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Will The New OU QB Have Riley Smiling?

THE 2019 COLLEGE FOOTBALL KICKOFF SEASON IS HERE!

COLLEGE FOOTBALL BEST BETS

Clemson -36.5 Over Georgia Tech by 45

CLEMSON by 42 Georgia Tech - Last year we used Clemson as our Free September 5H against Georgia Tech and the Tigers delivered a super easy winner, leading 42-7 in the 3Q in a 49-21 (-16) win. The National Champs bring back 12 returning starters including QB Trevor Lawrence. The Tigers will need to rebuild their Dline after losing 4 NFL draft picks but they've got plenty of talent incl DE Xavier Thomas (10.5 tfl LY).

GT return just 9 starters in new HC Geoff Collins' first season while they transition away from the triple option. The Jackets must replace their entire Dline which will be an issue against Clemson who returns 4 Olines that started 7 games or more, and last year's Walker Award Finalist RB Etienne.

The Tigers won their last 10 games (8-1-1 ATS run) by 36 ppg last season and we expect similar results against a team playing their first game after a major scheme change. HC Collins team's have been notorious slow starters (0-4 ATS first 2 weeks L2Y). Clemson does have A&M on deck but this should get out of hand early and the Tigers rip into the Ramblin Wreck in an easy win.

Projected Score: Clemson 52, Georgia Tech 7

Utah -5.5 & 49 at B.Y.U. Under Total By 8

This is the 94th "Holy War." While BYU has lost 8 straight in the series, only once was it by more than 8 points. Utah is on a 10-4 ATS series run and is 4-0 ATS in Provo. LY in the reg ssn finale the Cougars led 27-7 late 3Q, but allowed 28 unanswered and lost 35-27 (+11). These teams are just about the same in terms of experience returning.

The Utes have 14 starters back. While they return QB Tyrone Huntley, 2nd Tm P12 RB Zack Moss and their top 5 WR's, they also must replace their top 4 tacklers.

BYU returns 17 starters including QB Zach Wilson and their top 3 WR's, while adding RB Ty'Son Williams as a grad transfer from SC. The Cougars are 23-11 as a dog and the dog in this series is 7-2.

We can't help but feel BYU is still seething at LY's loss and while they won't exact revenge on the scoreboard, they will keep it close to the line in a low scoring affair. Take the under in this game.

Projected Score: Utah 24, BYU 17

Wake Forest -3 Over Utah State By 11

The home team has won both meetings in this series (1-1 ATS). The last time the Aggies traveled to the East Coast was also LTH and WF easily took care of business, 46-10 (-13).

The Demon Deacons have a large experience edge here (#33 vs #124). WF brings back 12 returning starters incl a 1,000 yd rusher in Cade Carney (5.3). QB Newman is battle tested after pulling 2 outright upsets as DD Dogs plus an upset in the bowl last year.

Utah St returns just 2 starters on offense but one of them is QB Jordan Love (64%, 32-6). The Aggies have 7 starters back on defense and only allowed 22.2 ppg last year. This is Gary Anderson's second stint at Utah St and during his prev stint ('09-'12) the Aggies were 14-2 as an AD.

Wake has an uptempo offense that will stretch Utah St in the heat. The Demon Deacons have the experience edge and they are a Power 5 team at home, so we will call for the double digit victory.

Projected Score: Wake Forest 24, Utah State 13

South Carolina - 10 Over North Carolina By 1

When looking at this game on the line it looks like North Carolina is home. But this is being played at Bank of American Stadium in Charlotte and is almost a home game for the Gamecocks also. This is the fourth meeting in the last 7 years. SC is 3-0 SU/2-1 in recent meetings including wins in both the '13 and '15 openers.

Will Muschamp was DC under Mack Brown at TX from '08-'10 and was expected to succeed him. Mack Brown inherits an inexperienced squad (#103) with 14 returning starters but major concerns at QB. The Gamecocks also have 14 returning starters but are much more experienced (#30) and have a returning 3Y starting QB in Jake Bentley (3,171, 62%, 27-14 LY).

NC should be much better on defense after allowing 34.5 ppg last year. SC should also be improved on defense after being riddled with injuries last year, which led to nearly a td increase in ppg allowed (27.2).

The Gamecocks have edges in all 3 phases and are more experienced while NC is 0-11 SU/4-7 ATS when opening vs a P5 foe ats. Nevertheless, new HC Mack Brown has brought in some good talent and should be ready to battle.

Projected Score: South Carolina 31, North Carolina 30

S.M.U. + 3.5 Over Arkansas State By 6

SMU hasn't won 3 straight season openers since winning 15 in a row from 1972-'86! The Ponies have won just 2 of their L/22 road openers.

Arkansas St is hosting an FBS foe in their home opener for just the 3rd time in the L7Y and first since losing vs Toledo 31-10 (-4) in '16.

This is the 4th meeting and the host is 3-0 SU/ATS. SMU has a slight experience edge entering the '19 campaign with 16 returning starters including pre-season 4th Team AA WR James Proche and 3 of their top 4 tacklers (incl #1 LB Richard Moore).

Arizona St has 13 starters back including 1st Tm SBC WR Kirk Merritt, pre-season 2nd Team SBC RB Marcel Murray and leading tackler NB Darreon Jackson.

However, Arkansas St will likely be without HC Anderson after his wife passed away earlier this month. SMU does have an experienced signal caller as well after the addition of Texas grad transfer Shane Buechele. ArkansasSt is 27-14 as home chalk, but the Poiners are 8-3-1 ATS in regular season non-conference games.

Arkansas St may be ill prepared with the loss of their coach. SMU can score with a potent offense. This game will go down to the wire and we'll call for the Mustangs to win by a touchdown with plenty of points on the board.

Projected Score: S.M.U 33, ArkansasSt 27

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