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For the first time ever a sports service went the entire season without a single losing week. Ron Sataloff, President Sports Features Syndicate

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BIG 10 FOOTBALL TO START PLAY COMING SOON!

College Football Recap

Last Week's Passing Leaders

	Cmp/Att Yds TD
Alan Bowman (TTU)	38/52, 430 yds, 2TD
Sam Ehlinger (TEX)	25/33, 426 yds, 5TD
Trevor Lawrence (CLEM)	22/28, 351 yds, 1TD
Tyler Vitt (TXST)	26/39, 346 yds, 4TD
Malik Cunningham (LOU)	19/34, 343 yds, 3TD

Last Week's Rushing Leaders

	Att/Yds/TD
Sincere McCormick (UTSA)	29 att 197 yds, 1TD
Shai Werts (GASO)	14 att 155 yds, 1TD
Cam'ron Harris (MIA)	17 att 134 yds, 2TD
Leddie Brown (WVU)	10 att 123 yds, 2TD
Alec Sinkfield (WVU)	15 att 123 yds, 2TD

SEC STARTS NEXT WEEK

In the SEC's conference-only schedule, each team will—as usual—play against every opponent in its division. Now, however, each team will play against four opponents from the other division instead of two. That brings the total to 10 games, meaning each team has only three of the conference's 14 teams missing from its 2020 schedule.

Alabama, which is a -143 favorite to win the conference title, added previously unscheduled opponents Kentucky and Missouri from the SEC East. The Crimson Tide already had dates with Georgia and Tennessee on their original schedule. That leaves Florida, South Carolina, and Vanderbilt as the schools Alabama will not do battle with in 2020.

According to the odds, a 'Bama vs. Georgia SEC Championship is expected. Defending conference and national champion LSU is +650 to prevail once again in the SEC, while Georgia's conference odds (+200) are far better than those of everyone else in the East (Florida is +1200). The Bulldogs added West members Arkansas and Mississippi State to their original schedule. Not having to play against LSU is a plus, but an already schedule road showdown against Alabama remains a daunting task.

Interestingly, the Iron Bowl between Alabama and Auburn remains on Nov. 28. With the season pushed back a week, that means it is no longer the last regular-season game for either team.

Meanwhile, Florida vs. Tennessee on Dec. 5 will mark the first time since 2001 that such a head-to-head rivalry contest will close out the season.

A look at opening week

It is true that most of the marquee matchups are later in the year, but that is not to say week one will be without intrigue. Heck, normally in September the SEC is messing around with opponents such as Alcorn State, New Mexico State, and the Citadel. So, whatever the case, SEC vs. SEC battles are better than almost anything the alternative would have produced.

The opening-week schedule for Saturday, Sept. 26 is as follows (with the lines that were released on Tuesday):

Alabama (-22.5) at Missouri
Florida (-11.5) at Ole Miss
Georgia (-24.5) at Arkansas
Kentucky (+7.5) at Auburn
Mississippi State (+17.5) at LSU
Tennessee (-2.5) at South Carolina
Vanderbilt (+29.5) at Texas A&M

BIG 10 schedule highlights

The Big 10 will play football this fall. We hypothesis that it will take them a few weeks to get ready and release a schedule. We anticipate their first games to start in October.

What changed in less than five weeks? A confluence of medical advancements, fan blowback, political pressure and the successful start of the college football season elsewhere – especially in leagues like the ACC – all contributed to the league reversing course. Sources said that the presence of daily rapid testing, which has led to a successful start in the NFL, will be used in the Big Ten and will be a key part of the league's messaging why it's moving forward.



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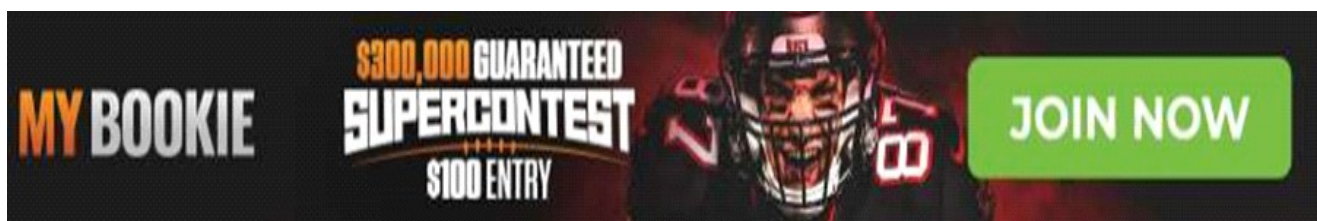
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CINCINNATI - 32 Over Austin Peay by 42

