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UCF KNIGHTS FIND FRESHMAN QB STAR HANG 47 ON CARDS

Undeclared UCF QB Dillon had 347 yds & 4 td's

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (AAC)

-- Cincinnati bounced back from a shellacking from Ohio State last week, topping Miami-OH for the cover as 17-point favorites in their rivalry game. The Bearcats are 2-0 SU/ATS at home, while the 'under' has connected in all three of their outings. ... Temple pulled the mild upset over Maryland, 20-17, cashing +180 on the moneyline. UMD opened as high as an eight-point favorite, falling to 5.5 by gametime. The Owls are now 2-0 SU/ATS through two outings with a trip to Buffalo on deck next week. ... Houston fell to Washington State in NRG Stadium on Friday night in a neutral-site battle, 31-24. It was expected to be a high-scoring game with a line of 74, but a scoreless first quarter helped the total go well under. Houston is 0-2 SU vs. Power 5 teams so far, but 2-0 ATS. The 'under' is 2-0-1 for the Cougars in three games overall. ... Navy roughed up East Carolina in the conference opener for both. The Middies won 42-10, easily covering for the second time in as many games as they improved to 2-0 SU/ATS with the 'under' 2-0.

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE (ACC)

-- Wake Forest outlasted North Carolina 24-18 on Friday night in what was actually not a league game despite both being ACC members. Due to the cross-division scheduling in the ACC, these teams were scheduled to meet once every few years, and the schools wanted to ignite the rivalry on a more regular basis. Wake is now 3-0 SU, but this was their first cover (1-1-1 ATS). ... Georgia Tech wasn't as fortunate, falling to FCS The Citadel in overtime in Atlanta, 27-24. The Bulldogs weren't exactly a powerhouse in the FCS, well out of the Top 25 rankings, and receiving just three votes in the past FCS poll. Embarrassing loss for the Ramblin' Wreck. ... Virginia Tech nearly met the same fate, edging Furman 24-17. To be fair, the Paladins were at least ranked No. 13 in the FCS rankings this past week. That's three games and three non-covers for the Hokies, and the 'under' has hit in each of their two home outings. ... Virginia moved to 3-0 SU with a comeback win against Florida St, 31-24. The Sems took the 24-17 lead 11:42 to go, but the Hoos rallied with a TD at 6:02. However, they misfired on the extra point and were still down 24-23. With 2:34 to go, UVA scored a touchdown with a two-point conversion, causing the line to push at most shops. The two-point conversion also pushed the total 'over' (54).

BIG TEN

-- Ohio State went on the road for the first time this season and throttled Indiana, 51-10. The Buckeyes have scored at least 42 points in each of their three games, but this was their first 'over' result - barely. The game closed at 60.5 at most shops. ... Illinois suffered its first setback of the season against visiting Eastern Michigan, 34-31. It was also the first 'over' result after two unders for the Illini. Illinois tied the game 31-31 with 1:44 to push the total over, but EMU booted a 24-yard field goal with no time left to win it outright. ... Penn State was favored by 17 points against rival Pittsburgh, and if that seemed rather high it's because it was. The Nittany Lions won their rivalry game by a 17-10 count as the 'under' comfortably cashed. It was a departure from the first two games when the Lions posted 79 and 45 against Idaho and Buffalo. It was also PSU's first non-cover in three tries. ... Minnesota avoided the upset bug against Georgia Southern, hanging 35-32. The Golden Gophers are 3-0 SU, but 0-2-1 ATS with a pair of 'over' results in the past two games.

BIG 12

-- Kansas opened the week with a win at Boston College, snapping a 48-game road losing streak against Power 5 teams. Les Miles has the Jayhawks sitting at 2-1 SU, but this was their first win over an FBS team and it was the first cover for Kansas in three games. ... Kansas State also took care of business on the road against a Power 5 team, edging Mississippi State, 31-24. The Wildcats have fired out of the box at 3-0 SU/ATS. ... West Virginia upended N.C. State in Morgantown by a 44-27 count. The matchup in 2018 was wiped out in Raleigh by Hurricane Florence, and the Wolfpack likely wish a storm struck before this one, too. The Mountaineers earned their first win against an FBS team, their first cover and first 'over' in three tries. ... Oklahoma State had their hands full at Tulsa, but they eventually pulled away 40-21. The Cowboys actually trailed 21-20 at half. The Golden Hurricane were blanked in the second half helping the 'under' (64) connect. ... Oklahoma routed UCLA behind QB Jalen Hurts, who ran for 99 yards on the team's first drive. The Sooners ended up with the 48-14 win, improving to 3-0 SU/2-1 ATS ahead of their conference opener with Texas Tech. ... Speaking of the Red Raiders, they were topped 28-14 at Arizona. The 'under' has cashed in three straight for the Red Raiders. ... Texas dropped Rice 48-13 in a game featuring some craziness at the end to affect the line and total.

CONFERENCE USA

-- Florida Atlantic stepped out of conference at Ball State for the 41-31 road victory. They're 2-0 SU/ATS on the road so far this season, averaging 31.0 PPG while allowing 38.0 PPG. The total is 1-1-1 with FAU so far through three games. ... Western Kentucky put a late scare into Louisville side bettors, but the Cards held on for the cover at both 10 and 10.5. The Cards had a 31-7 lead at half, and appeared well on the way to an easy cover, but Western fought back to close to 17 with 12:50 to go, but that was the last score of the day. ... North Texas also gave it a nice run at California, but came up short in a 23-17 loss. The Mean Green fell behind 20-0, much to the dismay of UNT side bettors and 'under' (50.5) bettors, but North Texas held Cal to just three points in the final three quarters for the cover and under. It was UNT's first cover in three games, and their first under result.

