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Whiskey Shock as Illinois Upsets the Bad Badgers

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AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (AAC)

-- SMU kept their perfect season alive with a 45-21 win over Temple. Not only are the Mustangs 7-0 SU, they're 6-1 ATS with the 'over' cashing in each of their seven games. ... South Florida was roughed up by Navy, 35-3, as the Bulls slipped to 3-4 SU and 4-3 ATS. The Middies have quietly posted a 5-1 SU/ATS mark at the halfway point. ... Memphis tuned up a very good Tulane, 47-17, as Kenneth Gainwell became the first player to receive for 200 yards and rush for 100 yards in a single game since Troy Edwards (La. Tech) in 1997. The Tigers improved to 6-1 SU/5-2 ATS, and the 'over' has cashed in four straight. ... Cincinnati picked up a 24-13 win over Tulsa, improving to 6-1 SU/5-2 ATS. The 'under' has cashed in five of seven for the Bearcats.

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE (ACC)

-- Georgia Tech pulled off one of the biggest stunners of the day at Miami-Florida, winning 28-21 in overtime. The Hurricanes have been so hard to figure out. They surprised Virginia last week, a Top 25 team, then lost to a team they were favored by 18 points. Miami is now 3-4 SU/ATS after opening in the Top 25 rankings. ... Miami will travel to Pittsburgh next week. The Panthers won at Syracuse by a 28-20 score for their fifth cover in the past six games, as they keep their Coastal Division hopes alive. The Panthers are a perfect 3-0 ATS on the road this season. ... Florida State slipped up at Wake Forest, falling 22-20, as the Seminoles just can't seem to get on track, and stay on track. The Seminoles are now 3-4 SU/2-4-1 ATS. Meanwhile, Wake recovered from last week's 62-59 loss at home to Louisville, moving to 6-1 SU/3-3-1 ATS. ... Speaking of the Cards, they were no match for Clemson, falling to the Tigers 45-10. After a 21-20 near-miss at UNC, the Tigers are 2-0 ATS, averaging 45.0 PPG, while the defense has yielded 14 or fewer points in six of seven.

BIG TEN

-- Illinois was the big story of the day, as they upended Wisconsin, 24-23 for the first signature win of the Lovie Smith era in Champaign. They won outright as 30.5-point underdogs at home, cashing at +2500 on the moneyline. It was the second-largest upset over the past 40 seasons, and largest since Northwestern beat Minnesota outright as a 32-point underdog in 1982. ... Speaking of Minnesota, there were no upset of the Gophers this week. They won 42-7 at Rutgers to improve to 7-0 SU. After opening the season 0-2-1 ATS, they have rattled off four straight covers, too. ... Michigan earned the cover at Penn State, but the Wolverines had a touchdown slip through a receiver's hands late which would have given them a chance to tie or go for two and win. The Nittany Lions are quietly 7-0 SU, but just 4-3 ATS. The 'over' result was the first since Sept. 7 after four straight 'under' results. ... Indiana picked up a 34-28 win over Maryland 34-28, in a result which was a small bad beat (see below).

BIG 12

-- The Kansas-Texas game wasn't supposed to be one of the better ones of the day, as the Longhorns were favored by 21. But it was a good ol' fashioned Texas shootout, with a total of 50 points in the fourth quarter alone. When the dust cleared, it was Texas winning 50-48 in a great game at DKR. The Jayhawks have covered back-to-back games against Oklahoma and Texas after starting out 1-4 ATS in the first five. ... Texas Tech was involved in another bad beat this week, and it was the total yet again. Iowa State won the game 34-24, going 3-0 SU and 2-0-1 ATS across the past three outings. ... As far as the Sooners were concerned, they waylaid West Virginia by a 52-14 score as the

'over' connected. The Sooners covered the largest spread of the day in college football. ... Baylor kept their record unblemished with a solid road win at Oklahoma State, 45-27. The Cowboys opened the fourth quarter with a touchdown, giving them a 27-24 lead, but the Bears stormed back with 21 unanswered points. The Bears are 7-0 SU, but just 4-3 ATS.

CONFERENCE USA

-- Western Kentucky started the season with a loss at home to FCS Central Arkansas, and it looked like it would be a lost season for the Hilltoppers. They have turned things around big time. WKU topped Charlotte 30-14 to improve to 4-0 SU/ATS in conference play. The 'under' is also a perfect 4-0 over the past four outings for WKU. ... Florida International scratched out a 32-17 win over UTEP, as the Miners managed a cover. FIU has won three straight, although they're just 2-5 ATS overall. The Miners are 0-5 SU against FBS opponents, but they have covered two of the past three. The 'under' is 3-0 in the past three for UTEP. ... Louisiana Tech fell at Texas to open the season, but they have won six in a row while covering four of the past five. ... UAB rolled to a 38-14 win over Old Dominion, 38-14. The Blazers have won and covered three in a row, and they are 5-1 ATS over the past six outings.

MID-AMERICAN (MAC)

-- Toledo was stunned last week, and this week they were short 'dogs at Ball State. The Cardinals rolled up a 52-14 win over the reeling Rockets, who suddenly find themselves 4-3 SU/3-4 ATS, and not feeling very good about their season after a hot start. ... Kent State fell 45-38 in a high-scoring affair at Ohio. The Golden Flashes are just 3-4 SU, but they're a solid 3-1 ATS across the past four, with KSU going 3-0 ATS inside the MAC. ... Miami-Ohio posted a straight-up win over Northern Illinois as short 'dogs, winning 27-24. The Redhawks are 3-4 SU/ATS overall, but they have going 3-0 SU at home, and 2-0 ATS in two games against FBS opponents while the 'over' is also 3-0 in their three home outings. ... Buffalo made it interesting, but they won and covered at Akron by a 21-0 count. The Zips slipped to 0-7 SU/ATS, while the Bulls are 3-4 SU, but a solid 3-1 ATS over the past four outings. ... Eastern Michigan surprised Western Michigan by a 34-27 count in Ypsilanti, winning outright as 8.5-point underdogs. The Eagles are now 4-3 SU, but this was their first cover since Sept. 14, an outright win at Illinois.

