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Recap

What can we expect when the first College Football Playoff rankings are released Tuesday night? There's a difference between what should happen and what will happen. Alabama and Notre Dame are the clear-cut Nos. 1 and No. 2, respectively. Ohio State will probably be No 3 despite a sloppy home win over Indiana – though the Hoosiers were ranked No. 9 at the time. Give the Buckeyes credit for a Top 10 win regardless of what it looked like, but their regular season schedule before and after Indiana leaves a lot to be desired. It's really not much tougher than BYU's oft-criticized schedule.

Expect Clemson to check in at No. 4 with just one quality win (Miami), with the Tigers needing to win the likely rematch against Notre Dame in the ACC championship game to reach the playoffs again. Unlike the teams chasing them for a playoff spot, they control their fate.

After that? Texas A&M, Florida, Cincinnati, Northwestern, Indiana and either Miami or BYU should round out the Top 10 in some fashion.

What the hell is going on at Nebraska? If you caught any of the Illinois-Nebraska game on Saturday – no judgment if you didn't – you might have wondered if the teams had switched uniforms before the opening kickoff. The Illini were dominant at times with the Cornhuskers looking disjointed, sloppy and – yes, we're going to say it – poorly coached. Former Huskers QB Scott Frost, a disaster in his return as the coach at his alma mater, used the words "embarrassed" and "lackadaisical" to describe his team's performance.

Illinois had been averaging 17 points a game. The Illini exited Memorial Stadium with the most points scored against a conference opponent in 10 years in a 41-23 victory.

Frost is now 10-18 in Year 3 in Lincoln and is on track to become the first Nebraska coach to suffer three straight losing seasons since Bill Jennings from 1957-59. He can't make up his mind at quarterback, doesn't have a reliable running back (imagine saying that about Nebraska almost any other time over the previous 50 years) and looks overmatched as a coach. The 1-3 Cornhuskers, the Big Ten's most outspoken school about playing this year, have Iowa, Purdue and Minnesota left and are probably grateful that a game with Wisconsin was canceled due to COVID-19 protocols.

One more thing to put Illinois' win in perspective in conjunction with Nebraska's failings: The Illini last won in Lincoln in 1924 with a guy named Red Grange on the roster.

My thoughts on Cincinnati's playoff worthiness following its less-than-impressive 36-33 victory at Central Florida? The Bearcats did what they had to do to get to 8-0. But given the big stage of national TV against a respectable opponent on the road, they didn't do much to sway those still undecided about their playoff worthiness, clinging to a 36-33 lead with 4:27 to play. This is a UCF team that has now lost more conference games (three) this year than the past three seasons combined.

Cincy's vaunted defense was spotty, QB Desmond Ridder was good but not dazzling (as he has been against some lesser opponents), and the reality is that Cincinnati didn't really answer the question of whether it deserves a playoff spot. Wasn't there a 13-0 UCF team in 2017 with much better credentials that was also denied a playoff berth?

Cincinnati's last chance to make a statement will be Dec. 12 when Luke Fickell's squad visits 5-1 Tulsa. But it looks like it's still an uphill climb for the Bearcats. Maybe they should've scored that last TD when they intentionally went down on the one yard line. SOB, I lost my wager because of that move.

Does the Pac-12 need to start scheduling more games to have its champion considered for a playoff spot? The league has just four unbeaten teams left after three weeks of play: Oregon and Washington in the North, USC and Colorado in the South. With the late start to the year, just seven regular-season games scheduled and a total of eight conference games already canceled due to COVID-19 (three more last Saturday, with Utah having played just one game so far) there should be some real concern about a potential unbeaten league champion being excluded from the playoffs.

Oregon and USC look to be the league's two best teams, but neither has impressed during 3-0 starts. One potential solution could be 8-0 BYU, which has three open dates and is eager to play more games to prove its playoff worthiness. That could happen since the Pac-12 recently approved non-conference games to be played in Pac-12 home stadiums in the event of cancellations.

But the Pac-12 being the Pac-12, the league of 9 a.m. local kickoffs, it's hard to imagine the conference actually trying to help itself. Furthermore, they may be too chicken to play BYU.

How have things deteriorated so quickly at Syracuse? OMG, I grew up near Syracuse and remember getting a CYO football trophy for MVP while standing next to and taking a picture next to the Elmira Express that showed up in the local newspapers. I know Ernie, it's really embarrassing.

It was just two years ago that the Orange had a 10-win season. After last week's embarrassingly-inept 30-0 loss to Louisville Dino Babers' 1-8 team appears headed to a 10-loss season (N.C. State and Notre Dame remain). This is how bad the Louisville loss was: The Orange managed just 137 yards of offense and seven first downs in being shut out for the first time since 2014. The offensive line is a sieve, there's a freshman QB, the offense can barely function and Babers has not come up with any creative solutions. Amazing the way things can change so dramatically so quickly.

On the Rise

Iowa State (6-2) - Cyclones' 45-0 rout of Kansas State marked their most lopsided win over the Wildcats in 77 years, helping them equal the school record for league wins (six) in a season while taking control of the Big 12 race. K-State was held to 149 yards of total offense.

Coastal Carolina (8-0) - Picked to finish last in the Sun Belt East in the preseason coaches' poll the No. 15-ranked Chanticleers cleared a major obstacle in their league title quest with a 34-23 victory over four-time defending Sun Belt champion Appalachian State. Coastal had lost all six of the previous meetings with the Mountaineers.

Tulsa (5-1) - How does Tulsa do it? The 30-24 double overtime victory over Tulane marked the fourth time this year that the Golden Hurricane has overcome a 14-point deficit to win, combining a successful Hail Mary touchdown pass with a 96-yard pick six in the second OT for the latest improbable comeback. Thank you Jesus, that was the most satisfying win I've had in a very long time.

On the decline

Arizona (0-2) - Wildcats' school-record losing streak was stretched to nine in a 44-27 loss to Washington, leaving head coach Kevin Sumlin at 9-17 at the Pac-12 school. Irrelevance has happened quickly for Arizona.

Tennessee (2-5) - Vols should end their five-game losing streak this weekend against winless Vandy, but that won't lower the heat on head coach Jeremy Pruitt, who has given the impression he takes a nap during the halftime break. Vols have been outscored by a combined 104-14 in the second half of the past five games. The losing streak is the longest since an 0-6 start in 1988.

Penn State (0-5) - Congrats to head coach James Franklin for making school history: No Penn State team has ever started 0-5 before, which covers a span of 134 years. The Nittany Lions are painful to watch on offense because of mistakes and look to be a plodding, passive unit on defense. Michigan is next.

Who's hot

Zach Collins, LB, Tulsa - The 6-4, 260-pound junior linebacker had 15 tackles and the game winning 96-yard pick six in the second OT as Tulsa improved to 5-1 with a (yawn) come-from-behind 30-24 victory over Tulane.

Jaret Patterson, RB, Buffalo - Bad news for Bowling Green: Patterson is just a junior. Why is that bad for BGSU? Patterson rushed for a school-record 301 yards and four TDs in a 44-17 victory over the Falcons last week after going for 298 yards and six TDs against them a year ago.

J.T. Daniels, QB, Georgia - Okay, so he was facing Mississippi State's touch-tackle defense. We get that. But the USC transfer had not played in a game since the 2019 opener with the Trojans due to a knee injury and then became the first Georgia quarterback to throw for 400 yards in his starting debut. Daniels finished 28-of-38 for 401 yards with four TD passes and no interceptions in the 31-24 victory.

Who's not

Penn State quarterbacks - The combination of Sean Clifford and Will Levis combined for four turnovers in the 41-21 home loss to Iowa, an ongoing issue for a team that also relies on its QBs to be the leading rushers. Even that didn't work, with Penn State rushing for 62 yards on 34 carries.

Luke McCaffrey, QB, Nebraska - The growing pains continue for the promising freshman. McCaffrey did some good things – 122 rushing yards with a TD – but he also committed four turnovers (three interceptions) and did not pass for a touchdown in a 41-23 home loss to Illinois.

Big Ten officials - Sorry, but after multiple viewings of the offensive pass interference call that wiped out Purdue's game-winning touchdown pass with 52 seconds left, it looked like umpire Jim Joyce's complete whiff on a call that cost Armando Galarraga a perfect game in 2010. Purdue suffered a game-ending INT on the next play of the 34-31 loss. Big Ten officials were consistently bad all weekend throughout the league. Oh ya, it was a bad beat for me also.

Previewing the top games coming up this weekend (All times Eastern)

FRIDAY

Iowa State at Texas, Noon, ABC - The resurgent Cyclones hold the Big 12 lead at 6-1 in conference play, but 5-2 Oklahoma and 4-2 Texas are still in contention for a spot in the conference title game. This could decide one of those spots.

Notre Dame at North Carolina, 3:30 p.m., ABC - The last major obstacle for the 8-0 Irish on the way to a spot in the ACC title game. Tar Heels' talented QB Sam Howell, working with two quality running backs, leads one of the nation's most explosive offenses.

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SATURDAY

Kent State at Buffalo, Noon, CBSSN - A showdown between 3-0 teams for control of the MAC East. Kent is off to its best start since 1958 and is just the third MAC team since 1970 to score 60 points or more in consecutive games. Buffalo RB Jaret Patterson is coming off a school-record 301-yard rushing game and he's a beast!

Auburn at Alabama, 3:30, CBS - The Iron Bowl still matters, especially to the top-ranked Crimson Tide, who continue to roll. Tigers have regrouped to be 5-2 heading into this one. A history of crazy things happen in this matchup. Remember the FG return for a TD by Auburn. Don't bet this game without [DJ's Marquee pick..](#)

Ohio State at Illinois, Noon, FS1 - The Buckeyes keep winning in unimpressive fashion but appear to be playoff-bound thanks in part to a very weak schedule. Can the resurgent Illini, winners of two straight, keep pace? Creating turnovers is the key for Lovie Smith's team to have any chance.

