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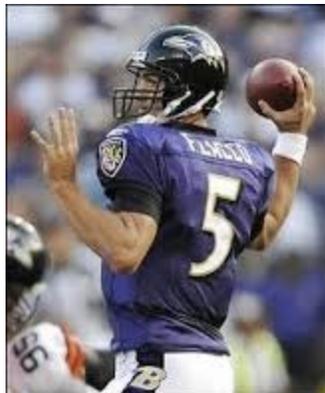
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College Football Last Week:

First, a formal apology for the selections on the early games this past weekend. Because players who began their Saturday with the nooners and hung in for the end of Pac-12 play are lucky to be able to process human language today. College football broke wide open in Week 3, a slate so overstuffed with action that even the under card results could fill their own highlight reel. Like, Kansas State being taken to triple overtime by Louisiana Tech! Let me add that I want to punch Al Golden in the face, one of our big plays was Miami, and I had to sit through his late coaching ignorance against Nebraska!. And what the hell, if Alabama didn't return any kickoffs, they probably would have covered (not a Saban like 5 TO's). Anyway, many players took it in the wallet this past weekend. Now let's look at a few conferences going into this weeks games.

SEC: There are plenty of chances between now and December for Ole Miss to be knocked off. It is fair to be curious how their offense will bear up against the Gators' defensive front in a couple of weeks. It is fair to wonder how the ground game will look if the Rebels are forced to run for significant chunks of a contest. But here, at this very moment, the Rebels are the class of the SEC West. They beat Alabama in Oxford a year ago only to watch the Tide make the playoff anyway after three regular-season losses knocked the Rebs out of contention — but nothing can take away Ole Miss's first win in Tuscaloosa since 1988 and its first back-to-back wins against Alabama in program history, or erase the memory of this unassailable play-of-the-year front-runner:

The Tide had earned the right, over the years, to feel like they should win this game — and they had some poor luck to go along with their poor execution this weekend. But this is why they play the games, and nights like Saturday night are why we stay awake for all of them. Auburn's magic is GONE. It feels mildly disrespectful to even make the Auburn Tigers the protagonists of this section, when the LSU Tigers they were playing on Saturday were fielding Leonard Fournette. Everything that happened in Baton Rouge feels like it should be discussed relative to wherever Fournette was while it was happening. If and when Will Muschamp Auburn defense jells to the point where it can handle youth and injuries, we may look back at this moment with more kindness, but you don't often see guys running this way even against a lower-division team. Over matched competition is one thing, but Fournette was out there punishing defenders and tackling him appears to be a futile endeavor. Because you're about to go and look: LSU plays at Ole Miss the week before Thanksgiving, November 21. Georgia, at least, appears to have its feet set. While the SEC West was off ravaging itself, the Bulldogs were setting an NCAA accuracy record with their much-maligned transfer quarterback. Sure, why not? And doing it against Steve Spurrier's South Carolina team, a team he has used in the past as his proxy in the continuation of the Cocktail Party rivalry, to Georgia's frequent dismay? Why not! It could get so much worse for Arkansas before it gets the tiniest bit better. Kliff Kingsbury saw your disdain for Texas teams and raised you a strip of your own hide. If the Red Raiders' head coach had a mane, he would've tossed it here. Arkansas goes into Texas next week, to play A&M in Arlington. Jerry Jones is gonna put scorpions in A&M's lockers.

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Luck of the Irish: Don't look now, but Notre Dame looks like it has zombie strength, or is it my warning in GIGS last week that the game looked like a trap, and to expect Touchdown Jesus to show up. On the one hand, season-ending injuries are a sad and constant reality. We're noticing blows to the Fighting Irish roster because they're happening all the time. Notre Dame was down five starters before welcoming GT for what was supposed to be a hard-fought game, put on a remarkable show to beat the Yellow Jackets in South Bend, and in the process lost a starting safety to an ACL tear sustained while celebrating a defended pass. And it doesn't get remotely easier from here: After a brief respite at home against UMass in Week 4, the Irish embark on an October schedule that involves trips to Clemson and Temple and visits from Navy and USC.

