



Welcome to this week's edition of StatFox Football Best Bets. We're aiming to carry the momentum from a profitable NFL regular season into the postseason, as our NFL Lock of the Week picks compiled an impressive 12-4-1 ATS (75%) record in 2017. We're also looking to remain scorching hot in College Football, as our perfect 6-0 ATS mark over our final six College Lock of the Week picks of the 2017 calendar year included a 3-0 ATS mark in Bowl Games. We then came through on both New Year's Day College Football Playoff national championship semifinal games to increase our current College Football unbeaten streak to eight straight, as in last week's edition we delivered both Georgia as a small favorite in the Rose Bowl and Alabama laying points in the Sugar Bowl.

### StatFox DAVE

106: JACKSONVILLE (-8) vs. Buffalo  
152: GEORGIA (+4½) vs. Alabama

### StatFox SCOTT

103: Atlanta at Los Angeles Rams UNDER 48½  
107: Carolina at New Orleans UNDER 48½  
108: NEW ORLEANS (-6½) vs. Carolina  
152: GEORGIA (+4½) vs. Alabama

### NFL Wild Card Round

Lock of the Week: **New Orleans -6½**

Favorites are 41-15-1 since the start of the 2013 season when facing an opponent coming off back-to-back games in which it allowed 75 or fewer rushing yards. Such teams have triumphed by an average score of 28 to 17 despite being favored by an average of fewer than 5 points over those 57 games. Carolina's strength is a rushing defense that allowed an average of only 88.1 yards per game during the regular season, which ranked third in the NFL behind only Philadelphia and Minnesota. The one team that had no trouble running all over the Panthers was New Orleans, which rushed for 149 yards in a 34-13 Week 3 win at Carolina and for 148 yards in a 31-21 home victory over the Panthers in Week 13. (No other team rushed for more than 120 yards against Carolina in 2017.) The Saints have gone 8-0 ATS since the start of the 2015 season against opponents that allow an average of 90 or fewer rushing yards per game, and they've gone 6-0 ATS against Carolina over that same timeframe.

### StatFox GARY

101: Tennessee at Kansas City UNDER 44½  
103: ATLANTA (+6½) at Los Angeles Rams  
108: NEW ORLEANS (-6½) vs. Carolina

### StatFox BRIAN

103: Atlanta at Los Angeles Rams UNDER 48½  
103: ATLANTA (+6½) at Los Angeles Rams  
105: Buffalo at Jacksonville OVER 39½

### College Football Playoff

National Championship pick: **Georgia +4½**

Neutral field underdogs that average at least 225 rushing yards per game are 11-0 ATS since the start of the 2013 season when coming off four straight games with 225 or more rushing yards. Meanwhile, favorites of between 3½ and 10 points are just 6-15 ATS this season when coming off a win by 17 or more points and facing an opponent coming off a game in which it scored more than 41 points. Georgia is one of 31 FBS teams to average more than 200 rushing yards per game in 2017, and the Bulldogs will be the fifth such team Alabama has faced. The Crimson Tide are 0-4 ATS in their previous four meetings against teams that ended the season with an average of more than 200 rushing yards per game, and each of those four opponents rushed for 144 or more yards against Alabama. Neither Colorado State, LSU, Mississippi State nor Auburn boasts a rushing attack as potent as that of Georgia, which has surpassed 200 rushing yards in 11 of its past 12 games. Take the points and the moneyline as long as it stays north of +150.