the blink of an eye: last year in these pages we reported that Arkansas was 1-12 SU and 0-13 ATS in games following a win. But that was before Sam Pittman took the Hogs' reins: under

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Pittman they are 3-3 SU and 5-1 ATS on the heels of a victory, including 3-0 SUATS this season. They will certainly have the attention Georgia HC Kirby Smart, who said this week, "100 percent of men in that locker room believe in Sam Pittman and what he tells them to be true, and they go out and play like it." The Razorbacks, who rose 8 spots in the rankings to No. 8, overcame the second-half absence of QB KJ Jefferson after a minor knee injury and held on for a watershed 20-10 win in Jerry's World. Both of these defensive units have been phenomenal: Georgia is #1 nationally in Total Defense (218.1 YPG) while Arkansas is 12th (265.2). However, the tireless database tells us in Game Five matchups of 4-0 teams, a home favorite allowing fewer than 19.5 PPG is **11-0 SU and 9-2 ATS** since 1980 if they scored more than 30 points in their last game. This pretty much rules out the possibility of another Hog happening, but be sure and check the status of Arkansas QB K.J. Jefferson before going hog-wild on this one.

Ohio over **AKRON** by 3

We don't get it. The glory days at Ohio under Frank Solich are gone and the Bobcats are 0-4, yet they continue to command respect from Vegas, now favored for the third time this season. They've been outgained in all four contests, making them a "leaking oil favorite" today, and you know our stance on these Exxon Valdez teams. Then again, they are visiting the Rubber Capital, where the 1-3 Zips got their sole win two weeks ago against lowly Division III Bryant. Still, two of Akron's three losses have come against Power 5 behemoths Ohio State and Auburn. So let's go to the numbers: the Bobcats enter MAC play today ranked 111th in the nation in Total Defense and 119th in Total Offense, while the Zips reside in the same cruddy neighborhood, ranked 114th in Offense and 116th in Defense. Keep in mind that Ohio is 5-11-1 ATS as a favorite when coming off a SUATS loss, including **1-7 ATS** with a losing record, and that hardly inspires confidence. But the bottom line shows 20 returning starters for the Zips and triple revenge from losses to Ohio the past three seasons, and that does the trick for us.

MISSOURI over Tennessee by 3

The Vols are vastly improved under Josh Heupel, outyarding opponents by 95 YPG, thanks in large part to Virginia Tech transfer QB Hendon Hooker, who has replaced an ineffective Joe Milton. They actually led Florida in the second quarter last week after a 75-yard TD pass by Hooker, but too many mistakes allowed the Gators to pull away after intermission. The problem is that Heupel is **0-6 ATS** in games when coming off a loss in his college football head coaching career, and is also just 1-4 ATS when taking points. Meanwhile, Mizzou nailed a 56-yard field goal at the gun to force OT against Boston College, only to have QB Connor Bazelak get picked off while driving for the tying score in the first OT last week. Bazelak is off to a great start this season, connecting on 68.8% of his throws and averaging 300 yards passing per game. Plus, the speedy Tyler Badie has

accounted for 8 TDs in Tennessee's 2-2 start. But because home favorites coming off an overtime loss have been consistent money burners since their inception in 1997, our hands become tied in this showdown. Take a pass and move on.

TCU over Texas by 1

The Horns are on a stampede, coming in off 35 and 58-point wins in their last two contests, but our well-oiled machine swears that numbers don't lie. He (or she, we never checked) notes an 0-4 spread record for Texas when playing with conference revenge last year, a 2-9 ATS mark before playing Oklahoma, and a 2-6 ATS road record coming off back-to-back home games. The numbers cruncher also makes the point that Texas head coach Steve Sarkisian is just 6-12 SU and 7-11 ATS away when coming off a home win, including 3-11 SU and 4-10 ATS versus .666 or greater foes. Meanwhile, the Horned Frogs have covered six of the last seven meetings in this series and were 3-0 ATS in Big 12 revenge games last season. In addition, Head Frog Gary Patterson is 12-7 ATS as a home dog, and when you look at the play of QB Max Duggan and RB Zach Evans, you realize he has nearly as many offensive weapons as Sark. Finally, the TCU staff will be making adjustments after allowing 350 rushing yards to SMU – the second-most total allowed by a Patterson defense. That kind of performance will not stand in Fort Worth. What is that we smell in the offing. An upset?

4★ **BEST BET**

KENTUCKY over Florida by 3

The big worry for Florida's Dan Mullen heading into the season was a retooled offense that lost a handful of players to the NFL. That hasn't been too much of a problem, as the Gators have averaged 36.5 PPG. The defense has been average, however, allowing 347.5 YPG, ranked 62nd in the nation. Mullen's troops travel to Lexington to face the Wildcats, one of 11 FBS teams that were unranked last season, but are now 4-0. Florida is 3-7 ATS versus double conference revenge, while Mullen is just 4-21 SU versus opponents with a better record when coming off a SUATS win. On the flip side, this ascending Kentucky team has covered the number in the last four meetings of this series and overall, was a spotless **5-0 ATS** last season with SEC revenge. The Cats own a Top 10-ranked defense and are outgaining opponents by 183 YPG this campaign. In addition, HC Mark Stoops is 12-5 SU and 12-2 ATS when the Wildcats are undefeated, including **8-0 ATS** against foes coming off a SUATS win. His stop unit came up with a big effort in a 16-10 win over South Carolina on Saturday, while the rushing attack rolled up 230 yards on the ground. We seal the deal with **THE CLINCHER: See Marc's 'The Bitch Is Back' BETCHA DIDN'T KNOW** article on page 2.

Oklahoma over KANSAS ST by 15

Saturday saw Oklahoma's first win since 2013 when failing to score 20 points, and the lethargic 16-13 win over West Virginia knocked the Sooners down to No. 6 in this week's AP Poll. In fact, the Sooners have been anything but Boomers with 3 of their four wins coming by 7 or fewer points (average margin 5 PPG). It's gotten to the point where the pre-season Heisman favorite (Spencer Rattler) is getting loudly booed, with the Norman not-so-faithful chanting "We Want Caleb!" The rushing attack was anemic, averaging just 2 YPC – with the longest run being nine yards. Folks, that ain't Oklahoma football, and if they don't come focused today, then when will they? (Oklahoma lost to KSU as 27.5 and 23.5-point favorites the past two seasons.) It's hard backing the Sooners after we came up lame with them last week, but you've got to look at the handicap in front of you, not the one in the rear-view mirror. Meanwhile, Kansas State was defeated 31-20 by Oklahoma State on Saturday, scoring just one offensive touchdown. The Wildcats were held to minus 6 yards in the fourth quarter, and managed just a pair of third-down conversions in 12 tries. They truly miss starting QB Skylar Thompson, who HC Chris Klieman said is "progressing" from a right knee injury. But now back-up Will Howard may be out as well after being injured against Oklahoma State, and Thompson is nowhere near a sure thing to return this week. Klieman owns an 8-4 ATS home dog log which includes a 6-0 ATS ledger when coming off a win, but with the critical medical situation, that's not going to be the case today.

FLA ATLANTIC over Florida Int'l by 6

The favorite in this South Florida rivalry is just 4-8 ATS, and the pair of wins for the Owls this season have come against Fordham and Georgia Southern, giving us cause for a pause when looking to lay double-digits

with the crew. Willie Taggart's squad was out of it in the first half in a 31-7 loss to Air Force on Saturday night, falling behind 24-0 midway through the second quarter when QB Haaziq Daniels ran for two early touchdowns, one coming on a 94-yard scamper (FAU was outgained, 516-219). Conversely, the Golden Panthers got off to a quick start, and headed into the 4th quarter with a 27-10 lead on Saturday, but three fourth-quarter touchdown passes from CMU backup QB Daniel Richardson gave the Chippewas a 31-27 come-from-behind victory. While Florida International may be down a few notches from the recent edition that made three consecutive bowl appearances under Butch Davis in his first three years at the helm with FIU, they are a "mission team" coming off a loss, and seeking revenge in a rivalry contest. You know what to do.

VANDERBILT over UConn by 11

The Commies had FOUR first downs in a 62-0 loss here against Georgia last week and ended up with just 77 yards of offense. That is truly offensive, if you know what we mean. On the defensive side of the football, things were just as bad, as the Dawgs scored on their first 5 possessions and led 35-0 before the teams switched directions. Vandy is an unfortunate 10-20 ATS as a non-conference home favorite when coming off a loss, including **0-6 ATS** off a loss of 20 or more points. The bottom line is when you have a heaping helping of garbage-to-garbage, you don't want to be laying any points, much less 2 TDs... and we won't. Especially since the Huskies have turned frisky here of late, covering their last two games against Wyoming and Army. They are also 7-4 ATS in matchups when both teams are winless. If you feel like you absolutely have to take the plunge here, grab the clothespin and apply!

