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to StatFox's 12th season of *The Platinum Sheet*, the nation's fastest-growing and most highly regarded weekly sports handicapping publication. If you've been with us in the past, you'll notice that this year's edition is back with all of the features to which you've become accustomed over the past couple of seasons: StatFox.com Power Ratings, StatFox.com Outplay Factor Ratings, key trends and more. We've also expanded our section of game-by-game matchups in order to more thoroughly analyze key plays on the schedule. And, of course, we again provide picks from both our staff and from the StatFox Forecaster, which uses proprietary algorithms to generate remarkably reliable predictions year-in and year-out.

We greatly appreciate your support and hope you stick with us for what promises to be an exciting—and hopefully very profitable—fall season. You can get Best Bet picks from all of our staffers by going online to <http://foxsheets.statfoxsports.com/FootballBestBets.aspx>. While you're there, I strongly urge you to also check out our renowned online FoxSheets, which are packed with valuable insight and information, highlighting the best tips and trends that will allow you to consistently pick winners.

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Scott Gramling
Managing Editor

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WEEK 1 COLLEGE FOOTBALL MATCHUPS: AUG. 30 - SEPT. 3		StatFox DAVE	StatFox GARY	StatFox SCOTT	StatFox BRIAN	StatFox FORECASTER	StatFox CONSENSUS
• (133) CENTRAL FLORIDA at (134) CONNECTICUT	+23½	CENTRAL FLORIDA	CENTRAL FLORIDA	CONNECTICUT	CONNECTICUT	CENTRAL FLORIDA	CENTRAL FLORIDA
• (135) NORTHWESTERN at (136) PURDUE	-2½	NORTHWESTERN	CLICK FOR BEST BET	NORTHWESTERN	CLICK FOR BEST BET	NORTHWESTERN	NORTHWESTERN
• (149) SAN DIEGO STATE at (150) STANFORD	-14½	STANFORD	STANFORD	STANFORD	STANFORD	SAN DIEGO STATE	STANFORD
• (151) FLORIDA ATLANTIC at (152) OKLAHOMA	-21	CLICK FOR BEST BET	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	CLICK FOR BEST BET	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	FLORIDA ATLANTIC
• (155) OREGON STATE at (156) OHIO STATE	-37	OHIO STATE	OREGON STATE	OHIO STATE	OREGON STATE	OHIO STATE	OHIO STATE
• (173) TEXAS vs. (174) MARYLAND	+13½	TEXAS	TEXAS	MARYLAND	MARYLAND	MARYLAND	MARYLAND
• (185) BRIGHAM YOUNG at (186) ARIZONA	-12	CLICK FOR BEST BET	BRIGHAM YOUNG	BRIGHAM YOUNG	BRIGHAM YOUNG	ARIZONA	BRIGHAM YOUNG
• (191) CINCINNATI at (192) UCLA	-16½	UCLA	CINCINNATI	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA
• (193) WASHINGTON vs. (194) AUBURN	-2½	WASHINGTON	WASHINGTON	AUBURN	AUBURN	WASHINGTON	WASHINGTON
• (197) MISSISSIPPI vs. (198) TEXAS TECH	-2	TEXAS TECH	TEXAS TECH	TEXAS TECH	MISSISSIPPI	TEXAS TECH	TEXAS TECH
• (201) WEST VIRGINIA vs. (202) TENNESSEE	+10	WEST VIRGINIA	WEST VIRGINIA	TENNESSEE	CLICK FOR BEST BET	WEST VIRGINIA	WEST VIRGINIA
• (203) NORTH CAROLINA at (204) CALIFORNIA	-7	CLICK FOR BEST BET	CALIFORNIA	CALIFORNIA	CALIFORNIA	NORTH CAROLINA	CALIFORNIA
• (211) MICHIGAN at (212) NOTRE DAME	+1½	MICHIGAN	MICHIGAN	CLICK FOR BEST BET	NOTRE DAME	NOTRE DAME	
• (213) LOUISVILLE vs. (214) ALABAMA	-24½	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	LOUISVILLE	LOUISVILLE	ALABAMA
• (217) MIAMI vs. (218) LSU	+3½	CLICK FOR BEST BET	LSU	MIAMI	LSU	LSU	LSU
• (219) VIRGINIA TECH at (220) FLORIDA STATE	-7	VIRGINIA TECH	CLICK FOR BEST BET	VIRGINIA TECH	FLORIDA STATE	VIRGINIA TECH	VIRGINIA TECH

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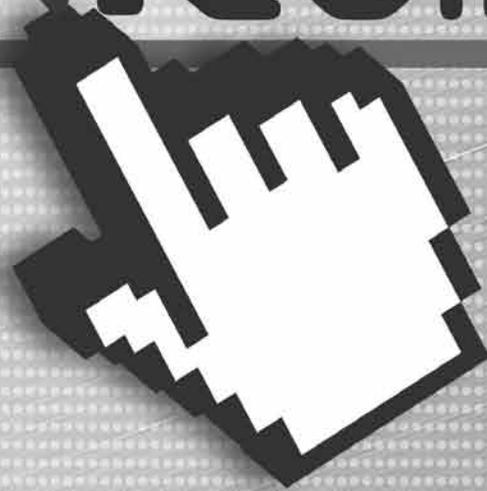
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StatFox College Football Power Rating Lines - Week 1

** The StatFox Power Ratings are determined from a formula that takes into account several key factors, including point margins, difficulty of schedule, team statistics and more. The ratings are typically not as reactive as those you will find elsewhere, and thus prove to be a great long term handicapping tool. Here are the StatFox Power Rating lines and edges for this week's games, with our exclusive home field advantage points built into each home team's rating and corresponding line. Note that the point edge between the Power Rating Line and the actual opening line is denoted for the team with the edge. Use the W/L column to keep track of the winners and losers.

ABBREVIATIONS:
 OL - Opening Line
 PR - StatFox Power Rating - adjusted for home field advantage.
 PRL - Calculated Power Rating Line

Thu - 8/30,7:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	Thu - 8/30,8:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	Fri - 8/31,7:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	
133 UCF		-23	45	-28	5							135 NORTHWESTERN		46	-8	11		
134 CONNECTICUT			17									136 PURDUE		-3	38			
Fri - 8/31,6:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	Fri - 8/31,9:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	Fri - 8/31,9:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	
143 SYRACUSE		-6	32			145 W KENTUCKY		27				147 COLORADO		38	-3	9.5		
144 W MICHIGAN		38	-6	12		146 WISCONSIN		-34.5	63	-36	1.5	148 COLORADO ST		-6.5	35			
Fri - 8/31,9:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	Sat - 9/1,12:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	Sat - 9/1,12:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	
149 SAN DIEGO ST		41				151 FLA ATLANTIC		45				153 HOUSTON		-23.5	36	-23		
150 STANFORD		-14.5	57	-16	1.5	152 OKLAHOMA		-21	67	-22	1	154 RICE			13		0.5	
Sat - 9/1,12:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	Sat - 9/1,3:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	Fri - 8/31,7:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	
155 OREGON ST		26				157 APPALACHIAN ST		39				159 ARMY		37				
156 OHIO ST		-37.5	67	-41	3.5	158 PENN ST		-23.5	66	-27	3.5	160 DUKE		-11	48	-11	0	
Sat - 9/1,8:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	Sat - 9/1,1:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	Sat - 9/1,12:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	
161 AKRON		22		10.5		163 MASSACHUSETTS		28		2		165 KENT ST		7				
162 NEBRASKA		-20.5	32	-10		164 BOSTON COLLEGE		-18	44	-16		166 ILLINOIS		-17	26	-19	2	
Sat - 9/1,12:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	Sat - 9/1,7:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	Sat - 9/1,3:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	
167 TEXAS ST		6		2.5		169 INDIANA		-10	38	-11	1	171 N ILLINOIS		34				
168 RUTGERS		-18.5	22	-16		170 FLA INTERNATION		27				172 IOWA		-13	51	-17	4	
Sat - 9/1,12:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	Sat - 9/1,6:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	Sat - 9/1,7:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	
173 TEXAS		-9	47	-23	14	175 BOISE ST		-10.5	44	-3		177 LOUISIANA TECH		-10	31	-8		
174 MARYLAND		24				176 TROY		41		7.5		178 S ALABAMA		23		2		
Sat - 9/1,3:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	Sat - 9/1,7:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	Sat - 9/1,7:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	
179 MARSHALL		30	-3	4.5		181 SMU		25		0.5		183 MIDDLE TENN ST		27				
180 MIAMI OHIO		-1.5	27			182 NORTH TEXAS		-3.5	28	-3		184 VANDERBILT		-6.5	34	-7	0.5	
Sat - 9/1,10:45 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	Sat - 9/1,10:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	Sat - 9/1,4:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	
185 BYU		27				187 UTSA		25				189 UNLV		23				
186 ARIZONA		-15	43	-16	1	188 ARIZONA ST		-17	43	-18	1	190 USC		-28	57	-34	6	
Sat - 9/1,7:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	Sat - 9/1,3:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	Sat - 9/1,3:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	
191 CINCINNATI		18				193 WASHINGTON		57	-4	7		195 C MICHIGAN		26		6		
192 UCLA		-16	40	-22	6	194 AUBURN		-3	53			196 KENTUCKY		-17	37	-11		
Sat - 9/1,12:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	Sat - 9/1,12:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	Sat - 9/1,3:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	
197 OLE MISS		-1	39			199 COASTAL CAROLIN		15		1.5		201 W VIRGINIA		-9.5	40	-11	1.5	
198 TEXAS TECH		41	-2	3		200 S CAROLINA		-29.5	43	-28		202 TENNESSEE		29				
Sat - 9/1,4:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	Sat - 9/1,3:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	Sat - 9/1,8:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	
203 N CAROLINA		36				205 WASHINGTON ST		-3.5	40	-3		207 BOWLING GREEN		19				
204 CALIFORNIA		-5	45	-9	4	206 WYOMING		37		0.5		208 OREGON		-26.5	47	-28	1.5	
Sat - 9/1,7:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	Sat - 9/1,8:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	Sat - 9/1,11:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	
211 MICHIGAN		-2	49			213 LOUISVILLE		50		5.5		215 NAVY		-15	40	-25	10	
212 NOTRE DAME		54	-5	7		214 ALABAMA		-25.5	70	-20		216 HAWAII		15				
Sun - 9/2,7:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L	Mon - 9/3,8:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L							
217 MIAMI		-3	49			219 VIRGINIA TECH		51		2.5								
218 LSU		51	-2	5		220 FLORIDA ST		-5.5	54	-3								

Statfox College Football Outplay Factor Rating Lines - Week 1

** The Outplay Factor Ratings made famous by StatFox are a great Team Strength Indicator as they provide a quantitative measure of how teams are outplaying (+ value) or being outplayed by (- value) their opponents. They are determined by a complicated formula that takes into account a team's points for/against as compared to how their previous opponents have fared. Here are the StatFox Team Outplay Factor Ratings and the corresponding game lines derived from them. Note that the point edge between the Outplay Factor Rating Line and the actual opening line is denoted for the team with the edge.

ABBREVIATIONS:
 OL - Opening Line
 OF - StatFox Outplay Factor Rating - adjusted for home field advantage.
 OFL - Calculated Outplay Factor Line

Thu - 8/30,8:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
135 NORTHWESTERN		34	-3	6.3	
136 PURDUE	-3	31			

Thu - 8/30,7:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
137 NEW MEXICO ST		23	-1	18.4	
138 MINNESOTA	-17.5	22			

Thu - 8/30,7:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
133 UCF		-23	41	-31	7.7
134 CONNECTICUT			11		

Thu - 8/30,8:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
139 WAKE FOREST		-8	31	-9	0.8
140 TULANE			22		

Fri - 8/31,7:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
141 UTAH ST		23		14.0	
142 MICHIGAN ST	-25	34	-11		

Fri - 8/31,6:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
143 SYRACUSE	-6	24			
144 W MICHIGAN		33	-10	15.7	

Fri - 8/31,9:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
145 W KENTUCKY			21		7.8
146 WISCONSIN	-34.5	48	-27		

Fri - 8/31,9:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
147 COLORADO		18			
148 COLORADO ST	-6.5	27	-9	2.5	

Fri - 8/31,9:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
149 SAN DIEGO ST			32		5.9
150 STANFORD	-14.5	41	-9		

Fri - 8/31,7:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
159 ARMY			29		10.5
160 DUKE		-11	29	-1	

Sat - 9/1,12:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
151 FLA ATLANTIC		50	-1	22.1	
152 OKLAHOMA	-21	48			

Sat - 9/1,12:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
153 HOUSTON		-23.5	26	-19	
154 RICE			7.4		5.0

Sat - 9/1,12:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
155 OREGON ST			7.5		
156 OHIO ST		-37.5	53	-46	8.2

Sat - 9/1,3:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
157 APPALACHIAN ST		32		0.1	
158 PENN ST	-23.5	56	-23		

Sat - 9/1,8:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
161 AKRON			22	-1	21.7
162 NEBRASKA		-20.5	21		

Sat - 9/1,1:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
163 MASSACHUSETTS			26		9.3
164 BOSTON COLLEGE		-18	35	-9	

Sat - 9/1,12:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
165 KENT ST		5.5		10.4	
166 ILLINOIS	-17	12	-7		

Sat - 9/1,12:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
167 TEXAS ST			8.9		11.9
168 RUTGERS		-18.5	16	-7	

Sat - 9/1,7:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
169 INDIANA		-10	26		
170 FLA INTERNATION			26	0	10.5

Sat - 9/1,3:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
171 N ILLINOIS		29		1.5	
172 IOWA	-13	40	-11		

Sat - 9/1,12:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
173 TEXAS		-9	33	-20	11.1
174 MARYLAND			13		

Sat - 9/1,6:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
175 BOISE ST		-10.5	37		
176 TROY			39	-2	12.2

Sat - 9/1,7:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
177 LOUISIANA TECH		-10	29	-5	
178 S ALABAMA			24		5.0

Sat - 9/1,3:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
179 MARSHALL			31	-9	10.8
180 MIAMI OHIO		-1.5	22		

Sat - 9/1,7:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
181 SMU			20		
182 NORTH TEXAS		-3.5	31	-11	7.1

Sat - 9/1,7:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
183 MIDDLE TENN ST		24	-10	16.0	
184 VANDERBILT	-6.5	15			

Sat - 9/1,10:45 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
185 BYU			15		
186 ARIZONA		-15	31	-16	0.9

Sat - 9/1,10:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
187 UTSA			27		14.3
188 ARIZONA ST		-17	29	-3	

Sat - 9/1,4:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
189 UNLV		16		6.5	
190 USC	-28	38	-22		

Sat - 9/1,7:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
191 CINCINNATI			12		3.3
192 UCLA		-16	25	-13	

Sat - 9/1,3:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
193 WASHINGTON			43		0.5
194 AUBURN		-3	45	-3	

Sat - 9/1,3:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
195 C MICHIGAN		24	0	17.2	
196 KENTUCKY	-17	24			

Sat - 9/1,12:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
197 OLE MISS		-1	20		
198 TEXAS TECH		25	-6	6.7	

Sat - 9/1,12:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
199 COASTAL CAROLIN			11		13.0
200 S CAROLINA		-29.5	28	-17	

Sat - 9/1,3:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
201 W VIRGINIA		-9.5	25	-13	3.9
202 TENNESSEE			12		

Sat - 9/1,4:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
203 N CAROLINA			20		0.0
204 CALIFORNIA		-5	25	-5	

Sat - 9/1,3:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
205 WASHINGTON ST		-3.5	26		
206 WYOMING			30	-4	7.1

Sat - 9/1,8:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
207 BOWLING GREEN		16		8.7	
208 OREGON	-26.5	34	-18		

Sat - 9/1,7:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
211 MICHIGAN		-2	32		
212 NOTRE DAME			44	-12	14.1

Sat - 9/1,8:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
213 LOUISVILLE			37		10.0
214 ALABAMA		-25.5	53	-15	

Sat - 9/1,11:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
215 NAVY		-15	27	-17	2.1
216 HAWAII			9.5		

Sun - 9/2,7:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
217 MIAMI		-3	35	-3	0.4
218 LSU			31		

Mon - 9/3,8:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
219 VIRGINIA TECH			38		2.9
220 FLORIDA ST		-5.5	40	-3	

Top College Football Statistical Edges - Week 1

Here is a listing of the top team statistical edges when compared head-to-head with their opponents. Keep track of the ATS wins and losses of the top teams for each of the various statistics to determine if any particular category stands out in terms of success.

