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College Football Final Four Set

LSU made College Football Playoff Favorite

The final 2019 College Football Playoff rankings were announced on Sunday Dec. 8 at 12:15 p.m. ET and the semifinal matchups have been set for Saturday, Dec. 28, 2019.

Fiesta Bowl: (2) Ohio State vs. (3) Clemson

Peach Bowl: (1) LSU vs. (4) Oklahoma

LSU moved past Ohio State for the No. 1 position in the CFP, leaving the Buckeyes in the second slot. Rounding out the four-team field are Clemson at No. 3 and Oklahoma at No. 4.

College Football Playoff Betting History

Ed Orgeron and the LSU Tigers captured the SEC Championship with a dominating 37-10 win over Georgia and finished the season with a 13-0 record. This is the first CFP appearance for LSU.

Clemson and Ohio State also finished with 13-0 records, which included conference championship victories in the ACC and Big Ten respectively. This will be the fifth straight trip to the College Football Playoff for the Tigers, while Ohio State is making its third appearance and first since the 2016-17 Playoff.

Oklahoma has lost in the semifinals each of the last two seasons, and the defense gave up a combined 99 points in those setbacks. This will be their third straight appearance and fourth overall.

At the ends of the 2018-19 season, oddsmakers at the Las Vegas Westgate SuperBook released Future Odds to win the 2020 College Football Championship on Jan. 7, 2019.

Odds per Westgate Las Vegas SuperBook
School (Open) Current

LSU Tigers (50/1) 7/5
Clemson Tigers (7/2) 2/1
Ohio State Buckeyes (10/1) 3/1
Oklahoma Sooners (15/1) 16/1

LSU opened as a 50/1 betting choice to capture the title and now that the field has shrunk to four, the Tigers are the 7/5 favorites (Bet \$100 to win \$140).

The defending champion Clemson Tigers were a 7/2 choice back in January to repeat and they're now listed at 2/1 odds.

No. 1 LSU vs. No. 4 Oklahoma

Matchup: Peach Bowl - History
Venue: Mercedes-Benz Stadium
Location: Atlanta, Georgia
Time: 4:00 p.m. ET
Opening Betting Odds

The SuperBook in Las Vegas opened LSU as a 9 ½-point favorite and the number was quickly bet up to -12. Some betting shops have gone to 12 ½ while the Circa in Las Vegas was holding the Tigers at -11.

The total (over/under) was sent out at 79 ½ and early 'under' wagers dropped the number to 76 ½. A few global books, including DraftKings, are holding 75 ½.
VegasInsider Expert Thoughts

How They Got Here

LSU finished the season with 13-0 straight up and 8-4-1 against the spread record, which was topped off with a 37-10 win over Georgia in the SEC Championship as seven-point favorites. The Tigers went 7-0 in Baton Rouge and 6-0 as visitors. LSU was favored in 12 of 13 games this season and listed as a double-digit favorite nine times.

Oklahoma is the only team in this year's CFP field with a blemish, finishing 12-1 overall. The Sooners also come in as the least profitable team of the quartet, producing a 5-8 ATS record. This will be the first time this season that Oklahoma is listed as an underdog. The Sooners were listed as double-digit underdogs last season in the College Playoff to Alabama (-14 ½) and the Crimson Tide ran past the Sooners 45-34 in the semifinal played at the Orange Bowl. Oklahoma watched the 'under' go 8-5 and the low side closed the season with four consecutive winning tickets. LSU was 8-5 to the 'over' and that includes a 4-2 mark away from home.

Head-to-Head Matchups

These teams haven't met since 2004 when they squared off in the Sugar Bowl, which was also the BCS National Championship Game. The Tigers captured a 21-14 win over the Sooners, led by then head coach Nick Saban.

College Playoff & Bowl Betting History

Going back to 2010, LSU has produced a 5-5 SU and 4-5-1 ATS mark in its last 10 postseason appearances. The Tigers have won three of their last four bowl games and that includes a 2-1 mark under Ed Orgeron as head coach. Oklahoma is also just 5-5 both SU and ATS in last 10 playoff or bowl games. Three of those losses came in the College Football Playoff.