MID-AMERICAN (MAC)

-- Central Michigan bounced back from a 61-point drumming at Wisconsin last week, topping Akron 45-24 in the MAC opener for both sides. The 'over' has connected in all three games for the Chippewas so far this season. The over has hit in each of the past two for the Zips, too. Akron slipped to 0-3 SU/ATS overall. ...

MOUNTAIN WEST

-- Air Force scored one for the Mountain West, following in the footsteps of Boise State earlier this season. The Falcons picked up a road win against a Power 5 team, besting Colorado in overtime, 30-23. Despite the extra session, 'over' (58.5) bettors were still left with a losing ticket. The Falcons are 2-0 SU/ATS heading into their MWC opener against the aforementioned Broncos on the Smurf Turf Friday. ... New Mexico was unable to pull the stunner in South Bend, as they were blasted by Notre Dame, 66-14. The Lobos have hit the 'over' in each of their two outings, allowing 97 points in two games. ... Colorado State was also unable to join the group, as they were slapped down at Arkansas by a 55-34 count. This game was actually tied 34-34, but the Rams were blanked 21-0 in the final quarter by Chad Morris' group.

PAC-12

-- Oregon State comfortably passed FCS Cal Poly by a 45-7 score, picking up their second straight cover and 'under' result. ... USC was tripped up in overtime by a 30-27 score at Brigham Young, as the Cougars won in overtime for the second consecutive weekend. Freshman QB Kedon Slovis did all right in his first collegiate road outing, but a tipped pass in OT doomed him. ... Another Pac-12 team took it on the chin in a non-conference road outing, as Stanford was unable to slow UCF. The Knights came away with the 45-27 victory, and over (58.5) bettors were aided by a 28-point first quarter by the Knights, and 35 total points after 15 minutes. ... Arizona State scored a touchdown with :50 left in East Lansing, pulling the 10-7 upset at Michigan State. It's the second consecutive season the Sun Devils topped the Spartans by three points, as they upended Sparty in Tempe by a 16-13 count on Sept. 8, 2018. The 'under' has cashed in three in a row for AZ State. MSU appeared to have the game-tying field goal to force OT, but they were whistled for 12 men on the field. The next field, five yards back, was no good. ... Utah belted FCS Idaho State by a 31-0 score, failing to cover the 37.5-number. The Utes moved to 3-0 SU, but they're just 1-2 ATS with the 'under' 2-1.

SOUTHEASTERN (SEC)

-- Tennessee finally found someone they could beat - FCS Chattanooga. The Moccasins were the sacrificial lamb on Saturday, falling 45-0 to the Volunteers, who won for the first time in 2019. It was their first cover of the season, too, and first 'under' result thanks to the defensive effort. ... Georgia wasn't caught looking ahead to Notre Dame, spanking a pretty good Arkansas State team by a 55-0 mark. The Georgia offense has piled up 49.3 PPG through three outings, and they have allowed just 7.7 PPG. ... Alabama was able to ease past South Carolina, 47-23. The Gamecocks hung with the Tide through one quarter, trailing 14-10, but the Tide posted at least 10 points in every quarter and the Gamecocks could not come close to matching that production. Nevertheless, they scored on the last play of the game to get the cover to the dismay of Tide backers. ... Mississippi had their hands full with FCS Southeastern Louisiana, but they were able to get the 40-29 win as the 'over' (53) comfortably cashed. The Rebels led just 34-29 after three quarters.

SUN BELT

-- Georgia State moved to 2-0 SU and 1-0-1 ATS with a narrow 48-42 win over FCS Furman, a Top 10 team in the FCS rankings. Their unblemished record will be put to the test again next week at Western Michigan of the MAC. ... Georgia Southern picked up a 26-18 win over FCS Maine, bouncing back from a thrashing at the hands of LSU last week. The Eagles are 0-2 ATS so far, though. ... Arkansas State were very rude guests at UNLV, winning 43-17 to bounce back from a loss to SMU last week. The Red Wolves offense is clicking, averaging 36.5 PPG while allowed 27.0 PPG. Next up is a trip to Georgia. Ouch. ... Coastal Carolina dumped FCS Norfolk State by a 46-7 score, moving to 2-1 SU/ATS. The defense has allowed just 7.0 PPG in the past two games, both covers.