The Pac-12 North looks pretty open; the South, not so much. For those of you scoring at home, Stanford has a win over USC, and USC — ranked no. 6 in Week 3 — underperformed once again, and has what could be a long, long season in front of it, including road games at Arizona State, Notre Dame, Oregon, and ... the Cal Golden Bears were happy to get out of Austin with a win after quarterback Jerrod Heard of Texas personally recorded 527 yards of offense, culminating in a 45-yard scoring run that was capped off with a missed PAT. So it was that the fourth quarter in Austin began 45-24, and ended 45-44. It's way too early to discount Oregon, which has just one loss to what looks like a rugged Michigan State team. And given the stats Stanford put up against the Wildcats and Trojans, it's hard to know what to make of the team from Palo Alto this early. But it's starting to feel like a three-team race for the 2015 division title is at least plausible, right?

The American gets more and more exciting every week. To the previously lauded efforts of Temple and Memphis, let's add Chad Morris's SMU, who hung better against TCU than the Mustangs did against Baylor in their opener, and Philip Montgomery's Tulsa Golden Hurricane, who never stopped chasing Oklahoma as the Sooners forgot to play defense.

College Football ATS: September college football and November college football are entirely different breeds of fun. In November it's all about stakes, but in September it's mostly about mistakes, teams learning who they are and what they're capable of, and serving as an especially potent reminder of what sets this sport apart from the NFL: It's so much more human.

NFL Football Last Week:

NFL favorites carried the day in Week 1 and they punished bookmakers as a result. Well, Week 2 they got their money back. It was, a dog day afternoon as not only did the dog pound have a good day in Cleveland, so did Jacksonville, Oakland and Washington. Home dogs all, the Browns, Jaguars, Raiders and Redskins not only covered the number but they won outright. Tennessee and St. Louis, the unlikely victims of uprisings in Cleveland and Washington, respectively, were especially hard on the betting public. The Browns horrible Week 1 showing, coupled with Marcus Mariota's brilliant Week 1 dissection of the Bucs, had the public backing the Titans at 71-percent against the spread. The Rams, meanwhile, suckered 69-percent of the public's money this week after their season opening upset of the Seahawks. Only the Ravens and Dolphins garnered more public backing, hitting 79 and 80-percent prior to kickoff. Baltimore (-4.5) failed to escape the Black Hole, falling 33-37 to Oakland while Miami (-5) suffered a 20-23 loss to the usually toothless Jaguars. Arguably the day's biggest surprise, and one that brought plenty of smiles to books everywhere, was Tampa Bay spoiling New Orleans' home opener. The Buccaneers, who were this week's largest underdog (+10), thumped the increasingly hapless Saints 26-19 in the Bayou. New Orleans drew 62-percent of the spread wagering total and it entered the game with 92-percent of the money line share. That's a lot of public money funneling its way into odds maker's coffers. And the Saints added insult to that injury by draining an ungodly number of survivor contests.

Books did not go completely unscathed, however. The Patriots, Cardinals and Packers saw to that. Tom Brady shut Rex Ryan's mouth once again by leading New England to a 40-32 in Buffalo, and Arizona slapped the Bears 48-23 at Solider Field. Green Bay capped off the days action with a 27-17 win over the defending Champion Seahawks. The public liked the Patriots opposite the number at 72-percent and they were pounding the Cardinals and Packers at 75 and 61-percent, respectively. That leaves the odds makers pulling for a Jets win in the MNF clash with the Colts in Indianapolis. Andrew Luck and his cohorts are public darlings as of this writing Monday noon ET) as 72-percent of the money says they will cover the point spread in tonight's game.

Johnny Football emerges from the shadows to tighten Merrill Hoge's necktie. Manziel, who engaged in a bit of back-and-forth with the ESPN commentator this week, one upped fellow Heisman winner Marcus Mariota by leading the Browns to a 28-14 Week 2 victory. The much maligned signal caller completed 8-of-15 passes for 172 yards and two touchdowns in the win.

Fans of the Ravens, Seahawks, Eagles and Saints are all wondering what to make of their teams after two weeks of action. Baltimore, Philadelphia and Seattle were all considered Super Bowl contenders prior to the start of the season and many pundits expected a bounce back campaign from New Orleans. Yet, they enter Week 3 a collective 0-8 and we'll see how many of them end up 0-3 after three weeks of action.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL BEST BETS

OHIO ST. -28 Over Western Michigan By 19

Last week, No Illinois gave the Buckeyes all they could handle and they escaped with a narrow 20-13 win. The Buckeyes have been shaky the last two weeks and QB Cardale Jones has 4 TO's in three games.. The Buckeyes haven't beaten huge spreads in consecutive weeks against No Illinois and Hawaii and they opened at -28.5.