The Austin Peay Governors look for a feel good win after losing their first two games and just getting waxed by Pittsburgh, 0-55. The Austin Peay Governors have won five of their last nine road games. Jeremiah Oatsvall is completing 42.8 percent of his passes for 277 yards, zero touchdowns and two interceptions. Oatsvall and Kam Williams have combined for zero touchdowns and three interceptions. Baniko Harley and Geordon Pollard have combined for 190 receiving yards on 11 receptions while Jay Parker has four receptions. The Austin Peay Governors ground game is averaging 77.5 yards per contest, and Cj Evans Jr. leads the way with 102 yards and one touchdown. Defensively, Austin Peay is allowing 39.5 points and 458 yards per game. Kordell Jackson leads the Austin Peay Governors with 13 tackles, Josephus Smith has one sack and Jack McDonald has one interception.

The Cincinnati Bearcats look for another successful season after winning 11 games last year, the seventh time in school history they won double-digit games. Desmond Ridder returns at quarterback after throwing for 2,100 yards and 18 touchdowns while completing 55.1 percent of his passes. Ridder will have his top receiver back in Alec Pierce, who averaged 17.6 yards per reception and scored two touchdowns while Gerrid Doaks should takeover at running back after averaging 5.2 yards per carry and scoring five touchdowns. Cincinnati has a chance to be the best offense in the AAC this season with the returning production. Defensively, Darrick Forrest returns after leading the Bobcats with 106 tackles, Michael Pitts had 5.5 sacks last season and Ja'von Hicks had five interceptions. Cincinnati is in a good position to be a force yet again in the American Athletic Conference.

The Austin Peay Governors have shown us little positives through two games and were just beat up by Pittsburgh, 0-55. Austin Peay hasn't played a lick of defense and simply doesn't have the horses offensively to hang with teams with a much larger talent pool. The Cincinnati Bearcats returns a lot of the key players who made last season successful, and they should play their starters a bunch as they look to knock off the rust before the schedule gets tougher. **Bearcats will shred the Governors.**

Projected Score: Cincinnati 47, Austin Peay 3

UTSA - 18.5 Over Stephen F. Austin by 7

The Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks look for a bounce back showing after losing their season opener by 10 points to UTEP. The Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks have lost six of their last eight road games. Trae Self is completing 66.6 percent of his passes for 133 yards, one touchdown and one interception. Self has at least one touchdown pass in five straight games. QuenTyvian Borders and Xavier Gibson have combined for 70 receiving yards on five receptions while Larry Jones has two receptions. The Western Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks ground game is averaging 97 yards per contest, and Da'Leon Ward leads the way with 51 yards and one touchdown. Defensively, Stephen F. Austin is allowing 24 points and 364 yards per game. DayDa Coleman leads the Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks with seven tackles, Jermaine Brown has one sack and Tabow Hendrix has one interception.

The UTSA Roadrunners look for a quick 2-0 start to the season after beating Texas State in double overtime. The UTSA Roadrunners have lost four of their last five home games. Frank Harris is completing 74.2 percent of his passes for 169 yards, one touchdown and zero interceptions. Harris has four touchdown passes on 122 pass attempts. Brennon Dingle and Joshua Cephus have combined for 98 receiving yards and one touchdown while De'Corian Clark has six receptions. The UTSA Roadrunners ground game is averaging 330 yards per contest, and Sincere McCormick leads the way with 197 yards and one touchdown. Defensively, UTSA is allowing 48 points and 472 yards per game. Rashad Wisdom leads the UTSA Roadrunners with 10 tackles, Tariq Woolen has one sack and Corey Mayfield Jr. has one interception.

The Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks hung around with UTEP on the road last week. The UTSA Roadrunners played double overtime last week and didn't play a lick of defense in a game they probably should have lost. We usually see inflated lines when FCS and FBS teams meet and this feels like one. Stephen F. Austin has a chance to hang around against this horrible defensive unit. **I'm taking the points.**

Projected Score: UTSA 37, SF Austin 30

WESTERN KENTUCKY - 13 Over Liberty by 24

The Liberty Flames look to start the season off with a bang after winning eight games last year. Liberty won two of its six road games last season. Liberty will have to find a starting quarterback to replace Stephen Calvert, and the Flames do lose their star receiver in Antonio Gandy-Golden. However, DJ Stubbs returns after a season of 32 receptions and three touchdowns while Joshua Mack should takeover full time at running back after averaging 5.8 yards per carry on 136 carries. Liberty will look a lot different offensively this season, but there's still some offensive playmakers who can get the job done. Defensively, Liberty says goodbye to its top three tackles, but Ralfs Rusins is back after 60 tackles, TreShaun Clark had 5.5 sacks and Javon Scruggs had two interceptions. Liberty could be in for some growing pains early on this season.

The Western Kentucky Hilltoppers look for a bounce back showing after losing their season opener by 14 points. The Western Kentucky Hilltoppers have won four of their last five home games. Tyrrell Pigrome is completing 43.5 percent of his passes for 129 yards, one touchdown and zero interceptions. Pigrome has four touchdown passes on his last 141 pass attempts. Jahcour Pearson and Mitchell Tinsley have combined for 105 receiving yards and one touchdown while Craig Burt Jr. has two receptions. The Western Kentucky Hilltoppers ground game is averaging 77.5 yards per contest, and Pigrome leads the way with 68 yards on 17 carries. Defensively, Western Kentucky is allowing 35 points and 487 yards per game. DeAngelo Malone leads the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers with eight tackles, Beanie Bishop has one tackle for loss and Omari Alexander has one interception.

The Flames are 15-5 ATS in their last 20 games as a road underdog, 18-7 ATS in their last 25 games as an underdog and 18-8 ATS in their last 26 road games. The Hilltoppers are 6-13-1 ATS in their last 20 non-conference games and 7-3-1 ATS in their last 11 games overall. The over is 12-4 in Hilltoppers last 16 home games and 5-2 in Hilltoppers last 7 games overall.

The Liberty Flames will have a lot of new faces at key positions this season, including quarterback. The Western Kentucky Hilltoppers could have played better in their season opener, especially defensively, but they had their moments against an improved program, and I expect Pigrome to only get more comfortable with his new team. With a drop in talent in terms of their next opponent, this is a game WKU should be able to get comfortable and put together a more balanced effort. Nevertheless, **I'll take my chances with the Hilltoppers in a win and cover.**

Projected Score: WKU 37, Liberty 13

Texas State - 2 Over UL MONROE by 13

The Texas State Bobcats will look to bounce back from an 0-2 start to the year after a double-overtime 51-48 loss to UTSA last time out. Tyler Vitt has thrown for 346 yards, 4 touchdowns and 2 interceptions while Brady McBride has 227 yards with 2 touchdowns and an interception. Brock Sturges has 164 rushing yards with 2 TDs and Calvin Hill has 150 rushing yards and a score this year. Jah'Marae Sheread has 99 receiving yards while Sturges has 87 receiving yards. Marcell Barbee has two receiving TDs and Jeremiah Haydel has a team-high 9 receptions this season. Defensively, Jarron Morris leads the way with 15 total tackles, including a team-high 13 solo tackles.

The Louisiana-Monroe Warhawks will look to rebound after a 37-7 loss to Army last time out. Colby Suits threw for 148 yards and a touchdown on 14 of 19 passing while Josh Johnson led the Warhawks on the ground with 38 rushing yards on 12 carries. Josh Pederson led ULM in receiving with 5 grabs for 56 yards while Jahquari Bloomfield's lone reception went for 54 yards and Malik Jackson had the lone touchdown catch for Louisiana-Monroe. Defensively, Traveion Webster led the Warhawks with 11 total tackles including 5 solo tackles while Austin Hawley and Jabari Johnson each had 9 total tackles with Keilos Swinney having a team-high 4 sacks.