WEST VIRGINIA over Texas Tech by 11

The Hillbillies dropped a tough 16-13 decision to the Sooners in Norman last week to dip to 2-2 on the season, and own a 3-1 SUATS record behind Neal Brown in games with a .500-exact win percentage, including **3-0 SUATS** when not taking double-digits. This is a double revenge for Brown, who lost as 3-point road chalk in Lubbock last season, as well as a 38-17 defeat here two years ago in his first season with WVU. Brown is also 20-8 SU and 16-8 ATS when coming off a loss, and you can be sure he'll have his defense ready to build upon the stellar effort against the Sooners, who notched their lowest point total since the 2014 Russell Athletic Bowl. Meanwhile, the TTRR defense was finally exposed in last week's 70-35 trouncing at Texas when it surrendered 639 yards – that's what happens when you host SF Austin and FIU prior to entering conference play. They are allowing more than 38 PPG on the highway under head coach Matt Wells, who stands 2-10 SU and 4-8 ATS away with the Red Raiders, including **0-9 SU and 2-7 ATS** when taking on .400 or greater opponents. Offensively, the situation is dire, with starting QB Tyler Shough out until at least November after breaking his collarbone in the loss. While backup Henri Colombi has experience (he started four games last season), having a whole week to think about facing a quality defense does not present the easiest task in the world.

LSU over Auburn by 7

Last week's 34-24 win for the Tigers over stubborn Georgia State was aided and abetted by SEC officials. The Panthers led most of the game, but late in the 4th quarter, Auburn quarterback TJ Finley threw a 19-yard pass to John Samuel Shenker and a replay appeared to show the ball hitting the turf. Instead, obviously biased officials confirmed that it was a catch, setting up a first-and-goal. Three plays later, Finley scrambled and threw a 10-yard touchdown to take the lead with 45 seconds left (the funny thing is the bad call was exposed on the SEC Network). Finley, who transferred from LSU last May, was inserted into the game after War Eagle HC Bryan Harsin benched starting QB Bo Nix in the 3rd quarter, down by double digits. Harsin has been tight-lipped about who will start at QB for Auburn in this Tigers-vs.-Tigers battle, but it would be a Cinderella story if Finley got the chance to beat his former school this week. As for LSU, Max Johnson (who beat out Finley in Baton Rouge during the spring) passed for 280 yards and four touchdowns to lead Ed Orgeron's team to a 28-25 victory over late-rallying Mississippi State on Saturday. The Bayou Bengals are **8-1-1 ATS** in their last 10 games with conference revenge, and **6-1 ATS** conference home chalk of less than a TD, so we say lay it if you play it.

WISCONSIN over Michigan by 7

The Wolverines are 4-0 this season without trailing at any juncture of the four contests – that's the first time it has happened since 1973. The question is, how will they react when they do fall behind? Harbaugh is 10-15 ATS when undefeated and facing conference foes, including 0-3 ATS when the opponent is coming off a SU favorite loss. Michigan held

a 20-3 lead against Rutgers on Saturday, but allowed the Scarlet Knights back into the contest by gaining only 42 yards in the second half, before holding on for a 7-point win. The scoreboard did not tell the whole story for the Badgers either in their 41-13 loss to the Irish. Wisconsin held a 13-10 advantage early in the 4th quarter, but an Irish kickoff return and 2 pick-sixes blew the close contest wide open in favor of Notre Dame. Bucky outyarded the Dame, 314-242 in the loss, including 110-60 in the final quarter, but Wisconsin was outscored 31-3 in that wild final stanza. However, this should prove interesting heading into Madison this week: the Wolves rank No. 4 in the nation in rush offense; the Badgers counter with the top rush defense in the land. Paul Chryst is also **5-0-1 ATS** coming off a loss of 3 or more points versus undefeated opponents. We top it off with the fact that since 1995, Wisconsin is **5-0 SUATS** in home games when they own a losing record versus foes with a winning record, by an average score of 40-13.

TEXAS A&M over Mississippi St by 6

The boys from Starkville meet another program struggling this season. The biggest questions facing Texas A&M after its stellar 2020 season were how Jimbo Fisher would replace four-year starter Kellen Mond at quarterback and the four starting offensive linemen who powered the Aggies' potent ground game. So far, he hasn't. After losing starting QB Haynes King to injury in Week 2, those questions loom larger than ever. His replacement, Zach Calzada, has not been the answer as the Aggies have scored just 95 points in four games. Among SEC teams, only South Carolina (89) and Vanderbilt (50) have scored fewer. Adding to their problems is the fact that Fisher is 2-7 ATS as a conference favorite when coming off a SU favorite loss and facing .500 or greater opposition. There were those who thought next week's Alabama-Texas A&M matchup would be the Game of the Year in the SEC, but now the Aggies simply need a solid win today just to survive in the conference race. Meanwhile, MSU's Mike Leach is 23-11 ATS in his career as a road dog of 9 or more points, including 15-5 ATS with a .400 or greater win percentage. The Bulldogs never gave up in their 28-25 loss to LSU as Will Rogers completed 47 passes, including 3 TDs. But we don't know which team will show up for Leach today, so we'll stay on the sideline for this one.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN over Arkansas St by 3

The Red Wolves are riding a 3-game losing streak following their season-opening win over Central Arkansas, allowing 148 points in those losses. It appears that Butch Jones' first year in Jonesboro is going to be a rough one. While it's not as bad as Jonestown (sorry about that!), they are just 2-8 ATS in their last ten games with the wins coming against UL-Monroe and the aforementioned Bears. They are also coughing up 49 PPG against FBS foes this season, and have allowed six one-play TD drives this campaign, three of them last week against Tulsa. Meanwhile, like the Red Wolves, the Eagles' 30-25 squeaker over Gardner-Webb in their season opener was a portent of things to come as GSU is now 1-3 entering this game following three losses to big-boy teams... and it has cost Chad Lunsford his job. Cornerbacks coach Kevin Whitley, who played at GSU before becoming a long-time high school coach in Georgia, has been on the staff for three seasons, and now takes over as interim head coach. Not sure if Lunsford's dismissal will motivate the Eagles this afternoon, but the bottom line is that there are too many 1-3's in the mix here (read: a matchup of bad teams) to substantiate a solid recommendation. Pass.

UTSA over Unlv by 25

The Runnin' Rebels are still looking for that elusive first win and it's not going to happen here today, not with a team that has enjoyed just one winning season the last 20 years. Their last victory came in 2019 in Tony Sanchez's final game with the program. Things were looking up against a strong Fresno State team on Saturday night when QB Doug Brumfield led the Rebs to an early 14-0 lead, but after Brumfield was injured in the 3rd quarter, the Raisins mounted a steady comeback to win, 38-30. Meanwhile, the Road Runners are quickly becoming one of our favorite teams this season, one packed with returning production as deep as any in the country. It showed last week when they fell behind 21-0 at Memphis before storming back to win 31-28 on a last-second FG, as workhorse RB Sincere McCormick carried the football 42 times for 184 yards and 3 TDs. Normally we'd fade a double-digit favorite in a non-conference clash coming off an underdog win, but UTSA is **6-0 ATS** in games outside the CUSA against foes coming off consecutive losses. For UNLV, Brumfield has missed at least part of several games this season, and his status this week is unclear, but he would apparently be replaced by Cameron Friel or Tate Martell (remember him?). Regardless, there is only one way to look here.

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RICE over Southern Miss by 5

A pair of 1-3 downtrodden programs meet in Houston today where the loser is all but guaranteed another seat on the sidelines this bowl season. After a 6-3 start to the 2019 season, the Eagles have been grounded, going just 2-13 SU and 4-11 ATS since. The latest woodshed beating was delivered by the Crimson Tide on Saturday, 63-14, as freshman QB Ty Keyes got his second straight starting assignment in place of the injured Trey Lowe. As country superstar Dwight Yoakam puts it, it's hard to back a team that looks a thousand miles from nowhere. On the flip side, a week after getting boiled and stir-fried (58-0) by Texas, the Owls picked up their first victory of the season by outlasting Texas Southern, 48-34. Actually, we had pegged the Owls as a sleeper team this season, but they've slept through the alarm, and now find themselves dressing up in favorite's clothing today despite the fact that they are **1-5 SUATS** as home chalk the last five years. Until either team shows some semblance of making a forward stride, we'll step away from this yawner.

UL Lafayette over SOUTH ALABAMA by 3

While they ride a 3-game winning streak entering this contest, the Cajuns have been anything but Ragin' this season and it shows in their performance on the field, where they've been outstated in three of their four games to date. They've also got Appalachian State on deck, and head coach Billy Napier will do his best today to keep his team from looking past the Jags. Since South Alabama is also undefeated at 3-0 and coming off a bye week, that should not happen. However, we say good luck if it does sneak into the minds of those crazy Cajuns, considering Sun Belt teams are 3-8-1 ATS in their last 12 Appy State look-aheads. The hosts in this series have covered three straight times, and the Jaguars are led by the well-traveled QB Jake Bentley, who started at South Carolina for three seasons and threw for over 7,500 yards, then spent 2020 at Utah before transferring to Mobile. He took the Gamecocks to bowl games in 2017 and 2018, and may do the same at South Alabama with this 3-0 start. At least the Jags can take pride in knowing that they have an official residence in this week's **SMART BOX**, and that's a good thing.

