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RUNNING ON EMPTY

A Weekly Insight Into The Art Of Sports Handicapping

'65, I was 17 and running up 101
I don't know
where I'm running now,
I'm just running on
Running on (running on empty)
Running on (running blind)
Running on (running behind

ackson Browne is an American singer-songwriter and musician who has sold over 18 million albums in the United States. As a teenage songwriter in mid-1960s Los Angeles, he had his first successes writing songs for fellow Southern California bands Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and the Eagles, including their first Billboard Top 40 hit in 1972, Take It Easy, co-written with Glenn Frey.

It would be the 1977 album Running On Empty that would be his signature work, though, peaking at number 3 on the album chart, and remaining there for over a year. Rolling Stone ranked him as 37th in its list of the "100 Greatest Songwriters of All Time". In 2004, Browne was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of fame. Bruce Springsteen gave the induction speech, commenting to Browne that although the Eagles were inducted first, he said, "You wrote the songs they wished they had written."

In 2007, Browne was awarded the Chapin-World Hunger Year Harry Chapin Humanitarian Award. Browne's music

has also received six Grammy Award nominations. In 2018, Browne received the Gandhi Peace Award from the organization Promoting Enduring Peace. He is the first artist to receive the award. A tireless performer, his mega-popular "Running On Empty" album was his most popular. Unfortunately, popular doesn't cut it for college football teams that are running out of gas and running on fumes at season's end.

In fact, if you were to -

PLAY AGAINST any college football conference favorite in its final game of the regular season if they rush for fewer than 100 yards per game on the season

– you would be holding a winning ticket that has cashed 70% of the time since 2005, as these teams are just 9-21-1 ATS. That would put **Colorado State** in harm's way this Saturday.

Worse, bring them in as a favorite of fewer than 7 points in a competitive game and they fall to **3-13-1 ATS**. Put them up against a foe coming off a loss of more than 7 points and they empty out, going **0-9 SUATS** – all as a favorite! That's especially bad news for the **CSU Rams**.

So, as Jackson Browne put it so famously when singing about teams that are "Running on Empty", pay close attention to what he said...

Looking out at the road
rushing under my wheels
Looking into their eyes, I see
them running too
Running on (running on empty)
Running on (running blind)
Running on (running behind)
But I'm running behind

My 10-Star CFB Game of the Year goes this Saturday and it couldn't come at a better time. We're off a 7-1 winning weekend on our LTS Executive Service, including 5-Star CFB and NFL Game of the Month winning plays this past weekend, and that was on the heels of my huge CFB False Favorite Play of the Year winner with New Mexico State two weeks ago.

The good news is it's all part of my 10-Star TURKEY SHOOT WEEKEND OF WINNERS this Thanksgiving Friday through Monday. And yes, it's another live dog that I see winning the game outright. If you join me today you will also receive all opinion plays I make on Thursday's Thanksgiving Day card as an added bonus!

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Marc Lawrence



This college coach has thrived in games against inferior opponents, going 73-31 outright when his team owns the better record and facing .555 or fewer opponents, including **32-6** of late. Who is this week's very live dog?

For the Trivia Teaser answer, turn to page 6.

AWESOME ANGLE OF THE WEEK

PLAY AGAINST any NFL home team who upset the defending Super Bowl champion in its last game.

Play AGAINST: PHILADELPHIA (11/26)

NOT SO SUPER

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6-0 (100%)

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College Football Games

NFL Games

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TEAMS	KEY FACTS, STATS & ATS TRENDS
Texas Tech TEXAS	Friday, November 24 6-0 vs sing conf revenge 3-0 LRG 4-1 as conf RD's > 10 pts SERIES: Host 4-0 3-1 on Weekdays 3-7 as conf HF's 10 > pts
Oregon St OREGON	3-0 on Weekdays L4Y 3-8 away vs sing conf revenge SERIES: 3-1 L4 6-2 aft Ariz St 6-3-1 w/ sing conf revenge
	Saturday, November 25
Ohio St MICHIGAN	9-0 L9 as conf dogs1-4 w/ dbl conf revenge 1-3 aft Minn SERIES: 6-3 L9 4-0 aft Maryland 12-2 vs dbl conf revenge
Georgia GA TECH	SERIES: 4-1 L5 6-0 non-conf road gms 0-7 as favs 20 $>$ pts 4-1 as dogs 20 $>$ pts 1-7 L8 non-conf home gms
Kentucky LOUISVILLE	SERIES: 4-0 L4 5-1 as dogs 10 < pts 2-5 in 2nd of BB RG 6-1 L7 non-conf home gms 4-1 as non-conf favs 6 > pts
Florida St FLORIDA	SERIES: Visitor 4-1 7-2 non-conf road gms 6-2 off BB HG SERIES: 3-1 L4 4-1 home off BB RG 6-2 home vs undef opp
N Carolina NC STATE	SERIES: 5-1 L6 9-2 vs .700 > conf opp 4-1 as favs 5 < pts 5-0-1 aft Va Tech 11-4-1 L16 conf home gms 1-5 vs dbl rev
Utsa TULANE	11-1 as dogs 7 < pts 5-1 vs .666 < conf opp 7-3 Game 12 4-0 Last Home game 4-1 vs .666 > conf opp 4-2 Game 12
Washington St WASHINGTON	7-0 as RD's 14 > pts 3-0 w/ sing conf revenge L3Y SERIES: 7-1 L8 6-3 aft Oreg St 3-13 as conf favs 13 > pts
Alabama AUBURN	1-6 vs opp off 4+ SU wins 3-7 as road favs 14 < pts SERIES: 4-2-1 L6 / Host 5-0-1 4-1 as home dogs 6 > pts
Iowa St KANSAS ST	SERIES: 3-0 L3 5-1 as conf road dogs $10 > pts 1-4$ aft Tex SERIES: Host 3-1 7-1 aft Kansas 7-2 vs sing conf revenge



LAST CHANCE SALOON

This is it... the last game of the college football season. You're one-game under .500 and you need a win to even up your win-loss percentage and become bowl eligible. See our **NOW OR NEVER** list of teams on the cusp this week (page 4).

The question is are you a 'play on' or a 'play against' team?

The answer is it largely depends on how you arrive. Those who just blew a golden opportunity to even up their slate by losing as a favorite to fall one-game under-even tend to respond with aplomb, going 25-19 SU and 27-16-1 ATS since 1996. That puts **Virginia Tech** in a most desirable wet-your-whistle role this week.

If these teams ordering their "last round" are not installed as a dog of more than 4 points, and they are coming off a conference loss, they improve to **18-6-1 ATS**. That should find the **Hokies** doing the pokey this Saturday.

Even better yet, if these one-game-under wonders are facing a foe coming off an ATS win more than 3 points they zoom to **10-3 SU and 11-1-1 ATS**. And that should make this last call for the **Techsters** even more satisfying.

Okay barkeep. Set 'em up...

TEAMS KEY FACTS, STATS & ATS TRENDS

Thursday, November 23

Green Bay 6-0 bef KC... 13-2 L15 vs .700 > opp... 0-3 aft non-conf HG DETROIT SERIES: 4-0 L4... 12-0 L12 vs div... 7-0 in 2nd of BB HG

 $\begin{tabular}{lll} \textbf{Washington} & 3-0 \ Thursday \ RG \dots \ 4-1-1 \ as \ dogs \ 7 > pts \dots \ 2-9 \ aft \ div \ HG \\ \textbf{SERIES: } 3-1 \ L4 \dots \ 3-0 \ aft \ Car \dots \ 12-1 \ L13 \ home \ vs < .500 \ opp \\ \end{tabular}$

San Francisco SERIES: 3-0 L3... 3-1 L4 div RG... 2-5 in 1st of BB RG
SEATTLE 8-2 as home dogs > 3 pts... 1-3 on Thursdays... 1-3 bef Dal

Friday, November 24

Miami SERIES: 8-2 L10... 0-9 aft LV... 2-5 in 1st of BB RG
NY JETS 9-2 L11 vs .666 > opp... 3-1 Game 11... 2-8 on Weekdays

Sunday, November 26

Jacksonville 4-1 aft div HG... 4-2 L6 div RG... 1-5 in 2nd of BB div gms **HOUSTON** SERIES: 4-1 L5... 3-0 bef Den... 1-3 as conf HF/HD 3 < pts

Tampa Bay 4-0-2 L6 vs AFC South... 6-1 vs opp off Bye... 0-5 bef div HG INDIANAPOLIS SERIES: 5-1-1 L7... 4-0 aft Bye... 1-4 L5 non-conf HG

New England 6-0 as non-conf RF's... 7-1 bef LAC... 0-3-1 aft score 7 < pts NY GIANTS SERIES: 3-1 L4... 4-0-1 L5 non-conf HG... 4-0-1 vs opp off Bye

Carolina SERIES: 2-0 L2... 10-3 vs AFC South... 1-4 in 1st of BB RG
TENNESSEE 9-0 bef Indy... 2-11 as non-div HF's > 3 pts... 1-4 bef div HG

Pittsburgh 6-3 away vs opp off SU loss 14 > pts... 1-5 vs opp off Thur gm CINCINNATI SERIES: 4-1 L5... 4-1 bef Monday RG... 2-7 as div HF's < 7 pts

New Orleans 7-2 off SU fav loss... 9-3-1 L13 div RG... 6-3 vs opp off Bye ATLANTA SERIES: 3-1 L4... 3-1 home vs div L2Y... 5-2 vs opp off Bye

La Rams SERIES: 11-2 L13... 6-0 aft Seat... 7-1 in 2nd of BB div gms ARIZONA 4-1 home vs < .500 opp... 4-1 aft Hou... 0-3 w/ sing div rev

Cleveland 7-1 in 1st of BB RG... 6-2 aft Pitt... 6-3 away vs AFC West SERIES: 5-2 L7... 3-1 in 2nd of BB HG... 1-4 L5 vs AFC North

Buffalo 5-0 vs opp off Monday gm... 1-4 aft div HG... 2-5 aft Jets **PHILADELPHIA** 6-2 aft non-conf RG... 5-2 L7 non-conf HG... 8-3 vs AFC East

Kansas City SERIES: 3-1 L4... 0-5 in 1st of BB RG... 0-4 aft Monday HG 4-0 bef Bye... 4-1 L5 div HG... 3-10 vs opp off Monday gm

Baltimore SERIES: Visitor 4-1... 4-0 aft Thursday gm... 3-0 aft div HG **LA CHARGERS** 3-1 aft non-conf RG... 0-6 aft GB... 2-5-1 vs AFC North

Monday, November 27

Chicago 6-1 Monday road gms... 0-4 in 2nd of BB div gms... 0-3 aft Det MINNESOTA SERIES: 4-1 L5... 6-1 aft non-conf RG... 3-6 L9 as div HF's

INCREDIBLE STAT OF THE WEEK

Since 1987 there have been 7 college football regular season games matching 10-0 or greater teams. The underdog is 6-1 SU and 7-0 ATS. Read: Ohio State.

THIS WEEK IN FOOTBALL - NOVEMBER 21-27

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 21

Eastern Michigan over BUFFALO by 3

The Ypsilanti Eagles escaped by the skin of their teeth in a 30-27 Last Home Game win over pesky Akron last Tuesday. Now at 5-6, a win here makes them bowl eligible and with it they make the NOW OR **NEVER** list of teams in need of a win this final week (see page 4). The problem tonight is they are also the ONLY FBS team that has yet to outgain an opponent this season. In fact, you can call them the Pittsburgh Steelers of the college football world if you wish. You need to go back to 2011 to find the last time they actually out-yarded the Bulls. Even so, we're still trying to figure out why this 3-8 Buffalo squad is laying a TD here. We realize Buffy has gone 3-0 SUATS in the previous three series meetings, including last year's 50-31 blowout of EMU, and that the Eagles are winless SU on the road this year. Buffalo is also 7-3 SU and 6-2 ATS in Last Home Games, but only 0-4-1 ATS as a favorite when coming off a loss and facing a foe with a better record. That fits snugly with Eastern's 5-1 SU and 5-0-1 ATS record of late in MAC road games in which they own the better ledger. In addition, the Bulls are just 2-9 ATS when coming off a SUATS loss (fell at Miami Ohio last week), while the EMUs are 11-2 ATS as a dog after dressing up as a favorite. If the Eagles bag a bowl bid and square their conference record at .500 with a win here, maybe the university will consider ditching their depressing gray homefield for a green one. Just a thought.

WESTERN MICHIGAN over Bowling Green by 4

Bowling Green enters this matchup off a one-point nip and tuck loss to conference bear Toledo, after popping the champagne with a bowl eligible clinching win the prior week. Heck, the BeeGees don't even have to show up for this one since they've already got six wins tucked away. That's not the case for the forlorn Broncos, who will miss out on post-season play for the second year in a row and must win here if they want first-year head coach Lance Taylor to equal last year's 5-7 finish under Tim Lester. Yes, it's been a disappointing season in Kalamazoo but when it comes to this series, WMU stands 10-1 SU and 7-1 ATS when Bowling Green owns a sub .750-win percentage. Western has also got an 'accounts payable' to settle with BGSU after last year's 13-9

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BOWL SEASON NOW OR NEVER...

Here are 24 teams who enter the final week of the season with 5 wins, all in need of a 6th victory in order to gain bowl eligibility:

Army BYU California Central Michigan Colorado State Eastern Michigan Illinois Marshall Minnesota Mississippi State Navy Nebraska Northern Illinois Old Dominion Rice South Carolina

Syracuse
TCU
UCF
UL Lafayette
USF
Utah State
Virginia Tech
Wash State

loss to the Falcons, one of two games where the Broncos were held to single digits scoring. With little more than pride to play for in front of the home folks, we look for the wild horses to kick up their heels one last time tonight.

Thursday, November 23

Ole Miss over MISSISSIPPI STATE by 14

It's a fact that the loser of tonight's annual rivalry clash will walk off the field with egg on their face, and we don't think it's going to be Ole Miss. While it has been a typical Lane Kiffin season where his team beats up on the bad teams, ekes out close wins over the middle-rung squads and gets flattened in games against the SEC elite, the Rebels' two losses to Alabama and Georgia have completely overshadowed what has been a successful ride down the rails for the Lane Train, as a win tonight gives Mississippi its second 10-win season under Kiffin. It will also secure second-place in the SEC West and a ticket to a better bowl than LSU, who the Rebels beat at the end of September. We don't know what sort of mutiny transpired at Mississippi State in the past few weeks, but the upheaval saw first-year head coach Zach Arnett get the boot before the end of the season. With pink slips still being issued, we can't see any added motivation for MSU here, especially with the Rebs holding a revenge card from a 24-22 home loss to the Bulldogs last season. The Well-Oiled Machine agrees, noting that Mississippi State is **0-6 ATS** as a home dog of 7 or more points of late, compared to Kiffin's 4-0 ATS march as a road favorite in the same price range. We all know things can get weird when two teams are playing for an Egg Bowl trophy that looks suspiciously like a football, but we'll count on Hail State's 4-10 ATS record versus .500 or greater conference foes to show us the way to the pay window. All aboard!