Last Week's Top Performers

- Kaleb Eleby (WMU vs. CMU): 12/20, 382 yds, 5 TD; 1 rush TD
- Desmond Ridder (CIN vs. UCF): 21/32, 338 yds, 2 TD; 14 rush, 57 yds, 2 TD
- D'Wayne Eskridge (WMU vs. CMU): 4 rec, 212 yds, 3 TD
- Ty Fryfogle (IND vs. OSU): 7 rec, 218 yds, 3 TD
- Michael Penix Jr. (IND vs. OSU): 27/51, 491 yds, 5 TD
- Spencer Rattler (OKLA vs. OKST): 17/24, 301 yds, 4 TD; 1 rush TD
- Brennan Armstrong (UVA vs. ACU): 16/23, 383 yds, 4 TD; 6 rush, 52 yds
- Justin Fields (OSU vs. IND): 18/30, 300 yds, 2 TD; 15 rush, 78 yds, 1 TD
- Kalil Pimpleton (CMU vs. WMU): 7 rush, 108 yds, 3 TD
- Brad Roberts (AFA vs. UNM): 28 rush, 177 yds, 3 TD

Last Week's Notable Team Numbers

- Most Yards: Arkansas State vs. Texas State, 654 yards
- Most Takeaways: Illinois vs. Nebraska, 5 takeaways
- Most Combined Yards: Arkansas State (654) vs. Texas State (505), 1159 combined yards
- Most Points: BYU vs. North Alabama, 66 points
- Biggest Margin of Victory: Alabama (63) vs. Kentucky (3), 60 points **This was Dennis' Private Gold Pick Last Week. His Private Gold picks are now 8-0 last 8 and 9-2 this year.**
- Most Combined Points: Arkansas State (45) vs. Texas State (47), 92 points

AP Top 25 - November 22, 2020					
Rk	School (1st Votes)	Pts			
1	Alabama 7-0 (62)	1550	12	Indiana 4-1	899
2	Notre Dame 8-0	1471	13	Georgia 5-2	828
3	Ohio State 4-0	1440	14	Oklahoma 6-2	693
4	Clemson 7-1	1358	15	Iowa State 6-2	658
5	Texas A&M 5-1	1249	16	Coastal Carolina 8-0	622
6	Florida 6-1	1223	17	Marshall 7-0	542
7	Cincinnati 8-0	1201	18	Wisconsin 2-1	540
8	BYU 9-0	1109	19	USC 3-0	461
9	Oregon 3-0	951	20	Texas 5-2	321
10	Miami (FL) 7-1	936	21	Oklahoma State 5-2	289
11	Northwestern 5-0	922	22	Auburn 5-2	259
			23	Louisiana 7-1	218
			24	Tulsa 5-1	164
			25	North Carolina 6-2	108

Upcoming Top 25 Games Friday November 27, 2020

#15 Iowa State 58½	12:00 ET	Guaranteed Pick "If You Don't Win, You Don't Pay"
#20 Texas - 2		
#2 Notre Dame – 3½	3:30 ET	Guaranteed Pick "If You Don't Win, You Don't Pay"
#25 North Carolina 63½		
#9 Oregon – 16½	7:00 ET	Guaranteed Pick "If You Don't Win, You Don't Pay"
Oregon State 62		

Last Week's Passing Leaders		Last Week's Rushing Leaders	
Michael Penix Jr. (IND)	27/51, 491 yds, 5TD	Jaret Patterson (BUFF)	31 att 301 yds, 4TD
Brady McBride (TXST)	32/45, 443 yds, 5TD	Teon Dollard (AKR)	28 att 202 yds, 4TD
Kenny Pickett (PITT)	35/52, 404 yds, 2TD	Jermar Jefferson (ORST)	18 att 196 yds, 1TD
JT Daniels (UGA)	28/38, 401 yds, 4TD	Camerun Peoples (APP)	27 att 178 yds, 1TD
Kyle Trask (FLA)	26/35, 383 yds, 3TD	Brad Roberts (AFA)	28 att 177 yds, 3TD

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Utah State + 6 Over New Mexico by 5 Thanksgiving Night Game

The New Mexico Lobos are 0-4 on the season and haven't won a game since September 21 of last year. The New Mexico Lobos haven't won a road game since October 6 of 2018. Tevaka Tuioti is completing 56.1 percent of his passes for 475 yards, four touchdowns and one interception. Tuioti and Trae Hall have combined for four touchdowns and four interceptions. Jordan Kress and Emmanuel Logan-Greene have combined for 443 receiving yards and two touchdowns while Andrew Erickson has 11 receptions. The New Mexico Lobos ground game is averaging 163 yards per contest, and Bobby Cole leads the way with 255 yards and one touchdown. Defensively, New Mexico is allowing 33 points and 474 yards per game. Brandon Shook leads the New Mexico Lobos with 37 tackles, Joey Noble has two sacks and Jerrick Reed II has three interceptions.

The Utah State Aggies are also 0-4 on the season and haven't won a game since November 30 of last year. The Utah State Aggies have lost three straight home games. Jason Shelley is completing 51.5 percent of his passes for 420 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions. Shelley has two touchdown passes in his last three games. Deven Thompkins and Justin McGriff have combined for 294 receiving yards and two touchdowns while Jordan Nathan has six receptions. The Utah State Aggies ground game is averaging 130.5 yards per contest, and Jaylen Warren leads the way with 252 yards and three touchdowns. Defensively, Utah State is allowing 37.3 points and 525.8 yards per game. AJ Vongphachanh leads the Utah State Aggies with 33 tackles, Marcus Moore has two sacks and Shaq Bond has one interception.

The Lobos are 1-4 ATS in their last 5 road games, 7-19 ATS in their last 26 conference games and 10-23 ATS in their last 33 games overall. The Aggies are 11-5 ATS vs. a team with a losing record, 1-4 ATS in their last 5 home games and 0-5 ATS in their last 5 games overall. The under is 6-2 in Lobos last 8 road games. The over is 10-4 in Aggies last 14 home games. The road team is 5-2 ATS in their last 7 meetings.

You shouldn't be running to the window to bet big on either of these teams and New Mexico is probably the better team when looking at the numbers. The Utah State Aggies haven't done much of anything right on either side of the ball this season and have scored no more than 16 points in four games. However, New Mexico hasn't won a game in over a year and hasn't won on the road in over two years. The Lobos are also way below average defensively and are one of the worst teams in the country against the pass. This is a spot where I just want the points, as I'm not laying chalk with these clubs. **Give me Utah State and the free touchdown.**

Projected Score: Utah St 29, New Mexico 24

California - 2½ Over Stanford by 12 Friday Game

The Stanford Cardinal need a victory here to prevent their first 0-3 start since the 2006 CFB season. The Stanford Cardinal have lost five of their last six road games. Davis Mills is completing 55.4 percent of his passes for 327 yards, one touchdown and zero interceptions. Jack West and Mills have combined for 481 passing yards. Simi Fehoko and Michael Wilson have combined for 292 receiving yards on 18 catches while Connor Wedington has eight receptions. The Stanford Cardinal ground game is averaging 133.5 yards per

contest, and Nathaniel Peat leads the way with 114 yards on 11 carries. Defensively, Stanford is allowing 35 points and 464 yards per game. Curtis Robinson leads the Stanford Cardinal with 14 tackles, Thomas Schaffer has one sack and Malik Antoine has one interception.

The California Golden Bears also need a win here to prevent an 0-3 start to the CFB season. The California Golden Bears have split their last six home games. Chase Garbers is completing 61.3 percent of his passes for 437 yards, three touchdowns and three interceptions. Garbers has seven touchdown passes in his last three games. Kekoa Crawford and Makai Polk have combined for 258 receiving yards and two touchdowns while Jake Tonges has nine receptions. The California Golden Bears ground game is averaging 89 yards per contest, and Marcel Dancy leads the way with 80 yards on 19 carries. Defensively, California is allowing 32.5 points and 400 yards per game. Elijah Hicks leads the California Golden Bears with 13 tackles, Cameron Goode has 0.5 sacks and Camryn Bynum has one interception.

The Cardinal are 0-7 ATS in their last 7 road games, 0-5 ATS in their last 5 conference games and 0-6 ATS in their last 6 games overall. The Golden Bears are 1-4 ATS in their last 5 games on fieldturf, 10-3 ATS in their last 13 games in November and 1-6 ATS in their last 7 home games. The over is 4-1 in Cardinal last 5 games overall. The over is 5-2 in Golden Bears last 7 games overall. The Cardinal are 5-0 ATS in their last 5 meetings in California and 6-2 ATS in their last 8 meetings.

I'm not ready to completely give up on the Stanford Cardinal and coach David Shaw, but they've looked soft in the trenches through two games and their defensive effort just hasn't been there. The California Golden Bears were much more competitive last week against Oregon State than they were in their opener against UCLA, and they finally get a home game. Cal is much more trustworthy offensively with Garbers at quarterback, and the Golden Bears did beat the Cardinal when they met about a year ago. Especially since the Cardinal are 0-7 ATS in their last 7 road games. I just don't like what I've seen from Stanford through two games and another road game probably doesn't help in this spot. I'll lay the small chalk with Cal at home.

Projected Score: California 33, Stanford 21

Washington St. + 10 Over Washington by 1 Friday Game

The Washington Huskies look for another win to start 3-0 for the third time in the last five years. The Washington Huskies have won three of their last five road games. Dylan Morris is completing 59.2 percent of his passes for 371 yards, two touchdowns and zero interceptions. Morris enters this game with 49 career pass attempts under his belt. Cade Otton and Terrell Bynum have combined for 190 receiving yards and one touchdown while Puka Nacua has three receptions. The Washington Huskies ground game is averaging 250 yards per contest, and Sean McGrew leads the way with 126 yards and two touchdowns. Defensively, Washington is allowing 24 points and 291.5 yards per game. Edefuan Ulofoshio leads the Washington Huskies with 15 tackles, Zion Tupuola-Fetui has four sacks and Asa Turner has one interception.

