



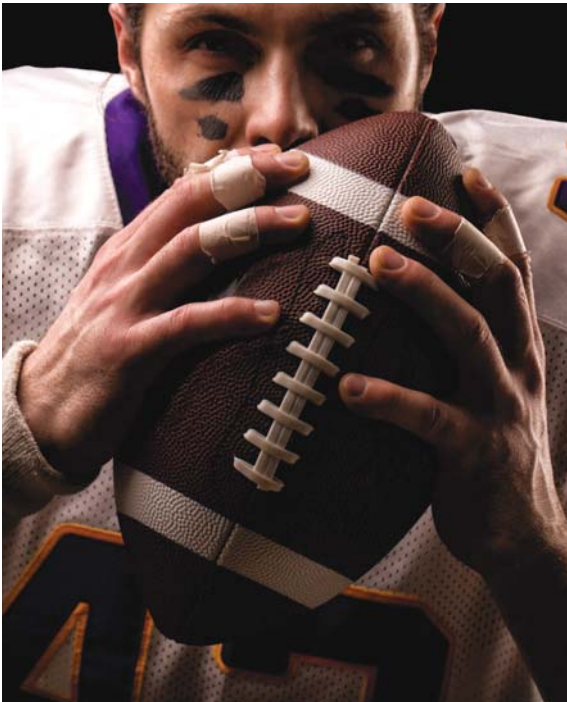
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# TENTH AVENUE FREEZE-OUT

*A Weekly Insight Into The Art Of Sports Handicapping*

*Well, everybody better  
move over, that's all  
'Cause I'm running on  
the bad side*

*And I got my back to the wall  
Tenth Avenue freeze-out*

**T**hroughout every season, one game on each team's schedule proves pivotal in its path toward success or failure for the year.

For some teams, the season opener is crucial, as a good win or a bad loss can often pave the way to a winning or losing campaign. The fact of the matter is that Game Ten has proven most critical in the NFL. At this point in the season, it is the fork in the road for most teams.

Owning a .500 or better record heading into the season's final six games is critical for teams with playoff hopes. Anything less than a .500 record at this stage of the season spells certain doom.

That's confirmed by the fact that only four of the 118 teams that made the playoffs over the last ten years had a sub-.500 record after Game Ten in the season. Think about that for a moment.

Hence, teams with a 4-5 record on the season find Game Ten decisive in their plans for the postseason. But with the

need to win comes added pressure, which often spells failure for teams incapable of responding.

With that thought in mind, we found that we should –

**PLAY AGAINST any .444  
NFL team in Game Ten  
of the season if they are off  
a SU loss as a favorite.**

We do this because teams off a SU loss as a favorite in their previous game enter Game Ten with an 'oh-oh' factor hovering over their heads. And collapse they do, as these teams in this role are just **10-34-2 ATS** in all games since 1990.

Worse, putting them up against a division foe in these games of five or more points didn't favor them in their last game, and they fell off the map, checking in at a jaw-dropping **0-16 SU and 1-15 ATS**.

Last year, the New York Jets froze up like a radiator leaking antifreeze in this role when they fell, 32-6, to division rival Buffalo. As a result, they failed to win more games than they lost from that point forward while putting the wraps on another losing season.

This year it looks like a cold day in Chicago this Sunday, as the Bears should

be a prime victim of the 'Tenth Avenue Freeze-out.'

For now, ask head coach Matt Eberflus what it's like to be a victim of a Tenth Avenue Freeze-out," and he'd likely tell you...

*Turn around the corner  
things got real quiet real fast.  
I walked into a Tenth Avenue  
freeze-out...*

Our Preferred Picks Executive Football Service went on hot-heater last weekend, cleaning up with a **7-1 overall winning record**, highlighted with **my College Football Underdog Game of the Year** winner when Michigan brought home the bacon against Indiana.

LOOK: Make plans to join me this week for my **NFL Underdog Game of the Year** this Sunday. If you like 100% perfect winning situation plays, you'll love this beauty. Best of all you can get the game online at PlaybookSports.com this Friday any time after 2:00 PM ET, or it's included with another **\$99 Football Weekend of Winners** when you call my office to join at **800.321.7777**. I'll look forward to working, and winning again, with you this weekend!

*Marc Lawrence*

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This coach struggles in games against foes coming off an outright loss as a favorite, going 3-12 ATS when his troops are coming off consecutive wins, including **0-9 ATS** when favored by 6 or more points. Who is this week's crestfallen favorite?

**For the Trivia Teaser answer, turn to page 6.**

## AWESOME ANGLE OF THE WEEK

PLAY AGAINST any  
10-0 CFB favorite in  
Game Eleven if they are  
facing a .555 or greater  
conference opponent.

**Play AGAINST:  
OREGON DUCKS (11/16)**

**TENFOLD**

**ATS W-L  
Record S/1996:  
21-3-1  
(88%)**

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F = Favorite • H = Home • Rev = Revenge • R = Road • SU = Straight-Up

## College Football Games

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### TEAMS KEY FACTS, STATS & ATS TRENDS

#### Saturday, November 16

Texas	7-3 as favs 10 > pts... 2-5 vs opp w/ rest... 4-9 L13 conf RG
ARKANSAS	SERIES: 4-1 L5... 1-6 aft allow 50+ pts... 1-4 as HD's 7 > pts
Clemson	4-1 aft Va Tech... 7-3 in 2nd of BB conf RG... 1-3 bef unlined HG
PITTSBURGH	9-3 as home dogs > 7 pts... 6-2 aft Virginia... 7-3 bef Louisville
Ohio State	SERIES: 7-3 L10... 8-3 aft Purdue... 9-4 as favs 21 > pts
N'WESTERN	4-1 w/ rest vs conf... 5-2 bef Michigan... 2-5 off conf dog win
Wash State	SERIES: Visitor 2-0... 4-2 away vs MWC... 1-5 as RF's > 10 pts
NEW MEXICO	4-1 bef Week of Rest... 0-6-1 as HD's 10 > pts... 2-9 Game 11
Kansas	4-12 as conf RD's 13 < pts... 3-6 away vs opp w/ revenge
BYU	8-1 aft Utah... 1-3 Game 10... 3-8 home w/ revenge
Boston Coll	1-6 vs .800 > conf opp... 1-4 aft Cuse... 3-9 L12 as conf RD's
SMU	7-1 as HF's 13 > pts... 3-10 off SU home win 21 > pts
Tennessee	5-1 bef non-conf HG... 0-6 as conf RD's 6 > pts... 3-9 aft Miss St
GEORGIA	SERIES: 5-0 L5... 4-0 aft Ole Miss... 10-3 bef non-conf HG
Missouri	SERIES: 5-0 L5... 4-0 away vs conf rev... 6-2 as conf dogs 10 < pts
S CAROLINA	4-0 as conf favs 10 < pts... 6-1 in 1st of BB HG... 2-4 aft Vandy
Cincinnati	4-1-1 vs .850 > conf opp... 3-11 as conf dogs 6 > pts
IOWA STATE	7-0 home vs conf revenge... 4 5-2 as conf HF's 8 > pts
Virginia	5-1 as dogs 17 > pts... 4-1 in 2nd of BB RG... 1-8 aft Pitt
NOTRE DAME	SERIES: 3-1 L4... 7-2 in 2nd of BB HG... 1-8 aft Florida St
Utah	SERIES: visitor 4-0... 8-3 as RD's 10 < pts... 0-4 L4 vs conf rev
COLORADO	6-1 L7 w/ conf revenge... 5-1 as HF's 10 < pts... 1-7 bef Kansas
Arizona St	3-0 vs conf opp w/ rest... 7-3 as conf RD's < 10 pts
KANSAS ST	6-0 in 1st of BB HG... 9-3 as HF's 10 < pts... 0-5 L5 w/ rest
Boise State	6-1 Game 10... 6-2 away vs sing revenge... 1-4 in 1st of BB RG
SAN JOSE ST	SERIES: 3-0-1 L4... 1-4 in 1st of BB HG... 1-3 w/ sing conf rev
Oregon	7-1 as conf RF's 8 > pts... 6-1 bef Wash... 6-2 bef Week of Rest
WISCONSIN	4-1 as home dogs 14 < pts... 1-4 w/ rest... 2-5 off SU loss 21 > pts

## NFL Games

### TEAMS KEY FACTS, STATS & ATS TRENDS

#### Thursday, November 14

Washington	SERIES: 3-1-1 L5... 3-1 aft non-conf HG... 1-7 bef div HG
PHILADELPHIA	0-5 bef Rams... 1-4 L5 div HG... 1-3 Thursdays... 2-5 aft Dal

#### Sunday, November 17

Green Bay	SERIES: 10-0 SUATS L10... 4-0 L4 div RG... 3-6 aft Bye
CHICAGO	4-1 in 2nd of BB HG... 1-7 L8 div HG... 2-6 aft non-conf HG
Cleveland	SERIES: 3-1 L4... 8-2 L10 vs NFC South... 8-3 L11 non-conf RG
NEW ORLEANS	4-1 aft div HG... 6-2 bef Bye... 1-8 non-conf HG... 1-3 aft Atl
La Rams	4-1 aft Monday gm... 3-1 bef Phil... 2-8 L10 non-conf RG
N ENGLAND	SERIES: 4-2 L6... 0-5 aft non-conf RG... 1-5 vs opp off Mon gm
Baltimore	5-0 aft div HG... 5-0 in 1st of BB RG... 1-3 L4 as div RF's
PITTSBURGH	SERIES: 3-0 SUATS L3... 5-1 bef div RG... 7-2 aft non-conf RG
Las Vegas	5-0-1 bef div HG... 4-1 vs AFC Est... 1-7 aft allow 35 > pts
MIAMI	SERIES: 6-2-1 L9... 5-1 aft Rams... 9-3 home vs AFC West
Jacksonville	3-1 aft non-conf HG... 1-3 non-div RD's 7 > pts... 2-4 bef Bye
DETROIT	SERIES: 4-0 L4... 5-0 L5 non-conf HG... 1-4 aft non-conf RG
Minnesota	SERIES: 6-1 L7... 4-1 away vs AFC South... 4-1-1 in 2nd of BB RG
TENNESSEE	3-0-2 bef Hou... 5-2 as non-conf HD's... 1-4 L5 vs NFC North
Seattle	4-1 as div RD's... 3-1 aft div HG... 2-7 bef Ariz... 2-5 aft Bye
SAN FRAN	SERIES: 5-1 L6... 0-3 L3 div HG... 2-5 as HF's 5 > pts
Atlanta	SERIES: 3-0 L3... 1-5 in 2nd of BB RG... 4-10 L14 non-conf RG
DENVER	8-1 aft KC... 4-1 L5 vs NFC South... 5-2 L7 non-conf HG
Kansas City	5-1 aft Den... 5-1 away vs .700 > opp... 3-1 aft div HG
BUFFALO	SERIES: 4-1 L5... 4-0 as non-div HF/HD 3 < pts... 5-1-1 bef Bye
Cincinnati	SERIES: 6-2-1 L9... 5-1 vs AFC West... 8-2 in 2nd of BB RG
LA CHARGERS	4-0 aft Ten... 1-11 as non-div HF's 4 < pts... 1-5 Game 10
Indianapolis	SERIES: 3-1 L4... 7-1 L8 vs AFC East... 4-1 bef non-conf HG
NY JETS	6-1 aft Ariz... 5-1 L6 vs AFC South... 1-3 aft non-conf RG

#### Monday, November 18

Houston	SERIES: 2-0-1 L3... 1-5 aft non-conf HG... 3-6 L9 non-conf RG
DALLAS	4-0 on Mondays L3Y... 6-1 bef Wash... 1-3 in 2nd of BB HG

**BYES:** Arizona Cardinals, Carolina Panthers, New York Giants, Tampa Bay Buccaneers

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### INCREDIBLE STAT OF THE WEEK

**Utah is 24-6 ATS as a dog of 7 or more points under Kyle Whittingham, including 18-2 ATS versus foes that allow 17 or more PPG.**

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



## CLOSE SHAVES

College football teams that have remained unbeaten after opening the season as a 5-0 'Fat Cat'

begin to feel the pressure as the season wears on.

This is especially true in the game after escaping with a scant one-point victory. It's confirmed that these 'close-shave' artists are just 19-15 SU and 11-21 ATS in the game after that when facing conference opponents.

Worse, these escape artists dip to **6-11 SU** and **2-13 ATS** when they own a rushing attack that averages fewer than 188 rushing yards per game.

That puts **BYU** in danger this Saturday. With that, we'll lather up and look for **Kansas** to tear the Cougars' dream of a perfect season to shreds this Saturday.



