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Zeke & Boys were smiling after last game

COWBOYS vs EAGLES GUARANTEED MARQUEE PLAY GET IT THIS WEEK

NFL Football Recap

-- The Philadelphia Eagles (-6.5) took on the Washington Redskins at FedEx Field, and the game started off harmlessly enough. The Redskins were leading 14-10 at halftime on their home field, looking to spoil the NFC East Division title and playoff dreams of their rivals. The Eagles struck for a touchdown in the third to re-take the lead 17-14. That's when the craziness started.

RB Adrian Peterson scored just seven seconds into the fourth to make it 21-17, and the teams traded touchdowns with TE Zach Ertz going to six to re-take the lead. The Redskins booted a pair of field goals to take a 27-24 lead, and that's how it looked like it might end. At the very least, the Redskins were going to hang on for the home cover. WR Greg Ward Jr. scored with :26 left to make it 31-27, and the Eagles were on their way to a win. However, the scoring wasn't over, as any Redskins side bettor already knows all too well. QB Dwayne Haskins fumbled, and with zeroes left on the clock it was LB Nigel Bradham returning the fumble for 47 yards to make it 37-27. OMG, if you had the Redskins you wanted to kick your TV. If you had the Eagles, you were high fiving anyone around you.

-- If you had the 'under' (50) in Atlanta Falcons-San Francisco 49ers, my condolences. At 5:15 to go in regulation there were just 36 total points on the board when the Falcons scored a rushing touchdown to cut the lead to 19-17. The 49ers booted a field goal at 1:48 to make it 22-17 in favor of the Niners.

With :02 left, the Falcons scored a touchdown, as QB Matt Ryan hit WR Julio Jones on a 5-yard connection to make it 23-22. Under bettors loved that they didn't even risk a two-point conversion or extra point, should the 49ers block a kick or return a fumble or interception for two points. So game over, right? Well, the 49ers tried a crazy series of lateral that went backwards, and you knew how this one was going. The 49ers chunked it, the Falcons scooped it up at the goal line and cashed in the six to push it over with zeroes on the clock. Two absolutely atrocious beats on the day. If you had the Redskins and the under in this game you are definitely a bad luck loser.

-- There were five games with a total of 48.5 or greater -- Los Angeles Rams-Dallas Cowboys (48.5), Seattle Seahawks-Carolina Panthers (49), Cleveland Browns-Arizona Cardinals (49), Falcons-49ers (49.5 - see above) and the Houston Texans-Tennessee Titans (50.5). All but the Texans-Titans game ended up going over, and the AFC South battle probably would have gone over, too, if not for a scoreless first quarter. It was close. The 'over' connected in the final TNF game between the New York Jets-Baltimore Ravens (44), with the over/under going 7-7 in the TNF game for the season. The Sunday nighter between the Buffalo Bills-Pittsburgh Steelers (37) was the lowest total on the board, and still wasn't even close to going over. We have the MNF between the Indianapolis Colts-New Orleans Saints (46.5) still pending. The 'over' is just 17-28 (37.8%) during the 2019 primetime schedule, a stark change from previous seasons when the games under the lights were high-scoring affairs.

[GUARANTEED MARQUEE PLAY DALLAS at PHILADELPHIA CLICK HERE](#)

PRO FOOTBALL BEST BET

Houston - 2 Over TAMPA BAY by 10

The Houston Texans head to Tampa, Florida to take on the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Saturday at Raymond James Stadium. The Houston Texans are coming off of a huge nail-biting victory over the Tennessee Titans, that put them firmly in the lead in the AFC South.

A win for the Houston Texans, combined with a loss from the Tennessee Titans, and the Houston Texans will have won the AFC South, clinching the division, and likely getting either the third or fourth spot in the AFC playoffs.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers are coming off a dominating win over the Detroit Lions to put them at 7-7 and a chance at getting above .500 this season.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers entire season, and the last few seasons have been up and down, as they rely on QB Jameis Winston. Jameis Winston's career has been up and down, and there's no more perfect example than this season. Jameis Winston has thrown the second-most touchdowns in the season but also has thrown the most interceptions. Winston has these ups and downs that are crazy ups and crazy downs, but if Winston can pull through for the rest of the season, I think that he keeps his job in Tampa Bay.

Houston is 7-7 ATS this season. Over is 6-8 for Houston this season. Tampa is 5-8-1 ATS this season. Over is 11-3 for Tampa Bay this season.

Not only has Tampa been battling all the up-and-down offense that they do, but they also have Shaq Barrett on the defensive side, who leads the league in sacks right now. Houston offensive line is abysmal, and if Barrett can get to DeShaun Watson multiple times a game, Tampa Bay may win this tilt.