GRIDIRON GOLD COLLEGE FOOTBALL POWER RATINGS											
TEAM	GPR	HF	TEAM	GPR	HF	TEAM	GPR	HF	TEAM	GPR	HF
AIR FORCE	32	3	FRESNO ST	31	4	MISSISSIPPI ST	21	3	SO. MISSISSIPPI	33	3
AKRON	56	2	GEORGIA	7	3	MISSOURI	25	4	STANFORD	24	3
ALABAMA	-1	3	GA SOUTHERN	38	3	NAVY	32	3	SYRACUSE	30	3
APPALACHIAN ST	27	3	GEORGIA STATE	50	2	NEBRASKA	25	3	T.C.U.	28	2
ARIZONA	32	3	GEORGIA TECH	38	3	NEVADA	36	2	TEMPLE	29	2
ARIZONA ST	30	3	HAWAII	38	3	NEW MEXICO	50	1	TENNESSEE	32	3
ARKANSAS	40	3	HOUSTON	29	3	NEW MEXICO ST	58	2	TEXAS	20	4
ARKANSAS ST	37	3	ILLINOIS	38	3	NO. CAROLINA	31	3	TEXAS A&M	15	4
ARMY	27	3	INDIANA	32	3	NO CAROLINA ST.	27	3	TEXAS ST	52	2
AUBURN	30	3	IOWA	24	4	NORTH TEXAS	33	3	TEXAS TECH	28	3
BALL ST	47	2	IOWA ST	27	3	NO. ILLINOIS	31	3	TOLEDO	35	2
BAYLOR	26	3	KANSAS	43	2	NORTHWESTERN	28	3	TROY	30	3
BOISE ST	25	4	KANSAS ST	26	3	NOTRE DAME	20	4	TULANE	33	3
BOSTON C.	29	2	KENT ST.	53	3	OHIO	29	3	TULSA	40	2
B. GREEN	53	2	KENTUCKY	27	3	OHIO ST.	12	4	U.A.B.	34	3
BUFFALO	43	3	LA LAFAYETTE	37	2	OKLAHOMA	10	4	U.C.F.	17	3
B.Y.U.	31	3	LA MONROE	41	2	OKLAHOMA ST	29	3	U.C.L.A.	34	2
CALIFORNIA	27	3	LIBERTY	50	3	OLD DOMINION	50	2	U.N.L.V.	42	2
C MICHIGAN	55	2	LA TECH	38	2	OREGON	22	4	UTAH	18	3
CHARLOTTE	43	3	LOUISVILLE	37	3	OREGON ST	48	3	UTAH ST	27	3
CINCINNATI	29	2	L.S.U.	9	4	PENN ST	20	4	U.T.E.P.	57	2
CLEMSON	1	3	MARSHALL	29	3	PITTSBURGH	34	3	U.T.S.A.	57	2
C. CAROLINA	45	2	MARYLAND	26	3	PURDUE	28	4	VANDERBILT	36	2
COLORADO	31	2	MASS. U.	60	2	RICE	47	2	VIRGINIA	25	3
COLORADO ST	48	2	MEMPHIS	29	3	RUTGERS	44	3	VIRGINIA TECH	29	3
CONNECTICUT	55	2	MIAMI	26	3	SAN DIEGO ST	35	2	WAKE FOREST	25	3
DUKE	33	2	MIAMI OHIO	43	3	SAN JOSE ST	51	3	WASHINGTON	24	3
E CAROLINA	43	2	MICHIGAN	18	3	S.M.U.	30	3	WASHINGTON ST.	21	4
E MICHIGAN	38	3	MICHIGAN ST	23	3	SO. ALABAMA	51	2	W VIRGINIA	37	4
FLORIDA	16	4	MID TENN ST	41	3	SO. CAROLINA	28	3	W KENTUCKY	46	2
FLA ATLANTIC	41	2	MINNESOTA	28	3	SO. FLORIDA	41	3	W MICHIGAN	42	3
FLA INT'L	37	3	MISSISSIPPI	31	2	SO. CALIFORNIA	25	4	WISCONSIN	20	3
FLORIDA ST	30	2							WYOMING	35	2

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL BEST BETS

INDIANA - 28 Over Connecticut by 14

The UConn Huskies need a strong road victory to get a game above a .500 record. The UConn Huskies haven't won a road game since October of 2017. Jack Zergiotis is completing 67.7 percent of his passes for 275 yards, zero touchdowns and two interceptions. Zergiotis enters this game with 31 career pass attempts. Cameron Ross and Ardell Brown have combined for 166 receiving yards on 11 catches while Matt Drayton has six receptions. The UConn Huskies ground game is averaging 122 yards per contest, and Kevin Mensah leads the way with 171 yards and two touchdowns. Defensively, UConn is allowing 26 points and 271 yards per game. D.J. Morgan leads the UConn Huskies with 19 tackles, Lwal Uguak has 2.5 sacks and Tyler Cole has one interception.

The Indiana Hoosiers look for a bounce back showing to build on their 2-1 record. The Indiana Hoosiers have lost five of their last seven home games. Michael Penix Jr. is completing 63.3 percent of his passes for 523 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions. Penix has four touchdown passes on 94 career pass attempts. Peyton Hendershot and Whop Philyor have combined for 267 receiving yards and one touchdown while Donovan Hale has eight receptions. The Indiana Hoosiers ground game is averaging 101.3 yards per contest, and Stevie Scott III leads the way with 118 yards and three touchdowns. Defensively, Indiana is allowing 25 points and 344.7 yards per game. Reakwon Jones leads the Indiana Hoosiers with 18 tackles, Demarcus Elliott has two sacks and Jaylin Williams has one interception.

The Huskies are 4-1 ATS in their last 5 vs. Big Ten, 14-35-2 ATS in their last 51 road games and 17-44-2 ATS in their last 63 games overall. The Hoosiers are 2-6 ATS in their last 8 games in September, 4-0 ATS in their last 4 games following a ATS loss and 7-16-1 ATS in their last 24 games overall. The under is 4-1 in Hoosiers last 5 games overall. The under is 4-0 in Huskies last 4 non-conference games.

The UConn Huskies have failed to cover eight of their last 12 games as a double-digit underdog. The Indiana Hoosiers have failed to cover seven of their last 11 games as a double-digit favorite. While it's only been two games, UConn looks drastically improved defensively and just went toe-to-toe with an experienced Illinois side.

Indiana showed me nothing against Ohio State, as Ohio St. opened up a can of whoop ass on the Hoosiers. Wins over Ball State and Eastern Illinois do nothing for me. Hoosiers are still licking their wounds from the Buckeye beating. We will back the UConn Huskies, who had an extra week to prepare for this game. **Take the generous points with the Huskies.**

Projected Score: Indiana 34, Connecticut 21

SYRACUSE - 5 Over W. Michigan by 14

Western Michigan enters this one with a 2-1 mark so far. The Broncos fell to Michigan State 51-17 in Week 2 but otherwise have taken out Monmouth 48-13 and Georgia State 57-10.