# THIS WEEK IN FOOTBALL - NOVEMBER 12-18

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

## NCAA FOOTBALL

**Tuesday, November 12**

### TOLEDO over Central Michigan by 16

It's been death by a thousand chips for CMU; they're just not a very good team. They've lost four straight, and HC Jim McElwain may get knocked off Mount Pleasant after this campaign. We don't wish Jim ill will, but it might be time to contact a realtor when you are **1-8 ATS** in your last nine road games and **2-13 ATS** in your last 15 conference games. The Rockets stole one against Eastern Michigan last week thanks to three fourth-quarter TD tosses by Tucker "The Great One" Gleason. Toledo is a game out of the fight for a berth in the MAC title game and needs some charity to slide in. Toledo leads the conference at a plus 61-point differential, which shows the strength of the MAC as compared to those soft TV conferences that don't have the stomach to play on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

### BOWLING GREEN over W Michigan by 12

The Broncos had a shot to grab solo first in the MAC at 5-0 but fell to Northern Illinois, making the Falcons quite happy. Both teams are part of a 4-1 foursome, with only two making it to Ford Field for the title bout. Western has a long history of letting one loss become two, going **1-7 ATS** when coming off a double-digit ATS loss. The Broncos' defense could also use a plumber, having given up season-high yardage in three of their five conference games. This is good news for BG RB Terion Stewart, who's amassed 340 ground yards in the last three games, all Falcons wins. Falcons' Quarterback Connor Bazelak hasn't thrown an interception since September 28, meaning the Broncos may be muttering about how you can mend a broken heart. It will be some Lonely Days for WMU if the BG's keep MAC Title game hopes Stayin' Alive.

### BUFFALO over Ball State by 11

Neither side is a contender for the ultimate college football trophy, the MAC Championship, so bowl dreams are in the hippocampus of each team. Buffalo (5-4) just needs one more, and with Kent State looming, the Bulls can start figuring out if they want a urethane or reactive resin bowling ball. Ball State has had all five conference games decided by one score but has just two wins. Ball's defense has improved, but there was nowhere to go but up to 123rd in total defense. The Cardinals have been clipped in the stats by an average of -106 YPG, a major sin in the sharp eyes of The Playbook. Ball is a keen 10-1 ATS in their last 11 MAC outings, and the Bulls, once 5-0 SUATS in next to-last home games from 2016-2020, have failed in those games since. We're counting on Buffalo to return to its 'glory' days.

**Wednesday, November 13**

### MIAMI (OHIO) over Kent State by 35

In their last midweek "effort," Kent was outgained 407-114 and managed seven first downs against Ohio. In other words, business as usual for the country's worst program. There are nine schools being outgained by more than 100 yards per game, but the Golden Grahams have taken this to a new level, being outgained by more than 200 yards per game. Plus, Kent has been outscored by 278 points so far. The RedHawks are far from an explosive offense, but you'd better believe stat padding is locker-room talk in Oxford. MOH has been 30 points-plus favorites three times previously, and three times, they've broken the tape while averaging over 51 points per game. Wednesday night means football for Miami; they're **9-0 SU** and **8-1 ATS** in their last nine under the cool lights. It's more like D'OH! for the Flashes.

### OHIO over Eastern Michigan by 1

Ohio has been one of the conference's strongest programs for most of this century, and 2024 is no exception. The Bobcats are in the four-way battle royal for the top of the MAC table and are already bowl-eligible. EMU will not be an easy out, though. The Eagles are 5-4 and were a play away from 6-3 when, after scoring as time expired, Eastern

## 2024 COLLEGE FOOTBALL TOP 25 PLAYOFF RANKINGS

No.1 OREGON (10-0)					
2	Ohio St	8-1	10	Ole Miss	8-2
3	Texas	8-1	11	Georgia	7-2
4	Penn St	8-1	12	Miami Fla	9-1
5	Indiana	10-0	13	Boise St	8-1
6	Tennessee	8-1	14	SMU	8-1
7	BYU	9-0	15	Texas A&M	7-2
8	N Dame	8-1	16	Army	9-0
9	Alabama	7-2	17	Clemson	7-2
18	Colorado	7-2	19	Wash St	8-1
20	Kansas St	7-2	21	LSU	6-3
22	Louisville	6-3	23	S Carolina	6-3
24	Missouri	7-2	25	Tulane	8-2

Coach Chris Creighton blew off the try for a tie and went for a two-point conversion vs. Toledo. It failed on the last play of the game. Eastern is still carrying bowl dreams thanks to being 7-2 in the Stats and appears to be the better offense. A number we find as attractive as Cindy Crawford in a Pepsi commercial is the Eagles' **13-2 ATS** mark as a conference dog of four or more against .500 or greater opponents.

### NORTHERN ILLINOIS over Akron by 18

You must admire the consistency of Zippers football in 2024. They are ranked 120th in offense and defense but can always point with disdain toward the Northeast and Kent State's campus. NIU clogged the MAC drain last week with their resounding win over W. Michigan; now, a bowl game is in the sights of the Fighting Irish conquerors. In the Red Corner, you have an NIU team that's just **1-11 ATS** as home chalk, but in the Black Corner, 10-2 ATS as home chalk in game number 10 in the conference. Better news: it appears the Huskies are going to reject advances from the Mountain West to leave the Mid-American. The Action Network reports that with NIU staying, Toledo won't jump either. A celebratory taking down of the Zippers seems appropriate.

**Thursday, November 14**

### East Carolina over TULSA by 18

The city of Tulsa considers itself the next Austin, Texas, but we can assure you that the football in Austin is way, way, way better than in Chapman Stadium. Of the last 12 home games, Tulsa is **2-10 ATS** and **2-10 ATS** when coming off a road loss. They don't score much and are burdened with an open border defense that gives up nearly 39 PPG. The Pirates are in the midst of a generous schedule run of Temple, Bye, FAU, and now Tulsa. If ECU holds up its end on Thursday, that stretch will place the Pirates in a bowl game. In their last 17 road Game 10's, the Easterners are **15-2 ATS**. QB Katon Houser has 13 TD tosses in his last three games, plus two rushing touchdowns, and should be able to house a few more scores for the Purple Pirates. A win means consecutive bowl trips for ECU, a BIG achievement after an unlucky seven-year post-season drought.

**Friday, November 15**

### COLORADO STATE over Wyoming by 6

This is the 125th anniversary of the first meeting between these teams, the 116th game, and the 79th straight year "The Border War" for the Bronze Boot will be contested. Colorado State will be bowling for the first time since 2017, but the Rams aim for the top spot in the MWC. CSU is 4-0, one back of 5-0 Boise State. Before you sprint to the window, please dig your spurs into the ground and read this: The Rams have been outgained in both of their last two games by a combined 333 yards, while the Cowboys are 7-1 SU and 6-2 ATS in the last eight games in the battle for the boot. Wyoming won't be in a bowl game for the first time since the bizarre 2020 season, but the 'Boys are 4-1 ATS and ITS (In The Stats) in their last five games. You can throw the records out the window in a rivalry, but throwing the Bronze Boot out the window will be very painful for the person it hits.

### UTSA over North Texas by 4

Earlier this year, UNT appeared to be in top form, but the losses piled up as soon as the schedule (Memphis, Tulane, and Army) got tougher. The Mean Green has sunk from 5-1 to 5-4 with a porous defense giving up 422 yards per game. In the series, the Roadrunners are 3-0 SU in the last three and **9-2-1 ATS** as the host. Last week, UTSA threw the knockout punch that wiped out Memphis playoff hopes thanks to four TD passes from QB Owen McCown, who owns a sterling 20:4 TD/INT ratio. The son of former NFL signal caller Josh McCown has found a home in San Antonio after leaving Colorado last year. The bottom line is that passing on the Roadrunners as Dome Dogs is our way of avoiding being hit in the head by a cartoon anvil. Beep Beep!

### WASHINGTON over Ucla by 1

This Big 10 (sigh) matchup sees a fast-improving Bruins squad against a Huskies team fighting for a bowl game just one season after fighting for the national title. Worse for UW, Oregon is next on the schedule, putting even more ghost pepper spice in this weekend's matchup. The Huskies have lost the stats battle in their last two games. In the series, Washington is 2-4 SU and 1-5 ATS in the last six, and their best hope to nail down the all-important sixth win is if the Bruins offense plays at their usual blah level. UCLA is UGLY; they ain't got an alibi; they're ugly when they have the ball, averaging a little over 320 YPG. But we're willing to forgive the Bruins, warts and all, thanks to an attention-getting **9-2 ATS** mark as a dog after taking points in the previous game.

### ARIZONA over Houston by 4

We're unsure if former Arizona and Houston coach Kevin Sumlin will be watching this one, but two desperate teams will line up. Arizona has lost five in a row, and Houston has struggled while transitioning to first-year coach Willie Fritz. This matchup hinges on whether the Coogs successfully run the ball as Fritz will demand. QB Zeon Criss did go 11-11 passing last week, but he's better known as a punishing runner, carrying the ball 22 times vs. Kansas State. The cool matchup the NFL will watch is Arizona WR Tetairoa McMillan (63-1,066-6) against Houston CB AJ Haulcy. Zona is 0-5 ATS in the last five and **2-10 ATS** in games following losses, which matches Houston's **2-14 ATS** in games coming off a double-digit spread win. That's a battle the NFL, and hopefully, you won't be watching. To quote the great Jim Ross, picking this one is "tougher than a \$2 steak."

### Saturday, November 16

#### GEORGIA SOUTHERN over Troy by 4

The Eagles have already nailed a bowl berth and have larger fish to fry in the season's final two weeks against Coastal Carolina and App. State. If you were on a fishing trip, you would throw Troy back in the water once you caught them but ignore the Trojan's salty **11-2 ATS** as the dog after a game dressed up as a...wait for it...dog. Incredibly, Troy is **10-2 ATS** in games when bouncing off a double-digit ATS victory. These days, players are auditioning for playing time not just for their current school next year but for others, too, so there could be some motivation for Troy players to play in the college version of a "Contract Year." There seems to be a hole in the logic of the Trojans being disrespected here; it looks like Georgia Southern might have a hard time getting its interest up.

#### MARSHALL over Coastal Carolina by 12

There is no lack of motivation for Marshall as they're battling the Statesboro Blues for first in the Sun Belt East at 4-1 and are carrying the burden of double revenge against CCU. To quote Virgil "The Turk" Sollozzo in "The Godfather," "The Chanticleers, may they rest in peace, are slipping." 11-9-8 are the last three seasons' win totals, and they will have to run the table to reach nine (including a bowl game). The problem is that CCU has lost the stats battle in its last five games. The game may hinge on how well the Chants contain Marshall pass rusher Mike Green, who had three sacks last week to bring his 2024 total to 12, tied for first in the nation, and to make it even more intriguing, CCU has given up just six sacks this season. Coastal head coach Tim Beck chugged a beer on ESPN last week before the App. State game then smashed the can into his head Steve Austin-style. Beck may need something a little stronger after this one.

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

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#### Florida Atlantic over TEMPLE by 1

This is a four-eyed battle for the basement in the AAC, with the 2-7 / 0-5 Owls visiting the 2-7 / 1-4 Owls. The **MIDWEEK ALERT** insists we should be siding with FAU, whose -58 net yards per game stat average is superior to Temple's -112 net average. The fly in the ointment, though, is that the visitors are "**leaking oil**," being outgained in each of the last three games. Still, we like the visiting Owls' look better than the home-standing Owls. Also, consider that Temple's -163-point differential is handily the worst in the conference, and a 1-5 ITS (In The Stats) mark in their last six games might be the biggest indication of their 2024 woes. Be aware that FAU has won exactly 3 games in each of the last 3 years. Now they need one win in their final 3 games to keep the streak alive. With UTSA and North Texas still to come, this might be their best opportunity today.

#### OLD DOMINION over James Madison by 3

The 7-2 / 3-2 Dukes are one game in back of 4-1 Georgia Southern and Marshall, and tied with 3-2 Old Dominion in the Sun Belt East. Unfortunately, GSU owns the tie-breaker, which means this game will be to separate JMU from ODU. The Dukes held two of their last four foes to season-low yardage, but we're not anxious to run with them here in this double-revenger for the Monarchs, not with another revenge affair up next with Appalachian State. Meanwhile, the Monarchs rallied from a disappointing 1-4 start with three straight wins before falling to Appy State last week despite outgaining the Mountaineers by over 100 yards in the stats. We understand that ODU is 1-9 ATS as a dog after being a favorite in their last game, but a **5-1 ATS** home dog log the past two-plus seasons gains them the nod here.

#### Texas over **ARKANSAS** by 6

The Hogs have struggled at home lately (1-9 ATS in their last ten), but head coach Sam Pittman is 21-10 ATS in his career as a dog, and he's fighting for his coaching life during this stretch run. They seemed to have a handle on things as the season moved into October, but bad losses to LSU and Ole Miss – sandwiched around an easy road win over Mississippi State – have now turned up the heat on Pittman's fanny. Still, the Razorbacks have covered four of the last 5 meetings in this series and are 5-2 ATS with rest. Speaking of pressure, you'll find plenty of it in Austin these days after losses by Georgia and Miami on Saturday have moved the Longhorns up two spots to No. 3 in both the AP Top 25 and the Coaches Poll. Steve Sarkisian's team is coming off a comfortable win over the Gators, but we think that this is too much weight for a team ranked this high to be laying at this stage of the season. Especially for a team that is **2-9 ATS** as a favorite of fewer than 21 points against

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SEC opposition. The defense was exploited somewhat by Florida running backs Ja'Kobi Jackson and Jadan Baugh, who each had 19 touches on the ground and combined for 197 rushing yards. Other numbers to consider are the Horns' 2-5 ATS record in Game 9, a 2-5 ATS mark versus opponents with rest, and a 4-9 ATS record in their last 13 conference road games. This will be a hostile environment in Fayetteville, where Arkansas smashed Texas 40-21 in 2022 in Sark's first road game at the school. Just sayin'.