However, it will be more difficult now that wide receiver Chris Godwin could be out, while other wide receiver Mike Evans is already injured. This game will be huge for Houston to win, and with a superstar wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins and superstar quarterback DeShaun Watson, they should be able to get it done against Tampa Bay. We think that Houston has a little bit more skin in this game. **Texans wins this road battle and covers the small spread.**

Projected Score: Houston 30, Tampa Bay 20

PRO FOOTBALL BEST BET

ATLANTA - 7 Over Jacksonville by 14

The Jacksonville Jaguars will head to Atlanta, Georgia to take on the Atlanta Falcons in the Mercedes-Benz Stadium on Sunday. The Jacksonville Jaguars are coming off of a come-from-behind victory over the Oakland Raiders, that saw the Jaguars score two touchdowns in the final quarter to win the game.

The Jacksonville Jaguars sit at 5-9 on the season, and out of playoff contention. However, if there is one thing that the Jacksonville Jaguars can play for this season, it is quarterback Gardner Minshew, and if he can prove that he should be the starter going forward, or if the Jaguars will go back to quarterback Nick Foles who they are paying a ton of money to.

The Atlanta Falcons are coming off a shocking upset over the San Francisco 49ers. It was odd to see a team like the Falcons, who have been disappointing this season to get such a big win over such a good team. It looks like the Atlanta Falcons are not just going to lose the rest of the season, and they are going to put up a fight every week.

The Atlanta Falcons are also 5-9 on the season and have produced some impressive wins. The Falcons have beaten the likes of the New Orleans Saints and the San Francisco 49ers in the last few weeks. However, the Atlanta Falcons are too inconsistent, and their defense combined with bad offensive line play has resulted in the 5-9 record that they have.

Atlanta is 6-8 ATS this season. Over is 6-8 for Atlanta this season. Jacksonville is 6-8 ATS this season. Over is 7-7 for Jacksonville this season.

Both teams sit with the same record, and both sides sit out of the playoffs with not much to really play for here. This actually might be a battle of who tries to win the least, because both teams are trying to get a better draft pick.

We think that the Atlanta Falcons are proving that they want to win more after they just beat a team like the San Francisco 49ers, after all, they could have just laid down and lost. Due to Atlanta's desire to finish the season strong, We think that they win this one here and cover the spread as well.

Projected Score: Atlanta 30, Jacksonville 16

PRO FOOTBALL BEST BET

Pittsburgh - 3 Over NY JETS by 10

The Pittsburgh Steelers travel to East Rutherford, New Jersey on Sunday for a game against the New York Jets in a matchup of two teams from the AFC. In their last game, the Steelers were defeated by the Buffalo Bills, by the score of 17-10. Steelers quarterback Delvin Hodges got the start under center and completed 23 of 38 passes for 202 yards and 1 touchdown against 4 interceptions. Running back James Conner led the way for Pittsburgh on the ground as he rushed 8 times for 42 yards on the day. Wide receiver James Washington was the leading receiver for the Steelers as he caught 5 passes for 83 yards. The Steelers gained a total of 229 yards while allowing 261 total yards to the Bills.

With the loss to Buffalo, Pittsburgh is now 8-6 on the season and they are currently in 2nd place in the AFC North. Quarterback Delvin Hodges has now thrown for 884 yards and 5 touchdowns this season against 6 interceptions. Pittsburgh's other quarterback is Mason Rudolph who has thrown for 1,636 yards and 12 touchdowns against 9 interceptions on the season. The leading rusher for the Steelers is James Conner who has rushed 110 times for 432 yards and 4 touchdowns on the year. James Washington has been the leading receiver so far this season for Pittsburgh as he has caught 39 passes for 694 yards and 3 touchdowns. Pittsburgh enters Sunday's game with 2 players listed on their injury report as Vance McDonald and JuJu Smith-Schuster are listed as out.

The New York Jets welcome the Pittsburgh Steelers to town on Sunday after losing their last game 42-21 against the Baltimore Ravens. Jets quarterback Sam Darnold completed 18 of 32 passes for 218 yards and 2 touchdowns against 1 interception. Running back Le'Veon Bell had 21 carries for 87 yards and was the Jets leading rusher. Jamison Crowder led New York in receiving as he caught 6 passes for 90 yards and 2 touchdowns. New York gained a total of 310 yards while allowing 430 yards against the Ravens.

After the loss to the Ravens, the Jets are now 5-9 on the season and are in 3rd place in the AFC East. Quarterback Sam Darnold has thrown for 2,642 yards and 17 touchdowns against 12 interceptions this season. Le'Veon Bell is the Jets leading rusher and has carried the ball 204 times for 676 yards and 3 touchdowns. Wide receiver Robby Anderson is the leading receiver for New York as he has caught 47 passes for 729 yards and 4 touchdowns on the year.

The Pittsburgh Steelers have averaged scoring 19.2 points per game this season while allowing 18.5 points per game. The Steelers have gained an average of 299.1 yards per game while allowing 330.1 yards per game. The New York Jets have scored an average of 17.6 points per game while allowing 24.5 points per game. The Jets have gained an average of 296.2 yards per game while allowing 342.4 yards per game.