These are two teams that don't like to play much defense so the over is going to be worth a look. As far as a side is concerned, while I'm not overly fond of laying points on the road between two bad teams, the Bobcats have played SMU tough and went shot for shot with UTSA before falling short while ULM had the loss to Army and that's all we've seen so far. Head-to-head, the road team is 4-0 ATS in the last 4 meetings between the two and I think the trend is your friend in this matchup. ULM doesn't have the reputation of playing defense like I mentioned before though, so with a low line, **I'm laying the points with battle-tested Texas State.**

Projected Score: Texas State 41, UL Monroe 28

UTEP - 4½ Over Abilene Christian by 17

The Abilene Christian Wildcats look for to start the season off with a victory after winning five games last year and going 1-5 on the road. The Abilene Christian Wildcats have lost eight of their last 12 road games. Sema'J Davis likely takes over at quarterback after throwing 59 passes last season with three touchdowns. Abilene Christian lost a lot of its offensive production from a year ago, but leading receiver Kobe Clark returns after catching 87 passes for 777 yards and three touchdowns. Defensively, linebacker Jack Gibbens returns after 104 tackles, Kameron Stokes had eight sacks last season and Ryan Stapp had three interceptions. The Abilene Christian Wildcats are going to have their work cut out for them early on the offensive side of the ball, but they should be solid defensively out of the gate and that will give them a fighting chance to compete.

The UTEP Miners look for a feel good victory here to get a game above a .500 record. The UTEP Miners have lost five of their last six home games. Gavin Hardison is completing 52.7 percent of his passes for 353 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions. Hardison has two career touchdown passes on 116 pass attempts. Jacob Cowing and Justin Garrett have combined for 275 receiving yards and one touchdown while Walter Dawn Jr. has five receptions. The UTEP Miners ground game is averaging 97.5 yards per contest, and Deion Hankins leads the way with 147 yards and two touchdowns. Defensively, UTEP is allowing 36.5 points and 459.5 yards per game. Dennis Barnes leads the UTEP Miners with 11 tackles, Tyrice Knight has one sack and Duron Lowe has one interception.

The Abilene Christian Wildcats weren't good on the road last season and are now making their season debut against a UTEP team that's played twice already. In this climate, that's key due to limited practices and not normal preparation for the games or the season overall. Knowing the UTEP Miners have gotten some of the rust off and played a couple of games gives them a massive edge over Abilene Christian in this spot. We're also used to seeing FBS and FCS matchups with insane lines, so it feels like we're getting some value here with the Miners, even if they're on the lower end of FBS programs. Either way, **I'll lay the small chalk with UTEP.**

Projected Score: UTEP 34, Abilene Christian 20



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PRO FOOTBALL BEST BETS

Denver at PITTSBURGH Under 43 Total by 9

The Denver Broncos look for a bounce back showing after losing to the Tennessee Titans in the final seconds. The Denver Broncos have lost four of their last five road games. Drew Lock is completing 66.7 percent of his passes for 216 yards, one touchdown and zero interceptions. Lock has one or less touchdown passes in four straight games. Noah Fant and Jerry Jeudy have combined for 137 receiving yards and one touchdown while Tim Patrick has four receptions. The Denver Broncos ground game is averaging 107 yards per contest, and Melvin Gordon III leads the way with 78 yards and one touchdown. Defensively, Denver is allowing 16 points and 377 yards per game. Alexander Johnson leads the Denver Broncos with 12 tackles, Jeremiah Attaochu has one sack and Jurrell Casey has two pass deflections.

The Pittsburgh Steelers look for a quick 2-0 start after beating up on the New York Giants in their season opener. The Pittsburgh Steelers have won four of their last five home games. Ben Roethlisberger is completing 65.6 percent of his passes for 229 yards, three touchdowns and zero interceptions. Roethlisberger has three touchdown passes on his last 94 pass attempts. JuJu Smith-Schuster and Diontae Johnson have combined for 126 receiving yards and two touchdowns while Chase Claypool has two receptions. The Pittsburgh Steelers ground game is averaging 141 yards per contest, and Benny Snell Jr. leads the way with 113 yards on 19

carries. Defensively, Pittsburgh is allowing 16 points and 291 yards per game. Terrell Edmunds leads the Pittsburgh Steelers with nine tackles, Stephon Tuitt has one sack and T.J. Watt has one interception.

The Broncos are 2-6-1 ATS in their last 9 games in September, 6-2 ATS in their last 8 games as an underdog and 7-3 ATS in their last 10 games overall. The Steelers are 8-3 ATS in their last 11 games on grass, 5-2 ATS in their last 7 home games and 4-9-1 ATS in their last 14 games as a favorite. The under is 18-7-1 in Broncos last 26 games overall. The under is 19-7 in Steelers last 26 games overall. The Broncos are 4-0-1 ATS in their last 5 meetings.