No. 2 Ohio State vs. No. 3 Clemson

Matchup: Fiesta Bowl - History

Venue: State Farm Stadium

Location: Glendale, Arizona

Time: 8:00 p.m. ET

Opening Betting Odds

The SuperBook opened Ohio State -1 and the number has flip-flopped on this matchup. Clemson is currently -2 ½ in Las Vegas and a few books are holding the Tigers -1.

The total (over/under) opened 61½ and was nudged up to 62½.

How They Got Here

Clemson went 13-0 straight up and 10-3 against the spread. The school went 8-0 at home and 5-0 outside of Death Valley, which included a 62-17 win over Virginia in the ACC Championship. The Tigers were double-digit favorites in all 13 of their games and 12 of the outcomes were decided by double digits. The only score for Clemson came in Week 5 when the Tigers escaped Chapel Hill with a 21-20 win over North Carolina. Total bettors saw the 'under' go 7-6 for the Tigers.

Ohio State also went 13-0 SU and it produced a solid 9-4 ATS record for bettors. Similar to Clemson, the Buckeyes went 8-0 at home and 5-0 in games played outside of Columbus. The Buckeyes failed to cover in three of their final four games, which included an ATS loss in their 34-21 comeback win over Wisconsin in the Big Ten Championship as 17-point favorites. This will be the first time this season that Ohio State is listed as an underdog. Bettors saw Ohio State's total results produce a stalemate (6-6-1) in its 13 games.

Head-to-Head Matchups

These schools met in 2016 College Football Playoffs and Clemson stifled Ohio State 31-0 as a one-point underdog. Coincidentally, the game was played at the same venue of this matchup – the Fiesta Bowl. The 'under' (56½) connected.

Clemson also defeated Ohio State 40-35 in the 2014 Orange Bowl and the Tigers were listed as short underdogs (+2½) in that game as well. The 'over' (71½) was on a nice pace and never in doubt.

College Playoff & Bowl Betting History

Clemson has gone 8-2 SU and 9-1 ATS in its last 10 postseason games, both losses coming to Alabama in the College Football Playoff. Including those two setbacks, the Tigers have gone 5-2 overall in the College Football Playoff.

Ohio State has gone 7-3 SU and 6-4 ATS in its last 10 postseason games while the 'under' is 7-3 during this span. The Buckeyes have gone 2-1 both SU and ATS in the College Football Playoff, both victories coming in the 2014-15 edition when they captured the national championship. OSU defeated Alabama in the semifinal before blasting Oregon on the title game.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL BEST BET

ARMY + 10 Over NAVY by 1 & Over 40 by 7

The Army Black Knights head to Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia, PA on Saturday to face their biggest rival, the #24 ranked Navy Midshipmen. In their last game, Army was defeated by the Hawai'i Rainbow Warriors by the score of 52-31. Three different quarterbacks saw action in the game against Hawai'i as Kelvin Hopkins Jr., Jemel Jones and Christian Anderson combined to completed 5 of 11 passes for 127 yards, no touchdowns and 2 interceptions. The leading rusher for Army was Christian Anderson who carried the ball 12 times for 114 yards in the game. Running back Sandon McCoy also had a big day on the ground for the Black Knights as he carried the ball 15 times for 91 yards and 2 touchdowns. The leading receiver for Army was Article Hobbs IV who caught 1 pass for 69 yards. The Black Knights gained a total of 554 yards of offense in the game with 447 coming on the ground while their defense allowed a total of 492 yards to the Rainbow Warriors, including 492 through the air.

Army's option offense doesn't involve much passing, so most of their yards come on the ground. Quarterback Kelvin Hopkins Jr. is Army's leading passer on the season as he has thrown for 570 yards and 4 TD's against 5 picks this year. Hopkins Jr. is also the leading rusher for the Knights as he has carried the ball 137 times for 706 yards and 7 touchdowns on the year. Camden Harrison is Army's leading receiver with 23 for 415 yards and 3 TD's.

