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NELLY'S COLLEGE GOY THIS WEEK, 5-1 NCAA TOP GAME RUN!

RATING 4 & 5 KEY SELECTIONS ARE 21-6-1 THE LAST SEVEN WEEKS!

LAST WEEKS NEWSLETTER:
Last week's newsletter had rating 5 wins in both college and pro football for the second straight week. Our NCAA Rating 5 picks are now 10-2 on the season including seven consecutive wins, with last week's pick a blowout winner. Over the past seven issues Rating 4 and Rating 5 key selections are on an amazing 21-6-1 run for nearly 78 percent winners.

NELLY'S PHONE SERVICE:
Our phone picks have shown a profit in eight of twelve weeks this season but last week unfortunately was one of the losing weeks. We misfired on our NFL total top play last week as our 'under' pick looked promising with a 3-0 score after the first quarter before things unraveled. Our NFL results have been poor in recent weeks but we have been cruising in college football. We have won five of our last six college 3* top games and we are on a 13-6 run in college picks rated 2* and higher and a 29-16 overall run in college picks for over 64%. This week we are planning to release our College Game of the Year pick for a game Friday or Saturday. We will release the pick Friday morning and the game will be sold on a pay after the game wins basis. Call the Nelly's office to sign up at 1-800-336-3559.

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BOBBY DALTON:
The Big Dog Bobby Dalton had a 4-1 college football Saturday last week and he continues a very strong start to his basketball season. Take advantage of a great Thanksgiving weekend offer, getting all picks Thursday through Monday for only $39. That includes football and basketball picks, call us on Wednesday to get signed up for the package. You can also always purchase Big Dog picks for $12 daily at 1-900-562-7900 or find guaranteed offers online at www.nellysports.com.

BIG E SPORTS:
The Big E missed on his 25* pick last week but he rebounded with a winning day on Sunday in the NFL. His basketball service had a hot 6-1 opening week and he is featuring his 20* Big XII Game of the Year this week as well as a weekend package for just $29.94.

POINT TRAIN:
Point Train delivered a blowout winner in his 6-unit NFL top play this week and should be featuring top plays in college and the NFL this week.

MAXIMUM SPORTS:
Maximum Sports delivered winning results last weekend including his Underdog Game of the Week as part of a solid college day. Maximum also hit two of his three 5* picks in the NFL on Sunday.

ELIMINATOR CONTEST:
Congratulations to K & B Sports, winner of the 2009 Eliminator Contest. Fairway Jay finished in second place and the 2008 champion the Weekly Wizard finished in third place.

FREE PICKS:
Be sure to check our Free Pick Phone at (608) 283-3132 for daily updates We will be out of the office on Thursday, Nov. 26 for Thanksgiving so be sure to sign up for a weekend package by Wednesday or call us early on Friday morning as there are day games. *On to this week's slate.*

Between the Lines...

Everything seems to be lining up nicely in the BCS standings for some very favorable match-ups and a great national title game between two traditional powers that will be undefeated. Most teams have just one game remaining and most of the hurdles for the top contenders appear minor making for some very appealing BCS bowl game scenarios. You know what that means, right? There has to be some sort of major upset that will throw a wrench into what looks like a very clean and agreeable BCS schedule this season.

The big three consisting of Florida, Alabama, and Texas will all face upset risks this week as the Gators host Florida State, Alabama heads to Auburn, and Texas plays at Texas A&M. All three will be double-digit favorites, but certainly not of the variety that TCU will be this week going against 1-10 New Mexico. TCU is the team with the most to gain if there is an upset, or ideally for the Frogs, two upsets, that would provide a major shake-up and reward the Frogs with a national title shot. Don't forget Cincinnati as well as the Bearcats have a good chance of passing TCU if they win out as beating Illinois and Pittsburgh would greatly enhance the profile for the Bearcats with the voters and the computers. Boise State will need some type of miracle scenario where all the top teams lose, and of course the Broncos will face their own major challenge this week with high-scoring Nevada in town. Other than TCU, the top five all appear to be in somewhat treacherous situations this week and at least one of the undefeated teams falling seems very possible.

This is also a week to be weary of backing teams that are locked into conference title games and really have no real incentive in season finale games. Sometimes teams in those situations play great, sometimes they are major upset victims so make sure the match-up and the motivation for the team is present, particularly against rivals looking for a season-making win.

Last week's ugly slate of NFL games actually produced several incredibly compelling and entertaining games. Nine teams were favored by more than a touchdown last week but we were treated to two overtime games and only four games that were decided by double-digits. Dogs did well last week, but not as well as you might expect though there were three S/U dog winners. This week's schedule is filled with interesting division games on the Sunday card but that could mean clunkers for the holiday weekend as recent years have produced few classic Thanksgiving games.

While the past two Monday night games have lacked intrigue, ESPN hits a home run with this week's Patriots/Saints game. NBC also has a gem with the AFC championship rematch between Pittsburgh and Baltimore, two teams currently in serious danger of missing the playoffs altogether at this point. The Colts and Saints are still perfect at 10-0 but both will face very tough match-ups this week, potentially the biggest remaining hurdles in any potential 16-0 run although the pressure will start to build immensely. Good Luck.

We rank our Key Selections in order of preference, grading them on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being a top selection. This does not mean we recommend you wager 5 times more on a 5 rating than on a 1 rating. Our Phone Service works that way, but not the newsletter. Lines listed are as of early in the week and could be considerably different by game time. For games that are not key selections, the farther our difference from the line, the stronger the opinion. Remember to stay conservative because it is a long season. Weekend Phone Selections are available every Friday, 3:00 pm Central. Call us toll-free at 1-800-33-NELLY. Our address is Nelly's Sportsline / P.O. Box 6433 / Madison, WI 53716-0433, or contact us through www.nellysports.com.

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COLLEGE KEY SELECTIONS

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RATING 5 GEORGIA TECH (-7) over Georgia
RATING 4 SYRACUSE (+12½) over Connecticut
RATING 3 BOWLING GREEN (-7½) over Toledo
RATING 2 ILLINOIS (+18) over Cincinnati
RATING 2 HOUSTON (-28) over Rice
RATING 1 DUKE (+3) over Wake Forest
RATING 1 BAYLOR (+22½) over Texas Tech

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Home teams listed in CAPS, all lines are obviously subject to change

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2009

WESTERN MICHIGAN (-10) Ball State 6:00 PM

The Cardinals won 45-22 last season in the final home game for Ball State, wrapping up a flawless 12-0 regular season. This year Western Michigan will close the year with hosting the match-up, although the records for both teams have taken a severe turn for the worse. At 5-6 Western Michigan can become bowl eligible with a win but they would be unlikely to earn a bid. Western Michigan has a productive offense but the defense has been a major weakness for a program that usually provides one of the best defensive teams in the conference. The Broncos are allowing 437 yards per game but Ball State actually allows more points per game. Western Michigan has just one home loss this season while Ball State has actually been a strong ATS performer away from home. Western should have a big edge at QB and Western Michigan has had two weeks to prepare for this game which is a big advantage late in the year for a team that still has something to play for. WESTERN MICHIGAN BY 17

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2009

Texas (-22½) TEXAS A&M 7:00 PM

The Longhorns are locked into the Big XII championship game but Texas lost the last time they visited College Station. Winning both of those games should land Texas into the BCS championship game but there will be arguments made elsewhere. Texas has been on cruise control with five consecutive wins by at least 27 points and three of those wins came away from home. Texas A&M is now bowl eligible with a dominant win last week against Baylor and the Aggies have scored at least 31-points in every home game. Texas is allowing just 50 yards per game on the ground this season so there will be a big battle in the trenches as A&M rushes for over 190 yards per game. A&M finished with a net -24 rushing yards last season in this match-up so for the Aggies to have a shot QB Jerrod Johnson will need to make plays. Johnson actually has more TD passes and fewer interceptions than his more heralded counterpart Colt McCoy, though McCoy has an incredible 73 percent completion percentage. Texas needs to impress to hold its ground but this could be a tougher than expected game as the Aggies can score points and have performed well at home. TEXAS BY 16

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2009

Pittsburgh (-1½) WEST VIRGINIA 6:00 PM

The Backyard Brawl will have significant implications this season as Pittsburgh is 9-1 and could still challenge undefeated Cincinnati for the Big East title and the BCS spot. West Virginia has lost two of the last three games to spoil a 6-1 start to the year but this rivalry has featured some intense games in recent years with each of the past two games settled by just four points in low-scoring defensive battles. Pittsburgh has won both of those games and the Panthers have had more recent ATS success in this series even though West Virginia has generally been the more prominent program. These teams are very similar in run/pass balance and although Pittsburgh's numbers are slightly better on both sides of the ball, the schedule has also been significantly lighter. West Virginia has actually been out-gained in the last four games in the heart of conference play and Pitt QB Bill Stull has been the superior play-maker. West Virginia is actually just 2-8 ATS in the last ten at home. PITTSBURGH BY 6

Rutgers (-4½) LOUISVILLE 10:00 AM

After three consecutive wins and covers and a perfect road record, the Scarlet Knights were ambushed at Syracuse last week in a stunning loss. Rutgers had just 130 yards of offense last week and now goes on the road again against a Louisville team that has played respectably on defense despite averaging just 18 points per game on offense. Rutgers won 63-14 last season at home in this match-up with over 670 yards of offense but that is not likely to be the case this season. Rutgers is a marginal offensive team and freshman QB Tom Savage is completing just 55 percent of his passes. As bad as the Louisville offense has been, the Cardinals have actually been more productive in terms of yardage and Rutgers has faced one of the weakest schedules in the nation. LOUISVILLE BY 3