In the victory this past weekend, Broncos QB Jon Wassink had 246 yards and a TD, with Skyy Moore leading the receivers on 97 yards from five catches. LeVante Bellamy and Sean Tyler combined for five rush touchdowns and a whopping 330 yards.

Over on the Syracuse side, they're 1-2 this season. The Orange opened with a 24-0 win over Liberty but fell in the next two 63-20 to Maryland and 41-6 to Clemson.

In the loss to the Tigers, Syracuse QB Tommy Devito had 172 yards and a pick, and Abdul Adams rushed for 34 yards. Moe Neal led the Orange receivers on 67 yards from two grabs.

The Broncos are 4-1 ATS in their last five versus the ACC and 15-7 ATS in their last 22 in September. Western Michigan is 1-5 ATS verses a team with a losing record and 1-5 ATS in their last six road games.

Meanwhile, the Orange are 16-3-1 ATS in their last 20 versus the MAC and 6-2-1 ATS in their last nine non-conference games. Syracuse is 5-2-1 ATS in their last eight home games and 9-3-1 ATS in their last 13 on turf.

Western Michigan's offense was humming against Georgia State, and the backs were rumbling all over the place in a stellar win. The Broncos have posted 105 points in their two wins. If they can catch some of that momentum again here, they may be able to topple Cuse. Nevertheless, the only real squad they faced was Michigan St who has shown to be offensively challenged, yet put up a 51 burger on WMU. Syracuse has been solid against the MAC and are coming off a loss to a hot Maryland squad and number one Clemson. They drop down in class here and squeeze out a win and cover for the faithful Orange fans. **Syracuse wins big in a sea of orange.**

Projected Score: Syracuse 37, Western Michigan 23

TULSA - 3 Over Wyoming by 13

The Wyoming Cowboys look for their second road victory to improve to 4-0 on the season. The Wyoming Cowboys have split their last six road games. Sean Chambers is completing 39.1 percent of his passes for 245 yards, zero touchdowns and one interception. Chambers has three touchdown passes on 71 career pass attempts. Jackson Marcotte and Gunner Gentry have combined for 102 receiving yards on four catches while Raghib Ismail Jr. has two receptions. The Wyoming Cowboys ground game is averaging 241.3 yards per contest, and Trey Smith leads the way with 222 yards and three touchdowns. Defensively, Wyoming is allowing 20.3 points and 428 yards per game. Logan Wilson leads the Wyoming Cowboys with 35 tackles, Garrett Crall has three sacks and Tyler Hall has one interception.

The Tulsa Golden Hurricane need a home victory here to get back to a .500 record. The Tulsa Golden Hurricane have lost four of their last six home games. Zach Smith is completing 63.5 percent of his passes for 664 yards, three touchdowns and one interception. Smith has one touchdown pass in four of his last eight games. Sam Crawford Jr. and Keylon Stokes have combined for 450 receiving yards and two touchdowns while Keenen Johnson has six receptions. The Tulsa Golden Hurricane ground game is averaging 113.6 yards per contest, and Shamari Brooks leads the way with 247 yards and three touchdowns. Defensively, Tulsa is allowing 28 points and 385.7 yards per game. Cooper Edmiston leads the Tulsa Golden Hurricane with 25 tackles, Trevis Gipson has two sacks and Reggie Robinson II has one interception.

The Cowboys are 5-16 ATS in their last 21 games in September, 4-1 ATS vs. a team with a losing record and 4-1 ATS in their last 5 games overall. The Golden Hurricane are 18-7-1 ATS in their last 26 games following a ATS loss, 13-4 ATS vs. a team with a winning record and 2-6 ATS in their last 8 games in September. The under is 16-5 in Golden Hurricane last 21 games overall. The under is 21-8-1 in Cowboys last 30 games overall.

The Wyoming Cowboys have split their last 10 games ATS as an underdog. The Tulsa Golden Hurricane have split their last 14 games ATS as a favorite. Wyoming has found ways to win all three games up to this point, but the lack of success through the air is going to catch up the Cowboys in this mathup. Tulsa held its own against Oklahoma State last week and playing two games against teams out of its league will only help this team improve as the season drags out.

We expect the real Tulsa team to show up this week like a hurricane against a softer opponent. **Lay the reasonable chalk with the Golden Hurricane at home in a game they should win by about two touchdowns.**

Projected Score: Tulsa 27, Wyoming 14

OHIO - 3 Over Louisiana-Lafayette by 12

The Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns look for a third straight win to improve to 3-1 on the season. The Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns have lost five of their last seven road games. Levi Lewis is completing 65.3 percent of his passes for 627 yards, five touchdowns and two interceptions. Lewis and Jaiave Magalei have combined for six touchdown passes this season. Ja'Marcus Bradley and Jamal Bell have combined for 402 receiving yards and two touchdowns while Peter Leblanc has five receptions. The Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns ground game is averaging 336.6 yards per contest, and Trey Ragas leads the way with 288 yards and three touchdowns. Defensively, Louisiana is allowing 19.3 points and 364.7 yards per game. Chauncey Manac has two sacks and Michael Jacquet III has one interception.