### UPSET GAME OF THE WEEK UPSET

#### **Wake Forest over NORTH CAROLINA by 1**

Wake Forest lost the Friday night track meet to Cal last week, 46-36, when they were outgained 500-386 and turned the ball over four times. However, they are **10-1 ATS** when coming off a SUATS loss and facing a foe coming off a SUATS win, and previously registered a pair of hard-fought wins over UConn and Stanford behind former Boise State QB Hank Bachmeier. In addition, at 4-5 / 2-3 on the season, the Demon Deacons need to pick up two wins in their final three games to go bowling, and they'll come hard and get one here. Meanwhile, the Heels own a scary **1-6 ATS** mark as a double-digit favorite in this series when they come off a double-digit win. UNC head coach Mack Brown finds himself wallowing in quicksand in this week's **TRIVIA TEASER** as outlined on page 2... and to sweeten the pie, there is also **The CLINCHER: The Tar Heels are a horrid 3-6 SU and 0-9 ATS as double-digit chalk.**

#### **CHARLOTTE over South Florida by 3**

The 4-5 / 2-3 Bulls are one leg up on the 3-6 / 2-3 49ers after they fell behind 21-0 against Navy in the first half and never recovered. USF needs two wins in their last three games to go bowling for the second straight year under Alex Golesh. We are unsure if we're comfortable laying points on the road with these fickle bovines. On the flip side, the Niners are **11-2 ATS** as a dog coming off a loss versus a foe coming off an underdog loss. They are also **9-2 ATS** coming off a SUATS loss. In desperate need of a sweep of their final three games, they can still make the post-season if they get past USF today with FAU and UAB up next to close out the campaign.

#### **Liberty over UMASS by 8**

The Flames appear to be burning out of gas at just 1-2 following their 5-0 start to the season. Because they are already bowl-eligible, it would be no surprise to see them going through the motions against a barefoot foe they've beaten in each of the last five games by an average win margin of 36 points per game. Still, we're uncomfortable laying doubles on the highway with this recalcitrant group, not with them just **2-9 ATS** as double-digit favorites after being double-digit chalk in their last contest. Meanwhile, the Minutemen have very little offensive firepower. Still, defensively, they have an aptitude for stopping the pass (ranked 10th in passing defense), so Liberty QB Kaidon Salter should be a bit concerned. UMass is just 7-49 outright in their last 56 overall games but have a 4-1 ATS home dog log when rested, and going up against a greater than .600 opponent leaves us running with Paul Revere's troops today.

#### **WESTERN KENTUCKY over Louisiana Tech by 6**

The 7-2 / 5-0 Hilltoppers are looking dead ahead to revenge contests with Liberty and Jacksonville State (also currently 5-0 in Conference USA) to close out the season – today's game is just an appetizer. Easy wins over UTEP, Kennesaw State, and Sam Houston State helped Western recover from a tough one-point loss to Boston College, saving their season. However, Wicky is just 3-11-1 ATS as a favorite of 13 or fewer points when coming off an ATS loss. Meanwhile, the 3-6 Bulldogs are all but dead in the water, needing three wins in their final three games, which will not happen with a road game at Arkansas next week. It's a shame because they are playing their best ball of the season, with ITS (In The Stats) wins in four of their previous five games. On a sidebar note: the Techsters have finished each of the last three seasons at 3-9. There is a distinct possibility that a 'grand salami' is in the works, but the **MIDWEEK ALERT** warns us not to be too anxious as the Bulldogs enter off a stat win in each of their last two games (both losses) while the Toppers arrive off an 'inside-out' win over New Mexico State.

#### **WEST VIRGINIA over Baylor by 3**

The 5-4 / 4-2 Hillbillies are bowl-bound for the fourth time in the last five seasons, returning home off a pair of outright conference wins as dogs in the last two games. The credit for their latest victory goes to the defense, which put up the stop sign for a late Cincy rally with two critical takeaways to preserve a 31-24 win. With both teams looking to earn their bowl credentials today, our Geiger counter reminds us that the last five conference home dogs coming off consecutive underdog wins are 10-2-1 ATS against foes they defeated in a previous meeting, including **5-0 SUATS** this season. On the flip side, following a 2-4 start to the campaign, the 5-4 / 3-3 Bears have officially come out of hibernation, riding a 3-0 SUATS streak as they enter Morgantown in this early kick-off. They are coming off a bye week following an emotional 37-34 win over TCU. Still, you must remember that the host is 9-2 ATS, so we say: take me home, Country Roads.

#### **NAVY over Tulane by 3**

What was once a promising showdown between a pair of Group of Five heavyweights has become a light-heavyweight match instead. The 8-2 / 6-0 Wave is currently a half-game behind AAC leading 9-0 / 7-0 Army and a half-game up on 7-2 / 5-1 Navy, making this contest pivotal for both teams regarding conference positioning. Tulane is 14-1 SU and 12-3 ATS in the last fifteen games as road chalk, including 5-0 ATS in the last five games. But be sure you know that Tulane is strong on both sides of the football (ranked 16th on defense and 26th in the nation on offense) and has won seven straight games – 5 by double-digits. Okay, only one of those seven victories was over an upper-echelon team, a 41-33 win in September over Louisville, we get it. Meanwhile, the Middies are 7-2-1 ATS in their last ten games as a home dog, including **5-0-1 ATS** versus winning foes. Our big concern today is that the Swabbies are 6-1 outright in the series and **5-0 ATS** when taking points as a dog when Tulane is looking for revenge. Take it if you play it.

#### **Clemson over PITT by 14**

The 7-2 Panthers started the season 7-0 before the cotter pins started slipping. In the recent pair of defeats, QB Eli Holstein is the player who has slipped the most, tossing three interceptions and passing for only one TD. Their spotty history includes a 3-7 ATS record in LHGs (Last Home Games) versus greater than .600 opposition, including **1-6 ATS** when Pitt owns a winning record. On the flip side, the 7-2 / 6-1 Tigers are sitting a half-game behind SMU for the top spot in the ACC and are tied with Miami, whom they do not play in the regular season. Looking to avenge a 27-17 loss the last time they met the Panthers in the Steel City, Clemson is also 5-5 SU and 28-9-1 ATS from Game Eight out during the regular season, including **21-4-1 ATS** when coming off a win of seven-plus points. It's the Tigers' time of the season, and we're not stepping in front of them.

#### **Ohio State over NORTHWESTERN by 24**

As you might expect, the Buckeyes bring solid numbers into this contest: 7-1 ATS in Game Ten of the season and 9-4 ATS as favorites of more than 21 points, but the biggest games of the season are on deck for Brutus, home affairs with Indiana and Michigan. OSU is 4-9 ATS before playing Indiana (2-7 ATS with an .888 or greater win percentage). A super-soft 3-8 ATS ledger in regular season road finales, including **0-5 ATS** when OSU is not unbeaten, cements it. This may not be one of our "as the noose tightens" plays, but it's a kissing cousin. Meanwhile, the Wildcats counter at **10-2 ATS** in Game Ten of the season, and as a 4-win team, they know they need to pick up wins in two of their final three games to earn a bowl card. Remember that Northwestern is 4-1 ATS with rest versus conference foes. FYI: the last time Northwestern pulled the rug out on Ohio State was 20 years ago when they won 33-27 as 11-point home dogs. Will that happen today? Probably not, but taking the points is the smart play.

#### **GEORGIA STATE over Arkansas State by 3**

At 2-7, the Panthers are playing purely for pride at this stage of the season. A 5-1-1 ATS mark at home as a dog or favorite of fewer than three points versus foes that allow 28.5 or more PPG makes them a viable play today. Especially when you consider that the 5-4 / 3-2 Red Wolves are incredibly still in the bowl mix but need a win here or at home against UL-Monroe or Old Dominion to close out the season, that may be a tall task for a team that owns the nation's No. 130 overall defense (464 DYPG). An 0-5 outright record in LRGs (Last Road Games) and a 1-4 away mark this year figures to put those pipedreams to rest.



# BOWL SEASON

## Every Breath You Take...

Picking up where we left off last week, it's that time of the 2024 college football season when the focus dramatically shifts to season-ending bowl games. They are the reward for a job well done, or in some cases, not-so-well done. Rest assured the teams know where they are situated as far as bowl eligibility is concerned. Here is an updated report card of each team heading into upcoming games this week –

### Clinched Bowl Eligibility Last Game:

Bowling Green, Buffalo, Colorado, Georgia Southern, Georgia Tech, Jacksonville State, Liberty, Louisville, Marshall, Ohio U, South Carolina, and TCU.

### Looking to Clinch Bowl Eligibility Next Game:

Arkansas, Arkansas State, Baylor, California, Cincinnati, Coastal Carolina, East Carolina, Eastern Michigan, Fresno State, Miami Ohio, Michigan State, NC State, Nebraska, North Carolina, Northern Illinois, North Texas, Oklahoma, Rutgers, Texas State, UL-Monroe, Virginia, Virginia Tech, Washington, Washington State, and Western Michigan.

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

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

### MARYLAND over Rutgers by 1

After a sizzling 5-0 start, the Scarlet Knights saw their bowl hopes swirling down the drain with four straight losses, but a win over Minnesota on Saturday has them within one victory of a joyous holiday trip. An opportunistic defense and a clutch performance by QB Athan Kaliaknakis against his former school gave Rutgers a crucial 26-19 win over the Golden Gophers. So now the Knights meet the Terps with bowl implications for both teams at the forefront of this event, and the Knights are one leg up on the 4-5 Turtles. Unfortunately, both teams bring lousy numbers into this game. Rutgers is 2-9 ATS off a conference game versus a foe off a conference tilt, yet they bring a triple revenge-exact chip into this contest. They did hold the Gophers to just 40 yards rushing but failed to get their own ground game rolling without top RB Kyle Monangai, who missed the contest with an injury. Conversely, Maryland was taken behind the woodshed by top-ranked Oregon, 39-18, and now needs a pair of wins to make it to the postseason. Further, the Terrapins have been terrible in Game Ten of the season, going **2-10 ATS** over the last dozen years. However, they sport the better offense and defense in this matchup, but it does not matter when you're laying points. Take it if you play it.

### Penn State over PURDUE by 31

There is no messing with the Lions at this stage of the season – they are coming off an impressive 35-6 win over Washington in front of their signature "White Out" crowd on Saturday. The offense seems to be rolling on all cylinders to supplement a stingy defense ranked 4th in the nation. The Nittany Lions are **9-1 ATS** as conference road favorites of more than 17 points and **10-2 ATS** in the first of back-to-back road games. Today's only concern is whether the Boilers have enough lure to draw PSU down to their level. Purdue's ineptitude is demonstrated by a **1-9 ATS** mark after playing Ohio State (shut out 45-0) and an equally horrifying **1-9 ATS** record as double-digit home dogs. You don't expect us to be lining up with this bucket of bolts, not when they are **2-14 ATS** in their last sixteen home games.

### AUBURN over UL Monroe by 21

Here we go, another SEC team hosting a cupcake at this stage of the season – and expecting to be better off because of it? At 3-6, the Tigers will almost certainly be home for the holidays, with Texas A&M still on the agenda before the Iron Bowl against the Tide. Therefore, this might be the last hurrah for Hugh Freeze, as a fourth straight losing season could bring on another quick hook at Auburn. Indeed, an upset today is not out of the realm of possibility, either, as the

surprising 5-1 start in Monroe had the Warhawks thinking bowl game this season, but they've stalled since, dropping each of their last three contests. While they'll likely earn their bowl invite in the season's final two games, we hope they have enough left in the tank to at least cash this ticket.

### LOUISIANA over South Alabama by 1

At 4-5, the Jaguars are still in the bowl hunt, but barely after allowing 20 unanswered points to Georgia Southern two weeks ago to drop a 34-30 decision. On the bright side, they've had an extra week to put that embarrassing loss in the rear-view mirror. Also, we know that the dog in this series is **6-1 ATS** over the last seven meetings. Meanwhile, the Cajuns enter off a 55-19 rout here last week against Arkansas State – their sixth consecutive victory – but the bad news is that they are **2-12 ATS** when coming off a double-digit SUATS win. With a revenge game versus Troy on deck, we'll take as many points as we can today.

### Washington State over NEW MEXICO by 16

Don't look now, but one of the only two remaining Pac-12 teams is now 8-1 on the season, and 19th-ranked Wazzu looks like they are on their way to its first double-digit winning season since 2018. QB John Mateer hit WR Kyle Williams for three TDs in the 49-28 win over Utah State, and we're sure that Mike Leach is hoisting a cold one somewhere on high. The visitor in this series has covered the last two match-ups, while the Cougars are **10-2 ATS** in Game Ten and 4-2 ATS in their last six away contests versus the Mountain West. Meanwhile, the Lobos are coming off a huge 21-16 road win on Friday night against San Diego State, their first in the last ten games against the Aztecs. It is not often that we can still say that New Mexico has a shot at a bowl invitation this late in November, but today does not look promising with UNM **0-6-1 ATS** as double-digit home dogs, 2-9 ATS in Game Eleven and 3-9 versus the spread after playing San Diego State. That said, there is only one way to look here.