AKRON (-17) Eastern Michigan 1:00 PM

Avoiding 0-12 will certainly provide some motivation for Eastern Michigan but the Eagles have failed to cover in nine of eleven games, making it tough to expect a competitive effort. Akron has endured a very disappointing season with just two wins despite the expectation of contending in the MAC East. The scoring numbers are fairly similar for these teams on offense but Eastern Michigan is allowing nearly 40 points per game. The Eagles actually have a slightly stronger running game and QB play has been shaky for both squads as both teams lost their original starter early in the year. Akron has not enjoyed many favorable match-ups at home and this could be an opportunity for a strong effort. Eastern Michigan is playing its fourth road game in five weeks to close the season and this squad seems content with its winless fate even though laying points with the Zips has a lot of risk. AKRON BY 21

Buffalo (-4) KENT STATE 1:00 PM

Kent State could still reach bowl eligibility and a .500 record but it is highly unlikely that a 6-6 MAC team would be invited. Kent actually beat Buffalo last season just before the Bulls won the MAC championship game, rushing for over 300 yards in this match-up. Buffalo has been the far superior rushing team this season and despite a 4-7 record the Bulls are out-gaining opponents by over 50 yards per game. The last three losses for Buffalo have come by a combined total of seven points but the Bulls have not had the good fortune enjoyed last season when they featured one of the top turnover margins in the nation. Buffalo has out-gained its opponents in seven of the last eight games despite going 3-5 in that span and this team has actually been significantly more productive than last year's team despite it not adding it up on the scoreboard as the scoring numbers are down. Look for Buffalo to prove superior to its record with an excellent final performance. BUFFALO BY 6

COLORADO STATE (-3) Wyoming 1:00 PM

The Rams were a bowl team last season and started 2009 with a 3-0 record but Colorado State has now lost eight straight games, handing New Mexico its first win last week. Colorado State has only covered once in the losing streak but last season the Rams defeated Wyoming 31-20 on the road. Wyoming has a shot to get to 6-6 and be bowl eligible with a win this week and there would be a spot waiting in the New Mexico Bowl assuming TCU is selected for a BCS spot. For the season Wyoming has been out-scored by nearly 12 points per game and out-gained by nearly 95 yards per game so this will not be the finest representation from the Mountain West. Even though Colorado State has shown a decent rushing attack at times there should be a strong incentive for an excellent Wyoming performance even if the Cowboys have not been a reliable road team in recent years. WYOMING BY 7

Temple (-3) OHIO U 1:00 PM

The Bobcats got a couple of big plays to deliver a key win last week and this game will decide the MAC East title. Temple cruised to a comfortable win for the second straight week last week and the Owls are 7-0 in MAC play and 8-2 ATS for the season. Ohio was upset by Kent State at home earlier in the season but at 6-1 they will host this finale with the winner facing Central Michigan for the MAC title. Both teams will be bowl bound and through very similar schedules Temple has slight advantages on both sides of the ball statistically. Ohio has been a fortunate team in terms of turnovers but a hidden edge for Temple may be the excellent special team play that the Owls have often received. Ohio was badly out-gained last week but got two non-offensive touchdowns but this is a team that seems to find ways to stay in games. Temple has been the more impressive team and it will be tough for Ohio to deliver another win after knowing they needed to win last week and coming through. TEMPLE BY 7

Alabama (-12½) AUBURN 1:30 PM

The Crimson Tide won 36-0 last season to add extra fuel for an already intense rivalry for Auburn. The Tigers have had two weeks to prepare for this game and there would be nothing more satisfying in an up-and-down season than ending Alabama's undefeated run. Auburn had won six straight in this series until last season and the Tigers have covered in five of the last seven games as home underdogs. Alabama is still perfect and although there will be no overlooking a rival for the SEC championship game that match-up with Florida will certainly have some attention. This is also just the fourth road game that Alabama has played all season, though the Tide has covered in each contest. Statistically these teams are pretty close on offense, with Auburn actually featuring slight edges, averaging 441 yards per game. Alabama has dominated on defense however, allowing less than ten points per game and only 225 yards per game. Last year Auburn had just 170 yards in this match-up plus three fumbles. Auburn's schedule has rated a bit more difficult and QB Chris Todd has 19 touchdowns, posting better numbers than Alabama counterpart Greg McElroy who will start his first Iron Bowl. Look for a noble effort from the Tigers in a close game. ALABAMA BY 10

TULSA (-15½) Memphis 2:30 PM

After winning the C-USA West last season Tulsa has turned a promising start to the season into a six-game losing streak. Most of the losses have come in close games but all season goals have evaporated as a losing season has been clinched. Memphis players should give a solid effort at home in the final game for Coach West and last week the Tigers were a rare rush-doubling underdog loser, out-gaining Houston 243-111 on the ground despite a 41-point loss. Injuries and a very tough conference draw have been a driving force in the losing season for Memphis as the offense has been reasonably productive for a team with a 2-9 record. The Memphis defense has struggled but Tulsa is also allowing a lot of points and this could be a favorable match-up for both offenses. These teams have not played since '06 and after bowl seasons last year it will be a disappointing finish for both squads. Tulsa is a tough team to trust giving double-digit points on a long losing streak even though the Golden Hurricane has shown more potential this season. TULSA BY 10

CINCINNATI (-18) Illinois 11:00 AM

There is a lot on the line for the Bearcats and even though TCU appears to be ahead for the moment for the potential next in line spot behind the SEC champion and Texas. Cincinnati's strength of schedule will be improving the next two weeks while TCU faces one of the worst teams in FBS this week. Illinois has had a very disappointing season but the Illini have shown some life of late, covering in three of the final four games and beating Michigan and Minnesota. Illinois could be a dangerous underdog in this game because they are the far better rushing team, averaging over 190 yards per game on the ground. Cincinnati's offense has been outstanding but the defense has been fairly average and the schedule has been tougher for Illinois. Illinois has covered in eight of the last ten games as double-digit underdogs while Cincinnati certainly may be looking past a 3-8 Illinois team considering how big the game next week against Pittsburgh will be. Cincinnati has failed to cover in close calls the last two games at home and this looks like a team that has passed its value apex while Illinois has had two weeks to prepare for a season-making performance. Cincinnati is just 1-3 ATS at home this season and the Bearcats could have a tough transition working with two QBs as original starter Tony Pike is certainly ready for full-time action. CINCINNATI BY 10

Nebraska (-8½) COLORADO 2:30 PM

The Buffaloes are just 3-8 but with a near upset at Oklahoma State last week, the Buffaloes showed that this is still a team that can compete. Colorado is 0-6 on the road this season and 3-1 at home, beating Wyoming, Kansas, and Texas A&M. Colorado coach Dan Hawkins is certainly feeling some pressure and this game will show how much his players are behind him. Nebraska's win last week clinched the Big XII North title and this is really a meaningless game as the only shot at improving its bowl stock will be in the championship game against Texas. Nebraska has won four straight games as the offense is playing very conservatively and the defense has been good enough to win games on its own. Nebraska has allowed just 30-points on the four-game winning streak but the margins of victory have been fairly narrow. Colorado does not run the ball effectively but the run defense has been very good at home this season and the Buffaloes are scoring nearly as many points as Nebraska is. Given the lack of urgency likely in this game for Nebraska and a final game at home for a Colorado team that has been better than its record, this is a serious upset threat. The underdog has covered in ten of the last 13 meetings and Colorado has had success in this series. NEBRASKA BY 3

BOWLING GREEN (-7½) Toledo 1:00 PM

A win here would give Bowling Green a shot a making a bowl game getting to 7-5 as the Falcons are riding a three-game win streak entering this home finale. Bowling Green has not been a reliable home team in past years but they have two wins and covers at home this season and three home losses came to teams that have combined to go 28-5. Toledo can get to .500 with a win here but it is unlikely that the Rockets could find a call to a bowl game. Toledo does have three outright wins as underdogs this season but the Rockets are also 8-20 ATS on the road since '05. Last season Bowling Green out-gained Toledo by over 300 yards in a 38-10 win and despite seeming like a rebuilding year, the Falcons have not fallen that far this season. Toledo starter Aaron Opelt got very limited action last week and his status is questionable this week while Bowling Green QB Tyler Sheehan quietly has delivered an impressive season, completing over 64 percent with 21 TDs. BOWLING GREEN BY 14

CENTRAL MICHIGAN (-9½) Northern Illinois 12:00 PM

The loss for Northern Illinois last week gave Central Michigan the MAC West title and stole the thunder from this potential finale. The Huskies still have a lot to play for as they should ensure a bowl spot by getting to 8-4. Central Michigan would love to finish 8-0 in the MAC but in reality, next week's game is more important. While Central Michigan has looked like the best team in this conference, the Chippewas did draw a favorable MAC schedule as they missed the top two teams from the East division. Central Michigan QB Dan LeFevour has delivered an excellent season but Northern Illinois is the far better rushing team, averaging 210 yards per game. The Huskies also allow just 300 yards per game on defense for the best numbers in the conference. Adding fuel for motivation for the Huskies is an overtime loss last season at home against Central Michigan and this looks like a very favorable situation for the underdog. Central Michigan would be a tough team to go against in many situations but this should be a great spot for an underdog with a superior defense and running game. CENTRAL BY 4

BOISE STATE (-12) Nevada 9:00 PM

While Boise State is often discounted for the weakness of the WAC schedule, this adversary has been building a lot of momentum and should provide Boise State the match-up it needs to elevate its profile. Nevada ranks second in the nation in total offense and fourth in scoring while featuring the top ranked rushing offense in the nation, averaging 373 yards per game. The numbers dwarf the impressive offensive figures for the Broncos but Boise State has been the vastly superior defensive team. This game is also being played on the blue turf where Boise State has never lost in the regular season under Coach Peterson. This could be must-see TV as Boise Sate won 69-67 the last time these teams met in Boise. The Wolf Pack covered in that game but Boise State has covered in every other lined meeting. Nevada is not the same team on the road going 3-2 S/U and 2-3 ATS on the year, while going 21-39 S/U the last ten years. Nevada may be a popular underdog in this match-up but Boise State is too tough to go against at home and this is its chance to shine on a national stage against a worthy opponent that will help their computer ratings. BOISE STATE BY 17