MOUNTAIN WEST

-- San Diego State scratched out a 27-17 road win over San Jose State, picking up their sixth win in seven tries, while covering for the third straight outing, and fifth in six contests. The Aztecs have been a favorite of total bettors, too, as the 'under' is 6-1 in seven games for SDSU. ... Nevada got waffled at Utah State, falling 36-10. The Aggies were able to cover the 21-point number, as USU is now 4-2 SU/ATS, including 3-0 SU/2-1 ATS in three MWC battles. ... Boise State had their hopes of a New Year's Day bowl game dented by BYU, falling 28-25 in Provo. The Broncos slipped to 6-1 SU, while going 4-2-1 ATS overall. The 'over' has hit in consecutive games for the first time this season for BSU. ... Air Force wasn't distracted in the Islands, winning 56-26 at Hawaii despite losing their starting quarterback, Donald Hammond, to a shoulder injury early on. The Falcons are now 5-2 SU/4-3 ATS, and the 'over' has cashed in four in a row for USAFA.

PAC-12

-- Oregon State surprised California, 21-17. The Beavers have covered five of the past six games overall. ... Arizona suffered a 41-14 road loss at USC, as the Wildcats slipped to 4-3 SU and just 2-4-1 ATS. The Trojans suffered all kinds of injuries, but depth was on display. USC is 4-3 SU/ATS, including 4-0 SU and 3-1 ATS in four games at home, while going 0-3 SU/1-2 ATS in three road games. They're on the road at Colorado next Friday. ... The Buffaloes were hammered by a 41-10 score at Washington State, as the Cougars finally got back on track. It was their first cover since Aug. 31 after an 0-5 ATS skid. ... Oregon picked up a 35-31 win at Washington, as the kept the conference's bleak playoff chances alive. The Ducks have won six in a row since falling to Auburn in a neutral-site battle on Aug. 31, and they're 3-1 ATS over the past four outings.

SOUTHEASTERN (SEC)

-- Alabama lost QB Tua Tagavailoa to a high-ankle sprain, and head coach Nick Saban said after the game that he expects Tua to miss "one to two weeks". That means QB Mac Jones will start against Arkansas next week, so watch that line carefully. The Crimson Tide won 35-13 over Tennessee even without Tua for a good chunk of the game. The Tide are now 7-0 SU, but just 3-4 ATS, and they have failed to cover consecutive games all season. ... LSU roughed up Mississippi State by a 36-13 count in Starkville, keeping their record unblemished and on a collision course with 'Bama on Nov. 2. The Tigers are 7-0 SU and 5-2 ATS. The Bulldogs are 0-3 SU/ATS over the past three outings. ... Texas A&M found a way to get it done at Mississippi, 24-17. The Aggies scored a late TD with 2:34 to go, making it 24-14. Lucky for A&M bettors, the Rebels elected to kick a field goal with :26 left to make it a one-possession game, and try for an onside kick. They didn't get it. ... Missouri was stunned at Vanderbilt, as the Commodores won outright as 21-point 'dogs. It's the same Vandy team which was hammered by UNLV last week.

SUN BELT

-- Georgia State took care of Army 28-21, as the Panthers are now 5-2 SU and 4-1-2 ATS overall. That's one win away from bowl eligibility. Their only losses have been a blowout at Western Michigan, and a triple-overtime loss at Texas State. ... Appalachian State topped Louisiana-Monroe, 52-7, and their hopes of a New Year's Day bowl are alive and well, helped out by Boise's loss. The Mountaineers are now 6-0 SU and 5-1 ATS, covering four straight. ...

COLLEGE FOOTBALL BEST BETS

ARMY - 10½ Over San Jose State by 1

A non conference game pairs the San Jose State Spartans and the Army Black Knights in a showdown of two 3-4 teams. The Spartans have lost two games in a row and 3 of their last 4. The Spartans are coming off a 27-17 home loss to San Diego State. Army has lost 3 in a row, after starting the season 3-1. Army will be glad to be at home this week, after having been on the road the last two weeks. Army lost Saturday at Georgia State 28-21.

In the loss to San Diego State, Spartans quarterback Josh Love was 19/36 for 218 yds. He threw for 2 touchdowns but did get picked off once. Bailey Gaither led the Spartans in receiving with 75 yds on 4 receptions and 1 touchdown. For the season, Love has thrown for 2,041 yds and has a TD/INT ratio of 12/3. The Spartans leading tackler is safety Jay Lenard, he has 62 on the season.

Army who is a run first team, rushed for a combined 278 yds. Army quarterback Kelvin Hopkins Jr. was 6/10 for 65 yds and an interception. Running back Sandon McCoy rushed for 71 yds on 19 carries and added 2 scores. Camden Harrison had 4 receptions for 58 yds in the loss. On the season Army has rushed for 1,782 yds and 20 touchdowns. Linebacker Cole Christiansen leads the team with 70 tackles to this point.

San Jose State has done well ATS over the last year and a half when on the road. Army on the other hand has been terrible ATS. Army should win this game, thanks to San Jose State's 124th ranked rush defense. The Spartans are giving up an average of 244 rushing yds per game.