## 3★ BEST BET

### Kansas over BYU by 3

You could see it coming for Kansas. Every one of the Jayhawks' six losses coming into Saturday was winnable. Then against No. 18 Iowa State last week, the Jayhawks looked like the team that began the year as the No. 4 team in the Coaches Poll by taking a 31-13 halftime lead and weathering the Cyclones' comeback attempt for a 45-36 win. While a bowl bid will take a borderline miracle – Kansas hasn't taken four conference games in a row since 2007. Can you spell u-p-s-e-t? Meanwhile, speaking of miracles, it was a wild finish for the miraculous Mormons in the Holy War, as the Cougars used a dramatic defensive holding penalty to get a second chance and defeat the Utes on a field goal with three seconds to play. It was the second time in the last three games that BYU (now ranked #8) won in the final ten seconds. However, the miracles may have come to an end with the visit from the Jayhawks today. BYU is 3-8 ATS at home with revenge, and with the pressure mounting with each passing game for the Cougs, look to **THE CLINCHER: See this week's SMART BOX on page 3.**

### JACKSONVILLE STATE over Florida Int'l by 20

And the wins keep coming. After a 0-3 SUATS beginning the season, the Gamecocks have been smoking hot, winning six straight games while cashing five tickets. The latest win for the Gamecocks saw QB Tyler Huff throw a 49-yard Hail Mary on the final play of regulation to give them the win... hold it, not so fast, my friends. A missed extra point sent the game into overtime, but the Gamecocks survived with an OT touchdown to win 44-37. We're not about to jump in front of that and get torched. Especially when the Panthers own the nation's No. 118 offense, averaging a mere 323 YPG this season. Next to Jack's No. 13 overall offense that averages 457 yards a game, this game has halftime written all over it – that's when this contest should be all but decided.

### Louisville over STANFORD by 24

The Cardinals are currently 16th in the nation in total offense behind QB Tyler Shough, who has thrown for over 2,500 yards already with 20 TDs versus just five interceptions. His favorite target, senior Ja'Corey Brooks, is averaging 93 yards receiving per game, and RB Isaac Brown gives the Cards a balanced attack with 800 yards rushing. The defense, well, not so great (ranked 70th in the FBS). Still, we like Louisville

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today, as they are **5-0 ATS** with rest and 3-0 ATS when coming off a conference underdog win, not to mention 3-0 ATS after playing Clemson. Meanwhile, Stanford has lost six straight games and, as you might expect, comes into this one with numbers that reek to high heaven. Just one spot ahead of Florida State in the race for the ACC cellar, the Cardinal (singular) has virtually no offense to speak of (ranked 122nd) and is 105th in the nation on defense. They are also **0-6 ATS** after allowing more than 50 points and **0-5 ATS** before taking on arch-rival California in the Big Game. Add a 2-7 ATS mark as double-digit home dogs and a **2-11 ATS record** when coming off a SUATS loss, and we'll lay the heavy lumber with the Cardinals (plural). It's always better to have more than one.

### Sam Houston over KENNESAW STATE by 18

After Sam Houston opened its debut season in the FBS last year with a nine-game losing streak, we wouldn't have given the Bearcats a snowball's chance of avoiding a demotion back to the FCS. Fast forward to now, where the 7-2 Kats are riding a 10-3 win skein since the close of last season and have reached bowl status in their first year of eligibility. Kudos to head coach K.C. Keeler for keeping his head off the chopping block after the disastrous start in 2023. However, Kennesaw State head coach Brian Bohannon was not quite as fortunate, ousted after a 1-8 start this season. Whether he stepped down or got pink-slipped, Bohannon's 71-30 record over nine seasons was not enough to save him, even though he helped the program forge its way onto the FBS stage. Co-Offensive Coordinator Chandler Burks takes over as the interim head coach, and we're wondering if he signed on the dotted line before being reminded his Owls are the **only team in the FBS to have been outgained in every game** this season – second only to Kent State at -161 net yards per game. Yikes. While we've talked up the Bearcats so far, we still feel they're in need of a knock-out win here, as they have been backpedaling over the course of their last three games, scoring just 9, 10, and 14 points, respectively. That figures to come to an end here, though, against the barefoot Owls, who are finding life in the FBS a particularly bitter pill to swallow.

### CALIFORNIA over Syracuse by 10

Last week's 46-36 win over Wake Forest was Cal's first as a member of the ACC versus a conference foe, and today's game marks the first of three league bouts to close out the campaign. The Golden Bears' 5-4 win mark won't win any beauty contests, but their 3-0 ITS (In The Stats) record in their last three games and a **7-1 ITS** success against FBS foes this season tells us California has clearly outplayed its record – and a win over the Cuse here sends them bowling for the second-straight year. The Orange have been good to us, winning the stats by an average of +90 net yards per game. The problem with Fran Brown's squad today, though, is they are **1-11 SU** and **2-10 ATS** as a road dog of late, as well as **2-12 ATS** as a dog today if they were a dog in the last

game. That's not good news for a Syracuse team facing a 2,800-mile air flight, the longest trip they've taken this season. Cal head coach Justin Wilcox is one of our favorite head coaches, as he is 13-7 ATS against sub .750 foes, including 11-4 ATS when his team sports a sub .600 win percentage. Syracuse is **8-1 ITS** in 2024, so this contest promises to be played at "bowl game" intensity. In the end, the Orange's recent **0-3 ATS** log in road finales keep us on Wilcox and the Bears.

### Hawaii over UTAH STATE by 8

How 'bout them Warriors? Last week, they welcomed MWC contender UNLV to Honolulu, then proceeded to play the socks off the 12-point favorite Rebels, taking them to the limit in a 29-27 Vegas victory. Timmy Chang's team looked to be dead in the water after a 2-5 start this season, but at 4-6, the Warriors can still earn bowl eligibility with wins in each of their final two games of the campaign. At 2-7 this year, the woeful Aggies will be home for the holidays, snapping a three-year bowl skid, so the incentive clearly belongs to the Grass Skirts. Utah State has been under the gun all year long; former head coach Blake Anderson was fired less than two months before the season, and interim head coach Nate Dreiling took over. Unless the Aggies can close strong, Dreiling might be on his way out, as USU boosters have already worked up a list of potential replacements. The Well-Oiled Machine lays some big-time shame on State, too, pointing out the Aggies' **2-10 ATS** failure when coming off an ATS loss when facing a foe coming off an ATS win and their **2-9 ATS** mark as a dog after being a dog in their last game. The simple truth is we can't trust a Utah State team with the nation's second-worst defense (497 YPG) against a hungry opponent sporting 172-YPG the better defense. Back Chang and the gang in this no-brainer.

### SMU over Boston College by 21

Wouldn't it be great if the ACC, Big Ten, and SEC saw their conference championships won by league newbies like SMU, Oregon, and Texas? It's a real possibility here in the 'Both Coasts' Conference, where 8-1 SMU sits atop the ACC with a perfect 5-0 record. Usually, we would take a deep dive into Boston College's chances, but a quick glance puts on the brakes pronto. First, the Eagles have burned the money of late when taking on an .800 or greater conference opponent, going just **1-6 ATS** in their last seven tries. Second and most disturbing is the program's sudden decline in cashing tickets as an ACC dog away from Chestnut Hill. Normally reliable in that role, the Eagles have done a U-turn into some road fog, going 3-9 ATS in their last 12 games when taking points on the conference road. Ugh. The Mustangs get lucky this afternoon in Dallas, as it marks Game Number Ten on their schedule, where they've gone **3-0 SUATS** the last three years by an average win margin of 23 points per game. The margin here isn't a problem, either, with the Ponies now **7-1 ATS** as home chalk of 13 or more points. And we didn't even mention that SMU was resting up last week while the Eagles were engaged in hand-to-hand combat with Syracuse. Mustangs' head coach Brett Lashlee won't let this opportunity slip away. Lay the wood with Eric Dickerson's alma mater.

### TEXAS STATE over Southern Miss by 31

Most of the time, a team laying three TDs to another team will win outright on the scoreboard. The ATS outcome, however, is the deciding factor when it comes to risking your money. Despite the abnormally large spread of TSU -26, we simply cannot recommend a Southern Miss squad that's packed it in for the season. Losers of eight of their nine games so far in 2024 and managing just an anemic 13 PPG in those defeats, the Golden Eagles will be searching for a new head coach by season's end – if they haven't already. Folks, if Kent State, Kennesaw State, and Florida State were not FBS teams, the Golden Eagles would be sitting at the top of this year's s - t heap. They are being outstatted at -132 net yards per contest this season, and they're also 12-32 ATS in conference games in which they lose outright as a dog against foes coming off a win. We can't go all in with the 5-4 Bobcats due to their weak 5-19 SU record in their final three games of the regular season, but none of the foes hit the scales at a lighter weight than the Eagles. We'll summarize this by noting Texas State head coach G.J. Kinne's **4-1 ATS** mark versus sub .333 foes. Just do it.

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



## GEORGIA over Tennessee by 4

Hell hath no fury like a Kirby scorned. Georgia backup safety Jake Pope found that out the hard way last week after a video was posted that showed Pope appearing to celebrate Mississippi's win over the Bulldogs. Pope issued a statement saying that he was just excited to see some old friends at the game. When asked about the video on Monday, Smart said: "What an idiot. I mean, just stupid. That's obviously a childhood friend of his that he grew up and played with there at Buford and he knows him, hadn't seen him in forever, but just not real smart." Guess who'll be entering the transfer portal this week? Yes, for the first time in 52 games, Georgia lost to a team not named Alabama when they fell to the 'Portal King, Lane Kiffin, in Oxford last week. Feeling the pain was our SEC Scout, Jaybird The Bulldog, who phoned this in from El Cortez Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas: "This looks like a perception versus reality game to me. The Bulldogs have been 5-0 ATS in the last five games in this series, but this year's team is just **2-8 ATS**. Furthermore, they're down a total net -10.5 in points scored and allowed per game, as well as a minus -140 net yards overall per game between offensive and defensive stats this season. Sorry, folks, these are not your daddy's Dawgs, so this one's a take-it-or-leave-it proposition." We second that notion considering the one and only time Tennessee head coach Josh Heupel was a dog coming off back-to-back ATS losses was this year against Alabama, and they toppled the Tide, 24-17, as a 3.5-point puppy. Heupel also takes the field tonight between the hedges with triple revenge-exact against Georgia, and we'll be on the take provided QB Nico Iamaleava is behind center (check his status). If so, we'll go with the Vols' 10-6 ATS record versus SEC foes when coming off four wins-exact, including **5-1 ATS** with a win percentage of .888 or greater, compared to Georgia's **0-4 ATS** log in conference games when coming off an outright loss as a favorite under Kirby Smart when his troops sport a sub .850 win percentage. The Dawgs prevail on the scoreboard, but Rocky Top leaves Athens with the cash.

## SOUTH CAROLINA over Missouri by 8

Cocks ran wild last week in their 44-20 beatdown of Texas A&M, outgaining the favored Aggies by +180 yards in the game. However, with three losses in the SEC, South Carolina won't have an impact on the championship race, except for maybe putting the final nail in Missouri's playoff coffin. Don't count on cashing a ticket, though, as the Tigers are **5-0 SUATS** the last five meetings in this series and **4-0 ATS** on the road with conference revenge. Still, it's a mixed bag for Mizzou concerning the health of some key players. Injured QB Brady Cook's loss has been catastrophic for the Tigers. Cook is 2-0 against South Carolina throughout his Missouri career, taking down a then-ranked Gamecocks team, 23-10, in 2022 and leading MU to a 34-12 home win last season. Running back Nate Noel, who has been battling a foot injury for several weeks, took 12 snaps against the Sooners and should be back in the starting lineup. However, Missouri center Connor Tollison, who started 34 straight games for the Tigers, is out for the season with a leg injury. Sorry, but as impressive as South Carolina's win over Texas A&M was two weeks ago, the Gamecocks clinched bowl eligibility in last week's win against Vandy. Thus, we think a letdown is in order for SC today.

## IOWA STATE over Cincinnati by 12

If only former head coach Luke Fickell had stayed at Cincinnati instead of exiting for Wisconsin last year. Fickell was an impressive 57-18 in six seasons with the Bearcats, who are just 8-13 under Scott Satterfield and need one more win to go bowling after snapping a five-year skein in Satterfield's debut last season. Their chances of accomplishing that are slim, and none and slim just left town. The Cyclones appeared to be on their way to a date in the Big 12 Championship game after starting 7-0, but back-to-back losses have thrown ISU into a four-team tie for third place in the conference race. They took the expected fall in last week's 'bubble burst' role against Kansas, falling two games behind Big 12 leader BYU with only three games left to close the gap. The Well-Oiled Machine says it's time for the Clones to get up off the mat, especially when it comes to cashing tickets in tonight's role. Ready? Matt Campbell's crew is **7-0 ATS** at home versus conference revenge, 5-2 ATS as Big 12 home chalk of 8 or more points, and 10-3 SUATS at home following a pair of losses-exact, including **7-1 ATS** when coming off an ATS loss. The Bearcats don't match up, going 3-11 ATS as conference dogs of six or more points and 2-5 ATS away with conference revenge. The bottom line is that this is NOT where the Bearcats want to be this Saturday night.



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## NOTRE DAME over Virginia by 28

Thanks to being reminded weekly about their home loss to Northern Illinois early in the season, the 8-1 Fighting Irish simply can't relax, knowing that any opponent could blow up their CFB Playoff hopes in just a single afternoon. But probably not here. Like wrestling legend Jimmy King, Notre Dame has RULED over the ACC in recent years, going **16-2 SUATS** versus league opponents, including **9-0 SUATS** at home, while holding six foes to seven or fewer points. Where do we sign? Virginia is off to its best season under third-year head coach Tony Elliott and shows up in South Bend with a profitable 5-1 ATS record of late as dogs of 17 or more points. Bad timing plagues the Cavaliers here, though, as UVA is off a huge upset win over previously unbeaten Pitt last week, and they're a crash-and-burn **1-8 ATS** after facing the Panthers. We know the Irish have a date with possibly unbeaten Army next week, but they've managed to go **6-1 ATS** before battling the Black Knights. They're also **4-0 ATS** of late versus the Wahoos and **14-2 ATS** when coming off a home favorite win. With the Dame resting in the Top Ten in the current Playoff Poll, they move forward today with another win and cover against ACC adversaries.