UAB over Liberty by 6

Let's see how Liberty HC Hugh Freeze reacts after being upended at Syracuse last week on that 35-yard FG at the final gun. It's not like the Flames didn't have their chances: Freeze called for Malik Willis runs on both 3rd and 4th-down in the final quarter from the 2-yard-line, but the Liberty QB was stuffed both times. Our best guess is that Liberty will have a tough time bouncing back tonight, considering this is the official opening of the gorgeous brand-new Protective Stadium for UAB. In backing the Blazers, we will be turning a blind eye to all of the good Freeze trends in this contest, such as an 8-3 ATS ledger in games after having been the victim of an upset. However, he is also just 2-6 SU and 3-5 ATS away when coming off a loss, including **1-5 ATS** the last six. On the flip side, debuts in new stadiums tend to go well for home teams and we'd be surprised if that's not the case today. Under head coach Bill Clark, the fire-breathing dragons are a sparkling 24-4 SU and 17-6-1 ATS, including **8-0-1 ATS** if they scored 30 or fewer points their last contest. It's time to put on those shiny new Blazers tonight.

Marshall over MIDDLE TENN ST by 6

The Thundering Herd seem to be developing a losing mentality, squandering sizable second-half leads in narrow losses to East Carolina and Appalachian State after opening up 2-0 in 2021. However, tonight's foe may be more in line with the type of opposition they started the season with (Navy and North Carolina Central). The latest heart-breaking loss came in Boone last Thursday, as the Herd led 30-21 entering the final quarter, only to fall to the Mountaineers, 31-30. They did beat MTSU, 42-14, at home as -23.5-point chalk last year. The Blue Man Group has lost three straight games after pounding Monmouth, 50-16, in their season opener. QB Chase Cunningham threw for 379 yards and five touchdowns to five different receivers for the Blue Raiders (1-3, 0-2) in his first career start, but eventually fell short to Charlotte, losing 42-39 in a CUSA slugfest on Friday night. The junior had entered with just five career TD passes – that's right, now he has ten. We looked to the unwavering database for guidance here and this was the response: Middle Tennessee HC Rick Stockstill is 6-3 ATS as a home dog of 7-plus points, including **3-0 ATS** the last three in conference action. Take the points

NEBRASKA over Northwestern by 13

Put tape over the names of these two teams and the **MIDWEEK ALERT** would insist the Wildcats would be two touchdown underdogs. That's because their 401-yard defense is 73 YPG inferior to that of the Cornhuskers, while its offense is 87 YPG lighter than Nebraska's offense.

Some of the lightweight production offensively could be contributed to the "meh" start from QB Ryan Hilinski (just 88 yards on 12 completions) in place of Hunter Johnson on Saturday, but RB Evan Hull more than made up for that, rushing for 216 yards and 2 TDs in the 35-6 win over the Bobcats. Meanwhile, despite residing in last place in the Big Ten West at 0-2, the improved Silk is 4-1 ITS 'In The Stats' this season (they were 4-4 in all games last year) and have outscored foes by over 10 PPG this season. Those numbers are up dramatically from the 2020 campaign. The Huskers entered 2021 on the heels of four consecutive losing seasons (the only other time in school history they had endured a 4-year losing skid was in 1958-61), but a win today evens their slate at 3-3. We see better days ahead for the Huskers and it continues here.

MICHIGAN ST over Western Kentucky by 14

Either the 1-2 Hilltoppers carry a lot of respect with the oddsmakers in Vegas, or the 4-0 Spartans do not. How else do you explain a single-digit opening line in today's contest? Well, the Toppers can still put up good offensive numbers, averaging 41.7 PPG and 507 YPG (both ranked in the Top 15 in the nation). However, Wicky's only win came in its season-opener at home against bantamweight Tennessee-Martin, and making matters worse, WKU is 1-17 SU and 6-12 ATS against undefeated non-conference opponents. As for their opponents today, Sparty nearly ruined the party when they eked out a 23-20 overtime win against Nebraska last week, a game which MSU was dominated "In The Stats" (440-254), thus the oddsmakers' apprehensions about the East Lansing gang. MSU could not even get a first down in the second half, but somehow, they still won the game. We suppose there are times that all you need is a strong defense and good special teams, plus a single first down in OT. The bottom line is we feel there is an overreaction here, so we'll step in and grab the value.

UTEP over Old Dominion by 7

Pretend like you've been there before. Old Dominion lost to Buffalo last week, 35-34, after coming back from a 35-7 deficit. The supposed game-tying TD came with 19 seconds left in regulation on a fourth-down play, but the Monarchs got so excited that they stormed the field and were penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct. And of course, the PAT (now 35 yards) was no good. No OT, no victory. So, this is now a matchup of the have-nots between the Monarchs and the Miners – except that ODU is 1-3 and UTEP is 3-1. However, the invaders actually own the better defense in this match. Unfortunately for second-year head coach Ricky Rahne, the Monarchs don't dog up well, going 12-20 ATS when taking points in conference games during their brief FBS tenure. On the other side of the coin, a week after getting hammered by Boise State, the Miners picked up their 3rd win of the season by topping New Mexico, 20-13. That puts UTEP (3-1) in good position to pick up a 4th victory today, the first time they will have done so since 2016. More importantly, they are riding an 11-3 SU and 9-3-2 ATS win skein as chalk since the 2013 season. One quick piece of advice though: if you are in position to win your 4th game this season, **STAY ON THE SIDELINE!**

3★ BEST BET

Arizona St over UCLA by 10

The co-leaders in the Pac-12 South square off here with the Pitchforks bringing more to the party. In addition, the 20 returning-starter Sun Devils will be looking to avenge a pair of SU favorite losses from the past two years to the Bruins. The Devils are **10-2 ATS** on the road with conference revenge and **5-0 ATS** as dogs of less than a TD. They outgained Colorado (439-250) behind dual-threat QB Jayden Daniels, who ran for 2 touchdowns and 75 yards, plus threw for 236 yards through the air. Meanwhile, Chip Kelly's team bounced back from the last-second loss to Fresno State by pummeling Stanford on Saturday, 35-24, in their Pac-12 opener. However, in order to drive a wedge between the Bruins and our wallets, the well-oiled machine notes that UCLA is just 3-11 ATS as favorites of less than a touchdown. In addition, Kelly is **0-9 SU** and **1-7-1 ATS** at home with the Bruins versus foes coming off a win. And if that stat is not enough, we hand it off to **THE CLINCHER: The Sun Devils are 11-4 ATS as dogs under head coach Herm Edwards, including 6-0 ATS in game in which they are allowing fewer than 17 PPG.**

Fresno St over HAWAII by 14

Despite a lethargic early effort against bottom-feeder UNLV last week, the Bulldogs rest atop the MWC West Division, and no one can deny that QB Jake Haener is the new West Coast Stud. Haener threw four TD passes in the second half to Jalen Cropper and No. 22 Fresno State rallied from a

12-point deficit to beat the winless Rebels 38-30 on Friday night. It was a letdown situation for the Bulldogs after the dramatic come-from-behind victory the previous week over UCLA. Down 21-9 against UNLV, the senior QB hit Cropper for scores on three straight possessions to take a 29-21 lead, and finished the game 30-for-42 for 378 yards and five TDs. Meanwhile, the 2-2 Warriors own a pair of wins this season after beating New Mexico State last week and Portland State in their home opener. Unfortunately for the Grass Skirts, they have failed to cover the spread at home in this series since Norm Chow's second season (2013), while the Raisins have punched a ticket in five straight seasons against Hawaii. The Rainbows snapped a two-game losing streak with a 41-21 win over New Mexico State on Saturday night, but obviously, this is a step up in class after a long flight from the islands, where only the coaching staff rode first class.

PRO FOOTBALL

Thursday, September 30

CINCINNATI over Jacksonville by 4

The Jaguars failed to snap a 17-game losing skid last week when they fell to Arizona, 31-19. But it was likely a loss that should have never occurred. With it, many are beginning to question whether or not Urban Meyer is in over his head at the NFL level. Spotty play calling – Jags up by two late in the 3Q, run a questionable flea flicker that turned into a pick-6 for Arizona, as an example – has led to an ugly situation in Jacksonville. But then again, Meyer did inherit a team on a 15-game losing slide and, as they say, Rome wasn't built in a day. What we do know is that the four first-round QBs (Justin Fields, Trevor Lawrence, Mac Jones and Zach Wilson) went 0-4 last week, throwing 2 TDs and 7 INTs while getting sacked 19 times. Together, they are **1-9 SU and ATS** this season – with the only win coming when Jones beat Wilson. In the loss to the Cardinals, Lawrence was 22-of-34 for 219 yards, for one touchdown and three turnovers. On the other side of the field, the Bengals change roles this week knowing QB Joe Burrow is 0-3 SUATS in his NFL career when coming off a win (6-1 ATS if off a loss). In addition, the striped cats are 3-7-1 ATS away in games after toppling Pittsburgh. In the end, when push comes to shove in this contest, look for the Jags to improve on their recent 10-3-3 ATS mark against the AFC North tonight.