We're confident that the Spartans will be able to hold their own on offense and keep this game within reach, as they have done in recent games. Note that Army is a dismal 2-6-1 ATS since 2018 as a home team. Army is also 1-4 ATS as a favorite this year.

Projected Score: Army 27, San Jose St. 26

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NEBRASKA + 3½ Over Indiana by 7

Indiana was able to pick up a win in their last game. The game was against Maryland, who was a ranked team at one point on the year, but now the Terrapins are a team that has seemingly thought to have been over confident and that spurred the rankers to give the team a ranking that they never should have had. However, the win is definitely a boon for the Hoosiers who definitely looked to improve even more on the year.

Michael Penix Jr. is the quarterback who has led the Hoosiers this year. He has managed to throw the ball for 1091 yards and 9 touchdowns on the year. Stevie Scott III is the leading rusher for the Hoosiers with 88 carries for 445 yards and 4 touchdowns.

Nebraska is coming into the game after picking up a loss to Minnesota. However, the Cornhuskers have been able to play fairly decent almost all year long and has a 4-3 record on the year. The Cornhuskers do have a good chance of bringing home a strong win in this game as they are playing at home and this year at home outside of the Ohio State game the Cornhuskers have done good at home.

Adrian Martinez is the quarterback who has led the Cornhuskers in the throwing with 1245 yards and 7 touchdowns. The rushing offense has been led by Dedrick Mills who has carried the ball 76 times for 350 yards and 7 touchdowns.

The Cornhuskers have been able to play decent at points on the year, but the team has had some problems in getting the opponent locked away. After picking up a win over the Maryland team the Hoosiers will be looking to come into the game here and bring home a win, but playing on the road will make it harder for the Hoosiers.

The Cornhuskers have managed to play decent almost all year on their home field and they need a win desperately. Cornhuskers will show up in this game behind the home town faithful.

Projected Score: Nebraska 30, Indiana 23

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L.S.U. - 12 Over Auburn by 2

The Auburn Tigers are set to visit Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge, Louisiana for an SEC clash against the LSU Tigers. The Auburn Tigers come into this matchup with a 6-1 record, and they will be looking to continue their success after winning their recent road game against the Arkansas Razorbacks, 51-10. QB Bo Nix had an efficient game for the Auburn Tigers as he connected on 12 of his 17 pass attempts for 176 yards and 3 TDs. Sophomore WR Seth Williams was the top target for Nix and Auburn as he hauled in 4 catches for 90 yards and 2 TDs.

The Auburn Tigers were good on the defensive side of the ball against the Arkansas Razorbacks as they held them to 10 points and a total of 234 yards of offense. Senior DE Marlon Davidson led the way for the Auburn defense as he contributed 5 tackles, 3 TFL, and 2 sacks while forcing a fumble. The secondary had a productive game for the Tigers as Roger McCreary contributed 2 pass deflections while Javaris Davis hauled in an interception.

The LSU Tigers come into this matchup with a 7-0 record, and they will be looking to continue their success after winning their recent road game against the Mississippi State Bulldogs, 36-13. QB Joe Burrow had a big game through the air for the Tigers as he connected on 25 of his 32 pass attempts for 327 yards and 4 TDs. WR Justin Jefferson was the top target for Burrow and LSU as he hauled in 8 catches for 89 yards and a TD.

The LSU Tigers were good on the defensive side of the ball against the Mississippi State Bulldogs as they held them to 13 points while forcing 3 turnovers. Junior safety Grant Delpit led the way for the LSU defense with 11 tackles. Senior LB Michael Divinity Jr. was able to get into the Mississippi State backfield a handful of times as he pitched in 2 TFL and 1 sack. The secondary had a productive game for the Tigers as Jacoby Stevens and Kristian Fulton contributed interceptions for the unit.

The Auburn Tigers were able to blowout the Arkansas Razorbacks in their latest game which was a much-needed confidence booster for this game against one of the top teams in the nation. Auburn has a freshman QB in Bo Nix who has had his fair share of struggles this season, but he has already played in some big games as he has played against two good defenses (Oregon & Florida). The LSU Tigers have a very good offense with Heisman Trophy frontrunner Joe Burrow leading the pack, but Auburn ranks 16th in the nation in points allowed, and I expect them to keep this game within a possession on the road.

Projected Score: L.S.U. 30, Auburn 28

Virginia - 2½ Over LOUISVILLE by 13

The Virginia Cavaliers visit Cardinal Stadium in Louisville, Kentucky on Saturday to play an ACC showdown with the Louisville Cardinals. The Cavaliers improved to 5-2 on the season following its 48-14 rout over the Duke Blue Devils. UVA lead 17-0 at half and poured it on in the third quarter with 24 points to lead 41-7 to start the fourth. Bryce Perkins had three rushing touchdowns and Wayne Taulapapa rushed for two in the big win over the Blue Devils.

Bryce Perkins leads Virginia with 1,570 yards passing, eight touchdowns and seven interceptions and has rushed for 253 yards and five touchdowns. Wayne Taulapapa leads in rushing with 287 yards and seven touchdowns. Hasise Dubois leads the Cavaliers in receiving with 489 yards and two touchdowns. The leading tackler for Virginia is Joey Blount with 53.

Louisville fell to 4-3 on the season following its 45-10 loss to Clemson. Javian Hawkins scored Louisville's only touchdown last in the game on a 3-yard run. The Cardinals were outgained by Clemson 551 yards and 263 yards. Hawkins rushed for 129 yards in the loss. Although Louisville lost by 35, the Cardinals hung tough for two quarters including intercepting Trevor Lawrence twice near the goal line.