OFFENSIVE STATISTICS		DEFENSIVE STATISTICS		OFF/DEF DIFFERENTIALS	
Points Scored (PPG)	W/L	Points Allowed (PPG)	W/L	Scoring Differential (PPG)	W/L
1. UCF (vs CON): +24.6		1. OHIO ST (vs ORS): +24.0		1. OHIO ST (vs ORS): +44.5	
2. ARIZONA (vs BYU): +24.2		2. TEXAS (vs MD): +15.9		2. UCF (vs CON): +37.3	
3. OHIO ST (vs ORS): +20.5		3. UTSA (vs AZS): +15.8		3. HOUSTON (vs RIC): +23.9	
4. W VIRGINIA (vs TEN): +14.7		4. ALABAMA (vs LOU): +15.5		4. WISCONSIN (vs): +21.2	
5. HOUSTON (vs RIC): +12.0		5. S CAROLINA (vs CCU): +13.3		5. TEXAS (vs MD): +21.2	
6. UCLA (vs CIN): +11.5		6. WISCONSIN (vs): +12.9		6. OREGON (vs BG): +19.7	
7. OREGON (vs BG): +10.7		7. UCF (vs CON): +12.6		7. COLORADO ST (vs HAW): +16.8	
Rushing Yards Gained (RYPG)	W/L	Rushing Yards Allowed (RYPG)	W/L	Rushing Yds Differential (RYPG)	W/L
1. ARMY (vs DUK): +190.9		1. OHIO ST (vs ORS): +130.7		1. NAVY (vs HAW): +238.8	
2. NAVY (vs HAW): +183.2		2. OREGON (vs BG): +124.7		2. OHIO ST (vs ORS): +237.2	
3. ARIZONA (vs BYU): +179.7		3. MICHIGAN ST (vs UTS): +121.8		3. WISCONSIN (vs): +233.2	
4. WISCONSIN (vs): +161.3		4. CINCINNATI (vs UCL): +95.0		4. OREGON (vs BG): +224.2	
5. OHIO ST (vs ORS): +106.5		5. TEXAS TECH (vs MIS): +84.1		5. ARMY (vs DUK): +171.2	
6. OREGON (vs BG): +99.5		6. TEXAS (vs MD): +84.0		6. ARIZONA (vs BYU): +142.6	
7. NOTRE DAME (vs MIC): +91.8		7. USC (vs NLV): +80.7		7. MICHIGAN ST (vs UTS): +118.2	
Yards Per Rush Gained (YPR)	W/L	Yards Per Rush Allowed (YPR)	W/L	Yards Per Rush Differential (YPR)	W/L
1. WISCONSIN (vs): +2.9		1. OHIO ST (vs ORS): +2.6		1. OHIO ST (vs ORS): +4.3	
2. ARIZONA (vs BYU): +2.4		2. OREGON (vs BG): +2.1		2. WISCONSIN (vs): +4.2	
3. ARMY (vs DUK): +1.9		3. TEXAS (vs MD): +1.7		3. OREGON (vs BG): +3.1	
4. NOTRE DAME (vs MIC): +1.9		4. MIDDLE TENN ST (vs VAN): +1.5		4. UCF (vs CON): +2.4	
5. OHIO ST (vs ORS): +1.8		5. ALABAMA (vs LOU): +1.4		5. MIDDLE TENN ST (vs VAN): +2.2	
6. UCF (vs CON): +1.6		6. CINCINNATI (vs UCL): +1.4		6. CINCINNATI (vs UCL): +1.9	
7. LOUISIANA TECH (vs SAL): +1.4		7. DUKE (vs ARM): +1.3		7. UTSA (vs AZS): +1.7	
Passing Yards Gained (PYPG)	W/L	Passing Yards Allowed (PYPG)	W/L	Passing Yds Differential (PYPG)	W/L
1. NEW MEXICO ST (vs MIN): +214.1		1. UTSA (vs AZS): +111.8		1. WASHINGTON ST (vs WYO): +193.6	
2. WASHINGTON ST (vs WYO): +189.6		2. RUTGERS (vs TSU): +81.4		2. DUKE (vs ARM): +183.7	
3. DUKE (vs ARM): +186.3		3. TENNESSEE (vs WV): +79.7		3. UCLA (vs CIN): +167.3	
4. NEW MEXICO ST (vs WYO): +162.9		4. OLE MISS (vs TT): +68.0		4. NEW MEXICO ST (vs MIN): +154.2	
5. HAWAII (vs NAV): +157.2		5. C MICHIGAN (vs KEN): +66.1		5. OKLAHOMA (vs FAU): +141.0	
6. OKLAHOMA (vs FAU): +148.7		6. UCF (vs CON): +65.8		6. C MICHIGAN (vs KEN): +133.6	
7. W KENTUCKY (vs WIS): +142.9		7. MICHIGAN (vs ND): +64.6		7. UCF (vs CON): +128.4	
Yards Per Pass Attempted (PYA)	W/L	Yards Per Pass Allowed (PYA)	W/L	Yards Per Pass Differential (PYA)	W/L
1. OKLAHOMA (vs FAU): +3.4		1. OHIO ST (vs ORS): +2.1		1. OHIO ST (vs ORS): +4.0	
2. NAVY (vs HAW): +3.2		2. ALABAMA (vs LOU): +2.1		2. NAVY (vs HAW): +3.7	
3. UCF (vs CON): +2.5		3. RUTGERS (vs TSU): +1.8		3. UCF (vs CON): +3.6	
4. UCLA (vs CIN): +2.3		4. WAKE FOREST (vs TUL): +1.7		4. UCLA (vs CIN): +3.2	
5. MASSACHUSETTS (vs BC): +2.1		5. S CAROLINA (vs CCU): +1.7		5. COLORADO ST (vs HAW): +3.0	
6. ARIZONA (vs BYU): +1.9		6. C MICHIGAN (vs KEN): +1.7		6. OREGON (vs BG): +2.5	
7. OHIO ST (vs ORS): +1.8		7. FLORIDA ST (vs VAT): +1.5		7. OKLAHOMA (vs FAU): +2.5	
Total Yards Gained (TYPG)	W/L	Total Yards Allowed (TYPG)	W/L	Total Yds Differential (TYPG)	W/L
1. OHIO ST (vs ORS): +172.3		1. OHIO ST (vs ORS): +172.2		1. OHIO ST (vs ORS): +344.4	
2. W VIRGINIA (vs TEN): +168.8		2. UTSA (vs AZS): +161.6		2. UCF (vs CON): +206.4	
3. ARIZONA (vs BYU): +164.4		3. OREGON (vs BG): +137.4		3. OREGON (vs BG): +191.5	
4. NEW MEXICO ST (vs WYO): +161.7		4. ALABAMA (vs LOU): +127.6		4. WASHINGTON ST (vs WYO): +160.2	
5. WASHINGTON ST (vs WYO): +148.3		5. WISCONSIN (vs): +115.1		5. W VIRGINIA (vs TEN): +136.2	
6. NEW MEXICO ST (vs MIN): +139.2		6. MICHIGAN ST (vs UTS): +101.9		6. WISCONSIN (vs): +133.5	
7. UCF (vs CON): +115.3		7. MICHIGAN (vs ND): +98.2		7. TEXAS (vs MD): +128.9	

COLLEGE FOOTBALL WEEK 1: THURSDAY, AUGUST 30



**UCF
KNIGHTS**



**CONNECTICUT
HUSKIES**



LINE: UCF BY 2½

• (133) UCF (2017 SU: 13-0, 2017 ATS: 8-3-2) at (134) CONNECTICUT (2017 SU: 3-9, 2017 ATS: 5-7) - Thursday, 8/30/2018 7:00 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
UCF	+22.9	29.8	48	25	38-199 (5.2)	22-33-332 (10.2)	71-531 (7.5)	0-1	25	22	38-160 (4.2)	20-36-268 (7.4)	74-428 (5.8)	1-2	+17
CONNECTICUT	-14.3	31.2	24	21	40-146 (3.6)	21-35-269 (7.7)	75-415 (5.5)	1-1	38	26	37-185 (5.0)	26-39-334 (8.5)	76-519 (6.8)	0-0	-8

HEAD-TO-HEAD: LAST FIVE MEETINGS

DATE	HOME	LINE	SU RESULT	ATS WIN	O/U
11/11/17	UCF	-39½	CONN 24 at UCF 49	CONN	0 (64)
10/22/16	CONN	+4	UCF 24 at CONN 16	UCF	U (45½)
10/10/15	UCF	+1½	CONN 40 at UCF 13	CONN	0 (39)
11/1/14	CONN	+9	UCF 29 at CONN 37	CONN	0 (38)
10/26/13	UCF	-24	CONN 17 at UCF 62	UCF	0 (52)

STATFOX POWER TRENDS:

- CONNECTICUT is 0-7 ATS in the first month of the season since the start of the 2016 season.
- CONNECTICUT is 7-17 ATS in all lined games since the start of the 2016 season.
- UCF is 28-13 UNDER in the first month of the season since 1992.



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UCF Knights
Connecticut Huskies

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**NORTHWESTERN
WILDCATS**



**PURDUE
BOILERMAKERS**



LINE: PURDUE BY 2½

• (135) NORTHWESTERN (2017 SU: 10-3, 2017 ATS: 9-4) at (136) PURDUE (2017 SU: 7-6, 2017 ATS: 9-4) - Thursday, 8/30/2018 8:00 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
NORTHWESTERN	+9.2	37.0	29	23	41-174 (4.2)	21-35-234 (6.6)	76-408 (5.4)	0-1	20	19	33-108 (3.3)	22-38-250 (6.6)	71-358 (5.0)	1-1	+7
PURDUE	+4.7	39.1	25	22	34-152 (4.4)	22-38-252 (6.7)	72-404 (5.6)	0-1	21	19	38-132 (3.5)	19-34-244 (7.2)	72-376 (5.2)	1-1	+4

HEAD-TO-HEAD: LAST FIVE MEETINGS

DATE	HOME	LINE	SU RESULT	ATS WIN	O/U
11/11/17	NW	-6	PUR 13 at NW 23	NW	U (48½)
11/12/16	PUR	+13	NW 45 at PUR 17	NW	0 (58)
11/14/15	NW	-14	PUR 14 at NW 21	PUR	U (48)
11/22/14	PUR	-1	NW 38 at PUR 14	NW	0 (51)
10/9/10	NW	-8	PUR 20 at NW 17	PUR	U (48½)

STATFOX POWER TRENDS:

- Pat Fitzgerald is 66-39 UNDER in games played on a grass field as coach of NORTHWESTERN.
- NORTHWESTERN is 8-1 ATS away against conference opponents since the start of the 2016 season.
- Pat Fitzgerald is 27-15 ATS as a road underdog as coach of NORTHWESTERN.



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Northwestern Wildcats
Purdue Boilermakers

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NEW MEXICO STATE



MINNESOTA (-18½)



• (137) NEW MEXICO STATE (2017 SU: 7-6, 2017 ATS: 7-5-1) at (138) MINNESOTA (2017 SU: 5-7, 2017 ATS: 4-7-1) - Thursday, 8/30/2018 7:00 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
NEW MEXICO STATE	-0.4	24.9	29	22	27-108 (3.9)	31-49-340 (6.9)	76-448 (5.9)	1-2	30	22	40-166 (4.2)	20-35-234 (6.7)	75-400 (5.3)	1-1	-2
MINNESOTA	-0.8	36.3	22	16	44-182 (4.2)	9-19-126 (6.5)	63-308 (4.9)	1-1	23	17	35-172 (4.9)	18-28-174 (6.3)	63-346 (5.5)	1-1	EVEN



MINNESOTA 31, NEW MEXICO STATE 21

KEY GAME TREND: Doug Martin is 21-7 OVER as a road underdog as coach of NEW MEXICO STATE.



