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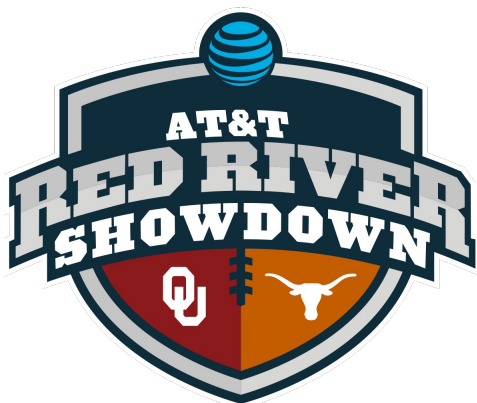
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YA'ALL ENJOY OUR RED RIVER RIVALRY PICK TEXAS vs OKLAHOMA IT SHOULD BE A HOOT!

Sooners Travel Up I-35 to the Ol' Cotton Bowl

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (AAC)

-- Navy surprised Air Force in Annapolis, 34-25, putting a step forward in their pursuit of the Commander's-In-Chief Trophy. The Midshipmen are now 3-1 SU/ATS while scoring at least 34 points in three of their four outings. ... South Florida finally found someone they could beat. The Bulls went to Connecticut and hammered the Huskies 48-22 for their first win against an FBS opponent this season. USF is now 2-3 SU/3-2 ATS, while hitting the 'over' in three consecutive outings. ... One of the best games of the day was the Tulsa-SMU battle in Dallas, well, at least if you weren't holding an 'under' ticket. The Golden Hurricane led the ranked Mustangs 30-9 after three quarters, but SMU stormed back and forced OT, 30-30. Tulsa missed three field goals and had an extra point blocked, including a missed FG in OT, losing 43-37 in triple-overtime. The Mustangs are already bowl eligible at 6-0 SU, while the non-cover was their first of the season. The 'over' has also hit in all six of their outings. ... UCF lost at Cincinnati, taking their second loss of the season. There will be no national champion talk this season. After opening 3-0 SU/ATS, the Knights are 1-2 SU/0-3 ATS over the past three outings.

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE (ACC)

-- Virginia Tech was all over Miami-Florida like a bad rash, but the Hurricanes wouldn't quit. The Hokies were up 28-0 at one point, but the Hurricanes outscored the Hokies 35-7 to tie the game on a 62-yard touchdown run with 3:16 to go in regulation. Oddly enough, head coach Manny Diaz elected to go for two, down 35-27, making it 35-29 with 4:55 to go. After a touchdown just 1:39 later, all they needed was an extra point to go into the lead and PK Bubba Baxa misfired, keeping the game tied. The Hokies drove down the field in short order for the go-back-ahead TD, and held out at the goalline at the other end for a surprising good game. ... Pittsburgh fired out to a 26-3 lead at Wallace Wade in Durham, but Duke fought all the way back to take a 30-26 lead with 1:29 to go. However, the Panthers answered right back with a 26-yard TD pass to go ahead 33-30 in a great battle. ... North Carolina picked up a 38-22 road victory at Georgia Tech, squaring their record at 3-3 SU, snapping a three-game skid. They're also 4-2 ATS on the season. The Ramblin' Wreck are a great team to fade, as they're 1-4 SU/0-5 ATS.

BIG TEN

-- Michigan held off Iowa 10-3 in a low-scoring battle at the Big House. After opening the season 0-3 ATS, the Wolverines have posted a 2-0 SU/ATS mark while outscoring Rutgers and Iowa 62-3. ... Illinois is on a three-game skid, and they're 1-3 ATS across the past four outings following their 40-17 loss as 14-point underdogs at Minnesota. The Golden Gophers moved to 5-0 SU, and they're 2-0 ATS over the past two after going 0-2-1 ATS in the first three. ... Ohio State continues to thrash all comers. They started off a bit sluggish, but pulled away from Michigan St by a 34-10 score. After failing to cover in their opener against FAU the Buckeyes have covered five straight games. They also allowed 21 points to the Owls in that opener, but just 32 total points over the past five outings since. ... Wisconsin rolled to another shutout win, this time

against Kent St. The Badgers are No. 1 in total yards allowed (182.0), passing yards allowed (131.0) and points allowed (5.8), while ranking third in the nation in rushing yards allowed (51.0). More importantly for bettors, they're 4-1 ATS.

BIG 12

-- Oklahoma State was never able to get off on the right foot at Texas Tech. The Cowboys opened the season 4-1 SU/5-0 ATS in the first five outings. The 45 points allowed was a season-high, and the 'over' result snapped a 3-0 under run for OSU. ... Head coach Matt Rhule has Baylor off to a 5-0 SU/3-2 ATS start after hammering Kansas State, 31-12. The Bears were one-point favorites, but this result was never in doubt. The 'under' has connected in three in a row for the Bears, too. ... Iowa State rolled up an impressive 49-24 win over TCU, moving to 3-2 SU/ATS. The Cyclones have alternated wins and losses all season, and over and under results. When they win, the game goes over, when they lose, under. If the pattern continues, they'll lose outright and go under at West Virginia next time out.