The leading passer for Louisville is Malik Cunningham with 883 yards, seven touchdowns and two interceptions. Javian Hawkins leads all rushers for the Cardinals with 751 yards and four touchdowns. Tutu Atwell is the leading receiver with 546 yards and six touchdowns. Khane Pass leads the Cardinals in tackles with 56.

Louisville is going through a complete rebuild this season and although the Cardinals gave Clemson a tough time for two quarters, they were beaten badly in the end. Louisville has failed to cover the number in 4 of its last 5 head-to-head with Virginia and in 15 of its last 20 overall. The Cavaliers on the other hand have covered the number in 4 of the last 5 played during October and have won 5 of the last 7 straight up.

Projected Score: Virginia 34, Louisville 21

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MINNESOTA - 16½ Over Maryland by 5

The Maryland Terrapins are set to visit TCF Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, Minnesota for a Big Ten clash against the Minnesota Golden Gophers. The Maryland Terrapins come into this matchup with a 3-4 record, and they will be looking to rebound after dropping their recent home game against the Indiana Hoosiers, 34-28. QB Tyrell Pigmore had a solid game through the air for the Terrapins as he connected on 17 of his 27 pass attempts for 210 yards, 2 TDs, and 1 interception. RB Javon Leake had a productive game on the ground as he ran for 158 yards and 2 TDs on 23 carries.

The Maryland Terrapins struggled on the defensive side of the ball against the Indiana Hoosiers as they allowed them to score 34 points and rack up a total of 520 yards of offense. Sophomore LB Chance Campbell led the way for the Maryland defense with 10 tackles, 2 pass deflections, and 1 TFL. Senior DB Antoine Brooks Jr. had a productive game from the secondary as he contributed 7 tackles and the lone interception of the game for the unit.

The Minnesota Golden Gophers come into this matchup with a 7-0 record, and they will be looking to continue their success after winning their recent road game against the Rutgers Scarlet Knights, 42-7. QB Tanner Morgan had a solid game through the air for the Golden Gophers as he threw for 245 yards and 2 TDs. RB Rodney Smith had a big game on the ground for Minnesota as he ran for 111 yards and 2 TDs on 19 carries.

The Minnesota Golden Gophers were good on the defensive side of the ball against the Rutgers Scarlet Knights as they held them to 7 points and a total of 189 yards of offense. Sophomore DL Ezezi Otomewo led the way for the Minnesota defense with 5 tackles, 2 TFL, and 1 sack. The secondary had a productive game for the Golden Gophers as Antoine Winfield Jr. hauled in 2 interceptions while Phillip Howard pitched in 1 interception.

The Minnesota Golden Gophers have been one of the biggest surprises in college football this season, but the Maryland Terrapins are more than capable of making this a game on the road. The Golden Gophers have a pair of WRs who are combining for 1194 yards and 11 TDs which spells trouble for most teams this season.

We're really not impressed by the Gophers trouncing pathetic Rutgers last week. The Terrapins have a respectable secondary with 6 interceptions on the season. Maryland is kind of a Dr. Jekyll and Mr Hyde personality. We think this is a good spot for the Terps offense to be effective enough on the ground to keep this game within distance as Javon Leake and Anthony McFarland have run for 14 TDs on the season. **Take Maryland and the points.**

Projected Score: Minnesota 31, Maryland 26

GRIDIRON GOLD COLLEGE FOOTBALL POWER RATINGS											
TEAM	GPR	HF	TEAM	GPR	HF	TEAM	GPR	HF	TEAM	GPR	HF
AIR FORCE	28	3	FRESNO ST	33	4	MISSISSIPPI ST	28	3	SO. MISS U	31	3
AKRON	66	2	GEORGIA	8	3	MISSOURI	22	4	STANFORD	31	3
ALABAMA	-2	3	GA SOUTHERN	38	3	NAVY	28	3	SYRACUSE	33	3
APP ST	26	3	GEORGIA ST	42	3	NEBRASKA	31	3	T.C.U.	28	3
ARIZONA	28	3	GEORGIA T	46	3	NEVADA	43	2	TEMPLE	26	2
ARIZONA ST	24	3	HAWAII	35	4	NEW MEXICO	54	1	TENNESSEE	31	3
ARKANSAS	37	2	HOUSTON	33	2	NEW MEXICO ST	56	2	TEXAS	17	4
ARKANSAS ST	40	3	ILLINOIS	39	3	NO. CAROLINA	26	3	TEXAS A&M	22	3
ARMY	33	2	INDIANA	30	3	NO CARO ST.	31	2	TEXAS ST	52	2
AUBURN	15	4	IOWA	26	4	NORTH TEXAS	37	3	TEXAS TECH	29	3
BALL ST	41	2	IOWA ST	30	4	NO. ILLINOIS	44	3	TOLEDO	37	2
BAYLOR	25	3	KANSAS	42	2	N'WESTERN	31	3	TROY	41	3
BOISE ST	24	4	KANSAS ST	31	3	NOTRE DAME	18	3	TULANE	26	3
BOSTON C.	30	2	KENT ST.	48	3	OHIO	39	2	TULSA	38	2
B. GREEN	55	2	KENTUCKY	33	3	OHIO ST.	3	4	U.A.B.	36	3
BUFFALO	40	3	LA LAFAYETTE	30	2	OKLAHOMA	8	4	U.C.F.	18	3
B.Y.U.	37	2	LA MONROE	41	3	OKLAHOMA ST	28	3	U.C.L.A.	38	2
CALIFORNIA	29	3	LIBERTY	46	3	OLD DOMINION	48	2	U.N.L.V.	46	2
C MICHIGAN	42	3	LA TECH	36	2	OREGON	12	3	UTAH	18	3
CHARLOTTE	45	3	LOUISVILLE	28	3	OREGON ST	39	3	UTAH ST	29	3
CINCINNATI	23	2	L.S.U.	5	4	PENN ST	14	4	U.T.E.P.	57	1
CLEMSON	0	3	MARSHALL	35	3	PITTSBURGH	25	3	U.T.S.A.	53	2
C. CAROLINA	44	2	MARYLAND	34	3	PURDUE	34	3	VANDERBILT	45	2
COLORADO	35	4	MASS. U.	68	2	RICE	48	2	VIRGINIA	28	3
COLORADO ST	44	2	MEMPHIS	26	3	RUTGERS	58	2	VIRGINIA TECH	33	3
CONNECTICUT	60	2	MIAMI	28	3	SAN DIEGO ST	32	2	WAKE FOREST	27	3
DUKE	26	2	MIAMI OHIO	47	3	SAN JOSE ST	42	3	WASHINGTON	19	3
E CAROLINA	46	2	MICHIGAN	19	3	S.M.U.	27	3	WASH ST.	25	4
E MICHIGAN	45	3	MICHIGAN ST	28	3	SO. ALABAMA	49	2	W VIRGINIA	36	3
FLORIDA	15	3	MID TENN ST	43	3	SO. CAROLINA	26	3	W KENTUCKY	32	2
FLA ATLANTIC	33	3	MINNESOTA	24	3	SO. FLORIDA	39	3	W MICHIGAN	36	3
FLA INT'L	36	3	MISSISSIPPI	30	2	SO. CALIFORNIA	27	4	WISCONSIN	15	4
FLORIDA ST	28	2							WYOMING	33	3