## MEMPHIS over Uab by 11

Blazers led UConn 20-3 at halftime in Birmingham last week, and fans were ready to celebrate UAB's first two-game win streak of the season. And then... no. Thinking his job as head coach might still be saved, Trent Dilfer watched helplessly as the Huskies dominated the Blazers in the second half, 28-3. Now 2-7, the Blazers have run out of games to qualify for a bowl and might not be thrilled about trucking up to Memphis for a game under the lights. However, they are playing their best ball of the season, entering this game **3-0 ITS** (In The Stats) in their last three games, and get to take a gob of points tonight from a Memphis squad that's a miserable **2-14-1 ATS** as a favorite if the Tigers were favored in their last game. UAB has also been a cash cow in this series of late, going 10-4 SU and 9-4-1 ATS, including **5-1 SUATS** away. Don't forget the revenge factor either, as Memphis drubbed the Blazers in Protective Stadium last year, 45-21. The fact is the Tigers have a much bigger game on deck with second-place Tulane – a double revenge contest, no less – in what will be the Tigers' final game of the regular season. We're down with Dilfer and the points.

## Oregon State over AIR FORCE by 6

If the Falcons have anything left for the 2024 season, it happens here. Hard to believe a team that went 29-10 the previous three seasons under veteran head coach Troy Calhoun could leave such a massive,

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smoking crater in their wake with three games remaining. To their credit, though, the Flyboys did upset Fresno State on this field last week, snapping a demoralizing seven-game losing streak where the Force was grounded by an average score of 30-13. Their two wins so far have both come at home and since this is Air Force's final home game of the campaign, the Falcons have a great opportunity to make "amends" to their beleaguered coaches and fans for their current 2-7 failure. That sounds like a possibility since the Beavers apparently may have gnawed off more than they can chew. After starting the season 4-1, they've been chewed up and spit out in their last four games, going 0-4 SUATS while allowing 36 points per game over the course. However, even with Air Force's 8-1 SU and 6-3 ATS success in Last Home Games, they're just 7-12 ATS as non-conference home dogs dating back to 1980. While so many intangibles point to a Jet Jockeys win here, the fact is they don't have enough quality players to make it happen. Lay it or leave it.

### 5★ BEST BET

**Utah over COLORADO by 6**

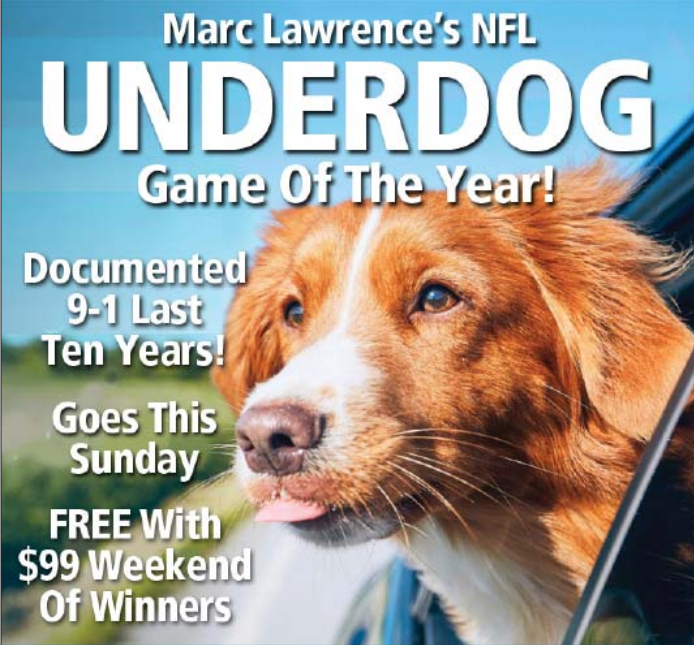
Okay, no more making fun of Coach Prime for a while. Yes, he took a novel approach to assembling a college football team roster, and he has a somewhat combative nature when dealing with outsiders like "The Media", but damn if he, his coaches, and his players haven't come up with a competitive on-field product in less than two seasons. After beating Texas Tech 41-27 behind 293 passing yards from Shedeur Sanders, plus 99 receiving yards and a score from Travis Hunter, the No. 18 Buffaloes can reach the Big 12 championship game and play for a playoff berth by winning out against Utah, Kansas, and Oklahoma State. 247 Sports contends the defensive front is the biggest improvement with the Buffs this season. They finished last week's 41-27 comeback win over Texas Tech (they trailed 13-0) with seven sacks and ten tackles for a loss. What a difference a year makes: the Utes were the unanimous choice to win the Big 12, while the Buffaloes were the No. 11 choice. And now Kyle Whittingham and company are getting doubles in this matchup? We don't think so, not with the Utes controlling the series of late, going 6-2 ATS in the last eight meetings, including **4-0 ATS** at Folsom Field. Utah is also **10-2 ATS** when coming off an outright home dog loss and makes an appearance in this week's **INCREDIBLE STAT OF THE WEEK** box on page 3. Bad before-and-after numbers plague the Buffaloes, who are **0-3 ATS** after Texas Tech and **1-7 ATS** before Kansas. The bottom line is that this is too many points to lay to the Utes, and the **CLINCHER** confirms that **Colorado is 2-11 outright in this series, with the two wins coming by a combined total of 8 points.**

### Lsu over FLORIDA by 8

Based on what we saw from each team last week, neither deserves to win this game. But like Clint Eastwood said in the film Unforgiven, "Deserves got nothin' to do with it"... meaning they'll still play this afternoon in The Swamp. Both teams bring good numbers into today's fray. The Gators are **6-1 ATS** as conference home dogs and 7-3 ATS their last ten when looking to get even with an SEC foe. The Tigers counter with a **4-0 SUATS** run in the series and a **10-2 ATS** mark coming off consecutive losses. With an ATS stalemate staring at us, we'll shift our focus to the head coaches. LSU's Brian Kelly stands 11-3 SUATS when coming off two losses-exact, including **4-0 SUATS** away from Baton Rouge. Florida's Billy Napier, though, is simply fighting for his coaching life with the Gators after a 15-19 effort coming into this contest. While university sources insist Napier's job is safe, we'll see what they have to say if No. 21 LSU wins and drops Florida's record to 4-6. No Gators for us.

### KANSAS STATE over Arizona State by 13

These two both have a pair of conference losses and are jockeying to escape a four-team cluster with Iowa State and West Virginia, also with two Big 12 defeats. We know one thing for sure: No. 20 Kansas State would like nothing better than to win its way into the conference championship game, play BYU – who destroyed the Wildcats earlier in Provo, 38-9 – and banish the Cougars on their way to earning a Playoff berth in the season-ending Top 12. A check of the ATS archives tells us Chris Klieman's boys are ready to deliver the goods: **6-0 ATS** in the first of back-to-back home games, **3-0 ATS** in Game 10, and **4-1 ATS** off a road favorite loss. Keep an eye on the spread (currently KSU -9.5) as well since the Wildcats are a money-making 9-3 ATS as home chalk of 10 or fewer points. The upstart Sun Devils have made quite



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an impression in their first season with the Big 12, but we don't think they're quite ready to take a bite out of the Little Apple, not with a 1-4 ATS skid of late against .666 or better opposition. Kleiman's 14-5 ATS record as home chalk seals the deal.

### Michigan State over ILLINOIS by 3

After a 3-0 start to the season, 4-5 Sparty needs a pair of wins over its final three games to go bowling in head coach Jonathan Smith's first year at the helm in East Lansing. Don't overreact to Michigan State's 47-10 blowout loss to Indiana two weeks ago, as the Hoosiers have run up big scores on several other victims this season. Like MSU, the Illini have been back-pedaling after a 4-0 start to a 6-3 record, which means qualifying for a bowl will not be on their minds this afternoon. Illinois had problems on offense in its three defeats, scoring just 11 PPG, and the Illini are an edge-of-the-ledge **2-11 ATS** when coming off a SUATS loss versus a foe coming off a SUATS loss. More bad news for Bret Bielema as the **MIDWEEK ALERT** points out the fact that Illinois is **0-3 ITS** (In The Stats) **THE** last three games, meaning they're **"leaking oil"** at the wrong time of the season. Spartans' desire to reward coach Smith with bowling shoes looks to be the difference here.

### Boise State over SAN JOSE STATE by 17

Who's that lurking on the edge of this year's 12-team CFB Playoffs? Do they wear blue uniforms and play on blue turf? Holy Dan Hawkins, it IS the Broncos! Though they may be ranked No. 13, Boise State knows that if they keep winning, they'll appear in this season's CFB Playoff. Be sure to check the line (currently BSU -13.5) before ordering up a ticket as the Broncos, despite being members of the Mountain West Conference; these teams have met only twice in the last five regular seasons, with Boise going 2-0 SU but 0-1-1 ATS. San Jose State has seen mixed results in ticket-cashing versus the Broncos, going 8-1 ATS as conference dogs of 15 or more points but just 1-4 ATS in the first of consecutive home games and 1-3 ATS with single MWC revenge. So what if Boise risks reverse altitude sickness by leaving their 2,700 feet above sea level home for the 85 feet in San Jose? The Broncos are 6-2 ATS away versus a foe with single revenge and have found a way to exploit matchup weaknesses in every opponent this season. The lone blemish on Boise's record is a 3-point loss to No. 1 Oregon, which looks better every week. While 6-3 San Jose State has wrapped up a bowl bid in Ken Niumatalolo's first season as head coach, we'll back the hungry Broncos tonight.

### Nebraska over USC by 1

In what looks like another season gone to hell for the Huskers, they take a three-game losing streak into today's fray after opening the season on a 5-1 high. Now they'll need a victory in any one of their last three games to earn their first bowl bid since 2016. The 4-5 Trojans are pretty much in the



same "bowl eligible" status, needing two wins in their final three games against the likes of Nebbish today, UCLA next week, and Notre Dame in three weeks to close out the season. We're not sure which of these two teams has a taller bowl desire, but we do know that USC's Lincoln Riley is 4-15 ATS in conference play against foes coming off consecutive losses, including 1-6 ATS in the last seven games. This contest is going to be like putting two cats in the same bag and standing back to see which one emerges. Using those criteria, we'll look back at who we consider to be the most trustworthy of the two head coaches – Nebraska's Matt Rhule.

#### 4★ BEST BET

##### Oregon over WISCONSIN by 1

The 10-0 and No. 1 ranked Ducks have cut a swath through the Big Ten this season like Sherman's march to the sea. Another win tonight, and they'll have just one game remaining against former Pac-12 rival Washington. The Ducks take flight into Wisconsin knowing they are 7-1 ATS as conference road chalk of eight or more points, but that's just about where the good news ends for Dan Lanning's squad. Check the Badgers' record over the past few seasons, and you'll see that getting in and out of Camp Randall Stadium with a win is a tall order for most teams. Wisconsin head coach Luke Fickell is 44-11 outright at home in his career, including **27-2** in games in which his team is surrendering fewer than 17.5 PPG. And when it comes to being cast in the role of big home underdog, Bucky has cashed in four of the last five tries when getting 14 or fewer points in Madison. Hopefully, someone with the Oregon contingent will see fit to mention the passing of the great John Robinson, who was a player and coach for the Ducks before moving on to USC and the Los Angeles Rams. With the Ducks eyeing up a double-revenge affair next week against the Huskies, we expect to see some feathers ruffled before they escape tonight. If you need more, there is always **THE CLINCHER: See Marc's AWESOME ANGLE OF THE WEEK on page 2.**

##### TEXAS A&M over New Mexico State by 35

Two weeks ago, the Aggies were like a runaway train, climbing the polls while barrelling down the tracks of a 7-0 SU run, with five of those seven wins coming over SEC opponents. But as we all know, if said train does not experience some mechanical adjustment during the journey, it's eventually going to jump the frickin' track. Well, to paraphrase Robert Mitchum's observation in the song Thunder Road, "He left the road at 90, that's all there is to say," – which pretty much sums up Texas A&M's humiliating 44-20 loss at South Carolina, where the Aggies were shut out in the second half. Enter New Mexico State, another set of Aggies, who look like the perfect opponent for an A&M squad tonight while still licking their wounds. Translation? The College Station crew has officially joined the late-in-the-season SEC fraternity famous for scheduling the lightest of lightweights. The A&M Aggies have shown plenty of bounce-back ability when coming off an outright loss as a favorite, going **9-2 ATS**, while the visitors from Las Cruces can only offer up an awful **2-11 ATS** record when coming off a loss as a dog and facing a foe coming off a loss as a favorite. We'd typically tell you to lay it if you play it, but at this price, you must remember one thing: you'll be on your own tonight.