2023 COLLEGE FOOTBALL TOP 25 PLAYOFF RANKINGS

With the CFB regular season in the rear view mirror, here are this week's Top 25 teams in the nation, per the CFP Rankings:

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2	Ohio State	10	Louisville	18	Notre Dame
3	Michigan	11	Penn State	19	Kansas State
	Washington	12	Ole Miss	20	Oklahoma State
5	Florida State	13	Oklahoma	21	Tennessee
6	Oregon	14	LSU	22	NC State
7	Texas	15	Arizona	23	Tulane
8	Alabama	16	Oregon State	24	Clemson
9	Missouri	17	lowa	25	Liberty

Friday, November 24

Miami Florida over BOSTON COLLEGE by 3

It's a good thing both of these 6-5 teams are already bowl eligible; otherwise, we'd feel compelled to tune in to this train wreck. Miami stumbles into today's regular season finale in the grip of a 3-game losing streak while BC brings along a 2-game losing skein. The Hurricanes' up-and-down season has been as turbulent as a Category 4 making landfall: after opening the season 4-0, they have now dropped 5 of their previous 7 contests. The Canes are also just 2-8 ATS when coming off three losses-exact, including **0-5 ATS** as a favorite. Now they show up in Boston for an early high noon start **0-7 ATS** as a favorite after having been favored in the previous game, as well as 1-10 ATS if they were favored in their last game against foes who were taking points in their last contest. Sheesh! We don't want any of that, and neither should you. The Eagles have had a streaky season of their own but they're in a good role here, going 7-2 ATS as a dog in LHGs, including 5-0 ATS when taking more than 8 points. We can't call for the outright upset considering the immense pressure on Miami HC Mario Cristobal to justify his big-bucks contract, but we can follow the underdog Eagles straight to the pay window.

Ohio over AKRON by 11

Being one game behind the division leader with one game to play sounds pretty good, right? Not for Ohio. Yes, the Bobcats are one game back of Miami Ohio for the top spot in the MAC East, but they have already swallowed the poison pill in an earlier game with the RedHawks, plus they put a beating on Bowling Green this season as well. As a result, Ohio isn't going anywhere in the standings – meaning the best that the Bobbies can do is maintain their 2nd place hold in the division. With it, we don't dig laying two touchdowns in this spot, not with a team that is 5-8 SU and 3-9-1 ATS in road finales, including **1-5 ATS** when favored by 4 or more points. Too bad we can't take advantage of Ohio's tenuous position with Akron. The Zips bring next to nothing to the table: 0-5-1 ATS in LHGs, 0-6 ATS when coming off a loss versus a foe coming off a win, 1-14 SU and 5-9-1 ATS the last fifteen games in this series... we could go on, but you get the picture. The bottom line is there are too many negative vibes going on in this game to warrant consideration for either side.

Toledo over CENTRAL MICHIGAN by 8

The 10-1 Rockets are waiting on a date with Miami Ohio next week to decide this year's MAC Championship, so we doubt they'll want to show much of anything here. Across the field, the 5-win Chips reside on our **NOW OR NEVER** list of possible bowlers, meaning they'll be pulling out all the stops to somehow upset the conference bear today to become bowl eligible. We don't see that happening but given UT's **1-9 ATS** mark in games coming off a win-no-cover, and its **0-7 ATS** ledger in games when both teams enter off ATS losses, we're taking it if we're playing it here today. That's music to the Chippewas ears, especially since they are 3-1 ATS the last four games in this series, and CMU head coach Jim McElwain chips in with a 6-2 SU and 4-2-2 ATS career mark in Last Home Games. Toledo is not infallible; the Rockets had to outscore Bowling Green 22-3 in the second half last week just to edge the Falcons by a single point, 32-31. This game figures to be closer but a take is still in order here.

Iowa over NEBRASKA by 4

Please repeat after us: The Hawkeyes are the 2023 Big Ten West champs. Okay, continue repeating that phrase until you're convinced it's not an elaborate practical joke. We don't know if Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz will win this year's Big Ten Coach of the Year award, but he deserves a residency in Las Vegas for the magic act he's put together this season. Hamstrung every week by his son Brian's impersonation of an Offensive Coordinator, daddy Ferentz has somehow pulled the rabbit out of the hat despite Iowa's current No. 121 national ranking in scoring offense and No. 130 in total offense with just 245.4 yards per game. That means Iowa's feeble offense heads into its final regular season contest against Nebraska with a worse ranking in total offense than 1-10 Kent State, 5-6 Eastern Michigan, 2-9 East Carolina and 2-9 Akron. Try this on for size, too: In their five games against Big Ten West foes, the Hawkeyes scored a grand total of just 70 points – yet somehow finished 4-1 SUATS in those games! As for the Huskers, they reside on this week's NOW OR **NEVER** list, and a failure to bag Win No. 6 here today means they will have paid head coach Matt Rhule a whole lot of money to extend the program's streak of not playing in a bowl to seven consecutive seasons. History is not on Nebraska's side, as the children of the corn are just 9-14



ATS In Last Home Games this century, and they've lost 7 of the last eight games in this series. While lowa's **13-1 ATS** in games off a win-no-cover looks impressive, the truth of the matter is this line looks cheap for a team that knows how to win games against one that struggles doing the same. Back the champs or back away.

OKLAHOMA over **Tcu** by 6

Do you think Sooner Nation would be willing to forgive former head coach Lincoln Riley and welcome him back to Norman after Oklahoma fires Brent Venables and USC fires Riley? Maybe that's too far-fetched to consider but how many of you actually believed that one day OU would shuffle off to the SEC? The optimum word surrounding this matchup is 'Revenge' as the Sooners were blasted by the Frogs in Fort Worth last year, 55-24, the first loss by Oklahoma in the series since 2014 (TCU won the stats 668-355). Unfortunately for Schooner fans, OU is just **1-5 ATS** as double-digit chalk when seeking revenge against a less-than .500 conference opponent, including **0-4 ATS** the last four games. Yes, at 5-6 this season, it's been a precipitous fall for a TCU team that played in last season's CFB Playoff championship game, but the Horned Frogs still make our NOW OR NEVER list of teams that need to win this week to become bowl-eligible. While the Sooners do own a 20-7 SUATS record in season finales, defending CFB title game losers are 9-2 ATS as dogs the following season – both losses by TCU this season – including **7-0 ATS** when facing .800 or greater foes. The Froggies are also on a 4-0 ATS run when playing Oklahoma in Norman if they have a .500 or less record, and 4-1 SUATS away off back-to-back home games. Though the SU result looks like a 'Never' for TCU, cashing one last ticket in 2023 looks like a 'Now'.

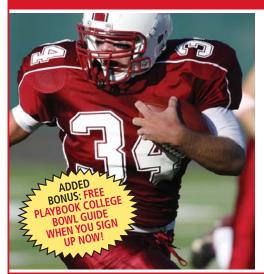
Utah State over NEW MEXICO by 14

If you need any proof to convince you that the old adage "Every dog has its day" is still relevant, look no further than last week's win by New Mexico over Fresno State. Stuck in a 0-3 SUATS slide – which is quite a common occurrence for the Lobos - the pride of Albuquerque stunned Fresno State 25-17 as a 22-point road dog. Still, New Mexico's 4-7 record means the bowl ship has sailed for 2023, so head coach Danny Gonzales and company will be looking to play spoiler this afternoon in the Land of Enchantment. That's because the 5-6 Aggies are actually in a **NOW OR NEVER** state of mind, in need of a win today to start entertaining various bowl possibilities. While their hopes were dashed in a 35-point home loss to Boise State last week, they will ride a 6-0 SUATS series streak into this matchup knowing they are also 7-0 SU and 6-1 ATS against the Lobos in games which New Mexico sports a sub .400-win percentage. That combination of incentive and history should capitalize on the Lobos' 0-7 SU and 1-4 ATS in games coming off an upset win as a dog of 16 or more points and their 1-5 SUATS record in season finales the past six years. Only one way to go here but no need to go overboard. As \$uicideboy\$ warn listeners in their version of "Every Dog Has His Day", the "Hood I'm from ain't got no prime lending".

ARKANSAS over Missouri by 1

How 'bout them Tigers? Mizzou is 9-2 after last week's narrow escape against Florida, notching their first winning season for 4th-year head (continued on next page)

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coach Eliah Drinkwitz. However, we call this a very dangerous spot for the Tigers, currently sitting at No. 10 in the latest polls. Not only are the Como Cats on a **0-5 ATS** mark in Last Road Games, they're also 4-12 ATS in the final game of the season, including **0-6 ATS** away. As glorious as this campaign has been for Missouri, Arkansas has suffered through the complete opposite, a 4-7 record that has left both coaches and fans of Razorback football totally exasperated. A win this afternoon in Fayetteville won't cure that but a good showing in front of the home folks on Senior Day would send them into next season with some positive momentum. The Hogs have some good numbers backing them up, including a **4-0 ATS** series run on this field, and an **8-1 ATS** skein for the game's host. Sam Pittman's troops also own a 4-1 ATS record versus .750 or greater SEC opponents, and 7-2 ATS of late as conference dogs of 8 or fewer points. Look for Woo Pig Sooie to take their season-long frustrations out on these visiting cats.

Air Force over BOISE STATE by 3

During every season, an upset of such magnitude occurs that leaves college football viewers all over the country shaking their heads in total disbelief. Our vote in 2023 goes to Air Force on November 4th, where the 8-0 Falcons laid 18 points on a neutral field to 2-6 Army – and lost 23-3! So humbling was the defeat that the Flyboys continued on to lose two more games versus MWC foes Hawaii and UNLV, polishing off a 0-3 SUATS gag heading into this afternoon's contest on the blue turf. Now is when things start to get weird, though. Boise State has gone from firing Andy Avalos as head coach to possibly playing for its sixth MWC title since 2017 but the Broncos need more help than ever before. A Boise State win and UNLV loss won't guarantee a regular season rematch between the Broncos and SJSU. Computer rankings come back into play, especially since UNLV and BSU didn't play each other during the regular season. The computer ranking gap between the Broncos and Spartans currently favor the former, but a UNLV win, and Boise State victory set up the 2023 MWC title game between both teams. There's also the fact that ranking-wise SJSU and UNLV are up on Air Force, but a Falcons win and a SJSU victory over UNLV will elevate their chances of appearing for the conference title. We're working up a pop quiz to make certain that you've got all the bases covered but until it's ready, we suggest you check out the TRIVIA TEASER on page 2 and play accordingly on the Wild Blue Yonder boys.

TEXAS over Texas Tech by 10

Now that's more like it. Expected to do big things this season after last year's 8-5 bowl-winning campaign, head coach Joey McGuire and the Red Raiders got kicked in the head early en route to a miserable 1-3 start. They've rallied to win 5 of their next seven games, clinch bowl eligibility, and arrive in Austin riding a 3-game win streak. Meanwhile,

Texas is in the best position of a handful of teams still in the running to play in the Big 12 title game. All the Longhorns have to do is take care of business here as a win moves the Horns to 11-1 overall and 8-1 in Big 12 play, making them the only one-loss team. Staying on course, though, will put a ton of pressure on head coach Steve Sarkisian, right where we like it in big games. He'll also have to overcome Texas Tech's **6-0 ATS** mark versus single conference revenge (beat the Horns 37-34 as a 7-point home dog last season), **3-0 ATS** record in Last Road Games, **7-1 ATS** mark on Weekdays, and 4-1 ATS success as a Big 12 road dog of more than 10 points. The Longhorns seal the deal with their dismal 3-7 ATS mark of late as conference home chalk in that same price range. With the Red Raiders finally playing back up to preseason expectations, look for them to throw a scare into Bevo tonight.

Penn State over Michigan State by 25

Here we go again. A disappointed Penn State team, flustered by their inability to beat Ohio State and Michigan, is left to finish the regular season by throttling Rutgers and Michigan State. The Lions took care of Part One by shutting down the Scarlet Knights last week, 27-6, and they'll aim to finish the job versus a Michigan State squad that's endured one of the most tumultuous seasons in recent memory. As far as a head coaching replacement for the Spartans, informed sources tell us former Ohio State HC Urban Meyer will be roaming the sidelines in East Lansing next year. Even if it's true, next season is a long way off right now for the battered Spartans and they'll have to do battle with No. 11 Penn State tonight at Ford Field in Detroit and they show up with hardly any ammunition, going 1-6 ATS as conference dogs of 14 or more points, and 2-7 ATS when playing with single conference revenge. Regardless of location, this game has all the makings of another JFS - a "James Franklin Special" - as the Lions' head coach has a tendency to pile on the points against an overmatched foe and cover the spread to reward the Alums. Franklin's 4-0 ATS success against single conference revenge and 8-2 ATS ledger as road chalk of 14 or more points is icing on the blowout cake. Have a piece on us.

OREGON over Oregon State by 10

The Civil War used to be an automatic 'W' for Oregon but with the Beavers winning 2 of the last three meetings with the Ducks, it's now become anybody's game. Also keep on file the fact that Oregon State's three losses this season came by 3 points to Washington State, 3 points to Arizona and 2 points to Washington – meaning they aren't likely to be run out of Autzen Stadium tonight. Let's give a shout out to Oregon head coach Dan Lanning, who has compiled a 20-4 SU mark since taking over from Mario Cristobal in 2022. Just one thing: next up for the Ducks is a rematch with Washington in the Pac-12 Championship game and they're breathing fire to get even with the

Huskies for Oregon's sole loss of this season. Even with the intensity of a rivalry game like this one, we still expect the Ducks to be distracted by next week's showdown. Oregon State helps the cause with these great numbers: **5-0 ATS** as a dog after being a favorite in the last game, 11-2 ATS when coming off a SU home favorite loss, and 8-2 ATS as a conference road dog of 14 or fewer points. Those results generate a lot more interest than Oregon's **1-6 ATS** skid when coming off a SUATS win versus a foe coming off a SUATS loss. Sure, Lanning wants to make amends for last year's 38-34 loss to the Beavers, but he also wants to come out of this one with minimal injuries to key players. OSU has not such limitations and head coach Jonathan Smith contributes with a **3-1 ATS** mark versus .900 or greater foes with a better record. We look for the Beavers to keep things close.