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GRIDIRON GOLD COLLEGE FOOTBALL ROTATION LINE SHEET OCTOBER 24-26, 2019

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10/25/19 9:00 ET	105 106	Southern Cal Colorado	-12.5 63	10/26/19 3:30 ET	185 186	Tulane Navy	56 -3.5
10/26/19 12:00 ET	109 110	Illinois Purdue	57.5 -7.5	10/26/19 3:30 ET	187 188	Texas Texas Christian	-1.5 61
10/26/19 12:00 ET	111 112	San Jose State Army	51 -10	10/26/19 3:30 ET	191 192	Virginia Louisville	-3 54.5
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10/26/19 12:00 ET	125 126	Bowling Green State Western Michigan	64.5 -26	10/26/19 3:30 ET	197 198	North Texas UNC Charlotte	-3.5 63.5
10/26/19 12:00 ET	131 132	Iowa Northwestern	-9.5 38	10/26/19 3:30 ET	203 204	Auburn LSU	59.5 -11.5
10/26/19 12:00 ET	137 138	Liberty Rutgers	-7 49	10/26/19 3:45 ET	133 134	South Florida East Carolina	49 -1
10/26/19 12:00 ET	165 166	Appalachian State South Alabama	-25.5 52	10/26/19 4:00 ET	147 148	Hawaii New Mexico	-11 70.5
10/26/19 12:00 ET	181 182	Oklahoma Kansas State	-21 59	10/26/19 4:00 ET	159 160	Duke North Carolina	52.5 -4
10/26/19 12:00 ET	189 190	Miami (FL) Pittsburgh	46 -5	10/26/19 4:00 ET	179 180	South Carolina Tennessee	-4 49
10/26/19 12:00 ET	199 200	Wisconsin Ohio State	51 -14	10/26/19 7:00 ET	113 114	Troy Georgia State	-1 68.5
10/26/19 2:00 ET	143 144	Nevada Wyoming	48 -13.5	10/26/19 7:00 ET	117 118	Memphis Tulsa	-10.5 55.5
10/26/19 2:00 ET	175 176	Ohio Ball State	61 -3	10/26/19 7:00 ET	123 124	Central Florida Temple	-9.5 61
10/26/19 2:30 ET	149 150	Western Kentucky Marshall	45.5 -6.5	10/26/19 7:00 ET	177 178	Arkansas Alabama	57.5 -33
10/26/19 3:00 ET	167 168	New Mexico State Georgia Southern	51.5 -15	10/26/19 7:00 ET	195 196	Texas Tech Kansas	-3.5 61
10/26/19 3:30 ET	107 108	Connecticut Massachusetts	-9.5 63	10/26/19 7:00 ET	201 202	Texas State Arkansas State	60 -13
10/26/19 3:30 ET	119 120	Eastern Michigan Toledo	58 -6.5	10/26/19 7:30 ET	115 116	Boston College Clemson	61.5 -33.5
10/26/19 3:30 ET	127 128	Indiana Nebraska	-3 54	10/26/19 7:30 ET	155 156	Colorado State Fresno State	57 -13.5
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10/26/19 3:30 ET	135 136	Syracuse Florida State	60 -10.5	10/26/19 7:30 ET	207 208	Notre Dame Michigan	51 -2.5
10/26/19 3:30 ET	151 152	Arizona Stanford	-3 55	10/26/19 7:30 ET	209 210	Arizona State UCLA	-2.5 54.5
10/26/19 3:30 ET	161 162	Penn State Michigan State	-5.5 42	10/26/19 8:00 ET	205 206	Louisiana Tech UTEP	-18.5 52.5
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10/26/19 3:30 ET	173 174	Florida Atlantic Old Dominion	-13 50	10/26/19 10:30 ET	211 212	San Diego State UNLV	-11 45