WAKE FOREST (-6½)



TULANE



• (139) WAKE FOREST (2017 SU: 8-5, 2017 ATS: 8-4-1) at (140) TULANE (2017 SU: 5-7, 2017 ATS: 8-4) - Thursday, 8/30/2018 8:00 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
WAKE FOREST	+7.0	40.3	35	23	41-189 (4.6)	21-33-277 (8.4)	74-466 (6.3)	0-1	28	24	42-186 (4.4)	23-40-272 (6.8)	82-458 (5.6)	1-1	+8
TULANE	-1.7	31.5	28	21	48-232 (4.8)	11-20-162 (8.1)	68-394 (5.8)	0-0	29	20	39-210 (5.4)	15-27-226 (8.5)	66-436 (6.6)	1-1	+9



WAKE FOREST 40, TULANE 25

KEY GAME TREND: Dave Clawson is 24-14 ATS in games played on turf as coach of WAKE FOREST.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL WEEK 1: FRIDAY, AUGUST 31



SYRACUSE (-6)

vs

WESTERN MICHIGAN



• (143) SYRACUSE (2017 SU: 4-8, 2017 ATS: 6-5-1) at (144) WESTERN MICHIGAN (2017 SU: 6-6, 2017 ATS: 5-7) - Friday, 8/31/2018 6:00 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)										TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)				
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
SYRACUSE	-4.8	40.5	27	24	40-162 (4.0)	27-46-295 (6.5)	86-457 (5.3)	1-1	32	21	38-197 (5.2)	19-32-247 (7.8)	70-444 (6.3)	1-0	-12
WESTERN MICHIGAN	+4.9	24.9	34	21	47-225 (4.8)	14-24-165 (6.7)	71-390 (5.5)	1-1	29	19	37-156 (4.2)	17-30-222 (7.4)	67-378 (5.6)	1-1	+8

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KEY GAME TREND: SYRACUSE is 14-3 UNDER in games played on turf since the start of the 2016 season.



UTAH STATE

vs

MICHIGAN STATE (-23)



• (141) UTAH STATE (2017 SU: 6-7, 2017 ATS: 6-7) at (142) MICHIGAN STATE (2017 SU: 10-3, 2017 ATS: 8-5) - Friday, 8/31/2018 7:00 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)										TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)				
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
UTAH STATE	+3.2	27.5	30	19	37-171 (4.6)	20-33-226 (6.8)	70-397 (5.7)	1-1	27	21	48-217 (4.5)	16-29-182 (6.3)	77-399 (5.2)	1-1	+5
MICHIGAN STATE	+4.5	40.3	25	22	42-168 (4.0)	19-33-215 (6.6)	75-383 (5.1)	1-1	20	16	28-95 (3.4)	19-33-202 (6.2)	61-297 (4.9)	1-1	+3

statfox Forecaster | MICHIGAN STATE 25, UTAH STATE 21

KEY GAME TREND: Matt Wells is 9-20 ATS as an underdog as coach of UTAH STATE.



WESTERN KENTUCKY

vs

WISCONSIN (-34½)



• (145) WESTERN KENTUCKY (2017 SU: 6-7, 2017 ATS: 3-9) at (146) WISCONSIN (2017 SU: 13-1, 2017 ATS: 9-5) - Friday, 8/31/2018 9:00 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)										TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)				
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
WESTERN KENTUCKY	-1.4	20.1	25	23	30-62 (2.0)	29-44-335 (7.5)	74-397 (5.4)	1-1	27	19	38-170 (4.4)	17-30-207 (6.9)	68-377 (5.5)	0-1	-8
WISCONSIN	+19.9	38.5	34	21	45-223 (5.0)	15-23-192 (8.3)	68-415 (6.1)	1-1	14	14	31-98 (3.2)	14-28-164 (5.8)	59-262 (4.4)	1-1	+5

statfox Forecaster | WISCONSIN 44, WESTERN KENTUCKY 13

KEY GAME TREND: WESTERN KENTUCKY is 1-8 ATS in non-conference games since the start of the 2016 season.



SAN DIEGO STATE

vs

STANFORD (-14½)



• (149) SAN DIEGO STATE (2017 SU: 10-3, 2017 ATS: 8-5) at (150) STANFORD (2017 SU: 9-5, 2017 ATS: 7-6-1) - Friday, 8/31/2018 9:00 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)										TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)				
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
SAN DIEGO STATE	+10.5	27.8	31	20	44-253 (5.7)	12-19-148 (7.6)	63-401 (6.4)	1-0	20	15	36-136 (3.8)	14-25-174 (6.9)	61-310 (5.1)	0-1	+7
STANFORD	+9.6	41.6	32	18	34-202 (5.9)	15-26-178 (6.9)	60-380 (6.3)	0-1	23	21	37-169 (4.6)	20-31-236 (7.6)	68-405 (6.0)	1-1	+16

statfox Forecaster | STANFORD 32, SAN DIEGO STATE 23

KEY GAME TREND: STANFORD is 6-0 UNDER as a favorite of between 10½ and 21 points since the start of the 2016 season.

statfox SUPER SITUATIONS

Situational analysis uncovers conditions and patterns where teams have consistently outperformed or underperformed their normal levels. These systems are not team specific—the principle is that teams fall into patterns regardless of personnel (i.e. good passing teams, teams seeking revenge, cold teams on a losing streak, etc.).

- **Play On** - Road favorites of between 10½ and 21 points (NAVY) that averaged 5.25 or more rushing yards per carry the previous season.

- **The situation's record** is 24-4 over the last 10 seasons (85.7%, +19.6 units).

RATING = ***

- **Play Against** - Any team (STANFORD, APPALACHIAN STATE) in the first week of the season, after closing out previous season with three or more straight spread covers, team that had a good record last season (60% to 80%) playing a team that had a winning record.

- **The situation's record** is 30-7-1 since 1992 (81.1%, +22.3 units).

RATING = ***

- **Play On** - A bowl team from the previous season who had a losing record and lost four or five of their final games (WESTERN KENTUCKY) in the first two weeks of the season.

- **The situation's record** is 35-11 since 1992 (76.1%, +22.9 units).

RATING = ***

COLLEGE FOOTBALL WEEK 1: AUGUST 31 & SEPTEMBER 1



ARMY BLACK KNIGHTS vs DUKE BLUE DEVILS

LINE: DUKE BY 13½



(159) ARMY (2017 SU: 10-3, 2017 ATS: 7-6) at (160) DUKE (2017 SU: 7-6, 2017 ATS: 7-5-1) - Friday, 8/31/2018 7:00 PM

	PDIF	SS	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)				TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)				TOD				
			PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD		RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT
ARMY	+8.7	28.8	31	21	60-362 (6.0)	2-5-28 (5.6)	65-390 (6.0)	0-0	22	18	33-173 (5.3)	15-23-177 (7.6)	56-350 (6.2)	1-0	+4
DUKE	+6.3	37.3	27	23	42-171 (4.1)	20-36-214 (5.9)	78-385 (4.9)	1-1	20	16	38-153 (4.0)	13-25-179 (7.1)	63-332 (5.3)	0-1	EVEN

HEAD-TO-HEAD: LAST FIVE MEETINGS

DATE	HOME LINE	SU RESULT	ATS WIN	O/U
11/11/17	ARMY +3½	DUKE 16 at ARMY 21	ARMY U (50½)	
10/8/16	DUKE -6	ARMY 6 at DUKE 13	DUKE U (43½)	
10/10/15	ARMY +13½	DUKE 44 at ARMY 3	DUKE U (47½)	
9/25/10	DUKE -6½	ARMY 35 at DUKE 21	ARMY O (55)	
9/12/09	ARMY +2½	DUKE 35 at ARMY 19	DUKE O (44½)	

STATFOX POWER TRENDS:

- Jeff Monken is 21-7 UNDER as an underdog as coach of ARMY.
- David Cutcliffe is 17-6 ATS at home in non-conference games as coach of DUKE.
- DUKE is 11-3 UNDER in the first half of the season since the start of the 2016 season.



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Army Black Knights	23
Duke Blue Devils	24



COLORADO STATE RAMS vs COLORADO BUFFALOES

LINE: COLORADO BY 7



(148) COLORADO STATE (2017 SU: 7-6, 2017 ATS: 4-9) vs. (147) COLORADO (2017 SU: 5-7, 2017 ATS: 3-9) - Friday, 8/31/2018 9:30 PM at Sports Authority Field in Denver

	PDIF	SS	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)				TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)				TOD				
			PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD		RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT
COLORADO STATE	+5.6	28.0	33	25	40-200 (5.0)	22-35-292 (8.3)	75-492 (6.6)	0-1	28	21	36-187 (5.1)	18-32-245 (7.6)	68-432 (6.4)	0-1	+2
COLORADO	-1.8	34.4	26	23	42-157 (3.8)	20-34-260 (7.6)	76-417 (5.5)	0-1	28	23	40-209 (5.2)	19-34-242 (7.1)	74-451 (6.1)	0-1	EVEN

HEAD-TO-HEAD: LAST FIVE MEETINGS

DATE	HOME LINE	SU RESULT	ATS WIN	O/U
9/1/17	COL -3	CSU 3 vs COL 17	COL U (68½)	
9/2/16	COL -7	CSU 7 vs COL 44	COL U (56½)	
9/19/15	CSU +2½	COL 27 vs CSU 24	COL U (56)	
8/29/14	COL -2½	CSU 31 vs COL 17	CSU U (53½)	
9/1/13	CSU -3	COL 41 vs CSU 27	COL O (50½)	

STATFOX POWER TRENDS:

- COLORADO STATE is 3-8 both straight-up and ATS vs. Pac-12 Conference opponents since the start of 2008.
- COLORADO is 11-4 both straight-up and ATS vs. Mountain West Conference opponents since the start of 2007.
- COLORADO is 12-2 UNDER against Mountain West Conference opponents since the start of 2008.



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Colorado State Rams	35
Colorado Buffaloes	32



HOUSTON COUGARS vs RICE OWLS

LINE: HOUSTON BY 23



(153) HOUSTON (2017 SU: 7-5, 2017 ATS: 6-6) at (154) RICE (2017 SU: 1-11, 2017 ATS: 4-8) - Saturday, 9/1/2018 12:00 PM

	PDIF	SS	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)				TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)				TOD				
			PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD		RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT
HOUSTON	+4.4	32.7	28	21	37-167 (4.5)	23-34-261 (7.6)	71-428 (6.0)	1-1	24	23	39-148 (3.8)	25-39-274 (7.0)	78-422 (5.4)	0-1	-2
RICE	-19.5	28.8	16	17	40-187 (4.6)	10-20-145 (7.1)	60-332 (5.5)	1-1	36	22	38-193 (5.0)	19-28-225 (8.1)	66-418 (6.3)	0-0	-23

HEAD-TO-HEAD: LAST FIVE MEETINGS

DATE	HOME LINE	SU RESULT	ATS WIN	O/U
9/16/17	HOU -22½	RICE 3 at HOU 38	HOU U (54)	
9/21/13	HOU -3	RICE 26 at HOU 31	HOU U (63)	
9/29/12	RICE +9½	HOU 35 at RICE 14	HOU U (69)	
10/27/11	HOU -27½	RICE 34 at HOU 73	HOU O (73½)	
10/16/10	RICE +9½	HOU 31 at RICE 34	RICE U (65½)	

STATFOX POWER TRENDS:

- HOUSTON went 8-1 UNDER when playing on a Saturday last season.
- HOUSTON went 6-0 UNDER in the first half of last season.
- RICE is 7-18 ATS over its past 25 games as an underdog of between 21½ and 31 points.



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Houston Cougars	33
Rice Owls	18

COLLEGE FOOTBALL WEEK 1: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1



MISSISSIPPI REBELS | VS | TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS



LINE: TEXAS TECH BY 2

• (197) MISSISSIPPI (2017 SU: 6-6, 2017 ATS: 4-7-1) vs. (198) TEXAS TECH (2017 SU: 6-7, 2017 ATS: 6-6-1) - Saturday, 9/1/2018 12:00 PM at Reliant Stadium in Houston

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							
	PDFIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
OLE MISS	-1.8	35.9	33	21	31-134 (4.3)	23-36-328 (9.1)	67-462 (6.9)	0-1	35	23	46-246 (5.4)	17-29-214 (7.4)	75-460 (6.1)	0-1	-5
TEXAS TECH	+2.1	39.3	34	25	35-141 (4.0)	27-42-334 (8.0)	77-475 (6.2)	0-1	32	24	38-162 (4.3)	25-39-282 (7.2)	77-444 (5.8)	1-1	+11

HEAD-TO-HEAD: LAST FOUR MEETINGS

DATE	HOME LINE	SU RESULT	ATS WIN	O/U
1/2/09	TTU -4	MISS 47 at TTU 34	MISS	0 (66)
9/27/03	MISS -3	TTU 49 at MISS 45	TTU	0 (65½)
9/14/02	TTU -3	MISS 28 at TTU 42	TTU	0 (58)
12/31/98	TTU -8½	MISS 35 at TTU 18	MISS	0 (44½)

STATFOX POWER TRENDS:

- OLE MISS went 9-2 OVER when playing on a Saturday last season.
- Kliff Kingsbury is 12-4 ATS in September games as coach of TEXAS TECH.
- OLE MISS is 5-1 OVER in non-conference games vs. FBS teams since the start of 2013.

	Mississippi Rebels	34
	Texas Tech Red Raiders	39



MICHIGAN WOLVERINES | VS | NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH



LINE: MICHIGAN BY 1½

• (211) MICHIGAN (2017 SU: 8-5, 2017 ATS: 6-7) at (212) NOTRE DAME (2017 SU: 10-3, 2017 ATS: 8-5) - Saturday, 9/1/2018 7:30 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							
	PDFIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
MICHIGAN	+6.4	38.9	25	17	41-178 (4.4)	14-27-171 (6.4)	68-349 (5.1)	1-1	19	14	35-121 (3.5)	12-25-150 (5.9)	60-271 (4.5)	1-1	-4
NOTRE DAME	+12.8	44.9	34	21	43-269 (6.3)	14-27-179 (6.6)	70-448 (6.4)	1-1	21	20	39-154 (4.0)	19-34-215 (6.3)	73-369 (5.1)	1-1	+3

HEAD-TO-HEAD: LAST FIVE MEETINGS

DATE	HOME LINE	SU RESULT	ATS WIN	O/U
9/6/14	ND -4	MICH 0 at ND 31	ND	U (56)
9/7/13	MICH -4½	ND 30 at MICH 41	MICH	0 (48)
9/22/12	ND -6	MICH 6 at ND 13	ND	U (50½)
9/10/11	MICH +3½	ND 31 at MICH 35	MICH	0 (57)
9/11/10	ND -3½	MICH 28 at ND 24	MICH	U (53)

STATFOX POWER TRENDS:

- Brian Kelly is 54-39 UNDER in non-conference games as coach of NOTRE DAME.
- Brian Kelly is 31-17 ATS as an underdog.
- Brian Kelly is 46-28 UNDER in home games.