The Denver Broncos had issues finishing drives and finding consistent offensive success against the Titans front seven, and that's concerning given that the Steelers defense has more speed and playmakers on its defense. The Pittsburgh Steelers were a bit sluggish in their season opener, but once the offense started clicking, the game was quickly put out of reach and you see why some consider this group to be a Super Bowl contender. I don't have confidence that Lock can make enough plays against this Steelers defense to keep them within the number here. I also think that the Bronco defense can cause problems for the Steelers. The one trend not mentioned above is that the underdog is 7-2-1 ATS in their last 10 meetings. That's the way I'm going to bet. I'm betting on the trend being my friend. **I'm betting under the total of 43.**

Projected Score: Pittsburgh 21, Denver 13

Atlanta at DALLAS Over 50 Total by 11

The Atlanta Falcons look for a bounce back showing after getting rocked by the Seattle Seahawks in their season opener. The Atlanta Falcons have won four straight road games. Matt Ryan is completing 68.5 percent of his passes for 450 yards, two touchdowns and one interception. Ryan has two touchdown passes in four of his last six games. Julio Jones and Calvin Ridley have combined for 287 receiving yards and two touchdowns while Russell Gage has nine receptions. The Atlanta Falcons ground game is averaging 72 yards per contest, and Todd Gurley II leads the way with 56 yards and one touchdown. Defensively, Atlanta is allowing 38 points and 383 yards per game. Deion Jones leads the Atlanta Falcons with nine tackles, Grady Jarrett has 1.5 sacks and Takkarist McKinley has one pass deflection.

The Dallas Cowboys look for a victory here after losing their season opener to the Los Angeles Rams. The Dallas Cowboys have split their last six home games. Dan Prescott is completing 64.1 percent of his passes for 266 yards, one touchdown and zero interceptions. Prescott has one or less touchdown passes in four of his last eight games. Amari Cooper and CeeDee Lamb have combined for 140 receiving yards on 15 catches while Michael Gallup has three receptions. The Dallas Cowboys ground game is averaging 136 yards per contest, and Ezekiel Elliott leads the way with 96 yards and one touchdown. Defensively, Dallas is allowing 20 points and 422 yards per game. Jaylon Smith leads the Dallas Cowboys with 11 tackles, Aldon Smith has one sack and Chidobe Awuzie has one interception.

The Falcons are 6-2 ATS in their last 8 vs. NFC, 4-0 ATS in their last 4 road games and 4-0 ATS in their last 4 games overall. The Cowboys are 6-1 ATS in their last 7 games in Week 2 and 4-1 ATS in their last 5 games on field turf.

The Atlanta Falcons are off to a strong start offensively, but they didn't play a lick of defense in their opener and that's a concerning sign moving forward. The Dallas Cowboys lost to the Rams in their season debut, but the defensive effort was there for the most part and they were able to have some ground success against a respectable defensive front. The Falcons don't have the defense in the trenches the Rams have, so the Cowboys should be able to finish drives and put more points on the board. I don't trust either team at this point of the season. But what I do trust in is that the Falcons strength is their offense, and the Falcons weakness is their defense. Cowboys lines are always inflated so side bets with all the America's team nonsense. I'll still take this number just under a full touchdown. As mentioned above, the Falcons don't have the defense in the trenches the Rams have, so the Cowboys should be able to finish drives and put more points on the board. I do believe Matty Ice will also put up points with his arsenal of receivers. I don't want to beat a dead horse, but I think this is a good opportunity to back the friendly trend history of these two teams. Note that the over is 5-2 in Falcons last 7 road games and the over is 13-6 in Cowboys last 19 games overall. **Yes, I'm betting over 50 points in what I believe may turn into a shootout.**

Projected Score: Dallas 33, Atlanta 28

CHICAGO - 5 Over NY Giants by 11

The Giants are coming out of a Monday night matchup versus the Steelers in Week 1. In that game, New York fell 26-16. As for the Bears, they played the Lions in their first game of the 2020 season. Chicago was down late, but managed a fourth-quarter comeback and a 27-23 win.

The Giants are coming off a pretty disappointing season in 2019. New York went just 4-12 and finished in third place in the NFC East. The team set some dubious marks there, equaling a franchise-record nine-game losing streak and having no players in the Pro Bowl.