##### UNLV over San Diego State by 16

Eight points... that's how close UNLV has come to being unbeaten with three games left in the season. No wonder Head Coach Barry Odom has become the most famous Rebel since Johnny Yuma, especially since UNLV is probably drawing more fans to Allegiant Stadium than the NFL's Raiders. We'll say it again... before Odom landed in Glitter Gulch, Rebel fans had about as much chance of enjoying a winning season as they would of cultivating a Christmas tree farm in the desert. But with success comes attention, and the 7-2 Rebels have been asked to pay a high tariff for their resurgence. It's what happens when you are on a 15-7 winning run the past two years. Tonight's contest is no different as we find Odom's team laying almost three touchdowns to San Diego State. We think that's pretty pricey, considering the Aztecs own a sturdy **10-2 ATS** body of work in games when they are taking on a conference foe during Game Ten. Still, first-year San Diego State head coach Sean Lewis has had a rough time this season, and his 3-6 team needs to win out to bank a bowl bid. It would be doable if Diego wins SU tonight, but we don't see that happening. Concerning the ATS outcome, however, there'll be no fear and loathing in Las Vegas for the Aztecs tonight.

## PRO FOOTBALL

Thursday, November 14

#### 4★ BEST BET

##### Washington over PHILADELPHIA by 8

We keep waiting for rookie QB Jayden Daniels to crack, yet it hasn't happened through the halfway point of the season, as Daniels has tossed just two INTS in his 262 pass attempts. He also has nine TD passes while completing 68.7 percent of his passes for 2,147 yards – all good for a 101.7 QB Rating. As a result, the team's overall net points differential (+73) is second only to Detroit in the NFC. It's the primary reason Washington resides a half-game behind the Eagles at the top of the NFC East. With Dallas QB Dak Prescott out for the season, these two teams become the headliners in this division. The Eagles have struggled lately at home as chalk in division games, just 9-10 SU and 7-12 ATS against greater than .666 foes, including 2-4 SU and **1-5 ATS** when coming off a double-digit ATS win. They are also **2-11 ATS** when coming off a SUATS win and facing a foe coming off a SUATS loss. Conversely, the Commanders bring a **12-2 ATS** mark in Game Elevens into the game when playing on the road. They have also been 11-4-2 ATS lately in Philly, including **5-1 ATS** with a winning record. We cement the call with **THE CLINCHER: Washington head coach Dan Quinn is 11-6 SU and 12-5 ATS as a dog of fewer than 4 points with an Over/Under total in the game at 54 or fewer points, including 6-1 SUATS when his team owns a .555 or greater win percentage.**

Sunday, November 17

#### 3★ BEST BET

##### Green Bay over CHICAGO by 14

With a 38-sack start to his career, QB Caleb Williams is facing answerability beyond his head coach Matt Eberflus's control. Suddenly, with last week's loss at Soldier Field to then 2-7 New England, sunny-side-up eggs at the Bears' facility are now being served poached when one sees an itinerary of teams that are 41-13 collectively throughout their next six games. They are now 0-2 against the two worst teams in the league, Carolina and New England, and 0-3 SUATS since their Bye week – **losing every game by 100-plus yards** - while having not scored a point in their last 23 possessions. With it, OC Shane Waldron is out, and Chicago is now where they were expected to be, in the cellar of the NFC North. Safe to say, the sky has fallen on the Windy City. Marc's "**Tenth Avenue Freeze-Out**" **BETCHA DIDN'T KNOW** article on page 2, along with imposing **0-10 SUATS** record the last ten games in this series, seals the Bears' fate today. Toss in the Bears' grizzly **2-10 ATS** record in games when coming off an outright loss as a home favorite, and we have the table set. We cement the call with **THE CLINCHER: Green Bay is 11-0 SU and 10-1 ATS as a favorite when coming off a Bye week when facing a sub .500 opponent.**

##### Cleveland over NEW ORLEANS by 4

Call this a Jameis Winston homecoming, if you will. The former Saints quarterback is now toiling for the Browns in place of the ongoing DeShaun Watson debacle. Winston is 9-3 SUATS as a dog when facing .300 or fewer opponents, including **4-0 SUATS** when taking fewer than three points. That ties in nicely with the Browns' **10-2 ATS** mark when coming off a home loss and their 8-2 ATS record against the NFC South. Kudos to New Orleans coach Darren Rizzi, who improved the record of interim coaches to 13-11 in their first game over the last 10 seasons after the Saints beat the Falcons 20-17. Those teams were 64-164-3 (.284) when they fired their coaches. With N'Awlins just **1-8 ATS** in its last nine non-conference home games and a 1-4 ATS ledger in AFC North battles, look for the Saints' one-game win skein to come to a grinding halt today.

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## LA Rams over NEW ENGLAND by 8

The Rams continue on their 'East of the Rockies' tour this season when they travel to Foxborough in hopes of shaking off a nasty **0-3 SUATS** mark in such games this campaign. It goes to the buttheads' 2-8 ATS record in their last ten non-conference travelers. And a 2-6 ATS record as non-division road chalk of 7 or fewer points. The problem is the Pats don't have much of an answer at 3-12 SU and **2-12-1 ATS** in their last fifteen home games, including **0-7-1 ATS** in non-division games. And we didn't even mention New England's naughty **1-5-1 ATS** mark in its last seven home games with an NFC affiliation. Rams or bust.

## Baltimore over PITTSBURGH by 1

In a series that features games as tight as any in the NFL, no less than 24 of the 52 games played this century between these two-division rivals were decided by a field goal or less. That's an average of nearly one of every one-of-every-two contests coming down to a ball sailing through the goalposts. Furthermore, half of the 24 games have been won outright by the underdog. Pittsburgh has won seven of the last eight games in this series, going 6-2 ATS in those contests. Similarly, the Black and Gold are **10-2 ATS** when coming off an outright win as an underdog. Baltimore brings numbers, too, starting with a **5-0 ATS** record in the first of consecutive away games, as well as a **5-0 ATS** after hosting a division foe. The downer for the Black Birds is a **2-9 ATS** mark when favored in their last game when facing a foe that was a dog in its previous game. The Burgers don't want us to forget its 9-3 ATS mark in the last few home dog roles. The **MIDWEEK ALERT** says that Baltimore has been outgained in two of its previous three games, allowing season-high yards in each contest. Now, make your choice: Justin Tucker or Chris Boswell.

## MIAMI over Las Vegas by 10

So, after a dreadful start and a big win against the Rams on Monday night, the question begs: Are the Dolphins headed in the right direction? Miami had to weather the storm with Tua Tagovailoa sidelined but now looks primed to build a more sustainable foundation for contention. It's wild to think that the Miami Dolphins are back in the playoff race after beating the Los Angeles Rams to improve to 3-6. The seven teams in the AFC with three wins or less are at the bottom of the standings for various reasons and aren't close to the true contenders in the conference. It's starting to look like six of the seven spots in the AFC playoffs are already spoken for, but we're just beginning the second half of the 2024 season. FYI: Miami is holding down the No. 10 seed in the NFL Playoff Picture. Still, we can't overlook that the Fish are riding a 3-9 SUATS overall skein in their last dozen games, including **1-4 SU** and **0-5 ATS** at home. However, they check in sporting a 7-2 SU and 6-2-1 ATS mark in this series since 2010 – including 3-0 SUATS in games where the Black Patches own a sub .333 win percentage. With the Raiders riding a 5-game losing skein and

**1-7 ATS** in games after surrendering 35 or more points, we'll nibble on the Fish bait today.

## DETROIT over Jacksonville by 16

Despite 5 picks by steady Eddie QB Jared Goff, the Lions roared back from a 23-7 halftime deficit to edge the Texans at Houston last Sunday night, 26-23. He was the first quarterback in the last 30 years to toss five picks in a game and win. Meanwhile, the Dan Campbell metamorphosis continues. He started his NFL coaching career 4-21-1 in his first 26 games with the Lions, but he's gone 28-11 since. With it, the Lions are now 8-1 for the first time since 1954. After spiraling out late last season, Jacksonville has been going through a meltdown of major proportions, losing outright in 13 of its last 16 games. To top it off, franchise QB Trevor Lawrence will sit out another game today with a shoulder injury. That puts the ball back in the hands of former Patriots quarterback Mac Jones, who started in Lawrence's place against the Minnesota Vikings last week, completing 14 of his 22 passes for 111 yards and two interceptions. He brings a **0-4 SUATS** career mark against NFC North foes into this bout and is **2-10 SUATS** in his last dozen starts in the NFL. The hot-as-hell Mouth that Roars are **12-2 ATS** in its previous fourteen non-division games and **4-0 SUATS** in this series by an average victory margin of 15.5 points per game. In a matchup of teams featuring near "mirrored-stats", you either lay wood, or wish you would when the final gun sounds.

## Minnesota over TENNESSEE by 8

Sam Darnold looked like the Darnold of old, completing 24 of 38 (63%) for 241 yards, no touchdowns, and three interceptions in last week's 12-7 snoozer over the Jaguars last week when Minnesota edged the Trevor Lawrence-less Jacksonville. Or, to make it more transparent, four field goals to one touchdown. The win vaulted Minny into second place in the NFC North, where they trail the Lions by a full game and move ahead of the Packers by a full game. The Vikes are **9-2 ATS** in non-division games and **9-2 ATS** when coming off a win. On the other side of the field, the defensively staunch Titans are **2-10 ATS** when both teams are coming off non-division foes and 1-4 ATS in the last five games against the NFC North. The biggest concern, though, is each of Minny's last two victories came against teams starting backup quarterbacks. Then again, Tennessee's QBs are backups to one another. From our perspective, there is only one way to look here – periscopes up.

## SAN FRANCISCO over Seattle by 3

After missing three field goals earlier in the game, 49ers PK Jake Moody nailed a 44-yard kick as time expired, leading the Niners to a 23-20 win over the Bucs in Tampa last Sunday. Brock Purdy (25/36, 353, 2, 0) was terrific, and in his season debut, Christian McCaffrey totaled 107 scrimmage yards (39 rushing, 68 receiving) on 19 touches (5.6 yard per touch). Dow tha make them back and in full stride? Not quite yet. We'll need to see more of the same in order to anoint them. Remember, Frisco is **2-9 ATS** in its last eleven games as home chalk, and **2-9 ATS** when coming off a win. So before snapping the rubber band, you need to know the NFL 'trend of the week': The Seahawks are **17-1 ATS** when coming off consecutive losses as a dog in each game. Yes, we'll be on the take today.

## DENVER over Atlanta by 6

As Gomer Pyle might say, "Surprise. Surprise." If the NFL playoffs were to start this weekend, both teams would be in. The Broncos would be the No. 7 seed in the AFC, while the Falcons would be the No. 3 seed in the NFC. Denver returns home after giving Kansas City all they wanted in a 16-14 loss at Arrowhead. So, should we expect a letdown today from the Wild Horses? Not. Not when they stand **8-1 ATS** in a game after knocking heads with KC, and not when they are **10-2 ATS** when coming off consecutive losses, each as a dog. Not to mention a nifty **3-0 SUATS** mark against the NFC South this season. On the flip side, the Falcons are **1-5 ATS** in the second of back-to-back road games and 4-10 ATS in non-conference travelers. Sean Payton is slowly winning us over, and we're not about to hop off the merry-go-round just yet.

## Kansas City over BUFFALO by 3

9-OMG. The wait is worth it when these two goliaths collide. Last year, at this time of the season, one team stood three games over break-even, entering Week Ten: Kansas City. This year, two such teams, the Bills and the Chiefs, check that box. Nine of KC's last ten games have been decided by single digits, with Andy Reid's troops now 7-0 this



season in games decided by seven or fewer points. Per The Athletic, Kansas City already has as many close-call victories in nine games this season as the 1972 Dolphins and 2007 Patriots had combined. Its 14-game winning streak looked perilous when Denver lined up for a 35-yard field goal in the final game before it was blocked in KC's miracle-like 16-14. Entering the weekend, the past 10 seasons, NFL kickers had made 94 percent of their 35-yard kicks, going 262-fo-280, with only three of the 280 kicks blocked. Before Sunday, teams had a 1-54 record this season when finishing with a negative EPA (Expected Points Added). It's a metric used to evaluate the impact of a play on the game's score by estimating the difference in expected points before and after the play. Taylor Swift's Chiefs blew that to smithereens last week. Talk about a team and one of its most prominent fans leading a charmed life. So, what can we expect today? For openers, with both teams leading each of their divisions by three full games (the only two teams in the leagues to make such a claim), we know that Buffalo carries a huge playoff loss revenge chip on its shoulder from a 27-24 loss on this field last season and that QB Josh Allen brings a 7-3 SU and 8-2 ATS carer mark into this contest against undefeated foes. On the flip side, we also know that the Chiefs are **14-3 SU and 17-1 ATS as road dogs since 2016**. But, when push comes to shove, it's next to impossible to look past QB Patrick Mahomes' **12-4 SU and 15-1 ATS** career mark as an NFL underdog. And this intriguing note in closing: If you're a Chiefs fan, don't get discouraged if the Featherheads are trailing in the second half of this contest. Kansas City has won a league record nine straight games when trailing at any point in the second half.