Memphis over TEMPLE by 14

For a short time, Temple enjoyed a brief run of decent football, winning division titles in 2009, 2015 and 2016. It seems the Owls are regressing to the form that got them thrown out of the Big East after 2004 for a lack of commitment to the sport. The Owls are 2-8 ATS in their last 10 and coming off an ATS loss Temple is a frightening **0-10 ATS**. Memphis is the opposite, a perennial bowl team that can be your money clip's best bud, such as losing to SMU but gracefully covering last week. The 8-win Tigers have a strong offense led by QB Seth Henigan, who threw for 402 yards and two scores against the Mustangs. The Tigers are outscoring the Owls by 18 PPG, so a 14-point number seems quite reasonable, especially when you add Memphis being **7-0 ATS** off a defeat when their opponent is also off a loss. Not even a Philadelphia lawyer would be willing or able to take Temple's case.

TULANE over Utsa by 1

Do you miss the BCS? Who doesn't!? What does the BCS have to do with this matchup? Grab a Barcalounger, this may take a minute. Tulane, UTSA, and SMU are all still alive for the AAC title game. One of them could even host it, and all three of these teams could completely miss out. Each team is 7-0 in AAC play, with Tulane at 10-1, SMU 9-2 and Texas-SA 8-3. If we get to a tiebreaker, then the firm of Anderson & Hester, Billingsley, Colley, and Wolfe are brought in. That's not the NYC law firm from "Suits" but instead the firm behind the computer rankings we loved so much until the system was sent into the woodchipper in 2014 to appease the internet. But there's one more juicy complication before we get to the numbers; both head coaches, TU's Willie Fritz, and Jeff Traylor at UTSA, have been mentioned as candidates for Power 5 gigs, and the noise around Traylor's potential romance with Texas A&M is deafening. If you try to separate the teams with cold filtered numbers, UTSA is 11-1 ATS as a dog of 7 or fewer while the Green Wave is 4-0 SUATS in last home games and 10-1 SUATS as a conference favorite of 7 or less. These teams are locked up collar and elbow and we can't slide a credit card in between them. You might not want to slide your card either

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3★ BEST BET

MINNESOTA over Wisconsin by 8

At 5-6 the Gophers are anxious to dig their way out of their hole and into a bowl game with a win today. That makes Minnesota one of the teams from our NOW OR NEVER list of squads who need to win this week in order to earn their bowl stripes. Wisconsin qualified last week with their win over Nebraska but it was far from easy: the Badgers had lost three straight games before bringing down the Huskers in overtime. Luke Fickell's debut as Wisconsin head coach has been somewhat underwhelming as Bucky's offense has managed just 19 PPG since Big Ten play began, a far cry from the teams of the past who bludgeoned opponents with a near-unstoppable rushing attack. Season-ending games have not been kind to Wisconsin either as they've gone a puzzling 0-6 SU and 1-5 ATS in season finales the last six years. Yes, Minnesota is coming off consecutive losses of its own, but the Gophers are 18-6 ATS when coming off a pair of losses, including 9-1 SUATS at home. They're also a sweet 8-1 ATS as a dog after dressing up as a dog. Will P.J. Fleck manage to row the boat into victory lane and quiet the rumblings of discontent in Minneapolis? The answer lies within THE CLINCHER: Minnesota head coach P.J. fleck is 6-2 ATS as a dog in his career in season finales, including 4-0 ATS versus sub .800 opponents.

SYRACUSE over Wake Forest by 7

Talk about timing. With Syracuse battling down to the wire to become bowl eligible, the Orange brain trust decided they could get win No. 6 without head coach Dino Babers. That's right, Syracuse fired Babers just short of eight seasons with the program. Babers finished with a 41-55 record, including a 20-45 mark in ACC play. Syracuse sits 5-6 (1-6 ACC) with those six losses all coming in its last seven games. Tight ends coach Nunzio Campanile will take over the head coaching role in an interim capacity. Seriously, people... you can't let Dino coach one last game? Maybe the administration got a look at the Orange's dreadful 2-9 SU and 1-10 ATS failure in their last 11 conference contests, not to mention a 2-10 SU and 1-11 ATS mark off a loss. Still, 4-7 Wake Forest has absolutely nothing to play for today and shows up in the Dome with five straight ATS losses in this series when taking points. Simply put, we look at this game like many do when playing Russian roulette – play at your own risk.

Ohio State over MICHIGAN by 3

The biggest game in the Big Ten concludes with one side punching their ticket to the College Football Playoff semifinals. A loss, however, is not a death sentence as the Buckeyes lost this game last year in The Horseshoe, but both teams made the CFB Playoff. Since 2006 there have been only two NCAA games that matched up 11-0 teams during the regular season. This will be the third. The other two were also between the Buckeyes and the Wolverines in 2006 and 2022, which were split (you can see more on these unique matchups inside this week's **INCREDIBLE STAT** on page 3). We've watched these two closely over the last month and Ohio State looks to be trending up at this point while Michigan is headed in the opposite direction. We're not the only ones thinking this. Per The Athletic.com: "UM QB JJ McCarthy hasn't thrown a touchdown pass since October 21 against Michigan State (the last game Jim Harbaugh was on the sidles prior to his second suspension) and he threw for a total of just 201 yards against Penn State and Maryland. Questions have popped up about his health after he appeared to twist his knee or his ankle in the fourth quarter against Penn State. He was just 12-for-23 through the air with an interception and had no scrambles or designed quarterback runs against the Terrapins". Losing two straight to Michigan in this series has been a rarity for Ohio State but they're a profitable 8-2 ATS with double-plus revenge versus greater than .700 foes. The Buckeyes also thrive in the role of underdog, going 17-4 ATS as a dog since the Buckeyes lost 24-21 to Texas in the 2009 Fiesta Bowl as an 8-point dog, including **10-0 ATS** in Big Ten battles. And if OSU is taking points after being favored in its previous game, they check in with a 9-1 ATS mark. Yes, the Wolverines have fielded a rock solid defense this season, allowing just 9 points and 253 yards per game. However, the Buckeyes have posted a 15-3 SU and 12-6-1 ATS record versus conference foes that allow fewer than 10 PPG. With Michigan just 2-6-1 ATS of late when tangling with undefeated conference opponents and head coach Harbaugh not on the sidelines for a third straight week, we expect the Buckeyes to take care of business today in the Big House.

Georgia over **GEORGIA TECH** by 16

With the way Georgia has sliced and diced its last two opponents - 38-10 over Tennessee and 52-17 over Ole Miss - only an eternal optimist would give the Yellow Jackets a chance of cashing an ATS ticket today, right? Let's call in Lee Corso to proclaim, "Not so fast my friend". Georgia has not performed well as a big favorite, going **0-7 ATS** as chalk of 20 or more points, and the Dawgs failed to get the job done last year against the Wreck in this same spot. First year Georgia Tech head coach Brent Key has opened up the offense from last season, and they're averaging 32 PPG compared to just 17 PPG in 2022. The Jackets are also 4-1 ATS as dogs of 20 or more points, plus they're a surprising 3-1 ATS in the last four games versus an undefeated foe. Most impressive, though, is winning three of their previous four contests to become bowl eligible before scrapping with the Bulldogs. Top-ranked Georgia has its ticket stamped for next week's SEC Title game against Alabama, so head coach Kirby Smart could call off the Dawgs if they get a comfortable lead. Remember, too, that Georgia is still wearing 'The Noose' of a 28-game winning streak, and the pressure to remain so has ramped up all season. Our SEC Scout, Jaybird The Bulldog, weighed in by saying, "Georgia could win this game by 40 points if they want but Kirby's got his eye on the bigger prize." Translation? A back door cover by the Wreck is always a threat. Tread lightly.

Kansas over CINCINNATI by 4

After opening the season 2-0, we thought new coach Scott Satterfield and his Cincinnati team might be worth a ride on the 2023 ATS train. Wrong. The bumbling Bearcats lost six straight to the number before finally cashing a ticket versus UCF three weeks ago. In fact, Cincy is one of the Three Musketeers that were lanced and left for dead after making the move from Group of Five to Power Five this season. Yes, this 3-8 squad is so bad that not even staring into a mirror while saying "Candyman" five times will help Cincinnati now. However, the key to this game will be the frame of mind the Jayhawks will be in after having Kansas State on the ropes in the late stages of last week's Sunflower Showdown, only to let the Wildcats outscore them 15-7 in the second half for the 31-27 victory. As we've stated on numerous occasions, we're big Lance Leipold fans but this looks like a major flat spot for the Kansas head coach, especially when the Jayhawks are just 10-29 SU and 12-24-2 ATS in games after facing KSU. Cincinnati counters with a **0-6 ATS** slide off an ATS loss versus foe off an ATS win and a 1-4 ATS mark at Nippert Stadium this year. With bad numbers abounding on both sides of this contest, we'll defer to MC Hammer who once said, "U Can't Touch This". Really, don't touch this.

LOUISVILLE over **Kentucky** by 1

Yet another example of a team bound for its conference championship game having to fight through a major rival to close out the regular season. Louisville has been the closest thing to a Cinderella story in 2023 and last week's win over Miami - the Cardinals fourth consecutive victory – pushed their record to 10-1 for first-year head coach Jeff Brohm. By comparison, following a 5-0 start to the season, the 6-5 Wildcats have been stuck in the mud, their only win since the end of September coming against lowly Mississippi State. However, we look for Big Blue to perk up in today's high noon clash with hated Louisville, as they've gone 4-0 ATS in this series in the previous four meetings. UK is also 5-0 SUATS in final road games of the season and 5-1 ATS as dogs of 10 or fewer points. Not too shabby, eh? The Well-Oiled Machine informs us that Wildcats head coach Mark Stoops is 4-0 SUATS in his career at Kentucky going up against a foe with a better record that the Wildcats beat in their previous meeting. Louie has more than held its own lately against non-conference teams at home, going 6-1 ATS the last seven, but the Cardinals are a concerning 1-8 ATS off a SU underdog win when facing a foe coming off a loss as a dog. With a possible look-ahead looming to next week's ACC Championship game versus Florida State, we'll take the points with an upset-minded Kentucky team today.

UCF over Houston by 8

Not even UCF would be so bold as to claim another national championship, or even the Big 12 title. Year One for both schools in a tougher conference has been turbulent. Houston isn't a bowl team, and they wouldn't mind a little misery loves company with the Knights, who sit at 5-6. Houston loves the Orlando weather, going 7-0 ATS as the visitor in the series and 8-1 ATS when both teams are coming off losses as the dog. Finishing away from campus hasn't been a UH strength however as they're a weak 2-8-1 ATS in road finales. UCF has one of the nation's most powerful run attacks thanks to RJ Harvey's 1160 yards and 14 TD's including eight in his last three games. If Harvey goes off, then the Knights will finish a down year on an up note, but if he's held below 100 yards like he was last week, then the Knights will finish 5-7 after a 3-0 start. UCF has a seven-year bowl streak on the line and while seven may be a lucky number, remember UCF is 1-12 ATS coming off a defeat while the other team is also coming off a losing effort. Even Dan Marino and Wilt Chamberlain would accuse UCF of triskaidekaphobia.

FLORIDA over Florida State by 3

Two grim endings for the starting quarterbacks of these rivals. Graham Mertz with a broken collarbone and Jordan Travis with an unspeakably frightening leg injury. Suddenly Tate Rodemaker carries the Seminoles CFP hopes with him into the Swamp. The Committee quickly responded to the Travis injury by sliding the Seminoles down to the five spot (where they probably should have been anyway) while UF's weak bowl hopes are in the pistol formation with Max Brown calling signals. The Noles are 9-2 ATS in their last 11 non-conference affairs. Gators fans are pretty fed up with second year HC Billy Napier, but the ice in their hearts will melt a bit when they learn Napier is 7-4 SU and 8-2-1 ATS against FBS teams when he sports the losing record – and that includes a muscular 5-0 SU and 5-0-1 ATS from Game Two

on. In the rivalry, UF is 3-1 ATS in the last four, 4-1 ATS at home off consecutive road games and 6-2 ATS at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium Steve Spurrier Field Tim Tebow Locker Room Errict Rhett Concession Stands. Admittedly, there is a fly in the swamp, a 2-10 ATS mark in the last 12 non-SEC games, but we aren't turning our backs on UF. We'd like to thank them for being a friend, a pal, and a confidant by cashing our Upset Special last week and as they try to avoid missing a bowl game for the first time since 2017, we offer them a spot on the Red Ink Carpet as a coveted Best Bet. When you're fighting for your last shred of dignity like the Gators, you need to get by with a little help from your friends.

DUKE over Pittsburgh by 11

Congratulations Mike Elko! You are in the rumor mill for many open college football jobs, up to and including Texas A&M. Duke doesn't guite have the steam in their stride that they did after a 4-0 start, but we're also confused why Pitt is so popular in the desert. The Panthers are not good. As a road dog, the Panthers are 0-7 ATS in the last four seasons. They have bullied Duke in recent years, winning eight of the last nine but let's have a callback to the following fact: Pitt is not good (3-8 / 2-7). That desultory record mirrors Head Coach Pat Narduzzi's mark against the number in his last 10 games, going 2-8 SU and 3-7 ATS. Perhaps one reason Mike Elko is on the mind of several Athletic Directors around the country is how he's done something virtually no Duke FB coach has done, turn Durham into a home field advantage. Under Elko, the Blue Devils are 10-2 SU and 8-2 ATS, plus a cold-hearted 4-0 SUATS at home when seeking revenge under Elko, and they were beaten at Pitt last year when the Panthers were good. Ahh, those were the good old days. Stay right here, because we anticipate Duke finishing strongly heading into a bowl game and perhaps heading into the end of a short, but sweet Mike Elko era.

<u>Virginia Tech</u> over VIRGINIA by 10

The Hokies looked like a complete program collapse was happening with a 1-3 start but remarkably VT has themselves on bowl eligibility watch. You can find them in this week's Last Chance Saloon Smart **Box** on page 3. Few teams, regardless of their W-L record, know how to finish off a season better than VPI, going 11-1-1 ATS. They have dominated the Wahoos in the Commonwealth Clash series: UVA is 1-17 SU and 5-12-1 ATS and even worse, **0-11 outright** when the Hokies have the better record. In Last Home Games, Virginia is 5-13 SU and 6-12 ATS. You could argue even playing the season was a triumph after last year when tragedy struck the Cavaliers football program. Three players were murdered in Charlottesville while returning to campus after a student trip on November 13, 2022, and the university wisely cancelled the VTU game. Incredibly UVA running back Mike Hollins, wounded in the stomach during the attack, returned to the team in spring ball and has honored his fallen teammates by playing 10 games this season, scoring seven TD's. From a gambling perspective, we are all about Virginia Tech, but our hearts are with Virginia.