The #24 ranked Navy Midshipmen head to Philadelphia to play Army and will be looking to add another win to what has already been a stellar season for Navy. In their last game, Navy defeated the Houston Cougars by the score of 56-41. Much like Army, Navy also runs a heavy option game plan so most of their yards come on the ground. Navy quarterback Malcolm Perry completed 2 of 4 passes for 104 yards on the day against Houston but didn't throw a touchdown or an interception. Perry carried the ball 18 times for 146 yards and 1 touchdown against the Cougars. Navy fullback Jamale Carothers had monster day on the ground as he carried the ball 18 times for 188 yards and 5 touchdowns on the day. The leading receiver for the Midshipmen was Keoni-Kordell Makekau who caught 1 pass for 60 yards in the game. The Navy offense gained a total of 554 yards in the game with 447 coming on the ground while the defense allowed a total of 527 yards to Houston with 393 coming through the air.

With the win against Houston, Navy improved to 9-2 on the season and will be looking to get into double digits in the win column in their game against Army. Navy quarterback Malcolm Perry has thrown for 1,027 yards and 6 touchdowns this year against 3 interceptions. Perry has also been Navy's leading rusher as he has carried the ball 238 times for 1,500 yards and 19 touchdowns. The Midshipmen's leading receiver is Mychal Cooper who has caught 15 passes for 355 yards and 2 touchdowns on the season but is listed as out for Saturday's game vs Army.

Army has scored 30.3 points per game while allowing an average of 22.3 points per game. The Army offense averages gaining 398.4 yards per game while allowing an average of 337.8 yards per game. Navy has averaged scoring 39.3 points per game while allowing 24.2 points per game. The Navy offense averages 464.4 yards per game while allowing 342.4 yards per game. In their last 5, Army is 2-3 while Navy is 4-1. Oh ya, Navy is more talented than Army. Although both teams give up around the same amount of points per game, Navy is averaging 9 points more per game than Army. The line is 10.

There is one word common to all of our handicappers at Gridiron Gold, and that word is **HOOAH!** For those of you that don't know the word, or are unfamiliar with the word, that is the chant of US Army veterans. Pres was in the Army during the VietNam War with an 11 Bravo MOS 11 Bravo **Bang Bang!**

Yes, we know that Navy has the better record and has had a superior year. Yes, we backed Navy all season and won money by backing the Middies. Yes, everything points to Navy as the side in this game! Yes we know there is a 50% chance of rain in Philadelphia and the Middies are better in the water. But Army has the advantage in the mud LOL. So go ahead, take Navy -10 if you have no motive at all to buck the Middies. But, we're all Army Veterans at Gridiron Gold, so who the hell do you think we're going to pick in this game? **HOOAH! HOOAH! HOOAH! HOOAH!**

Go Army beat Navy or at the least cover the spread.

Projected Score: Army 24, Navy 23

THIS WEEKS GRIDIRON GOLD SHEET BEST BETS WITH THREE DIV II BEST BETS COLLEGE FOOTBALL BEST BETS ARE 42-34-2 YEAR TO DATE

	Best Bet	Best Bet	Friday Best Bet	Friday Best Bet	Friday Best Bet
CFB	ARMY + 10	ARMY OVER 40	J. MADISON – 13½	MONTANA ST – 6½	MONTANA U. - 2½

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Denver was an absolute lock last week

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NFL Football Recap

-- The Denver Broncos (+8) have turned the keys over to rookie QB Drew Lock and he led the biggest upset of the weekend with a surprising 38-24 win on the road over the Houston Texans. It was a surprise going by pregame preview, and the line, only. If you watched the game, it was a thorough beatdown in favor of the visitors. The Broncos fired out to a 21-0 lead with 11:24 to go in the second quarter, as the Broncos had two TD passes for Lock and a 70-yard fumble recovery for touchdown. They took a surprising 38-3 lead at halftime, and they held a 38-3 lead at 9:15 of the third quarter before the Texans found the end zone midway through the third. The Broncos are 2-0 SU/ATS with Lock under center, and they're 5-1 ATS across the past six with the over 4-1 in the past five outings. Denver is also 7-2 ATS across the past nine contests.

-- There were three games with totals of 48 or greater -- Kansas City Chiefs-New England Patriots (49), Carolina Panthers-Atlanta Falcons (48) and the Sunday Night Football game between the Seattle Seahawks-Los Angeles Rams (48). Only one of those games managed to go 'over', as the Falcons beat up on the Panthers 40-20. Atlanta led just 3-0 after 15 minutes, but the Falcons ended up posting 10 or more points in each of the final three quarters, and the Panthers also hit double digits in the second and fourth. The Chiefs and Patriots appeared headed for a high-scoring affair, totaling 27 points in the first half, but there were a total of just 12 points in the final 30 minutes. The same held true in the Seahawks-Rams affair, with 24 total points on the board at halftime, but just 16 total points in the final two quarters.