The Washington State Cougars haven't played in two weeks and need a win to get a game above a .500 record. The Washington State Cougars have won five of their last seven home games. Jayden de Laura is completing 59.7 percent of his passes for 548 yards, four touchdowns and one interception. de Laura enters this game with 72 career pass attempts. Renard Bell and Travell Harris have combined for 419 receiving yards and three touchdowns while Jamire Calvin has six receptions. The Washington State Cougars ground game is averaging 164.5 yards per contest, and Deon McIntosh leads the way with 239 yards and two touchdowns. Defensively, Washington State is allowing 35.5 points and 516 yards per game. Jahad Woods leads the Washington State Cougars with 16 tackles, Ron Stone Jr. has 1.5 sacks and Ayden Hector has one interception.

The Huskies are 4-0 ATS in their last 4 Friday games and 4-9 ATS in their last 13 games following a ATS win. The Cougars are 2-5 ATS in their last 7 home games, 1-4 ATS in their last 5 Friday games and 1-4 ATS in their last 5 games overall. The under is 5-1 in Huskies last 6 games overall. The over is 6-2 in Cougars last 8 games overall. The Huskies are 8-2 ATS in their last 10 meetings in Washington State and 6-0 ATS in their last 6 meetings.

The Washington Huskies are off to an impressive start with a balanced attack, and they've beaten up on Washington State over the years, winning nine of the last 10 meetings. However, the Washington State Cougars have had an extra week to prepare for this game, they've played their best football at home dating

back to last season and they have the offensive firepower to hang around in this contest. A couple weeks ago, Washington State gave Oregon a run for its money and actually had a five-point lead at halftime. This is a rivalry game and points are usually key in spots like this. Washington State can hang around in this contest.

Give me the home team and the points.

Projected Score: Washington St. 31, Washington 30

Kent State + 10 Over Buffalo by 1

Saturday Game

The Kent State Golden Flashes look for a win to start 4-0, one of their best starts in school history. The Kent State Golden Flashes have split their last six road games. Dustin Crum is completing 75.3 percent of his passes for 838 yards, nine touchdowns and one interception. Crum and Collin Schlee have combined for 11 touchdowns and one interception. Isaiah McKoy and Ja'Shaun Poke have combined for 520 receiving yards and seven touchdowns while Dante Cephas has 10 receptions. The Kent State Golden Flashes ground game is averaging 299 yards per contest, and Marquez Cooper leads the way with 234 yards and five touchdowns. Defensively, Kent State is allowing 27.3 points and 344.3 yards per game. Dean Clark leads the Kent State Golden Flashes with 21 tackles, Brandon Coleman has three sacks and Elvis Hines has one interception.

The Buffalo Bulls look for a win to start 4-0 for the second time in the last three years. The Buffalo Bulls have won four straight home games. Kyle Vantrease is completing 62.5 percent of his passes for 602 yards, five touchdowns and one interception. Vantrease has one or less touchdown passes in seven of his last eight games. Antonio Nunn and Zac Lefebvre have combined for 418 receiving yards and three touchdowns while Trevor Wilson has three receptions. The Buffalo Bulls ground game is averaging 261 yards per contest, and Jaret Patterson leads the way with 511 yards and eight touchdowns. Defensively, Buffalo is allowing 19 points and 351.3 yards per game. James Patterson leads the Buffalo Bulls with 24 tackles, Malcolm Koonce has three sacks and Marcus Fuqua has one interception.

The Golden Flashes are 5-0 ATS in their last 5 road games, 6-1 ATS in their last 7 conference games and 7-1 ATS in their last 8 games overall. The Bulls are 5-0 ATS vs. a team with a winning record, 19-7 ATS in their last 26 home games and 5-1 ATS in their last 6 games overall. The over is 6-2 in Golden Flashes last 8 games overall. The over is 7-2 in Bulls last 9 games overall. The road team is 7-2-1 ATS in their last 10 meetings.

I knew the Kent State Golden Flashes would be a team to watch in the MAC and had a shot at one of their better seasons in school history. Well, Kent State is 3-0 and has one of the best offenses in college football, as it's first in total yards and points scored and second in rushing yards. The Buffalo Bulls are more trustworthy, as they've been a staple in the MAC the last few years and they're the better defensive team this season.

However, Kent State is the real deal and we can't forget the Golden Flashes beat Buffalo last season. This program has come a long ways. **Give me Kent State and the 10 points.**

Projected Score: Kent St 32, Buffalo 31

Ohio State - 27 Over Illinois by 37

Saturday Game

Ohio State rolls into this one at 4-0 so far. The Buckeyes have taken out Nebraska, Penn State, Rutgers and Indiana in succession this season. As for the Illini, they're 2-3 on the 2020 college football season. Illinois dropped their first three games but have won their last two versus Rutgers and Nebraska.

Ohio State has been pretty impressive coming out of the gate this season, with only one game decided by less than 13 points. The Buckeyes cruised past Nebraska 52-17 in the opener, then beat Penn State 38-25 and Rutgers 49-27. Ohio State had to hang on versus Indiana but got the win 42-35 in their last game.

In the win over the Hoosiers, Ohio State quarterback Justin Fields posted 300 yards with two touchdowns and three interceptions. Master Teague led the rushing attack on 169 yards with two touchdowns, and Garrett Wilson had 169 yards and two scores off seven catches.

Over on the Illinois side, they had a rough opening trio of games. The Illini fell to Wisconsin 45-7, then couldn't catch Purdue 31-24 before falling to Minnesota big 41-14. The last two outings have been better results for Illinois, with a 23-20 win over Rutgers and a 41-23 victory over Nebraska.

In the win over the Cornhuskers, Illinois quarterback Brandon Peters put up 205 yards with a TD, and Josh

Imatorbhe posted 71 yards and a TD on four receptions. Mike Epstein (13 carries; 113 yards; TD) and Chase Brown (26 carries; 110 yards 2 TD) held down the rush for Illinois in that game.

The Buckeyes are 4-1 ATS versus a team with a losing record and 5-2 ATS in their last seven home games. Ohio State is 1-4 ATS in their last five games in November and 2-5 ATS in their last seven on turf.

Meanwhile, Illinois is 4-1 ATS versus a team with a winning record and 9-3 ATS in their last 12 conference games. The Illini are 9-4 ATS in their last 13 overall and 7-3 ATS in their last 10 games on turf.

The Buckeyes offense hasn't shown a lot of weaknesses when they're clicking, and the Buckeyes have put up at least 38 points in every game. Ohio State hasn't had much difficulty scoring on anyone so far, and that's bad news for an Illini team that's given up 31 or more points in three of five games. Illinois may be able to hang around initially in this one, but once Ohio State gets going, the Illini will get crushed. **Lay the lumber.**

Projected Score: Ohio State 54, Illinois 17



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Recap

Seahawks 28, Cardinals 21

I never expected for either of the FOX announcers to say, "Seattle's defense has been outstanding all night," but those were words uttered by Troy Aikman as the final seconds ticked off the clock. The Seahawks snapped their two-game winning streak by limiting the Cardinals to just 21 points.

I'm not sure the Seahawks' defensive effort can be characterized as "outstanding," but it was certainly better than normal. It helped that Kyler Murray suffered some sort of shoulder injury when he took a rough hit in the first quarter. He winced in pain as he was warming up on the sideline following every drive, and some of his throws were uncharacteristically off the mark. Murray had just 89 passing yards in the opening half, with Arizona generating just 107 net yards of offense by that point.

Murray played better in the second half, and he had the Cardinals in position to tie on the final drive. The magic wasn't quite there as it was on Sunday versus Buffalo, however, as the Seattle defenders made great plays to either break up Murray's passes or sack him on the final play of the game.

Meanwhile, Russell Wilson snapped out of his funk. Wilson was a turnover machine against the Bills and Rams, and he seemed mentally checked out versus the latter opponent. I questioned if he could rebound just a few days later, and he certainly did. In fact, Wilson misfired on just five occasions. He took some sacks despite battling a pedestrian pass rush, but Wilson was precise throughout the evening. He finished 23-of-28 for 197 yards and two touchdowns. He also scrambled 10 times for 42 rushing yards.

Wilson's passing yardage number is low, but it should've been much greater. D.K. Metcalf caught a 41-yard pass that was negated by a hold, and he later dropped two passes, one of which was in the end zone when the ball doinked off his helmet. It was a surprisingly error-prone game for Metcalf, who hauled in three passes for 46 yards and a touchdown. He also drew an interference penalty.

Metcalf finished behind Tyler Lockett, who led the Seahawks with nine grabs for 67 yards and a touchdown. No other Seahawk logged more than 20 receiving yards. Greg Olsen (2-20) was third on the team in receiving, but he suffered a non-contact injury in the second half.

Carlos Hyde started and did well, rushing for 79 yards and a touchdown on 14 carries. He also caught two passes for 16 receiving yards. Hyde fumbled the ball late in the game, but was lucky to recover.

The Cardinals, meanwhile, got very little out of their running game. Kenyan Drake was a predictable disappointment, rushing for just 29 yards on 11 carries, though he saved his fantasy owners with a touchdown. Chase Edmonds was a better threat, catching four passes for 36 receiving yards and a touchdown. Edmonds should be playing over Drake.

Murray, despite his poor first half, finished with some nice stats, going 29-of-42 for 269 yards and two touchdowns. He shockingly didn't run very much, scrambling only five times for 15 rushing yards. Murray didn't have as many touchdown opportunities as he should've had because his offense was bogged down with constant penalties. Arizona committed 10 infractions, four of which were false starts.

Murray and DeAndre Hopkins had one of their games where they didn't click properly for some reason. The two had some misconnections, though Hopkins was still able to catch five passes for 51 yards, finishing behind

only Larry Fitzgerald and his eight grabs for 62 yards. It's safe to say that the Arizona receiving numbers were impacted by Murray's first-half shoulder injury.

Browns 22, Eagles 17

The Eagles and Browns meet just once every four years, but the group that produces the football follies videos may petition for more frequent matchups. Philadelphia and Cleveland traded gaffes throughout the afternoon in an epically ugly game.

Philadelphia kicked things off with a seemingly great drive that went into Cleveland's 5-yard line, but Miles Sanders' lost fumble negated a scoring opportunity. The Browns then put together an apparently terrific possession, but Baker Mayfield missed a wide-open Austin Hooper for a touchdown, and then Kareem Hunt's touchdown run was negated by replay review. Another positive drive by Philadelphia was ruined when Wentz tossed a pick-six. Wentz was hit as he threw, but only because he held the ball too long as a result of hesitating despite having an open receiver at his disposal. Field vision has been a huge issue for Wentz all year, and this game was not any different.