Sunday, October 3

Washington over ATLANTA by 4

Washington QB Taylor Heinicke was dreadful in last week's beat-down at Buffalo. The numbers don't look bad – 14-of-24, 212 yards, two touchdowns, two interceptions – but keep in mind that he had a 73-yard score that was all RB Antonio Gibson, who caught a screen pass and rumbled to the end zone. His other touchdown came at the very end of the game when the Bills stopped trying. And just like that, the defending champs of the NFC East are in trouble. Is that a surprise, you ask? Certainly not. Not since it's been 16 consecutive years since the reigning division champ in the NFC East has repeated. Aside from a cloudy picture behind center, Ron Rivera's biggest concern has to be what was considered to be the strength of this team – its defense. Currently ranked No. 31 overall this season, The Football Team was ranked No. 2 overall last season, which means they are falling apart at both ends of the thread in 2021. Meanwhile, Atlanta won its maiden race this season last week with a 17-14 'inside-out' win over the Giants as they lost the stats in the game, 346-296. Falcons QB Matt Ryan was 27-of-36 for 243 yards and two touchdowns, but his overall QB Rating this season (87.1) ranks No. 24 overall in the league. With the visiting team **4-0 ATS** in this series and the WFT 7-2 ATS away in NFC South skirmishes, we'll look for a reversal of fortune today.

Detroit over CHICAGO by 1

So much for trading up to select Justin Fields the 11th overall pick in the past draft. In his first NFL start, Fields commanded an offense that registered 47 yards of total offense in 42 plays, with ONE rushing yard in 26-6 loss at Cleveland last week. And we didn't even mention the nine sacks he suffered (well, we sort of did with the sack yards lost measured as a part of the overall offensive equation). Nonetheless, Fields fell just short of Greg McElroy's 11-sack debut record. Safe to say, things can only get better for Fields and the Bears following that fiasco. We only hope it didn't set him up for failure, as the USA TODAY fears it will. The real person it sets up for the unemployment line is head coach Matt Nagy, who said after the game, "I obviously, as a head coach, did not do a good enough job of getting this offense ready to play." So much for stating the



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obvious. In fact, chew on this for a moment if you will: Baltimore's Justin Tucker's 66-yard walk-off kick traveled 19 yards farther than Chicago's entire offense. That's sick. According to CBS Sports, the 1.1 yards per play for the Bears is the second-fewest by any team this century. The 2004 Browns averaged 0.6 yards a play in a 37-7 loss to the Buffalo Bills. So, what do the Bears do for an encore? Try pondering over a "three headed" quarterback situation as Nagy is mulling over all three QBs on their active roster – Fields, Andy Dalton, and Nick Foles – as a starter this Sunday. All of which makes laying points with this disheveled unit a nightmare, especially considering its 0-3 SUATS mark at home in division game last season, along with its 7-15 ATS ledger when laying points with a losing record in division battles this century. Detroit's QB Jared Goff completed 22-of-30 passes for 217 yards, while RB D'Andre Swift ran for 47 yards and a touchdown while catching seven passes for 60 yards in last week's close-call loss to the Ravens. Goff's 4-1 SU and 3-2 ATS record on the division road against sub .400 foes is effective enough to work here.

Tennessee over NY JETS by 3

It's safe to say this is s - - t getting old, mighty old. Worse than a tropical depression passing over the Big Apple, the two NFL New York teams are riding a **3-21 SU and 6-18 ATS** skein during the first three games of the season the past four years – including 12 losses in a row the last two seasons. And it doesn't get much better in Game Four, either, where together they will bring a 1-5 SU and 2-4 ATS mark with them into this weekend. So why are we siding with the Apple Pies today? It starts with the Flyboys' learning-on-the-job rookie QB Zach Wilson, who went 19-of-35 for 160 yards and two picks last week. However, Wilson never had a chance behind his offensive line, enduring five sacks. Nevertheless, our NFL Coaches database informs us that first-year head coaches are 89-51-5 ATS when riding a 0-3 SUATS losing skein (see Urban Meyer, too), including 47-16-2 ATS in non-division games. In addition, Gang Green brings an all-time **4-0-1 ATS** home dog log record into this fray against AFC South opponents. Coupled with the Titans tired 3-10 ATS record against the AFC East, we'll grab the points in this flyover.

MINNESOTA over Cleveland by 3

After suffering a gut-wrenching season-opening loss at Kansas City against the Chiefs, the Browns have certainly acquitted themselves since. Last week's masterpiece performance against the Bears vaulted what will prove to be a substantially improved defense to No. 3 overall in the league. Coupled with a No. 7 rated offense, things look sunny on the North coast these days. But then again, we're talking about Cleveland, where grey linoleum skies are just around the corner (read: winter). Browns QB Baker Mayfield went 19-of-31 for 246 yards and a touchdown against Chicago in what was a disappointing game from him, especially considering that the Bears lost Khalil Mack to an injury in the first half. With Mayfield struggling, Cleveland's two running backs dominated a Chicago defense that was missing monstrous nose tackle Eddie Goldman. Nick Chubb rumbled for 84 yards on 22 carries, but the big star was Kareem Hunt, who rushed for 81 yards and a touchdown on just 10 attempts. He also caught six passes for 74 receiving yards. Meanwhile, Minnesota got off the schneid with a convincing home win of its own over Seattle last week. QB Kirk Cousins

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finished 30-of-38 for 323 yards and three touchdowns. It's remarkable what Cousins is doing despite the status of his offensive line, which has been missing its left tackle in each game. If the Vikings had a winning record, people would be talking about Cousins as an MVP candidate. The two losses by the Vikes were by one-point and three in overtime. Our well-oiled machine comes to Minnesota's side today as it notes that 1-2 dogs in Week Four are 26-7-2 ATS against 2-1 teams coming off a pair of wins. Coupled with the Browns' **0-5-1 ATS** record as road chalk off a win, we'll likely be riding with Olaf the Witch-Breaker today. Skol Vikings!

Indianapolis over MIAMI by 4

The Dolphins refused to roll over and die last week when they forced Las Vegas to overtime before falling, 31-28, behind QB Jacoby Brissett. It was quite a bounce-back for Miami, who was whitewashed, 35-0, at home against Buffalo the previous week. The Dolphins have forced a turnover in each of their last 25 games – the second closest to Miami is 6 by the Cowboys. It's looking as if the Fish will need to break up their two-headed offensive coordinator duties, though, as it put them in a severe hole when a pass from their own end zone was intercepted in the end zone for a backbreaking Raider touchdown. On the other side, it was a surprise when Carson Wentz was deemed healthy enough to play in this game after suffering two sprained ankles the prior week. Wentz, however, looked like he had two sprained ankles while playing against the Titans, as he struggled to maintain any sort of offense in this contest. Wentz barely completed half of his passes, going 19-of-37 for only 194 yards, while his team converted on just three third downs. And speaking of QBs, after allowing 25 unanswered points to Las Vegas, Miami fill-in QB Jacoby Brissett completed 32-of-49 passes for 215 yards in a refuse-to-lose effort. With the Colts owning both the better offense and defense in this matchup, look for Miami to fall to **0-9 ATS** in games after Raider rumbles.

Carolina over DALLAS by 1

Despite head coach Mike McCarthy's mental lapses on the sidelines, the Cowboys now hold down first place in the NFC East. And while it's almost by default, the other three teams in the division are playing with the same indifference they exhibited last year, going just 2-7 collectively this season. In fact, the Cowboys snapped a 7-game losing skein in Prime Time games with Monday night's win over the Eagles. Meanwhile, the Panthers improved to 3-0 for the first time since their Super Bowl season in 2015 with last week's win at Houston. The bad news, though, is that Carolina was beat up like a Sonny Liston sparring partner. First, star RB Christian McCaffrey went into the tent in the 2Q and was quickly ruled out for the rest of the game with a hamstring injury. The Panthers then lost two starting defensive backs – Jaycee Horn and Juston Burris – to various problems in the 2nd half. Already down A.J. Bouye, the Panthers had a skeleton crew secondary in the final quarter-and-a-half. They did, however, swing a trade with Jacksonville for DB C.J. Henderson, a former first round pick. Fortunately for Carolina, today's game will pair Matt Rhule's No. 1-ranked overall defense against Dallas' No. 26-rated defense, with the Panthers stop-unit holding a whopping 211 YPG edge. With Rhule 36-13 ATS away and 40-19 ATS as a dog in his combined college and NFL head coaching careers, and Dallas a dismal **0-8 SUATS** at home in games after coming off a Monday night game, this game will be surely revisited later in the week as updated injury reports become available.