CONFERENCE USA

-- Old Dominion opened the second quarter with a field goal to take a 3-0 lead against Western Kentucky. After that, the Hilltoppers rattled off the final 20 points for the road win and 'under' result. After a home loss to FCS Central Arkansas, WKU is 3-1 SU/ATS, including 2-0 SU/ATS in two outings on the road. The 'under' is also 2-0 in WKU's two road contests. ... FIU stepped out of conference and routed Massachusetts, 44-0. Apparently the Golden Panthers want to join a conference playing only New England-area teams. They're 2-0 SU against UNH and UMass, and 0-3 SU/ATS against everyone else. ... UAB outlasted Rice 35-20 in a game marred by a lengthy weather delay. The Blazers rebounded from their shocking 20-13 loss at WKU to move to 3-0 SU at home, 2-0 ATS in Birmingham against FBS foes.

MID-AMERICAN (MAC)

-- Toledo held off Western Michigan, 31-24, as the Rockets rolled to 3-0 SU/ATS at home and 1-1 SU/0-2 ATS in two outings on the road. The 'under' is also 3-0 in Toledo's three games at home, and the 'over' is 2-0 in their two road contests. ... Ohio held off Buffalo in overtime, 21-20. While the Bobcats earned the win, Bulls side bettors hung on for the cover. Despite OT, 'under' (51.5) bettors still managed to cash a ticket, too. ... Central Michigan went for a 42-16 win over Eastern Michigan, moving to 3-0 SU/ATS at home, and 0-3 SU/1-2 ATS on the road. The 'over' is also 3-0 in the three home games for the Chips this season.

MOUNTAIN WEST

-- Boise State continues to roll along, staying in the driver's seat in the Group of Five race. They rolled over UNLV by a 38-13 score, barely covering for those who laid as much as 24.5. The Broncos are 5-0 SU/3-1-1 ATS, with the 'under' cashing in three of the past four. ... San Jose State picked up a 32-21 win over New Mexico, picking up a third win, or halfway to bowl eligibility. More importantly, the Spartans have covered three in a row while the 'under' is 4-1 this season. ... Colorado State fell at home by a 24-10 score to San Diego State, as the Aztecs continue to be road warriors. They're 1-1 SU/0-2 ATS at home, and 3-0 SU/ATS on the road. Total bettors love SDSU, too, as the 'under' is a perfect 5-0 this year.

PAC-12

-- California tumbled in a low-scoring game at Oregon, the conference's only real chance at a playoff team at this point, and even that seems rather remote. The Ducks are 4-0 SU since their loss to Auburn, while the 'under' is 4-1 overall on the season. The Bears opened 4-0 SU, but lost QB Chase Garbers to injury. It's been downhill since, going 0-2 SU. Total bettors love Cal, as the 'under' is 5-1 in their six games overall. ... Oregon State has flown under the radar a bit, but they have a rather powerful offense. They moved to 2-3 SU, but have rattled off four covers in a row, after winning 48-31 at UCLA. The Beavers have scored at least 28 points in all five outings. ... Stanford surprised Washington 23-13, ragging the clock and playing keepaway all evening. The Cardinal have won consecutive games for the first time this season, improving to 3-3 SU, and their cover was the first since a 17-7 win over Northwestern on Aug. 31.

SOUTHEASTERN (SEC)

-- Florida might not be getting it done in pretty fashion, but they're getting it done. The struggles of Auburn in the passing offense department finally caught up with them. The Gators won 24-13 in a low-scoring game at The Swamp, as the Gators moved to 6-0 SU/3-3 ATS. They are 0-2 ATS in true road and neutral-site games, but 3-0 SU/ATS in three home games against FBS opponents. The 'under' is 5-1 in six games overall for the Gators. Next up is a trip to LSU, who improved to 5-0 SU/4-1 ATS, including 4-0 ATS in four games against FBS opponents. Their 'under' result on Saturday snapped a 4-0 'over' streak. ... Georgia had a 43-14 win at Tennessee, but it was closer than the score would indicated. It was just 26-14 at halftime, and the Vols were down only 29-14 after three quarters. Then, the fourth quarter happened.

SUN BELT

-- Georgia State won at home as a near-touchdown underdog, topping Arkansas State 52-38. The Panthers are 3-2 SU with one loss in triple-overtime, and they're 2-1-2 ATS overall with four 'over' results. The Panthers are a fun team to bet. ... South Alabama lost 20-17 in overtime against Georgia Southern, covering for the second straight outing. The 'under' has hit in four in a row, and five of the past six for the Jags.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL BEST BETS

Oklahoma - 10 Over Texas by 20

The No. 6 ranked Oklahoma Sooners travel up I-35 to the Cotton Bowl in Dallas for a Big 12 clash with the No. 11 ranked Texas Longhorns. Oklahoma improved to 5-0 on the season with a 45-20 win over Kansas. Jalen Hurts passed for 228 yards and a pair of touchdowns and ran for 56 yards and two more touchdowns. The Sooners quarterback is one of the favorites to win the Heisman Trophy.