The Ohio Bobcats need a win here to get back to a .500 record. The Ohio Bobcats have won 10 straight home games. Nathan Rourke is completing 62.2 percent of his passes for 580 yards, five touchdowns and zero interceptions. Rourke has two or more touchdown passes in seven of his last 11 games. Jerome Buckner and Isiah Cox have combined for 259 receiving yards on 17 catches while Ryan Luehrman has five receptions. The Ohio Bobcats ground game is averaging 178.6 yards per contest, and Rourke leads the way with 150 yards and two touchdowns. Defensively, Ohio is allowing 24.3 points and 455.7 yards per game. Dylan Conner leads the Ohio Bobcats with 28 tackles, Cole Baker has 1.5 sacks and Marlin Brooks has one interception.

The Ragin' Cajuns are 5-1 ATS in their last 6 non-conference games, 5-1 ATS in their last 6 road games and 5-1 ATS in their last 6 games overall. The Bobcats are 18-7 ATS in their last 25 non-conference games, 12-4 ATS in their last 16 home games and 5-1 ATS in their last 6 vs. S-Belt. The over is 10-4 in Bobcats last 14 non-conference games. The under is 4-0 in Ragin' Cajuns last 4 road games. The Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns have covered six of their last eight games in the underdog role. The Ohio Bobcats have covered seven of their last 12 games as a favorite.

The jury is still out on Ragin' Cajuns, as wins over Liberty and Texas Southern don't move the needle. The Ohio Bobcats went toe-to-toe with Pittsburgh and Marshall on the road, and while neither resulted in a victory, it's encouraging to see a team be able to provide tough competition to clubs that are out of their league a bit. Ohio has shown more up to this point and has been a covering machine at home these past two or three seasons. We know the Ragin' Cajuns are a tough nut to crack, but we will lay the reasonable chalk with the Bobcats as they usually play their best football while enjoying home cooking. **Ohio wins and covers.**

Projected Score: Ohio 38, ODU 26

NORTH TEXAS – 17.5 Over UTSA by 30

UTSA enters this one at 1-2 on the year. The Roadrunners opened up with a win over Incarnate Word in Week 1 but fell to Baylor 63-14 and Army 31-13 in their most recent two games.

In the loss to the Knights, UTSA QB Frank Harris put up 187 yards and a pick, and Sincere McCormick led the rush on 27 yards and one TD. Carlos Strickland was the high man in the receiving game there with 38 yards.

Over on the North Texas side, they're 1-2 as well and opened up with a win over ACU. The next two games were losses for the Green however, dropping to SMU and California.

In the loss to Cal, North Texas QB Mason Fine had 210 yards, two touchdowns and a pick, while Tre Siggers had 88 yards rushing. Jaelon Darton led the Mean Green receivers with two grabs for 75 yards and a TD.

The Roadrunners are 5-11 ATS in their last 16 conference games and 6-16-1 ATS in their last 23 overall. UTSA is 3-12 in their last 15 on turf and 0-6-1 ATS in their last seven in September.

Meanwhile, the Green are 1-4 ATS in their last five after an ATS win and 1-6 ATS in their last seven on turf. North Texas is 1-8 ATS in their last nine overall and 0-4 ATS in their last four home games.

The Roadrunners are going to need to face some competition that's closer to their skill level before we know quite what to make of them this season, and that probably won't come here. The Green are heavy favorites, and the totals line is set high. That being said, oddsmakers expect the Mean Green to be just that at home after two tough losses to two squads doing much better than anticipated (SMU & California).

UTSA has no ground game, and most likely will be throwing often to catch up. That plays right into the hands of the fast break UNT Mason Fine led offense. We're going with the boys from Denton, TX, who are way over due for an offensive explosion. **The Roadrunners are the prescription the doctor ordered for the Mean Green team. UNT wins big.**

Projected Score: North Texas 47, UTSA 17

THIS WEEKS GRIDIRON GOLD SHEET COLLEGE FOOTBALL BEST BETS

	Best Bet	Best Bet	Best Bet	Best Bet	Best Bet
CFB	UConn + 28	Syracuse - 5	Tulsa - 3	Ohio - 3	N. Texas - 17.5