Clemson over SOUTH CAROLINA by 11

Well now, look who's finally figured out how to play football at the end of the season. Clemson enters the Palmetto Bowl on a threegame win streak, with victories over ranked Notre Dame and North Carolina. The Tigers have spoiled us so badly we regard 7-4 as a terrible season, and compared to the recent past, it is. This will be the worst Clemson season since its 6-7 mark in 2010, Dabo Swinney's second full year. His offensive coordinator then? Billy Napier, who was fired after that season, and his DC was Kevin Steele, who, after several stops is at Alabama. There's a touch more motivation for the Tigers this year after their seven-game series win streak was snapped 31-30 when the Tigers were 14 points favorites. If you think South Carolina has home field edge against their state rivals, you would NOT be correct sir! The Gamecocks are **0-5 ATS** in the last five meetings in Columbia. BeamerBall Lite has a 117 YPG defensive deficit and Clemson roars in for revenge at +125 net yards per game. Better Tigers team, no home field edge for the Cocks, angry Dabo, and a chance to block the Gamecocks from a bowl game. Jimmy the Greek would have all the checks on the Clemson side of the board. We suggest you take a check and do the same.

North Carolina over NC STATE by 10

No doubt this could have been a spectacular year for the Tar Heels and being 8-3 feels anticlimactic after UNC sniffed the Top 10 when they were 6-0 and fresh off beating Miami on the road. This season NC State accomplished a program first, dating back to 1892, the Wolfpack

had never posted four straight eight-win seasons. NCSU joins Bama, Georgia, and Notre Dame in that prestigious category. So, Carolina is off a loss to Clemson, State is on a four-game win streak, and we used both bold ink and an underline on the Tar Heels above? State is **1-5 ATS** versus double revenge and a surprising 3-10 ATS when a dog of five or fewer. UNC has the superior mark in this series, 5-1 ATS in the last six, and are 9-2 vs ACC teams .700 or better and 7-2 vs. double revenge. Mack Brown may have coached a few season finales in his day, and his sterling 15-3 SU mark in those games when his team sports an equal or better record is very, very persuasive. This includes 4-1 SUATS when on a vengeance tour. One other person has an extra boost of motivation, UNC QB Drake Maye. Drake's dad Mark had his one shot at NC State in 1986 and lost a thriller at Carter-Finley Stadium. Imagine the family dining table if Young Drake eclipses his father. Real Star Wars Episode VII-The Force Awakens stuff here.

Maryland over RUTGERS by 6

Few things scream Big 10 tradition like this hookup of a team that should still be in the ACC and a team that was a Big East mainstay. Both teams are bowl bound but limp into Jersey in poor form. Rutgers on a three-game losing streak and the Terps have lost five of their last six. In the series Maryland holds a firm edge, going 6-2 SUATS and they're also a rotten guest at the end of the year, dominating teams 18-6-1 ATS when away to end the year. Pile these gifts under your tree too, the Turtles are 9-1 SU and 10-1 ATS against teams coming off a loss. The Jersey Wise Guys know RU's Scarlet Letter is a 1-11 ATS stain when coming off a home game against a team coming off an away game. Make Rutgers a home dog and they are a depressing 1-8 ATS at home and an equally incompetent 1-8 ATS at home when coming off back-to-back road games. At the end of the year, this Rutgers machine is a dud stuck out in the mud somewhere in the swamps of Jersey. Heroes on a half shell...Turtle Power!

APPALACHIAN STATE over **Georgia Southern** by 1

You read that right, the expensive black ink is on the right side of the matchup above instead of the left. We'll get right to the chase. Appalachian State doesn't handle positive vibes well; they are a woeful 3-15 ATS when laying double-digit points in the last three seasons. The Mountaineers made the 1972 Dolphins reach for the sparkling wine by beating James Madison last week and knocking the Dukes from the unbeatens, but we think a letdown is due. Meantime, there's a train coming from Statesboro, a fierce finishing foe that's 5-0 ATS in season finales plus 5-0 ATS in this series. More wood for the fire, 6-1 ATS when off a home game vs. a foe off a road game. Okay, the Eagles are not all perfect, they do have a 0-3 SUATS streak into this last regular season game. Heck, even the real Eagles had a "Disco Strangler" occasionally. We more see App State in Desperado mode against a Georgia Southern team that's enjoying Life in the Fast Lane.

PURDUE over Indiana by 6

The battle for the Old Oaken Bucket has been going on since 1925 but the 2023 matchup is just reminding everyone these teams have already started basketball season. Both teams are 3-8 so football fans at these fine institutions won't have their hoops enjoyment spoiled by a bowl game. IU is **0-6 ATS** in this series in the last six while the Boilermakers are 4-0 ATS coming off a loss as a dog vs. a team coming off an SU favorite loss. Purdue has found a strong run game of late, posting consecutive games of 300 rush yards under first year HC Ryan Walters. That, plus Purdue breaking the tape in season finales at a 5-1 ATS pace clinches this one. Well, that, plus Indiana is 0-1 in this season when playing in a game for an "Old" Trophy, having lost 24-21 against Michigan State in the struggle for the Old Brass Spittoon, which we pray does not have the contents dumped on the winning coach's head.

EAST CAROLINA over Tulsa by 3

Yep, you guessed it. The ESPN Minus Game of The Week. Not to say this game has no importance in the CFB Big Picture, but when you Google East Carolina vs. Tulsa, the first thing that pops up Is a January 7th, 2024, basketball game between the universities. East Carolina Head Coach Mike Houston announced Offensive Coordinator Donnie Kirkpatrick will take the last train from Greenville following this game, thanks in part to the Pirates offense being shutout last week at Navy. It was the first ECU offense to be blanked since 10/4/97 vs. Syracuse, a span of 322 games. The ECU offense is ranked 120th in FBS, so this seems to be a decision that's hard to second guess. Tulsa was once synonymous with offensive football, but you can find them

ranked No. 112 this week. The Tarnished Hurricane is 1-8 ATS when coming off a loss as a dog, while ECU is 3-10 SU and 1-12 ATS in regular season finales, plus 1-6 ATS off an away game vs. a team off a home game. Tulsa is 4-1 ATS as a recent road dog if you're so inclined to take part in this potential disaster. We will be skipping this one to watch paint dry, at someone else's house.

SOUTH FLORIDA over Charlotte by 1

USF sits a win away from bowl eligibility while Charlotte sits a game away from watching bowl games. Expectations for the 49ers were incredibly low, so winning three games already passed pre-season forecasts. Charlotte defeated SC State, and two weak teams, Tulsa, and East Carolina, whom we have already wasted ink on in this issue. USF fits nicely into Charlotte's Web with the 132nd ranked defense in the nation, and one that has given up 575 yards or greater in four of its last six games. That makes the 49ers look like the Steel Curtain with Charlotte holding teams to 100 fewer yards per game on average. Tampa Stadium isn't much of a home field advantage either. The Bulls are **1-9 ATS** in their last 10 games there as the favorite while Charlotte travels well, spinning a 7-0 ATS mark in their last seven shots as the road dog. This game may come down to attitude, with one team having zero at stake against a team trying desperately to claw back to relevance. Remember what wise words we passed on last week about Charlotte and how they ring true again this week: "when you've got nothing, you've got nothing to lose."

Miami Ohio over BALL STATE by 4

Mixed numbers make this one a tricky venture. Ball State won't be bowling this year, but you have made some bird feed if you've bet on the Cardinals. They're riding a 5-0 ATS streak, plus a 9-1 ATS run when coming off a double-digit win (34-3 over Kent St) and 5-0 ATS when coming off a conference home game. You would think Ball is a great team, and you would be as wrong as the husband who buys his wife a Lane Bryant gift card for Christmas. On the other side, Miami is 9-2 and prepping for the MAC Championship game against Toledo next weekend. It's not a shock to tell you the RedHawks are 6-0 ATS in their last six starts as a favorite, 8-2 ATS when coming off consecutive road games, and 7-2 ATS in final road games. The only difference that we see is you are exactly the same as you used to be. If you sit this one out, we understand but don't be a Wallflower, toss a shilling or two on the Byrds...excuse us, the Redbirds.

5★ BEST BET

COASTAL CAROLINA over James Madison by 6

Army served Stuffed Chanticleer under glass last week by shoving the ball down Coastal's throat with 325 rushing yards. That CCU loss ended a 5-0 SUATS streak, this despite No. 1 QB Grayson McCall being sidelined October 21st with a concussion. Backups Jarret Guest and Ethan Vasko have been more than adequate and with McCall's future still very cloudy, first year Coach Tim Beck will be forced to stick with his backups. The Chants are 7-4 and a win places them in the Fun Belt title game vs. Troy. Don't mention championships, bowl games or anything post-season related to Cell Phone Curt Cignetti, because you can't blame Dukes' coach for putting the MAD in James Madison. The NCAA stuck to their moronic stupidly needless rule not allowing a team to play in a bowl game while transitioning from D3 to D1. The week got worse when the '72 Dolphins popped the corks once JMU was upset by App. State. You can't fix stupid, so JMU is finishing their promising season at Coastal against a team that likely hasn't forgotten the 47-7 beatdown they took from J. Mad last year. Sneering at the dingbats in the NCAA, THE CLINCHER arrives with the last word: Coastal Carolina is 5-2 SU and 7-0 ATS as a single-digit dog with revenge on the brain, including 4-0 SUATS when the Chants are batting .600 or better in the win column.

OLD DOMINION over Georgia State by 8

Old Dirty U has a shot at their third bowl game in program history and the second for Head Coach Ricky Rahne but to get there they must march through Downtown Atlanta's Team. It's Ahora o Nunca for the Monarchs, who are 6-1 ATS with revenge against a team coming off a double-digit loss. The Panthers already have their lane reserved and bowling shoes sprayed, so getting completely fired up for this (continued on next page)

one may be too much to ask. Plus, the Panthers are on an **0-4 SUATS** streak this season, and **1-7 ATS** in games when coming off SUATS loss. Georgia State is likely to take a Hall Pass on this one. Ours of course would be Saoirse Ronan.

Northern Illinois over KENT STATE by 20

In 2021 Kent State, under Sean Lewis, went to its second straight bowl game and just the fifth in program history, a program dating back to 1920. It took the Golden Grahams five years to finally win a game, and along the way they failed to score a TD in their first 14 games and lost a 1923 contest 118-0. In 2023, Kent will nearly match that futility. The only win was against Central Connecticut State, the Bishop Sycamore of CFB. Kent is on an **0-8 SU and 0-7-1 ATS** slide while NIU is a studly 22-10 SUATS on the road against losing teams. We're not saying the Huskies players are cocky, but they're already spending their gift card money from a bowl game they haven't been invited to. Yet.

Middle Tennessee over SAM HOUSTON STATE by 8

If this is Rick Stockstill's last dance as MTSU Head Coach, we at the Playbook offer a laurel and hearty handshake for a job well done. The scheduling gods gave him a break too, a SHSU team that's giving up 90 more yards per game than they gain and won't worry about being left behind in the bowl shuffle. The first year FBS squad has just two wins, Kennesaw State and La. Tech. The Blue Raiders have a habit of winning or at least covering in season finales, going 7-3 SU and 7-2-1 ATS in the last 10. Bob Dylan's "Forever Young" might be the appropriate tune in the MTSU locker room as Stockstill, one of Bobby Bowden's first starting QB's at Florida State, takes a bow with a winning record and a long list of accomplishments at MTSU. Slainte!

TENNESSEE over Vanderbilt by 24

Tennessee had a shot at Florida...lost by 13, Tennessee had a shot at Alabama...lost by 14, Tennessee had a shot at Missouri...lost by 29, Tennessee had a shot at Georgia...lost by 28, and are somehow still ranked. Fortunately, the Vols get to punch down this weekend against Vanderbilt, but the Dores have been tricky to navigate in this series. Vandy is 8-3 ATS in the last 11 games of this series, and 4-1 as the visitor,

plus 6-1 ATS in the second of back-to-back road games. Strangely taking time off doesn't seem to help Vandy, they're a mysterious **1-7 ATS** in their last eight games with rest. Tennessee is 1-5 ATS in their last five home games and while they are 5-1 as an SEC favorite of 20 or more points, we just can't get our rocks off on this one.

RICE over Florida Atlantic by 11

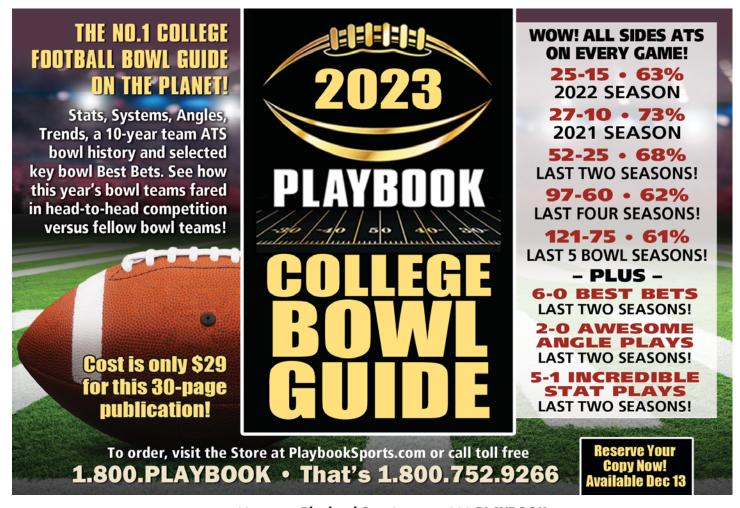
FAU stepped into a bigger conference and like many other teams that stepped up in class, the Owls have taken their lumps. This Owls Bowl features an FAU team that won't be bowling against a Rice squadron that needs to win to be eligible at 6-6. Tom Herman's first year in Boca hasn't gone as planned, including a dull 2-6 SU and 1-7 ATS log playing last road games. The Houston Owls are in the NOW OR NEVER group but bring with them a 13-4 SU and 14-3 ATS record in last home games to get past our bouncers, who were especially impressed with Rice's 9-0 ATS mark when coming off a win. We like Rice in part because of the JT Daniels, formerly of USC, Georgia, and West Virginia, to Luke McCaffrey passing connection. McCaffrey, you say? Yes, the son of Ed, brother of Christian and former Rice QB before Luke pulled a Cris Collinsworth and moved from QB to WR. We also like rice because it's great when you're hungry and want 2,000 of something.