3★ BEST BET

NY Giants over NEW ORLEANS by 3

Big Blue also enters today's game with a 4-1-1 ATS record against NFC South opponents. A quick check of their work to date this season also shows the G-Men with 117 YPG the better offense. On the other side of the field, thanks to Hurricane Ida, the Saints return to the Superdome for their first home game of the season. That has not been good news for teams playing home openers in Game Four of the season, as they've gone just 1-5 SU and 2-4 ATS since 1989. In addition, New Orleans is just **1-6 ATS** in home openers the last six seasons. Meanwhile, QB Jameis Winston's production last week almost mirrored his Week One performance – without all the touchdowns. Winston wasn't asked to do much as he threw 30 fewer times than his counterpart, Mac Jones did. While being put under wraps, Winston didn't make any mistakes, going 13-of-21 for 128 yards and two touchdowns, but it's difficult being productive when you're swathed in Saran Wrap. Speaking of which, we wrap it up with your "bar bet of the week", contained inside **THE CLINCHER: The Giants are the NFL's best road dog the last four years, going 17-3 ATS since 2018.**

Kansas City over PHILADELPHIA by 7

Head coach Andy Reid was rushed to the hospital due to dehydration following Sunday's loss to the Los Angeles Chargers and is reported to be ready, willing, and able to be on the sidelines in this contest today. We hope that while he was there, they checked him out for a bad case of 'Super Bowl loser syndrome', as it has hit the Chiefs hard this season. Now 1-2 SU and 0-3 ATS, the Featherheads are on a **1-12-1 ATS** losing skein since the second-half of last season. As a result, KC is in last place in the AFC West, and under .500 for the first time since 2015. Remember this, though: Reid is 67-43 SU and 70-39-1 ATS in games in which his team does not sport a winning record, including 40-16 ATS away. That will keep us from knee-jerking to Marc's 'A Place To Fall Apart', a rock-solid super system outlined inside the **2019 BLACK BOOK**, which tells us that fading defending Super Bowl loser as non-division road chalk the following season is the right thing to do. Philadelphia hasn't been the same without Brandon Brooks. An elite guard, the Eagles' record without Brooks is far worse than it is with him while he's been on the roster. They're now 0-2 without him this year, as rookie replacement Landon Dickerson hasn't come close to living up to his second-round billing just yet. Making matters worse, the Eagles were also missing left tackle Jordan Mailata. Their injury-ravaged offensive line, which also lost Isaac Seumalo in the fourth quarter, couldn't protect Jalen Hurts whatsoever. Hurts' final numbers weren't bad, as he went 25-of-39 for 326 yards, two touchdowns and a pair of interceptions, but a lot of that yardage came at garbage time. With Super Bowl losers pointing us in one direction, and Reid's record warning us not to follow that path, we'll pull up a chair and take a seat on the sidelines in this scrum.

BUFFALO over Houston by 13

Once again it was the Buffalo defense that stood out in Sunday's 22-point home win over Washington. QB Josh Allen was unstoppable, and the numbers matched his production. He went 32-of-43 for 358 yards and four passing touchdowns. And as if that wasn't enough, Allen scrambled for a fifth score. The problem we have staying on the Bills' cover wagon is a much bigger showdown looms next week against the Chiefs, one filled with playoff loss revenge for the bison. Houston QB Davis Mills made his first NFL start against Carolina and didn't display any signs of being an NFL-caliber quarterback. Mills (19-28, 168 yards, TD) looked shell-shocked at times, but poor coaching didn't help him. The Texans often ran on first down, which put Mills in negative situations. The Texans also appear to have a too many cooks in the backfield, with none of them appearing capable of serving up a satisfying meal. Mark Ingram led the way last week with 21 yards on six carries, while Phillip Lindsay found no running room, as evidenced by his five yards on seven attempts. David Johnson had just two touches. Remember, though, Carolina never established a double-digit lead against Houston last Thursday until there were four minutes remaining. So, does that mean we are now at the stage of the season when superior teams start playing down to the Texans' level? That would be our educated guess, in this game at least. The Bills' **2-8 SU and 3-6-1 ATS** record in games before colliding with the Chiefs cements it.

LA RAMS over Arizona by 2

Is a letdown in order for the Rams after knocking off the defending Super Bowl champion Bucs last week? According to the well-oiled machine, the answer is yes – given the fact that teams who upset the defending champs are just 26-35 SU and 24-36-1 ATS when facing a division rival the following game, including **9-19 SU and 8-20 ATS** since 1980 when the divisional foe arrives off a SUATS win in its previous game. The 3-0 Cardinals made things harder than they needed to be in Sunday's 31-19 win over Jacksonville, from a 19-10 deficit. Strangely, with the Cardinals up 7-6, Kliff Kingsbury inexplicably called for a 68-yard field goal attempt. Matt Prater was predictably short, and a Jacksonville special-teamer, Jamal Agnew, caught the kick inbounds and took it back for a 109-yard touchdown return. It was quickly tweeted out that "Trying a 68-yard field goal is a fireable offense." (A 66-yard field goal is OK, apparently). Meanwhile, Matthew Stafford is alive and well, thank you, after burning the Bucs for 343 yards and four touchdowns, finishing 27-of-38. Still, our mean machine cautions us that in his career, Stafford is only 3-10-1 ATS in division games when coming off back-to-back wins. Since the Cards are currently on a 9-3-1 ATS roll as single-digit division road dogs, a take is in order today. FYI: Rams WR DeSean Jackson now has 9 TD receptions of at least 75 yards, tying Chargers' Hall of Famer Lance Alworth for the most in NFL history.

Seattle over SAN FRANCISCO by 3

We realize it's only the first week in October, but suddenly its backs-to-the-wall time for Russell Wilson and company, who can't afford to lose any more ground in the league's best division, the NFC West. It's strange to see the usually competitive Seahawks bringing up the rear in the West, and

the fact is Seattle is losing games it normally wins. Pete Carroll's crew led Tennessee at the half two weeks ago, 24-9, then scored just 6 more points before the game went to overtime (Titans won, 33-30). It was pretty much a carbon copy last Sunday, with the Seahawks opening up a 17-7 lead over Minnesota before being outscored 23-0 thereafter. With it, Seattle has dropped its last two games SU as chalk. Even though the Niners are 2-1, they have to be staggered after last week's last-second loss to Green Bay, allowing Aaron Rodgers to position Mason Crosby for the game-winning field goal, just 37 seconds after Frisco had taken its first lead, 28-27. Ugh. So, with both squads in dire straits mentally, we have more faith in Wilson than Garoppolo to get their team to reset. Russell boasts an outstanding **9-0 SU and 7-1-1 ATS** when coming off consecutive losses (read: he's never dropped three straight games), and he's also 8-2 ATS as a division road dog. Jimmy G will have to stare down the fact that the 49ers are **0-8-1 ATS** in their last nine games as division favorites. You know what to do.

5★ BEST BET

DENVER over Baltimore by 13

Like the immortal Jerry Reed once said, "When you're hot, you're hot" – which is as good a way as any to describe Denver's surprising 3-0 start this season. The truth is new QB Teddy Bridgewater has quickly hit his stride as the Broncos leader, calmly and efficiently directing the offense thru every situation he's faced so far. In last week's 26-0 shutout of the NY Jets, Bridgewater misfired on just six occasions. He went 19-of-25 for 235 yards, and while he didn't throw a touchdown, he wasn't guilty of any mistakes either. His running backs did all the work in that regard, as both Melvin Gordon and Javonte Williams found the end zone. Let's also give some love to Denver's stout defense, which has allowed a total of just 26 points to three opponents. Meanwhile, the Ravens came an inch or two away (and an uncalled delay of game penalty) from arriving with a 1-2 record after falling behind late against Detroit. That's when kicker Justin Tucker hit an NFL record 66-yard field goal on the final play of the day to give the Ravens the win (let it be known that if the same kick had been attempted from 71, it would have fallen short). The ATS archives are firmly behind the wild horses today, as Denver stands 22-10 SUATS at home versus opponents coming off consecutive wins, including 15-5 SUATS in non-division contests. Then there's the red-hot Bridgewater, who is 21-6 ATS when his team is coming off a win, including **15-2 ATS** versus non-division foes. With help from the well-oiled machine, we hand it off to **THE CLINCHER: 3-0 teams in the NFL are 15-1 ATS in Game Four of the season when hosting a non-division opponent.**