The pick-six resulted in the only points in this ugly contest until four minutes into the second half. The Eagles and Browns traded missed throws, sacks and other blunders in rainy conditions. One such mistake was when Mayfield was strip-sacked in the early stages of the third quarter. This led to the first offensive points of this contest when Wentz found a wide-open Richard Rodgers for a touchdown to tie the game at seven.

Despite this sudden surge of offensive potency, both teams continued to shoot themselves in the foot. Nick Chubb knocked his team out of field goal range with a huge, negative play. Wentz then took a safety, which ultimately decided which team covered the spread. Wentz then heaved a pass into the end zone despite there being quadruple coverage. The pass appeared to be picked, but replay review overturned it.

This review was bad luck for the Browns, but they had good fortune after that when a Mayfield fumble in the red zone was nullified because the officials blew the play dead prematurely. Cleveland was able to salvage the drive with points, and the Eagles didn't have the same result on an ensuing possession when Wentz heaved an ugly pick into the end zone that stood this time. This effectively ended this extremely ugly game.

Wentz's final stat line doesn't look too bad, as he went 21-of-35 for 235 yards, two touchdowns and a couple of interceptions. However, the numbers don't appropriately display how horrific he was. Wentz, as mentioned, took a safety and had an interception negated by replay. He also saw a potential pick that was dropped. Wentz doesn't seem to have any sort of clue what's happening on the field. It's like he's playing blindfolded sometimes. It's unclear what has happened to him, but if the Eagles want to salvage his career, they'll find a better offensive coach for him. They should also consider benching him in favor of Jalen Hurts.

Wentz threw a garbage-time score to Dallas Goedert, who finally had a big stat line. Goedert led the team with five catches for 77 yards and a score. Jalen Reagor (4-52) was next on the stat sheet, followed by Rodgers (2-48), who also scored.

Sanders had a great first drive with nearly 50 yards on the ground. Curiously, the Eagles stopped running the ball, so Sanders' final stat line was just 16 carries for 66 yards. It's unclear why the Eagles stopped using Sanders.

Chubb was the leading rusher in this contest, thanks to a 54-yard burst in the fourth quarter to open up a two-score lead for the Browns, extending their advantage from 12-10 to 19-10. Chubb's run was incredible, as he was able to bounce off multiple defenders. Hunt (13-11) made up for his earlier fourth-down stop with a touchdown to finish off the drive.

Mayfield really needed that run; otherwise, it's possible he would have lost this game. Mayfield wasn't as bad as Wentz, but he was still horrible, going 12-of-22 for 204 yards. Mayfield missed several passes and was very fortunate he wasn't charged with a fumble in the second half.

Jarvis Landry was a disappointment with just two grabs for 23 yards, as was Hooper (3-33), though he should've scored a touchdown. KhaDarel Hodge (3-73) and Rashad Higgins (3-65) were the only Cleveland players with more than 33 receiving yards.

Saints 24, Falcons 9

Blue checkmarks on Twitter think they know more than some of the best NFL head coaches, so they were quick to criticize the Saints for starting Taysom Hill over Jameis Winston. It was the right decision, however, as

Hill had shown plenty of promise in previous preseasons, while Winston tossed 30 interceptions in 2019.

Things did not begin well for Hill in this game, as he took a sack on a third-and-1 because he held on to the ball forever and then had an interception that was dropped. Hill, however, improved after that, as he was able to move the chains on Atlanta's defense consistently despite some mistakes made by his teammates. For example, there were some drops by Michael Thomas and Alvin Kamara, while a great, deep pass to Emmanuel Sanders was negated by a hold.

Hill was very precise on his throws. He misfired just five times despite the aforementioned drops. His final stat line was 18-of-23 for 233 yards. He didn't throw a touchdown, but he ran in two scores, leading the team in rushing with 10 scrambles for 51 yards. He committed one turnover, which was a fumble at the end of a long run.

Hill outplayed Matt Ryan, who was part of the other big storyline in this game. The Saints' defense was incredible, holding Atlanta to negative second-half yardage until there were a few minutes remaining in regulation. Part of that was an injury to Julio Jones, who sat out most of the second half with a bum hamstring. He tried to return to action at a point in the fourth quarter, but could barely move. Jones' absence was huge, but keep in mind that the Saints didn't have Marshon Lattimore available.

Ryan barely completed half of his passes, going 19-of-37 for 232 yards and two interceptions, with one being on a Hail Mary at the end of the opening half. Ryan was lucky not to toss a third pick, as the ball sailed through the hands of Janoris Jenkins. Ryan was under siege the entire afternoon, as the Saints' defensive line won in the trenches.

Thanks to the injury, Jones was limited to just two grabs for 39 yards. Demonstrating how brutal the passing day was for the Falcons, Jones was still third on the team in receiving, finishing behind Calvin Ridley (5-90) and Russell Gage (7-58).

Atlanta's running game wasn't working well either, which was not a surprise at all. Todd Gurley was limited to just 26 yards on eight carries.

The Saints, conversely, tallied more than 150 yards on the ground. Hill had about a third of that, barely edging out Kamara (13-45) and Latavius Murray (12-49). Kamara somehow didn't catch a single pass - he was targeted only once, dropping the pass - but he saved his fantasy owners with a touchdown.

With Hill running so much, only three Saints logged more than 20 receiving yards. Thomas led the way with a big game, snagging nine balls for 104 yards. He also drew an interference penalty. Sanders (4-66) and Murray (2-36) were the other two. Sanders appeared to fumble at one point in this game, but replay review showed that he was barely grazed by a defender.

Redskins 20, Bengals 9

The Bengals weren't going to the playoffs this year, but they had plenty of cause for optimism heading into 2021. With Joe Burrow playing well, the Bengals would undoubtedly compete for a postseason spot in Burrow's second season, as a more-experienced Burrow would be surrounded with better talented accumulated through the draft and free agency this upcoming spring.

All that optimism crashed when Burrow's left leg was twisted on a third down in the opening minutes of the second half. Burrow rolled around in agony and was ultimately carted off the field. Burrow was on pace to break records for a rookie quarterback, but that's no longer the case. Burrow is finished for the year, and part or all of his 2021 campaign might be in doubt, based on the severity of the injury.

Burrow was having a great game prior to the injury. He was 22-of-34 for 203 yards and a touchdown, but his numbers would've been much better had it not been for some shoddy play-calling in the red zone during the early stages of this contest. The Bengals failed to score any points in their first two red zone trips, as there were far too many runs called for their untalented backs. Burrow finally scored a touchdown on his third red zone try in three drives, but a missed extra point meant that the Bengals managed just six points on their first three red zone trips.

Burrow's absence, however, put a dark cloud over the entire team. The defense suddenly had no answer for the Redskins, who failed to do much of anything prior to the injury. They scored quickly, as Alex Smith found Steven Sims for a touchdown to give the Redskins a 14-9 lead. The Redskins actually couldn't be stopped after that, as the Bengals looked like they gave up because they knew they didn't have a chance with Ryan Finley

replacing Burrow.

Alex Smith had an ugly first half - 80 yards and an interception - but he was able to bounce back to finish 17-of-25 for 166 yards, one touchdown and the pick, which was tipped at the line of scrimmage. Smith was very lucky that the Cincinnati defense gave up when it saw its quarterback go down.

There was only one Redskin who logged more than 26 receiving yards, and it should be no surprise that this was Terry McLaurin, who caught five balls for 84 yards. Smith's lone touchdown went to Steven Sims (3-13).

Antonio Gibson also scored, rushing for 94 yards on 16 carries. J.D. McKissic chipped in with 69 total yards with three receptions.

The Bengals failed to run nearly as well on the Redskins, as Finley's 19-yard scramble allowed him to tie the team lead in rushing with Samaje Perine (5-19). Giovani Bernard (9-18) really struggled on the ground, though he caught four balls for 37 receiving yards.

Finley, by the way, was absolutely miserable, going 3-of-10 for 30 yards and an interception. I'd suggest the Bengals should find a better backup quarterback, but they're better off losing in order to obtain a better draft choice.

Tyler Boyd led the Bengals with nine catches for 85 yards, while A.J. Green (4-41) caught Burrow's lone touchdown. Tee Higgins did very little (3-26) despite seeing 10 targets. All of these players can be dropped in fantasy leagues with Burrow done for the year.

Steelers 27, Jaguars 3

There was a question of whether or not the Steelers would be unfocused for this game. They were coming off a divisional victory and had to play against the arch-rival Ravens on Thanksgiving in just four days. They had every reason to look past the pathetic one-win Jaguars.

It certainly looked like Pittsburgh was flat in the early stages of this affair. The Steelers allowed a field goal on the opening drive and then saw Diontae Johnson drop a pass on third down. Ben Roethlisberger was then nearly guilty of a pick-six, which a Jacksonville defender also dropped. It looked like yet another Steelers-Jaguars affair that would be determined in the final seconds despite the former team being heavily favored.

The Steelers were up just 3-0 after the first quarter, but they picked up their play following their sluggish start. They put together a touchdown drive, and then Minkah Fitzpatrick sparked the team with an interception off a tipped pass. Johnson then made a great catch along the sidelines just shy of the goal line, setting up another touchdown to give Pittsburgh a two-score lead. The Steelers actually should've led by 17 heading into halftime, but Roethlisberger heaved an irresponsible pass into the end zone that was picked. That didn't end up mattering, however, as the Steelers dominated the second half, outgaining Jacksonville, 115-69 following intermission.

Roethlisberger had some ugly moments in this game with his stupid interception and a dropped pick-six in the opening half, but did some great things. He abused a Jacksonville secondary that was missing two cornerbacks (C.J. Henderson, Sidney Jones) by going 32-of-46 for 267 yards, two touchdowns and the interception. It's worth noting that Rodgers didn't have to deal with Jacksonville's top edge rusher, Josh Allen, very much, because Allen left this game early with an injury.