MARSHALL over Arkansas State by 11

The **NOW OR NEVER** room also includes the Herd, who brings in a superb 25-6 SU mark into last home games, but in the last seven of those... 0-7 ATS. Arkansas State can take the Frankie Goes to Hollywood attitude into this game and Relax because after a shaky 0-2 start including giving up 73 to Oklahoma, the Red Wolves will be bowling under Butch Jones for the first time since his hiring in 2021. The drawback with the Red Wolves is a leaky defense ranked 130th in the nation. You get a team at home with plenty at stake against a road team hoping to escape with a minimum of injuries. We land firmly on the side of a Marshall money line wager here.

UTAH over Colorado by 25

We're not sure what the networks are going to do without Colorado to hype up when the season ends and it's ending with a thud for





the Buffaloes, whose attention-getting 3-0 start has morphed into a disastrous but not unexpected 1-7 finish. CU is 0-3 ATS after a weekday road game and 1-5 ATS as a double-digit conference dog. Utah has survived more injuries than most teams this year to be ranked 25th. In past clashes with Colorado the Utes have dominated, going 6-1 ATS in the last seven. Toss in a **7-0 ATS** mark as twin-digit chalk over the last two years and it's obvious where we're leaning. The unofficial clincher is Kyle Whittingham's business-like 47-33-1 ATS home record versus a conference opponent, including 12-3 ATS against a team coming off consecutive losses. Whittingham's next conference W will be number 100, and his gratification was delayed in the Arizona beating he took last week. Deion Sanders is a long way from even five Pac-12 wins and Coach Prime declared Colorado will not be an ATM when it comes to NIL's and the transfer portal. You can't call the season a disaster, but you can't call it a massive success either when you leak hydraulic fluid like the Buffs have.

Arizona over ARIZONA STATE by 8

At the beginning of the season, the line on this game figured to be ASU -3. Eleven games later, the Wildcats come in laying double-digits. It's been that sort of a storybook season for the Cats, who caught Vegas by surprise, too – their 8-2 ATS ledger this season includes a 2-2 ATS record as a favorite and 6-0 ATS as a dog, with three outright wins. Just a phenomenal job by Jedd Fisch in his second season in Tucson, and the Wildcats head into this cross-state rivalry game after notching five conference wins in a row. Meanwhile, the Sun Devils lost their fifth home game of the season by allowing 603 offensive yards and 7 TDs to Oregon, with six of them accounted for by Heisman frontrunner Bo Nix in the first half. However, in this series, Arizona State is 11-3 ATS / 7-1 ATS as a dog coming off a SUATS loss. They are also 11-2 ATS when coming off a double-digit SUATS loss. We're simply obligated to be on the take in a season-ending rivalry with a double-digit avenging dog... we're there.

UNLV over San Jose State by 1

As Jerry Reed once said, "When you're hot, you're hot"... and both the Spartans and the Rebels are hot! San Jose invades Sin City as the hottest team in the MWC, on a 5-0 SU and 4-1 ATS win skein. It's simple for SJSU: win, and your chances of playing for the conference title increase. It hands UNLV its second conference loss while also evening the conference records at 6-2. But by beating the Rebs, SJSU would hold the tiebreaker. However, composite computer rankings could come into play even if SJSU wins as UNLV, Air Force, and the Spartans would all be 1-1 versus each other. Easiest scenario for the Spartans? Hope the Falcons win over BSU, then win in Vegas today to play for your second MWC title since 2020. On the flip side, the Runnin' Rebels are 2-8-1 ATS / 2-11 SU in the last 13 games of this series. But that all came before the hiring of Barry Odom. UNLV is 8-2 SU and 9-1 ATS versus FBS opponents this season under Odom, and at 9-2, UNLV owns the MWC's best record. With it, there is renewed energy in Sin City and the Rebs now control their own destiny. Defeat San Jose State on Saturday, and the Rebs will earn their first-ever MWC title game appearance. A victory over the red-hot Spartans would place them at

7-1 in conference games – which would easily position them to host the game at Allegiant Stadium. However, technology does play a role in their scenario as well. If UNLV falls to SJSU and Air Force knocks off Boise State, then computer rankings come into play. That's because SJSU, UNLV, and Air Force would have one loss between each other. The final synopsis: How can this game not go down to the wire

4★ BEST BET

California over UCLA by 1

The Bears are in a great spot today, playing with triple revenge against their namesake - the University of California at Los Angeles – in need of a bowl-eligible clinching win. They will also be catching the Bruins off a rivalry revenge victory against USC last week, as UCLA dominated the plummeting Trojans, 38-20. However, the Bruins are just 6-14 ATS when playing against revenge in this series and are a miserable 3-7 SU and 1-8-1 ATS at home after facing USC. Add to that a 2-9 SU and 1-9-1 ATS in LHGs and we put up the stop sign in Pasadena. Meanwhile, Cal head coach Justin Wilcox is 13-5 ATS as a home dog, including **7-0 ATS** when coming off a win as a favorite versus a foe coming off a win as a dog. UCLA has the nation's second-ranked rushing defense, but Cal's sophomore RB Jadyn Ott has averaged nearly 145 yards on the ground over the last four games and scored 6 TD's and is the Pac-12's leading rusher. THE CLINCHER: Cal is 9-1 ATS in this series when UCLA is coming off a win.

Notre Dame over STANFORD by 28

These are two teams going in opposite directions, one to a major bowl, the other to a toilet bowl in quest of a new conference. QB Sam Hartman played against his former team and got the best of the Demon Deacons in a 45-7 win on Saturday – he threw for 277 yards and 4 touchdowns. The Irish defense also had an excellent outing, holding Wake Forest to just 98 passing yards and limited the Deacons' offense to just 4.1 yards per play. Notre Dame is 5-1 ATS as road chalk of more than 7 points, and 5-1 ATS with single revenge (lost to the Tree last year on a fourth quarter field goal in a 16-14 defeat). As for the Cardinal, it's been a disastrous campaign in the wake of David Shaw's departure, capped off by losing The Big Game to Cal, 27-15, for the fourth time in the last five years. (Stanford had been victorious nine times in a row before that.) Today they enter with a 1-6 ATS mark in their last seven roles as home dogs. They are also 1-5 ATS versus single revenge and **0-7 ATS** off an ATS loss versus a foe off an ATS win.

WASHINGTON over Washington State by 11

Heisman contender Michael Penix, Jr. had his worst game of the year against a tough opponent in Oregon State, but the Huskies hung on for a 22-20 victory to keep their national championship dreams alive. Penix was just 13-of-28 for a season-low 162 yards passing with 2 TD's but did run for an additional score in a constant rain. The win, coupled with FSU's loss of QB Jordan Travis, helped move Washington up to #4 in the AP Top 25 poll. They have now won 18 straight games. They are 7-1 in the last eight games of this series, but just 1-5 ATS against single conference revenge, 1-4 versus the spread in their Last Home Game, and 3-13 ATS as conference favorites of 13 or more points. With the Pac-12 title on deck, this becomes an easy fade. Meanwhile, the Cougars snapped a six-game losing streak by bombing Deion's team, 56-14, putting them into our NOW OR NEVER list of 5-win teams on this week's card. Wazzu is also 7-0ATS as road dogs of more than 14 points, 3-0 ATS with single conference revenge, and 5-1 ATS after a Weekday game. Today's Apple Cup game was believed to be the final one for the near future, but not so incidentally, it was announced earlier this week that the teams announced that the rivalry will be extended for another five years.

Western Kentucky over FLORIDA INT'L by 6

Western Kentucky slipped past Sam Houston State last week (28-23) despite turning the ball over 5 times. It wasn't a pretty game for Western's star QB Austin Reed, who tossed four interceptions and lost a fumble, but Reed made the big play when he had to and earned a bowl invitation for WKU for the fifth straight season. A 75-yard TD pass to his favorite receiver, Malachi Corley, in the fourth quarter gave Wicky the important victory and upped their record to 6-5. The

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Toppers are **10-1 ATS** as a double-digit favorite if they were a double-digit favorite in their previous game but are also riding 0-5 ATS losing streak. We are not in any hurry to lay doubles on the road with a team still likely popping corks. Meanwhile, the Panthers are **1-7 ATS** when coming off a non-conference road game, but 4-1-1 ATS in LHGs. There are a lot of back-and-forth numbers here, but we can't back a Hilltoppers team that is still celebrating.

Fresno State over SAN DIEGO STATE by 3

After opening the season 2-0, the Aztecs are on a 1-8 downer, which obviously led to the decision by HC Brady Hoke to step down at the end of the season. However, SDSU should have no problem finding a top-notch replacement – they have a great recruiting base and a brand-new stadium, plus there is, of course, the weather. This will be the Aztecs' first losing season since 2009 (Hoke's first season) and they went 12-2 in 2019. Despite the recent downturn, they are 8-3 SU and 7-4 ATS in LHGs and worth a look here. Meanwhile, we're not sure what sort of bug hit the Bulldogs. After an 8-1 start to the season, they've dropped two straight games entering this contest including a puzzling 25-17 loss at home as 25-point chalk to lowly New Mexico. Today's focus will be about getting the train back on the track, but they'll need to do it without our blessing.

TEXAS STATE over South Alabama by 3

An interesting matchup between two 6-5 bowl-eligible Sun Belt squads. The Jags are back on a winning beam with a pair of victories, but not sure we can trust them here today against a Bobcats' bunch who is anxious to put a halt to a two-game losing skid. Last Saturday, South Alabama took advantage of inexperienced Marshall QB Cole Pennington and held the Thundering Herd to just 201 offensive yards. Keep in mind that the Jaguars are 1-12 ATS following consecutive home favorite wins, and 1-11 ATS away off consecutive home games. Besides, this contest has the look and feel of a WTF play – or Wrong Team Favored for the uninitiated – as TSU checks in at 8-2 ATS when coming off a double-digit loss. First-year head coach G.J. Kinne knows his troops are 4-1 outright at home and will be anxious to head to the bowls as a 7-win squad on the heels of a win. Take it if you play it.

SMU over Navy by 14

The numbers supporting the Midshipmen today look very good. They have covered 8 of the last ten games in this series, are 6-0 ATS overall in their last six games as a road dog, and 10-1 ATS when coming off a home win. The motivation is certainly present, as a win here puts the Middies in a bowl game. In addition, the Well-Oiled machine notes that CFB Military dogs of 20-plus points are an annuity at 33-13 ATS in conference games. However, the Mustangs are red-hot, as even the toughest matchups are not slowing their gallop through the 2023 campaign. The Ponies got in and out of a dangerous visit to Memphis last week with a 38-34 victory to remain in a virtual 3-way tie at 7-0 of undefeated conference leaders but are just 2-8 ATS in games when both teams arrive off a win. You can bet that the Mustangs will be staying out of the malls on Black Friday this week and instead, glued to their TV sets, as the winner of the Tulane-UTSA game on Friday will earn a championship bid. That team would play SMU in the AAC title game as long as the Mustangs just beat Navy here. That would qualify them for the event for their first and only time ever, (SMU departs for the ACC this offseason) but covering a 3-touchdown spread today is probably the last thing on their minds. Be careful here!

Alabama over **AUBURN** by 8

It may have been the worst investment in college football history, as the Tigers lost their stripes in a 31-10 home loss as a 25-point favorite to Power-5 wannabe New Mexico State in a game, which "Auburned" paid the Aggies \$1.85M for the visit. It was learned later that Auburn fans used the toilet paper they were going to throw on the oaks at Toomer's Corner (a school tradition) to clean up after the mess. Meanwhile, Alabama paid UT Chattanooga \$600K to turn into a punching bag when the Tide rolled over the Mocs in a 66-16 dusting. Keep in mind that the host in this series is **5-0-1 ATS** / 3-1 SUATS

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with revenge when the Tide is off a win of 50-plus points. You also need to know Aubbie is 9-5-1 ATS in this series when coming off a loss, including 2-0 ATS off a loss of 20 or more points, as well as 8-2 ATS off a loss with a winning record. Including Alabama, a handful of 1-loss playoff-eligible teams take the field this weekend with visions of making the College Football Playoff. The Crimson Tide must beat Georgia and if they do, Alabama fans are confident a 1-loss Crimson Tide, as the SEC Champion, would never be excluded from the final four – not a team that owns 16 consecutive 10-win seasons. Nick Saban is 7-1 SUATS versus a foe coming off an ATS loss of 30 or more points, but just 1-4 versus the number after an unlined home game. Still, they had better be focused this week against a bitter rival that was tarred-and-feathered last week... Caveat emptor.

OKLAHOMA STATE over Byu by 14

The Cougars' deep dive into the Power Five was barely a splash this season, going 2-5 in Big 12 play. However, being a **NOW OR NEVER** team today, the door has been left open to earn a 6th-and-bowleligible win here this afternoon. It would also keep them out of the Big 12 basement. Right now, the Mormons are skidding, having lost three straight and 4 of their last five contests. Still, BYU is **6-1 ATS** when coming off a win-no-cover, and Kalani Sitake is 5-2 SU in season-ending contests, including 3-0 ATS with a win percentage of less than 636. Meanwhile, the Cowboys are still in play in the Big 12 title race but will need a few twists and turns to work in their favor today, provided of course that Texas was toppled last night. If they weren't, the door amazingly remains ajar for BYU. Regardless, the love which Mike Gundy's guys may have built was diminished with its rape-job at UCF two weeks ago.

West Virginia over BAYLOR by 3

The Bears turned bad in short order from a 12-win team in 2021 into a mess. Things keep going downhill when you look at their 42-17 defeat at the hands of TCU last week, when they allowed the Horned Frogs to convert 9 of 11 third downs. Baylor has now dropped below .500 in the Dave Aranda era and needs a win today to even his record at 24-24. They will need to rely on their **9-1 ATS** log when coming off a SUATS loss and facing a foe coming off a SUATS win, along with their 11-4 ATS mark in regular-season finales. Meanwhile, talk about a betting turnaround: the line on this game before the season started would likely have been -7 – with Baylor the favorite! The Mountaineers recent success (3-1 SUATS last four games), coupled with the Bears' bummer of a season (3-8, including 0-4 SUATS last four games) have turned this game upside down. The Stumpjumpers are 2-8 ATS when coming off a win versus a foe coming off a loss, and own shaky 2-5 SU and 1-5-1 ATS logs as a single digit road favorite. That could do them in today.