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Date/ ET	Rot	Game Line Sheet	Line	Date/ ET	Rot	Game Line Sheet	Line
09/19 8:00 ET	303 304	Houston Tulane	63.5 -3	09/21 3:00 ET	351 352	Colorado Arizona State	54.5 -7.5
09/20 9:00 ET	305 306	Utah Southern Cal	-3.5 56	09/21 3:30 ET	353 354	California Mississippi	43.5 PK
09/20 8:00 ET	307 308	Florida Intl Louisiana Tech	52 -9	09/21 3:30 ET	355 356	Tennessee Florida	51 -14.5
09/20 9:00 ET	309 310	Air Force Boise State	51.5 -9.5	09/21 3:30 ET	357 358	Georgia State Texas State	63.5 -1.5
09/21 12:00 ET	311 312	Louisiana-Monroe Iowa State	56.5 -19.5	09/21 3:30 ET	359 360	Southern Miss Alabama	58.5 -39
09/21 12:00 ET	313 314	Miami (OH) Ohio State	55.5 -37.5	09/21 3:30 ET	361 362	Kentucky Mississippi State	49 -8.5
09/21 12:00 ET	315 316	UNC Charlotte Clemson	64.5 -42	09/21 3:30 ET	363 364	LSU Vanderbilt	-20.5 60
09/21 12:00 ET	317 318	Connecticut Indiana	58 -28	09/21 3:30 ET	365 366	Appalachian State North Carolina	56.5 -3
09/21 12:00 ET	319 320	Central Florida Pittsburgh	-11 59.5	09/21 3:30 ET	367 368	Auburn Texas AM	49 -3.5
09/21 12:00 ET	321 322	Louisiana-Lafayette Ohio	67.5 -3	09/21 3:30 ET	369 370	Wyoming Tulsa	45 -3
09/21 12:00 ET	323 324	Nebraska Illinois	-10.5 63.5	09/21 3:30 ET	371 372	South Carolina Missouri	66 -9.5
09/21 12:00 ET	325 326	Temple Buffalo	-12 55	09/21 3:30 ET	373 374	West Virginia Kansas	-5.5 50.5
09/21 12:00 ET	327 328	Central Michigan Miami (FL)	51 -29	09/21 3:30 ET	375 376	Oklahoma State Texas	70.5 -6.5
09/21 12:00 ET	329 330	Old Dominion Virginia	48.5 -30	09/21 3:30 ET	377 378	Bowling Green State Kent State	62.5 -8.5
09/21 12:00 ET	331 332	Coastal Carolina Massachusetts	-16 62	09/21 3:30 ET	379 380	Southern Methodist Texas Christian	57 -10
09/21 12:00 ET	333 334	Michigan State Northwestern	-6.5 40	09/21 3:30 ET	381 382	San Jose State Arkansas	57.5 -21
09/21 12:00 ET	335 336	Troy Akron	-17 52.5	09/21 3:30 ET	383 384	South Alabama UAB	49.5 -10.5
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09/21 12:00 ET	341 342	Ball State North Carolina State	56 -19	09/21 7:30 ET	389 390	Texas-San Antonio North Texas	60 -17.5
09/21 12:00 ET	343 344	Michigan Wisconsin	48 -3	09/21 8:00 ET	391 392	Notre Dame Georgia	58 -14
09/21 2:00 ET	345 346	Toledo Colorado State	-6.5 71	09/21 8:00 ET	393 394	Louisville Florida State	59.5 -8
09/21 2:00 ET	347 348	New Mexico State New Mexico	69.5 -4.5	09/21 8:00 ET	395 396	Nevada UTEP	-14 57
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Russell Wilson's runs sink Steelers to 0-2

KEY GAMES THIS WEEK

RAVENS @ CHIEFS AND

STEELERS @ 49ers WOW!

-- The San Francisco 49ers paddled the Cincinnati Bengals by a 41-17 score, posting road victories in consecutive weeks to open the regular season for the first time since 1989 when they won three straight on the road in Weeks 1-3 with QB Joe Montana at the helm. The 49ers are averaging 36.0 points per game (PPG) while allowing 17.0 PPG while covering both games as one-point underdogs. Next up will be their home opener against the Pittsburgh Steelers in Week 3. The Steelers enter 0-2 SU/ATS, and QB Ben Roethlisberger (elbow) is out for the year and Conner (knee) is questionable.

-- The Philadelphia Eagles saw several star players leave their Sunday Night Football game against the Atlanta Falcons, but they held a late 20-17 lead in the fourth quarter before WR Julio Jones broke free for a 54-yard touchdown on a fourth-down play to secure victory for the home side. The Eagles lost WRs DeSean Jackson, Alshon Jeffery and Nelson Agholor to injuries, as well as QB Carson Wentz for a brief period. TE Dallas Goedert was also lost to an injury in a game which was super costly to the visitors, and they ended up losing and not covering, either.

-- For the second consecutive weekend the laughingstock of the NFL was the Miami Dolphins. After opening the season with a 59-10 shellacking from the Baltimore Ravens the New England Patriots strolled into town as 18-point favorites. While the Patriots didn't get off to as quick of a start as the Ravens, they made up for lost time in the third quarter, including a pair of pick-sixes. When the dust settled, the Dolphins were on the short end of a 43-0 score, and they have been outscored 92-10 through the first two games. As such, they have opened as 21-point underdogs for Week 3.

-- The under was 11-3 between Thursday's game and Sunday's entire slate, including the games with the top five totals on the board. Kansas City Chiefs-Oakland Raiders (53), Philadelphia Eagles-Atlanta Falcons (53), New Orleans Saints-Los Angeles Rams (52.5), New England Patriots-Miami Dolphins (48.5) and Tampa Bay Buccaneers-Carolina Panthers (48) each cashed the under, and a couple of the results were never in doubt. In fact, the Saints-Rams shootout never materialized, helped out in part by QB Drew Brees (hand/thumb) needs surgery and is out for months. The game, had a total of 6-3 at halftime. Bt Hopefully you had a few 'under' tickets in your pocket this week.

Dolphins QB Ryan Fitzpatrick tossed a pair of pick-sixes in their blowout loss, but even his best (or worst) efforts couldn't help the total go 'over', similar to Buccaneers QB Jameis Winston, who had two pick-sixes in an 'under' result in Week 1.

-- On the flip side, the lowest total on the board was the Chicago Bears-Denver Broncos (40.5) game. It was expected to be a defensive grind, and it was. The Bears, who totaled just three points in their opening game loss in Week 1, didn't score their first touchdown of the season until the third quarter. Through eight quarters the Bears have generated just 19 total points, including only one touchdown. It's no surprise that the 'under' is 2-0 for Chicago so far. For the Broncos, they fell at Oakland in Week 1 on Monday Night, and they're 0-2 SU/1-1 ATS and the 'under' is also 2-0.

-- The 'under' is 2-0 in the first two primetime games of Week 2, with the Monday Night Football battle between the Cleveland Browns-New York Jets (45) still pending. The 'over' is 1-5 (16.7%) during the early 2019 primetime schedule.

Injury Report

-- As mentioned, the Steelers lost Roethlisberger (elbow) and Conner (knee) to injuries in the first half. QB Mason Rudolph and RB Jaylen Samuels were forced to pick up the slack. Big Ben is out for the season.

