

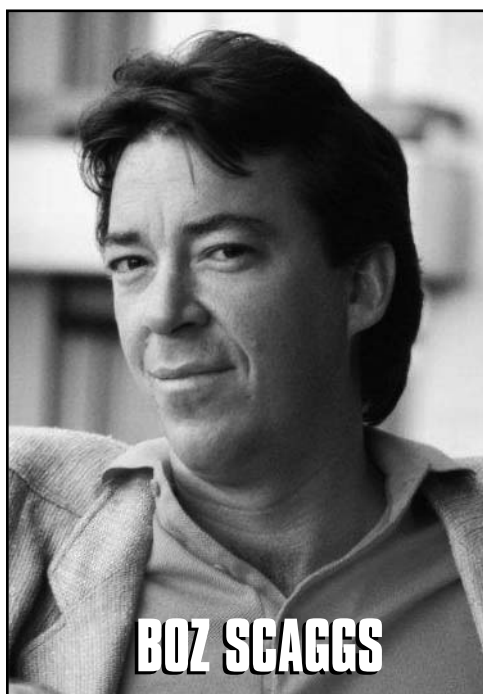
LOWDOWN

Boz Scaggs' "Lowdown" is a song about a guy who tries to buy love and happiness with money and fancy gifts. He spoils his girl, shows off, and lives a flashy life — but it's all fake and shallow.

The singer gives him the honest truth (the "dirty lowdown"): this materialistic, "keep up with the Joneses" lifestyle doesn't work. His girl isn't impressed, his tricks are childish, and sooner or later everything will fall apart. He needs to wake up and face reality. It's a familiar warning: money can't buy real respect or love.

Scaggs has noted that the song's massive success (No. 3 on Billboard Hot 100, Grammy for Best R&B Song) was somewhat accidental. He and the team didn't initially see it as a single, but radio play turned it into a breakout hit from his *Silk Degrees* album.

In short, it's a blue-eyed soul classic about chasing the wrong things and needing to confront the unglamorous truth beneath the surface. The smooth delivery makes



the message go down easy while still landing the punch.

It's much the same for college football teams that appear to be riding high for a moment, albeit behind a bad defense, knowing that unless the holes are addressed sooner than later, a crash is right around the corner.

That's verified by our Well-Oiled Machine as it notes that college football road favorites from Game Six out with wobbly defenses (those allowing 34 or more points per game) are an untrustworthy 99-131-4 ATS since 1980 — including **8-24 ATS** when this weak road favorite is coming off an outright win as an underdog. But there's more...

BETCHA DIDN'T KNOW

We put the screws on these phony road chalk artists when we 'Play Against' any qualifying college football road favorite that allows 34 or more points when they are facing an opponent coming off an outright conference win as an underdog.

It's here where the shoe fits, and these meek road favorites are forced to 'wear it', going just **2-15 ATS** in this role.

The worst spot for these skittish visitors is **0-14 ATS**, and you can read all about it in the **Betting Tools** section on the **PlayookSports.com** site when you click on **Black Book Systems**.

For this, we owe a big tip of the hat to Clive Davis, who made a recording star out of Boz Scaggs. And with it, remember Scaggs' parting words as he was doing the "Lowdown"...

Hey son
Better get on back to town
Face the sad old truth
The dirty lowdown ,



*"Nothin' you can't
handle,
nothin' you ain't got
Put your money
on the table and drive it
off the lot
Turn on that old lovelight
and turn a "Maybe"
to a "Yes"
Same old schoolboy
game got you
into this mess"*