The Broncos have an undersized defensive front seven, and that plays right into the hands of a team that would rather pound the rock more than pass. The size advantage of the offensive line for the Buckeyes is massive. The WMU Huskies are allowing 224 rushing yards per game, and now they face the Buckeyes looking to blow someone away. Even though Buckeye star running back E. Elliott hasn't been dominating in terms of yards per carry of late, he still has three 100+ yard rushing games to show for his work in his junior season.

We don't expect a QB change by Urban Meyer. JT Barrett has performed much better in the past two weeks than Cardale Jones. If so it makes the running game weaker. Even if Barrett doesn't start, we expect him to play later in the game and he and Elliot can run wild. The Buckeye offensive line will dominate an undersized WMU front seven, and Elliot may notch a 200 yard game. If our prediction is right, the clock will be ticking fast.

Only concern is WMU will be flinging it all over the yard and must be concerned with TO,s resulting in multiple scores.

Ohio State has yet to blow anyone away and until then we'll take the huge pointspread.

Projected Score: Ohio State 29, Western Michigan 10 WINNE!

AUBURN -2.5 Over Mississippi St. By 12

Miss St. QB Dak Prescott had a great team around him last season, and he had a season which was Heisman Trophy like. This year, all of his skill position players around him are gone, which leaves him with an incredibly inexperienced team. Prescott is averaging 0.8 yards per pass attempt less than he did last season, and he only has five passing touchdowns and two on the ground after accounting for 41 total touchdowns last year. He also isn't running the ball as much as he has the last two seasons because his offensive line isn't giving him the holes to do so.

Auburn Tiger QB Jeremy Johnson has to flat out stop turning the ball over. Six picks in three games is awful, and it feels like he is digressing every time he steps on the field. Gus Malzahn wants to run one of the fastest offenses in America, but over the course of the last couple weeks, this unit has just looked flat and out of sync. Once again, we're looking for a QB change to backup Sean White, who has the skills to pick up a dormant offense. Whoever starts, the Tiger QB should have success against an overrated Bulldog defense based on their stats of giving up only 16.7 points per game.

The Auburn Tigers are on the longest ATS losing streak in the country at eight in a row. If Auburn's offense is clicking on all cylinders; **the tigers break their losing streak SU and ATS.**

Projected Score: Auburn 32, Miss St. 20 LOSER!

OREGON -15 OVER Utah By 4

The Utah Utes come into the game at 3-0 and ranked 18th in the country while the Ducks are 2-1 and ranked 13th. Both teams have some quarterback concerns with Travis Wilson of Utah and Vernon Adams of Oregon both dealing with injuries. We wouldn't be surprised to see both of them play. The teams have been relying on their running backs as Oregon's Royce Freeman is averaging 124 yards per game while Utah's Devontae Booker is averaging 115 yards per game. The Utes are coming off a win against Fresno State as Booker led the way again. Utah's passing game is struggling as neither Travis Wilson nor Kendal Thompson has done much this season and Wilson didn't even play last week against Fresno State. Oregon head coach Mark Helfrich realizes that stopping Booker is the big key and he'll try to get multiple bodies on Booker.

The Ducks had to go with Jeff Lockie at quarterback last week against Georgia State with Adams out and Lockie was good as he was 23 of 31 for 228 yards and two touchdowns. The QB position is not the problem for the Ducks. Their serious issue is a defense that ranks a paltry 105th in the country in total defense. They are allowing 33.7 ppg.

The Utes are 7-1 against the college football betting point spread in their last 8 road games. The Utes are 5-2 ATS in their last 7 games in September. The Ducks are 8-0 ATS in their last 8 conference games. The Ducks are 1-4 ATS in their last 5 games in September. The Under is 4-1 in the Utes last 5 games in September. The Under is 7-2-1 in the Utes last 10 conference games. The Over is 37-15-1 in the Ducks last 53 home games.

We don't like the Oregon defense, because they have not been able to stop anyone. This Utah Utes have an attacking defensive unit that can cause chaos and turnovers. **So we'll take the defensive minded mad dogs, and the points.**

Projected Score: Oregon 30, Utah 26 WINNER! UTAH WINS STRAIGHT UP!