There were three games at 42.5 or lower on Sunday, with Denver Broncos-Houston Texans (42.5), Los Angeles Chargers-Jacksonville Jaguars (42) and Washington Redskins-Green Bay Packers (42) saw the over hit in two of the outings, with the Chargers taking care of business themselves, 45-10. We mentioned the Broncos, and their prolific offensive effort above. Only the Redskins and Packers hit the under, totaling just 35 points. The Packers fired out of the chute at 14-0 after one quarter, but we had just two touchdowns and three field goals the rest of the way.

The Pittsburgh Steelers-Arizona Cardinals (43.5) ended up with 23 points in the first half, but just 17 points in the second half. A turnover in the end zone in the second half by QB Kyler Murray was rather costly, and he made some real rookie mistakes in this one which likely prevented this game from going over. That's five straight under results for the Steelers, seven in the past eight, and 10-3 in their 13 games overall this season.

The 'over' connected in the Thursday game between the Dallas Cowboys-Chicago Bears (43), while the Seahawks-Rams game on SNF and New York Giants-Philadelphia Eagles (45) games each hit under. The 'over' is just 16-27 (37.2%) during the 2019 primetime schedule, a stark change from previous seasons when the games under the lights were high-scoring affairs.

TENNESSEE - 3 Over Houston by 11

The Texans and Tennessee Titans square off in a key AFC South Division battle, and it got that much more important following Houston's complete failure at home against the lowly Broncos last week.

The Houston Texans travel to Tennessee of the top two teams from the AFC South. In their last game, the Texans were beaten by the Denver Broncos by the score of 38-24. Houston quarterback Deshaun Watson completed 28 of 50 passes for 292 yards and a touchdown against 2 interceptions. Carlos Hyde was the leading rusher for Houston as he carried the ball 14 times for 73 yards. DeAndre Hopkins was the leading receiver for the Texans on the day, catching 7 passes for 120 yards and a touchdown. The Texans offense gained a total of 414 yards against the Broncos while the Houston defense allowed 391 yards including 301 through the air.

With the loss, the Texans are now 8-5 on the season and are in a 1st place tie in the AFC South with their opponent on Sunday, the Tennessee Titans. Quarterback Deshaun Watson has thrown for 3,425 yards and 24 touchdowns against 9 interceptions this season. Carlos Hyde has been Houston's leading rusher as he has carried the ball 198 times for 926 yards and 4 touchdowns. DeAndre Hopkins in enjoying another productive season in Houston as he has been their leading receiver this season, catching 93 passes for 1,023 yards and 7 touchdowns on the year. Houston enters Sunday's game with 3 players listed on their injury report as Will Fuller V, Taiwan Jones and Carlos Watkins are listed as out.

The Tennessee Titans welcome the Houston Texans into town hoping for a win that would move them into first place in the AFC South. In their last game the Titans were victorious, beating the Oakland Raiders by the score of 42-21. Titans quarterback Ryan Tannehill completed 21 of 27 passes for 391 yards and 3 touchdowns against 1 interception. Titans running back Derrick Henry led the way on the ground for his team, rushing 18 times for 103 yards and 2 touchdowns on the day. Wide receiver A.J. Brown was the leading receiver on the day for Tennessee as he caught 5 passes for 153 yards and 2 touchdown in the game against the Raiders. The Titans offense gained a total of 552 yards in the game while their defense allowed 356 yards but just 97 came on the ground.

With the win against Oakland, Tennessee is now 8-5 on the year and in a 1st place tie with the Houston Texans in the AFC South. Quarterback Ryan Tannehill has been nothing short of brilliant since taking over under center for the Titans and has now thrown for 1,993 yards and 15 touchdowns against 5 interceptions. Running back Derrick Henry has been productive all season on the ground as he has rushed 250 times for 1,243 yards and 13 touchdowns this season. A.J. Brown has been the leading receiver for Tennessee as he has caught 39 passes for 779 yards and 6 touchdowns this year. The Titans enter Sunday's game with 5 players listed on their injury report as Daren Bates, LeShaun Sims, Derick Roberson, Adam Humphries and Adoree' Jackson are all listed as out.