	Michigan Wolverines	20
	Notre Dame Fighting Irish	32



BYU COUGARS | VS | ARIZONA WILDCATS



LINE: ARIZONA BY 12

• (185) BYU (2017 SU: 4-9, 2017 ATS: 4-9) at (186) ARIZONA (2017 SU: 7-6, 2017 ATS: 6-7) - Saturday, 9/1/2018 10:45 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							
	PDFIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
BYU	-7.6	30.6	17	17	31-131 (4.2)	18-32-195 (6.1)	63-326 (5.2)	1-1	25	21	40-147 (3.7)	20-30-225 (7.6)	70-372 (5.3)	1-1	-10
ARIZONA	+6.9	33.7	41	24	47-310 (6.6)	14-23-179 (7.9)	70-489 (7.0)	1-1	34	25	40-185 (4.6)	24-38-286 (7.5)	78-471 (6.0)	0-1	+3

HEAD-TO-HEAD: LAST FOUR MEETINGS

DATE	HOME LINE	SU RESULT	ATS WIN	O/U
9/3/16	ARI +1½	BYU 18 at ARI 16	BYU	U (63½)
12/20/08	ARI -3	BYU 21 at ARI 31	ARI	U (62)
9/1/07	BYU -3½	ARI 7 at BYU 20	BYU	U (47½)
9/2/06	ARI -7	BYU 13 at ARI 16	BYU	U (53½)

STATFOX POWER TRENDS:

- BYU is 0-7 ATS in the first half of the season since the start of last season.
- ARIZONA is 6-15 ATS when playing on a Saturday since the start of the 2016 season.
- BYU is 18-8 UNDER in all lined games since the start of the 2016 season.

	BYU Cougars	20
	Arizona Wildcats	46

COLLEGE FOOTBALL WEEK 1: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1



WASHINGTON

vs

AUBURN (-2½)



• (193) WASHINGTON (2017 SU: 10-3, 2017 ATS: 7-6) vs. (194) AUBURN (2017 SU: 10-4, 2017 ATS: 5-7-2) - Saturday, 9/1/2018 3:30 PM at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
WASHINGTON	+20.2	36.4	36	21	36-183 (5.0)	18-27-222 (8.3)	63-405 (6.4)	0-0	16	17	35-101 (2.9)	21-32-197 (6.1)	67-298 (4.4)	1-1	+13
AUBURN	+15.4	41.9	34	22	46-218 (4.8)	18-27-233 (8.6)	73-451 (6.2)	1-0	18	17	38-137 (3.6)	17-31-183 (6.0)	69-320 (4.6)	1-0	-1



Washington	27
Auburn	28

- WASHINGTON is 2-5 ATS in games with a point spread between +3 and -3 since the start of the 2014 season.
- AUBURN is 15-8-2 UNDER in non-conference games since the start of the 2013 season.
- WASHINGTON is 5-1 OVER when the total is between 42½ and 49 since the start of the 2014 season.



WEST VIRGINIA (-10)

vs

TENNESSEE



• (201) W. VIRGINIA (2017 SU: 7-6, 2017 ATS: 5-8) vs. (202) TENNESSEE (2017 SU: 4-8, 2017 ATS: 3-9) - Saturday, 9/1/2018 3:30 PM at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, NC

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
WEST VIRGINIA	+3.1	39.1	35	23	35-151 (4.2)	23-37-309 (8.4)	72-460 (6.4)	1-1	31	21	41-204 (4.9)	18-31-241 (7.7)	72-445 (6.2)	1-1	-7
TENNESSEE	-9.3	38.2	20	18	34-117 (3.4)	15-27-174 (6.5)	61-291 (4.8)	1-1	29	22	46-251 (5.4)	13-23-162 (7.0)	69-413 (6.0)	1-0	-3



West Virginia	39
Tennessee	18

- WEST VIRGINIA is 6-1 OVER in September games since the start of the 2016 season.
- Dana Holgorsen is 35-24 UNDER as a favorite as coach of WEST VIRGINIA.
- Dana Holgorsen is 2-9 ATS in games played on a neutral field as coach of WEST VIRGINIA.



OREGON STATE

vs

OHIO STATE (-37)



• (155) OREGON STATE (2017 SU: 1-11, 2017 ATS: 3-9) at (156) OHIO STATE (2017 SU: 12-2, 2017 ATS: 7-7) - Saturday, 9/1/2018 12:00 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
OREGON STATE	-22.3	38.7	21	19	34-138 (4.0)	18-30-196 (6.5)	64-334 (5.2)	1-1	43	26	43-236 (5.5)	19-29-237 (8.3)	72-473 (6.6)	1-1	-14
OHIO STATE	+22.1	40.4	41	25	42-244 (5.8)	20-31-262 (8.4)	73-506 (6.9)	1-1	19	17	36-105 (2.9)	18-32-196 (6.1)	68-301 (4.4)	1-1	+5



Oregon State	13
Ohio State	64

- OHIO STATE is 12-2 ATS over its past 14 games against opponents from the Pac-12 Conference.
- OREGON STATE is 4-1 UNDER in its past five games against opponents from the Big Ten Conference.
- OHIO STATE is 3-12 ATS as a favorite of 31 or more points since the start of the 2012 season.



TEXAS (-13½)

vs

MARYLAND



• (173) TEXAS (2017 SU: 7-6, 2017 ATS: 9-4) vs. (174) MARYLAND (2017 SU: 4-8, 2017 ATS: 5-7) - Saturday, 9/1/2018 12:00 PM at FedEx Field in Landover, MD

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
TEXAS	+8.2	39.8	29	20	39-140 (3.6)	23-38-259 (6.7)	77-399 (5.2)	1-1	21	18	36-107 (3.0)	20-35-259 (7.4)	71-366 (5.2)	1-1	+8
MARYLAND	-13.0	42.0	24	17	36-162 (4.4)	15-26-162 (6.1)	62-324 (5.2)	0-1	37	24	41-191 (4.7)	20-34-229 (6.8)	75-420 (5.6)	0-1	+2



Texas	30
Maryland	17

- TEXAS is 1-5 ATS in its past six games against opponents from the Big Ten Conference.
- TEXAS is 18-7 UNDER since the start of the 2016 season.
- TEXAS went 7-0 UNDER in games played away from home last season.



FLORIDA ATLANTIC

vs

OKLAHOMA (-21)



• (151) FLORIDA ATLANTIC (2017 SU: 11-3, 2017 ATS: 10-4) at (152) OKLAHOMA (2017 SU: 12-2, 2017 ATS: 8-6) - Saturday, 9/1/2018 12:00 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
FLORIDA ATLANTIC	+17.9	25.0	41	24	48-285 (6.0)	17-26-213 (8.3)	74-498 (6.7)	0-0	23	22	40-159 (4.0)	20-35-231 (6.5)	75-390 (5.2)	0-1	+13
OKLAHOMA	+18.1	41.9	45	26	39-218 (5.6)	22-31-362 (11.7)	70-580 (8.3)	0-0	27	20	36-156 (4.4)	19-32-238 (7.5)	68-394 (5.8)	1-1	+5



Florida Atlantic	33
Oklahoma	52

- FLORIDA ATLANTIC is 0-8 ATS in its past eight games against opponents from the Big 12 Conference.
- FLORIDA ATLANTIC is 9-4 OVER in road games since the final games of the 2015 season.
- OKLAHOMA is 9-2 ATS as a home favorite since the start of the 2016 season.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL WEEK 1: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1



MASSACHUSETTS

vs

BOSTON COLLEGE (-18½)



• (163) MASSACHUSETTS (2017 SU: 4-8, 2017 ATS: 6-5) at (164) BOSTON COLLEGE (2017 SU: 7-6, 2017 ATS: 8-4) - Saturday, 9/1/2018 1:00 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
MASSACHUSETTS	-1.3	25.0	31	22	35-136 (3.9)	23-37-298 (8.0)	72-434 (6.0)	1-0	32	19	40-197 (4.9)	16-30-207 (6.8)	70-404 (5.8)	1-1	+3
BOSTON COLLEGE	+2.8	40.8	26	19	48-220 (4.6)	15-28-166 (5.9)	76-386 (5.1)	1-1	23	18	40-191 (4.8)	16-31-192 (6.1)	71-383 (5.4)	1-1	+5



Massachusetts	26
Boston College	32

- BOSTON COLLEGE is 8-1 UNDER as a favorite since the start of the 2016 season.
- Steve Addazio is 11-3 UNDER as a home favorite as coach of BOSTON COLLEGE.
- Steve Addazio is 19-10 UNDER in home games as coach of BOSTON COLLEGE.



APPALACHIAN STATE

vs

PENN STATE (-23)



• (157) APPALACHIAN STATE (2017 SU: 9-4, 2017 ATS: 6-7) at (158) PENN STATE (2017 SU: 11-2, 2017 ATS: 9-4) - Saturday, 9/1/2018 3:30 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
APPALACHIAN STATE	+13.2	23.5	33	21	41-224 (5.5)	17-27-216 (7.9)	68-440 (6.5)	1-0	20	17	35-138 (3.9)	17-29-205 (7.0)	64-343 (5.4)	1-1	+12
PENN STATE	+24.6	38.5	41	23	35-170 (4.9)	23-35-290 (8.2)	70-460 (6.6)	0-1	16	17	35-118 (3.4)	20-35-211 (6.1)	70-329 (4.7)	1-1	+12



Appalachian State	18
Penn State	40

- PENN STATE is 8-1 ATS at home when the total is between 49½ and 56 since the start of the 2014 season.
- APPALACHIAN STATE is 7-1 UNDER in September road games since the start of the 2014 season.
- PENN STATE is 18-10 Under in September games since the start of the 2011 season.



KENT STATE

vs

ILLINOIS (-15½)



• (165) KENT STATE (2017 SU: 2-10, 2017 ATS: 4-8) at (166) ILLINOIS (2017 SU: 2-10, 2017 ATS: 5-7) - Saturday, 9/1/2018 12:00 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
KENT STATE	-22.3	29.6	13	14	43-152 (3.5)	10-20-123 (6.3)	63-275 (4.4)	1-1	35	20	41-215 (5.3)	14-25-195 (7.8)	66-410 (6.2)	1-1	-7
ILLINOIS	-16.1	36.7	15	14	32-106 (3.3)	14-28-175 (6.2)	60-281 (4.7)	1-2	32	22	46-218 (4.8)	17-28-200 (7.1)	74-418 (5.6)	1-1	-7



Kent State	13
Illinois	29

- KENT STATE is 3-10 ATS against opponents from the Big Ten Conference since the start of the 2000 season.
- KENT STATE is 6-0 OVER in the first two weeks of the season since the start of 2015.
- ILLINOIS 7-2 ATS when the total is between 49½ and 56 since the start of the 2016 season.



TEXAS STATE

vs

RUTGERS (-16½)



• (167) TEXAS STATE (2017 SU: 2-10, 2017 ATS: 5-6) at (168) RUTGERS (2017 SU: 4-8, 2017 ATS: 8-4) - Saturday, 9/1/2018 12:00 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
TEXAS STATE	-16.3	24.7	17	19	40-135 (3.4)	18-31-206 (6.6)	71-341 (4.8)	1-1	34	21	38-142 (3.8)	21-33-297 (9.0)	71-439 (6.2)	1-0	-15
RUTGERS	-10.3	37.6	18	14	36-147 (4.0)	11-23-116 (5.0)	59-263 (4.5)	1-1	28	20	40-183 (4.6)	17-30-216 (7.2)	70-399 (5.7)	0-1	-5



Texas State	17
Rutgers	30

- RUTGERS is 39-20 UNDER in non-conference games since 1992.
- RUTGERS is 45-26 UNDER in the first half of the season since 1992.
- TEXAS STATE is 1-3 ATS as an underdog of between 10½ and 21 points since the start of the 2012 season.



COASTAL CAROLINA

vs

SOUTH CAROLINA (-29½)



• (199) COASTAL CAROLINA (2017 SU: 3-9, 2017 ATS: 5-7) at (200) SOUTH CAROLINA (2017 SU: 9-4, 2017 ATS: 8-4-1) - Saturday, 9/1/2018 12:00 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
COASTAL CAROLINA	-10.3	22.6	24	18	37-156 (4.2)	13-25-189 (7.5)	62-345 (5.6)	1-1	34	22	39-170 (4.3)	18-29-241 (8.4)	68-411 (6.0)	0-0	-7
SOUTH CAROLINA	+3.5	38.3	24	18	31-122 (3.9)	19-31-215 (7.0)	62-337 (5.4)	0-1	21	20	37-141 (3.8)	20-34-226 (6.7)	71-367 (5.2)	1-1	+11



Coastal Carolina	17
South Carolina	35

- Will Muschamp is 8-1 UNDER in September games as coach of SOUTH CAROLINA.
- Will Muschamp is 10-2 UNDER in the first half of the season as coach of SOUTH CAROLINA.
- SOUTH CAROLINA is 2-7 ATS as a favorite of 20 or more points since the midway point of the 2012 season.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL WEEK 1: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1



NORTH CAROLINA

vs

CALIFORNIA (-7)



• (203) NORTH CAROLINA (2017 SU: 3-9, 2017 ATS: 5-7) at (204) CALIFORNIA (2017 SU: 5-7, 2017 ATS: 8-4) - Saturday, 9/1/2018 4:00 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
NORTH CAROLINA	-5.3	37.8	26	20	36-144 (4.1)	18-34-225 (6.6)	70-369 (5.3)	0-1	31	22	44-213 (4.8)	17-30-223 (7.4)	74-436 (5.9)	1-1	-7
CALIFORNIA	-0.7	37.8	28	22	35-126 (3.6)	23-40-259 (6.5)	75-385 (5.1)	1-1	28	22	40-164 (4.1)	22-34-266 (7.7)	74-430 (5.8)	1-1	+4



North Carolina	26
California	27

- Larry Fedora is 19-10 UNDER as an underdog as coach of NORTH CAROLINA.
- NORTH CAROLINA is 2-8 ATS in September games played away from home since the start of the 2012 season.
- NORTH CAROLINA is 10-3 UNDER as an underdog since the start of the 2016 season.



UNLV

vs

USC (-25½)



• (189) UNLV (2017 SU: 5-7, 2017 ATS: 6-5-1) at (190) USC (2017 SU: 11-3, 2017 ATS: 4-10) - Saturday, 9/1/2018 4:00 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
UNLV	-2.9	26.3	29	21	44-240 (5.5)	13-24-183 (7.5)	68-423 (6.2)	0-1	32	24	44-239 (5.4)	18-29-219 (7.6)	73-458 (6.3)	1-1	+4
USC	+6.4	42.9	33	24	39-185 (4.8)	22-35-299 (8.5)	74-484 (6.5)	1-1	26	20	36-159 (4.4)	18-34-237 (7.0)	70-396 (5.7)	1-1	-2



UNLV	20
USC	42

- Tony Sanchez is 23-13 OVER in all lined games as coach of UNLV.
- Tony Sanchez is 6-0 ATS as a road underdog of 21½ or more points as coach of UNLV.
- USC is 2-7 ATS in September games since the start of the 2016 season.