Diontae Johnson didn't catch a touchdown, but he had a huge game, ultimately leading the Steelers in receiving. He caught 12 of his 16 targets for 111 yards. Chase Claypool (4-59) and Eric Ebron (4-36) both scored, with the former drawing an interference flag. JuJu Smith-Schuster disappointed with four catches for only 19 yards, thanks to a toe injury that knocked him out of the game.

James Conner didn't score either, as he was vultured by Benny Snell (7-15). Conner, however, was able to run for 89 yards on 13 carries. He had a nice run on one play where he was bottled up on a run off left tackle, but circled back and picked up a big gain on the right side.

Conner outgained James Robinson by a bit, as the rookie runner gained 73 yards on 17 tries. Robinson also caught two passes for 21 receiving yards.

This was a rough outing for Jake Luton, who looked lost while trying to combat Pittsburgh's defense. He failed to complete half of his passes, going 16-of-37 for only 151 yards and a whopping four interceptions. The Jaguars missed Gardner Minshew's mobility in this matchup, though not really because each loss gets them

closer to Justin Fields, or perhaps Trevor Lawrence.

With Luton struggling, D.J. Chark was limited to four catches 41 yards, and yet, he ended up leading the team in receiving! Tyler Eifert (2-32) and Keelan Cole (2-26) were close. Chris Conley (1-13) dropped a gain of about 20 yards, and he was also responsible for one of Luton's interceptions.

Titans 30, Ravens 24

Prior to kickoff, the Tennessee players congregated on the logo at midfield, effectively claiming that they own the Ravens after beating them in the playoffs this past January. They lived up to their proclamation with this surprising upset win. Down numerous players, including two offensive linemen and several starters in the secondary, the Titans were able to prevail in overtime.

While the underhanded Titans winning is a nice story, the primary focus has to be on Lamar Jackson, who continues to be far worse than he was during his MVP campaign in 2019. Jackson was lucky to see an interception dropped on the opening drive, which was part of a first half in which he completed just four passes. Jackson was able to connect on more throws following intermission, but he also made some horrible mistakes. This includes an interception on a horrible deep throw and a blatant whiff of Mark Andrews on a third down. He also missed Marquise Brown for a deep touchdown. Jackson took a big loss in overtime in which he nearly fumbled, forcing a punt that gave the Titans their winning possession.

Jackson was just 17-of-29 for 186 yards, one touchdown and an interception despite going against a Tennessee secondary missing Adoree Jackson, Kenny Vaccaro and Kristian Fulton. He was a factor as a scrambler, but not nearly as much as he used to be, registering 51 yards on 13 runs. The offensive line continued to be a huge factor in Jackson's struggles, as it couldn't protect him very well. The Ravens sorely miss both Ronnie Staley and Marshal Yanda.

Despite Jackson's struggles, the Ravens led throughout the second half. The Tennessee key play-makers really stepped up to help their team secure the win. A.J. Brown was huge despite two earlier drops, as he scored a fourth-quarter touchdown when caught a pass four yards shy of the line to gain on a third down, then proceeded to break three tackles and carry a fourth defender with him into the end zone. It was one of the best run-after-catch plays you'll ever see. Brown (4-62, TD), who drew a deep interference flag on the opening offensive drive, finished only behind Corey Davis (5-113) on the stat sheet. Davis did all of his work following halftime, making two catches in overtime.

Derrick Henry was also key in this win. He barely did anything in the opening half, mustering only 37 yards on 13 carries, but he pummeled the shorthanded Baltimore defensive line, wearing them down late in the game. Henry ultimately scored the decisive touchdown in overtime, finishing with 133 yards on 28 carries. He was blasted on a third-quarter hit and appeared to be concussed, but he didn't miss much action.

Ryan Tannehill did not do a good job in the game-manager role in the opening half, as he made some mistakes in the early stages of this game. Tannehill threw an interception when he was hit violently and then missed a wide-open Brown on third down. He also had two consecutive passes in which he fired behind Davis and then skipped a pass to the same receiver. He was also lucky that a strip-sack of his by Yannick Ngakoue trickled out of bounds. Tannehill, however, was very sharp in the second half and overtime, going 15-of-18 for 217 yards and a touchdown following intermission.

Tannehill's final numbers were 22-of-31 for 259 yards, two touchdowns and a pick. He was much more than a game manager in the second half, doing a great job of rebounding after his horrible start.

As for the Baltimore play-makers, Andrews did very well, catching five passes for 96 yards and a touchdown. However, he would've eclipsed the century mark had Jackson not missed him on a crucial third down. Dez Bryant (4-28) and Marquise Brown (no catches) both dropped passes. Brown should've scored on a deep reception, but Jackson threw the ball way late.

Mark Ingram continued to waste downs, as his two carries went for a mere two yards. J.K. Dobbins was much more explosive with 70 yards and a touchdown on 15 carries.

Texans 27, Patriots 20

The Patriots were written off following three consecutive losses to the Broncos, 49ers and Bills, but two victories versus the Jets and Ravens suddenly put them in playoff contention. All they'd need to do to reach .500 was to defeat the two-win Texans, whose only victories this year came against the Jaguars.

That seemed easy enough, but defending Deshaun Watson certainly was not. Watson had an excellent game, picking up where Joe Flacco left off after three quarters in that close Monday night affair a few weeks ago. Despite Stephon Gilmore returning from injury, the Patriots had no answer for Watson's passing or rushing, as the fourth-year quarterback put on a show.

Watson went 28-of-37 for 344 yards and two touchdowns to go along with six scrambles for 36 rushing yards and a third score. The Patriots couldn't get off the field on most drives against Watson, who didn't see much of a pass rush despite missing two offensive linemen, including Laremy Tunsil. New England's inability to pressure Watson decided this game.

Bill Belichick is often the master of erasing one aspect of an offense, so I believed he would blank either Brandin Cooks or Will Fuller, and then have Gilmore shut down the other. Instead, neither wideout was removed from the game plan. Cooks caught four passes for 85 yards, while Fuller snatched six balls for 80 yards. Fuller, dropped a pass, but had a 17-yard reception negated by a hold. Cooks, meanwhile, saw a touchdown negated by an illegal player downfield.

Watson led the Texans in rushing by a large margin. Duke Johnson did nothing on the ground, as he was limited to just 15 yards on 10 carries.

The Patriots were expected to run all over Houston's worst-ranked run defense, and it appeared as though this would happen when Damien Harris scored an early touchdown. However, Harris had just four rushing yards in the second half, which was the result of Houston's big lead. Harris finished with 43 yards and a touchdown on 11 attempts.

Cam Newton did his best to lead a comeback, but it fell about 10 yards shy when a Hail Mary of his was completed short of the end zone because he didn't step up in the pocket on his final pass attempt. Newton, who had a dropped pick-six in the opening quarter by Bradley Roby, did well to lead a second-half charge in a deficit, going 26-of-40 for 365 yards and a touchdown. Curiously, he did very little as a scrambler, as he was limited to just six rushing yards on three runs. Newton's passing numbers would've been much better if it wasn't for J.J. Watt repeatedly batting passes at the line of scrimmage. Watt did that four times in this game!

Newton's receiver of choice in this game was Damiere Byrd, who reeled in six of his seven targets for 132 yards and a touchdown. James White was next on the stat sheet with six catches for 64 receiving yards, getting more work than usual because Rex Burkhead suffered an injury. Jakobi Meyers (3-38) was a disappointment.

Panthers 20, Lions 0

I'm very happy to see Phillip Walker win his first start in the NFL. He won me lots of money in XFL games, so I was rooting for him to get this victory and to pad my bankroll again.

Expectations were that the Lions would cruise in this game due to Matthew Stafford facing a bad Carolina defense and Panthers quarterback Teddy Bridgewater out of the lineup with a knee injury. But Stafford, who was playing with an injured thumb, just wasn't the same, and the Detroit offense was completely inept.

Lions first-round picks Frank Ragnow and T.J. Hockenson made some drive-killing mistakes in the early going, an illegal formation took away a long touchdown pass to Marvin Jones, and the young Panthers defensive line dominated Detroit's blocking front. Along with Bridgewater being out, the Panthers were down star running back Christian McCaffrey, left tackle Russell Okung, and their best cover corner in Donte Jackson. This was an embarrassing, ugly, and inexcusable loss for Lions head coach Matt Patricia and general manager Bob Quinn.

Partway through the first quarter, the Panthers started a drive inside their own 10-yard line and got going with Mike Davis running through defenders and D.J. Moore moving the chains to get out to the 30. P.J. Walker laid out a beautiful deep ball to Moore for a 52-yard completion. Shortly later, Mike Davis charged into the end zone.

Ragnow fired a ground ball on a shotgun snap soon afterward, and Carolina's Marquis Haynes the loose ball recovered inside Detroit's 30. Detroit's defense came up with a clutch stop on which Walker tossed an interception to Amani Oruwariye in the end zone on third-and-goal. The rest of the first half saw drives stall or never get started, because both offenses struggled with penalties and missed blocks. Carolina took a 7-0 lead into the half.

Carolina got moving in the third quarter with a conversion to Robby Anderson to cross midfield, and Walker

then hit D.J. Moore to get inside the 25. To finish the drive, Walker lofted in a well placed pass to Curtis Samuel for a 17-yard touchdown.

Stafford responded with a 58-yard touchdown to Marvin Jones (4-51), but in typical Lions fashion, it was called back by an illegal formation penalty. A Brian Burns and Efe Obada sack forced a punt to squander that possession. Joey Slye connected on a 56-yard field goal to extend the Panthers lead to 17-0 entering the fourth quarter.

Detroit moved into Carolina territory, but another Panthers sack killed the drive and Matt Prater shanked a 51-yard field goal attempt. The Panthers continued to use Anderson, Moore and Mike Davis to move the ball inside the 10-yard line. But Walker had an awful miss on third-and-goal, floating a pass to Desmond Trufant for an interception. The Carolina defense continued to dominate, and Detroit was completely inept offensively.

Walker completed 24-of-34 passes for 258 yards, a touchdown and two interceptions. Aside from those two picks in the end zone, Walker played well in his first NFL start.