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2009

Virginia Tech (-13) VIRGINIA 2:30 PM

While the Hokies have fallen off the national map, the losses have all come against quality teams and Virginia Tech has rattled off three consecutive wins by a combined margin of 90-22 the last three weeks. Virginia has covered the last two weeks but the Cavaliers have now lost five straight games and this rivalry game is the only thing keeping the season relevant. Virginia has scored less than 20 points per game and although the defensive numbers are respectable, the offense is getting out-gained by 80 yards per game. Both of these teams have played incredibly difficult schedules, ranking among the best in the nation but Virginia is just 1-5 S/U at home this season. Virginia hung around against a questionably motivated Clemson team last week but this could be a different story even if the trends support the Cavaliers in the underdog role at home. Virginia Tech has actually had a lot of success in this series at on the road and the Hokies seem to be rolling. VIRGINIA TECH BY 17

CONNECTICUT (-12½) Syracuse 11:00 AM

Both teams enter this game off big wins as Connecticut knocked off Notre Dame in overtime and Syracuse stunned Rutgers. The Orange played a terrific defensive game last week and the season numbers actually are superior to those Connecticut has posted. The Huskies need one more win to reach a bowl game but last week's win felt like a bowl game for Connecticut and a letdown is likely coming off a highly anticipated game with an emotional result. Connecticut also has two games to get to six wins while this is the finale for Syracuse. The Connecticut offense has been less efficient with QB Zach Frazer back at QB and Syracuse has proven to be very solid against the run this season. Look for the Orange to deliver another solid effort while catching Connecticut in a difficult spot. The Huskies have been an incredible ATS team this season but that run could end as the Huskies will be overvalued this week. No matter whom the opponent is the Huskies seem to play a close game. CONNECTICUT BY 3

Wake Forest (-3) DUKE 11:00 AM

Wake Forest has not lost to Duke since '99 but the Blue Devils have covered four of the last five years in this match-up. The Demon Deacons enter this game off a bye week but also riding a five-game losing streak. Duke lost last week to Miami but it was a much closer game than the final margin but nevertheless it was a third consecutive loss. Duke played two FCS teams this season but only beat one of them so a sixth win here will get them in bowl contention. These teams have nearly identical scoring numbers for the year and both teams are pass-heavy on offense which should make this a higher scoring game. Wake Forest will not make the postseason but the Deacons have lost five games by three-points or less this season and are a better team than the record indicates. Both of these teams have had trouble finishing games but there is little reason to believe that Wake Forest will get up for this game knowing the season has drifted past. This looks like a very even match-up and Duke's reputation creates some value on the Devils at home. DUKE BY 6

Clemson (-3) SOUTH CAROLINA 11:00 AM

Clemson has clinched a spot in the ACC title game against Georgia Tech and this rivalry game may not get as much attention as it normally might. South Carolina enters this game off a bye week and coming off three consecutive losses. Statistically these teams are remarkably even in terms of yardage but the scoring numbers have not added up for the Gamecocks through a much tougher schedule. South Carolina is bowl eligible but this will be a key game coming off narrow losses in this series the past two years. The Gamecocks have not had an off week all season long so this should be a rejuvenated squad that had been worn down by the physical SEC schedule. The motivation has to come into question for Clemson as a lot more will be on the line next week with the ACC championship. South Carolina will prove how tough an SEC defense can be. SOUTH CAROLINA BY 3

North Carolina (-5½) NC STATE 11:00 AM

NC State has won the last two years in this series including a 41-10 blowout win last year. North Carolina has been carried by defense this season, including two defensive scores last week and the Tar Heels allow less than 16 points per game. NC State QB Russell Wilson has delivered a fine statistical season with 27 touchdowns and the Wolfpack average more than 100 yards better than the Tar Heels per game on offense. Nearly the same can be said on defense however as NC State has allowed at least 30 points in each of the last eight games after allowing a total of 28 points through the first three games. NC State makes for a dangerous home underdog with a passing offense that can score quickly and the Wolfpack are on a 7-2 ATS run as home dogs. The Tar Heels have won and covered in four straight games but North Carolina was very fortunate last week to capitalize on turnovers while their own sloppy play on offense went unpunished. NORTH CAROLINA BY 3

Missouri (-4) Kansas *@Kansas City, Missouri* 2:30 PM

After a 5-0 start, Kansas is now 5-6 and the Jayhawks have failed to cover in eight consecutive games. Off-the-field issues have been distractions and a long season with potential off-season changes potentially looming can't end soon enough. Missouri has endured an up-and-down season but wins in three of the last four weeks after a 0-3 Big XII start has the Tigers in the bowl picture. QB Blaine Gabbert appears healthy now and Missouri has scored at least 32-points each of the last four games. Through similar schedules these teams have posted almost identical statistics but the results have been dramatically different. Kansas needs to win to make a bowl game but it is hard to figure how much that matters with this team that has destructed. This is still an intense rivalry but Missouri appears to be in much better position to succeed in this match-up. Kansas won narrowly last season but Missouri delivered convincing wins the previous two meetings in this series. MISSOURI BY 9

Tennessee (-3½) KENTUCKY 6:00 PM

Tennessee has completely dominated the recent history of this series including covering in 13 of the last 17 meetings. The Wildcats have the better record but the Volunteers have played the tougher schedule and appear to be the superior team statistically on both sides of the ball. While Kentucky enters this game off an upset win over Georgia, Tennessee did what it needed to do last week to beat Vanderbilt in a somewhat uninspired performance. Kentucky has won five of the last six games but there have only been two quality wins on the season. Tennessee's losses have been more impressive than their wins as they played Florida and Alabama tougher than just about anyone. This line is not where it should be as these teams rate nearly identically and Tennessee has zero S/U road wins this season. Kentucky is proving to be a tough match-up and even though Tennessee has had success in this series this is a different coaching staff and the Vols enter this game off a rivalry win that clinched a bowl spot last week. Tennessee gets a bit more respect in the media but Kentucky continues to impress with a 5-1 spread record the last six lined games. KENTUCKY BY 3

Mississippi (-7) MISSISSIPPI STATE 11:20 AM

The schedule Mississippi State has faced rates as the toughest of any SEC team and although the Bulldogs have just four wins this is a team that has lost several close games against quality opponents. Ole Miss was incredibly fortunate to hold on to win last week in a highly anticipated game and despite an 8-3 record the Rebels have been a bit of a disappointment this season. Mississippi won 45-0 last season in this match-up but Mississippi State has won the last two meetings in Starkville. Bulldogs QB Tyson Lee has struggled with interceptions but Mississippi QB Jevan Snead has actually thrown more picks this year, while completing only 53 percent of his passes. Mississippi has had recent success on the ground but Mississippi State has had the superior rushing attack for the season, averaging 220 yards per game. The home team has covered in six of the last nine meetings in the Egg Bowl and this could be a tough spot for the Rebels after back-to-back huge games, facing Tennessee and LSU at home the past two weeks. If Mississippi State can avoid turnovers this will be a very tight game and the Bulldogs could catch Ole Miss a little flat after a very big win and an incredible finish last week. Mississippi State is much better than the 4-7 record indicates and a strong rushing home underdog always makes for an attractive play-on team, even more so in a final home game rivalry match-up. OLE MISS BY 3

TCU (-43½) New Mexico 12:00 PM

This is TCU's last chance to impress the voters and the computers before what could be an interesting waiting game next week. Not playing this game would probably help TCU more with the computers than any possible results as New Mexico picked up its first win of the season last week. TCU has won and covered in every meeting in this series since joining the Mountain West but the line has never been greater than six points. Despite laying over 20 points in five of the six games, TCU has covered in six consecutive games and this team is doing everything it can to get attention with some serious blowout numbers. TCU's defense is still the strength of the team however and the Frogs are allowing less than 13 points per game. Last week was the game that New Mexico knew it had a shot at winning to avoid 0-12 and the Lobos played well to squeak out the victory. A letdown could be in order as odd as it sounds for a squad with a 1-10 record. TCU is 17-4 the last 21 games as home favorites and the Frogs will not let up here as a final statement for the voters. TCU BY 55

EAST CAROLINA (-3½) Southern Miss 12:3 0 PM

This will be a Conference USA East title game as a prelude to the Conference title game next week for the victor. East Carolina is a game up in the standings but Southern Miss can match that mark and win the tie-breaker with the upset this week. East Carolina is the defending champion in this conference but they did not beat the Golden Eagles last season, and have won in this series just once S/U or ATS in the last eight years. Southern Miss has been a more impressive offensive team but the schedule has been significantly lighter. East Carolina has a reputation as a very solid defensive team but the numbers do not back up that perception as the Pirates allow 366 yards per game. Southern Miss gave up a lot of yardage last week but QB Martevious Young has moved in to the starting role with great efficiency and few mistakes. The Southern Miss running game also provides over 190 yards per game. The Golden Eagles have actually been out-gained in five of the last six games despite four wins and the Eagle defense could have a tough time against a suddenly productive Pirates team that has scored at least 37 points the last four conference games. EAST CAROLINA BY 7

Central Florida (-3) UAB 12:30 PM

UAB could reach .500 with a win this week as the Blazers have won three of the last four games. UAB had a big rushing edge last week yet lost and failed to cover as a double-digit underdog. UAB rushes for 232 yards per game and a big edge on the ground should again be expected in this match-up. UAB won 15-0 last season in this series but Central Florida has been a much better offensive team this season, particularly in recent weeks. The Golden Knights amazingly out-gained Central Florida 504-50 last week and the Central Florida defense is allowing just 73 yards per game this season. UCF has covered in each of the last six road games but UAB is on a 5-1 cover run at home. This should be a bigger game for the Blazers as UCF got the win it needed in dominating fashion last week. The Knights lost to Southern Miss and East Carolina so they are not in play in the East division race while UAB needs one more win to be bowl eligible. UAB BY 4