Houston has scored an average of 24.4 points per game this season while allowing 23.8 points per game. The Texans have gained an average of 394.1 yards per game while allowing 390.6 yards per game. Tennessee has scored an average of 24.5 points per game while allowing 19.6 points per game. The Titans have gained an average of 373 yards per game while allowing 377.8 yards per game. In their last 5 games Houston is 3-2 while Tennessee is 4-1 and has won 4 games in a row.

This is the first meeting of the year between these two division rivals as they will also meet again in week 17.

The Texans are just 2-5 ATS across the past seven games overall, and they're 3-9 ATS in the past 12 against teams with a winning overall mark. The Texans are also 1-4 ATS in the past five inside the division. For the Titans, they have covered four in a row, they're 3-0-1 ATS in the past four at home and they're 4-0-1 ATS in the past five as a favorite.

We are going to back the Titans in this one as the Texans looked terrible against the Broncos on Sunday. Rookie Drew Lock ripped the Texans secondary. After looking at that tape, we're sure the Titans will find gaps that will be targeted by the hot Titans QB Tannehill. Both teams similar on offense, but the Titans have a beast in the backfield with Derrick Henry. Also the Titans defense has been a bit better than the Texans defense all season and the fact that the Titans are playing at home doesn't hurt. **Take the Titans and lay the small FG chalk.**

Projected Score: Tennessee 31, Houston 20

PRO FOOTBALL BEST BET

Seattle - 5 Over CAROLINA by 14

The Seattle Seahawks head East on Sunday for their game against the Carolina Panthers in a game between two teams in the NFC. In their last game, the Seahawks were defeated by the Los Angeles Rams by the score of 28-12. Seattle quarterback Russell Wilson completed 22 of 36 passes for 245 yards and an interception. Chris Carson led the way for the Seahawks on the ground, carrying the ball 15 times for 76 yards. D.K. Metcalf was Seattle's leading receiver on the night as he caught 6 passes for 78 yards. The Seattle offense gained a total of 308 yards while the Seahawks defense allowed a total of 455 yards to the Rams including 293 passing yards.

With the loss, Seattle is now 10-3 on the season which puts them in 2nd place in the NFC West. Russell Wilson has thrown for 3,422 yards and 26 touchdowns on the season against 5 interceptions. Chris Carson has carried the ball 246 times for 1,057 yards and 5 touchdowns. Tyler Lockett has been the leading receiver for Seattle as he has caught 67 passes for 874 yards and 6 touchdowns so far this season. Seattle enters their game against Carolina with 5 players listed on their injury report as Cody Barton, K.J. Wright and Jadeveon Clowney are listed as questionable while Mychal Kendricks and Rashaad Penny are listed as out.

The Carolina Panthers welcome the Seattle Seahawks to town after losing their last game to the Atlanta Falcons by the score of 40-20. Panthers quarterback Kyle Allen completed 28 of 41 passes for 293 yards and a touchdown against 2 interceptions. Running back Christian McCaffrey led the way for the Panthers on the ground, rushing 11 times for 53 yards. McCaffrey was also Carolina's leading receiver as he caught 11 passes for 82 yards. The Carolina offense gained a total of 345 yards while their defense gave up a total of 461 yards to the Falcons offense.

With the loss to Atlanta, Carolina is now 5-8 on the season which places them in 3rd place in the NFC South and they will be looking to rebound at home against a tough Seattle Seahawks team. Kyle Allen has now thrown for 2,750 yards on the season, including 16 touchdowns against 12 interceptions. Running back Christian McCaffrey has rushed 246 times for 1,220 yards and 12 touchdowns on the season. D.J. Moore is the leading receiver for the Panthers as he has caught 78 passes for 1,061 yards and 4 touchdowns this year. Carolina enters Sunday's game with 3 players listed on their injury report as Marquis Haynes is questionable while Greg Little and Greg Olsen are listed as out.

The Seahawks have scored an average of 26.2 points per game while allowing 24.7 points per game. Seattle has gained 404 yards per game while giving up 387.3 yards per game. The Panthers have scored an average of 23.1 points per game while giving up 27.7 points per game. Carolina has gained an average of 374.5 yards per game while allowing 394.9 yards per game.