Davis ran for 64 yards and a touchdown on 19 carries in place of McCaffrey. Moore (7-127), Samuel (8-70-1) and Anderson (7-46) were very effective for Carolina. Stafford was 18-of-33 for 178 yards while playing with his injured thumb.

Adrian Peterson (7-18) and Kerryon Johnson (6-17) were completely shut down by a Carolina defense that has struggled to stop the run this year. Hockenson (4-68) led the Lions in receiving. Edge rusher Brian Burns and rookie defensive tackle Derrick Brown had excellent games for Carolina.

Broncos 20, Dolphins 13

Why is it that the Broncos suddenly remember they have Phillip Lindsay once every four weeks or so? Lindsay will look great in those games, and then he just disappears, especially when I end up betting on Denver. And then, the cycle just repeats itself.

Miami has made great strides in its second season under head coach Brian Flores, but the young squad showed it still has some growing up to do with a tough road loss at Denver. The Broncos' defensive front produced six sacks and forced an ineffective Tua Tagovailoa to the bench in the fourth quarter. After an early interception, Drew Lock played well enough to extend drives and let the Denver running backs and defense do the heavy lifting. This loss will be a tough blow if the Dolphins fall short of the playoffs, but growing pains are part of the NFL, and the Dolphins are clearly headed in the right direction.

Less than two minutes into the game, Xavier Howard picked off Lock after the young quarterback stared down his target, whom Howard had blanketed. The terrible pick by Lock set up Miami at the Denver 22. Tagovailoa gave it right back with an interception, but a ridiculous holding penalty on A.J. Bouye saved the Miami rookie from his first NFL pick. A few plays later, Tagovailoa lofted in a short touchdown pass to DeVante Parker.

Denver responded with a game-tying drive on which Lock fired a conversion to K.J. Hamler, Phillip Lindsay ripped off a 20-yard run, Lock used his feet to run for 14 yards on a third-and-13, Lock laced a 15-yard pass to Nick Vannett, and Melvin Gordon plunged into the end zone from a yard out. The Broncos kept moving the ball on the next possession, with Lock hitting Tim Patrick for 41 yards, but Miami produced a stand inside the 10-yard line to force a field goal.

The Dolphins started moving the ball with a couple of conversions to Parker before Salvon Ahmed taking off on a good run, but the Denver defense produced a third-down sack to force a game-tying field goal from Jason Sanders. In the final drive before halftime, Melvin Gordon ripped off a 25-yard run and Jerry Jeudy (3-37) caught a 23-yard pass to set up a field goal that put the Broncos up 13-10 at the half.

Denver added to its lead late in the third quarter with a touchdown drive. It got started with a 16-yard pass to Hamler, and Gordon raced into the end zone from 20 yards out to put the Broncos up 20-10.

Ryan Fitzpatrick replaced Tagovailoa in the fourth quarter, providing a spark to the Miami offense. Fitzpatrick connected with Mike Gesicki (4-43) for 26 yards, and that produced a 53-yard field goal by Jason Sanders. Denver put together a drive to nearly put the game away, but Gordon fumbled the ball away to Miami at the 1-yard line. With 5:13 remaining, Fitzpatrick took over and started moving the ball. A roughing penalty on Bradley Chubb helped, and Fitzpatrick hit Parker for 21 yards to get inside the Denver 30, but with a minute remaining, Fitzpatrick tried to force a pass into the end zone to Parker and Justin Simmons picked off the pass to secure the Denver victory.

Lock was 18-of-30 for 270 yards with an interception. Gordon (15-84-2) and Lindsay (16-82) ran well for Denver, but Gordon's fumble was nearly catastrophic. Tim Patrick (5-119) led the Broncos in receiving, thanks to a deep reception on the final play of the game.

Tagovailoa was 11-of-20 for 83 yards with a touchdown. He was rattled by Denver's rush and struggled to move the ball. Fitzpatrick was 12-of-18 for 117 yards and a touchdown. Ahmed led the Dolphins on the ground with 43 yards on 12 carries. Parker paced Miami with six receptions for 61 yards and a touchdown.

Chargers 34, Jets 28

The Chargers won this game by just six points, but make no mistake about it; this was a blowout from start to finish. The Chargers had leads of 24-6, 31-13 and 34-19 before Joe Flacco threw a back-door touchdown with a few minutes remaining, thanks to fourth-and-5 and third-and-7 conversions. This was painful for Charger bettors, but the team will celebrate finally winning a one-score game, even though this wasn't really a one-score game.

Justin Herbert was excellent in this contest, going 37-of-49 for 366 yards and three touchdowns. Herbert had a dream matchup going up against a Jets secondary missing its top cornerbacks. As a result, Herbert was unstoppable.

Herbert was once again locked in on Keenan Allen, who caught an absurd 16 passes (19 targets) for 145 yards and a touchdown. As crazy as it sounds, Allen's stat line could have been much better. He dropped a pass and drew two interference flags. He also lost a fumble at the Jets' 1-yard line in the opening quarter.

Elsewhere in the Charger receiving corps, Mike Williams caught four passes for 72 yards and a touchdown, while Hunter Henry (4-48) also scored.

Kalen Ballage handled the majority of the workload. He didn't do much on the ground - 16 carries, 44 yards - but he caught seven passes for 27 receiving yards.

You know Allen's fumble at the Jets' one-yard line? That didn't end up mattering at all because on the very next possession, Flacco tossed a pick-six on a very lazy throw to the outside. This ended up being Flacco's only turnover, but he was lucky that he wasn't charged with a lost fumble on a strip-sack, with replay review ruling the play incomplete.

Flacco finished 15-of-30 for 205 yards, two touchdowns and an interception, but all of this occurred in garbage time. Flacco was just 3-of-8 for 30 yards and the pick-six in the opening half.

It was disappointing to see Jamison Crowder do nothing in garbage time, as he finished with just one catch for 16 yards. Instead, it was Denzel Mims (3-71), Breshad Perriman (2-54) and Chris Herndon (2-32). The latter two caught touchdowns.

The Jets promised that they would use young running back Lamical Perine over Frank Gore, but Adam Gase's obsession with the decrepit, old back continued. For some reason, Gore had way more carries than Perine, 15-8. Gore outgained Perine, 61-33, and both scored touchdowns.

Colts 34, Packers 31

This truly was a roller-coaster game in which the expected winner changed on numerous occasions. It initially seemed like the Packers would win easily when they went right down the field on Indianapolis following a Mo Alie-Cox fumble. However, things swung in Indianapolis' direction after that. The Packer defense allowed a long touchdown to Michael Pittman on a blown coverage. This prompted FOX color analyst Troy Aikman to remark, "I don't know what Green Bay's defense was doing." Making matters worse, Aaron Rodgers also had two first-quarter turnovers: a fumble on a botched snap and an interception on an under thrown pass.

Green Bay quickly took control after that, outscoring the Colts, 21-7, in the second quarter. The Colts had severe problems with holding penalties that disrupted their own drives, logging nine such infractions overall! Rivers was also picked on a tipped pass. The Packers, meanwhile, attacked Indianapolis' secondary. Rodgers threw three touchdowns, and that doesn't even include Marquez Valdes-Scantling's deep pass interference that set up Green Bay's touchdown to give the team a 28-14 lead.

It seemed as though the Packers would run away with this game, but the Colts dominated the third quarter. Thanks to five consecutive scores, helped in part by a fumbled kickoff return and numerous Green Bay offside

penalties, they took a 31-28 lead when Rodgers drove deep into Indianapolis territory. However, the Packers were able to send this game into overtime, as the tying field goal was made possible by a penalty-ravaged Indianapolis drive and a 47-yard reception by Valdes-Scantling on a third-and-10 on the ensuing drive.

The Packers suddenly had momentum heading into overtime, and this was emphasized by the team winning the coin toss. With Philip Rivers hobbled with a lower-leg injury, Green Bay seemed like the probable winner. However, disaster struck for the Packers when Valdes-Scantling went from hero to goat, losing a fumble on the opening possession of overtime. The Colts recovered and quickly drilled the game-winning field goal.

Despite the loss, Rodgers went 27-of-38 for 311 yards, three touchdowns and an interception on an underthrown pass. Rodgers was excellent outside of the pick, but was betrayed by the error-prone Valdes-Scantling.

Valdes-Scantling was second on the team in receiving with three catches for 55 yards. He trailed only Davante Adams, who made the most of his tough matchup against Xavier Rhodes. Adams snatched seven balls for 106 yards and a touchdown. Robert Tonyan (5-44) also scored.

Speaking of tough matchups, the Colts have the best run defense in the AFC, so Aaron Jones wasn't expected to be overly productive. He was limited to just 41 yards on 10 carries, but helped his owners with a touchdown run. He also caught four passes for 30 receiving yards.

The Colts had more success running the ball, which was hardly a surprise, given Green Bay's poor rush defense. Jonathan Taylor gained 90 yards on 22 carries. He didn't score, but broke numerous tackles. He had a touchdown wiped out by a hold. Nyheim Hines, who was limited to just two yards on six attempts, also had a touchdown negated by a hold. Hines caught three passes for 31 receiving yards.

Rivers, who dealt with that aforementioned lower-leg injury, went 24-of-36 for 288 yards, three touchdowns and an interception that was tipped at the line of scrimmage. We'll have to wait and see how severe Rivers' injury is, though it was a positive sign that he jogged into the locker room just prior to overtime.

Pittman led the Colts in receiving with three grabs for 66 yards and the aforementioned score. Zach Pascal (3-54) and T.Y. Hilton (3-36) were next on the stat sheet. Trey Burton (2-25) also scored.

Cowboys 31, Vikings 28

The Bears were the most overrated team in the NFL when they were 5-1. The Vikings took that baton when they beat Chicago on Monday night, and that was apparent in this game. A Viking defense missing its top two edge rushers, two primary cornerbacks and a starting linebacker had no chance against Dallas' offense despite going up against Andy Dalton.

Dalton did well despite being, well, Andy Dalton, as his receivers had great matchups against the Minnesota cornerbacks. This includes CeeDee Lamb, who made one of the most ridiculous catches you'll ever see. He extended his arms and reached behind him while falling down, securing the touchdown in the second quarter. Amari Cooper, meanwhile, came up clutch with a fourth-and-6 conversion that ultimately gave the Cowboys the lead.