### 5★ BEST BET

#### **Cincinnati over LA CHARGERS by 11**

A disturbing stat from The Athletic tells us that the Bengals are now 1-10 outright behind Joe Burrow when trailing by one score or more in the final 1-8 minutes of a game. Thus, their objective today is not to be trailing by six or more points in this contest's second half of the 4Q. The truth is, if Burrow had been aware of that statistic, he'd have been working overtime to overturn it. In a matchup of two of the league's best young quarterbacks, he'll be matching tosses with Justin Herbert today as Cincinnati currently holed up with the No. 9 seed in the current NFL Playoff Picture (the Chargers are No. 6 in the same AFC equation). The Bengals enter with a super-sharp 11-2 ATS mark as a dog after dressing up as a favorite the previous game and 9-2 ATS when coming off a loss and facing a foe coming off a win. They are also **9-0 ATS** against AFC West opposition coming off a SUATS win, and 9-2 ATS after surrendering 35 or more points. On the other side of the field, the Bolts are **1-11 ATS** as non-division home chalk of four or fewer points, 4-7 outright, and 2-9 ATS in Game Ten of the season, including 1-8 ATS as a favorite. We wrap it up and put a bow on it with **THE CLINCHER: Cincinnati QB Joe Burrow is 15-6 ATS as a road dog in his NFL career, including 5-0 ATS against foes coming off a SUATS win.**

### Indianapolis over NY JETS by 2

You have to love the headline in the New York Post recapping last week's 31-6 annihilation at Arizona last Thursday that read: **Aaron Rodgers is officially a failed Jets savior**. Only the Jets could promise their tortured and tormented faithful a season planned Desert Storm operation and then turn it into a regular-season Mud Bowl. The tabloid was brutal, demanding that, "Team Dysfunction, Take a Bow." And that Aaron Rodgers is the, "Same Older Rodgers, quarterback of Dead Team Walking." Worse, he did so on 10-days of rest for his tiring 40-year old body. We know one thing. You're not going to beat anybody scoring six points. It's also tough to beat a team, like the Colts, who are 7-3 SU and 8-2 ATS in AFC East confrontations, including **6-0 SUATS** when not installed as a dog of more than four points. Indy is also 9-2 ATS in games when both teams are coming off non-division foes. With AR-5 - Anthony Richardson - back in the starting lineup, the Colts become a potential live dog in this Sunday Night showdown. Especially against a Gang Green group that is just **2-11 ATS** when coming off an outright loss as a favorite.

### Monday, November 18

#### Houston over DALLAS by 10

Now that the NFL trade deadline is in the rearview mirror, and as losses pile up, the coaching carousel is starting to spin. So, where does that leave Mike McCarthy and the Cowboys? We'll find out at the season's end as owner Jerry Jones is on record saying that he does not like, and often regrets, making coaching changes in mid-season. On a side-bar note: Don't be surprised to find Deion Sanders roaming the Cowboys sideline next season. He has a personality and credibility big enough to say I don't care what the owner says. Meanwhile, the Cowboys' confidence in QB Cooper Rush looked to be short-lived last week when he found himself watching from the sidelines with 2:56 left in the third quarter and didn't come back into the game in the Cowboys' 34-6 loss to the Eagles. Nothing seemed to be going Dallas' way on Sunday against their divisional rival and Rush had gone 13-for-23 through the air for just 45 yards and fumbled twice before head coach Mike McCarthy turned to Trey Lance, who finished the game completing four passes for 21 yards and throwing one interception in the lopsided loss. Rush (5-2 SUATS as a starter in the NFL) will be back behind center to start this game and, at this stage of the season, it's vitally important to put tape over the name of the Cowboys and look at their body of work - a team riding a 0-4 SUATS losing skein, losing three of the games by 117 or more net yards, now without their starting quarterback, no running game (No. 31 both offensively 83.7 ORYPG, and defensively at 152.1 DRYPG). No, it's not the Panthers we're talking about. It's the Cowboys, the same team that owns a negative 94-point scoring differential at home this season. Their previous worst was a negative 88-point differential in 1960, the first year with their franchise when they finished the season 0-11-1. While we'd love to sink our teeth in a value-loaded, Monday Night home dog, we are not thrilled about visiting the dentist anytime soon. Let's look instead to Houston's **9-2 ATS** when coming off a home loss. Beware: this home dog is loaded with fleas.

### NFL Playoff Picture

#### AFC:

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Kansas City Chiefs  | 9. Cincinnati Bengals    |
| 2. Buffalo Bills       | 10. Miami Dolphins       |
| 3. Pittsburgh Steelers | 11. New York Jets        |
| 4. Houston Texans      | 12. New England Patriots |
| 5. Baltimore Ravens    | 13. Cleveland Browns     |
| 6. Los AngelesChargers | 14. Tennessee Titans     |
| 7. Denver Broncos      | 15. Las Vegas Raiders    |
| <b>Bubble</b>          | 16. Jacksonville Jaguars |
| 8. Indianapolis Colts  |                          |

#### NFC:

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Detroit Lions       | 9. Chicago Bears         |
| 2. Philadelphia Eagles | 10. Seattle Seahawks     |
| 3. Atlanta Falcons     | 11. Los Angeles Rams     |
| 4. Arizona Cardinals   | 12. Tampa Bay Buccaneers |
| 5. Minnesota Vikings   | 13. Dallas Cowboys       |
| 6. Wash Commanders     | 14. New Orleans Saints   |
| 7. Green Bay Packers   | 15. Carolina Panthers    |
| <b>Bubble</b>          | 16. New York Giants      |
| 8. San Francisco 49ers |                          |

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<b>CR Plays</b> jeffparetts@gmail.com	<b>Colorado -10.5</b>	14-6 / 0-0 / 22 pts	<b>Marco D'Angelo</b> marco@wagertalk.com	<b>Arizona -2.5</b>	12-8 / 0-0 / 19 pts
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**AN 'OVER / UNDER'  
REPORT ON THIS  
WEEK'S NFL CARD  
BY VICTOR KING**

All games played on this week's NFL schedule are listed below. As always, the number listed first is the 'OVER' and the number listed second is the 'UNDER'. If you like what you see, there's much more – including **5 NFL O/U BEST BETS** – inside the **2024 Playbook 'TOTALS' TIPSHEET** by Victor King – the definitive weekly OU newsletter. A single issue is only \$11.00. Rest-of-Season subscription is \$48.00. Sent via email on Tuesdays. Call the PLAYBOOK offices to get on the 2024 "Totals Train!"  
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## 2024 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE – WEEK ELEVEN

GAME MATCHUPS		KEY OVER/UNDER STATS
<b>Washington (Open: 50) PHILADELPHIA</b>	3-0 OU L3 vs Phil (62.3)... 6-1 OU L7 as div RD's... 4-1 OU Thursday... but 1-3 OU bef Dal... 1-3 OU aft Pit	3-0 OU Bef Rams... 8-1 OU L9 div HG... 7-3 OU Thursdays... but 0-8 OU Game 10... 0-3 OU aft Dal
<b>Green Bay (44.5) CHICAGO</b>	4-0 OU L4 div RG... 3-1 OU L4 vs Chi (48.5)... 6-2 OU off DD home loss... 9-3 OU aft Det... but 1-6 OU aft Bye	4-0 OU in 2nd of BB HG... 4-1 OU aft NEng... 3-1 OU aft score 7 < pts... but 1-4 OU Game 10... 1-3 OU L4 div HG
<b>Cleveland (42) NEW ORLEANS</b>	3-0 OU bef Thursday gm... 7-3 OU aft Bye... but 1-8 OU L9 vs NFC Soith... 1-5 OU bef div HG... 2-8 OU Game 10	4-1 OU as non-conf HF's < 8 pts... 3-1 OU bef Bye... but 1-6 OU off dog win... 1-3 OU aft Atl... 2-5 OU Game 11
<b>La Rams (43) NEW ENGLAND</b>	3-0 OU aft non-conf HG... 5-1 OU L6 as non-div RF's... 3-1 OU aft Mon gm... but 1-3 OU L4 vs NEng... 3-7 OU Game 10	8-1 OU bef div RG... 5-1 OU off dog win... 4-1 OU bef Mia... but 0-3 OU vs opp off Mon gm... 1-5 OU aft non-conf RG
<b>Baltimore (44.5) PITTSBURGH</b>	4-1 OU aft div HG... 4-2 OU div RF's < 10 pts... but 1-5 OU aft Thur gm... 2-10 OU in 1st of BB RG... 1-4 OU aft Cinc	3-1 OU as div HD's... but 0-7 OU L7 vs Bal (30.6)... 0-7 OU off non-conf RG... 1-8 OU vs opp off Thur gm
<b>Las Vegas (45.5) MIAMI</b>	8-1 OU L9 vs Mia (48.9)... 3-1 OU bef Den... but 0-5 OU aft allow 35 > pts... 1-3 OU aft Bye... 1-3 OU vs opp off Mon gm	5-1 OU aft non-conf RG... 4-1 OU aft Rams... 6-2 OU home vs AFC West... 6-2 OU vs opp off Bye... but 0-3 OU aft Mon gm
<b>Jacksonville (51.5) DETROIT</b>	3-0 OU aft non-conf HG... 5-1 OU L6 non-conf RG... 7-2 OU Game 11... but 1-6 OU bef Bye... 2-5 OU non-div RD's 7 > pts	5-1 OU L6 as non-conf HF's... 4-1 OU L5 vs .333 < opp... 3-1 OU aft non-conf RG... 5-2 OU L7 vs Jack (49.3)
<b>Minnesota (41.5) TENNESSEE</b>	5-1 OU Game 10... 5-1 OU aft score 13 < pts... 4-1 OU in 2nd of BB RG... 4-2 OU bef Chi... but 0-3 OU aft Jack	5-0 OU Game 10... 5-1 OU L6 vs NFC North... 6-2 OU aft LAC... but 0-5 OU bef div RG... 1-4 OU bef Hou
<b>Seattle (49) SAN FRANCISCO</b>	6-0 OU aft Rams... 4-1 OU aft div HG... but 0-4 OU Game 10... 2-7 OU L9 as div RD's... 1-3 OU aft Bye	5-1 OU aft TB... 3-1 OU L4 vs Sea (53.0)... 4-1 OU as HF's 5 > pts... 4-1 OU bef GB... 6-3 OU vs opp off Bye
<b>Atlanta (43) DENVER</b>	3-1 OU in 2nd of BB RG... 3-1 OU bef Bye... but 0-5 OU L5 vs AFC West... 2-9 OU aft div RG... 2-5 OU aft Norl	6-2 OU aft KC... 7-3 OU aft div RG... 4-2 OU as non-conf HF's... but 0-5 OU bef LV... 1-6 OU Game 11
<b>Kansas City (46.5) BUFFALO</b>	3-0 OU away vs AFC East... 4-1 OU Game 10... but 0-8 OU L8 vs .750 > opp... 0-6 OU aft div HG... 0-3 OU aft Den	4-1 OU bef Bye... 11-4 OU non-div HF/HD 3 < pts... but 0-5 OU Game 11... 0-3 OU aft Indy... 1-4 OU L5 vs KC (41.6)
<b>Cincinnati (43.5) LA CHARGERS</b>	0-4 OU aft Balt... 0-4 OU aft Thur gm... 1-5 OU in 2nd of BB RG... 1-4 OU Game 11... 2-6 OU aft allow 35 > pts	0-10 OU vs opp off Thur gm... 0-4 OU aft Ten... 0-3 OU 2nd of 3 straight HG... 1-6 OU L7 vs Cin (39.8)... 1-3 OU bef Mon gm
<b>Indianapolis (43.5) NY JETS</b>	3-1 OU L4 vs Jets (61.2)... 3-1 OU non-div RD's 4 < pts... 5-2 OU off DD home loss... but 1-4 OU vs AFC East	7-1 OU home vs AFC South... 6-3 OU off SU loss 21 > pts... 4-2 OU bef Bye... but 0-9 OU aft non-conf RG... 0-5 OU aft Ariz
<b>Houston (43.5) DALLAS</b>	4-0 OU bef Ten... but 0-3 OU Game 11... 1-5 OU aft non-conf HG... 1-5 OU L6 non-conf RG... 1-3 OU Mon RG	5-1 OU in 2nd of BB HG... but 0-3 OU Game 10... 1-5 OU L6 vs Hou (38.5)... 1-5 OU bef Wash... 1-4 OU aft Phil
<b>Bye Week Bye Week</b>	Arizona Cardinals Carolina Panthers	
<b>Bye Week Bye Week</b>	New York Giants Tampa Bay Buccaneers	

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# KENNY WHITE'S 2024 FOOTBALL POWER RATINGS