Jalen Hurts leads the Sooners in passing with 1,523 yards, 14 touchdowns and two interceptions, as well as in rushing with 499 yards and seven touchdowns. CeeDee Lamb leads all Sooners' receivers with 439 yards and seven touchdowns. Kenneth Murray leads the Sooners in tackles with 37.

Texas improved to 4-1 on the season with a 42-31 victory over the West Virginia Mountaineers. Sam Ehlinger passed for two touchdowns and rushed for another pair as the Longhorns converted three West Virginia turnovers into touchdowns. Texas is tied for the lead in the Big 12 at 2-0. The Longhorns are 13th in the nation in pointed scored per game at 41.8.

Texas quarterback Sam Ehlinger has thrown for 1,448 yards, 17 touchdowns and two interceptions. The leading rusher for the Longhorns is Keaontay Ingram with 313 yards and three touchdowns. The leading receiver is Devin Dunvernay with 463 yards and four touchdowns. Caden Sterns is the leading tackler for the Longhorns with 30.

Oklahoma is 3-0-1 ATS in its last 4 versus an opponent with a winning record. This game features two strong quarterbacks with both having the ability to run or pass. Jalen Hurts will display much more athleticism and his scrambling and running abilities that will cause many problems for the Texas defense. The game will be played at the Cotton Bowl and although it is like a home game for the Longhorns it is not like playing at Darryl Royal Memorial Stadium in Austin and that takes away that advantage for Texas. But what we believe the key to this cover will be when Jalen Hurt exposes the injury plagued Texas secondary. We should see a lot of action, big plays and points as the **Sooners coast to a win and cover.**

Projected Score: Oklahoma 47, Texas 27

Michigan at ILLINOIS Under 55 by 9

Michigan improved to 4-1 on Saturday with a 10-3 win over Iowa. The Wolverines defense showed it teeth in the win. Michigan scored all its 10 points in the first quarter then handed the game off to its defense that produced turnovers and sacked the quarterback, as the offense could not run or pass the ball effectively.

Michigan starting quarterback Shea Patterson has thrown for 1,052 yards, six touchdowns and three interceptions. The leading rusher for the Wolverines is Zach Charbonnet with 260 yards and four touchdowns, while the leading receiver is Nico Collins with 269 yards receiving and two touchdowns. Khaleke Hudson leads Michigan in tackles with 52.

Illinois fell to 2-3 after losing on Saturday to the Minnesota Golden Gophers 40-17. Illinois' offense scored just three points off the Minnesota defense and running back Reggie Corbin, who is third in the Big Ten, was held to 68 yards. The two touchdowns for Illinois were scored by the defense as Dele Harding had a pick-six and Milo Eifler recovered a fumble for the other score.

Illinois quarterback Brandon Peters has 797 yards passing, 10 touchdowns and four interceptions. The leading rusher is Reggie Corbin with 382 yards and three touchdowns. The leading receiver for the Illini is Josh Imatorbhehe with 220 yards and four touchdowns. Dele Harding is the leading tacklers for Illinois with 57.

The UNDER is the play here. The UNDER has cashed in each of the last 4 played in Illinois between the two and in 4 of the last 5 overall between the two Big Ten rivals. Michigan has seen the UNDER cash in 8 of its last 12 on the road versus an opponent with a losing record at home. As previously mentioned, Illinois' offense scored just three points off the Minnesota defense last week and Michigan held a seasoned Iowa quarterback (Stanton) to a mere three points last week. The Wolverines offense has yet to explode and I don't trust them to do so this week.

Like we said, the play is the UNDER 55.

Projected Score: Michigan 33, Illinois 13

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INDIANA - 25½ Over Rutgers by 34

The Rutgers Scarlet Knights fell to 1-4 on the season following a 48-7 loss to Maryland. The loss spoiled the debut of Nunzio Campanile the interim head coach for the Scarlet Knights. Rutgers announced that junior captain and halfback Raheem Blackshear will redshirt the remainder of the season.

Indiana fell to 3-2 on the season following its 40-31 last eight days ago to Michigan State. The Hoosiers had a bye week this past weekend. In the loss to Michigan State, Michael Penix Jr. threw three touchdown passes including one with two minutes remaining that tied the game, but the Indiana defense could not stop the Spartans who marched down the field for a touchdown and the win.

McLane Carter has thrown for 368 yards, two touchdowns and four interceptions. Isiah Pacheco is the leading rusher with 340 yards and four touchdowns. The leading receiver for the Scarlet Knights is Bo Melton with seven receptions for 256 yards and one touchdown. Tyshon Fogg leads the defense in tackles with 46.