CINCINNATI

vs

UCLA (-16½)



• (191) CINCINNATI (2017 SU: 4-8, 2017 ATS: 4-8) at (192) UCLA (2017 SU: 6-7, 2017 ATS: 4-9) - Saturday, 9/1/2018 7:00 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
CINCINNATI	-10.9	29.6	21	20	31-135 (4.4)	20-36-216 (6.0)	67-351 (5.2)	1-1	32	23	44-192 (4.4)	18-30-239 (8.1)	74-431 (5.8)	0-0	-5
UCLA	-4.2	42.7	32	23	31-116 (3.8)	26-41-341 (8.3)	72-457 (6.3)	1-1	37	25	50-287 (5.8)	16-27-196 (7.2)	77-483 (6.3)	0-1	-9



Cincinnati	21
UCLA	44

- UCLA is 1-8 ATS in September games since the start of the 2016 season.
- CINCINNATI is 7-17 ATS in all lined games since the start of the 2016 season.
- UCLA is 7-3 OVER as a home favorite since the start of the 2016 season.



LOUISVILLE

vs

ALABAMA (-24½)



• (213) LOUISVILLE (2017 SU: 8-5, 2017 ATS: 5-8) vs. (214) ALABAMA (2017 SU: 13-1, 2017 ATS: 6-8) - Saturday, 9/1/2018 8:00 PM at Camping World Stadium in Orlando, FL

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
LOUISVILLE	+10.7	35.7	38	27	38-245 (6.4)	21-36-300 (8.4)	74-545 (7.4)	1-1	27	20	40-163 (4.1)	17-30-225 (7.6)	70-388 (5.5)	1-1	+2
ALABAMA	+25.1	40.1	37	22	44-251 (5.7)	15-24-193 (8.1)	68-444 (6.5)	0-0	12	17	35-95 (2.7)	16-30-166 (5.4)	65-261 (4.0)	0-1	+14



Louisville	22
Alabama	42

- Nick Saban is 19-6 OVER as a neutral-field favorite as coach of ALABAMA.
- Nick Saban is 9-1 ATS away from home in the first two weeks of the season as coach of ALABAMA.
- Nick Saban is 24-10 ATS away from home in the first half of the season as coach of ALABAMA.



AKRON

vs

NEBRASKA (-23½)



• (161) AKRON (2017 SU: 7-7, 2017 ATS: 9-5) at (162) NEBRASKA (2017 SU: 4-8, 2017 ATS: 4-8) - Saturday, 9/1/2018 8:00 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
AKRON	-5.9	29.3	22	18	33-106 (3.2)	17-32-211 (6.6)	65-317 (4.9)	0-1	28	23	41-205 (5.0)	20-33-238 (7.3)	74-443 (6.0)	1-1	+10
NEBRASKA	-10.7	41.2	26	20	31-108 (3.5)	22-38-278 (7.3)	69-386 (5.6)	0-1	36	23	39-215 (5.6)	20-30-221 (7.3)	69-436 (6.3)	0-1	-7



Akron	22
Nebraska	34

- NEBRASKA went 0-7 ATS in home games last season.
- AKRON is 7-0 UNDER in the first half of the season since the start of last season.
- Terry Bowden is 20-6 UNDER as a road underdog as coach of AKRON.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL WEEK 1: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1



MARSHALL

vs

MIAMI OHIO (-2½)



• (179) MARSHALL (2017 SU: 8-5, 2017 ATS: 9-4) at (180) MIAMI OHIO (2017 SU: 5-7, 2017 ATS: 3-9) - Saturday, 9/1/2018 3:30 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)								TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)						
	PDFIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
MARSHALL	+6.8	25.3	27	20	35-140 (4.0)	20-34-240 (7.0)	69-380 (5.5)	1-1	20	19	36-121 (3.4)	18-33-221 (6.6)	69-342 (5.0)	1-0	-8
MIAMI OHIO	+0.3	22.1	24	21	37-146 (4.0)	18-32-238 (7.4)	69-384 (5.6)	1-1	24	19	37-167 (4.5)	16-30-201 (6.6)	67-368 (5.5)	0-1	-1

statfox Forecaster | **MARSHALL 25, MIAMI OHIO 18**

KEY GAME TREND: MARSHALL is 8-1 OVER in non-conference games since the start of the 2016 season.



CENTRAL MICHIGAN

vs

KENTUCKY (-17)



• (195) CENTRAL MICHIGAN (2017 SU: 8-5, 2017 ATS: 7-6) at (196) KENTUCKY (2017 SU: 7-6, 2017 ATS: 4-9) - Saturday, 9/1/2018 3:30 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)								TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)						
	PDFIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	+0.9	25.2	28	18	35-134 (3.9)	20-36-256 (7.1)	71-390 (5.5)	1-1	28	19	43-188 (4.4)	17-31-186 (6.0)	74-374 (5.1)	1-1	EVEN
KENTUCKY	-2.7	36.6	26	19	38-162 (4.3)	15-25-188 (7.4)	63-350 (5.6)	1-1	28	22	36-175 (4.9)	21-33-252 (7.7)	69-427 (6.2)	1-1	+3

statfox Forecaster | **KENTUCKY 34, CENTRAL MICHIGAN 24**

KEY GAME TREND: KENTUCKY is 0-6 ATS at home in non-conference games since the start of the 2016 season.



NORTHERN ILLINOIS

vs

IOWA (-10)



• (171) NORTHERN ILLINOIS (2017 SU: 8-5, 2017 ATS: 6-7) at (172) IOWA (2017 SU: 8-5, 2017 ATS: 6-6) - Saturday, 9/1/2018 3:30 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)								TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)						
	PDFIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
NORTHERN ILLINOIS	+6.9	25.9	29	20	43-178 (4.1)	18-31-200 (6.4)	74-378 (5.1)	1-1	22	17	40-120 (3.0)	19-33-219 (6.7)	73-339 (4.6)	1-1	-2
IOWA	+8.3	41.5	28	17	37-139 (3.8)	15-27-190 (7.0)	64-329 (5.1)	1-0	20	19	35-145 (4.1)	20-35-213 (6.0)	70-358 (5.1)	0-2	+7

statfox Forecaster | **IOWA 27, NORTHERN ILLINOIS 18**

KEY GAME TREND: NORTHERN ILLINOIS is 7-1-1 ATS over its past nine games as a road underdog of between 10½ and 14 points.



WASHINGTON STATE (-3½)

vs

WYOMING



• (205) WASHINGTON STATE (2017 SU: 9-4, 2017 ATS: 7-6) at (206) WYOMING (2017 SU: 8-5, 2017 ATS: 8-5) - Saturday, 9/1/2018 3:30 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)								TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)						
	PDFIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
WASHINGTON STATE	+4.5	38.7	30	23	23-67 (2.9)	37-55-367 (6.7)	78-434 (5.6)	1-2	26	16	36-152 (4.2)	15-27-171 (6.3)	63-323 (5.1)	1-1	-3
WYOMING	+5.9	26.0	23	15	34-109 (3.2)	15-27-177 (6.6)	61-286 (4.7)	0-1	18	19	46-160 (3.5)	15-26-175 (6.8)	72-335 (4.7)	1-2	+24

statfox Forecaster | **WASHINGTON STATE 27, WYOMING 19**

KEY GAME TREND: WYOMING is 6-0 ATS as an underdog of 3½ to 10 points since the start of the 2016 season.



BOISE STATE (-10½)

vs

TROY



• (175) BOISE STATE (2017 SU: 11-3, 2017 ATS: 8-5) at (176) TROY (2017 SU: 11-2, 2017 ATS: 6-6) - Saturday, 9/1/2018 6:00 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)								TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)						
	PDFIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
BOISE STATE	+9.6	33.4	32	21	38-143 (3.8)	20-32-263 (8.2)	70-406 (5.8)	0-0	23	18	35-120 (3.4)	20-34-212 (6.3)	69-332 (4.8)	1-1	+13
TROY	+13.1	22.8	32	20	31-148 (4.7)	23-35-270 (7.6)	66-418 (6.3)	1-1	18	19	37-105 (2.9)	20-34-231 (6.9)	71-336 (4.7)	1-1	+7

statfox Forecaster | **TROY 26, BOISE STATE 24**

KEY GAME TREND: BOISE STATE is 9-3 ATS as a road favorite since the midway point of the 2015 season.

statfox SITUATIONAL TEAM POWER TRENDS

The StatFox Situational Team Power Trends uncover certain situations where a team outperforms or underperforms their normal level of play. Unlike the StatFox Super Situations, all trend records listed apply to the team in question. These trends are great indicators of how teams react to certain situations (i.e. coming off a close win, against division opponents, after a loss giving up a high number passing yards, etc.)

• BOWLING GREEN is 0-9 ATS in September games since the start of the 2016 season.

The average score was BOWLING GREEN 15.7, OPPONENT 44.2

PLAY ON OREGON
RATING = ****

• WEST VIRGINIA is 0-11 ATS since 1992 when favored on a neutral field.

The average score was WEST VIRGINIA 28.3, OPPONENT 32.9

PLAY ON TENNESSEE
RATING = ****

• ARIZONA is 2-14 ATS since 1992 as a home favorite of between 10½ and 14 points.

The average score was ARIZONA 28.6, OPPONENT 26.1

PLAY ON BRIGHAM YOUNG
RATING = ***

COLLEGE FOOTBALL WEEK 1: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1



LOUISIANA TECH (-10½)

vs

SOUTH ALABAMA



• (177) LOUISIANA TECH (2017 SU: 7-6, 2017 ATS: 7-6) at (178) SOUTH ALABAMA (2017 SU: 4-8, 2017 ATS: 6-6) - Saturday, 9/1/2018 7:00 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
LOUISIANA TECH	+5.1	24.2	30	22	38-172 (4.5)	18-32-231 (7.1)	70-403 (5.8)	1-0	25	21	38-178 (4.7)	18-31-209 (6.7)	69-387 (5.6)	1-1	+13
SOUTH ALABAMA	-6.7	25.8	20	18	31-97 (3.1)	18-34-237 (6.9)	65-334 (5.1)	0-1	26	22	36-152 (4.2)	22-35-266 (7.6)	71-418 (5.9)	1-1	+2



LOUISIANA TECH 22, SOUTH ALABAMA 20

KEY GAME TREND: LOUISIANA TECH is 6-0 ATS against opponents from the Sun Belt Conference since the start of the 2005 season.



INDIANA (-10½)

vs

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL



• (169) INDIANA (2017 SU: 5-7, 2017 ATS: 3-9) at (170) FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL (2017 SU: 8-5, 2017 ATS: 6-7) - Saturday, 9/1/2018 7:00 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
INDIANA	+1.5	35.3	27	21	37-131 (3.5)	26-42-266 (6.4)	79-397 (5.0)	1-1	25	18	41-160 (3.9)	15-28-180 (6.5)	69-340 (4.9)	1-0	7
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	-2.8	24.3	26	21	38-159 (4.2)	19-30-233 (7.7)	68-392 (5.8)	1-1	28	23	37-171 (4.7)	21-32-244 (7.6)	69-415 (6.0)	1-1	-3



FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL 27, INDIANA 26

KEY GAME TREND: FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL is 7-1 ATS as a home underdog since the start of October 2016.



SMU

vs

NORTH TEXAS (-3½)



• (181) SMU (2017 SU: 7-6, 2017 ATS: 6-7) at (182) NORTH TEXAS (2017 SU: 9-5, 2017 ATS: 8-6) - Saturday, 9/1/2018 7:30 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
SMU	+1.2	30.9	38	24	37-185 (4.9)	22-37-294 (7.9)	74-479 (6.5)	0-1	37	23	42-208 (4.9)	19-30-269 (8.9)	72-477 (6.6)	1-1	+4
NORTH TEXAS	+0.5	26.4	36	24	37-163 (4.4)	23-37-291 (7.9)	74-454 (6.1)	1-1	35	21	42-202 (4.8)	17-30-229 (7.6)	72-431 (6.0)	1-1	-11



NORTH TEXAS 43, SMU 38

KEY GAME TREND: NORTH TEXAS is 6-0 OVER as a home favorite since the start of the 2016 season.



MIDDLE TENNESSEE

vs

VANDERBILT (-4½)



• (183) MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE (2017 SU: 7-6, 2017 ATS: 6-7) at (184) VANDERBILT (2017 SU: 5-7, 2017 ATS: 4-7-1) - Saturday, 9/1/2018 7:30 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE	+0.8	24.3	26	21	33-142 (4.3)	22-36-251 (6.9)	69-393 (5.7)	0-1	25	20	39-134 (3.5)	21-33-223 (6.7)	72-357 (5.0)	0-0	-12
VANDERBILT	-6.8	37.4	25	18	29-107 (3.7)	19-34-244 (7.3)	63-351 (5.6)	0-1	31	21	40-198 (5.0)	16-27-195 (7.1)	67-393 (5.9)	0-1	5



VANDERBILT 29, MIDDLE TENNESSEE ST 28

KEY GAME TREND: Rick Stockstill is 41-30 UNDER as an underdog as coach of MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE.



BOWLING GREEN

vs

OREGON (-31)



• (207) BOWLING GREEN (2017 SU: 2-10, 2017 ATS: 3-9) at (208) OREGON (2017 SU: 7-6, 2017 ATS: 6-7) - Saturday, 9/1/2018 8:00 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
BOWLING GREEN	-12.7	27.6	25	19	36-152 (4.2)	19-35-235 (6.8)	71-387 (5.5)	1-1	38	26	45-253 (5.6)	18-31-253 (8.1)	76-506 (6.7)	1-1	-2
OREGON	+7.0	36.8	36	22	48-251 (5.2)	16-24-190 (7.9)	72-441 (6.1)	1-1	29	21	37-129 (3.5)	20-36-241 (6.7)	73-370 (5.1)	1-1	EVEN



OREGON 50, BOWLING GREEN 21

KEY GAME TREND: Mike Jinks is 0-9 ATS in September games as coach of BOWLING GREEN.