UTEP (-1) Marshall 2:00 PM

The Thundering Herd picked up their sixth win last week to become bowl eligible despite losing the cover on a late score. Marshall has been out-scored and out-gained for the season but generally is a team that stays close in games as an underdog. Marshall has not topped 31 points in a game all season so expecting a blowout win, particularly on the road off a big win would be a stretch. UTEP has been one of the most disappointing teams in the nation with just three wins on the season in a season where they were expected to be a division title contender. The schedule has been tough of late with the last three games coming on the road and the Miners have lost each in painful fashion. Five losses this season have come by seven points or less so it has been a year where the Miners easily could have fared better. The defensive numbers for UTEP present a lot of serious concerns however as over 34 points and 442 yards per game are being allowed. Still, even with a porous defense the Miners have stayed close in a lot of games and at home UTEP beat both Houston and Tulsa so this could be a challenging game for Marshall although this line is adjusted too far. MARSHALL BY 4

SMU (-17) Tulane 2:00 PM

Tulane has covered in six of the last eight meetings in this series and though bowl eligible SMU has a very suspect resume. SMU was in control of its own destiny for the C-USA West title until getting upset last week and they will now need 2-9 Rice to knock off 9-2 Houston in addition to winning this week. Still it has been a fine turnaround season for the Mustangs even if several wins have come by very slim margins. Tulane had a dreadful performance last week and the Green Wave has lost S/U and ATS in six of the last seven games. As bad as the numbers on defense are for SMU, Tulane has been worse but SMU is 4-11 ATS in the last 15 home games while going 0-7 in the last seven games as favorites. As bad as Tulane has been, backing SMU looks very risky in this spot as last week was the must-win game for the Mustangs and the final home game will lack serious meaning with the conference title hopes basically out of the picture. SMU BY 13

Texas Tech (-22½) Baylor *@Arlington, Texas* 5:00 PM

In what amounted to the biggest game of the season for Texas Tech, the Red Raiders absolutely crushed Oklahoma, 41-13. Texas Tech will play an awkward neutral site game this week before heading to a bowl game but last week's win will be the season highlight. Facing a Baylor squad that has shown the potential to move the ball could fall into a dangerous category. Baylor is 1-6 in the last seven games but the win came impressively at Missouri. QB Nick Florence is passing for big numbers even though turnovers have been part of the equation. Baylor has been the better rushing team between these two teams and the Bears have had to endure a much tougher overall schedule. Defensively there is not a huge difference between these teams even with Texas Tech playing extremely well last week and Baylor getting blown out. Last season Baylor lost by just seven at Texas Tech and this could be tough spot for the Red Raiders to cover an inflated spread. Baylor was burned by turnovers last week in a lopsided loss against a motivated opponent. This could be a much better situation for the Bears as they should be able to move the ball and the Red Raiders have been turnover prone as well as the QB position. TEXAS TECH BY 14

OKLAHOMA (NL) Oklahoma State 11:30 AM

The Sooners are just 6-5 on the season and the best win on the resume in terms of the caliber of opponent is 6-5 Texas A&M in Norman. While Oklahoma State has lost twice the Cowboys can wrap up a very nice 10-2 regular season campaign with a win this week. Although the Big XII North title is sealed up for Texas, the Cowboys could make a compelling argument for a BCS at-large spot. Oklahoma State has defeated five bowl teams and the two losses came against teams that are a combined 20-2. Oklahoma has covered in five of the last six games in this series and Sooners are on a 15-5 ATS run at home. All five S/U losses for the Sooners came in road or neutral site games so some of the ugly numbers should be thrown out as OU has still been dominant at home, out-scoring foes 50-10. For the season Oklahoma has been better on both sides of the ball in terms of yardage and with Cowboy QB Zac Robinson unlikely to play this could be a tough day for a very inexperienced QB, likely sophomore Brandon Weeden, who would be making his first start after a successful relief appearance last week. The home team has covered in eight of the last eleven meetings and the Sooners should bounce back after one of the worst OU losses in a long time. OKLAHOMA BY 10

FLORIDA (-23) Florida State 2:30 PM

This game did not trip up the Gators on their national title quest last season, winning by 30 plus for the second straight year in this series. The Gators certainly could have some attention on the Alabama match-up in the SEC championship but Florida has had overwhelming success in this series in recent years. While it has been far from a banner season for Florida State, the Seminoles have won four of the last five in ACC play and the one loss in that stretch came against Clemson in a game they led most of the way. Every loss has come very narrowly as the Seminoles have played one of the toughest schedules in the nation, playing eight teams that are bowl eligible. Florida State is scoring over 31 points per game so the offense should be able to match-up offensively in this game. Florida has a clear edge on defense but the Gators have struggled to cover against quality opponents this season going 1-4 ATS in the past five SEC games. While Florida State back-up QB E.J. Manuel struggled last week with three interceptions he has shown the ability to make a lot of great plays and he provides a threat on the ground as well. This will be an inflated spread and the Seminoles should be able to get on the board. FLORIDA BY 17

GEORGIA TECH (-7) Georgia 7:00 PM

The Yellow Jackets are 10-1 and cruising with eight straight wins, climbing up the national rankings. Georgia Tech won 45-42 last season in this series, but this will be a much different role than the recent history of this series, playing as a heavy favorite. Tech has had two weeks to prepare for this game but some attention may be on the more critical ACC championship game and the subsequent BCS title berth. Georgia Tech features and incredible rushing attack that should have a lot of success against a very disappointing Georgia defense. Despite the criticism Georgia has faced, the Yellow Jackets have actually allowed more yards this season despite the contrasting records. Georgia's loss last week to Kentucky will sting for the Bulldogs but it also could help motivate in this final rivalry game. Georgia is bowl eligible and the Bulldogs had won seven in a row in this series prior to last season's loss. Georgia Tech has been on an incredible ATS roll making them a very tough team to go against with a lower line than this match-up projects out at. Georgia continues to fail in key spots and the Bulldogs can not be relied on to avoid turnovers. GEORGIA TECH BY 16

BYU (-7½) Utah 4:00 PM

Most years this game might be for the Mountain West championship but TCU has taken over the conference this year, blowing out both of these teams. Utah doubled up BYU last season winning 48-24 and the underdog is 9-3 in the last twelve meetings. BYU is just 1-7 ATS in the last eight home games and the Cougars have just two wins against teams that are bowl eligible, their opening win over Oklahoma and last week's win over Air Force. Utah has just one win over a winning team and the Utes have a 4-7 ATS record. The offense has had decent production under QB Jordan Wynn but he has been less efficient passing then Terrance Cain was. Utah has been the superior running team and the better defensive team which should help in this match-up, particularly playing as an underdog. Home field has meant little in this series and even though BYU is favored here, Utah looks like the superior team. Look for another tight game in this series as last year's result was atypical with turnovers creating the lopsided result. UTAH BY 3

HOUSTON (-28) Rice 7:00 PM

Rice has been out-gained in nine consecutive games but the Owls have picked up wins the last two weeks after a winless start to the year. The Owls must go against the conference leader Houston, with a division title on the line for the Cougars this week. While Houston has allowed eleven fewer points per game, Rice actually has allowed fewer yards per game on the year. The offensive production for Houston is among the best in the nation however and the vulnerability for the Cougars has mainly come against teams that can run the ball extremely well. Rice is not that team and the Owls have been fortunate to sneak out wins the last two weeks. Rice actually beat Houston 56-42 last season but this figures to be a convincing win for Houston as Rice will have a hard time making stops. HOUSTON BY 35

IDAHO (NL) Utah State 4:00 PM

Utah State crushed Idaho last season 42-17 but the Vandals are the team on the rise this year, already with seven wins. Idaho has lost three of the last four however including four consecutive ATS misses after a 7-0 spread start. Both QBs in this match-up have had fine seasons but Idaho's excellent QB Nathan Enderle has missed the last two games and is questionable this week. Utah State has been on an excellent ATS run as an underdog but the Aggies have not been able to finish games with several narrow losses on the year. Idaho meanwhile has pulled out several of those games and the Vandals have been slightly stronger on both sides of the ball this season. Utah State is 0-6 S/U on the road this season while Idaho has had success at home, with the lone home loss coming in a close game against Fresno State. If Enderle can play Idaho should be able to pull out a win even though the Aggies have been a threat as an underdog in several games this season. IDAHO BY 10

WASHINGTON (-24) Washington State 5:30 PM

The Huskies have lost six of the last seven games but all three wins came against bowl-bound teams and it has been a successful turnaround year after a winless 2008. Although Washington fell short in several games this season they have proven to be competitive against many of the top teams in the Pac-10. Washington State is 1-10 on the season but they have defeated Washington the last two seasons and four of the last five years. The Huskies are also on a horrendous run as favorites, going 11-30-3 going back to '00. The Cougars won in double-OT last season but the Huskies should be very motivated coming off a string of losses and a bye week. Washington State is scoring just 13 points per game while allowing nearly 40 points per game. Washington is giving up 420 yards per game but it is still 95 yards less than allowed by the Cougars. The schedules rate as the top two toughest schedules in the conference for these teams but Washington is the team likely to rebound with a dominant win, finally back at home where all three of the wins came. WASHINGTON BY 27

Arizona (-3) ARIZONA STATE 2:30 PM

Arizona has had a lot of success in this series but the psyche of the team could be in question after back-to-back painfully tough losses the last two weeks have wiped out Pac-10 title hopes. Arizona State has lost five straight games but the Sun Devils are a sound defensive team and third string QB Samson Szakacsy, forced into action due to injuries, has actually shown solid promise in his limited action. Arizona State actually out-gained UCLA and USC in recent losses and the Sun Devils have covered in four of five lined home games this season. The road team has had more success in this series but this is a rare instance of a road favorite. The trends support Arizona with recent success in this series and a poor underdog record for ASU but this looks like a problematic situation for the Wildcats even though they have been a very impressive team for most of the season. ARIZONA STATE BY 4