NORTH TEXAS over Uab by 6

A pair of 4-7 also-rans close out the 2023 campaign, each deeply disappointed after falling short of their pre-season win totals (UNT 6.5; UAB 5). Sure, the Blazers have a chance to "push" their win total with a victory today, provided they don't let the trends get in the way. For example, they are **0-9 ATS** when coming off a win, and **2-9 ATS** on the road of late. Fortunately, they are taking on the worst overall defense in the FBS in the Mean Green. But be careful, the Greenies were adjusting to a new head coach this season and several returnees were playing new positions. They improved late in the season, as shown in last week's 35-28 win over Tulsa when North Texas held the Hurricane to just 7 second-half points. In addition, the Green bring a big **8-0 ATS** mark into this contest in games when both teams arrive off ATS wins, and they are also **5-1 ATS** in LHGs against foes coming off a SUATS victory. With it, they gain the nod here.

ILLINOIS over Northwestern by 5

The Illini are on this week's **NOW OR NEVER** list and with it they bring a neat 9-2 ATS record into this fray in games when both teams arrive off ATS wins. Yes, they have been money-burners at home which their 0-7 ATS ledger in the last seven games confirms, but with Northwestern arriving off a 6th bowl eligible win last week, we're forced to look the other way and rely on the former stat rather than the latter in today's matchup. The winner of this game will get the Land of Lincoln Trophy – a bronze stovepipe hat awarded to the winner each year. More important than a big hat, the Illini would mark just the second time the football program would be playing in a bowl game in back-to-back years since 1991. In a feel-good story on the flip side, the Purple Cats clinched a bowl bid with last week's

8-point win over Purdue. However, a 288-yard marshmallow offense isn't enough to overcome the satisfaction of becoming relevant after the hazing scandal.

KANSAS STATE over Iowa State by 7

The 6-5 Cyclones have a bowl berth wrapped up, but they are anxious for more. A 10-9 home loss to the Wildcats last season was a contributing factor as to why they fell just short of making it to a sixth straight bowl game in 2022. This year after a 1-2 start, the Cyclones took no chances and clinched a post-season appearance by crushing a BYU team for their sixth win (45-13) that had previously not been defeated at home. Then, the loss to Texas last week was painful, but not devastating. Be aware that Iowa State has covered in three straight meetings of this series and is 5-1 ATS as conference road dogs of 10 or more points. KSU has good numbers, too – such as **7-1 ATS** as home favorites or more than 7 pts and **13-1 ATS** when coming off a win as a favorite and facing a foe coming off a loss as a dog. However, the problem here is the fate of the Big 12 will likely have been decided before KSU takes the field. If that's the case, they could take the field flatter than Twiggy.

LSU over Texas A&M by 17

Hard to gauge the mental status of the Aggies players now that the dust has settled following Jimbo Fisher's kick to the curb. After previously coaching the defensive line and serving as co-coordinator of a solid stop unit, Elijah Robinson has taken the role of interim head coach for the final two games. A 10-31-1 ATS mark as conference road dogs against opponents coming off a double-digit win certainly does not bode well, nor does its 2-8 ATS record in season finales. Meanwhile, the LSU defense has not been very good, but the explosive attack behind QB Jayden Daniels has more than made up for it on the other side of the football. The Tigers have owned this series, going 11-1 ATS in the last 12 matchups. The Bayou Bengals are also 9-2 ATS with single conference revenge (lost 38-23 as double-digit road chalk last year), 7-2 at home versus a less-than-500 SEC opponent, and 6-2 in their 3rd straight home game. With Brian Kelly doing everything in his power to help Daniels capture this year's Heisman Trophy, figure the starters to be in the game longer than usual in this rout.

LOUISIANA over UL Monroe by 16

The Ragin' Cajuns have nearly let a solid season slip away with three consecutive losses and are now in danger of spending the holidays at home. Still, this is a series that has been mostly dominated by the boys from Lafayette, although the Warhawks won last year's match-up, 21-17, their first win over the Cajuns since 2017. Louisiana holds a 12-3 SU mark in the Battle on the Bayou, including 7-0 ATS when coming off consecutive losses, and 6-1 ATS when both teams are coming off a loss. The Cajuns are also 9-4 ATS in season finales, including 7-2 ATS when ULL owns the better record. The Warhawks, on the other hand, have not closed out seasons well, going 0-7 SU and 2-5 ATS in season finales. Also, the MIDWEEK ALERT reports the Warhawks are losing the stats by 121 yards per game this season. Lay it if you play it.

Troy over SOUTHERN MISS by 15

QB Gunnar Watson threw two of his three touchdown passes in the fourth guarter to help Troy beat Louisiana-Lafayette 31-24 on Saturday and are cruising along at 9-2. The senior has 24 TD passes this season - 13 coming in the last 4 games - against just 4 interceptions. The numbers look good for the Men of Troy in this one as well: 10-1 ATS on the road, 9-1 ATS when coming off a win as a favorite, and 9-1 ATS when coming off consecutive wins. We can't lay the lumber here, though, not with the Trojans penciled in the Sun Belt championship game next week. Meanwhile, the Golden Eagles dropped a 41-20 decision to Mississippi State last week after posting consecutive wins to start November. Jakarius Caston single-handedly kept the Eagles in the game after scoring a 44-yard scoring reception in the fourth quarter and then returning a kickoff 98 yards with a little more than eight minutes left to reduce the deficit to 26-20. However, in the end, it was another game in the loss column for Smissy, now 3-8. Southern Miss is 1-10 ATS when coming off a non-conference road game and 1-5 ATS in games when both teams are off ATS losses. The only ray of hope is the Eagles' 15-6 SUATS mark in LHGs. We'll stay away.

Liberty over UTEP by 11

The 11-0 Flames are in a tenuous situation as they look to become this year's Group of 5 New Years Day Bowl entry having taken took care of business against UMass in a 49-25 win where QB Kaidon



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Salter accounted for 4 TD's. Salter threw for 225 yards, rushed for 118 more, and scored on runs of 1 and 12 yards. Averaging 278 YPG on the ground going into the contest, the Flames rushed for 324 yards versus the Minutemen. The problem today is the "noose is getting mighty tight" as a shot at their first perfect regular season ever is on the line. It will also be up to Jamey Chadwell to keep his team from peeking ahead to the C-USA Championship Game on December 1st against New Mexico State. We realize they are 9-1 ATS when coming off a home win, yet they are 1-4 ATS as road chalk of more than 10 points, including **0-4 ATS** with a .700-or-higher win percentage. On the flip side, the Miners are 12-5 ATS at home versus unbeaten foes, including 8-1 ATS when that foe arrives off a win of 24 or fewer points, and this is as close to a bowl as they get this season.

Jacksonville State over NEW MEXICO STATE by 6

The Aggies stunned Auburn 31-10 for its first-ever win over an SEC team, incredibly, as a 23-point underdog. That ups their record versus the SEC to 1-24. NMSU racked up 414 total yards in the game and they held Auburn to just 213, with just 65 yards coming on the ground from the Tigers - the victory also got them to 9 wins on the year, which is the first time since 1960. Riding a 6-0 SU and 8-0 ATS win skein, their feet may not touch the field until the second half of this contest, and on top of that, the school collected a \$1.85-million payday for scheduling the game with the Tigers. After facing the Gamecocks today, they will move on to play Liberty in the Conference USA Championship Game on December 1st in Lynchburg, Virginia. Also, the Aggies are **1-6 ATS** when coming off an underdog role and facing an opponent that was favored in its last game. Meanwhile, JSU has superseded all expectations on its maiden voyage into FBS waters this season, riding a 6-2 SU and 6-1-1 ATS mark entering this contest. They are coming off a huge destruction of Louisiana Tech as the Gamecocks piled up 522 yards and seven scores on the ground in a 56-17 romp over the Bulldogs on Saturday. Overall, the Gamecocks out-yarded the Techsters 628-269 as RB Malik Jackson rushed for 193 yards and two touchdowns. A win here puts the cherry on a 9-win season for the neophytes from Alabama.

NEVADA over Wyoming by 1

That 5-1 start for the Pokes that looked like it was slipping away in late October was salvaged with a pair of wins this month, and Wyoming will be an entertaining team to watch in a bowl game. However, Game 12s have been bad for the Cowboys, and good for the Wolf Pack, with Wyoming entering 3-16 ATS on the road in these affairs, including 0-10 ATS with a winning record. As for the Wolfpack, they are 5-0-1 as a dog in season finales and the dog in this series is 5-1-1 ATS. We'll ignore their god-awful 1-10 ITS (In The Stats) mark this season and

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focus instead on second-year head coach Ken Wilson picking up a 3rd win this season for Nevada, which would mark an improvement on last year's 2-10 effort.

UPSET GAME OF THE WEEK UPSET

HAWAII over Colorado State by 6

The Rams are 1-8 ATS in their last nine games as a favorite, 1-8 ATS coming off a win-no-cover and 1-8 ATS when coming off back-to-back wins. They almost coughed up a 20-3 lead to Nevada on Saturday, but QB Brayden Fowler-Nicolosi rediscovered his mojo in the fourth quarter and CSU held on for a 30-20 win. We realize the Rams reside on this week's NOW OR NEVER list of bowl teams in need of a bowl-eligible win, but we see them caving under the pressure. It probably doesn't help that tailback Avery Morrow was knocked out of Saturday's game with a serious hip pointer. Meanwhile, the Ranbow Warriors conclude the season in a favorable situation at 8-1 ATS when coming off a road game and facing a foe coming off a home game. They are also 5-0 SU and 3-1-1 ATS in LHGs the past five seasons. We seal the deal with THE CLINCHER: See Marc's BETCHA DIDN'T'KNOW 'RUNNING ON EMPTY' article on page 2.

UMASS over Connecticut by 1

The Huskies find winning games away from home difficult as they are just 4-36 SU in last 40 travelers, but a 1-8 ATS ledger in games when coming off a win when facing a foe coming off a loss only adds to the dilemma. Cashing tickets as a favorite ranks right behind, as a 2-13 ATS mark when laying 7 or fewer points confirms. An ugly 0-8 SU and 1-7 ATS mark in road finales cements the play on the Minutemen today. Meanwhile, UMass is 5-1 ATS in their last six games when seeking revenge (lost 27-10 in East Harford last season). The Minutemen ring the bell in this season finale.

PRO FOOTBALL

Thursday, November 23

DETROIT over Green Bay by 11

Stop the presses! The Lions are 8-2 for the first time since 1962. They beat the Bears last week despite four turnovers and are looking to win their first division title since 1993. The truth of the matter is they have never won the NFC North nor ever hosted a playoff game at Ford Field. So the guestion begs: is history being written before our eyes this season? What we know for sure is the mouth that is roaring is 15-4 SUATS at home when coming off wins in each of their previous three games, including 9-1 SUATS when they sport a .690 or greater win percentage. Steady-Eddie QB Jared Goff had three picks in the first three-quarters last week, but settled down when it counted in the 4Q. He has now tossed only 8 picks this season. Meanwhile, Green Bay saved its season by beating the Chargers. Unfortunately, its next two games come against the Lions today and Chiefs next week, and they are riding a 0-4 SUATS mark in the last four games in this series and have topped 24 points on only one occasion this season (in their opener against the Bears). Then there is this nugget from our Well-Oiled Machine as it notes that Thanksgiving Day favorites of more than 7 points are 19-2 SU and 16-5 ATS when facing .500 or fewer foes, including 6-0 SUATS when coming off consecutive SUATS wins. With that, look for Detroit to improve on its current 11-1 ATS record in division duke-outs as the Lion no longer sleeps as much these days. Wimoweh, womoweh, wimoweh, womoweh.

DALLAS over Washington by 7

As we called out last year on these pages, Dallas first played on Thanksgiving in 1966. The Cowboys have played on Turkey Day every year since, except for 1975 and 1977, when Pete Rozelle experimented by giving the St. Louis Cardinals – aka the Cardiac Kids – added exposure. It failed miserably, and the Cowboys were brought back permanently thereafter. Through it all, Dallas is 32-22-1 all-time on Thanksgiving Day, but only 5-7 SU and **1-11 ATS** the last dozen years. In addition, Dallas has not won consecutive Thanksgiving Day games since 2009. Do you want any of that? Not us. Sure, they are 12-1 ATS at home of late against losing opposition, and 12-3 SU and 11-4 ATS in

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their last fifteen division bouts. But they're only 5-10 ATS laying points at home in NFC East battles since 2007. The Commanders never stood a chance against the hapless Giants when they gifted the G-Men a 6-0 turnover edge in the contest. As a result, Big Blue snapped an 8-game skein of scoring 17 or fewer points. With Washington 3-0 ATS away on Thursdays and the Boys 2-8 ATS when coming off a double-digit win, the points become the play. That being said, pass the gravy, please.

3★ BEST BET

SEATTLE over San Francisco by 6

This would be a possible playoff matchup if the postseason were to start this week, with Frisco being the No. 3 NFC seed and Seattle the No. 6 seed. The carrot for the Seahawks is they can assume the division lead with a win tonight. Meanwhile, 49ers QB Brock Purdy tossed a "no-hitter" in his last start when he finished with 333 yards and 3 TDs and a perfect QB Rating of 158.3 in the Niners win-no-cover against Tampa Bay. On the other side of the ball, ironically, there were more penalty flags on the field (22) than points scored by either team in last week's 17-16 loss by Seattle against the Rams. With it, the Seahawks are 10-2 SU and 9-3-1 ATS at home in this series, including 7-1 SU and 7-0-1 ATS if not coming off an ATS loss of 4 or more points. They are also 8-2 ATS as home dogs of 3-plus points. Flipping the script, San Francisco enters 4-9 ATS versus division foe seeking triple revenge exact, including 1-6 ATS when coming off consecutive wins. And they are winless on whipped creamand-pumpkin pie day at 0-2 ATS. Don't be afraid. We like fading pitchers and QBs coming off no-hit efforts, especially with added backing from THE CLINCHER: Seattle head coach Pete Carroll is 23-9-1 ATS as a home dog in his NFL career, including 9-2 ATS as a dog of 4 or more points.

Friday, November 24

Miami over NY JETS 14

This looks to be just the matchup that the doctor ordered for the floundering Fish. After bolting out of the gates in record fashion, Miami has come back to the pack like a racehorse that does not know how to rate. For our non-savvy horse racing fans, those are horses that know only one speed – pedal to the metal and get to the finish line first. It's where they are today, after starting the season 5-1 SUATS and ITS and winning the stats an average of 190 net yards per game, the Dolphins are just 2-2 SU and 1-3 ATS over their last four games entering this contest while winning the stats

by an average 55 net yards per game. While Miami has nary a win against teams with a winning record this season, they are 7-0 versus .500 or fewer foes. It's a Mike McDaniel thing, as he is 13-3 SU and 11-4-1 ATS with Miami against losing teams, including **8-0 ATS** in the last eight games. With gang Green just 1-6 ATS in the first of three straight home games and 2-8 ATS on weekdays, we'll lay the wood in this Black Friday special.