In their last 5 games Seattle is 4-1 as the loss to the Rams snapped a 5 game winning streak, while Carolina is 0-5 as their season continues to spiral out of control. We are going to go with the Seahawks in this one as even with the loss last week, they have played better as of late and are continuing to push for a playoff spot. Carolina's season is essentially over after the firing of Rivera, the team is in disarray. The only bright spot is McCaffrey and he can't do it alone. When we look at the two quarterbacks we say, "who would you rather back in this spot, Allen or Wilson"? Makes the choice in this game much easier, right? **Ya, give us the battle tested road warrior Seahawks - 5 and watch this line jump to -7 by game time.**

Projected Score: Seattle 31, Carolina 17

PRO FOOTBALL BEST BET

Cleveland - 2½ Over ARIZONA by 11

The Cleveland Browns head into State Farm Arena in Glendale, Arizona to take on the Arizona Cardinals on Sunday. The Cleveland Browns are coming off of a win against AFC North Division Rivals the Cincinnati Bengals. The Bengals hung around the Browns for the majority of the game, in a game that meant a lot for Cleveland. The Browns weren't overly impressive as the Cincinnati Bengals had more yards and more first downs than the Browns but the Browns were able to utilize field goals to defeat The Bengals.

Cleveland will be playing with so much to lose as, technically, they are still in the playoff hunt. The Browns will need a ton of things to go right for them, but a loss against the Cardinals and they are just about out of it. Depending on if the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Tennessee Titans win their game next week, a loss would see the Browns out of contention. With all the rumors circling the Browns, head coach Freddie kitchens, Odell Beckham jr., getting on a win streak would do a lot for Cleveland.

The Arizona Cardinals are coming off of a 23 - 17 Lost to the Pittsburgh Steelers. Kyler Murray did everything in his power to try to rally the Arizona Cardinals back into it. However, the terrific Pittsburgh pass rush was too much for Arizona's offensive line to handle and Murray was running everywhere that Cardinals could not get the victory over the Steelers.

The Arizona Cardinals are now on a six-game losing streak, with their last win being over the New York Giants. The Cardinals have nothing to play for in this game, but despite the terrible record, Kyler Murray has been terrific this season and he has the talent to beat Cleveland.

Cleveland is 3-1-1 ATS in it's last 5 overall. The over is 3-1-1 in Cleveland's last 5 against a team below .500. Arizona is 3-7 ATS in it's most recent 10 home games. The under is 24-11 in the Cardinal's most recent 35 games at home.

This is a very interesting matchup for one reason. We have two Oklahoma Heisman quarterbacks facing each other in Murray and Mayfield. Murray is very talented, and Kyler Murray could win this game. He will be motivated to overshadow the other Oklahoma quarterback Baker Mayfield. However, Mayfield has that same motivation plus they need this win to keep them in the playoff mix. We also like the advantage the Browns have with their thunder and lightning backfield duo of Nick Chubb and Kareem Hunt. **Browns running backs romp to a win and cover.**

Projected Score: Cleveland 31, Arizona 20

PRO FOOTBALL BEST BET

Atlanta at SAN FRANCISCO Over 46½ by 12½

The Atlanta Falcons go to Santa Clara, California to take on the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday at Levi's Stadium. The Falcons are coming off a gigantic victory over the Carolina Panthers. Fight for the rest of the season, but a huge win over division rival was impressive enough to make Falcons fans happy for a week. The Falcons dominated the Panthers, when the game 40-20.

Despite the impressive win over the Carolina Panthers, the Atlanta Falcons have had another disappointing season, as they sit 4-9 on the season, and last in the NFC South. To make matters worse in the impressive win, the Atlanta Falcons lost cornerback Desmond Trufant to a broken forearm. Not much is going right in Atlanta, but going on a winning streak to end the season they give the fans some hope for next year.

The San Francisco 49ers are coming off an incredible 48 - 46 statement victory over the New Orleans Saints. The game was the defining game so far in Jimmy Garoppolo's career, and was also a huge game for Emmanuel Sanders as he scored two touchdowns. 49ers are one of the NFL's best teams, sitting at 11-2 on the season.