WEST VIRGINIA -16 Over Maryland By 27

Historically, these two teams have been closer than the spread would indicate with West Virginia getting the better of Maryland last year by just three points and the Terps taking the game the year before in commanding fashion, 37-0. Don't even think the Mountaineer crazies have forgotten that beating. Even so, Maryland is still just 2-6 ATS in the last eight meetings between these rivals. West Virginia hasn't done particularly well ATS of late. They're 5-18 ATS in their last 23 home games against a team with a winning record. They're also just 1-4 ATS in their last five games on field turf.

But through two games, the Mountaineer pass offense already looks to be one of the best in the country. West Virginia has averaged 336 passing yards over those games and has five touchdowns. Quarterback Skyler Howard has been very effective in the early going, completing 72.5% of his passes for 622 yards and five touchdowns. He's yet to throw an interception. As for targets, four different players already have at least six receptions with Shelton Gibson and Jovon Durante each reeling in two touchdowns a piece and north or 180 yards receiving.

Meanwhile, the Terps pass defense has struggled, ranking No. 96 overall with 257 yards per game allowed along with seven touchdowns. Bowling Green, in particular carved up this unit when Matt Johnson threw for 491 yards and six touchdowns. The Mountaineer defense has been quite awesome in the redzone. The opposition scored just one time, on a rushing touchdown. Maryland, by comparison, has already had 13 chances against the opposition in the red zone and they allowed nine touchdowns and a field goal in those 13 opportunities.

Maryland has had real issues holding onto the ball. While they've only lost one fumble, they've been picked for seven interceptions and have a terrible turnover margin of -5. They're going against a very strong passing attack which has also shown the ability to get it done on the ground. Given the Mountaineers' strong offense, the Terps cannot afford to be giving them more opportunities and, based on their first three games, they're likely to do just that.

With a ton of turnovers and a defense that allowed Bowling Green to throw the ball all over the field, Maryland doesn't match up well against the Mountaineers this year. West Virginia, meanwhile, has looked very good in their first two starts. While they've yet to face a real tough test, Maryland doesn't look like it'll provide that for them this year. Caleb Rowe has thrown more interceptions than touchdowns to date and while Brandon Ross has done well on the ground, leading a rushing attack that's averaging 203.6 yards per game, it doesn't figure to be nearly as high and not enough in this one. **WVU will avenge that beatdown from two years back. Get the fire trucks ready to douse the burning couches. Projected Score: West Virginia 37, Maryland 10 WINNER! WVU BLOWS OUT MARYLAND**

California -2 Over Washington By 13

The Golden Bears are favored on the road for the second straight week? The last time they were favored in two straight in the same season was in 2009. The Golden Bears opened up at -2 and the total at 61.

The Huskies have played well defensively this year, but after losing Marcus Peters to the NFL Draft, we still have issues with their secondary. They have only played against Boise State, Utah State and Sacramento State, none of which have elite level passing games. Now enters one of the best passing attacks, not just in the entire Pac-12, but in the nation as well. Jared Goff, a legitimate and efficient NFL QB prospect is completing 73 percent of his passes and is averaging 9.7 yards per pass attempt for the Cal Bears. When you've got a spread offense averaging almost 10 yards every time it throws the ball, you're going to be in trouble on defense. Conversely, Jake Browning's completion percentage over the course of his last two games is 71%. The Huskie freshman has definitely had some growing pains since getting thrust into the action after Cyler Miles decided to quit football before the start of the year, but he has improved in the last two games.

If you're a trends guy, you're going to be all over the Huskies based on their history against the Bears. They've won six in a row against the Golden Bears, and covered five of the six. The only exception was two seasons ago when Cal was a 28-point underdog in Seattle. Washington was a similarly-sized underdog last season in Berkeley, and they figured out how to slow down Goff and this awesome offense to the tune of just 368 yards and seven points. This year though, the Huskies aren't going to be anywhere near as successful. Goff is a much better quarterback now, and their secondary doesn't have anywhere near an NFL-caliber player as they did last year with Peters.

Browning might be looking more and more comfortable as games go on, but he is the inexperienced player here in this one. The Cal defense was awful last week against Texas, and Dykes knows that this is his team's Achilles' heel, but we just don't see U-Dub being able to outscore this offense no matter how bad the defense is. He'll get some big stats, but he'll also make some mistakes too that end up being costly.

Go with Cal to win a second consecutive road game and to reverse past ATS results with the Huskies. Projected Score: California 44, Washington 31 WINNER!