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

Rnk	School	Conference	PWR	HF	Rnk	School	Conference	PWR	HF	Rnk	School	Conference	PWR	HF
NCAA														
122	Air Force	Mountain West	91.5	4.5	29	Kansas	Big 12	114	4.5	57	Rutgers	Big Ten	108.5	4.5
125	Akron	Mid-American	90.5	2	15	Kansas St	Big 12	118.5	5.5	106	Sam Houston St	Conference USA	97.5	3.5
3	Alabama	Southeastern	128.5	6	133	Kennesaw St	Conference USA	86.5	3.5	111	San Diego St	Mountain West	95.5	3.5
91	Appalachian St	Sun Belt	101	4.5	134	Kent St	Mid-American	79	4	91	San Jose St	Mountain West	101	4.5
54	Arizona	Big-12	109.5	5	22	Kentucky	Southeastern	116	4	18	SMU	Atlantic Coast	117.5	4.5
61	Arizona St	Big-12	108	3.5	65	Liberty	Conference USA	107.5	4	86	South Alabama	Sun Belt	101.5	3
29	Arkansas	Southeastern	114	4.5	57	Louisiana	Sun Belt	108.5	3.5	24	South Carolina	Southeastern	115.5	5.5
103	Arkansas St	Sun Belt	98	3.5	114	Louisiana Tech	Conference USA	95	4.5	122	Southern Miss	Sun Belt	91.5	4
65	Army	American Athletic	106.5	3.5	13	Louisville	Atlantic Coast	120	5.5	101	Stanford	Atlantic Coast	99	4
24	Auburn	Southeastern	115.5	5.5	11	LSU	Southeastern	121.5	6	57	Syracuse	Atlantic Coast	108.5	5
126	Ball St	Mid-American	90	3	80	Marshall	Sun Belt	102.5	4	22	TCU	Big 12	116	5.5
29	Baylor	Big 12	114	4	47	Maryland	Big Ten	110.5	4.5	132	Temple	American Athletic	88	3
24	Boise St	Mountain West	115.5	5.5	54	Memphis	American Athletic	109.5	3	8	Tennessee	Southeastern	125	6
47	Boston College	Atlantic Coast	110.5	4	10	Miami (FL)	Atlantic Coast	123.5	3.5	2	Texas	Southeastern	129	5.5
76	Bowling Green	Mid-American	103.5	2	80	Miami (OH)	Mid-American	102.5	2.5	18	Texas A&M	Southeastern	117.5	6
126	Buffalo	Mid-American	90	3	41	Michigan	Big Ten	112.5	5.5	61	Texas St	Sun Belt	108	4
20	BYU	Big 12	117	5	54	Michigan St	Big Ten	109.5	4.5	57	Texas Tech	Big 12	108.5	5.5
41	California	Atlantic Coast	112.5	4	126	Middle Tenn St	Conference USA	90	3.5	79	Toledo	Mid-American	103	4
120	C Michigan	Mid-American	93.5	2.5	47	Minnesota	Big Ten	110.5	5	103	Troy	Sun Belt	98	4
109	Charlotte	American Athletic	97	2.5	83	Mississippi St	Southeastern	102	5	29	Tulane	American Athletic	114	3
51	Cincinnati	Big 12	110	4.5	27	Missouri	Southeastern	114.5	5	124	Tulsa	American Athletic	91	3.5
13	Clemson	Atlantic Coast	120	5.5	75	Navy	American Athletic	104	4	111	UAB	American Athletic	95.5	4.5
91	Coastal Carolina	Sun Belt	101	3.5	69	NC State	Atlantic Coast	106	4.5	34	UCF	Big 12	113.5	4.5
29	Colorado	Big 12	114	4.5	37	Nebraska	Big Ten	113	5	61	UCLA	Big Ten	108	3.5
101	Colorado St	Mountain West	99	4.5	106	Nevada	Mountain West	97.5	4	86	UConn	Independent	101.5	3.5
74	Duke	Atlantic Coast	105	4.5	96	New Mexico	Mountain West	100.5	3	111	UL-Monroe	Sun Belt	95.5	3
83	East Carolina	American Athletic	102	4	131	New Mexico St	Conference USA	88.5	4	130	UMass	Independent	89	2
116	E Michigan	Mid-American	94.5	2	51	North Carolina	Atlantic Coast	110	4.5	47	UNLV	Mountain West	110.5	3
37	Florida	Southeastern	113	5.5	83	North Texas	American Athletic	102	3.5	12	USC	Big Ten	120.5	5.5
120	Florida Atlantic	American Athletic	93.5	3	86	No Illinois	Mid-American	101.5	3.5	86	USF	American Athletic	101.5	3
116	Florida Int'l	Conference USA	94.5	2.5	80	Northwestern	Big Ten	102.5	3	37	Utah	Big 12	113	5.5
69	Florida St	American Coast	106	6	9	Notre Dame	Independent	124	5.5	114	Utah St	Mountain West	95	4
76	Fresno St	Mountain West	103.5	4.5	1	Ohio State	Big Ten	130.5	6.5	129	UTEP	Conference USA	89.5	3
4	Georgia	Southeastern	128	6.5	99	Ohio U	Mid-American	99.5	4.5	76	UTSA	American Athletic	103.5	3
103	Geo Southern	Sun Belt	98	4	21	Oklahoma	Southeastern	116.5	5.5	72	Vanderbilt	Southeastern	105.5	4
119	Georgia St	Sun Belt	94	2	44	Oklahoma St	Big 12	112	5	61	Virginia	Atlantic Coast	108	4
41	Georgia Tech	Atlantic Coast	112.5	4.5	86	Old Dominion	Sun Belt	101.5	2.5	44	Virginia Tech	Atlantic Coast	112	5
106	Hawaii	Mountain West	97.5	4.5	5	Ole Miss	Southeastern	127.5	5.5	72	Wake Forest	Atlantic Coast	105.5	4.5
69	Houston	Big 12	106	4	6	Oregon	Big Ten	127	5.5	34	Washington	Big Ten	113.5	5.5
51	Illinois	Big Ten	110	4.5	91	Oregon St	Pac-12	101	5.5	65	Washington St	Pac-12	106.5	4
17	Indiana	Big Ten	118	4.5	6	Penn St	Big Ten	127	6	37	West Virginia	Big 12	113	5.5
27	Iowa	Big Ten	114.5	5	46	Pitt	Atlantic Coast	111	4.5	97	W Kentucky	Conference USA	100	4
15	Iowa St	Big 12	118.5	5.5	97	Purdue	Big Ten	100	4.5	109	W Michigan	Mid-American	97	4
91	Jacksonville St	Conference USA	101	5.5	99	Rice	American Athletic	99.5	3	34	Wisconsin	Big Ten	113.5	5.5
65	James Madison	Sun Belt	107.5	4.5						1160	Wyoming	Mountain West	94.5	5

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Rnk	Team	Conf/Div	PWR	HF	Rnk	Team	Conf/Div	PWR	HF	Rnk	Team	Conf/Div	PWR	HF
NFL														
16	Arizona Cardinals	NFC West	101.5	2.5	19	Houston Texans	AFC South	100	2.5	12	Minnesota Vikings	NFC North	102.5	1.5
9	Atlanta Falcons	NFC South	103.5	2.5	23	Indianapolis Colts	AFC South	99	2	30	New England Pats	AFC East	97	1.5
4	Baltimore Ravens	AFC North	108	3.5	21	Jacksonville Jaguars	AFC South	99.5	1.5	23	New Orleans Saints	NFC South	99	2
7	Buffalo Bills	AFC East	105	3	1	Kansas City Chiefs	AFC West	110	2	27	N.Y. Giants	NFC East	98	1.5
32	Carolina Panthers	NFC South	91.5	1.5	25	Las Vegas Raiders	AFC West	98.5	2.5	14	N.Y. Jets	AFC East	102	2
27	Chicago Bears	NFC North	98	2.5	11	L.A. Chargers	AFC West	103	1.5	4	Philadelphia Eagles	NFC East	108	1.5
6	Cincinnati Bengals	AFC North	105.5	2	21	L.A. Rams	NFC West	99.5	2	8	Pittsburgh Steelers	AFC North	104	1.5
19	Cleveland Browns	AFC North	100	2.5	16	Miami Dolphins	AFC East	101.5	2.5	1	San Francisco 49ers	NFC West	110	1.5
25	Dallas Cowboys	NFC East	98.5	3						14	Seattle Seahawks	NFC West	102	1.5
16	Denver Broncos	AFC West	101.5	2.5						29	Tampa Bay Bucs	NFC South	97.5	2
3	Detroit Lions	NFC North	108.5	2.5						31	Tennessee Titans	AFC South	96.5	2
9	Green Bay Packers	NFC North	103.5	2.5						12	Wash Commanders	NFC East	102.5	1.5

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	NFL	PACKERS	COMMANDERS	BENGALS
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				OL	PB					OL	PB					OL	PB				
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12					329	FLA ATLANTIC 2:00 PM		1		367	LOUISVILLE 3:30 PM	19'	24		405	NEW MEXICOS ST 7:45 PM					
					330	TEMPLE ESPN+	1'		368	STANFORD ACC				406	TEXAS A&M ABC	40	35				
301	C MICHIGAN 7:00 PM				331	JAMES MADISON 4:00 PM	4		369	S HOUSTON ESPN+	13	18		407	SAN DIEGO ST 10:30 PM						
302	TOLEDO CBSSN	14'	16		332	OLD DOM ESPNU		3	370	KENNESAW ST				408	UNLV CBSSN	19'	16				
303	W MICHIGAN 7:00 PM				333	TEXAS 12:00 PM	15	6	371	SYRACUSE 3:00 PM				SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17							
304	BOWL GREEN ESPN2	8	12		334	ARKANSAS ABC			372	CALIFORNIA CW	7	10									
305	BALL ST 7:00 PM				335	WAKE FOREST★ 8:00 PM		1	373	HAWAII 3:00 PM	2'	8		451	GREEN BAY★ 1:00 PM	6'	14				
306	BUFFALO ESPNU	6	11		336	N CAROLINA ACC	10		374	UTAH ST				452	CHICAGO FOX						
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13					337	SOUTH FLORIDA 3:30 PM	3		375	BOSTON COLLEGE 3:30 PM				453	CLEVELAND 1:00 PM		4				
					338	CHARLOTTE ESPN+		3	376	SMU ESPN	15	21		454	NEW ORLEANS FOX	2'					
307	KENT ST ESPNU				339	LIBERTY 12:00 PM	13'	8	377	SOUTHERN MISS 7:00 PM				455	LA RAMS 1:00 PM	5'	8				
308	MIAMI OHIO	31	35		340	UMASS ESPN+			378	TEXAS ST ESPN+	26'	31		456	NEW ENGLAND FOX						
309	E MICHIGAN 7:00 PM				341	LA TECH CBSSN			379	TENNESSEE 7:30 PM				457	BALTIMORE 1:00 PM	3	1				
310	OHIO ESPN2	8	1		342	W KENTUCKY	13'	6	380	GEORGIA ABC	9	4		458	PITTSBURGH CBS						
311	AKRON 7:00 PM				343	BAYLOR ESPN2	1'		381	MISSOURI 4:15 PM				459	LAS VEGAS 1:00 PM						
312	NO ILLINOIS CBSSN	16'	18		344	WEST VIRGINIA		3	382	S CAROLINA SEC	13	8		460	MIAMI CBS	7'	10				
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14					345	TULANE 12:00 PM	6'		383	CINCINNATI 8:00 PM				461	JACKSONVILLE 1:00 PM						
					346	NAVY ESPN2		3	384	IOWA ST FOX	8	12		462	DETROIT CBS	12'	16				
313	WASH'TON★PRIME 8:15 PM		8		347	CLEMSON 12:00 PM	9'	14	385	VIRGINIA 3:30 PM				463	MINNESOTA 1:00 PM	6'	8				
314	PHILADELPHIA	4			348	PITTSBURGH ESPN			386	NOTRE DAME NBC	22'	28		464	TENNESSEE CBS						
315	EAST CAROLINA 7:30 PM	14	18		349	OHIO ST 12:00 PM (Wrigley Field)	30'	24	387	UAB 8:00 PM				465	SEATTLE 4:05 PM						
316	TULSA ESPN				350	N'WESTERN BTN			388	MEMPHIS ESPN2	14'	11		466	SAN FRANCISCO	7	3				
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15					351	ARKANSAS ST 5:00 PM			389	OREGON ST 3:30 PM	4	6		467	ATLANTA 4:05 PM						
					352	GEORGIA ST ESPN+	1	3	390	AIR FORCE CBSSN				468	DENVER FOX	Pk	6				
317	WYOMING CBSSN				353	RUTGERS 6:00 PM			391	UTAH★ 12:00 PM		6		469	KANSAS CITY 4:25 PM		3				
318	COLORADO ST	10	6		354	MARYLAND FS1	4'	1	392	COLORADO FOX	9'			470	BUFFALO CBS	2'					
319	NORTH TEXAS 8:00 PM	2			355	PENN ST 3:30 PM	28	31	393	LSU 3:30 PM	4'	8		471	CINCINNATI★ 8:20 PM		11				
320	UTSA ESPN2		4		356	PURDUE CBS			394	FLORIDA ABC				472	LA CHARGERS NBC	2					
321	UCLA 9:00 PM				357	UL MONROE 12:45 PM			395	ARIZONA ST 7:00 PM				473	INDIANAPOLIS 1:00 PM		2				
322	WASHINGTON FOX	3'	1		358	AUBURN SEC	24'	21	396	KANSAS ST ESPN	8	13		474	NY JETS CBS	3'					
323	HOUSTON 10:15 PM				359	S ALABAMA 7:00 PM			397	MICHIGAN ST 2:30 PM		3		MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18							
324	ARIZONA FS1	2	4		360	LOUISIANA ESPN+	7'	1	398	ILLINOIS FS1	3'										
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16					361	WASHINGTON ST 9:30 PM	13'	16	399	BOISE ST 7:00 PM	13'	17		475	HOUSTON ABC	7	10				
					362	NEW MEXICO FS1			400	SAN JOSE ST CBSSN				476	DALLAS ESPN						
325	TROY ESPN+				363	KANSAS★ 10:15 PM		3	401	NEBRASKA 4:00 PM		1		BYES: ARIZONA, CAROLINA, NY GIANTS, TAMPA BAY							
326	GA SOUTHERN	7'	4		364	BYU ESPN	3'		402	USC FOX	9										
327	COASTAL CAROLINA 1:00 PM				365	FLORIDA INT'L 2:00 PM			403	OREGON 7:30 PM	13'	1									
328	MARSHALL ESPN+	8'	12		366	JAX STATE ESPN+	14	20	404	WISCONSIN★ NBC											