Michael Penix Jr. has thrown for 809 yards, six touchdowns and two interceptions. Stevie Scott III leads all Hoosiers running backs with 281 yards rushing and four touchdowns. Whop Philyor is the leading receiver with 371 yards, while Donovan Hale has 283 yards receiving and two touchdowns. The leading tackler for Indiana is Reakwon Jones with 29.

Indiana came very close to upsetting Michigan State and its only other loss is to Ohio State. Rutgers on the other hand is a team in deep turmoil. The Scarlet Knights have fired their head coach and have an interim in place; have red-shirted their top running back and receiver Raheem Blackshear; and have benched quarterback Artur Sitkowski. Rutgers is 2-6 ATS in its last 8 on the road. With an Indiana extra week to prepare against a team that has thrown in the towel, the only play here is to **lay the lumber and take the home chalk.**

Projected Score: Indiana 44, Rutgers 10

Maryland - 5½ Over PURDUE by 15

Maryland seems to have bounced back from the over confidence issues they had earlier this year. The team ended up getting a big win in their last game over Rutgers. However, that was a needed win after losing 2 straight games, one of them was a blowout to Penn State. Now, the Terrapins get to have another Big Ten game against another team that is almost as bad as Rutgers.

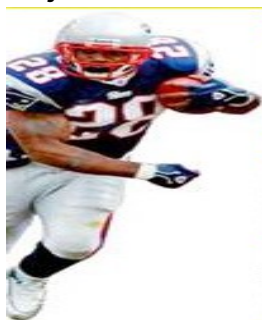
The Boilermakers have only managed to win a single game on the year. The win did not even come in the Big Ten this season and that is very disappointing for the team and that will not be something the Boilermakers are going to have much of a chance to overcome as the team has had that many struggles on the year.

When it comes to scoring the Terrapins have managed to score at a clip of 41.4 points a game. The offense has been able to throw the ball for 227.8 yards a game, but have ran the ball for 218.4 yards a game. The defense for the Terrapins has given up 21.2 points a game on the year. The Terrapins have allowed 251.6 yards a game in the air and allowed 114 yards a game on the ground.

Purdue has ended up scoring only 24.8 points per game on the season. They have been able to throw a total of 305.4 yards a game and have ran the ball for 50.8 yards a game. The defense for the Boilermakers has allowed 33 points a game this season. The defense has allowed 290 yards a game in the air and 162.8 yards on the ground.

The Boilermakers have struggled defensively and it will show in this game as the Terrapins have a good offense that will actually be able to move the ball rather easily here. However, the problem for the Terrapins is the fact that the defense and offense have been sketchy at times, but that is usually against good teams. Look for the Boilermakers to not put up that much of a fight as the **Terrapins win this game and cover the spread by a few touchdowns.**

Projected Score: Maryland 36, Purdue 21



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Nebraska + 7 Over MINNESOTA by 1

The Cornhuskers have looked decent at times this year. After losing the opening game the Huskers were able to play decent and picked up some great wins until they ran into the buzzsaw that came in the form of Ohio State. After getting crushed by Ohio State, the team was able to bounce back from the loss and beat Northwestern in the next game in line.

Minnesota is one of the teams that is coming in as a surprise. The Golden Gophers have yet to lose a single game on the year and that includes a wild game against Fresno State that was in double overtime before they picked up the 3 point win. The last game out for the Golden Gophers saw them completely crush the Fighting Illini by a score of 40-17.

The Cornhuskers offense has been able to score an average of 28.7 points a game. Offensively the Cornhuskers have been able to throw the ball for 219.3 yards a game, but have ran the ball for 196.3 yards a game. Defensively the Cornhuskers have given up 26.5 points a game, but have allowed 281 yards a game in the air and 165.3 yards a game on the ground.

For the Golden Gophers the team has been able to get a total of 35.8 points a game on the year. They have been able to throw the ball for 250 yards per game, but have ended up running the ball for 159 yards a game. The team has allowed 27.2 points per game and have allowed only 200.8 yards a game in the air, but also given up 113.6 yards a game on the ground.

The Golden Gophers have been able to play really well on the year, yet we're not really believers in the Gophers. At least not yet. Take a look at who the Gophers have played (S Dakota St, Fresno St, GA Southern, Purdue & Illinois. The Cornhusker stats are skewed from games against (Colorado, Northwestern & Ohio St.). It seems that the Cornhuskers have faced a much tougher slate of games this year, and we believe the Gophers are a bit over rated. Throw in the fact that the Gophers have allowed 27 points per game and the Huskers are averaging 28.7 ppg. against a tougher schedule. Look for the Cornhuskers to have a good game here and that comes from the fact that the offense should be able to match points with the Golden Gophers. It won't be easy, but **Nebraska wins this game** and the score resembles the means.