In the Monday game versus Pittsburgh, New York looked good initially but fell apart down the stretch due to some key mistakes. Giants quarterback Daniel Jones posted 279 yards for two touchdowns and two interceptions. Jones also led an anemic rush with four carries for 22 yards, as lead RB Saquon Barkley carried 15 times for just six yards. Darius Slayton was a bright spot however, with six catches for 102 yards and two touchdowns.

Over on the Bears' side, things looked bleak in their Week 1 game versus the Lions. Chicago was down 23-6 going into the fourth quarter, but managed to score 21 unanswered points for a shocking 27-23 road victory.

Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky started out pretty shaky in the opener, but he managed to find his rhythm and finished with a great stat line. Trubisky was 20-of-36 for 242 yards and three touchdowns, and also rushed three times for 26 yards. David Montgomery led the running game on 64 yards from 13 carries, and Anthony Miller hauled in four passes for 76 yards and a TD.

The Giants are 10-2 ATS in their last 12 games as a road underdog and 13-3 ATS in their last 16 games on grass. New York is 4-9 ATS in the last 13 games in September and 0-8 ATS in their last eight games in Week 2.

Meanwhile, the Bears are 1-4 ATS in their last five games in Week 2 and 1-5 ATS in the last six games as a home favorite. Chicago is 1-5 ATS in their last six versus the NFC and 1-6 ATS in their last seven games overall.

Chicago looked really bad in the first half of their opening game. However to the team's credit they were able to rally for a late win. Some of that momentum will carry over into the home opener, and I think the Bears can cover in this spot. The Giants will face another pretty good defense in this one, and I expect similar inconsistent returns. I wouldn't be surprised if the Bears got a few picks in this game and Trubisky is on a hot streak ... one in a row.

Projected Score: Chicago 27, NY Giants 16

Kansas City - 7 Over LA CHARGERS by 17

The Kansas City Chiefs will look to keep the ball rolling after starting their Super Bowl title defense with a 34-20 win over Houston last time out. Patrick Mahomes threw for 211 yards and 3 touchdowns on 24 of 32 passing while Clyde Edwards-Helaire had one heck of a debut, rushing for 138 yards and a touchdown on 25 carries. Sammy Watkins led KC's receiving group with 7 grabs for 82 yards and a touchdown while Travis Kelce had 6 catches for 50 yards and a TD and Tyreek Hill had 5 catches for 46 yards and a score. Defensively, Tyrann Mathieu led the Chiefs with 8 total tackles including 6 solo tackles while Anthony Hitchens had 7 total tackles and Chris Jones had 1.5 sacks. L'Jarius Sneed also had an interception for the Chiefs as well in the victory.

The Los Angeles Chargers will look to build off of a 16-13 season-opening win over Cincinnati in their last game. Tyrod Taylor threw for 208 yards on 16 of 30 passing while Austin Ekeler had a team-high 84 rushing yards and Joshua Kelley had 60 rushing yards and a TD. Hunter Henry led the receiving group for L.A. with 5 catches for 73 yards while Mike Williams had 4 grabs for 69 yards and Keenan Allen had 4 grabs as well. Defensively, Casey Heyward Jr. led the Chargers with 12 total tackles, all of which were solo tackles while Kenneth Murray Jr. had 8 total tackles and Joey Bosa had a sack

with 2 tackles for a loss. Nick Vigil also had a fumble recovery while Melvin Ingram III had an interception for the Chargers in the win.

Kansas City is 9-1-1 ATS in their last 11 games overall and 21-7-1 ATS in their last 29 games within the division while the under is 4-1 in their last 5 road games. Los Angeles is 0-5-1 ATS in their last 6 games within the division and 1-5-1 ATS in their last 7 games. Kansas City is 5-1-1 ATS in the last 7 meetings between these two teams and 7-0 ATS in the last 7 meetings between these two teams in Los Angeles.

This feels like a lot of points to give up with the Chiefs, but the Chargers were bailed out against the Bengals and didn't look all that good for the first three quarters against Cincinnati. I mean a missed field goal was really the only reason that the Bolts are for sure sitting at 1-0 coming into this game. Kansas City looked good against the Texans. I could easily see a two score win again for the Chiefs here, so I'll **side with Kansas City and lay the points.**

Projected Score: Kansas City 33, LA Chargers 16

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