THE PACKERS CRUSHED THE UPSTART OAKLAND RAIDERS BEHIND AARON

Rodgers threw for 429 yds & 5 TD's to crush Oakland

NFL Football Recap

-- The Arizona Cardinals (+3.5, ML +165) kick the road and took care of the New York Giants by a 27-21 score, as rookie QB Kyler Murray outdueled fellow first-year QB Daniel Jones in the raindrops left over from the remnants of Tropical Storm Nestor. The Cardinals have now won and covered three in a row, and they're 3-3-1 SU and 5-2 ATS overall. The 'under' cashed for the second time in three trips to the Eastern Time Zone for the Cards, too. They make on final trip in Week 10 to the Eastern Time Zone, and that's after the clocks change, too, when they meet the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The San Francisco 49ers (-10) also headed east and were stuck in the muck and mire at FedEx Field in Landover, Md. against the Washington Redskins. In fact, this game was played on a natural grass surface, as opposed to the field turf at MetLife Stadium, so it was even more sloppy and muddy. The game featured no touchdowns on either side, and just three field goals by the 49ers, serving as yet another reminder to always double-check the weather before finalizing those wagers each week. The 49ers have been to the Eastern Time Zone three times in the first seven weeks, hitting the 'under' twice. They return one more time to the Eastern Time Zone in Week 13 when they battle the Baltimore Ravens.

Another west coast team visiting the Eastern Time Zone was the Los Angeles Rams against the Atlanta Falcons. Under the dome, the Rams and Falcons needn't worry about weather-related issues, but this game hit the 'under'. It was actually no fault of the Rams, as they racked up 37 points, but the Falcons lost QB Matt Ryan (ankle) to an injury in the second half, and they managed just 10 points to go well 'under' (54.5) the total. Like the other two NFC West teams above, the Rams have hit the 'under' twice in three trips East, with one more trip to meet the Pittsburgh Steelers on Week 10 after a bye.

-- If you were holding a Los Angeles Chargers (+2) ticket you're probably still shaking your head. The Bolts worked it all the way down to the 1-yard line of the Tennessee Titans inside the final minute. A long play to RB Austin Ekeler was ruled down at the 1 after instant replay. Then, RB Melvin Gordon ran it in, only to be ruled down short of the goal by replay. He got another crack at it and fumbled short of the line, as the Titans held on for the 23-20 victory. At least the total wasn't also in play, too.

-- The highest total on the board was the Rams-Falcons (54.5) game, which went well under. The other four games on the board with totals of 48 or higher also went under, including the Cardinals-Giants (50) battle, the Kansas City Chiefs-Denver Broncos (49.5) game with a total of just 36 points, and the Baltimore Ravens-Seattle Seahawks (48.5) contest which had a total of 46 points.

The gift of the day was in the Jacksonville Jaguars-Cincinnati Bengals (44), as the Bengals were overmatched all day, but they kept fighting to the end for 'over' bettors. QB Andy Dalton scored a late rushing touchdown with :23 remaining, cutting the lead to 27-17, putting the total over by just a half-point at some shops, and an unfortunate push at others. In fact, if Scott Van Pelt includes NFL in bad beats this week on his ESPN segment, this game HAS to be on there. In fact, there were just 27 total points on the board until Jacksonville had a pick-six with 4:18 to go.

-- On the flip side, the lowest total on the board was the New Orleans Saints-Chicago Bears (37) game. This game was supposed to be a snoozefest, but the Saints nearly took care of the over themselves. For the most part this game was out of hand, although the Bears actually successfully covered an onside kick late, and nearly had a second one, making things interesting at the end. When the dust clear, there was a total of 61 points on the board, the third-highest total of points in any game on the schedule.

-- The 'under' went 2-0 in the first two primetime games of Week 7, with the Monday Night Football contest between the New England Patriots-New York Jets (43.5) still pending. The 'over' is just 5-16 (23.8%) during the 2019 primetime schedule, a stark change from previous seasons when the games under the lights were high-scoring affairs. The 'under' is a perfect 8-0 for Sunday Night Football this season, and 3-1 in the past four MNF outings.

Injury Report

-- Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes (kneecap) dislocated his kneecap and he is expected to miss at least a couple of weeks after exiting Thursday's game in Denver on a quarterback sneak. Enter QB Matt Moore for head coach Andy Reid, who has had success with backup quarterbacks before.

-- As mentioned, Matt Ryan (ankle) left Sunday's game and he is set to have an MRI on Monday to determine the severity.

-- Lions RB Kerryon Johnson (knee) exited early and he will have further testing to determine his availability for Week 8.

-- Vikings WR Adam Thielen (hamstring) left Sunday's game in Detroit due to a hamstring issue, and he will have a precautionary MRI. He feels optimistic he'll be ready for Thursday's game against the Redskins.

Looking Ahead

-- Vikings QB Kirk Cousins will face his former team, the Redskins, on Thursday night in a home battle at U.S. Bank Stadium. The Redskins are 2-5 ATS in their past seven appearances on a Thursday, while the Vikings are 4-1 ATS in their past five appearances on Thursday.

-- The Seahawks travel east to meet the Falcons, and they might be facing QB Matt Schaub if Ryan isn't ready to go. Unlike those teams mentioned above, Seattle has hit the 'over' twice in their two trips into the Eastern Time Zone already this season. Seattle has alternated non-covers and covers in their first seven games, going 3-4 ATS so far.