-- Brees (hand) banged his right throwing hand on a rushing Rams DT Aaron Donald, and he was unable to return. He will remain in So California to see a hand specialist. Breaking news has Brees set up for surgery and is out indefinitely.

-- Cardinals RB David Johnson (wrist) missed a chunk of the game at Baltimore due to a wrist injury, but ultimately was able to return and finish up.

-- Cowboys WR Michael Gallup (knee) left the game in Washington due to a knee issue, and he'll go for an MRI.

-- As mentioned, the Eagles lost Wentz (ribs, concussion) briefly before he was cleared to return. Jackson (groin) left in the second quarter and was unable to return, Jeffery (calf) left early and didn't come back. Goedert (calf) also left in the first half and didn't return, while Agholor (concussion) was out for a couple of drives before returning to finish.

PRO FOOTBALL BEST BETS

DALLAS - 21 Over Miami by 30

The Miami Dolphins need a win here to rebound from a rough 0-2 record when they take the road for the first time. The Miami Dolphins have lost their last seven road games. Ryan Fitzpatrick is completing 50 percent of his passes for 274 yards, one touchdown and four interceptions. Fitzpatrick has two or more touchdown passes in five of his last eight games. Preston Williams and DeVante Parker have combined for 162 receiving yards and one touchdown while Kenyan Drake has seven receptions. The Miami Dolphins ground game is averaging 31.5 yards per contest, and Drake leads the way with 31 yards on 10 carries. Defensively, Miami is allowing 51 points and 512 yards per game. Jerome Baker leads the Miami Dolphins with 21 tackles, Vince Biegel has one sack and Eric Rowe has two pass deflections.

The Dallas Cowboys look for another victory to start a season 3-0 for the first time since 2008. The Dallas Cowboys have won their last five home games. Dak Prescott is completing 82.3 percent of his passes for 674 yards, seven touchdowns and one interception. Prescott has three or more touchdown passes in four of his last six games. Michael Gallup and Amari Cooper have combined for 376 receiving yards and two touchdowns while Randall Cobb has nine receptions. The Dallas Cowboys ground game is averaging 151 yards per contest, and Ezekiel Elliott leads the way with 164 yards and two touchdowns. Defensively, Dallas is allowing 19 points and 362.5 yards per game. Jaylen Smith leads the Dallas Cowboys with 17 tackles, Tyrone Crawford has one sack and Jeff Heath has three pass deflections.

The Dolphins are 5-11 ATS vs. a team with a winning record, 1-6 ATS in their last 7 road games and 0-5 ATS in their last 5 games overall. The Cowboys are 5-2 ATS in their last 7 games following a ATS win. The road team is 4-0 ATS in their last 4 meetings. The over is 5-0 in Cowboys last 5 games overall. The under is 4-1 in Dolphins last 5 games following a ATS loss.

The Miami Dolphins have failed to cover eight of their last 12 games as a double-digit underdog. The Dallas Cowboys have split their last eight games ATS as a double-digit favorite. It's really strange to see these type of numbers in the NFL, as laying three touchdowns is something you usually see in college. I gave the Dolphins a chance last week as monster underdogs, and their first three games haven't been close to being competitive. We know the Dolphins gutted their roster and are building on cap space and draft picks, but this roster has done nothing right and there's not a single case you can make to suggest things can turn around. I'm not the chalky guy and love to make cases for underdogs, but there's nothing positive to say about the Dolphins right now. It's Cowboys in a blowout.

Projected Score: Dallas 40, Miami 10

NEW ENGLAND - 18 Over NY Jets by 33

The Jets started out the season by blowing a 16-point lead against the Bills, ultimately falling 17-16. In the Monday night game Week 2 against the Browns, New York lost another starting QB to an injury and limped to a 23-3 defeat.

Over on the Patriots' side, they've rolled through their first two games so far, with a 33-3 opener win over the Steelers, and a 43-0 blowout of the Dolphins in Miami Week 2.

In the Dolphins shutout, Pats QB Tom Brady logged 264 yards and two touchdowns. Sony Michel added 85 rush yards and a score, while Antonio Brown introduced himself with 56 yards and a TD from four catches.

The Jets are 1-4 ATS in their last five in Week 3 and 1-7 ATS in their last eight versus the AFC East. New York is 0-5-1 ATS versus a team with a winning record and 1-6 ATS in their last seven in a Sunday game after a Monday night game.

Meanwhile, the Patriots are 6-1 ATS in their last seven on turf and 7-2 ATS in their last nine versus the AFC East. New England is 20-7 ATS versus a team with a winning record and 42-17 ATS in their last 59 overall.

Remember Week 2 when the Patriots played the Dolphins, and lots of people scoffed at that thick line? But then the Patriots proceeded to demolish it anyway? This feels like a similar situation, especially with this game being in Foxboro.

We're not going to overthink it or try to get cute. Until the line gets into the mid-20s (which I wouldn't be surprised at) we're going Patriots.