Boston College (-6) Maryland 6:00 PM

Turnovers were costly for Boston College last week in a rare home loss but it has been another solid season for the Eagles. BC is bowl bound while Maryland suffers through a disastrous year, now at 2-9. The Terps played close with Florida State last week but Maryland is allowing over 400 yards and 32 points per game. Boston College is amazingly on a 9-1 run as road favorites and the Eagles have been a much more efficient scoring team despite similar offensive output in terms of yards. BC won by seven last season and the Eagles have won and covered in three of four ACC meetings. BC QB David Shinskie does not provide a reliable option for the Eagles under center but the running game usually provides solid support. Maryland QB Chris Turner could possibly be back in action this week though back-up Lamarr Robinson had a solid game last week. The BC defense can make a lot of big plays and even though the offense has set up some poor situations, the Eagles continue to perform well despite suspect statistics. BOSTON COLLEGE BY 14

Miami, FL (NL) SOUTH FLORIDA 2:30 PM

The Hurricanes have certainly played a tougher schedule but statistically this looks like a fairly even match-up. Miami has small edges on offense but USF has been the better rushing team by a wide margin and the Bulls are a bit stouter on defense. Acclaimed Miami QB Jacory Harris has passed for over 3,000 yards but he has also thrown 17 interceptions and this should be a much bigger game for the Bulls with the opportunity to host one of the major Florida schools. USF played a great game earlier this season to upset Florida State and this is a less meaningful game for the Hurricanes who have completed the conference season and have limited mobility in the bowl picture. At home South Florida is allowing only 16 points per game and a home underdog with a solid defense and the superior rushing game makes for an attractive play. Miami is 1-4 ATS in the last five games and the Hurricanes are getting a bit too much credit for beating teams like Oklahoma and Florida State early in the season when both turned out to be mediocre. True, the Bulls beat Florida State as well but this can be a very tough place to play and a motivated crowd will be present. SOUTH FLORIDA BY 4

LSU (-3½) Arkansas 6:00 PM

This could be a tough spot for LSU coming off a very tough loss that will be a distraction all week given the glaring mistakes made by the Tigers. Arkansas has now won four consecutive games to move to 7-4 and the Razorbacks have posted very impressive numbers on offense. The underdog is 7-3 in the last ten meetings and LSU has not performed well lately in the home favorite role. The three LSU losses have all come against high quality competition but many of the wins for the Tigers have been unimpressive. Arkansas has shown the ability to score even on some of the best defenses in the nation and the scoring numbers for LSU are better than the yardage suggests on both sides of the ball. This is a revenge spot for the Tigers as Arkansas won 31-30 last season and 50-48 two years ago in the national championship year but this has been an incredibly tight series the past four years. Arkansas is 6-2 ATS the last eight games and this game has upset potential. The distractions and controversy raised all week in LSU camp can not help this situation. ARKANSAS BY 6

SAN JOSE STATE (-10) New Mexico State 7:00 PM

The Spartans lack a FBS win on the season but are rightly favored in this match-up against three-win New Mexico State. San Jose State has played an incredibly tough schedule and missed out on a win opportunity last week with an OT loss. New Mexico State has been out-gained in every game this season but did manage to win three games with some serious good fortune. San Jose State has won and covered each of the last four years in this series and QB play should be an advantage for the Spartans even if the Aggies have a slightly superior rushing game. New Mexico State did manage to score 20 points last week after managing a total of 16 points the previous four games but it was 63-6 before the first Aggies touchdown. Coach Tomey has announced his retirement at San Jose State so this final home game should carry a great focus for the Spartans even in a very difficult season. San Jose State played well enough to win last week but fell just short while New Mexico State is averaging just 180 yards of offense per game in road contests. The New Mexico State defense has made some plays but likely can't keep up in this game even though laying double-digits with a team that is 1-8 ATS on the year is not generally recommended. SAN JOSE STATE BY 14

STANFORD (-7½) Notre Dame 7:00 PM

There is some talk of what a mismatch this game is but statistically Notre Dame is slightly better on both sides of the ball in terms of yardage. Stanford has the edge on the ground rushing for nearly 220 yards per game but last week the Cardinal got caught and could not keep the momentum going. Notre Dame has won seven straight games in this series and even though the Irish are reeling right now they will still carry the prestige of an elite program and the Cardinal may feel like an underdog even is Vegas certainly speaks to the contrary. Freshmen QB Andrew Luck made some mistakes last week and overall is completing just 55 percent of his passes, greatly overshadowed by the numbers that Notre Dame QB Jimmy Clausen has posted. Stanford is 11-1 ATS in the last twelve home games but that one loss came last week and the string of big games has caught up to the Cardinals. Stanford's pass defense has been picked apart in several games, notably against Oregon State and Arizona so this may be a more problematic match-up than it appears. STANFORD BY 4

UNLV (-4) San Diego State 8:00 PM

This finale between 4-7 teams lacks intrigue and while the record may be an encouraging sign for a rebuilding SDSU team it means major disappointment for a UNLV team expected to step up this season. The Aztecs have covered in six of the last seven games in this series and against a struggling UNLV defense SDSU should have a solid opportunity for an upset. UNLV is the much better rushing team and while San Diego State was getting beat up by Utah last week the Runnin' Rebels were resting and this should be a favorable final game situation at home. San Diego State has shown some promise this season but the late season slide with four straight missed covers leaves little confidence leading into this game. UNLV BY 7

USC (-12½) Ucla 9:00 PM

The Trojans have had two weeks to pick up the pieces after an ugly loss to Stanford but USC is 1-8 ATS in the last nine games. The scoring numbers for these teams are actually fairly similar and USC has just one more win than UCLA. The Bruins have won three straight games and although the opponents were the worst three teams in the conference, they played those teams with more convincing results than when USC faced them. The Bruins have covered in four of the last five meetings in this series and UCLA is on a 13-5 ATS run as an underdog in this series. The UCLA offense has received a boost with Kevin Prince back at QB and the USC QB situation is still very shaky, especially going against a play-making defense that is allowing fewer points and fewer yards than USC. The Trojans are not accustomed to playing late-season games without major implications and this could be a difficult spot against a UCLA team that appears to have re-gained some momentum. USC BY 6

Navy (-7½) HAWAII 9:30 PM

Hawaii may still have thoughts of sneaking into the bowl picture with an upset wins the last two games but it is unlikely to happen. The Warriors have four FBS wins but the opposing teams in those games have an 8-35 combined record. Navy has had two weeks to prepare for this game and the ground attack from the Midshipmen should control this game. Hawaii puts up more yards but less points and Navy has featured the superior defensive team. Hawaii is often overvalued at home given the long travel but teams are more accustomed to travel in the current era than in past years. Hawaii is actually just 6-13-1 ATS at home since '06 and Navy has historically been a fantastic ATS road team. NAVY BY 14

FLORIDA ATLANTIC (-12½) Western Kentucky 3:00 PM

The Hilltoppers have two more shots to avoid a winless campaign but this will be the tougher game, playing on the road against an Owls team that has had a lot of success in the brief run in the Sun Belt. Last season this was a very close game with the Owls sneaking out a four-point win and this year Florida Atlantic must finish the season without long-time QB Rusty Smith. Western Kentucky covered the last two games playing against two of the top teams in the conference and playing FAU after the Owls faced a huge game against Troy could be a favorable situation, especially off the bye week. FLORIDA ATLANTIC BY 7

Middle Tennessee State (-4) UL-MONROE 3:15 PM

Louisiana Monroe can get to seven wins with a win this week but last week's disappointing rivalry miss could haunt the team into this game. Middle Tennessee State is on a roll right now with five consecutive wins and covers, although four of those five games came at home. Monroe is 4-0 at home but the level of competition in those games has not been high quality. MTSU has won seven of the last eight games in this series and the Blue Raiders have been a slightly better team on both sides of the ball. Monroe has not held up against its toughest competition and the Warhawks should fall short in this finale. MTSU BY 10

ARKANSAS STATE (-6½) North Texas 2:00 PM

The Red Wolves started the season with great promise playing very close games in three-point losses with Troy and Iowa but with two games remaining ASU has just one FBS win. North Texas had just two wins and several close losses in what has been a small step forward after disastrous results the past two years. This is a critical game for both teams as North Texas finishes the season and this is the final home game for Arkansas State. This has been a very exciting game the last two years with ASU winning narrowly and North Texas covering and the same result could be possible this year. ARKANSAS STATE BY 3

Troy (-10) LOUISIANA 6:00 PM

The Ragin' Cajuns came up with a big rivalry win last week to get to 6-5 and an upset this week could get Louisiana into the bowl picture. Troy has the conference title locked up but the Trojans will be set on a perfect conference season. Troy has scored at least 42 points in each of the last three meetings in this series and the Trojans have just one ATS miss in conference play this season. This will be the third road game in four weeks for Troy and although the conference title is locked up, it is difficult to go against a team that has been as dominant as Troy has been in Sun Belt play. A letdown is a possibility for both teams coming off big wins but Louisiana has been tough at home with only one loss on the season. Troy has been vulnerable in road games and the conference slate has presented few challenges as this will be the toughest opponent on the road in Sun Belt play. An upset is a possibility if Troy overlooks this game having already won the league. TROY BY 4

NFL KEY SELECTIONS

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RATING 5 MIAMI (-3) over Buffalo
RATING 4 CAROLINA (+3) over NY Jets
RATING 3 SAN FRANCISCO (-3) over Jacksonville
RATING 2 CLEVELAND (+14) over Cincinnati
RATING 1 ATLANTA (-11½) over Tampa Bay

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2009

Green Bay (NL) DETROIT 11:30 AM

The Packers were in control most of the way last week but gave away the cover late. That win makes two straight for Green Bay and in the crumbling NFC the Packers are in wild card position. The Packers have a very tough three-game stretch following this game so this is a critical match-up to take care of business. The Lions/Browns game last week likely received few viewers but it turned out to be an epic game and a breakthrough for rookie QB Matthew Stafford. The health of the QB is in question this week and the Lions are likely in for a letdown off the short week in their annual Thanksgiving game. PACKERS BY 17