Projected Score: Nebraska 27, Minnesota 26

GRIDIRON GOLD COLLEGE FOOTBALL POWER RATINGS											
TEAM	GPR	HF	TEAM	GPR	HF	TEAM	GPR	HF	TEAM	GPR	HF
AIR FORCE	30	3	FRESNO ST	31	4	MISSISSIPPI ST	24	3	SO. MISS U	32	3
AKRON	61	2	GEORGIA	6	3	MISSOURI	22	4	STANFORD	33	3
ALABAMA	-1	3	GA SOUTHERN	38	3	NAVY	34	3	SYRACUSE	31	3
APP ST	27	3	GEORGIA ST	51	2	NEBRASKA	28	3	T.C.U.	26	2
ARIZONA	31	3	GEORGIA T	43	3	NEVADA	41	2	TEMPLE	30	2
ARIZONA ST	26	3	HAWAII	42	3	NEW MEXICO	52	1	TENNESSEE	32	3
ARKANSAS	37	3	HOUSTON	29	3	NEW MEXICO ST	56	2	TEXAS	20	4
ARKANSAS ST	36	3	ILLINOIS	37	3	NO. CAROLINA	28	3	TEXAS A&M	18	4
ARMY	27	3	INDIANA	30	3	NO CARO ST.	33	3	TEXAS ST	52	2
AUBURN	12	3	IOWA	22	4	NORTH TEXAS	36	3	TEXAS TECH	40	3
BALL ST	47	2	IOWA ST	25	3	NO. ILLINOIS	42	3	TOLEDO	35	2
BAYLOR	25	3	KANSAS	44	2	N'WESTERN	33	3	TROY	36	3
BOISE ST	25	4	KANSAS ST	27	3	NOTRE DAME	18	4	TULANE	30	3
BOSTON C.	30	2	KENT ST.	50	3	OHIO	33	3	TULSA	40	2
B. GREEN	59	2	KENTUCKY	33	3	OHIO ST.	3	4	U.A.B.	36	3
BUFFALO	43	3	LA LAFAYETTE	29	2	OKLAHOMA	7	4	U.C.F.	16	3
B.Y.U.	36	3	LA MONROE	43	2	OKLAHOMA ST	23	3	U.C.L.A.	33	2
CALIFORNIA	27	3	LIBERTY	47	3	OLD DOMINION	44	2	U.N.L.V.	48	2
C MICHIGAN	48	2	LA TECH	37	2	OREGON	15	4	UTAH	20	3
CHARLOTTE	43	3	LOUISVILLE	31	3	OREGON ST	38	3	UTAH ST	27	3
CINCINNATI	27	2	L.S.U.	8	4	PENN ST	16	4	U.T.E.P.	55	2
CLEMSON	2	3	MARSHALL	34	3	PITTSBURGH	26	3	U.T.S.A.	55	2
C. CAROLINA	42	2	MARYLAND	32	3	PURDUE	34	4	VANDERBILT	37	2
COLORADO	32	2	MASS. U.	65	2	RICE	48	2	VIRGINIA	27	3
COLORADO ST	44	2	MEMPHIS	26	3	RUTGERS	49	3	VIRGINIA TECH	34	3
CONNECTICUT	56	2	MIAMI	27	3	SAN DIEGO ST	34	2	WAKE FOREST	24	3
DUKE	26	2	MIAMI OHIO	46	3	SAN JOSE ST	45	3	WASHINGTON	17	3
E CAROLINA	45	2	MICHIGAN	21	3	S.M.U.	25	3	WASH ST.	23	4
E MICHIGAN	37	3	MICHIGAN ST	22	3	SO. ALABAMA	51	2	W VIRGINIA	32	4
FLORIDA	17	4	MID TENN ST	45	3	SO. CAROLINA	30	3	W KENTUCKY	37	2
FLA ATLANTIC	38	2	MINNESOTA	27	3	SO. FLORIDA	41	3	W MICHIGAN	38	3
FLA INT'L	39	3	MISSISSIPPI	32	2	SO. CALIFORNIA	29	4	WISCONSIN	18	3
FLORIDA ST	26	2							WYOMING	32	2

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GRIDIRON GOLD COLLEGE FOOTBALL ROTATION LINE SHEET OCTOBER 9-12, 2019

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10/10/19 9:15	105 106	Louisiana-Monroe Texas State	-3 63.5	10/12/19 4:00	137 138	Iowa State West Virginia	-9.5 55
10/11/19 8:00	109 110	Virginia Miami (FL)	42.5 -2	10/12/19 4:00	165 166	Texas Tech Baylor	57 -9
10/11/19 8:00	111 112	Colorado State New Mexico	-4 68	10/12/19 4:00	175 176	UNLV Vanderbilt	61 -15.5
10/11/19 10:00	113 114	Colorado Oregon	57 -21	10/12/19 4:00	181 182	San Jose State Nevada	59.5 -3
10/12/19 12:00	115 116	Rutgers Indiana	51.5 -25.5	10/12/19 4:00	185 186	Middle Tennessee St. Florida Atlantic	61.5 -11
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10/12/19 3:30	171 172	Cincinnati Houston	-5.5 54	10/12/19 10:15	139 140	Hawaii Boise State	61 -13
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10/12/19 3:30	183 184	Alabama Texas AM	-18.5 61	10/12/19 11:00	151 152	Washington Arizona	-7 60.5