UTSA

vs

ARIZONA STATE (-18½)



• (187) UTSA (2017 SU: 6-5, 2017 ATS: 3-8) at (188) ARIZONA STATE (2017 SU: 7-6, 2017 ATS: 7-5-1) - Saturday, 9/1/2018 10:30 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
UTSA	+6.5	19.5	24	21	40-185 (4.6)	17-28-203 (7.2)	68-388 (5.7)	1-1	17	15	34-128 (3.7)	12-24-160 (6.7)	58-288 (5.0)	1-1	+4
ARIZONA STATE	-1.0	41.5	32	22	43-175 (4.0)	20-32-256 (8.0)	75-431 (5.7)	0-1	33	22	36-178 (5.0)	22-35-272 (7.7)	71-450 (6.3)	0-1	+2



ARIZONA STATE 30, UTSA 30

KEY GAME TREND: UTSA is 7-1 UNDER when the total is between 49½ and 56 since the start of the 2016 season.



NAVY (-17)

vs

HAWAII



• (215) NAVY (2017 SU: 7-6, 2017 ATS: 7-5-1) at (216) HAWAII (2017 SU: 3-9, 2017 ATS: 2-9-1) - Saturday, 9/1/2018 11:00 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)							
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	TOD
NAVY	+4.2	35.1	30	21	63-351 (5.6)	3-8-77 (9.9)	71-428 (6.0)	1-1	26	18	34-155 (4.5)	16-26-216 (8.4)	60-371 (6.2)	1-1	-3
HAWAII	-11.2	26.8	23	20	35-168 (4.8)	22-35-234 (6.7)	70-402 (5.7)	0-1	34	23	40-210 (5.3)	18-28-249 (8.9)	68-459 (6.8)	0-1	+1



NAVY 36, HAWAII 22

KEY GAME TREND: Ken Niumatalolo is 32-21 ATS in road games as coach of NAVY.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL WEEK 1: SEPTEMBER 2 & 3



MIAMI (-3½)

VS

LSU



• (217) MIAMI (2017 SU: 10-3, 2017 ATS: 5-8) vs. (218) LSU (2017 SU: 9-4, 2017 ATS: 7-6) - Sunday, 9/2/2018 7:30 PM at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, TX

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)								TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)					TOD	
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL		FUM-INT
MIAMI	+8.1	40.2	29	19	32-161 (5.1)	17-33-242 (7.4)	65-403 (6.2)	0-1	21	21	42-146 (3.5)	20-34-217 (6.3)	76-363 (4.8)	1-1	+13
LSU	+8.3	37.8	27	20	43-208 (4.8)	14-23-204 (8.8)	66-412 (6.2)	0-0	19	16	33-129 (3.9)	16-29-188 (6.5)	62-317 (5.1)	0-1	+10

statfox Forecaster | MIAMI 27, LSU 24

KEY GAME TREND: LSU is 1-8 ATS in September games since the start of the 2016 season.



VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES

VS

FLORIDA STATE SEMINOLES

LINE: FLORIDA STATE BY 7



• (219) VIRGINIA TECH (2017 SU: 9-4, 2017 ATS: 6-7) at (220) FLORIDA STATE (2017 SU: 7-6, 2017 ATS: 4-8) - Monday, 9/3/2018 8:00 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)								TEAM DEFENSE (2017 PER-GAME AVERAGES)					TOD	
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	FUM-INT	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL		FUM-INT
VIRGINIA TECH	+13.4	36.1	28	22	45-173 (3.9)	19-32-239 (7.6)	77-412 (5.4)	0-1	15	15	36-121 (3.4)	13-27-199 (7.2)	63-320 (5.1)	0-1	+5
FLORIDA STATE	+6.6	40.0	28	18	36-156 (4.4)	16-27-196 (7.4)	63-352 (5.6)	1-1	21	17	36-136 (3.8)	19-34-195 (5.8)	70-331 (4.7)	0-1	-6

HEAD-TO-HEAD: LAST FIVE MEETINGS

DATE	HOME LINE	SU RESULT	ATS WIN	O/U
11/8/12	VT +13	FSU 28 at VT 22	VT	0 (49½)
12/4/10	VT -4½	FSU 33 at VT 44	VT	0 (51)
10/25/08	FSU -6½	VT 20 at FSU 30	FSU	0 (44½)
11/10/07	VT -7	FSU 21 at VT 40	VT	0 (40)
12/3/05	VT -14	FSU 27 at VT 22	FSU	0 (45)

STATFOX POWER TRENDS:

- VIRGINIA TECH is 14-4 ATS over its past 18 games as a road underdog of between 3½ and 7 points.
- FLORIDA STATE is 4-14 ATS over its past 18 games as a home favorite of between 3½ and 7 points.
- FLORIDA STATE went 0-7 ATS against conference opponents last season.



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NFL REGULAR SEASON WIN TOTALS



ARIZONA CARDINALS

2018 Regular Season Wins Prop: OVER 5½ (-150) / UNDER 5½ (+130)

OFFENSE: The offense will be built around RB David Johnson, who led the NFL in touchdowns and yards from scrimmage in 2016 but suffered a season-ending wrist injury in Week 1 last September. QBs Sam Bradford and Josh Rosen both come to Arizona with injury concerns and inherit a flimsy offensive line. Catch-and-run throws to WR Larry Fitzgerald and Johnson are likely to be featured. The Cards lack proven skill-position talent beyond their two stars.

DEFENSE: New head coach Steve Wilks is implementing a more basic defense than what James Bettcher ran in his three seasons as coordinator. Wilks and new coordinator Al Holcomb aim to force opponents to adjust to them and out-execute, rather than outsmart, opposing offenses. With All-Pro performers in OLB Chandler Jones and CB Patrick Peterson, and a rising young star in S Budda Baker, Arizona has the talent to remain a top-10 defense.

BOTTOM LINE: Arizona has a new coaching staff and uncertainly under center—not a promising combination. While neither Bradford nor Rosen are likely to implode, they have little to work with. Defensively, a strong unit may experience growing pains adjusting to a new system. **UNDER 5½**



ATLANTA FALCONS

2018 Regular Season Wins Prop: OVER 9 (-130) / UNDER 9 (+110)

OFFENSE: Matt Ryan's 2017 performance was disappointing coming off his 2016 MVP season, but his production wasn't far off his career averages. WR Julio Jones remains one of the NFL's premier playmakers, and Atlanta gets decent production from the rest of its receiving group when Jones draws defensive attention. Devonta Freeman and Tevin Coleman might be the NFL's best RB tandem when considering their ability to run and catch the ball.

DEFENSE: Atlanta allowed only 28 points in two playoff games, including stymieing a Rams offense that had led the NFL in scoring during the regular season. Former first-round edge-rushers Vic Beasley and Takkarist McKinley need to improve, though the secondary is one of the league's best with CBs Desmond Trufant and Robert Alford flanking S Keanu Neal. The front seven lost both DE Adrian Clayborn and DT Dontari Poe leaving in free agency.

BOTTOM LINE: Atlanta's offense is far removed from its 2016 dominance, as coordinator Steve Sarkisian has proven to be a major downgrade from former OC (and current 49ers head coach) Kyle Shanahan. Head coach Dan Quinn's D is trending up, but that won't be enough in a tough division. **UNDER 9**

NFL REGULAR SEASON WIN TOTALS



BALTIMORE RAVENS

2018 Regular Season Wins Prop: OVER 8 (-140) / UNDER 8 (+120)

OFFENSE: After another disappointing season from QB Joe Flacco, Baltimore overhauled its receiving corps by adding free agent WRs Michael Crabtree, John Brown and Willie Snead, along with rookie TEs Hayden Hurst and Mark Andrews—Brown could end up being the biggest prize after having signed a one-year, \$5 million contract in March. RB Alex Collins emerged as a bona fide No. 1, but Baltimore is severely lacking in depth behind him.

DEFENSE: While the Ravens defense put up impressive numbers last season, they faced a comically weak set of opposing QBs (DeShone Kizer twice, E.J. Manuel, Matt Moore, Brett Hundley and Tom Savage among them). New to 2018's schedule are Drew Brees, Cam Newton, Matt Ryan and Philip Rivers. While the secondary remains strong, the Ravens can't be expected to force a league-high 34 turnovers for a second straight season.

BOTTOM LINE: While Baltimore tallied nine wins a year ago, it was due in large part to a fortuitous schedule. The fact that the Ravens spent a first-round draft pick on quarterback Lamar Jackson suggests that they might be ready to start rebuilding what's become a floundering offense. **UNDER 8**



BUFFALO BILLS

2018 Regular Season Wins Prop: OVER 5½ (-110) / UNDER 5½ (-110)

OFFENSE: RB LeSean McCoy remains one of the league's most productive runners, though he reportedly came out of Buffalo's second preseason game with a sore groin, has some off-field troubles looming and will be without three starting offensive linemen from a year ago. The passing game is bound to be feeble, as Buffalo has arguably the league's worst receiving corps and a trio of unproven quarterbacks vying for playing time.

DEFENSE: Buffalo's opportunistic defense had quite a few bounces go its way last season. The secondary was great, with CB Tre'Davious White making an immediate impact as a playmaking rookie and veteran safeties Micah Hyde and Jordan Poyer each intercepting five passes. The front seven failed to generate much pass-rushing pressure, though the arrival of former Panthers DT Star Lotulelei gives the Bills a stout interior defensive line.

BOTTOM LINE: After ending their long playoff drought in surprising fashion, the Bills are likely to take a step back in Sean McDermott's second season as head coach. Although the offense lacks talent and the defense's luck is due to run out, it's hard to think Buffalo will be worse than a six-win team. **OVER 5½**



CAROLINA PANTHERS

2018 Regular Season Wins Prop: OVER 9 (+140) / UNDER 9 (-160)

OFFENSE: New coordinator Norv Turner has acknowledged that the Panthers are at their best when QB Cam Newton uses his legs, despite the injury risk. RB C.J. Anderson will try to revive the team's power run game, and he should represent an upgrade over departed veteran RB Jonathan Stewart.

RB Christian McCaffrey is in for a larger role as both a runner and receiver. TE Greg Olsen's return from an injury-mired 2017 offsets a weak WR group.

DEFENSE: New coordinator Eric Washington, a Carolina assistant since 2011, won't be making many changes to the Panthers' 4-3 scheme. LBs Luke Kuechly, Thomas Davis and Shaq Thompson are the most athletic and effective linebacking corps in the league, though Davis suspended until Week 6. The secondary lacks talent, but it's a weakness that's overcome by both a zone scheme and a defensive line that accounted for 40 of Carolina's 50 sacks in 2017.

BOTTOM LINE: The NFC South is a tough division, and a defense susceptible in the passing game could be an issue against the likes of Drew Brees, Matt Ryan and Jameis Winston. Only three of Carolina's first 13 games, however, are against teams that reached the playoffs last season. **OVER 9**



CHICAGO BEARS

2018 Regular Season Wins Prop: OVER 6½ (-140) / UNDER 6½ (+120)

OFFENSE: Chicago hired former Chiefs OC Matt Nagy as its head coach, and he has revamped the passing game around second-year QB Mitch Trubisky. The Bears had an utterly atrocious receiving corps in 2017 and made major upgrades with WR Allen Robinson and TE Trey Burton. RB Jordan Howard is among football's best zone-scheme runners, and RB Tarik Cohen is a versatile back who will have value as both a big-play threat and a misdirection decoy.

DEFENSE: Coordinator Vic Fangio's unit adds rookie linebacker Roquan Smith to a defense that ranked among the NFL's top-10 in scoring defense a year ago. DE Akiem Hicks is an unheralded game-changer up front, thriving as a pass-rusher as well as a run defender. An NFC-low eight interceptions is a mark Chicago hopes to improve as young safeties Eddie Jackson and Adrian Amos mature.

BOTTOM LINE: The last Andy Reid disciple to take a head coaching job was Super Bowl LII champion Doug Pederson. And while it's obviously far too early to tab the Bears as closing in on a championship run, Nagy is taking over an offense that is far more talented than it was last season. **OVER 6½**



CINCINNATI BENGALS

2018 Regular Season Wins Prop: OVER 6½ (-150) / UNDER 6½ (+130)

OFFENSE: Cincinnati's offensive woes the past two seasons were due largely to poor line play. First-round draft pick C Billy Price and former Bills OT Cordy Glenn could be major upgrades. WR A.J. Green remains one of the NFL's top big-play threats, RB Joe Mixon showed promise as a rookie and speedy second-year WR John Ross is back from a 2017 lost to injury. The key will be protecting QB Andy Dalton long enough for him to get the ball to his playmakers.

DEFENSE: Longtime defensive-line tandem DE Carlos Dunlap and DT Geno Atkins are monsters up front, each tallying more than 60 career sacks for Cincy. LB Vontaze Burfict is productive when he stays out of trouble, and former Bills LB Preston Brown is an upgrade in the middle of the defense. In William Jackson, Dre Kirkpatrick and Darqueze Dennard, the Bengals have a trio of former first-round CBs who held opponents to 6.5 yards per attempt in 2017.

BOTTOM LINE: Cincinnati's stout defense gives them a chance to win every week, and Dalton has a talent with which to work among Cincy's skill positions. After winning 43 games from 2012 to 2015, this team could end up surprising a lot of people by contending for a playoff spot in 2018. **OVER 6½**

NFL REGULAR SEASON WIN TOTALS



CLEVELAND BROWNS

2018 Regular Season Wins Prop: OVER 5½ (-160) / UNDER 5½ (+140)

OFFENSE: QB Tyrod Taylor is likely to start the year under center for Cleveland before eventually giving way to No. 1 overall draft pick QB Baker Mayfield. Although the Browns' receivers struggled to get open last season, the team's quarterbacks will have more to work with in 2018 with former Dolphins WR Jarvis Landry added to the roster. RB Carlos Hyde is a solid early-down back while RB Duke Johnson thrives in the passing game.

DEFENSE: Cleveland's defense showed improvement in coordinator Gregg Williams' first season, ranking near the middle of the pack in yards per game and yards per play (the offense's league-high 41 turnovers inflated the defense's points-allowed totals). The arrival of first-round draft pick CB Denzel Ward and former Packers DB Damarious Randall will sure up coverage, which could lead to more sacks for 2017 No. 1 overall pick DE Myles Garrett.