Atlanta is 4-1 ATS versus an opponent playing above .500. The under is 5-2 in Atlanta's most recent 7 games. San Francisco is 3-0-1 ATS in it's most recent 4 games. the over is 5-2 in San Francisco's most recent 7 games.

The Atlanta Falcons are able to throw the ball very well, as they're second in all the NFL in passing yards per game. They put up a whopping 40 burger last week. Not to be outdone, the San Francisco 49ers scored 46 last week in a shootout with the Saints. We expect that Ryan will be slinging the ball all over the yard due to most likely playing catchup and also the 49ers stout run defense.

The 49ers are attempting to get a playoff bye, so this game matters a lot for them and they will be pressing all game long. In what we see as another shootout, we prefer to jump over the posted number of 47. We see the Niners winning here with another offensive explosion. So, we will take this game to go over the total 47..

Projected Score: San Francisco 35, Atlanta 24

THIS WEEKS GRIDIRON GOLD SHEET BEST BETS

	Best Bet	Best Bet	Best Bet	Best Bet	Best Bet
NFL	Tennessee - 3	Seattle - 5	Cleveland - 2½	Atlanta O46½	

GRIDIRON GOLD COLLEGE FOOTBALL LINE SHEET DECEMBER 12-16, 2019

Date/ET	Rot	Games	Line
12/12/19 8:20 ET	301 302	New York Jets Baltimore Ravens	45 -15
12/15/19 1:00 ET	305 306	Tampa Bay Buccaneers Detroit Lions	-3.5 47.5
12/15/19 1:00 ET	307 308	Philadelphia Eagles Washington Redskins	-6 40.5
12/15/19 1:00 ET	309 310	Chicago Bears Green Bay Packers	41 -4.5
12/15/19 1:00 ET	311 312	New England Patriots Cincinnati Bengals	-9.5 40.5
12/15/19 1:00 ET	313 314	Houston Texans Tennessee Titans	49.5 -3
12/15/19 1:00 ET	315 316	Seattle Seahawks Carolina Panthers	-6 48.5
12/15/19 1:00 ET	317 318	Denver Broncos Kansas City Chiefs	45.5 -11.5
12/15/19 1:00 ET	319 320	Miami Dolphins New York Giants	48 -3
12/15/19 4:05 ET	323 324	Jacksonville Jaguars Oakland Raiders	45.5 -6.5
12/15/19 4:05 ET	325 326	Cleveland Browns Arizona Cardinals	-2.5 48
12/15/19 4:05 ET	331 332	Minnesota Vikings Los Angeles Chargers	-2.5 44.5
12/15/19 4:25 ET	327 328	Atlanta Falcons San Francisco 49ers	47 -11
12/15/19 4:25 ET	329 330	Los Angeles Rams Dallas Cowboys	48.5 PK
12/15/19 8:20 ET	321 322	Buffalo Bills Pittsburgh Steelers	36.5 -2
12/16/19 8:20 ET	323 324	Indianapolis Colts New Orleans Saints	46 -9.5

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TEAM	GPR	HF		TEAM	GPR	HF		TEAM	GPR	HF
ARIZONA	29	2		GREEN BAY	19	3		NY GIANTS	33	2
ATLANTA	28	2		HOUSTON	25	2		NY JETS	30	2
BALTIMORE	15	2		INDIANAPOLIS	25	2		OAKLAND	30	3
BUFFALO	23	2		JACKSONVILLE	31	2		PHILADELPHIA	28	3
CAROLINA	30	3		KANSAS CITY	18	2		PITTSBURGH	24	3
CHICAGO	26	3		LA CHARGERS	27	2		SAN FRANCISCO	18	3
CINCINNATI	33	2		LA RAMS	21	2		SEATTLE	19	3
CLEVELAND	26	2		MIAMI	33	2		TAMPA BAY	25	2
DALLAS	24	3		MINNESOTA	22	4		TENNESSEE	24	2
DENVER	28	3		NEW ENGLAND	18	3		WASHINGTON	31	2
DETROIT	33	3		NEW ORLEANS	18	3		Lower GPR is a stronger rating		

Lower Power Rating is the team with the higher power rating. Subtract HF advantage from pointspread estimates.



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