THIS WEEKS GRIDIRON GOLD SHEET CFB BEST BETS

CFB	Oklahoma - 10	MICHIGAN UNDER 55	INDIANA - 24 1/2	MARYLAND - 4 1/2	NEBRASKA + 7 1/2
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GRIDIRON GOLD SHEET NFL BEST BETS BLAST BOOKIES WITH 4-0 ATS LAST SUNDAY

Packers Down Dallas in Big D Again

NFL Football Recap

-- The Kansas City Chiefs were expected to mow over the Indianapolis Colts (+11, ML +425) at Arrowhead on Sunday Night Football. The Colts entered the game with several defensive backs banged up, and others falling like flies in the first half. But, cliché totally intended, that's why they play the games. The Colts fought to a 13-10 halftime lead, they held on in a scoreless third quarter, and actually pushed their lead to 19-10 before the Chiefs booted a field goal in the fourth quarter for the low-scoring 19-13 road victory.

The Chiefs had scored 25 or more points in 25 consecutive games, an NFL record, but that's all over now. QB Patrick Mahomes also dinged up his already nagging ankle injury, and his lack of mobility made him look rather mortal. And the lack of discipline, racking up 11 penalties for 125 yards, certainly didn't help matters either. The Chiefs also lost WR Sammy Watkins, LB Anthony Hitchens, DLs Chris Jones and Xavier Williams to injuries, too. Still, as heavy favorites, they should have been able to overcome. They didn't, and that's a concern going forward.

-- The Houston Texans rolled the Atlanta Falcons 53-23 at NRG Stadium, which is how many predicted the Texans offense would look. QB Deshaun Watson finally broke out, and the Texans were on fire in all facets of the game. But then why did they score just 10 last week against the Carolina Panthers in a 16-10 loss at home, especially against a backup QB? The week before they went on the road and won 27-20 at Los Angeles Chargers, following up a 13-12 dud against the Jacksonville Jaguars. They're in one of those weird odd-week, even-week patterns. They're 2-1 SU/3-0 ATS in odd-numbered weeks, and 1-1 SU/0-2 ATS in even-numbered weeks. We'll see if that continues next Sunday on the road against the Chiefs. Hmm.

-- The highest total on the board was the Indianapolis Colts-Kansas City Chiefs (55.5) battle, and as mentioned, it didn't even come close. The second-highest total on the board was the Falcons-Texans (50) game, and Houston took care of the number themselves. The next highest total was the Los Angeles Rams-Seattle Seahawks (48.5) battle on Thursday night, a 30-29 win in favor of the Seahawks. Thursdays are the night of the underdog, going 3-1 SU/4-0 ATS through the first four installments, with the 'over' cashing in the past two.

-- On the flip side, the lowest total on the board was the Buffalo Bills-Tennessee Titans (39) game, the only one with a total in the 30's. The Bills, who have won three straight away games for the first time since the 2004 season, is the only team in the NFL to hit the 'under' in all five of their games so far. It might not be pretty, but they're winning.

The next lowest total was in the London battle at Tottenham Hotspurs Stadium. The Oakland Raiders-Chicago Bears (40) game wasn't a track meet, but it did end up going 'over'. It was just 17-0 at half in favor of the Raiders, but the Bears threw up 21 points in the third quarter to help the total inch over the finish line at 'over'.

-- The 'over/under' went 1-1 split in the first two primetime games of Week 5, with the Monday Night Football contest between the Browns-49ers (47.5) still pending. The 'over' is 4-11 (26.7%) during the early 2019 primetime schedule, a stark change from previous seasons when the games under the lights were high-scoring affairs. The 'under' is a perfect 6-0 for Sunday Night Football this season, and 3-1 in the past four MNF outings.

Injury Report

-- Giants RB Wayne Gallman (concussion) exited early, as the replacement for RB Saquon Barkley (ankle) needed medical attention of his own. Not good.

-- Steelers QB Mason Rudolph (concussion) was forced out of action, leaving undrafted rookie free-agent QB Devlin Hodges to finish up the game. He did well enough to steer the team to overtime, but they lost to the Ravens 26-23. Cue the Colin Kaepernick talk in the Steel City.