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PRO FOOTBALL BEST BETS

CAROLINA - 3 Over New Orleans by 13

Drew Brees injured his rotator cuff in a disappointing loss to the Buccaneers and he's likely to miss some time as a result. Obviously, anytime a team loses their starting quarterback, that's a major blow, but few teams rely on their QB as much as New Orleans, so this is exceptionally troubling for the gold and black. In addition to Brees, Dannell Ellerbe is questionable for the game as are Jerricho Cotchery, Luke Kuechly and Star Lotulelei for the Panthers. The line opened at Panthers -3 and all the wiseguys banged it hard. Hence, it was taken off the board quickly and pending further news out of Nawlins.

Cam Newton provides a threat on the ground. The Panthers rank seventh in the league with 138.5 yards per game through their first 2 games. Newton and Jonathan Stewart have combined for 229 yards. The team also has Mike Tolbert to offers a bit of variety in rushing style. He's only gotten 6 attempts, but is averaging 7.2 ypc.

On the other side of the gridiron, the Saints are near the bottom of the league in rush defense, allowing 259 rushing yards and a pair of rushing touchdowns in their first two games. The absence of Brees is huge. The rushing attack behind Mark Ingram and Khiry Robinson is marginal at best and while C.J. Spiller is a dynamic player with the ability to be a game changer, he hasn't really been a factor. Brees is the one that keeps this offense going. The veteran quarterback has top receiver Brandin Cooks and veteran Marques Colston, but otherwise lacks many top end targets. He's still able to make the passing game work, but backup quarterback Luke McCown is not nearly as skilled, leaving it likely that the struggling offense gets even worse rather than better. Tampa Bay looked like the worst team in the league in Week 1, but came into Week 2 and got the win over the Saints. And that was with Brees under center. The New Orleans defense couldn't stop the Bucs and will continue to let teams score and now we presume the offense has lost their best weapon.

Whether or not Brees plays is an important factor, but even with him, the team has yet to win a game in either the regular season or preseason this year and has—including the preseason—dropped eight straight games ATS. Over their last six September games, the Saints are 1-5 ATS and are 0-4 ATS in their last four against the NFC South. The Panthers, on the other hand, have gotten off to a solid start this year and are now 18-7-1 ATS in their last 26 games against teams with a losing record. They're also 12-5-1 ATS in their last 18 home games. **The Panthers ground game should be enough to lead the Panthers to the easy win and take them to 3-0 SU and ATS.**

Projected Score: Carolina 26, New Orleans 13 WINNER!

NEW ENGLAND -13.5 Over Jacksonville by 21

The Jaguars knocked off the Miami Dolphins 23-20 in week 2. Jacksonville is flying high right now, but they haven't beaten the Patriots since 1999. The spread opened at New England -14 and the total at 47.5 over the visiting Jaguars. Neither the Jaguars nor the Patriots headlined the list of new injuries coming out of week 2, but both have their share of players out already. For the Jaguars, Julius Thomas remains out. The veteran tight end was supposed to be a big weapon for quarterback Blake Bortles, but he'll remain out until at least week 7. In addition, numerous others remain on the injury report including Luke Joeckel who shed his walking boot last week. A fully healthy Joeckel could go a long ways to help stabilize the tackle position. The Patriots will not have Brandon LaFell, though Tom Brady did just fine without him last week. In addition to him, there are still numerous injures to the defensive and offensive line.

The last time these two teams met, the Patriots were two touchdown favorites as well and the Jaguars played New England close, eventually falling 23-16, but beating the spread. Of course, that game was in Jacksonville and not up in Foxborough. Focusing a bit more on the more recent past, the Patriots are 13-5 ATS in their last 18 home games, though Jacksonville is 4-1 ATS in their last five games overall.

Of course, the Patriots' defense against Blake Bortles could be interesting to watch, though even with Bortles' lackluster numbers to date, he's got a few good weapons around him with T.J Yeldon—although he's collected just 3.3 yards per carry so far—as well as Allen Robinson and Allen Hurns. Perhaps the biggest mismatch here is the Patriots' offense, namely the passing attack behind Tom Brady, against the Jags' defense. Brady and company are averaging 366 passing yards per game, tops in the league. Brady carried the team last week against Buffalo, throwing for 466 yards and three touchdowns, attempting 59 passes. On the season, he already has seven touchdown passes. Jacksonville is near the middle of the pack in passing defense through two weeks, allowing 251 passing yards per game. Percentage of third downs converted by the Patriots is nearly 50% opposed to the Jaguars 31%.