-- The winless Bengals and Rams will square off at Wembley Stadium in London in the third International Series game of the season. The favorite/unddog is 1-1 SU/ATS so far through the first two games in London, but the 'over' has cashed in each of the two England games. The last time the Bengals were in England they tied the Redskins 27-27 at Wembley Stadium on Oct. 30, 2016. The Rams lost at Twickenham Stadium in that same season a week earlier by a 17-10 count to the Giants. They're 1-2 SU/ATS in their three previous U.K. battles.

-- The Bills hit their first 'over' of the season in a win over the Dolphins in Week 7. The Bills and 49ers have the most 'under' results at 5-1. Buffalo hosts Philadelphia in Orchard Park on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. ET. Meanwhile, the Niners host the Panthers coming off a bye.

PRO FOOTBALL BEST BETS

JACKSONVILLE - 4½ Over NY Jets by 13

The New York Jets will be traveling to face the Jacksonville Jaguars on a short week. The Jets are 1-5 on the season and are coming off a Monday night loss where they were shutout by the Patriots 33-0. The Jaguars record sits at 3-4 at this point. The Jaguars are coming off a 27-17 road win at the Cincinnati Bengals.

In the loss to the Patriots, Sam Darnold was 11/32 for 86 yds and 4 interceptions. Le'Veon Bell rushed for 70 yds on 15 carries in the game. The Jets were out gained offensively 323 to 154. All in all the Jets committed 6 turnovers in the game. Sam Darnold on the season is 62 of 105 for 599 yds and 3 TD's and 5 picks. Bell has rushed for 326 yds on the season and 1 score. Darryl Roberts leads the defense in tackles with 39.

Jacksonville improved their road record to 2-2 on the season in the win over the Bengals. Quarterback Gardner Minschew was 15/32 for 255 yds and a touchdown. The offense was carried by running back Leonard Fournette, he had 131 yds rushing on 29 carries. Dede Westbrook led the team with 6 receptions and 104 yds receiving. On the season Minschew has thrown for 10 TD's and 2 picks and has completed 139 of 226 passing attempts for 1,697 yds. Fournette for the season has rushed for 715 yds, he is averaging over 100 yds rushing per game.

The Jacksonville defense has been one of the better defenses over the last couple years and its hard to see the Jets being able to do much offensively here. The Jaguars rank 7th in sack percentage and will cause Darnold to speed up his process.

Darnold got spooked by the Patriots last MNF game, and we can see the Jaguars forcing a lot of similar pressure here. The Jets are only averaging 10.5 points per game this season and that does not look good going against the tough Jacksonville defense. After seeing the Patriots dismantle the Jets, we will back the Jaguars and lay the short number.

Projected Score: Jacksonville 26, NY Jets 13

LA RAMS – 12½ Over Cincinnati by 24

The Cincinnati Bengals travel west to pay a visit to the Los Angeles Rams. The Bengals come into this game winless on the season with a record of 0-7. The Bengals are fresh off a 27-17 home loss to the Jaguars. The Rams snapped their 3 game losing streak on Sunday with a 37-10 win at the Falcons. The Rams are currently 4-3 on the season.

In the loss to the Jaguars, Andy Dalton was 22/43 for 276 yds and 2 total touchdowns. Dalton was picked off 3 times in the game. Alex Erickson led the way with 8 receptions and 137 yds receiving. The Bengals as a team only had 33 yds rushing. The Bengals hurt their chances in trying to come away with a win by allowing a pick 6 late in the 4th quarter.

Jared Goff was 22/37 for 268 yds and 2 touchdowns in the win over the Falcons. Goff also added a rushing touchdown. Robert Woods led the team in receiving yds with 80 on 5 receptions. While Gurley was not very effective in the rushing department, he did have a receiving touchdown. The Rams as a whole rushed for 90 yds on 36 carries. The Rams defense forced 3 Atlanta turnovers on the day. The Rams out gained the Falcons 381 to 224.

The Bengals have not been good this season and have been hit with the injury bug especially on the offensive side. This hurts their chances to be able to compete in this game. The Bengals haven't had a rushing game this season, the Bengals are still waiting for Joe Mixon to get going. However, some of his struggles have to do with the offensive line.

With this game being in London we have travel fatigue. But the Rams took the second leg of their trip and left from the Atlanta airport after last week's game. We can't see the Bengals doing much on offense and the under has been profitable for both teams this year. But we're going to take the Rams after their offense came to life last week against the Falcons. **Lay the London lumber with the Rams.**

Projected Score: LA Rams 34, Cincinnati 10

NEW ORLEANS - 9½ Over Arizona by 20

Arizona got off to a poor start on the year. However, after those recent losses the Cardinals have managed to battle back to get their record to a respectable 3-3 mark on the year so far. All of the Cardinals wins have come in the last 3 games, though, and that could be a problem facing a Saints team that has looked well put together, even while using a backup quarterback.

The Cardinals have managed to score at a clip of 23 points a game. The team has managed to get 253 yards a game in the air and 127 yards a game on the ground. When it comes to the defense the Cardinals have allowed 27.4 points a game on the year. The team has allowed only 286 yards a game in the air and 129 yards a game on the ground.

The Saints are a team that has ripped off a lot of wins lately and that comes with them using a backup quarterback in the games. That is really impressive for the Saints who recently dominated the Chicago Bears team that had been playing really well and had a smothering defense that had been able to control the line nicely, until the Saints got a hold of them.

This year the Saints have managed to score a total of 23.4 points a game. The Saints have thrown the ball for 258 yards a game, but have ran the ball for only 111 yards a game. The defense of the Saints is giving up 21 points a game on the year so far. The Rams have allowed 257 yards a game in the air and allowed only 91 yards a game on the ground.