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PRO FOOTBALL BEST BETS

MIAMI + 3½ Over Washington by 4

The Washington Redskins visit Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Florida on Sunday to play the Miami Dolphins. On Monday, Washington announced the firing of head coach Jay Gruden. The Redskins are off to a 0-5 start after losing Sunday at home to the New England Patriots 33-7. Bill Callahan is the interim head coach for the Redskins but many questions remain unanswered as players and coaches prepare for Sunday's game in Miami.

Washington quarterback Case Keenum has thrown for 970 yards, seven touchdowns and four interceptions. The leading rusher for the Redskins is Adrian Peterson with 108 yards. Terry McLaurin leads all Redskins receivers with 308 yards and three touchdowns. Landon Collins leads the Redskins in tackles with 43.

Miami had a bye during Week 5 and entered the bye at 0-4 after losing to the Los Angeles Chargers 30-10. In the loss, Josh Rosen threw for 180 yards and one touchdown, but also tossed an interception and suffered four sacks. The Dolphins only touchdown was a 34-yard strike from Rosen to DeVante Parker. It was just the second touchdown all season for Miami.

Josh Rosen has thrown for 482 yards, one touchdown and three interceptions. Kenyan Drake leads all rushers for Miami with 113 yards. The leading receiver for Miami is Preston Williams with 201 yards and one touchdown. Jerome Baker leads the Miami defenses in tackles with 29.

Two teams in turmoil, as the Dolphins look for their first win of the season and the Redskins not only are looking for a first win, but playing under an interim head coach after Jay Gruden's firing. The Dolphins are winless, but Miami has played well coming off a bye having covered the number in each of the last 4 and Washington is 1-4 ATS in its last 5 on grass. An undesirable game of non winners, but somebody has to win and somebody has to lose. This may be the only game of the year where Miami faces a wounded prey. The heat is on the Skins leadership, and the Miami high humidity heat will not be helpful. So, **let's take a shot and bet the floundering fish to cover at home.**
Projected Score: Miami 24, Washington 20

New Orleans - Pk Over JACKSONVILLE by 9

The New Orleans Saints visit TIAA Bank Field in Jacksonville, Florida on Sunday to play the Jacksonville Jaguars. The Saints improved to 4-1 on the season following a 31-24 victory over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Teddy Bridgewater threw for 314 yards and four touchdowns to lead the Saints to the win. Michael Thomas was nearly unstoppable making 11 catches for 183 yards. Thomas caught two touchdown passes, while Ted Ginn Jr. and Jared Cook each had one.

Saints quarterback Teddy Bridgewater has 849 yards passing, six touchdowns and two interceptions. The leading rusher for New Orleans is Alvin Kamara with 342 yards and one touchdown. Michael Thomas leads all Saints receivers with 543 yards and three touchdowns. The leading tackler for the Saints is Vonn Bell with 35.

Jacksonville fell to 2-3 on the season following a 34-27 loss to the Carolina Panthers. Rookie quarterback Gardner Minshew threw for 374 yards and two touchdowns but committed three fumbles. Running back Leonard Fournette rushed for 108 yards and one touchdown, while DJ Clark caught eight passes for 164 yards and a pair of touchdowns in the loss.

Jacksonville quarterback Gardner Minshew II has thrown for 1,279 yards, nine touchdowns and one interception. The leading rusher for the Jaguars is Leonard Fournette with 512 yards and one touchdown. DJ Clark leads all Jacksonville receivers with 485 yards and five touchdowns. Ronnie Harrison is the leading tackler for the Jaguars with 35.

New Orleans is 21-8 ATS in its last 29 on the road and the UNDER has cashed in 4 of the Saints last 5 on the road. Jacksonville is 0-5 ATS in its last 5 played in October and The UNDER has cashed in 6 of the Jaguars last 7 at home.

Both teams are playing with backup quarterbacks and both have defenses that have given up much more than anticipated at the start of the season. This should be a high scoring game with both teams using running and passing to move the ball down the field. Teddy Bridgewater is coming off a 300-plus yard game passing with four TDs and the Saints Michael Thomas is one of the hardest wide receivers in the NFL to cover. Minshew Magic is a gunslinger and will put up points and possibly some for the Saints. Prefer to back the veteran Bridgewater with his controlled passing game opposed to the rookie Minshew who is turnover prone. Saints to win this game based on the veteran quarterback and the superior coaching staff. **Bet the Saints.**

Projected Score: New Orleans 30, Jacksonville 21

Atlanta - 1½ & 52 Over ARIZONA by 11 & Over Total by 11

It's not often a team can look as bad as Atlanta did against Houston in Week 5 and come back the very next week as a road favorite.

But the Cardinals are one of the three worst teams in the league. They were winless until Week 5, when they blew a late lead in Cincinnati only to pull out their first win of the season against another team that belongs in that bottom three group.

The Atlanta Falcons' defense has been bad all season but it reached a new low on Sunday when it gave up 53 points to the Houston Texans in its fourth loss in five games.