BOTTOM LINE: Though they are trending in the right direction at many positions, particularly at quarterback after having rid themselves of the turnover machine that is DeShone Kizer, it's hard to expect a team coached by Hue Jackson to improve by six or more games from the prior season. **UNDER 5½**



DALLAS COWBOYS

2018 Regular Season Wins Prop: OVER 8 (-160) / UNDER 8 (+140)

OFFENSE: With a formidable offensive line and RB Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas will continue to lean on its productive run game, particularly after having seen QB Dak Prescott struggle in the six games Elliott missed in 2017. The loss of TE Jason Witten as an effective possession receiver will likely hurt more than the loss of WR Dez Bryant, whose production had been declining sharply in recent seasons. The WR and TE depth charts are riddled with third-string talent.

DEFENSE: Dallas' defense was great when LB Sean Lee was on the field last year, allowing 16 PPG in games he played (and 29 PPG when he was hurt). DE Demarcus Lawrence tallied 14.5 sacks last year and DT David Irving (seven sacks in eight games) has a chance to be a pass-rushing force if he's able to return from a four-game suspension he'll serve at the start of the season for having violated the NFL's substance-abuse policy.

BOTTOM LINE: If Lee stays healthy and Elliott, Lawrence and Irving stay out of trouble, Dallas will at least have a team that can defend and run its way to some grind-it-out victories. It's the lack of talent in the passing game that could ultimately prevent the Cowboys from reaching the .500 mark. **UNDER 8**



DENVER BRONCOS

2018 Regular Season Wins Prop: OVER 7 (-140) / UNDER 7 (+120)

OFFENSE: The Broncos are banking on QB Case Keenum's breakout season in Minnesota last season having not been a fluke. He inherits a reliable WR duo in Demaryius Thomas and Emmanuel Sanders, though there are the same question marks that have existed for years elsewhere among the receiving corps. Denver is looking to third-round draft pick RB Royce Freeman to energize the running attack despite him running behind a poor offensive line.

DEFENSE: Although Aqib Talib is gone, the CB combo of Chris Harris and Bradley Roby could be one of the league's best. Harris held opponents to 26 yards per game and has the versatility to cover the slot. The Broncos held opponents to a league-best 3.3 yards per carry, and the pass-rush should get a boost from the arrival of No. 5 overall pick edge-rusher Bradley Chubb. He'll lineup up opposite perennial DPOY candidate Von Miller.

BOTTOM LINE: The Denver defense remains formidable, but the unit did not always play to its potential in head coach Vance Joseph's first season. And while the offense should improve with Keenum under center, plenty of other problems still exist on that side of the ball. **UNDER 7**



DETROIT LIONS

2018 Regular Season Wins Prop: OVER 7½ (-120) / UNDER 7½ (+100)

OFFENSE: QB Matthew Stafford can play at MVP level even with a weak supporting cast. WR Marvin Jones has developed into an impressive big-play, contested-catch weapon while Golden Tate is an explosive run-and-catch threat. Detroit invested heavily in its perennially weak running game by signing RB LeGarrett Blount and spending early draft picks on C Frank Ragnow and RB Kerryon Johnson.

DEFENSE: Aside from All-Pro CB Darius Slay, Detroit's defense underperformed in 2017. DE Ziggy Ansah continues to be wildly inconsistent (he had three three-sack games last season, but disappeared in most others). ILB Jarrad Davis should take a step forward in his second season anchoring the defense, though the free agency losses of DT Haloti Ngata and LB Tahir Whitehead may end up being difficult to overcome.

BOTTOM LINE: Stafford can single-handedly win close games, and any semblance of an effective running game would go a long way toward making Detroit a playoff contender. New head coach Matt Patricia, former Patriots defensive coordinator, should be able to improve the Lions defense. **OVER 7½**



GREEN BAY PACKERS

2018 Regular Season Wins Prop: OVER 10 (+110) / UNDER 10 (-130)

OFFENSE: While much of the blame for the Packers missing the playoffs last season can be placed on the broken collarbone QB Aaron Rodgers suffered in Week 6, Green Bay's weaknesses at several offensive positions were exposed when the future Hall of Famer wasn't on the field to hide them. The Packers are banking on TE Jimmy Graham being able to help breathe some life into the team's passing game.

DEFENSE: After giving up the most yards per pass attempt in the NFC (7.9), the Packers traded away CB Damarious Randall and lost versatile S Morgan Burnett to free agency. CBs Jaire Alexander and Josh Jackson, first- and second-round draft picks respectively, need to get up to NFL speed in a hurry. Nick Perry and Clay Matthews are solid edge-rushers and DL Mike Daniels is a force up front. But if the Pack can't cover, they'll be forced into shootouts.

BOTTOM LINE: As bad as the Brett Hundley Era was, keep in mind Green Bay was merely 4-3 with Rodgers under center last season. The struggling defense may have lost more talent than it gained this offseason, and Rodgers can only do so much to prop up a weak supporting cast. **UNDER 10**

NFL REGULAR SEASON WIN TOTALS



HOUSTON TEXANS

2018 Regular Season Wins Prop: OVER 8½ (-150) / UNDER 8½ (+130)

OFFENSE: Head coach Bill O'Brien overhauled his offense last season to fit then-rookie QB Deshaun Watson's strengths, and Watson answered by racking up 1,472 passing yards and 18 touchdowns over a five-game stretch before suffering a season-ending knee injury. WR DeAndre Hopkins is one of the NFL's best on contested catches, and WR Will Fuller has shown consistent playmaking ability when he's been healthy enough to take the field.

DEFENSE: Injuries are partly to blame for Houston's league-worst 27 PPG allowed. DE J.J. Watt and LB Whitney Mercilus, both of whom missed 11 games in 2017, are key to the effectiveness of Houston's five-across-the-line pass-rush. Their presence also frees up DE Jadeveon Clowney to avoid double-teams. The secondary is not built to hold up if the pass-rush isn't getting home, though the addition of former Cardinals S Tyrann Mathieu has a chance to help.

BOTTOM LINE: When fully healthy, Houston is a legitimate playoff contender. So much rides on the health and effectiveness of Watson, Watt and Mercilus, as well as promising but injury-prone CB Kevin Johnson. **OVER 8½**



INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

2018 Regular Season Wins Prop: OVER 6½ (-160) / UNDER 6½ (+140)

OFFENSE: New head coach Frank Reich's top priority is keeping QB Andrew Luck healthy. Indy drafted G Quenton Nelson with the NFL Draft's sixth overall pick, and the team signed former Chargers G Matt Slauson in an attempt to improve its pass protection. The expected improvement of the line should help a running game that ranked 28th in the NFL a year ago with a yards-per-carry average of 3.7. Luck's receiving corps is extremely thin behind WR T.Y. Hilton.

DEFENSE: New coordinator Matt Eberflus will run a 4-3, zone-based defense that emphasizes athleticism. The problem is that he inherits some of the worst defensive personnel in the NFL. Aside from second-year S Malik Hooker and competent-but-inconsistent DE Jabaal Sheard, there is little with which to work. The Colts ranked 30th in both yards and points allowed last season, and the team failed to make significant personnel additions in the offseason.

BOTTOM LINE: Indy is still a year or two away from competing as they rebuild the roster that former GM Ryan Grigson absolutely decimated with a slew of atrocious personnel moves. If Luck ends up missing significant time, this team would appear to have little chance of winning seven games. **UNDER 6½**



JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

2018 Regular Season Wins Prop: OVER 9 (-125) / UNDER 9 (+105)

OFFENSE: Coordinator Nathaniel Hackett worked wonders in 2017, implementing an old-school, run-heavy offense that excelled in the red zone. RB Leonard Fournette is a rising star, albeit one with a mounting injury history, and RB T.J. Yeldon is one of the league's better No. 2s. The offense will only be as effective as erratic QB Blake Bortles, who is coming off his most mistake-free season. His receiving corps lacks star power but is one of the NFL's deepest.

DEFENSE: The Jaguars have the league's best passing defense, which held opponents to a league-low 68.5 QB Rating in 2017. CBs Jalen Ramsey and A.J. Bouye were the NFL's best duo last season and Ramsey is arguably the best shutdown corner in the game right now. Defensive linemen Calais Campbell, Yannick Ngakoue, Malik Jackson and Dante Fowler combined for 42.5 sacks, though the running game of some opponents gave Jacksonville trouble.

BOTTOM LINE: After enjoying one of the NFL's easiest schedules last season, the Jaguars play seven games against playoff teams in 2018. As long as Bortles doesn't significantly regress, Jacksonville should again ride its running game a star-studded defense to a playoff appearance. **OVER 9**



KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

2018 Regular Season Wins Prop: OVER 8 (-150) / UNDER 8 (+130)

OFFENSE: Despite QB Alex Smith's career year, head coach Andy Reid decided to move forward with 2017 first-round draft pick QB Pat Mahomes under center. Mahomes is far less conservative than Smith and profiles as a risk-taker with a cannon arm. He's surrounded by proven playmakers in WR Tyreek Hill, TE Travis Kelce, RB Kareem Hunt and newly acquired WR Sammy Watkins. The 2018 K.C. offense should be much different—and likely more entertaining.

DEFENSE: Coordinator Bob Sutton's bend-don't-break defense tries to limit big plays at the expense of lightening the box and allowing opponents success in the running game. Mercurial CB Marcus Peters was traded away, but three-time All-Pro S Eric Berry is back after last year's Week 1, season-ending Achilles injury. Kendall Fuller (acquired in the Alex Smith trade) is one of the league's best slot CBs and DE Chris Jones is developing into a top-tier pass-rusher.

BOTTOM LINE: Head coach Andy Reid finds a way to win more often than not, and K.C. is 16-2 against the AFC West over the past three seasons. While there's uncertainty with a new quarterback taking over, it's hard to envision this team failing to compile a winning record in 2018. **OVER 8**



LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

2018 Regular Season Wins Prop: OVER 9 (-140) / UNDER 9 (+120)

OFFENSE: The additions of former Dolphins C Mike Pouncey and 2017 second-round draft pick G Forrest Lamp (missed 2017 with a torn ACL) bolster L.A.'s biggest offensive weakness, its line. QB Philip Rivers calls and controls the game at the line of scrimmage and has skill-position talent to which to work.

DEFENSE: The Bolts could not stop the run last season, leading to the signing of former Seahawks DT Brandon Mebane. The pass defense has an elite combination of pass-rushing and coverage abilities. CBs Casey Hayward and Trevor Williams were stellar last year, and the addition of first-round draft pick S Derwin James bolsters the secondary. Edge-rushers Joey Bosa and Melvin Ingram combined for 23 sacks last year—they could be even more effective rushing the passer if they can worry less about compensating for a weak run-defending defensive interior.

BOTTOM LINE: L.A. has a playoff-caliber roster that's arguably as good as any in the AFC. An argument could be made that they were just a few missed field goals away from a division title in 2017. They'll likely be favorites in six of their first seven games, allowing them to avoid another slow start. **OVER 9**

NFL REGULAR SEASON WIN TOTALS



LOS ANGELES RAMS

2018 Regular Season Wins Prop: OVER 10 (-105) / UNDER 10 (-115)

OFFENSE: Reigning NFL Coach of the Year Sean McVay turned L.A.'s offense around with an effective running game and creative passing attack. RB Todd Gurley was the only NFL player to top 2,000 scrimmage yards, and he led the league with 19 touchdowns despite sitting out the meaningless season finale. Gurley's success allowed QB Jared Goff to succeed as a play-action passer, and the arrival of WR Brandin Cooks gives the Rams a formidable deep threat.

DEFENSE: Veteran coordinator Wade Phillips will work with a rebuilt defense in 2018. OLB Robert Quinn, ILB Alec Ogletree and CB Trumaine Johnson are out. DT Ndamukong Suh and CBs Aqib Talib and Marcus Peters, all former All-Pro, are in. The new corners have reputations for gambling to make big plays while also allowing some. Aaron Donald last season became the first pure defensive tackle to be named NFL Defensive Player of the Year since Warren Sapp in 1999.

BOTTOM LINE: Coming off an 11-win season with a QB still on his cheap, rookie deal, the Rams are going all in for 2018. Suh, Talib and Peters are volatile personalities, but they're unlikely to cause trouble if Los Angeles keeps winning. The Rams are easily the NFC West's best team entering 2018. **OVER 10**



MIAMI DOLPHINS

2018 Regular Season Wins Prop: OVER 6½ (-130) / UNDER 6½ (+110)

OFFENSE: QB Ryan Tannehill was 8-5 as a starter in head coach Adam Gase's first season (2016). He'll be 13 months removed from an ACL tear, though top target WR Jarvis Landry was traded to Cleveland. What's left is an uninspiring group that Gase thinks can win with scheme rather than athleticism.

RB Kenyan Drake showed explosiveness late last year but may cede playing time to 35-year-old RB Frank Gore. The offensive line struggled last season.

DEFENSE: Miami cut DT Ndamukong Suh but retain a promising young DT duo of Jordan Phillips and Davon Godchaux. Edge-rusher Robert Quinn was brought in to rush the passer opposite ageless DE Cameron Wake. CB Xavien Howard has developed into a legitimate No. 1 coverage guy, while playmaking S Reshad Jones and first-round draft pick S Minkah Fitzpatrick round out what should be a solid secondary. The linebacking unit is a glaring weakness.

BOTTOM LINE: Gase cleaned house and jettisoned some of Miami's top players (including Landry, Suh, C Mike Pouncey and RB Jay Ajayi) over the past 10 months. Although he believes his staff can overcome talent limitations with game-planning, this looks like a double-digit-loss roster. **UNDER 6½**



MINNESOTA VIKINGS

2018 Regular Season Wins Prop: OVER 10 (-110) / UNDER 10 (+110)

OFFENSE: Minnesota believes it upgraded its offense by signing QB Kirk Cousins. Expert coordinator Pat Shurmur is gone, though John DeFilippo (considered by many to be a future NFL head coach) was a solid hire to replace him. WRs Stefon Diggs and Adam Thielen developed into a lethal duo, both excelling as route-runners and in contest-catch situations. RB Dalvin Cook looked like a star before tearing his ACL in Week 4 of his rookie campaign.

DEFENSE: You wouldn't have known it from the NFC Championship Game, but Minnesota had the league's best defense last season. The Vikings led the NFL in scoring (15.8 points per game) and opponents' 3rd-down conversion rate (25%). S Harrison Smith, CB Xavier Rhodes and LBs Anthony Barr and Eric Kendricks are among the top performers at their positions. Up front, DEs Everson Griffen and Danielle Hunter combined for 20 sacks last season.