Sunday, November 26

HOUSTON over Jacksonville by 6

While phenom rookie QB C.J. Stroud tossed for 336 yards and two more TDs last week, he was also picked off three times. He had only two the entire season entering last week's game. Could that be a tell that a crack in the armor has surfaced? Hell no. The kid is smooth as silk. We're certain that Tom Brady, Aaron Rodgers, and Joe Burrow have had similar results. They all have one trait in common. They dust themselves off and get back on track. Today's game is a battle for the top spot in the AFC South and with it, the Texans bring the better offense and the better defense into this contest. Our trusted database reminds us that Houston is **5-1 ATS** as a dog behind Stroud, winning 4 of the games outright. They are also **21-5 SU** and 15-10-1 ATS in this series, including 8-2 ATS as a dog. With the 'Ville **1-5 ATS** in the 2nd of back-to-back division games and 4-8 ATS in its last dozen division games, we're on the take here today.

Tampa Bay over INDIANAPOLIS by 3

Whoa, Nellie. The Colts are on a winning streak. That's the good news. The bad news is they are 5-12 SU and 3-14 ATS since 2019 when coming off a pair of wins, including **0-9 ATS** at home. Yikes! The Bucs enter anxious to capitalize, knowing they are **6-1 ATS** against foes coming off a Bye week and **4-0-2 ATS** in their last six games against AFC South opponents. We want to dive deeper but don't see any reason to do so, especially with Indy 'leaking oil' while having lost its last three games 'In The Stats.' You know what to do.

New England over NY GIANTS by 6

We give plenty of thanks this week, and one of the acknowledgements is that this game was not scheduled on Thanksgiving Day. It surely would have been in the running for the fewest eyeballs to watch a Turkey Day game in the modern era of the NFL. The Giants enter this game off a New York Post headline-making win over Washington last week when they bested the Commanders 31-19. The fact that they were on the right side of +6 net turnovers covered up the fact that New York was outgained 292-403, as they've now surrendered 1,043 yards in their last two contests. Then, there are the Pats, who have topped 17 points only two times this season and, as a result, are 2-8 for the first time since 2000 - Bill Belichick's first season in New England. Go figure. New York Giants undrafted rookie QB Tommy DeVito was sacked nine times Sunday, yet also threw a career-best three TDs against the Washington Commanders, notching his first NFL win. It's what having a 6-0 turnover edge in your favor will do for you. With the Pats 6-0 ATS recently as non-conference road chalk and 7-2 ATS versus .333 or fewer foes, look for the Giants to return to their losing ways today.

TENNESSEE over Carolina by 8

Good grief. Imagine the anguish Carolina Panthers' owner David Tepper is going through. He insisted Carolina make Bryce Young the first pick of last year's draft, only to watch C.J. Stroud carve up the league en route to a certain Rookie of the Year award. His young Cats hit the road with the worst record (1-9) in the NFL, standing 2-8 ATS when coming off a home loss while owning the second-to-worst offense in the league (thanks to the Giants). Sure, Carolina is 10-3 ATS against the AFC South, but they catch Tennessee in a nasty mood after taking an 0-3 SUATS hat trick in its last three games – all on the road. With the Titans **9-0 ATS** before facing the Colts and 9-2 ATS after tackling the Jaguars, look for Tepper to blow another gasket here today.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM MARC LAWRENCE AND THE ENTIRE PLAYBOOK STAFF!



4★ BEST BET

CINCINNATI over Pittsburgh by 10

For the longest while last week, the Steelers looked as if they were about to actually outgain an opponent this season. That was until Cleveland started its game-winning drive from their own 25-yard line and turned it into a game-winning 34-yard field goal field. With it, Pittsburgh lost the game 13-10, and the total yards 249-259, to fall to 0-10 ITS (In The Stats) on the season. The Steelers are the only team in the AFC at this stage of the season with a winning record that has surrendered more points than they've scored. One reason is the Burghers own the league's best Turnover Differential in the loop at +11 net on the season. That doesn't last long. In fact, they've panicked to the point it fired OC Matt Canada, the first in-season coaching change by Pittsburgh since the start of WWII back in 1941. RB coach Eddie Faulkner will be the OC, and QB coach Mike Sullivan will call the plays. Somehow, that feels disjointed as hell. With Joe Burrow finished for the season, the Bengals are forced to turn to Jake Browning, who will be making his first NFL start in this contest. With that, we note that the Steelers' last loss to a quarterback making his first NFL start was in 1992 to a signal-caller named Brett Favre. Since then, Bill Cowher went 4-0 against quarterbacks making their maiden voyage, matching Mike Tomlin's identical 4-0 record against the same, the last in 2020 against Dallas QB Garrett Gilbert, who lost 24-19 as a 14-point home dog. In fact, Boomer Esiason is the last Bengals' QB to win a first start at home in a 13-3 win in 1984 against the Oilers. So where does that leave us today? In today's world, we call it a "rally around the new QB" plight. Biggest Achilles without Joe Brr is the Bengals' pitiable ground game which ranks last in Rush Attempts Per Game and No. 30 in overall rushing. Still, the bottom line is Pittsburgh is still 0-10 'In the Stats' this season, and you won't find us laying points with them any time soon. Not with the Bengals 5-0-2 ATS when coming off two losses exactly, including 4-0 outright in the last four games. While this appears a strange "Best Bet" call, it's time to hand it off to the THE CLINCHER: Bengals head coach Zac Taylor is 12-3 ATS as a dog against an opponent the Bengals defeated in their most recent meeting, including 12-1 ATS as a dog of more than one-point.

New Orleans over ATLANTA by 6

In a very mediocre – and that's being kind – NFC South, this becomes a battle for the top spot between the 5-5 Saints and the 4-6 Falcons. While it's difficult counting on mediocrity, the Saints enter **7-1 ATS** in games when coming off a SU favorite loss – they lost 27-19 at Minnesota as a 3-point favorite two weeks ago. And speaking of which, on the other side of the coin, the Falcons are **0-7 ATS** when coming off consecutive losses as a favorite, and **1-9 ATS** in games when both teams are coming off non-division losses. No Dirty Birds for us today.

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CURRENT NFL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

AFC Playoff Matchups -

- No. 7 Pittsburgh Steelers at No. 2 Kansas City Chiefs
- No. 6 Houston Texans at No. 3 Jacksonville Jaguars
- No. 5 Cleveland Browns at No. 4 Miami Dolphins

NFC Playoff Matchups -

- No. 7 Minnesota Vikings at No. 2 Detroit Lions
- No. 6 Seattle Seahawks at No. 3 San Francisco 49ers
- No. 5 Dallas Cowboys at No. 4 New Orleans Saints

LA Rams over ARIZONA by 3

The Rams were initially favored to win, but the odds are now even. If they end up being the underdogs on game day, we will strongly consider betting on them. This is because the Cardinals have been struggling lately, losing 16 of their last 18 games and failing to cover the spread in all of their last five division games. Additionally, the Rams have been performing well in their recent matchups against the Cardinals, with an 11-2 against the spread record in the series. They have also won seven out of eight consecutive division contests. On the other hand, Arizona has only covered the spread once in their last seven division home games. Overall, the Rams seem to be the smart choice.

Cleveland over DENVER by 6

After opening the season with three straight losses, the Broncos carry the league's longest current win streak (4) into this contest, and just like that, they find themselves in the No.10 slot in the current AFC Playoff Picture. Their reward this week is laying points into the league's top-ranked defense and the No. 1-rated team in Rush Attempts Per Game. That's a lethal combo, Deshaun Watson aside. QB Dorian Thompson-Robinson guided the Browns to a late win over the Steelers last week - Cleveland's 4th victory this season in the final 10 seconds of the game - and as a result, the Browns have not had a better start than the 7-3 start they have this season since 1994. With it, Cleveland enters Mile High this week feeling a Mile High themselves. Meanwhile, Denver enters today's game on a 0-5 SU and 1-4 ATS run in its last five games against the AFC North. They also had a -52 net PPG on the season, as opposed to Cleveland's +47 net PPG this campaign. On the other side of the field, Cleveland is 7-1 ATS in the first of back-to-back road games. With Denver, 2-12-1 ATS in its last fifteen games as a favorite, look for Kevin Stefanski's magical patchwork show to continue its winning ways today. FYI - This memo to Browns GM Andrew Berry: Ryan Tannehill would look much better in a Browns uniform than Joe Flacco. Just our two cents.

5★ BEST BET

BUFFALO over Philadelphia by 11

New OC Joe Brady had the Bills offense looking much better when it posted 32 points, Buffalo's most since Week 4, and 393 yards of offense. Surprisingly, it was their fourth win by 25-plus points this season. On the other side of the coin, with Monday night's win over the Chiefs, Eagles' QB Jalen Hurts has won 12 straight regular-season games against winning teams. Counting the playoffs, he is 17-7 SU and 16-8 ATS overall against the same, including 12-3 SU and 11-4 ATS at home (11-0 SU and 9-2 ATS the last eleven games). Thus, each team brings a lot to the table in this contest. So much so that if the NFL playoffs were to begin this week, Philly would own the No. 1 seed in the NFC. However, due to its recent funk, Buffalo would be on the outside looking in as the No. 8 seed in the AFC. Remember, though, the Bills are one of only five NFL teams that rank in the Top 10 on both offense and defense this season - the Eagles do not. We top it off with the fact that Buffalo is 5-0 SUATS the last ten years against foes coming off a Monday Night game. All of which leads to THE CLINCHER: See this week's AWESOME ANGLE on page 2.

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.

Kansas City over LAS VEGAS by 6

There is trouble in paradise, and it's becoming apparent. For example, in Kansas City's Monday Night collapse against Philadelphia, QB Patrick Mahomes was 34-1 SU, including 20-0 at home, in his NFL career when leading by a double-digit margin at halftime. The Chiefs were blanked,14-0 in the second half of the game in the 21-17 loss. With it, the Chiefs rank last in the league in the second half, and fourth quarter points per game. They last scored in the second half of a game a month ago. It even appears that Andy Reid is no longer calling the plays. Could it be the loss of former OC Eric Bienemy was deeper than it appeared? What we know for sure is KC is **0-5 ATS** in the first of consecutive road games, and **0-4 ATS** when coming off a Monday Night home game. Those are called ominous signs. Meanwhile, the Raiders are 4-1 ATS in their last 5 division home games. While the knee jerk in the game would be to back the defending champs, we don't like being called jerks. Thus, we'll grab whatever we can today.

Baltimore over LA CHARGERS by 6

Chargers head coach Brandon Staley is not only taking the heat, but he's also fanning it. Staley, a former NFL defensive coordinator, engaged in a tit-for-tat argument with reporters following last week's 23-20 loss at Green Bay about giving up the play-calling duties as once again the Bolts could not sustain a lead. Not only are the Bolts completely frustrated, but they lost all-world DE Joey Bosa in the process. Complicating matters, the Bolts are just 6-12 SU and 5-11-2 ATS in games decided by 3 or fewer points under Staley, including **0-5 SUATS** this season. Ouch. Making matters worse, the Chargers are **1-5 ATS** against foes coming off a Thursday contest. Enter the Ravens' ravenous ground game – No. 1 overall in Rushing Yards Per Game (155) and No. 2 in Rush Attempts Per Game (32.3). The Black Birds are also **5-1 ATS** when coming off a win as a favorite when facing a foe coming off a loss as a favorite. We'll be plugging in the better team, the Ravens, here tonight

Monday, November 27

Chicago over MINNESOTA by 3

The Vikings return home having had their 5-0 SUATS win skein snapped in a loss at Denver last week. The bigger problem they face tonight is they beat Chicago earlier this season in a game in which they mustered 220 yards while being outstatted in the contest. It was the game in which Justin Fields was injured, but he's back. With it, the Bears bring a **6-1 ATS** log in Monday Night road games. On the flip side, Minny is just 6-12 SU and 5-13 ATS on Mondays since 2009, including **0-6 ATS** when coming off a loss. Yes, it's safe to say that this info comes 'Justin' time.



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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 <u>first</u> is the 'OVER' and the number listed <u>second</u> is the 'UNDER'. If you like what you see, there's much more – including <u>5 NFL O/U BEST BETS</u> – inside the <u>2023 Playbook 'TOTALS' TIPSHEET'</u> by Victor <u>King</u> – the definitive weekly OU newsletter. A single issue is only \$11.00. Rest-of-Season subscription is \$50.00. Sent via email on Tuesdays. Call the PLAYBOOK offices to get on the 2023 "Totals Train"! *This week's GAME 12 Playbook O/U TREND play: Ravens @ Chargers 'UNDER' the TOTAL'

