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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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LAST WEEK 4-1 ATS! TOTAL 6-3-1 AND WE WELCOME THE SEC

2020 SEC SCHEDULE



	9/26	10/3	10/10	10/17	10/24	10/31	11/7	11/14	11/21	11/28	12/5
Alabama	Arkansas	ATM	Arkansas	G	T	Mississippi State	OPEN	LSU	Vanderbilt	Auburn	Arkansas
Arkansas	G	Mississippi State	Auburn	Arkansas	OPEN	ATM	T	Georgia	LSU	Arkansas	Alabama
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HOME
AWAY

The opening-lines on Sept 20th and the current line as of this writing Monday, September 21: Check the moves!

Alabama (open -22½ at Missouri > Current Line -28½
 Florida (-11½) at Ole Miss > Current Line -14½
 Georgia (-24½) at Arkansas > Current Line - 26½
 Kentucky (+7½) at Auburn > Current Line 7½
 Mississippi State (+17½) at LSU > Current Line 17½
 Tennessee (-2½) at South Carolina > Current Line 3½
 Vanderbilt (+29½) at Texas A&M > Current Line 30½

COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECAP

Miami needed a top-shelf talent at quarterback again, and in came King from Houston. After two games, the Hurricanes are 2-0, he has hit 63% of his passes for 469 yards and four scores, ran for 92 yards and a touchdown, and after rolling past Louisville 47-34, the offense is working. If he's great against Florida State in a win this week, the October 10th game at Clemson becomes massive.

Houston just can't get its football season going. It was supposed to start out its season against Rice, but that didn't happen. It was supposed to play Memphis, and that didn't happen. It was supposed to play Baylor, and then that had to be canceled because the Bears weren't able to go. The Cougars will give it a try against North Texas this week.

Liberty quarterback – and former Auburn transfer – Malik Willis, took off for 168 yards in the 30-24 win over WKU. We told you last week that this kid is good. The nation's second leading rusher in yards per game is Georgia Southern quarterback Shai Werts, who ran for 155 yards in the win over Campbell two weeks ago.

Granted, those two only played one game each, but those two will be yardage machines all season long.

Syracuse passing protection in two games. 14 sacks allowed. North Carolina came up with seven sacks in its season-opening win over Syracuse, so bad things were expected to happen when Pitt – who led the nation last season in sacks – got a turn. The Panthers came up with seven sacks and 13 tackles for loss in the 21-10 win. Georgia Tech is up next for Syracuse. It only has five sacks in two games.

Navy outscored Tulane 27-0 in the second half of its thrilling win on Saturday, closing out with a walk-off field goal. The team looked different coming out of halftime, and it needed to because Navy looked like it had never played football before in the brutal 55-3 loss to BYU in front of a national audience in a prime Labor Day Night spot. Head coach Ken Niumatalolo vowed the team would be different and better against Tulane after more physical practices, but it was outscored 79-3 before finally turning things around.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL BEST BETS

So Mississippi + 3½ Over Tulane by 7

The Tulane Green Wave come into this one at 1-1 looking to bounce back from a 27-24 loss to the Navy Midshipmen in their last outing. Keon Howard's thrown for 299 yards and an interception on 43.6% passing while Tyjae Spears has a team-high 224 rushing yards. Cameron Carroll has 88 rushing yards with 4 rushing TDs this season, while Amare Jones and the aforementioned Howard each have a rushing score. Tyrick James leads the Green Wave in receiving with 3 grabs for 61 yards while Jha'Quan Jackson has 50 receiving yards this season. Marvin Moody and Cameron Sample each have a team-high 15 total tackles on the Tulane defense, with Moody sharing the team lead with 11 solo tackles while Sample has a pair of sacks. Chase Kuerschen has 13 total tackles with 11 solo tackles while Nick Anderson, Larry Brooks and Dorian Williams all have double-digit tackles for the Green Wave this season.