Deshaun Watson and Will Fuller torched the Falcons' secondary for 14 connections totaling 217 yards and three touchdowns. Watson finished with 426 yards and five touchdowns to go along with another 47 yards on the ground.

Atlanta's offense wasn't terrible but it simply couldn't keep up. Houston held Julio Jones (three catches) in check, though Mo Sanu and Calvin Ridley both caught five balls, including a touchdown. Ito Smith and Austin Hooper had six catches each.

The Falcons are 1-4 and look rather lifeless here, with nearly one-third of the season gone. That said, Atlanta's schedule hasn't been kind.

The Falcons have played at Minnesota, at Indy, and at Houston with home games against the Eagles and Titans. This is Atlanta's worst opponent all season and it will take advantage.

With last week's 26-23 win in Cincinnati, both Kliff Kingsbury and Kyler Murray earned their first win as NFL Head Coach and NFL starting quarterback, respectively.

The Cardinals moved the ball all afternoon; Murray threw for 253 and the Cardinals as a team combined for even more yards on the ground. Murray and David Johnson each ran for 90-plus yards.

They were not good in the red zone, however, and had to settle for three field goals shorter than extra points. Even so, Arizona led by two touchdowns with less than half of the fourth quarter remaining.

That's when Cincinnati's offense got hot and tied the game on two Andy Dalton touchdown passes, the first to Auden Tate and the second to Tyler Boyd. Matt Ryan and his wide receivers must be licking their chops ahead of this game after watching what Dalton and co. did when they finally decided to let it all hang out and throw.

Of course, the Bengals' were pounding the ball on the ground for a lot of the game, moving the ball as well as Arizona at times but, like the Cardinals, failed to cash their drives in for six.

We're not putting much stock at all into Arizona's first win of the year. This is an opportunity to get great value with the Falcons, who haven't been good at all but aren't yet dead and finally get an opponent that they should beat, no questions asked. For this number to be as low as it is represents a real opportunity for bettors who aren't afraid to take the Falcons when many are unwilling. Also note that head to head the Over is 11-3 in the last 14 meetings. OK, once again, as we write this it becomes apparent that this is also a live double play game. So **we will back the Falcons to win and fly over the posted totals number of 52.**

Projected Score: Atlanta 37, Arizona 26

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MIAMI + 3½

NEW ORLEANS - PK

ATLANTA - 1½

ARIZONA OVER 52

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Date/ET	Rot	Games	Line
10/10/19 8:20 ET	103 104	New York Giants New England Patriots	43.5 -17
10/13/19 9:30 AM ET	251 252	Carolina Panthers Tampa Bay Buccaneers	-2.5 48.5
10/13/19 1:00 ET	253 254	Cincinnati Bengals Baltimore Ravens	48 -11.5
10/13/19 1:00 ET	255 256	Seattle Seahawks Cleveland Browns	47 -2
10/13/19 1:00 ET	257 258	Houston Texans Kansas City Chiefs	55.5 -5.5
10/13/19 1:00 ET	259 260	New Orleans Saints Jacksonville Jaguars	44 PK
10/13/19 1:00 ET	261 262	Philadelphia Eagles Minnesota Vikings	44 -3
10/13/19 1:00 ET	263 264	Washington Redskins Miami Dolphins	-3.5 41
10/13/19 4:05 ET	265 266	San Francisco 49ers Los Angeles Rams	49 -4.5
10/13/19 4:05 ET	267 268	Atlanta Falcons Arizona Cardinals	-1.5 52
10/13/19 4:25 ET	269 270	Dallas Cowboys New York Jets	-8.5 43.5
10/13/19 4:25 ET	271 272	Tennessee Titans Denver Broncos	39 -2.5
10/13/19 8:20 ET	273 274	Pittsburgh Steelers Los Angeles Chargers	41.5 -6.5
10/14/19 8:20 ET	275 276	Detroit Lions Green Bay Packers	47 -4.5

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TEAM	GPR	HF	TEAM	GPR	HF
ARIZONA	33	2	LA CHARGERS	24	2
ATLANTA	29	2	LA RAMS	22	2
BALTIMORE	22	2	MIAMI	42	3
BUFFALO	25	2	MINNESOTA	23	2
CAROLINA	26	3	NEW ENGLAND	15	3
CHICAGO	23	3	NEW ORLEANS	22	3
CINCINNATI	28	2	NY GIANTS	27	2
CLEVELAND	23	3	NY JETS	32	2
DALLAS	20	4	OAKLAND	28	3
DENVER	28	3	PHILADELPHIA	21	2
DETROIT	24	3	PITTSBURGH	25	2
GREEN BAY	21	3	San FRANCISCO	24	3
HOUSTON	25	2	SEATTLE	23	4
INDIANAPOLIS	26	2	TAMPA BAY	26	2
JACKSONVILLE	26	2	TENNESSEE	26	2
KANSAS CITY	18	3	WASHINGTON	33	2

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