The Cardinals have ended up winning their last 3 games. Let's take a look at those three games. The Cards beat Cincinnati, Atlanta and the NY Giants. However, in this game the Cardinals are facing a Saints team that is a huge step up in class. Also note that this is the second trip East in two weeks for the Cards. The Superdome is a really tough venue for all visitors. We see the Saints offense being able to control the Cardinals defense rather easily and the Saints defense has been playing lights out. We may even see some Drew Brees this week. **Lay the lumber with the Saints.**

Projected Score: New Orleans 34, Arizona 14

DETROIT - 6½ Over NY Giants by 17

The New York Giants hit the road for a matchup with the Detroit Lions. The Giants are 2-5 on the season and are coming off a 27-21 home loss to the Arizona Cardinals. The Giants have lost 3 in a row. The Lions are 2-3-1 thus far and are coming into this game having also lost 3 in a row. The Lions lost Sunday to the Vikings at home 42-30.

Giants quarterback Daniel Jones has completed 61% of his passes for 1,144 yds, while throwing 6 TD's and 7 INT's. He also has rushed for 2 scores. The Giants are hoping Barkley can get back to 100%, as injuries have held him to 309 yds rushing and 2 scores through 4 games. Evan Ingram leads the receiving core with 34 receptions and 379 yds. Ingram has also missed a game this year due to injury. He has 2 touchdowns on the season. Defensively the Giants are led in tackles by safety Antoine Bethea with 55.

The Lions are led by veteran quarterback Matthew Stafford, he has thrown for 1,751 yds. He has a TD/INT ratio of 13/3. The Lions are hoping running back Kerryon Johnson will be ready to go this week, he left the game with an injury on Sunday. Johnson on the season has 308 yds rushing and 2 touchdowns. The receiving core is led by the duo of Marvin Jones Jr. and Kenny Golladay. Jones who had 4 touchdowns in the loss to the Vikings now has 5 scores for the season. He has 387 yds receiving and 30 receptions to this point. Golladay has found the end zone 4 times, while totaling 385 yds receiving.

When looking at the Lions schedule so far this season, there has only been one game where the game hasn't been decided by 4 points or less. The Giants offensive success has a lot to do with how healthy and explosive Barkley is. With him battling injuries the last couple weeks, its questionable if he will be able to handle his normal workload with his ankle injury. The Lions and Giants defense have not been good this season, both are giving up almost 27ppg. The Giants are 1-4 ATS this season as an underdog. The Lions are 4-2 ATS this season.

There was one common opponent in Minnesota. The Giants put up 10 points on the Vikings, whereas the Lions notched 30 last week against the Vikings. That's a huge 20 point difference. So based on that fact and that Barkley is not at 100%, **we're going to back the Lions.**

Projected Score: Detroit 34, NY Giants 17

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TEAM	GPR	HF		TEAM	GPR	HF		TEAM	GPR	HF
ARIZONA	29	2		GREEN BAY	20	3		NY GIANTS	29	2
ATLANTA	32	2		HOUSTON	22	2		NY JETS	29	2
BALTIMORE	22	2		INDIANAPOLIS	24	2		OAKLAND	25	3
BUFFALO	24	2		JACKSONVILLE	26	2		PHILADELPHIA	23	3
CAROLINA	24	3		KANSAS CITY	20	2		PITTSBURGH	24	3
CHICAGO	24	3		LA CHARGERS	27	2		SAN FRANCISCO	23	3
CINCINNATI	31	2		LA RAMS	25	2		SEATTLE	21	3
CLEVELAND	26	2		MIAMI	41	2		TAMPA BAY	27	2
DALLAS	24	3		MINNESOTA	21	4		TENNESSEE	28	2
DENVER	26	3		NEW ENGLAND	15	3		WASHINGTON	36	2
DETROIT	24	3		NEW ORLEANS	21	3		Lower GPR is a stronger rating		

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NFL	JAGUARS - 4½	LA RAMS - 12½	SAINTS - 9½	LIONS - 6½	
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Date/ET	Rot	Games	Line
09/26/19 8:20 ET	101 102	Philadelphia Eagles Green Bay Packers	45.5 -4.5
09/29/19 1:00 ET	251 252	Carolina Panthers Houston Texans	46 -5
09/29/19 1:00 ET	253 254	Cleveland Browns Baltimore Ravens	46 -7
09/29/19 1:00 ET	255 256	Washington Redskins New York Giants	47 -3
09/29/19 1:00 ET	257 258	Los Angeles Chargers Miami Dolphins	-16.5 44.5
09/29/19 1:00 ET	259 260	Oakland Raiders Indianapolis Colts	45 -7
09/29/19 1:00 ET	261 262	Kansas City Chiefs Detroit Lions	-6 54
09/29/19 1:00 ET	263 264	New England Patriots Buffalo Bills	-7 43
09/29/19 1:00 ET	265 266	Tennessee Titans Atlanta Falcons	46 -4
09/29/19 4:05 ET	267 268	Tampa Bay Buccaneers Los Angeles Rams	50.5 -9.5
09/29/19 4:05 ET	269 270	Seattle Seahawks Arizona Cardinals	-4.5 47.5
09/29/19 4:25 ET	271 272	Minnesota Vikings Chicago Bears	38 -2.5
09/29/19 4:25 ET	273 274	Jacksonville Jaguars Denver Broncos	38 -3
09/29/19 8:20 ET	275 276	Dallas Cowboys New Orleans Saints	-3 46
09/30/19 8:20 ET	277 278	Cincinnati Pittsburgh	43.5 -4

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