2023 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE - WEEK TWELVE

GAME MATCHUPS	KEY OVER/UNDER STATS
Green Bay (Open: 44.5) DETROIT	3-0 OU Game 11 14-1 OU aft non-conf HG 4-1 OU on Thursdays 4-1 OU L5 vs .700 > opp but 1-6 OU as dogs 5 > pts 4-1 OU 2nd of BB div gms 6-2 OU 2nd of BB HG but 1-4 OU Game 11 1-3 OU Thursdays L4Y 4-8 OU aft Chic
Washington (46) DALLAS	6-0 OU as div RD's > 3 pts 5-1 OU bef non-conf HG 4-1 OU aft NYG 3-1 OU on Thursdays but 1-3 OU Game 11 10-0 OU as div HF's > 3 pts 7-1 OU L8 home vs Wash (63.6) 3-0 OU L3 Thursday HG (58.0) 8-2 OU Game 11
San Francisco (43.5) SEATTLE	3-0 OU bef Phil 4-1 OU aft TB 4-1 OU L5 div road gms but 0-3 OU on Thursdays L3Y 1-5 OU Game 11 4-0-1 OU aft Rams 9-2 OU 2nd of BB div gms but 0-3 OU Thursdays L4Y 1-9 OU L10 div HG 1-3 OU Game 11
Miami (42.5) NY JETS	5-1 OU aft LV 5-1 OU L6 div RG but 0-5 OU L5 on Weekdays 1-5 OU L6 away vs NYJ (37.0) 1-4 OU Game 11 8-3 OU L11 vs .666 > opp but 0-3 OU on Weekdays L2Y 1-5 OU L6 div HG 1-4 OU Game 11 1-3 OU 1st of 3+ HG
Jacksonville (45) HOUSTON	3-0 OU aft Ten 7-1 OU Game 11 5-1 OU aft dv HG 3-1 OU L4 div RG but 0-10 OU bef Cin 1-5 OU L6 away vs Hou 3-1 OU bef Den but 2-8 OU Game 11 1-3 OU L4 div HG 2-5 OU aft non-conf HG 3-6 OU as conf fav/dog 3 < pts
Tampa Bay (41.5) INDIANAPOLIS	6-1 OU L7 vs Ind (57.0) 3-1 OU Game 11 but 0-3 OU bef div HG 1-4 OU vs opp off Bye 2-6 OU 2nd of BB RG 3-0 OU aft score 10 < pts 5-1 OU bef Ten 4-1 OU aft Bye 4-2 OU L6 non-conf HG but 2-7 OU Game 11
New England (35.5) NY GIANTS	6-2 OU aft Ind 4-2 U L6 vs .333 < opp but 0-5 OU aft Bye 0-5 OU L5 as non-conf RF's 1-4 OU Game 11 3-1 OU L4 vs NE (54.7) but 0-4 OU vs opp off Bye 0-3 OU Game 12 1-6 OU bef Bye 1-7 OU L8 non-conf HG
Carolina (38) TENNESSEE	3-0 OU 1st of BB RG 3-1 OU aft Dal 6-2 OU Game 11 but 0-4 OU L4 vs AFC South 1-11 OU bef NOrl 13-4 OU in 1st of BB HG 12-4 OU bef div HG 5-2 OU L7 vs NFC South but0-5 OU aft dkv RG 1-3 OU bef Ind
Pittsburgh (41.5) CINCINNATI	9-3 OU off div road loss 4-2 OU L6 vs Cin (47.5) but 1-6 OU vs opp off Thursday gm 2-6 OU aft score 10 < pts 4-1 OU aft Balt 3-1 OU aft div RG 6-3 OU bef Mon RG but 1-5 OU aft allow 34+ pts 2-8 OU aft Thursday gm
New Orleans (40.5) ATLANTA	3-1 OU L4 vs Atl (48.5) but 0-5 OU 2nd of BB RG 0-4 OU vs opp off Bye 1-4 OU aft Bye 2-8 OU L10 div RG 6-1 OU off SU fav loss 4-1 OU L5 div HG but 1-4 OU home vs opp off Bye 1-3 OU at Bye 2-8 OU off 3+ SU losses
La Rams (46) ARIZONA	10-4 OU Game 11 but 0-4 OU bef Clev 1-7 OU L8 div RG 1-5 OU aft div HG 3-7 OU off SU win 3 < pts 3-0 OU Game 12 4-1 OU aft score < 17 pts 3-1 OU L4 div HG but 1-4 OU w/ sing div revenge 1-3 OU aft non-conf RG
Cleveland (41.5) DENVER	7-1 OU away w/ OU < 40 pts 3-1 OU aft allow 10 < pts 10-4 OU aft div HG but 1-4 OU aft Pit 1-3 OU in 1st of BB RG 3-1 OU aft non-conf HG but 0-6 OU Game 11 1-5 OU bef Hou 1-4 OU vs AFC North 3-11 OU in 2nd of BB HG
Buffalo (47.5) PHILADELPHIA	7-0 OU aft Jets 3-1 OU bef Bye but 0-5-1 OU vs opp of Mon gm 1-5 OU Game 12 3-10 OU L13 non-conf RG 6-1 OU L7 non-conf HG 6-1 OU aft non-conf RG 5-2 OU aft Min RG but 1-4 OU L5 home vs Buf 2-5 OU Game 11
Kansas City (45) LAS VEGAS	5-1 OU L6 vs LV (58.8) 7-2 OU L9 div RG 8-4 OU aft non-conf HG but 0-4 OU Game 11 1-3 OU aft Monday HG 4-0 OU bef Bye 4-1 OU L5 as div HD's 5-2 OU aft Mia but 0-3 OU vs opp off Monday HG 1-3 OU Game 12
Baltimore (44.5) LA CHARGERS	0-4 OU aft Thursday gm 0-3 OU aft Cin 0-3 OU L3 vs AFC West 1-4 OU GAme 12 2-6 OU non-div RF's 9 < pts 1-7 OU bef NEng 1-5 OU aft non-conf RG 1-3 OU Game 11 2-5 OU as non-div HD's 2-5 OU vs opp off Thur gm
Chicago (43.5) MINNESOTA	5-1 OU in 2nd of BB RG 4-1 OU bef Bye 3-1 OU Monday RG but 3-6 OU Game 11 2-4 OU Aft Det 4-0 OU L4 home vs Chi (49.8) 3-0-1 OU Game 12 8-3 OU L10 div HG 7-3 OU bef Bye but 0-5 OU Mondays

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Rnk	School	Conference	PWR	HF	Rnk	School	Conference	PWR	HF	Rnk	School	Conference	PWR	HF
65	Air Force	Mountain West	99.5	4.5		N	CAA			49	Rutgers	Big Ten	103.5	4
131	Akron	Mid-American	79.5	2		• •				124	Sam Houston St	Conference USA	82	3.5
5	Alabama	Southeastern	124.5	6	44	James Madison	Sun Belt	104.5	2.5	113	San Diego St	Mountain West	89	4.5
72	Appalachian St	Sun Belt	98	4	34	Kansas	Big 12	107.5	3.5	67	San Jose St	Mountain West	99	3
25	Arizona	Pac-12	110	4.5	13	Kansas St	Big 12	115.5	5	33	SMU	American Athletic	108	4
74	Arizona St	Pac-12	97.5	4	133	Kent St	Mid-American	74	4.5	58	South Alabama	Sun Belt	101.5	2.5
44	Arkansas	Southeastern	104.5	4.5	29	Kentucky	Southeastern	109	4	41	South Carolina	Southeastern	105	5
104	Arkansas St	Sun Belt	90.5	3.5	64	Liberty	Conference USA	100	4	118	Southern Miss	Sun Belt	86.5	4
94	Army	Independent	93	3.5	118	Louisiana Tech	Conference USA	86.5	3	94	Stanford	Pac-12	93	4.5
27	Auburn	Southeastern	109.5	5	20	Louisville	Atlantic Coast	112	4.5	76	Syracuse	Atlantic Coast	97	4.5
114	Ball St	Mid-American	88.5	2.5	6	LSU	Southeastern	121.5	5.5	22	TCU	Big 12	111.5	5
74	Baylor	Big 12	97.5	4.5	88	Marshall	Sun Belt	94	4	111	Temple	American Athletic	89.5	2.5
49	Boise St	Mountain West	103.5	5	29	Maryland	Big Ten	109	4.5	18	Tennessee	Southeastern	113	5.5
76	Boston College	Atlantic Coast	97	4.5	67	Memphis	American Athletic	99	3	8	Texas	Big 12	120	5
108	Bowling Green	Mid-American	90	2	31	Miami (FL)	Atlantic Coast	108.5	4	14	Texas A&M	Southeastern	115	6
115	Buffalo	Mid-American	88	3	70	Miami (OH)	Mid-American	98.5	2.5	90	Texas St	Sun Belt	93.5	3
70	BYU	Big 12	98.5	5	1	Michigan	Big Ten	128.5	5	36	Texas Tech	Big 12	106.5	5
49	California	Pac-12	103.5	4	82	Michigan St	Big Ten	96	5	52	Toledo	Mid-American	103	3.5
111	C Michigan	Mid-American	89.5	2.5	104	Middle Tenn	Conference USA	90.5	3	52	Troy	Sun Belt	103	4
121	Charlotte	American Athletic	85	2.5	61	Minnesota	Big Ten	100.5	4.5	44	Tulane	American Athletic	104.5	2.5
61	Cincinnati	American Athletic	100.5	5	14	Mississippi	Southeastern	115	4.5	122	Tulsa	American Athletic	84.5	4
16	Clemson	Atlantic Coast	114	5.5	57	Mississippi St	Southeastern	102	5	103	UAB	American Athletic	91	4
79	Coastal Carolina	Sun Belt	96.5	3.5	22	Missouri	Southeastern	111.5	4.5	31	UCF	Big 12	108.5	4
76	Colorado	Pac-12	97	4.5	108	Navy	American Athletic	90	4	27	UCLA	Pac-12	109.5	3.5
108	Colorado St	Mountain West	90	4.5	41	NC State	Atlantic Coast	105	4.5	97	UL-Lafayette	Sun Belt	92.5	3.5
125	Connecticut	Independent	81.5	3	52	Nebraska	Big Ten	103	5	127	UL-Monroe	Sun Belt	81	2.5
44	Duke	Atlantic Coast	104.5	3.5	129	Nevada	Mountain West	80.5	4.5	127	UMass	Independent	81	2.5
104	East Carolina	American Athletic	90.5	4	131	New Mexico	Mountain West	79.5	2	72	UNLV	Mountain West	98	2
123	E Michigan	Mid-American	84	2	94	New Mexico St	Conference USA	93	2	16	USC	Pac-12	114	4
36	Florida	Southeastern	106.5	5	20	North Carolina	Atlantic Coast	112	4.5	101	USF	American Athletic	91.5	3
99	Florida Atlantic	American Athletic	92	3	104	North Texas	American Athletic	90.5	3	22	Utah	Pac-12	111.5	4.5
129	Florida Int'l	Conference USA	80.5	2.5	90	No Illinois	Mid-American	93.5	4	90	Utah St	Mountain West	93.5	4
10	Florida St	Atlantic Coast	118	5	79	Northwestern	Big Ten	96.5	3.5	120	UTEP	Conference USA	86	3
82	Fresno St	Mountain West	96	4.5	7	Notre Dame	Atlantic Coast	121	5	38	UTSA	American Athletic	106	3
2	Georgia	Southeastern	128	6	4	Ohio State	Big Ten	125.5	6	97	Vanderbilt	Southeastern	92.5	4
90	Geo Southern	Sun Belt	93.5	2.5	82	Ohio U	Mid-American	96	3.5	79	Virginia	Atlantic Coast	96.5	4.5
101	Georgia St	Sun Belt	91.5	2	12	Oklahoma	Big 12	116.5	5	48	Virginia Tech	Atlantic Coast	104	5
65	Georgia Tech	Atlantic Coast	99.5	4.5	34	Oklahoma St	Big 12	107.5	5	67	Wake Forest	Atlantic Coast	99	4.5
125	Hawaii	Mountain West	81.5	5.5	115	Old Dominion	Sun Belt	88	2.5	10	Washington	Pac-12	118	4.5
59	Houston	Big 12	101	4.5	3	Oregon	Pac-12	127.5	5	40	Washington St	Pac-12	105.5	4.5
56	Illinois	Big Ten	102.5	4.5	19	Oregon St	Pac-12	112.5	5	38	West Virginia	Big 12	106	5
85	Indiana	Big Ten	95.5	4.5	9	Penn St	Big Ten	119.5	5	99	W Kentucky	Conference USA	92	4.5
41	Iowa	Big Ten	105	5	61	Pittsburgh	Atlantic Coast	100.5	4.5	117	W Michigan	Mid-American	87.5	3.5
25	Iowa St	Big 12	110	5	59	Purdue	Big Ten	101	4.5	52	Wisconsin	Big Ten	103	5.5
86	Jacksonville St	Conference USA	95	4.5	88	Rice	American Athletic	94	2.5	87	Wyoming	Mountain West	94.5	4.5
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Rnk	Team	Conf/Div	PWR	HF	_	Team	Conf/Div	PWR				Conf/Div	PWR	HF
29 14	Arizona Cardinals Atlanta Falcons	NFC West	94 98	2.5 2.5		NF	=L			20 28	Minnesota Vikings New England Pats	NFC North AFC East	97 94.5	3
2	Baltimore Ravens	AFC North	108	3	11	Houston Texans	AFC South	100	2.5	13	New Orleans Saints			3
6 31	Buffalo Bills Carolina Panthers	AFC East NFC South	105.5 89.5	3.5 2.5	20 10	Indianapolis Colts Jacksonville Jaguars	AFC South	97 102.5	3 2.5		N.Y. Giants N.Y. Jets	NFC East AFC East	87.5 97	3
29	Chicago Bears	NFC North	94	2.5	2	Kansas City Chiefs	AFC West	108	3.5	5	Philadelphia Eagles	NFC East	107	3
14 18	Cincinnati Bengals Cleveland Browns	AFC North		3 2.5	26	Las Vegas Raiders L.A. Chargers	AFC West	95.5 103	2.5 2	20	Pittsburgh Steelers San Francisco 49ers	AFC North NFC West	97 109.5	3
2	Dallas Cowboys	NFC East	108	3	27	L.A. Rams	NFC West	95	2.5	12	Seattle Seahawks	NFC West	99.5	3.5
25 8	Denver Broncos Detroit Lions	AFC West NFC North	96.5 105	3	6	Miami Dolphins	AFC East	105.5	2.5	14 18	Tampa Bay Bucs Tennessee Titans	NFC South		2.5 2.5
_	Green Bay Packers	NFC North		3	Su	bscribe to the Playbook F	Football Newsl	etter Tod	ay!	20	Wash Commanders	NFC East	97	2.5

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		173	MEMPHIS	11	14		179	GEORGIA ST ESPN+			22						
	TUESDAY, NOVE	MRF	K 21		174	12:00 PM Moved From Sat TEMPLE ESPN				180	2:00 PM OLD DOMINION	2′	8	22	12:00 PM 5 LSU ESPN	10	17
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102	7:30 PM BUFFALO ESPN2	6′			186	3:30 PM Moved From Sat TULANE ABC	3	1		182	12:00 PM KENT ST ESPN+			22	3:00 PM B UL LAFAYETTE ESPN+	12'	16
103	BOWLING GREEN	1'			100	TODAILE NO.				183	MID TENN ESPN+	4	8	22		16′	15
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105	GREEN BAY	<u> </u>			138	MINNESOTA ★ FS1 WAKE FOREST				188 189	TENNESSEE SEC FLA ATLANTIC	23	2-7	23			6
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110	SEATTLE★ NBC		6		144	GEORGIA TECH ABC				194	UTAH P12	21′	25	23			6
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115	MIAMI FLORIDA	9	3		153	FLORIDA ST	6′			201	NOTRE DAME	25	28	25			3
116	12:00 PM BOSTON COLL ABC				154	7:00 PM FLORIDA ESPN		3		202	7:00 PM STANFORD P12			25	1:00 PM INDIANAPOLIS CBS	1′	
117	OHIO	14	11		155	PITTSBURGH				203	WASHINGTON ST			25	NEW ENGLAND	3′	6
118	12:00 PM AKRON CBSSN				156	12:00 PM DUKE ACC	6	11		204	4:00 PM WASHINGTON FOX	17	11	25	1:00 PM NY GIANTS FOX		
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