4★ BEST BET

Pittsburgh over GREEN BAY by 6

Is it time to bring down the curtain on this year's Steelers? Pittsburgh was able to beat the Bills on opening weekend, but that victory seems like years ago. Following a surprising loss to the Raiders last week, the Steelers couldn't redeem themselves versus the Bengals. They suffered their second-consecutive home loss as favorites, and this game wasn't even as close as the final score indicates. Roethlisberger ended up throwing for 318 yards on 38-of-58 passes, but much of that came in garbage time. Big Ben logged just 92 passing yards in the opening half, throwing for a touchdown, but giving up two crushing interceptions. He also looked old, tired and slow... not what head coach Mike Tomlin wants to see out of his veteran leader. His adversary today, Green Bay QB Aaron Rodgers, shows no such signs of age or rust. You can make it nine straight wins in prime time games for Rodgers following Sunday night's dramatic comeback win over the Forty Niners. Shailene's main man was able to go 23-of-33 for 261 yards and two touchdowns, a remarkable performance since he was missing two starting offensive linemen versus San Francisco's stout pass rush. But the Packers had to survive a furious 49ers rally to leave the bay area with a win, so we're not all that confident in them heading into a must-win situation facing a desperate Pittsburgh squad. Not with the Steelers **7-1 ATS** as dogs of more than 3 points, and **6-1 ATS** in their last seven in non-conference road games. The fact that HC Tomlin is the answer to this week's **TRIVIA TEASER** on page 2 is reassuring, but we've saved the best for last with **THE CLINCHER: Pittsburgh QB Ben Roethlisberger is 37-21-3 ATS as a dog, including 16-5 SU and 17-3-1 ATS away against foes coming off consecutive wins.**

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Tampa Bay over NEW ENGLAND by 3

The "game of the year" to date in the NFL this season. And while most everyone is looking at this matchup as Tom Brady's revenge against the team that turned him loose following the 2019 campaign, the bottom line is who wants it more and who is capable of delivering? On the surface, it appears to be Brady and his cast of ring winners. But NEVER discount The Hoodie and his chances at springing the upset. The tale of the tape between Belichick and his longtime field general is a difficult one to analyze, because almost all of Brady's accomplishments came during his years with the Patriots. With New England a rare home dog here, Belichick answers the bell with a 23-10 ATS record as a dog of 6 or more points, including **5-1 ATS** at home. The Hoodie also stands 8-3 ATS as a home dog with a losing record with New England, while going 5-1 SUATS in his career versus the Bucs. With Tampa Bay suffering its first defeat of 2021, Brady can lean on his superb **27-6-1 ATS** success playing on the road off a loss, not to mention a 14-4 SUATS mark when coming off his first loss of the season, including **13-2 ATS** in non-division contests. Brady's replacement, Cam Newton, got the boot after one season, and the Pats are counting on rookie QB Mac Jones to survive while learning on the job. Jones drew plenty of acclaim by not throwing an interception in his first two games, but he served up three of them in last week's frustrating loss to the Saints. Belichick knows he's outmanned and surrounded here, but the wily vet is always capable of game-planning a shocker. With Gronk piling on whenever possible, the bottom line is Tommy Veneers walks away a winner. The Hoodie, however, takes home the cash.

Monday, October 4

Las Vegas over LA CHARGERS by 6

Call this a case of two quarterbacks who each gained a measure of revenge last week. Chargers QB Justin Herbert nearly beat the Patrick Mahomes-led Chiefs in his NFL debut, but he slew his new arch nemesis in his second attempt. Herbert was brilliant, going 26-of-38 for 281 yards and four touchdowns in the 30-24 victory. Last December, the Dolphins dealt the Raiders a crushing loss to kill the latter's playoff hopes. The Black-and-Silver got their revenge last week, though, when they came away with an overtime win that could end up proving valuable in the playoff race in the loaded AFC West. QB Derek Carr was masterful once again, going 26-of-43 for 386 yards, two touchdowns and an interception. The Raiders' improbable 3-0 start has many waiting for the inevitable losing streak, but we're not so sure. Remember, the Bolts beat the Black Patches, 30-27, as 3-point road dogs in December of last year, a costly loss that denied Vegas a winning campaign. Carr and head coach Jon Gruden look to get even knowing that the Raiders are **6-1 ATS** in the last seven Monday Night games, while the Chargers own a 1-3-1 ATS mark in their last five Monday Nighters. The Bolts have blown a fuse when favored at home over AFC West foes, going 3-8 ATS of late, and L.A. is an even worse **2-12 ATS** in the first of consecutive home games. Speaking of home, there may be more Raiders fans than Chargers' faithful at SoFi Stadium tonight. Take the points as Carr gains his revenge over Herbert.

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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 **3 NFL O/U BEST BETS** – inside the **2021 Playbook 'TOTALS' TIPSHEET** by Victor King – the definitive weekly OU newsletter. A single issue is only \$8.00. Rest-of-Season subscription is \$84.00. Sent via email on Tuesdays. Call the PLAYBOOK offices to get on the 2021 "Totals Train"! ...*This week's **GAME FOUR Playbook O/U TREND** play: **Browns @ Vikings 'OVER' the TOTAL'**

2021 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE – WEEK FOUR

GAME MATCHUPS	KEY OVER/UNDER STATS
Jacksonville (Open: 46) CINCINNATI	5-0 OU Game 4... 3-0 OU Thursday RG... 3-1 OU vs AFC North LY... 7-3 OU bef Tenn... but 1-4 OU away off BB HG 5-1 OU vs AFC South... 4-2-2 OU L8 vs Jac... but 1-7 OU bef non-conf HG... 1-5 OU non-div HF's 4 > pts... 1-4 OU Thur HG
Washington (49.5) ATLANTA	4-1 OU Game 4... 4-1 OU away vs NFC South... 3-1 OU bef Saints... but *0-4 OU L4 as road favs... 2-5 OU in 2nd of BB RG 8-2 OU bef Jets... but 0-7 OU home vs NFC East... 1-4 OU bef non-conf RG... 1-3 OU Game 4... 3-7 OU aft Giants
Detroit (45) CHICAGO	4-0 OU L4 div RG... 3-0 OU Game 4... 3-0 OU L3 vs Chi (52.6)... 7-1 OU aft non-conf HG... but 2-5 OU aft Balt 4-1 OU aft non-conf RG... 8-4 OU as favs 4 > pts... but 3-9 OU bef non-conf RG... 2-5 OU L7 div HG... 2-4 OU Game 4
Tennessee (48.5) NY JETS	5-0 OU bef div RG... 4-0-1 OU aft div HG... 11-2 OU Game 4... 4-1 OU aft Indy... but 1-4 OU as non-div RF's 3 > pts 7-1 OU vs AFC South... 9-2 OU bef non-conf gm... 4-1 OU Game 4... 4-1 OU aft Den... 8-4 OU non-div HD's > 4 pts
Cleveland (50.5) MINNESOTA	5-0 as RF's < 6 pts... 3-0 OU L3 vs Min (53.7)... 6-1 OU Game 4... 4-1 OU in 2nd of BB non-conf gms... 3-1 OU bef LAC 8-1-1 OU L10 home gms... 8-1-1 OU L10 non-conf gms... 5-1 OU off dog win... 4-1 OU bef Det... 4-1 OU aft allow 17 > pts
Indianapolis (45.5) MIAMI	6-1 OU bef Balt... 5-1 OU as non-div RD's 5 < pts... 4-1 OU aft div RG... 4-1 OU Game 4... but 0-4-1 OU vs AFC East 4-1 OU aft Raiders... 5-2 OU non-div HF's > 1 pts... but 0-6 OU Game 4... 0-4 OU bef non-conf RG... 0-3 OU L3 vs Indy (36.3)
Carolina (50) DALLAS	6-1 OU Game 4... but 0-6 OU in 2nd of BB RG... 0-4 OU L4 vs NFC East... 0-3 OU off DD road win... 1-4 OU L5 vs Dal (33.0) 3-1 OU Game 4... but 1-5 OU vs opp off 3+ SU win... 5-17 OU aft div HG... 2-5 OU bef NYG... 3-7 OU aft Phil
NY Giants (47) NEW ORLEANS	4-0 OU L4 away vs NORl (75.2)... but 0-5 OU L5 as non-div RD's... 2-11 OU bef Dal... 1-5 OU Game 4... 1-3 OU bef div RG 7-0 OU non-div HF's 7 < pts... 5-0 OU in 1st home gm... 5-0 OU aft Pats... 9-2 OU bef Wash... but 0-2 OU L2 vs NYG (40.0)
Kansas City (55) PHILADELPHIA	5-2 OU Game 4... 7-3 OU as non-div RF's > 3 pts... but 1-3 OU L4 non-conf RG... 1-3 OU aft LAC... 1-3 OU bef Buf 4-1 OU Game 4... 4-1-1 OU L6 vs AFC West... but 0-4 OU home aft Mon gm... 1-4 OU aft div RG... 4-14 OU aft Dal
Houston (48) BUFFALO	5-1 OU Game 4... 4-1 OU as RD's > 8 pts... but 1-5 OU L6 vs Buf (39.3)... 0-4 OU bef Pats... 1-5 OU aft score 10 < pts 6-1 OU bef KC... 8-2 OU as favs 8 > pts... 9-3 OU vs opp off Thur gm... but 1-7 OU Game 4... 2-5 OU in 2nd of BB HG
Arizona (53.5) LA RAMS	4-1 OU aft non-conf RG... 3-1 OU bef SF... but 0-8 OU L9 road gms... 1-4 OU Game 4... 1-6 OU 1st of BB div gms 5-0 OU bef Thur gm... 7-1 OU in 2nd of BB HG... but 0-4 OU bef Seat... 1-5 OU L6 div HG... 3-11 OU aft TBay
Seattle (49.5) SAN FRANCISCO	3-1 OU bef Rams... 5-2 OU off road fav loss... but 0-3 OU Game 4... 1-12 OU in 2nd of BB RG... 1-7 OU as div dogs 6 < pts 5-0-1 L6 vs Sea (53.2)... 4-1 OU off home fav loss... 4-2 OU L5 as div HF's... 4-1 OU bef Arz... but 1-6 OU Game 4
Baltimore (45.5) DENVER	4-1 OU as fav/dog 3 < pts... 10-3 OU vs AFC West... but 1-10 OU in 2nd of BB RG... 1-3 OU bef Monday gm... 2-5 OU aft Det 0-4 OU aft allow 7 < pts... 0-4 OU bef Pit... 0-3 OU aft Jets... 1-6 OU in 2nd of BB HG... 2-8 OU as non-div fav/dog 3 < pts
Pittsburgh (48) GREEN BAY	3-0 OU L3 vs GB (67.0)... 4-2 OU aft Cin... but 0-5 OU off home fav loss... 0-4 OU L4 non-conf RG... 3-9 OU as dogs > 3 pts 3-1 OU L4 non-conf HG... 6-2 OU aft allow 28 > pts... but 1-6 OU off road dog win... 2-9 OU aft SF... 2-5 OU bef non-conf RG
Tampa Bay (50.5) NEW ENGLAND	3-0 OU Game 4... 5-1 OU as RF's 5 > pts... 10-3 OU 2nd of BB RG... but 0-4 OU L4 vs NEng (32.2)... 3-6 OU vs AFC East 6-2-1 OU L9 as HD's... but 1-5 OU Game 4... 3-9 OU off home fav loss... 4-11 OU vs NFC South... 3-7 OU aft score < 14 pts
Las Vegas (52.5) LA CHARGERS	3-0 OU Game 4... 3-0 OU away vs div LY... 5-1 OU aft Mia... but 1-4-1 OU Monday road gms... 3-14 OU L17 div road gms 3-1 OU L4 vs LV... 8-1 OU Game 4... but 0-4 OU bef Cle... 1-7 OU off road dog win... 1-6 OU L7 div HG... 2-5 OU Mondays