DALLAS (-13½) Oakland (40½) 3:15 PM

The Cowboys have scored just 14 points the last two weeks and both scores came very late in the games after horrendous production most of the way. Oakland caught some breaks to turn in an incredible comeback win over Cincinnati but playing on the road could mean much more difficult circumstances. Fill-in QB Bruce Gradkowski played capably last week but the Raiders never would have won without a gift fumble on a kickoff return. Oakland has scored just 42 points in four road games this season and Dallas should deliver a convincing victory even if the offense has raised major concerns the past two weeks. Dallas faced Green Bay in a tough spot and Washington's defense can be very good while Oakland has not proven they can play back-to-back strong games. COWBOYS BY 17

NY Giants (-6) DENVER (42) 7:20 PM

The Giants escaped with a win last week but the defense played horribly and the offense completely shifted out of the normal Giants plan of attack. Denver is not in the spot that the Giants were last week with four consecutive losses and the season appears to be crumbling for the once 6-0 Broncos. In fairness the schedule has been brutally tough for Denver facing physical defenses in big games for the opponent. Value is back on the Broncos and QB Orton should be back at full health after coming off the bench last week. New York's defense does not allow a lot of yards but the unit is giving up big plays and committing penalties which will be costly in a tough road venue. BRONCOS BY 3

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2009

Indianapolis (NL) HOUSTON 12:00 PM

The Colts stayed perfect last week at 10-0 but for the fourth straight week Indianapolis won by the slimmest of margins. In the first meeting between these teams, just weeks ago, the Texans had great opportunities for the upset but could not deliver. Houston has covered in five of the last six meetings in this series and this is a do-or-die game for the Texans and their playoff hopes. Indianapolis can continue the perfect season but they have not been covering spreads with misses in three of the last four weeks before a half-point cover last week. Even QB Manning has been shaky the last two weeks and the Houston defense should create solid pressure in the biggest game of the season for the Texans. COLTS BY 2

CINCINNATI (-14) Cleveland (40) 12:00 PM

A bad defense made Brady Quinn look like a pro-bowler for the Browns last week but the task is much tougher this week. Cleveland still found a way to lose despite its best offensive production of the season and this will be one of the last really meaningful games in a lost season. In the first meeting of the season Cleveland lost 23-20 on what many felt was an incorrectly called game-winning field goal. This should bring serious motivation to the Browns and Cincinnati is not a team that has blown out opponents, with just one exception this year. The Bengals are 7-3 S/U but actually are 0-4 ATS in the four games they have been favored in, including all three S/U losses coming when laying points. The Bengals could bounce back this week with a dominant performance but without a reliable running game Cincinnati will have a hard time posting a big number. BENGALS BY 10

MINNESOTA (NL) Chicago 3:15 PM

The Bears had every opportunity imaginable to win last week but still found a way to lose. QB Jay Cutler appears to have limited confidence and his teammates should have limited confidence in him given how incredibly poorly he has played. The confined elements of the dome could help but Minnesota looks like the most complete team in the league, playing perhaps its best game last week. The Vikings will be a bit overvalued in the first game of a division rivalry but with losses S/U and ATS five of the last six weeks the Bears appear to be toast and face a tough fundamental match-up. VIKINGS BY 14

PHILADELPHIA (NL) Washington 12:00 PM

After back-to-back losses the Eagles are back in the win column and back in the playoff race. Philadelphia didn't deserve to win last week but the Eagles got the job done even with a lot of mistakes. Washington has emerged as viable threat as late-season play-on team with strong showings on defense in recent weeks. Despite just three S/U wins, this can be a team that plays well down the stretch, particularly ATS. The Eagles will be overvalued in this game and the first meeting between these teams was a tight 27-17 win in Washington. EAGLES BY 4

Miami (-3) BUFFALO 12:00 PM

The Dolphins have won gone 5-2 in the last seven games to climb back to .500 but this will be the most favorable remaining spot on the schedule. The passing game has improved with Ryan Fitzpatrick at QB for the Bills but Buffalo has proven incapable of holding a lead late in a game. Miami has had some extra-time to prepare for this game and the Dolphins pummeled the Bills the first time around, winning 38-10. Miami faces a second straight road games and the Bills have historically been a solid home underdog but this is not a team to trust unless the spread is much larger. DOLPHINS BY 10

Arizona (NL) TENNESSEE 3:15 PM

The Cardinals keep winning on the road and despite a slow start Arizona is in command of the NFC West and appears on track to make the playoffs again. Tennessee faces a short week but the Titans have some momentum with improved recent play as the schedule has softened. Tennessee has the vastly superior running game and there will be value on the Titans considering what this line would have been when the season started, and Tennessee is starting to resemble the team most thought they could be. Arizona has still been a bit inconsistent and playing a second straight road game with long travel could be a problematic situation for a Cardinals team that is getting too much praise. TITANS BY 4

Seattle (-1) ST. LOUIS (43) 12:00 PM

The Seahawks were crushed in Minnesota last week but they have covered in five straight in this series. The Rams have now covered in three consecutive games and St. Louis makes for a promising team the rest of the season as the running game is starting to blossom. St. Louis has just one win but the last two home games have featured competitive efforts against high quality opponents. Seattle is 0-5 S/U and ATS on the road this season and the 28-0 opening week win for the Seahawks against the Rams seems like ages ago for one of the most disappointing teams in the league. RAMS BY 4

ATLANTA (-11½) Tampa Bay (46) 12:00 PM

The Bucs could not keep the run of strong play going last week as the Saints pulled away for a convincing win. The schedule is going to get tougher for the Bucs as four of the next five games are on the road. This is the first of two late season meetings between these division rivals and Tampa Bay has had some recent success in this series. Atlanta's defense was a great disappointment last week but this remains a viable team that can get back on track. Atlanta has won and covered in every home game and through a tough road-heavy schedule the Falcons are still in the mix for the playoffs. Tampa Bay played well in two favorable spots but this is a team that could still go 1-15. FALCONS BY 14

NY JETS (-3) Carolina (41½) 12:00 PM

Two of the top running teams in the NFL face off in this match-up and both teams are in a dire position with six losses through ten games. The loser of this game is certainly eliminated from playoff contention and the Jets are a tough team to trust as a favorite at home, with three straight misses in that role. Carolina used to be a very impressive road underdog although the recent results have fizzled and this game should be decided by which QB makes fewer mistakes as both teams have been burned by turnovers in recent losses. The Jets are just 2-7 ATS in the last nine as favorites and Carolina has been playing better. PANTHERS BY 3

SAN FRANCISCO (-3) Jacksonville (41½) 3:05 PM

The 49ers failed last week although late scoring made the result look respectable but this is a team that has fallen apart defensively despite a promising start to the year. Jacksonville has been a lousy ATS team but at 6-4 S/U the Jaguars would be the first wild card team in the AFC. The Jaguars have few impressive wins but they have now won six of the last eight and the schedule ahead should present a few more opportunities. Jacksonville has been a competitive underdog but the Jaguars have feasted on some of the worst teams in the league while needing somewhat miraculous finishes to pull out the wins. San Francisco has played a very tough schedule in recent weeks and this should be a favorable set-up at home where the 49ers have won and covered three times this season. 49ERS BY 7

SAN DIEGO (-13½) Kansas City (45) 3:05 PM

The Chiefs started the season 0-5 but have now won two straight and this could be a play-on team down the stretch. San Diego presents a tough challenge as the Chargers are playing well and defeated Kansas City 37-7 the first time these teams met. Three straight home games against marginal competition follow this game so the best opportunities will be ahead for the Chiefs. Kansas City enters this game off a huge upset of Pittsburgh but the Chargers are a bit overvalued following wins over teams that simply are not as good as most expected. The Giants, Eagles, and Broncos have all been exposed as flawed teams and San Diego is 0-2 as double-digit favorites this season. While Kansas City could be in a letdown situation off a big upset, the Chargers enter this game off a critical division win that propels them to the top of the division. CHARGERS BY 10

Pittsburgh (NL) BALTIMORE 7:20 PM

These teams met in last season's AFC championship game but both are in danger of missing the playoffs altogether this season. If Baltimore loses they are essentially out of the race while a Pittsburgh loss would create a tie between these teams with another head-to-head game still waiting. The health of the Pittsburgh QBs will be a key component in this line but Pittsburgh has proven successful in this series and the Steelers can buck the home/road trends for these teams. STEELERS BY 6

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2009

NEW ORLEANS (-3) New England (55½) 7:35 PM

The Saints are 10-0 but this will be by far the toughest test and the Patriots bounced back nicely from their national TV loss. The Saints have just two wins against winning teams and New Orleans has failed ATS in three of the last four games, including the last two home games. New England has not won a road game this season which should be a concern but the indoor track at the Superdome should be favorable for the New England offense. Backing the dog makes sense as New England is still the NFL's team to beat. PATRIOTS BY 3