BOTTOM LINE: Off a 13-win season, Minnesota doesn't have any glaring weaknesses. If DeFilippo and Cousins can gel, the offense could be even better with a healthy Cook than it was in 2017. With a championship-caliber defense, the Vikes seem primed to make another run at a Super Bowl berth. **OVER 10**



NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

2018 Regular Season Wins Prop: OVER 11 (-140) / UNDER 11 (+120)

OFFENSE: The genius of head coach Bill Belichick and QB Tom Brady is their ability to adapt the gameplan week-to-week, anticipating their opponent's approach and exploiting weaknesses. Once WR Julian Edelman returns from a four-game suspension, the Pats will be well-equipped for a quick-strike passing attack. Rob Gronkowski remains the NFL's top tight end when healthy, and the backfield has players who contribute in both the running and passing games.

DEFENSE: New England's defense is masterful at the bend-don't-break philosophy. Last season, the unit allowed the NFL's second-highest yards-per-play average (5.7), but the fifth-fewest points per game (18.5). The return of ILB Dont'a Hightower from injury and the addition of DT Danny Shelton should sure up what was at times a shaky run defense. The secondary righted itself after a disastrous start to 2017 and is unlikely to have another false start in 2018.

BOTTOM LINE: The Pats enter 2018 as the favorite to represent the AFC in Super Bowl LIII, and it would be surprising if they didn't go at least 5-1 in their weak division. The 11-win prop number seems strangely low considering New England has surpassed that total in each of the past eight seasons. **OVER 11**



NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

2018 Regular Season Wins Prop: OVER 9½ (-130) / UNDER 9½ (+110)

OFFENSE: Though he's lost some arm strength, QB Drew Brees continues to masterfully run the New Orleans offense. WR Michael Thomas has emerged as one of the game's top young receivers while WR Ted Ginn remains a formidable deep threat. WR Cam Meredith and TE Ben Watson add depth after having been signed this spring. RB Alvin Kamara proved to be a matchup nightmare in space, averaging a remarkable 9.0 yards per touch as a rookie.

DEFENSE: The 2017 Saints' D ended the team's three-year run of finishing among the bottom five in points allowed. DE Cam Jordan earned All-Pro honors with 13 sacks amidst frequent double-team blocking. CB Marshon Lattimore is already a true shutdown corner, and fellow 2017 draft pick S Marcus Williams was key to New Orleans' defensive turnaround. Free agent arrivals CB Patrick Robinson and LB Demario Davis upgrade the unit.

BOTTOM LINE: There are reasons to believe the defense will continue to improve a season after Lattimore and Williams were arguably just as effective on the defensive side of the ball as fellow rookies Kamara and right tackle Ryan Ramczyk were on the offensive side. **OVER 9½**

NFL REGULAR SEASON WIN TOTALS



NEW YORK GIANTS

Regular Season Wins Prop: OVER 7 (-130) / UNDER 7 (+110)

OFFENSE: Former head coach Ben McAdoo and his ineffective iso/spread offense have been replaced by new head coach (and 2017 AP NFL Assistant Coach of the Year) Pat Shurmur. Shurmur will surely be more creative with star WR Odell Beckham and keep defenses honest against him by utilizing athletic TE Evan Engram and No. 2 WR Sterling Shepard. No. 2 overall draft pick Saquon Barkley projects as the best Giants RB in at least a decade.

DEFENSE: Many pieces remain from New York's stellar 2016 defense, and new coordinator James Bettcher can be expected to get the most out of his stars. S Landon Collins is a dynamic playmaker and CB Janoris Jenkins is hard to beat when his head is on right. DT Damon "Snacks" Harrison is a run-stuffer while former Rams LB Alec Ogletree greatly improves a previously awful linebacking unit.

BOTTOM LINE: With his star WR healthy, a dynamic young RB and a proven offensive mind taking over at head coach, there are no excuses for veteran QB Eli Manning to have another poor season. If Bettcher gets the defense back to playing at a high level, the G-Men should bounce back in 2018. **OVER 7**



NEW YORK JETS

Regular Season Wins Prop: OVER 6 (+105) / UNDER 6 (-125)

OFFENSE: Despite a better-than-expected showing from the offense in 2017, coordinator John Morton was let go in favor of former QBs coach Jeremy Bates. There's little to like about the offensive personnel. Despite a weak O-line, RBs Isaiah Crowell has the patience and quickness to be effective and RB Bilal Powell has value in a part-time role. WR Robby Anderson has emerged as a lethal deep threat, but the rest of the receiving corps is thin on talent.

DEFENSE: The losses of DE Muhammad Wilkerson and leading tackler LB Demario Davis are unlikely to prevent the Jets D from taking a step forward in 2018. Safeties Jamal Adams and Marcus Maye played well as rookies, and former Rams CB Trumaine Johnson is an upgrade in the secondary. LBs Jordan Jenkins and Darron Lee should improve as third-year players in head coach Todd Bowles' system, and DE Leonard Williams has loads of upside.

BOTTOM LINE: Bowles' young defense (Adams, Maye, Jenkins, Lee and Williams are all 25 or younger) has the athleticism to improve from last season. The offense, however, is still rebuilding and has too many holes to consistently put points on the board with rookie QB Sam Darnold under center. **UNDER 6**



OAKLAND RAIDERS

Regular Season Wins Prop: OVER 8 (-120) / UNDER 8 (+100)

OFFENSE: QB Derek Carr needs more from his supporting cast. New head coach Jon Gruden wants to resuscitate Amari Cooper after his nightmare 2017 season. Cooper will have to either work from the slot or constantly go in motion because of how much he struggles against press coverage. WR Jordy Nelson looked done last year, WR Martavis Bryant is maddeningly inconsistent and RB Marshawn Lynch will only be effective if his touches are limited.

DEFENSE: It's starting to look increasingly likely that perennial Defensive Player of the Year candidate DE Khalil Mack won't be a Raider a season after he and OLB Bruce Irvin combined for 18.5 sacks. Oakland, meanwhile, got little production from the rest of the front seven. The young secondary was problematic last season, though 2017 first-rounder CB Gareon Conley should be an asset as he returns from a shin injury that limited him to two games last season.

BOTTOM LINE: With Jon Gruden having spent nine years out of coaching, it's certainly not a guarantee that his transition back to the sidelines will be a seamless one. A last-place finish in what could turn out to be a tough AFC West is a distinct possibility. **UNDER 8**



PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Regular Season Wins Prop: OVER 10 (-130) / UNDER 10 (+110)

OFFENSE: While the belief remains that QB Carson Wentz, the MVP front-runner before tearing his ACL in Week 14, will be ready for Week 1, "When they clear him, he'll be cleared," was the terse response Eagles head coach Doug Pederson gave when speaking to the media on Sunday. The offensive line is fantastic, allowing Philly to run a diverse and expansive set of running plays. TE Zach Ertz and WR Alshon Jeffery sit atop a deep skill-position group.

DEFENSE: Philly's defensive line is dominant. Fletcher Cox may be the NFL's most underrated player, and Brandon Graham, Tim Jernigan and Derek Barnett would be the stars of many teams' front sevens. The additions of former Pro Bowlers Michael Bennett and Haloti Ngata as rotational depth further bolsters the front seven. Rookie CB Sidney Jones (who would've been a 2017 first-rounder if not for a season-ending injury) provides another upgrade.

BOTTOM LINE: It is rare for the Super Bowl champions to enter the following season with a better roster, but Philadelphia has done just that. If their MVP-caliber quarterback is back under center, the Eagles will be tough to beat with the firepower they added to their smothering defense. **OVER 10**



PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Regular Season Wins Prop: OVER 10 (-140) / UNDER 10 (+120)

OFFENSE: QB Ben Roethlisberger gets the ball out quickly most of the time, with plenty of downfield bombs worked in. WR Antonio Brown remains the NFL's top receiver, and WR JuJu Smith-Schuster impressed as a rookie while ascending to the No. 2 role. RB Le'Veon Bell is a good enough pass-catcher to play wideout, and his patient running style behind a robust O-line allows the Steelers to pound with the running game when defenses focus on the pass.

DEFENSE: The Steelers' defense was gashed in the run game and beaten with long passes too often last season. Pittsburgh led the league with 56 sacks in 2017 (12 by All-Pro DE Cam Heyward) and the hope is that former Packers S Morgan Burnett and first-round draft pick S Terrell Edmunds can sure up the secondary. The linebacking unit will continue to be a weakness without ILB Ryan Shazier.

BOTTOM LINE: When CG Technology in May continued its yearly tradition by releasing odds for every NFL game (apart from Week 17) for the upcoming season, the Steelers' Week 16 game in New Orleans was the only one in which Pittsburgh was an underdog. **OVER 10**

NFL REGULAR SEASON WIN TOTALS



SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

Regular Season Wins Prop: OVER 8½ (+110) / UNDER 8½ (-130)

OFFENSE: Head coach Kyle Shanahan is an outstanding play-designer, and once QB Jimmy Garoppolo got under center in November, the Niners offense started to click. Garoppolo played at a 4,934-yard pace over five starts, all of which were San Francisco wins. The outstanding receiving skills of RB Jerick McKinnon should be a good fit in Shanahan's system. While the WRs aren't great, Shanahan's system can win with scheme where it might lack talent.

DEFENSE: Coordinator Robert Saleh has some pieces in place to build an effective Cover-3 defense. While the young D-line trio of DeForest Buckner, Solomon Thomas and Arik Armstead has considerable upside, the linebacking corps has some question marks with ILB Reuben Foster set to serve a two-game suspension to start the season. If former Seahawks CB Richard Sherman has anything left in the tank, the secondary will get a huge boost.

BOTTOM LINE: San Fran's five-game win streak to end 2017 included strong performances against playoff teams Tennessee and Jacksonville. While the offense should thrive in Shanahan's second year at the helm, the defense has enough promising young talent to compete for a Wild Card berth. **OVER 8½**



SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

Regular Season Wins Prop: OVER 8 (+110) / UNDER 8 (-130)

OFFENSE: Seattle's weak offensive line play is often compensated for by the fact that QB Russell Wilson is the NFL's best on-the-move passer. WR Doug Baldwin is a true No. 1 and the only proven asset in the receiving group. After three seasons of RB futility (no Seattle RB reached 250 rushing yards in 2017), the Hawks have high hopes for RB Chris Carson, who missed 12 games as a rookie in 2017. Seattle also drafted RB Rashaad Penny in the first round.

DEFENSE: The Legion of Boom has been dismantled as Seattle parted ways with many key contributors this offseason—coordinator Kris Richard, CB Richard Sherman, S Kam Chancellor and DL Michael Bennett among them. The outstanding LB duo of Bobby Wagner and K.J. Wright will continue to be the anchor of the defense, while emerging stars DE Frank Clark and DT Jarran Reed will be tasked with doing far more than they've been asked to do in the past.

BOTTOM LINE: The window on Seattle's run as dominant defense has closed—too many stars are gone to expect a return to the defense's 2012-15 form. Although Wilson is a premier playmaker, the lack of talent around him will prevent Seattle from a seventh consecutive winning season. **UNDER 8**



TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

Regular Season Wins Prop: OVER 6½ (+110) / UNDER 6½ (-130)

OFFENSE: Head coach Dirk Koetter emphasizes a vertical passing game and QB Jameis Winston (who's suspended till Week 4) shows no fear on his aggressive throws. WR Mike Evans is a high-point specialist whom Winston targets even when he's covered. The TE combo of Cameron Brate and O.J. Howard gives the Bucs options up the seam. The running game should get a boost from rookie RB Ronald Jones joining RB Peyton Barber in a committee.

DEFENSE: Tampa's defense struggled in every facet of the game, giving up a league-high 378 yards per game. The non-existent pass-rush generated a league-low 22 sacks on the season and left the basic, zone-based secondary to cover for far too long. So much is riding on the success of newly acquired DEs Vinny Curry and Jason Pierre-Paul. DT Gerald McCoy and LBs Lavonte David and Kwon Alexander are the lone returning bright spots.

BOTTOM LINE: With Koetter on the hot seat and matchups with the Saints, Eagles and Steelers while Winston is suspended (followed by trips to Chicago and Atlanta when he's back), 2018 could go off the rails in a hurry. Tampa Bay may be the NFC's worst team by season's end. **UNDER 6½**



TENNESSEE TITANS

Regular Season Wins Prop: OVER 8 (+105) / UNDER 8 (-125)

OFFENSE: New coordinator Matt LaFleur is tasked with getting QB Marcus Mariota on track after a letdown 2017. LaFleur certainly has the pedigree, having worked in recent years under both Sean McVay and Kyle Shanahan, two of the NFL's better offensive minds. The RB duo of Derrick Henry and Dion Lewis should have success behind a solid O-line, and that would allow Mariota to thrive as a play-action passer (like Jared Goff did with LaFleur last year).

DEFENSE: New coordinator Dean Pees, Baltimore's DC for the past six seasons, inherits an improving unit. Anchored by monstrous DT Jurrell Casey, the Titans allowed just 3.6 yards per carry in 2017 (4th best in the NFL). The secondary is shaping up to be one of the AFC's best. Former Patriots CB Malcolm Butler joins physical CB Logan Ryan and speedster CB Adoree' Jackson. All-Pro S Kevin Byard just turned 25 and is already one of the NFL's best at his position.

BOTTOM LINE: Houston and Jacksonville are quality teams to contend with as Tennessee looks to return to the playoffs. As good as the Titans defense is, the uncertainty of both Mariota and a new staff under first-time head coach Mike Vrabel could lead to Tennessee taking a step back in 2018. **UNDER 8**



WASHINGTON REDSKINS

Regular Season Wins Prop: OVER 7 (+120) / UNDER 7 (-140)

OFFENSE: Head coach Jay Gruden gets the most out of his offense, and it's unlikely that Washington would have acquired QB Alex Smith if Gruden didn't think he could run the team effectively. But with rookie RB Derrius Guice having suffered a season-ending knee injury in the Redskins' first preseason game, Washington is left with one of the NFL's weakest skill-position units—certainly a downgrade from what Smith worked with in Kansas City.

DEFENSE: Washington showed some improvement in coordinator Greg Manusky's first season, but the team parted with promising CBs Kendall Fuller and Bashaud Breeland in the offseason. LBs Ryan Kerrigan and Zach Brown are solid, and there's hope for improvement up front with the addition of first-round draft pick DT Da'Ron Payne and the healthy return of 2017 first-rounder DE Jonathan Allen, who missed 11 games with a foot injury last season.

BOTTOM LINE: Washington's roster doesn't stack up in the NFC East, and there aren't many games in which the Redskins are expected to be favored. It's difficult to project the offense to be significantly better with Smith replacing Kirk Cousins, and the defense figures to once again struggle. **UNDER 7**