Cooper ended up with six catches for 81 yards, while Lamb tallied four receptions for 34 yards and the aforementioned touchdown. Dalton Schultz (4-25) also scored. Michael Gallup didn't do as well - two receptions, 29 yards - and he had an ugly drop in which the ball bounced off his helmet.

Andy Dalton did well to take advantage of Minnesota's liabilities. He went 22-of-32 for 203 yards, three touchdowns and an interception in which Dalton didn't appear to see Eric Kendricks, who made a diving catch.

It was surprising to see the Cowboys run well on the Vikings. Ezekiel Elliott rushed for 103 yards on 21 carries, marking the first time Elliott eclipsed the century mark this year. Elliott, however, was effectively vultured by Tony Pollard, albeit on a 42-yard scamper. Pollard dashed for 60 yards on five carries.

Dalvin Cook ended up outgaining every other back in this game, which was hardly a surprise. Cook rushed for 115 yards and a touchdown on 27 carries to go along with five catches for 45 receiving yards. He appeared to get injured when he took a huge hit from Donovan Wilson, which resulted in a lost fumble, but he was able to remain in the game.

Speaking of Wilson, he forced a strip-sack from Kirk Cousins on the opening drive. Cousins played well after this turnover, going 22-of-30 for 314 yards and three touchdowns. However, Cousins came up small on the

final drive, resulting in a crucial loss for the Vikings, who really needed to win to have a good chance at obtaining a wild-card spot.

While Lamb had the best catch in this game, Adam Thielen also made a very impressive snag on one of his touchdowns. Thielen scored twice while catching eight passes for 123 yards. Justin Jefferson (3-86) also found the end zone.

Chiefs 35, Raiders 31

Andy Reid is often automatic off a bye, but the Chiefs unexpectedly found themselves in a tight game against the Raiders. Derek Carr looked like the second coming of Joe Montana in this affair, as Kansas City had absolutely no answer for him. The Raiders scored on nearly every possession, with Carr missing on just three throws in the opening half.

Carr threw what may have been a game-winning touchdown against most other quarterbacks in the final two minutes of this contest. However, 1:43 with a timeout is an eternity for Patrick Mahomes. The MVP front-runner didn't even need all of that time, as he drove down the field to score a touchdown in just 1:15. Mahomes found Travis Kelce in the end zone for the decisive score, improving his team to 9-1.

Mahomes extended his MVP consideration lead, as he finished 34-of-45 for 348 yards, two touchdowns and an interception. The pick wasn't his fault, as Demarcus Robinson ran the wrong route in the red zone. This gaffe by Robinson ruined a potential score that would've given the Chiefs the lead heading into halftime. Instead, Kansas City had to constantly play from behind, though that was no issue for the best quarterback in the NFL.

Kelce, who had the game-winning score, capped off his monstrous night with eight catches for 127 yards and the score. Kelce made amends for a couple of mistakes he was guilty of earlier in the contest, committing a drop and an offensive pass interference penalty.

Elsewhere in the Kansas City receiving corps, Tyreek Hill snatched 11 balls for 102 yards and a touchdown, though he was guilty of a drop as well. Robinson (6-44) seemingly hurt his team by being responsible for Mahomes' interception, but it ultimately didn't matter for the non-betting crowd.

Clyde Edwards-Helaire scored twice, rushing for 69 yards on 14 carries. He wasn't alone in finding the end zone on the ground, as Le'Veon Bell also ran in a touchdown. Bell rushed for 25 yards on seven tries.

Josh Jacobs may have had a chance at two touchdowns as well, but a Jason Witten false start on the Kansas City 1-inch line at the end of regulation ruined that opportunity. This put the goal line out of reach for Jacobs, who gained 55 yards and a touchdown on 17 carries.

As mentioned, Carr had an amazing game. He went 23-of-31 for 275 yards, three touchdowns and an interception, which was a desperation heave at the very end of the game. Carr's team lost, but if he continues to play this well, the Raiders will have a chance to make a deep run into the playoffs. Of course, it'll help if the opposition has as many miscommunications and blown coverages as the Chiefs were guilty of in this contest. Kansas City's defensive performance was underwhelming, to say the least.

Nelson Agholor was a stud, catching six passes for 88 yards and a touchdown. He also drew an interference flag. Agholor tied Darren Waller (7-88), who also scored. Agholor's transformation in the Raider offense has been amazing, and both Jon Gruden and offensive coordinator Greg Olson deserve major credit for this.

Last Week's Top Performers

- Deshaun Watson* (HOU): 28/37, 344 yds, 2 TD; 1 rush TD
- Adam Thielen* (MIN): 8 rec, 123 yds, 2 TD
- Justin Herbert* (LAC): 37/49, 366 yds, 3 TD
- Keenan Allen* (LAC): 16 rec, 145 yds, 1 TD
- Taysom Hill* (NOR): 18/23, 233 yds, 0 TD; 10 rush, 51 yds, 2 TD
- Damiere Byrd (NWE): 6 rec, 132 yds, 1 TD
- Kirk Cousins (MIN): 22/30, 314 yds, 3 TD
- Travis Kelce (KAN): 8 rec, 127 yds, 1 TD
- Dalvin Cook (MIN): 27 rush, 115 yds, 1 TD
- Ryan Tannehill (TEN): 22/31, 259 yds, 2 TD

Week 11 Passing Leaders

Justin Herbert (LAC)	37/49 366 yds, 3TD
Cam Newton (NWE)	26/40 365 yds, 1TD
Patrick Mahomes (KAN)	34/45 348 yds, 2TD
Deshaun Watson (HOU)	28/37 344 yds, 2TD
Kirk Cousins (MIN)	22/30 314 yds, 3TD

Week 11 Rushing Leaders

Derrick Henry (TEN)	28 att 133 yds, 1TD
Dalvin Cook (MIN)	27 att 115 yds, 1TD
Nick Chubb (CLE)	20 att 114 yds, 0TD
Ezekiel Elliott (DAL)	21 att 103 yds, 0TD
Antonio Gibson (WAS)	16 att 94 yds, 1TD



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PRO FOOTBALL BEST BETS

**Houston - 3 & 52 Over Detroit by 11 & Over by 7
Thanksgiving Day Game**

This spread is dangling below a field goal and will likely move to Houston -3 by kickoff on Turkey Day. The short week doesn't leave much time to mend for either team, but it could be extra costly for Detroit.

Quarterback Matthew Stafford played through a thumb injury on his throwing hand in Week 11's loss to the Panthers—and it showed. He completed only 18 of 33 passes for 178 yards and failed to throw a touchdown pass for the first time since Week 10 of 2019.

It also didn't help that offensive standouts RB D'Andre Swift, WR Kenny Golladay and WR Danny Amendola were out with injuries. Their statuses for Thanksgiving are still up in the air and there's not much time to get them back on the field.

Texans QB Deshaun Watson has been phenomenal the past two months and held on to the hot hand in Week 11. He finished with 344 yards and two TDs in the win over New England (along with 36 yards rushing and a TD on the ground) and now takes on a disciple of the Bill Belichick defense he just torched in Detroit head coach Matt Patricia.

The Texans are better than their record would indicate, having played plenty of playoff-bound opponents to start the season, and they have some momentum heading into this short week, which works in their favor. Get Houston below the field goal while you can.

Watson hit nine different targets against the Patriots, however, Houston's passing attack could be missing a couple of pieces for Thanksgiving, with WR Randall Cobb expected to miss time with a toe injury and fellow wideout Kenny Stills questionable as he nurses an ailing quad.

Given the shaky state of the Lions' passing game, the rushing attack is the best solution versus this Houston defense—a ground game that may still be without Swift (concussion). The Texans allow 5.1 yards per carry to opposing runners and even though Detroit mustered just 40 yards on the ground versus Carolina, it handed off only 17 times and had to abandon the run after falling behind.

While Houston may allow those shorter gains on the ground (which keep the clock ticking), it did look much stronger defending the pass against the Patriots. J.J. Watt batted down four throws and the team had two sacks and eight hits on the QB. The Detroit offensive line allowed Stafford to get sacked five times on Sunday and have allowed 13 sacks in the past four games.

Houston's defense has been under fire most of the year, but it does stiffen up inside the red zone, allowing opponents to score a touchdown in just half of their tries over the past three games and on 60 percent of those chances for the entire season. The Lions have been rotten in the red zone in their last three outings, finding paydirt less than 43 percent of the time.

The Houston Texans are playing the better football entering this matchup, but their defense has been a train wreck for much of the season. The Detroit Lions have a banged up Stafford who didn't look good last week, they've played their worst football at home and their defense hasn't been any better than the Texans. Both of these teams have issues getting off the field defensively. I'm going to bet Houston – 3 and give me the over, as we set off Thanksgiving with a high scoring contest. **Take the Texans - 3 and over the 52 total.**

Projected Score: Houston 35, Detroit 24

Sunday Games

LA Chargers + 5½ Over Buffalo by 2 & Over 51 by 7

A 6-point win over the Jets at home is nothing to hang your hat on, especially coming on the coattails of a three-game losing skid. Especially taking a safety at the end of the game to screw me out of a tie. The Chargers were once the darlings of the NFL betting community, opening the season with a 5-1 ATS record before going bust in each of the past four games.

Herbert has been fantastic since taking over the starting gig but he's not only playing against opposing defenses, he's going against his own. Los Angeles has barfed up just under 30 points per outing during this four-game ATS slide and continues to burn itself with special teams miscues and careless turnovers.

Buffalo broke out of its offensive funk the past two games, hanging scores of 30 and 44 points versus the Arizona Cardinals (loss) and Seattle Seahawks (win). The Bills, who totaled just 75 points between Week 5 and Week 8, have a dangerous downfield attack that's recorded 41 passing plays of 20 or more yards—tied for most in the league.

Stefon Diggs is the top target and main catalyst for those home run plays, reeling in 73 catches for 906 yards. The Bolts have done a good job limiting the long bombs (giving up 27 plays of 20-plus) but have struggled versus No. 1 receivers, ranked 23rd against the position.