The Jaguars had a nice surprise win over the Dolphins last week, but two in a row seems highly unlikely, particularly given they're going against the Patriots in Foxborough. In the NFL, 14 points is a lot to give, but you're dealing with the defending Super Bowl champions against one of the league's worst teams. The Patriots offense hung 28 on Pittsburgh and 40 on Buffalo and we've yet to see much of anything from New England's rushing attack. The Jacksonville offense struggles to get anything going behind an under performing quarterback and he is over matched big time. Honestly, pretty much any direction you go here is a mismatch in the Patriots' favor which is why the spread is so large for this game. As long as he doesn't take a nap or play only a half, **Brady should carve up their defense.**

Projected Score: New England 35, Jacksonville 14 BLOWOUT WINNER!

Oakland + 4 Over Cleveland by 4

Johnny Manziel has won his first career game as a starter. Now all of a sudden, the Browns are favored by more than a field goal that much either. In fact, you have to go back three seasons to find the last time they were more than -3.5 in a game. The status of Josh McCown is questionable after suffering a concussion in week 1. Even if McCown is cleared to play, it's tough to see him starting over Manziel after he won last week against Tennessee.

The Oakland defensive line hasn't managed a sack yet this season, but this is sure to be the day all of that changes. Khalil Mack and Aldon Smith should have a field day in this one against a Cleveland offensive line which has been atrocious through two games. Of course, Manziel has created a lot of his own issues, too. When he has been forced to throw it, Manziel has had to scramble out of the pocket to buy himself some more time. Sure, he has found Travis Benjamin a few times deep down the field, but those bombs aren't happening every single week. If Benjamin doesn't break free, Manziel is going to be sacked a ton by arguably the hardest working defensive front seven in the NFL. Manziel is averaging only five yards per catch, if you take out those three bombs to Benjamin he connected on through the first two weeks of the year. Johnny Football might be making things happen, but the likelihood of that continuing is still small. What's left is a man who has thrown for just 190 yards in basically a game and a half under center, which isn't good enough to win in this league.

The Browns are over rated simply on the name Manziel. Their defensive numbers are a result of playing against a rookie in Marcus Mariota, and we think they're going to be exploited by Oakland in this one. Carr, is improving day by day, and having both Cooper and Latavius Murray helps him tremendously. Raider defense must stop hugh plays from Manziel. **Raiders will go on the road and win for the first time since November 17, 2013.**

Projected Score: Oakland 24, Cleveland 20 WINNER! OAKLAND WINS STRAIGHT UP

SEATTLE - 15 Over Chicago by 27

A pair of teams searching for their first victory of 2015 are set to square off in Seattle where the two-time NFC defending champion Seahawks will look to take their frustrations out on a battered and bruised Bears squad reeling without a capable quarterback under center. At first glance, this looks like the Seahawks will beat the tar out of the Bears and I'm sure the betting public is thinking the same thing. Before Jay Cutler went down with what is being described as a hamstring injury, the Seahawks were still the decided favorite, but only by 9-points. But with Jimmy Clausen likely taking all the week 3 snaps, the Seahawks are now a hefty 15-point home chalk. Not surprisingly, that number is on the move upwards across the board. Well no wonder why when Jay Cutler is out with a hamstring injury and WR Alshon Jeffery is questionable a hamstring injury. What's up with the hammies this year?

The Bears were already below average in the passing game with Jay Cutler leading their charge. How do you think they'll rank out here facing a mad as hell Seahawks defense in front of the 12th Man? Though Seattle has missed Chancellor in the secondary, it will likely get healthy here versus Clausen who possesses a 1-10 SU record as a starter in this league. The 120 yards on 8-of-9 passing did nothing to impress the many likely lining up to lay the double-digits with the overdue defending NFC champs. This looks to be as good a scenario as any for the once proud "Legion of Doom" to rediscover the swagger that's had opposing passing offenses scared to death the last couple seasons. The undisciplined Bears had 14 penalties last week at home in a one-sided loss to the Cardinals. It cost them a whopping 170 yards – a franchise record – and erased a number of big plays that would have made last week's final score a bit more respectable. Chicago is already up against it most weeks in not having the talent to compete with the big boys. When they kill themselves even more, it makes it that much harder to envision anything but another beat down occurring.