Last Week's College Stats

Match-Up	Line	Final	FD	Rushing		Passing			TO
Central Michigan	-15	**35**	27	44	168	25	28	344	2
Ball State	51.5	**3**	13	35	126	10	17	105	2
Buffalo	-4.5	**42**	21	31	240	14	20	166	0
Miami, OH	52.5	**17**	27	35	90	35	57	295	2
Colorado	47.5	**28**	14	22	13	30	49	238	1
Oklahoma State	-17	**31**	20	49	232	10	24	168	4
Akron	55	**20**	21	30	171	22	32	259	1
Bowling Green	-12	**36**	21	33	136	23	32	338	0
Eastern Michigan	62	**21**	13	26	74	13	25	195	4
Toledo	-16	**47**	26	51	330	11	18	122	1
Boise State	-23	**52**	26	43	323	16	30	249	0
Utah State	62.5	**21**	22	39	137	19	31	226	2
Ohio State	-10	**21**	18	53	251	9	17	67	1
Michigan	48	**10**	16	31	80	25	42	229	5
Northern Illinois	45	**31**	20	36	114	24	38	307	2
Ohio U	-1.5	**38**	15	27	103	17	29	144	1
Virginia	45.5	**21**	17	40	78	13	19	195	2
Clemson	-21	**34**	20	38	132	19	26	234	0
Wisconsin	-7	**31**	18	35	99	19	30	235	2
Northwestern	48.5	**33**	20	25	73	27	41	364	1
Minnesota	43	**0**	13	36	48	14	42	153	3
Iowa	-12.5	**12**	12	36	54	11	24	117	2
Louisville	45	**22**	16	24	81	20	35	232	1
South Florida	-13	**34**	25	45	234	20	35	304	1
Rutgers	-10	**13**	11	27	26	8	18	104	2
Syracuse	45	**31**	23	51	213	17	22	211	0
Purdue	-10	**13**	15	33	124	21	29	205	0
Indiana	45	**31**	23	36	196	23	39	266	4
Maryland	57	**26**	20	46	196	20	27	214	1
Florida State	-17	**29**	18	24	198	17	27	206	3
North Carolina	39.5	**31**	18	38	96	23	34	182	4
Boston College	-2.5	**13**	12	30	97	12	30	101	6
NC State	58.5	**10**	12	26	14	16	29	245	4
Virginia Tech	-21	**38**	24	56	200	9	18	197	1
Iowa State	51.5	**24**	20	28	77	29	41	259	2
Missouri	-15.5	**34**	28	50	202	23	32	337	1
Vanderbilt	47.5	**16**	20	33	123	19	35	174	1
Tennessee	-17	**31**	24	40	201	20	34	221	1
Kentucky	50	**34**	15	41	123	9	17	137	0
Georgia	-10	**27**	22	44	196	12	30	291	4
Kent State	46.5	**13**	19	30	64	21	41	256	3
Temple	-10.5	**47**	19	38	275	6	17	124	1
TCU	-30.5	**45**	25	54	339	10	19	168	4
Wyoming	50	**10**	5	36	84	6	19	94	2
Mississippi State	57.5	**21**	18	55	327	8	13	49	2
Arkansas	-12	**42**	22	27	83	18	34	313	2
Connecticut	58	**33**	21	48	231	12	25	141	1
Notre Dame	-6	**30**	22	35	123	30	45	329	2
Oregon State	-31	**42**	31	39	283	26	37	284	1
Washington State	56	**10**	13	24	59	15	32	133	1
Penn State	-3	**42**	24	38	188	20	28	324	0
Michigan State	50.5	**14**	16	25	94	20	33	239	2
Arizona State	41	**13**	17	33	118	15	22	197	6
UCLA	-6	**23**	16	36	131	16	32	161	0
California	60	**34**	31	57	242	17	31	235	1
Stanford	-7.5	**28**	16	28	188	10	30	157	1
LSU	46	**23**	19	27	40	19	37	250	1
Mississippi	-5.5	**25**	22	45	193	15	22	233	0
Air Force	47.5	**21**	18	56	212	5	22	88	4
BYU	-8.5	**38**	26	25	121	33	45	377	3
UAB	56	**21**	24	49	273	19	27	247	2
East Carolina	-14.5	**37**	14	24	75	20	26	250	0
Kansas State	45	**3**	19	34	140	12	33	153	2
Nebraska	-15	**17**	19	45	101	13	19	166	1
Oklahoma	-6	**13**	16	26	48	18	36	262	2
Texas Tech	56	**41**	32	35	161	35	53	388	1
Baylor	61	**3**	18	26	82	24	38	215	3
Texas A&M	-6	**38**	26	52	375	19	25	153	1
UTEP	-6.5	**29**	20	43	151	17	26	244	6
Rice	70	**30**	16	49	172	8	17	55	1
San Diego State	54.5	**7**	16	29	55	17	37	207	2
Utah	-21	**38**	22	42	189	15	29	202	0

Last Week's College Stats

Match-Up	Line	Final	FD	Rushing		Passing			TO
Louisiana Tech	54.5	**28**	21	38	230	14	22	206	3
Fresno State	-9.5	**30**	24	44	176	17	42	182	0
Colorado State	-4	**27**	18	36	197	12	17	173	3
New Mexico	54	**29**	26	35	270	22	38	197	2
Oregon	-5.5	**44**	22	37	175	26	47	284	1
Arizona	60	**41**	22	35	127	30	47	314	2
SMU	48	**31**	21	30	106	18	32	225	2
Marshall	-3.5	**34**	24	51	262	13	22	213	0
Tulsa	54.5	**34**	33	46	193	32	46	396	3
Southern Miss	-8.5	**44**	20	38	163	12	21	276	0
Kansas	57.5	**20**	16	26	47	25	39	256	1
Texas	-28.5	**51**	29	40	136	32	42	396	1
Duke	57	**16**	18	22	55	20	37	303	2
Miami, FL	-19.5	**34**	25	44	148	25	43	348	2
Memphis	74	**14**	22	45	243	15	28	101	1
Houston	-22	**55**	33	24	111	42	55	578	0
Tulane	47	**0**	7	24	-30	13	27	80	5
Central Florida	-22	**49**	28	50	264	20	29	240	1
Nevada	-31.5	**63**	29	61	574	5	12	96	2
New Mexico State	59.5	**20**	9	33	155	8	19	77	2
Hawaii	-2.5	**17**	23	30	106	28	47	299	2
San Jose State	53.5	**10**	14	31	132	15	25	145	4
Florida Intl	60	**3**	11	30	53	10	26	136	1
Florida	-47.5	**62**	30	36	223	26	38	361	0
Army	53.5	**17**	13	46	200	7	15	87	0
North Texas	-1	**13**	25	30	222	31	41	225	5
Florida Atlantic	64.5	**21**	17	34	142	23	36	206	1
Troy	-16.5	**47**	33	31	168	28	40	483	3
UL-Monroe	-5	**17**	16	43	212	8	12	91	3
Louisiana	51.5	**21**	17	39	62	16	27	252	1
Arkansas State	51.5	**14**	13	36	44	13	28	176	2
Mid Tennessee St	-10.5	**38**	22	44	164	15	28	263	2
TN-Chattanooga		**0**	5	21	48	7	27	36	3
Alabama	NL	**45**	26	56	313	10	16	109	0
Monday, Nov. 16									
RAVENS	-11	**16**	14	37	128	13	19	146	0
BROWNS	39.5	**0**	11	26	86	13	31	74	2
Last Week's NFL Stats									
DOLPHINS	42	**24**	17	31	154	17	29	172	0
PANTHERS	-3.5	**17**	22	27	182	19	42	201	1
BROWNS	37.5	**37**	22	40	131	22	34	308	0
LIONS	-3	**38**	26	17	57	26	43	416	2
BILLS	41	**15**	14	19	53	18	31	290	3
JAGUARS	-8.5	**18**	19	34	102	21	30	208	2
STEELERS	-11.5	**24**	27	31	114	33	44	401	3
CHIEFS	39.5	**27**	13	20	68	15	30	214	1
COLTS	-1.5	**17**	20	25	76	22	31	299	3
RAVENS	44.5	**15**	20	31	98	23	35	256	2
FALCONS	46.5	**31**	27	30	90	26	46	262	1
GIANTS	-7	**34**	26	26	88	25	39	368	1
49ERS	42	**24**	11	10	69	16	33	215	1
PACKERS	-6	**30**	26	32	158	32	45	326	0
SEAHAWKS	47	**9**	10	13	4	19	29	208	2
VIKINGS	-11	**35**	28	37	160	28	33	271	0
REDSKINS	41.5	**6**	14	20	78	24	37	246	1
COWBOYS	-10	**7**	17	33	153	15	27	152	2
SAINTS	-10.5	**38**	21	36	183	19	29	187	0
BUCCANEERS	51	**7**	14	23	119	17	33	100	4
CARDINALS	-9	**21**	24	30	183	25	33	261	2
RAMS	47	**13**	16	27	123	19	37	191	1
JETS	45	**14**	12	26	104	8	21	122	5
PATRIOTS	-11	**31**	27	35	111	28	41	299	1
BENGALS	-8.5	**17**	23	43	177	14	22	171	4
RAIDERS	36	**20**	16	24	92	17	34	183	3
CHARGERS	-6	**32**	21	43	203	17	22	145	0
BRONCOS	42	**3**	14	17	115	17	33	156	3
EAGLES	-3.5	**24**	18	30	157	24	33	220	3
BEARS	47	**20**	14	20	126	24	43	158	1
TITANS									
TEXANS									

4th Quarter Covers:

Bowling Green led by just ten entering the 4Q but pulled to a 17-point lead early in the final frame. Akron answered to get back within ten but the ensuing kickoff was returned for a touchdown to create the final margin. Toledo led just 33-21 entering the 4Q but scored twice to pull away for a 26-point final margin. Boise State led by just 24 entering the final quarter but added a late score to take the cash in the 4Q.With most lines throughout the week at 11½, South Florida led by eleven entering the 4Q, the teams exchanged touchdowns but Louisville went for two and missed leaving a 12-point margin and mixed results depending on when and where the game was played. Arkansas led Mississippi State just 28-21 entering the 4Q but the defense dominated the final frame and Arkansas scored twice to create a 21-point margin. Oregon State had just a modest 18-point lead entering the 4Q but added two scores to narrowly surpass the 31-point spread. LSU led 17-15 at halftime and that spread held up until early in the 4Q, Ole Miss took over to take a 25-17 lead but LSU was able to score with just over a minute to go to secure the spread win. LSU had a great opportunity to win the game outright but mismanaged clock at the end of the game ended up being the big story. UTEP led Rice 23-17 entering the 4Q and extended the lead to 12-points early in the 4Q. Rice scored the final two touchdowns in less than two minutes to win by one. Marshall led by seven entering the 4Q and pushed the lead to ten twice in the final frame including with just over two minutes left. SMU took the backdoor cover with a touchdown run with only 40 seconds left in the game. Texas led by just 21 entering the 4Q but did not let up, pushing the final margin to 31points for a narrow ATS victory. San Jose State and Hawaii were tied at 7-7 entering the 4Q, both teams added field goals but overtime was needed. Hawaii got the stop it needed to win by seven making for another tough ATS miss for SJSU playing as a slight dog. Florida led by 'only' 46 entering the 4Q which would not have been good enough at the closing number. The Gators did not quit however, padding the stats in a 62-3 win. The Giants led 24-17 entering the 4Q and pushed the lead to 31-17 in the fourth. Atlanta put together a furious rally to tie the game with less than 30 seconds left but the Giants won the coin toss and won in OT with a field goal, Atlanta taking the cover. Green Bay led 23-10 entering the 4Q and 30-10 shortly into the final frame but San Francisco made it an interesting finish, scoring twice to lead to push the closing line and give many 49ers bettors a win with early lines. Arizona was up 21-6 entering the 4Q but the Rams earned another cover with a late touchdown to cut the margin to just eight. New England was up ten entering the 4Q but another Mark Sanchez interception helped the Patriots extend the lead and make a sure cover late in the 4Q. After falling behind 10-0 early the Bears dominated the middle quarters and took a 20-17 lead into the final quarter. A couple of big plays got the Eagles a four-point lead with just over five minutes to go and the Bears met a familiar fate with missed open receivers and the game closing in an interception.