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2021 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
NCAA														
78	Air Force	Mountain West	103.4	5.5	120	Kansas	Big 12	88.3	3	48	Rutgers	Big Ten	109.1	4
127	Akron	Mid American	81.1	3	47	Kansas St	Big 12	109.6	6	55	San Diego St	Mountain West	108	2
1	Alabama	Southeastern	132.7	6	92	Kent St	Mid American	99.7	3	75	San Jose St	Mountain West	104.2	3
60	Appalachian St	Sun Belt	107.7	5.5	42	Kentucky	Southeastern	110.3	4.5	34	SMU	American Athletic	111.7	4
115	Arizona	Pac-12	91.8	5	52	Liberty	Independent	108.1	4.5	118	South Alabama	Sun Belt	90.1	4.5
26	Arizona St	Pac-12	113.5	5	101	Louisiana Tech	Conference USA	97.1	4.5	88	South Carolina	Southeastern	101	6
21	Arkansas	Southeastern	114.6	5.5	57	Louisville	Atlantic Coast	107.9	5	109	Southern Miss	Conference USA	92.7	4
98	Arkansas St	Sun Belt	98.2	4	11	LSU	Southeastern	117.3	6	72	Stanford	Pac-12	105.3	6
78	Army	Independent	103.4	5	62	Marshall	Conference USA	106.6	5	83	Syracuse	Atlantic Coast	102.5	6
20	Auburn	Southeastern	114.8	6	45	Maryland	Big Ten	109.9	4	36	TCU	Big 12	111.3	6
103	Ball St	Mid American	96.8	4	74	Memphis	American Athletic	104.6	4	107	Temple	American Athletic	93.5	4
61	Baylor	Big 12	107.2	5.5	30	Miami (FL)	Atlantic Coast	112.3	4.5	77	Tennessee	Southeastern	103.9	6
27	Boise St	Mountain West	113.2	6	95	Miami (OH)	Mid American	99	3.5	10	Texas	Big 12	117.8	6
48	Boston College	Atlantic Coast	109.1	5	6	Michigan	Big Ten	119	6	13	Texas A&M	Southeastern	116.7	6
124	Bowling Green	Mid American	86.6	4	35	Michigan St	Big Ten	111.6	6	123	Texas St	Sun Belt	87.4	3
87	Buffalo	Mid American	101.2	4.5	104	Middle Tenn	Conference USA	96.1	4	69	Texas Tech	Big 12	105.9	6
68	BYU	Independent	106.1	6	65	Minnesota	Big Ten	106.2	5	70	Toledo	Mid American	105.6	5
57	California	Pac-12	107.9	4.5	7	Mississippi	Southeastern	118.4	5.5	94	Troy	Sun Belt	99.3	4
93	C Michigan	Mid American	99.5	4.5	44	Mississippi St	Southeastern	110.1	6	73	Tulane	American Athletic	105	3
106	Charlotte	Conference USA	93.8	4.5	41	Missouri	Southeastern	110.5	5	64	Tulsa	American Athletic	106.5	5
8	Cincinnati	American Athletic	118.1	5	114	Navy	American Athletic	91.9	5	50	UAB	Conference USA	108.2	4
5	Clemson	Atlantic Coast	123.6	6	31	NC State	Atlantic Coast	112.2	5	32	UCF	American Athletic	112.1	5
23	Coastal Carolina	Sun Belt	114	4	22	Nebraska	Big Ten	114.1	6	17	UCLA	Pac-12	115.8	5
81	Colorado	Pac-12	103.1	5.5	40	Nevada	Mountain West	110.6	3	52	UL-Lafayette	Sun Belt	108.1	5.5
90	Colorado St	Mountain West	101.1	5	113	New Mexico	Mountain West	92.1	4	126	UL-Monroe	Sun Belt	82.3	4
128	Connecticut	Independent	78.3	3	130	New Mexico St	Independent	77.3	3	129	UMass	Independent	77.9	2
91	Duke	Atlantic Coast	100.4	5	15	North Carolina	Atlantic Coast	116.2	5.5	125	UNLV	Mountain West	84.9	3
99	East Carolina	American Athletic	97.2	5	110	North Texas	Conference USA	92.2	4	43	USC	Pac-12	110.2	5
96	E Michigan	Mid American	98.7	2.5	117	No Illinois	Mid American	91.2	5	110	USF	American Athletic	92.2	3
8	Florida	Southeastern	118.1	3	65	Northwestern	Big Ten	106.2	3	36	Utah	Pac-12	111.3	6
88	Florida Atlantic	Conference USA	101	4	18	Notre Dame	Independent	115.7	6	97	Utah St	Mountain West	98.6	5
108	Florida Int'l	Conference USA	93.4	6	3	Ohio State	Big Ten	124.7	6	116	UTEP	Conference USA	91.3	3
84	Florida St	Atlantic Coast	102	6	110	Ohio U	Mid American	92.2	5	65	UTSA	Conference USA	106.2	4
62	Fresno St	Mountain West	106.6	4.5	4	Oklahoma	Big 12	123.7	6	119	Vanderbilt	Southeastern	89.6	4
2	Georgia	Southeastern	130.6	6	33	Oklahoma St	Big 12	111.9	6	55	Virginia	Atlantic Coast	108	5
105	Geo Southern	Sun Belt	94.5	3.5	121	Old Dominion	Conference USA	88.1	5	50	Virginia Tech	Atlantic Coast	108.2	6
101	Georgia St	Sun Belt	97.1	4.5	19	Oregon	Pac-12	115.5	6	29	Wake Forest	Atlantic Coast	112.7	4
59	Georgia Tech	Atlantic Coast	107.8	5	46	Oregon St	Pac-12	109.7	5	39	Washington	Pac-12	111.2	6
99	Hawaii	Mountain West	97.2	6	16	Penn St	Big Ten	116	6	84	Washington St	Pac-12	102	5
76	Houston	American Athletic	104	5	28	Pittsburgh	Atlantic Coast	113	6	23	West Virginia	Big 12	114	6
82	Illinois	Big Ten	102.7	4.5	52	Purdue	Big Ten	108.1	5	86	W Kentucky	Conference USA	101.6	5
36	Indiana	Big Ten	111.3	4.5	122	Rice	Conference USA	87.7	3	71	W Michigan	Mid American	105.5	5
14	Iowa	Big Ten	116.5	5.5						25	Wisconsin	Big Ten	113.9	6
12	Iowa St	Big 12	117	5						80	Wyoming	Mountain West	103.3	5.5