Projected Score: New England 40, NY Jets 7

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NY Giants + 7 Over TAMPA BAY by 1

The New York Giants need a victory here to rebound from a rough 0-2 start to the season. The New York Giants have lost seven of their last 10 road games. Eli Manning is completing 62.9 percent of his passes for 556 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions. Manning has one or less touchdown passes in six of his last eight games. Evan Engram and Cody Latimer have combined for 268 receiving yards and one touchdown while Bennie Fowler has 10 receptions. The New York Giants ground game is averaging 140 yards per contest, and Saquon Barkley leads the way with 227 yards and one touchdown. Defensively, New York is allowing 31.5 points and 441 yards per game. Antoine Bethea leads the New York Giants with 17 tackles, Olsen Pierre has one sack and Alec Ogletree has two pass deflections.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers look for their first home victory to get a game above a .500 record. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers have lost five of their last eight home games. Jameis Winston is completing 59 percent of his passes for 402 yards, two touchdowns and three interceptions. Winston has thrown 13 interceptions in his last six games. Chris Godwin and Mike Evans have combined for 263 receiving yards and two touchdowns while Dare Ogunbowale has five receptions. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers ground game is averaging 110.5 yards per contest, and Peyton Barber leads the way with 115 yards and one touchdown. Defensively, Tampa Bay is allowing 22.5 points and 304 yards per game. Vernon Hargreaves leads the Tampa Bay Buccaneers with 15 tackles, Shaquil Barrett has four sacks and Carlton Davis has two pass deflections.

The Giants are 5-0 ATS in their last 5 games on grass, 7-1 ATS in their last 8 road games and 1-4 ATS in their last 5 games overall. The Buccaneers are 0-6 ATS in their last 6 games in Week 3, 5-2-1 ATS in their last 8 vs. NFC and 4-1 ATS in their last 5 games overall. The Giants are 5-0-1 ATS in their last 6 meetings in Tampa Bay and 6-1-2 ATS in their last 9 meetings. The under is 7-1 in Buccaneers last 8 games overall. The over is 5-2 in Giants last 7 games overall.

The New York Giants have covered 10 of their last 14 games as a road underdog. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers have failed to cover six of their last eight games as a home favorite. The Giants have shown very little promise offensively through two games and enter this week extremely banged up at wide receiver, as Cody Latimer, Sterling Shepard, Garrett Dickerson and Darius Slayton are all questionable with injuries. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers have promise, but it's really a question of which Winston shows up. When the Bucs QB takes care of the ball, Tampa Bay has the potential to be a sneaky good team that could make some noise in the NFC. This is a lot of chalk to lay between two average or below average teams, so we will back the Giants in a game that Barkley should impress.. Gmen and the points.

Projected Score: NY Giants 24, Tampa Bay 23

SAN FRANCISCO - 6½ Over PITTSBURGH by 16

Pittsburgh enters this game at 0-2 so far. The Steelers were embarrassed 33-3 by the Patriots in the opener then fell to the Seahawks 28-26 at Heinz in Week 2.

In the loss to Seattle, Steelers QB Mason Rudolph got most of the work with 112 yards, two touchdowns and a pick. JuJu Smith-Schuster was the leading Pittsburgh receiver with his 84 yards on five catches.

Over on the 49ers side, they're riding high so far at 2-0. San Francisco took out the Buccaneers 31-17 in Week 1 then followed that up with a 41-17 drilling of the Bengals Week 2.

In the Week 2 win, San Fran QB Jimmy Garoppolo put up 297 yards, three scores and a pick, while Matt Breida had 121 rush yards. Deebo Samuel led the receivers there with 87 yards and a TD from five grabs.

The Steelers are 1-3-1 ATS in their last five road games and 2-6-1 ATS in their last nine overall. Pitt is 1-5-1 ATS in their last seven on grass and 1-6 ATS in their last seven in September.

Meanwhile, the Niners are 7-16 ATS in their last 23 home games and 1-6 ATS in their last seven in Week 3. San Francisco is 5-12 ATS in their last 17 home games versus a team with a losing road record and the over is 4-0 in their last four in Week 3.

With Ben Roethlisberger ailing, there's a different dynamic to this game. The overall sentiment is still there, however: Pittsburgh really needs a win here. Considering the offensive onslaught San Fran has put together so far (against "meh" teams, granted, but Pitt qualifies as a "meh" team this year as well) we just don't see it.

Take the 49ers, and grab it now, as the line may rise higher.

Projected Score: San Francisco 30, Pittsburgh 14



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09/19	301	Tennessee Titans	-1.5
8:20 ET	302	Jacksonville Jaguars	40
09/22	461	Denver Broncos	43
1:00 ET	462	Green Bay Packers	-8
09/22	463	Detroit Lions	48
1:00 ET	464	Philadelphia Eagles	-7
09/22	465	Baltimore Ravens	55
1:00 ET	466	Kansas City Chiefs	-6.5
09/22	467	Cincinnati Bengals	43.5
1:00 ET	468	Buffalo Bills	-6
09/22	469	Atlanta Falcons	47.5
1:00 ET	470	Indianapolis Colts	-2.5
09/22	471	Oakland Raiders	42.5
1:00 ET	472	Minnesota Vikings	-8
09/22	473	New York Jets	46.5
1:00 ET	474	New England Patriots	-18
09/22	475	Miami Dolphins	47.5
1:00 ET	476	Dallas Cowboys	-21
09/22	477	New York Giants	48
4:05 ET	478	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	-6.5
09/22	479	Carolina Panthers	-2.5
4:05 ET	480	Arizona Cardinals	46.5
09/22	481	New Orleans Saints	45
4:25 ET	482	Seattle Seahawks	-4.5
09/22	483	Houston Texans	47.5
4:25 ET	484	Los Angeles Chargers	-3
09/22	485	Pittsburgh Steelers	44.5
4:25 ET	486	San Francisco 49ers	-7
09/22	487	Los Angeles Rams	-3
8:20 ET	488	Cleveland Browns	51
09/23	489	Chicago Bears	3.5
8:20 ET	490	Washington Redskins	41

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NFL	Cowboys - 21	Patriots - 18	Giants + 7	49ers - 6.5	