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NCAA SYSTEM OF THE WEEK

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27-10, 72.9% since 1990

PLAY ON: West Virginia, Auburn, South Carolina

Tighten It: If the team is a double-digit underdog
8-2, 80.0% since 1990

PLAY ON: Auburn

NFL SYSTEM OF THE WEEK

Ugly Loss Road Chalk

PLAY ON: Any NFL road favorite that lost the previous game S/U as a double-digit favorite.

7-1 87.5% since 2003

PLAY ON: Pittsburgh

OVER/UNDER PLAYS OF THE WEEK

NCAA: 'OVER' Wake Forest/Duke

Two passing offenses should close the season with a higher scoring affair. The Duke offense has scored just 32 points in the last three games but they have had to face a very difficult slate in that span and the offense should have a lot more breathing room this week. These teams combined for 63 points last season and Wake Forest has allowed at least 28 points in each of the last five ACC games.

NFL: 'UNDER' Tampa Bay/Atlanta

The Falcons played a high scoring game last week but much of the scoring came late in the game as the Falcons had 46 pass attempts, falling behind in the game and dramatically changing the normal plan of attack. Tampa Bay's jolt on offense with the QB change appears to be wearing off with just seven points last week and the Bucs have played decent defense of late despite facing quality teams on offense.

2009 SEASON TRENDS

NCAA (through November 21)

Home teams are 283-310-9 (25-27 last week)
Favorites are 299-304-10 (28-24 last week)
Double-Digit Favorites are 152-145-4 (19-11 last week)
Favorites of 20 or more are 55-52-1 (10-1 last week)
Home Favorites are 180-197-8 (18-17 last week)
Road Favorites are 113-103-1 (10-7 last week)
Teams in 2nd straight road games are 84-88-1 (4-7 last week)
Teams off bye weeks are 61-55-11 (2-2 last week)

NFL (through November 22 – Monday's game pending)

Home teams are 69-82-4 (5-9-1 last week)
Favorites are 74-79-4 (6-8-1 last week)
Double-Digit Favorites are 18-16-1 (3-2 last week)
Home Favorites are 45-55-4 (2-4-1 last week)
Road Favorites are 27-24 (4-3 last week)
Teams in 2nd straight road games are 26-14-1 (4-2 last week)
Teams off bye weeks are 16-17-2 (0-1 last week)
Over/Unders are 76/77/4 (5/9/1 last week)

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NCAA:

Ball State is 20-6-1 L27 as underdogs – Western Michigan is 5-13 L18 home games
Texas is 27-18 as road favorites since '00 – Texas A&M is 6-2 L8 as home underdogs
Pittsburgh is 9-5 L14 at West Virginia – West Virginia is 2-8 L10 at home
Rutgers is 7-1 L8 road games – Louisville is 6-3 L9 as home underdogs
Eastern Michigan is 11-20 since '07 as underdogs – Akron is 1-6 L7 as home favorites
Buffalo is 20-6-1 L27 on the road – Kent State is 4-9-1 L14 lined home games
Wyoming is 8-17 L25 road games – Colorado State is 8-2 L10 home games
Temple is 13-5 L18 on the road – Ohio U is 10-5-1 L16 at home
Alabama is 10-3 L13 as road favorites – Auburn is 5-2 L7 as home underdogs
Memphis is 3-8 L11 as double-digit underdogs – Tulsa is 18-31 as home favorites since '85
Illinois is 8-2 L10 as double-digit dogs – Cincinnati is 7-12-1 as double-digit favorites since '03
Nebraska is 3-10 L13 vs. Colorado – Colorado is 10-17 L27 as underdogs
Toledo is 8-20 on the road since '05 – Bowling Green is 5-16 L21 at home
Northern Illinois is 8-3 L11 vs. Central Michigan – C. Michigan is 11-2 L13 as home favorites
Nevada is 1-7-1 L9 vs. Boise State – Boise State is 37-14-2 as home favorites since '99
Virginia Tech is 10-5 at Virginia since '80 – Virginia is 16-6 L22 as home underdogs
Syracuse is 12-20-1 L33 as underdogs – Connecticut is 16-9-1 L26 as favorites
Wake Forest is 1-6 L7 on the road – Duke is 18-10 vs. Wake Forest since '81
Clemson is 6-2 L8 vs. South Carolina – South Carolina is 29-40 as home dogs since '81
North Carolina is 10-5 L15 vs. NC State – NC State is 7-2 L9 as home underdogs
Missouri is 6-12 L18 as favorites vs. Kansas – Kansas is 1-7 L8 as underdogs
Tennessee is 13-4 L17 vs. Kentucky – Kentucky is 3-11 L14 lined home games
Mississippi is 18-10-1 vs. Mississippi St since '80 – Mississippi State is 2-6 L8 as home dogs
New Mexico is 4-10 L14 on the road – TCU is 17-4 L21 as home favorites
Southern Miss is 10-2-1 vs. East Carolina since '96 – East Carolina is 21-11 at home since '04
Central Florida is 6-0 L6 on the road – UAB is 5-1 L6 home games
Marshall is 12-21-2 on the road since '04 – UTEP is 9-13 L22 home games
Tulane is 6-2 L8 vs. SMU – SMU is 0-7 L7 as home favorites
Baylor is 4-14 L18 vs. Texas Tech – Texas Tech is 22-14-1 as home favorites since '02
Oklahoma State is 1-5 L6 vs. Oklahoma – Oklahoma is 15-5 L20 at home
Florida State is 3-10 L13 as an underdog vs. Florida – Florida is 22-10-1 as favorites since '07
Georgia is 12-5-1 vs. Georgia Tech since '91 – Georgia Tech is 0-4 as favorites vs. Georgia
Utah is 8-4 L12 at BYU – BYU is 1-7 L8 home games
Rice is 4-0-1 L5 vs. Houston – Houston is 6-12-1 L19 as favorites
Utah State is 8-1-1 L10 as underdogs – Idaho is 6-2 L8 at home
Washington St is 4-1 S/U L5 vs. Washington – Washington is 11-30-3 as favorites since '00
Arizona is 18-10 vs. Arizona State since '81 – Arizona State is 4-11-1 L16 as underdogs
Boston College is 9-1 L10 as road favorites – Maryland is 1-5 L6 at home
Miami FL is 4-11 L15 as road favorites – South Florida is 5-2 L7 as home underdogs
Arkansas is 7-2-1 L10 as underdogs – LSU is 4-10-1 L15 as home favorites
New Mexico State is 0-4 L4 vs. San Jose State – San Jose State is 1-6 L7 home games
Notre Dame is 9-5 L14 as underdogs – Stanford is 11-1 L12 at home
San Diego State is 6-1 L7 vs. UNLV – UNLV is 9-3 L12 as home underdogs
UCLA is 13-5 as an underdog vs. USC since '80 – USC is 1-8 L9 as favorites
Navy is 50-23 on the road since '94 – Hawaii is 6-13-1 at home since '06
Western Kentucky is 4-7 on the road since '08 – Florida Atlantic is 12-6 as favorites since '06
Middle Tennessee State is 18-13-1 on the road since '05 – UL-Monroe is 4-1 L5 home games
North Texas is 2-5 L7 road games – Arkansas State is 4-12 L16 as favorites
Troy is 8-4 L12 as road favorites – UL-Lafayette is 2-4 L6 as home underdogs

NFL:

Green Bay is 6-1 L7 vs. Detroit – Detroit is 4-10 L14 as home underdogs
Oakland is 7-4 L11 road games – Dallas is 7-3 L10 as home favorites
NY Giants are 13-3 L16 as road favorites – Denver is 17-6-1 as home underdogs since '81
Indianapolis is 1-5 L6 vs. Houston – Houston is 8-0 L8 as home underdogs
Cleveland is 4-9 L13 as underdogs – Cincinnati is 7-3 L10 at home
Chicago is 0-6 L6 as road underdogs – Minnesota is 5-2 L7 at home vs. Chicago
Washington is 0-8 S/U L8 road games – Philadelphia is 8-3 L11 as home favorites
Miami is 3-8 L11 vs. Buffalo – Buffalo is 0-5 L5 as home underdogs
Arizona is 7-3 L10 road games – Tennessee is 8-4-1 L13 home games
Seattle is 5-0 L5 vs. St. Louis – St. Louis is 5-12 L17 as home underdogs
Tampa Bay is 12-5 vs. Atlanta since '97 – Atlanta is 8-3 L11 as home favorites
Carolina is 4-9 L13 as road dogs – NY Jets are 2-7 L9 as home favorites
Jacksonville is 29-16 as underdogs since '04 – San Francisco is 5-2-1 L8 home games
Kansas City is 15-9 as 7+ dogs since '98 – San Diego is 6-9 L15 as favorites
Pittsburgh is 3-6 L9 vs. Baltimore – Baltimore is 10-4 L14 home games
New England is 1-6 L7 vs. New Orleans – New Orleans is 5-2 L7 as home favorites

TREND OF THE WEEK

Boston College is 9-1 the last ten games as road favorites