Sometimes just going with your first impression results in an easy winner. While the road team has covered four of the last five meetings, Chicago has gone a pathetic 2-8 ATS the following week after absorbing a double-digit home defeat. On the flipside, the Seahawks have covered each of their last five week 3 games and covered 37 of their last 57 games played in front of the 12th Man. **The 12th Man is a powerful advantage, so we'll take the overdue home team.**

Projected Score: Seattle 34, Chicago 7

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323 NAVY P: 9:00AM C: 11:00AM E: 12:00PM 324 CONNECTICUT	373 MISSISSIPPI STATE P: 4:30PM C: 6:30PM E: 7:30PM ESPN2 374 AUBURN	471 JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS P: 10:00AM C: 12:00PM E: 1:00PM 472 NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS
325 VIRGINIA TECH P: 12:30PM C: 2:30PM E: 3:30PM 326 EAST CAROLINA	375 UL - MONROE P: 1:00PM C: 3:00PM E: 4:00PM SEC 376 ALABAMA	473 CINCINNATI BENGALS P: 10:00AM C: 12:00PM E: 1:00PM 474 BALTIMORE RAVENS
327 SAN DIEGO STATE P: 12:30PM C: 2:30PM E: 3:30PM 328 PENN STATE	377 FLORIDA ATLANTIC P: 4:00PM C: 6:00PM E: 7:00PM 378 CHARLOTTE	475 OAKLAND RAIDERS P: 10:00AM C: 12:00PM E: 1:00PM 476 CLEVELAND BROWNS
329 BOWLING GREEN P: 9:00AM C: 11:00AM E: 12:00PM 330 PURDUE	379 TCU P: 1:45PM C: 3:45PM E: 4:45PM FOX 380 TEXAS TECH	477 INDIANAPOLIS COLTS P: 10:00AM C: 12:00PM E: 1:00PM 478 TENNESSEE TITANS
331 KANSAS P: 9:00AM C: 11:00AM E: 12:00PM 332 RUTGERS	381 AKRON P: 4:00PM C: 6:00PM E: 7:00PM 382 UL - LAFAYETTE	479 ATLANTA FALCONS P: 10:00AM C: 12:00PM E: 1:00PM 480 DALLAS COWBOYS
333 WESTERN MICHIGAN P: 12:30PM C: 2:30PM E: 3:30PM 334 OHIO STATE	383 COLORADO STATE P: 4:00PM C: 6:00PM E: 7:00PM CBSC 384 UTSA	481 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS P: 1:05PM C: 3:05PM E: 4:05PM 482 ARIZONA CARDINALS
335 ARKANSAS STATE P: 4:00PM C: 6:00PM E: 7:00PM 336 TOLEDO	385 CENTRAL FLORIDA P: 9:00AM C: 11:00AM E: 12:00PM 386 SOUTH CAROLINA	483 CHICAGO BEARS P: 1:25PM C: 3:25PM E: 4:25PM 484 SEATTLE SEAHAWKS
337 INDIANA P: 9:30AM C: 11:30AM E: 12:30PM 338 WAKE FOREST	387 UTAH P: 5:30PM C: 7:30PM E: 8:30PM FOX 388 OREGON	485 BUFFALO BILLS P: 1:25PM C: 3:25PM E: 4:25PM 486 MIAMI DOLPHINS
339 MARYLAND P: 12:00PM C: 2:00PM E: 3:00PM FOX 340 WEST VIRGINIA		487 DENVER BRONCOS P: 5:30PM C: 7:30PM E: 8:30PM NBC 488 DETROIT LIONS
341 GEORGIA TECH P: 9:00AM C: 11:00AM E: 12:00PM 342 DUKE	391 NORTHERN ILLINOIS P: 10:00AM C: 12:00PM E: 1:00PM 392 BOSTON COLLEGE	MONDAY
343 VANDERBILT P: 4:00PM C: 6:00PM E: 7:00PM 344 MISSISSIPPI	393 OKLAHOMA STATE P: 12:30PM C: 2:30PM E: 3:30PM ESPN 394 TEXAS	489 KANSAS CITY CHIEFS P: 5:30PM C: 7:30PM E: 8:30PM ESPN 490 GREEN BAY PACKER