Both teams are 3-2 in their last 5 games as the Steelers loss to the Bills snapped their 3 game winning streak. We're on the Steelers in this one as they are 4-1 in their last 5 games against the Jets. Steelers have more at stake in this game, so look for Pittsburgh to cover the spread as the Steelers are 4-1 against the spread in their last 5 games against the Jets.

Pittsburgh defense dominates and the Steelers win and covers the spread.

Projected Score: Pittsburgh 24, NY Jets 14

PRO FOOTBALL BEST BET

Oakland + 5½ Over LA CHARGERS by 4

Oakland is coming off of a narrow loss to Jacksonville. The Raiders record dropped to 6-8 on the year in what should be the last game in Oakland for the Raiders. What is interesting is the Raiders managed to keep the game close and only allowed 20 points to be scored against them and came close by getting 16 points of their own.

In the loss to the Jaguars the Raiders Derek Carr had an impressive day. Carr went 22-36 for 267 yards and a touchdown. The running attack was led by Josh Jacobs with 24 carries for 89 yards on the day.

The Chargers are coming into the game after being embarrassed in their last game by the Minnesota Vikings. Los Angeles was unable to really do much in the game on either side of the ball as the Vikings defense contained the Chargers offense to 10 points, but the really bad part for the Los Angeles team was the 39 points the Chargers gave up. The loss dropped the Chargers to 5-9 overall and 2-5 at home.

The Chargers were led on the offensive side by Philip Rivers who went 28-39 with 307 yards in the air. Rivers did get a touchdown in the game, but was picked off 3 times. The rushing attack for Los Angeles was with 3 runners carrying the ball a combined 19 times for only 62 yards.

LA Chargers are 1-4 ATS in their last 5 games. we choose Carr over Rivers. Oakland are 0-5 ATS in their last 5 games. With the line at 5½ one of these losers has to cover. We choose Carr over Rivers, so **take Oakland + 5½.**

Projected Score: Oakland 27, LA Chargers 23

THIS WEEKS BEST BETS

	Best Bet	Best Bet	Best Bet	Best Bet	Best Bet
NFL	Houston - 2	Atlanta - 7	Pittsburgh - 3	Oakland + 5½	

2019 COLLEGE FOOTBALL BEST BETS END AT 45-36-2 56% A PROFITABLE 5.4 UNITS \$100 PLAYERS WIN \$540
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TEAM	GPR	HF	TEAM	GPR	HF	TEAM	GPR	HF
ARIZONA	28	2	GREEN BAY	19	3	NY GIANTS	32	2
ATLANTA	26	2	HOUSTON	25	2	NY JETS	31	2
BALTIMORE	15	2	INDIANAPOLIS	26	2	OAKLAND	32	3
BUFFALO	23	2	JACKSONVILLE	35	2	PHILADELPHIA	27	3
CAROLINA	30	3	KANSAS CITY	18	2	PITTSBURGH	23	3
CHICAGO	26	3	LA CHARGERS	27	2	SAN FRANCISCO	19	3
CINCINNATI	32	2	LA RAMS	23	2	SEATTLE	18	3
CLEVELAND	27	2	MIAMI	33	2	TAMPA BAY	24	2
DALLAS	25	3	MINNESOTA	21	4	TENNESSEE	24	2
DENVER	27	3	NEW ENGLAND	20	3	WASHINGTON	30	2
DETROIT	33	3	NEW ORLEANS	18	3	Lower GPR is a stronger rating		

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Date/ET	Rot	Games	Line
12/21/19 1:00 ET	455 456	Houston Texans Tampa Bay Buccaneers	-2.5 51
12/21/19 4:30 ET	453 454	Buffalo Bills New England Patriots	38.5 -6.5
12/21/19 8:15 ET	451 452	Los Angeles Rams San Francisco 49ers	45.5 -6.5
12/22/19 1:00 ET	461 462	Jacksonville Jaguars Atlanta Falcons	45.5 -7
12/22/19 1:00 ET	463 464	New Orleans Saints Tennessee Titans	-1.5 51
12/22/19 1:00 ET	465 466	New York Giants Washington Redskins	42 -2.5
12/22/19 1:00 ET	467 468	Pittsburgh Steelers New York Jets	-3 38.5
12/22/19 1:00 ET	469 470	Cincinnati Bengals Miami Dolphins	46.5 -1
12/22/19 1:00 ET	471 472	Carolina Panthers Indianapolis Colts	46.5 -7
12/22/19 1:00 ET	473 474	Baltimore Ravens Cleveland Browns	-10 49
12/22/19 4:05 ET	457 458	Detroit Lions Denver Broncos	38 -6.5
12/22/19 4:05 ET	459 460	Oakland Raiders Los Angeles Chargers	46 -5.5
12/22/19 4:25 ET	475 476	Dallas Cowboys Philadelphia Eagles	-2.5 46.5
12/22/19 4:25 ET	477 478	Arizona Cardinals Seattle Seahawks	50.5 -9.5
12/22/19 8:20 ET	479 480	Kansas City Chiefs Chicago Bears	-5 45
12/23/19 8:20 ET	481 482	Green Bay Packers Minnesota Vikings	46 -4.5

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