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Rnk	Team	Conf/Div	PWR	HF	Rnk	Team	Conf/Div	PWR	HF	Rnk	Team	Conf/Div	PWR	HF
NFL														
6	Arizona Cardinals	NFC West	104.5	3	32	Houston Texans	AFC South	88.0	3	16	Minnesota Vikings	NFC North	102.0	3.5
27	Atlanta Falcons	NFC South	95.0	3	19	Indianapolis Colts	AFC South	99.5	3.5	17	New England Pats	AFC East	100.0	3.5
12	Baltimore Ravens	AFC North	103.0	3.5	31	Jacksonville Jaguars	AFC South	91.5	2.5	8	New Orleans Saints	NFC South	104.0	3.5
4	Buffalo Bills	AFC East	106.0	3.5	1	Kansas City Chiefs	AFC West	107.5	4	28	N.Y. Giants	NFC East	94.5	2.5
24	Carolina Panthers	NFC South	97.5	3	19	Las Vegas Raiders	AFC West	99.5	3	29	N.Y. Jets	AFC East	93.5	2
26	Chicago Bears	NFC North	96.0	3	12	L.A. Chargers	AFC West	103.0	1.5	25	Philadelphia Eagles	NFC East	96.5	3.5
19	Cincinnati Bengals	AFC North	99.5	3	1	L.A. Rams	NFC West	107.5	3	17	Pittsburgh Steelers	AFC North	100.0	3.5
4	Cleveland Browns	AFC North	106.0	3	23	Miami Dolphins	AFC East	98.5	3	11	San Francisco 49ers	NFC West	103.5	3.5
12	Dallas Cowboys	NFC East	103.0	3.5						8	Seattle Seahawks	NFC West	104.0	4
8	Denver Broncos	AFC West	104.0	3.5						3	Tampa Bay Bucs	NFC South	107.0	3
30	Detroit Lions	NFC North	93.0	3.5						15	Tennessee Titans	AFC South	102.5	3
6	Green Bay Packers	NFC North	104.5	3.5						22	Wash Football Team	NFC East	99.0	3

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				OL	PB					OL	PB					OL	PB					OL	PB								
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30																137	TOLEDO 12:00 PM UMASS	27	31			179	ARKANSAS 12:00 PM GEORGIA ESPNU	18	24	221	ARIZONA ST ★ 10:30 PM UCLA FS1	3		10	
101	JACKSONVILLE 8:20 PM				139	CHARLOTTE 12:00 PM						181	OHIO U 3:30 PM	9'	3	223	FRESNO ST 11:00 PM	10	14												
102	CINCINNATI NFL	7'	4		140	ILLINOIS BTN	9'	6				182	AKRON ESPN3			224	HAWAII CBSSN														
103	VIRGINIA 7:30 PM				141	LOUISVILLE 12:30 PM TIME CHANGE						183	TENNESSEE 12:00 PM TIME CHANGE			SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3															
104	MIAMI FLA ESPN	3'	3		142	W FOREST ESPN3	7	11				184	MISSOURI SEC	3	3																
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1																143	W MICHIGAN 12:00 PM	6'			185	TEXAS 12:00 PM TIME CHANGE	4'		251	WASHINGTON 1:00 PM		4			
105	HOUSTON 7:30 PM				144	BUFFALO CBSSN		6				186	TCU ABC		1	252	ATLANTA	1													
106	TULSA ESPN	3	6		145	OHIO ST 3:30 PM TIME CHANGE	15'	13				187	FLORIDA 6:00 PM TIME CHANGE	8		253	DETROIT 1:00 PM		1												
107	IOWA 8:00 PM	3'			146	RUTGERS BTN						188	KENTUCKY ★ ESPN	3		254	CHICAGO	3'													
108	MARYLAND FS1		3		147	UL-MONROE 2:30 PM TIME CHANGE						189	OKLAHOMA 3:30 PM	10'	15	255	TENNESSEE 1:00 PM	7'	3												
109	BYU 9:00 PM	8'			148	COASTAL CARO	34	36				190	KANSAS ST FOX			256	NY JETS														
110	UTAH ST ★ CBSSN		3		149	E MICHIGAN 2:30 PM TIME CHANGE		4				191	FLORIDA INT'L 3:30 PM			257	CLEVELAND 1:00 PM														
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2																150	NO ILLINOIS ESPNU	Pk			192	FLA ATLANTIC	10'	6	258	MINNESOTA	Pk	3			
111	SYRACUSE 3:30 PM TIME CHANGE				151	NEVADA ★ 3:30 PM TIME CHANGE		8				193	CONNECTICUT 7:30 PM TIME CHANGE			259	INDIANAPOLIS 1:00 PM		4												
112	FLORIDA ST ACC	5	8		152	BOISE ST FS1	6'					194	VANDERBILT ESPNU	14'	11	260	MIAMI	1'													
113	DUKE 12:00 PM				153	AIR FORCE 6:30 PM TIME CHANGE	10'	14				195	TEXAS TECH 3:30 PM			261	CAROLINA 1:00 PM		1												
114	N CAROLINA ESPN2	18	13		154	NEW MEXICO FS2						196	W VIRGINIA ESPN2	7'	11	262	DALLAS	4													
115	TULANE 3:30 PM TIME CHANGE	3'	10		155	USC 2:00 PM	7	3				197	AUBURN 9:00 PM TIME CHANGE			263	NY GIANTS ★ 1:00 PM		3												
116	E CAROLINA ESPN+				156	COLORADO P12						198	LSU ESPN	3'	7	264	NEW ORLEANS	8'													
117	BOSTON COLL 7:30 PM TIME CHANGE				157	CINCINNATI 2:30 PM	2'					199	MICHIGAN 12:00 PM TIME CHANGE			265	KANSAS CITY 1:00 PM	6	7												
118	CLEMSON ACC	15'	11		158	NOTRE DAME NBC		3				200	WISCONSIN FOX	1	7	266	PHILADELPHIA														
119	MINNESOTA 12:00 PM				159	NEW MEXICO ST 10:30 PM TIME CHANGE						201	MISSISSIPPI ST 7:00 PM TIME CHANGE			267	HOUSTON 1:00 PM														
120	PURDUE BTN	2'	6		160	SAN JOSE ST	27'	25				202	TEXAS A&M SEC	9	6	268	BUFFALO	17	13												
121	PITTSBURGH 12:00 PM	3	1		161	WASHINGTON 9:00 PM TIME CHANGE	2'					203	ARKANSAS ST 4:00 PM TIME CHANGE			269	ARIZONA 4:05 PM														
122	GA TECH ACC				162	OREGON ST P12		4				204	GA SOU ESPN+	2	3	270	LA RAMS	6	2												
123	LOUISIANA TECH 6:00 PM TIME CHANGE				163	WASHINGTON ST 5:30 PM TIME CHANGE						205	UNLV 6:00 PM			271	SEATTLE 4:05 PM		3												
124	NC STATE ACC	19'	14		164	CALIFORNIA	7	8				206	UTSA ESPN+	20'	25	272	SAN FRANCISCO	3													
125	APPALACHIAN ST 2:00 PM TIME CHANGE				165	OREGON 3:30 PM TIME CHANGE	7'	1				207	SOUTHERN MISS 6:30 PM			273	BALTIMORE 4:25 PM														
126	GEORGIA ST ESPN+				166	STANFORD ABC						208	RICE ESPN3	3	5	274	DENVER ★	1	13												
127	TROY 3:30 PM TIME CHANGE	10	4		167	C MICHIGAN 3:30 PM	1	4				209	UL-LAFAYETTE 8:00 PM TIME CHANGE	11'	3	275	PITTSBURGH ★ 4:25 PM		6												
128	S CAROLINA SEC	7	3		168	MIAMI OH ESPN+						210	S ALABAMA ESPN+			276	GREEN BAY	7'													
129	ARMY 5:00 PM TIME CHANGE	6'	1		169	BOWLING GREEN 3:30 PM						211	LIBERTY 7:00 PM			277	TAMPA BAY 8:20 PM	6'	3												
130	BALL ST ESPN+				170	KENT ST ESPN+	16	20				212	UAB CBSSN	1'	6	278	N ENGLAND NBC														
131	INDIANA 7:30 PM TIME CHANGE				171	MISSISSIPPI 3:30 PM						213	MARSHALL 7:00 PM	10	6	MONDAY, OCTOBER 4															
132	PENN ST ABC	10'	6		172	ALABAMA CBS	14'	8				214	MIDDLE TENN																		
133	MEMPHIS 12:00 PM	11	6		173	CENTRAL FLORIDA 3:30 PM	15'	20				215	NORTHWESTERN 7:30 PM			279	LAS VEGAS 8:15 PM		6												
134	TEMPLE ESPNU				174	NAVY CBSSN						216	NEBRASKA BTN	10	13	280	LA CHARGERS	3													
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136	IOWA ST FS1	33	36		176	SMU ESPNU	20'	25				218	MICHIGAN ST FS1	10'	14																
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