You know what you're getting from the Bills here. Buffalo has yet to establish a consistent rushing attack, handing off on less than 39 percent of its snaps, and with the forecast clearing for Sunday afternoon this game could turn into a track meet. The Bills have allowed big scores in their last two games, with 32 and 34 points allowed to those NFC West opponents. Los Angeles is the third-best passing attack in terms of yardage and boasts a towering receiving corps with monsters like Keenan Allen (6-foot-2), Mike Williams (6-foot-4) and TE Hunter Henry (6-foot-5) dwarfing a Buffalo starting secondary that tops out at 6-foot.

We've seen the Chargers step up to the level of their competition – at least we once did – but this cross-country trip and 1 p.m. ET start (10 a.m. PT back in L.A.) in chilly upstate New York is a tough situation for Herbert and the Bolts. The Chargers are the hottest Over bet in football, going Over the number in seven straight games, while the Bills have topped the total in three straight contests and seven of their 10 games on the year. This total opened 51 and this seems to be at least a score low to us. Buffalo is a tough nut to crack in Orchard Park and the Over looks to be the right play. Also the tough luck Chargers are way overdue for a break from the football gods. The weather will not effect Chargers Herbert in the least. I'm betting the over 51 and also taking the Chargers + 5½ in a game that they can easily win straight up.

Give me LA Chargers + 5½ and Over 51 .

Projected Score: LA Chargers 30, Buffalo 28

Arizona - 2½ Over New England by 10

The Arizona Cardinals have six wins on the season but coming into this game they have lost two of the last three games. In the last game against the Seattle Seahawks, the Cardinals were competitive, but they could only manage seven points in the first-half and that led to a 28-21 loss. The Cardinals are an elite offensive team averaging 28.7 points per game and they are averaging 414.3 yards per game which is 1st in the league. Kyler Murray is having a big year with his feet and his arm but he is dealing with an AC joint injury in his right shoulder. The expectation is that he will go, but it's something that could end up having an impact on the game. Kenyan Drake and Chase Edmons are the one-two punch out of the backfield and both need to have a big impact on this game.

On the other side of this matchup is the New England Patriots who had won two games in a row before losing their last game against the Houston Texans. In the last game against the Texans, the Patriots defense had issues slowing down Deshaun Watson and that led to the seven-point loss. One issue for the Patriots has been Cam Newton being inconsistent, but in the last game, he was strong throwing for 365 yards and one touchdown. On the season the Patriots are averaging 20.9 points per game which is 26th in football. On defense, the Patriots haven't been terrible, but they have been inconsistent giving up 23.4 points. In this game, if the Patriots want to win, they need their defense to step up and slow down the Cardinals' offense.

The Cardinals are the better team and after having trouble with Watson last week, they'll surely have trouble handling Murray. Cam Newton is going to have the offense smoking to keep up in this game. Kyler Murray will have a big game, the Patriots offense won't put up enough points, and that will lead to the Cardinals winning this game and covering the spread.

Projected Score: Arizona 30, New England 20

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	Best Bet	Best Bet	Best Bet	Best Bet	Best Bet
CFB	Utah St. + 6	California - 2½	Wash St. + 10	Kent St. + 10	Ohio St - 28
NFL	Texans - 2½	Lions Over 52	Chargers + 5½	Bills Over 51	Cards - 2½



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Date/time	Rot	Team	Open Line
11/26/20 2:00 ET	127 128	Colorado State Air Force	55.5 -6
11/26/20 7:00 ET	129 130	New Mexico Utah State	-5.5 53
11/27/20 12:00 ET	143 144	Iowa State Texas	58.5 -2
11/27/20 12:00 ET	281 282	Massachusetts Liberty	56.5 -38.5
11/27/20 12:30 ET	153 154	Southern Miss UAB	50.5 -16
11/27/20 1:00 ET	147 148	Nebraska Iowa	51.5 -14
11/27/20 3:30 ET	131 132	Central Florida South Florida	-24 68
11/27/20 3:30 ET	135 136	Notre Dame North Carolina	-3.5 63.5
11/27/20 4:00 ET	151 152	Wyoming UNLV	-14.5 49.5
11/27/20 4:00 ET	201 202	Central Michigan Eastern Michigan	-5 58.5
11/27/20 4:30 ET	137 138	Stanford California	54 -3
11/27/20 7:00 ET	139 140	Oregon Oregon State	-16.5 62
11/27/20 9:00 ET	149 150	San Diego State Fresno State	-4 48.5
11/27/20 10:30 ET	141 142	Washington Washington State	-9 59.5
11/28/20 12:00 ET	157 158	Georgia Southern Georgia State	53.5 -2
11/28/20 12:00 ET	159 160	Arkansas Missouri	52 -2
11/28/20 12:00 ET	163 164	Kentucky Florida	60 -21.5
11/28/20 12:00 ET	165 166	Southern Methodist East Carolina	-11 67.5
11/28/20 12:00 ET	177 178	Louisiana Tech Florida Intl	-3.5 52.5
11/28/20 12:00 ET	181 182	Penn State Michigan	58.5 -3.5

11/28/20 12:00 ET	183 184	North Carolina State Syracuse	-15 52
11/28/20 12:00 ET	191 192	Maryland Indiana	59.5 -14
11/28/20 12:00 ET	195 196	Kent State Buffalo	64.5 -9
11/28/20 12:00 ET	197 198	Northern Illinois Western Michigan	62.5 -18
11/28/20 12:00 ET	199 200	Ball State Toledo	64.5 -9
11/28/20 12:00 ET	203 204	Bowling Green State Ohio	55.5 -25
11/28/20 12:00 ET	207 208	Tulsa Houston	57.5 -2
11/28/20 12:00 ET	221 222	Texas Tech Oklahoma State	55 -12.5
11/28/20 12:00 ET	223 224	Ohio State Illinois	-29 69
11/28/20 12:00 ET	289 290	Louisville Boston College	
11/28/20 1:00 ET	205 206	Miami (OH) Akron	-14 54.5
11/28/20 1:00 ET	239 240	UTEP Rice	45.5 -8
11/28/20 2:00 ET	169 170	Minnesota Wisconsin	54.5 -21
11/28/20 2:00 ET	209 210	Utah Arizona State	49 -6.5
11/28/20 3:00 ET	215 216	Arizona UCLA	68.5 -9
11/28/20 3:00 ET	217 218	Colorado Southern Cal	63 -13.5
11/28/20 3:00 ET	219 220	North Texas Texas-San Antonio	67 -5
11/28/20 3:00 ET	225 226	Coastal Carolina Texas State	-16 58.5
11/28/20 3:00 ET	227 228	South Alabama Arkansas State	64 -7
11/28/20 3:00 ET	243 244	Louisiana-Lafayette Louisiana-Monroe	-25.5 54.5
11/28/20 3:30 ET	167 168	Pittsburgh Clemson	55.5 -26
11/28/20 3:30 ET	179 180	Northwestern Michigan State	-10.5 44

11/28/20 3:30 ET	229 230	Auburn Alabama	60.5 -24.5
11/28/20 3:30 ET	231 232	Florida Atlantic Middle Tennessee St.	-5 46.5
11/28/20 4:00 ET	173 174	Cincinnati Temple	-35 54.5
11/28/20 4:00 ET	193 194	Rutgers Purdue	61 -11
11/28/20 4:00 ET	201 202	Central Michigan Eastern Michigan	-5 58.5
11/28/20 4:00 ET	211 212	San Jose State Boise State	58.5 -12
11/28/20 4:00 ET	241 242	Mississippi State Mississippi	67.5 -10.5
11/28/20 7:00 ET	171 172	Western Kentucky UNC Charlotte	-1 48
11/28/20 7:00 ET	185 186	Duke Georgia Tech	58 PK
11/28/20 7:00 ET	233 234	Kansas State Baylor	47 -5
11/28/20 7:00 ET	235 236	LSU Texas AM	64 -13.5
11/28/20 7:00 ET	285 286	Memphis Navy	-12 61.5
11/28/20 7:30 ET	161 162	Georgia South Carolina	-19 49.5
11/28/20 7:30 ET	187 188	Oklahoma West Virginia	-10.5 55.5
11/28/20 7:30 ET	237 238	Tennessee Vanderbilt	-9 53.5
11/28/20 8:00 ET	155 156	Texas Christian Kansas	-25 52.5
11/28/20 8:00 ET	175 176	Virginia Florida State	-9 59.5
11/28/20 8:00 ET	213 214	Troy Appalachian State	49.5 -16.5
11/28/20 11:00 ET	245 246	Nevada Hawaii	-7 61.5

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11/26 8:20 ET	121 122	Houston Texans Detroit Lions	-3 51
11/26 1:00 ET	123 124	Washington Football Team Dallas Cowboys	46.5 -2.5
11/26 1:00 ET	125 126	Baltimore Ravens Pittsburgh Steelers	45 -3
11/29 1:00 ET	251 252	Las Vegas Raiders Atlanta Falcons	- 3 55
11/29 1:00 ET	253 254	Arizona Cardinals New England Patriots	-2.5 50
11/29 1:00 ET	255 256	NY Giants Cincinnati Bengals	-5 42.5
11/29 1:00 ET	257 258	Cleveland Browns Jacksonville Jaguars	-6.5 48.5
11/29 1:00 ET	259 260	Carolina Panthers Minnesota Vikings	49 -4.5
11/29 1:00 ET	261 262	Tennessee Titans Indianapolis Colts	50.5 -3.5
11/29 1:00 ET	263 264	Los Angeles Chargers Buffalo Bills	54 -5.5
11/29 1:00 ET	265 266	Miami Dolphins New York Jets	-7 44.5
11/29 4:05 ET	267 268	New Orleans Saints Denver Broncos	-6 44.5
11/29 4:20 ET	269 270	San Francisco 49ers LA Rams	46.5 -6.5
11/30 4:20 ET	271 272	Kansas City Chiefs Tampa Bay Bucs	-3 53
11/29 8:20 ET	273 274	Chicago Bears Green Bay Packers	45 -7.5
11/30 8:15 ET	275 276	Seattle Seahawks Philadelphia	-5 51

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