The Southern Miss Golden Eagles will look to rebound from back-to-back losses after a 31-30 loss to Louisiana Tech in their last match-up. Jack Abraham has thrown for 578 yards, 3 touchdowns and an interception on 71.9% passing while Frank Gore Jr. had a team-high 71 rushing yards this season. Tim Jones leads the Southern Miss receiving group with 14 grabs for 299 yards and a pair of touchdowns while Jason Brownlee has 10 grabs for 81 yards this season. Defensively, Malik Shorts leads the Golden Eagles with 25 total tackles including a team-high 10 solo tackles while Swayze Bozeman has 19 total tackles this season.

Tulane is 1-4 ATS in their last 5 road games and 5-2 ATS in their last 7 non-conference games while the under is 6-0-1 in their last 7 games against C-USA. Southern Miss is 0-5 ATS in their last 5 games overall and 1-4 ATS in their last 5 non-conference games while the under is 4-1 in their last 5 games following a loss. The road team is 5-2 ATS in the last 7 meetings between these two teams.

I really like Tulane and their ground attack, but the Green Wave really let one slip against a Navy team that they had dead to rights for much of that game. Southern Miss bounced back nicely even in defeat against Louisiana Tech and I like how the passing game has shown up for the Golden Eagles and Southern Miss has also been sturdy against the run this season. **I'll take a shot with Southern Miss as a home dog in this one.**
Projected Score: So Miss U 31, Tulane 24

L.S.U. - 18½ Over MISSISSIPPI ST by 8

The Mississippi State Bulldogs look for an early statement after winning six games last season and splitting their last six games overall. K.J. Costello will takeover at quarterback, a Stanford transfer who should thrive under new head coach Mike Leach. The Bulldogs have their leading receiver back in Osirus Mitchell and last years leading rusher in Kylin Hill, so there's weapons on this roster to make noise offensively. Defensively, Erroll Thompson is back after leading Mississippi State with 84 tackles, Kobe Jones had four sacks and Marcus Murphy had two interceptions. Win, lose or draw, the Mississippi State Bulldogs should be a fun team to watch this season with Leach at head coach and there's dark horse potential in the SEC West this season. Do not sleep on Mississippi State.

The LSU Tigers are fresh off winning the national championship that included a perfect 15-0 record. Myles Brennan will have the task of replacing Joe Burrow, and he had 40 pass attempts last season for 353 yards and one touchdown. Wide receiver Terrace Marshall Jr. is back after hauling in 13 touchdowns last year and running back Tyrion Davis-Price returns after averaging 4.6 yards per carry in a limited role. There's oodles of talent on this LSU offense, but a lot of the faces will take some time to recognize. Defensively, JaCoby Stevens returns after finishing second on LSU with 92 tackles, Damone Clark had 3.5 sacks and Derek Stingley Jr. had six interceptions as a freshman. LSU is capable of making another run at a championship, but this is far from the same roster from a year ago, especially on the offensive side of the ball.

The Bulldogs are 2-5 ATS in their last 7 conference games, 1-6 ATS in their last 7 games as an underdog and 1-6 ATS in their last 7 road games. The Tigers are 4-0 ATS in their last 4 games as a favorite, 4-0 ATS in their last 4 home games and 16-7 ATS in their last 23 conference games. The over is 6-1 in Bulldogs last 7 road games. The over is 5-2 in Tigers last 7 games overall. The under is 5-0 in the last 5 meetings.

The LSU Tigers are obviously the better team here with stacked talent on both sides of the ball, but playing at Tiger Stadium these days isn't as crazy as it would be under normal circumstances. LSU also has a lot of work to do when it comes to working in new players. Mississippi State has a new head coach and a new QB, something you don't want when dealing with limited practices, but there's a lot of talent on this Bulldogs roster and Leach should be able to get a lot out of Costello and company. I'm a bit high on Mississippi State this season and am very intrigued in this pairing. The Bulldogs played the Tigers tough last year. Leach usually offers spread value as a dog (14-8) the past five years at Wazzu. **I'll take a shot with Miss St and the points. Projected Score: LSU 31, Miss St. 23**

West Virginia + 8½ Over OKLAHOMA ST. by 3

The West Virginia Mountaineers have split their last six road games. Jarret Doege is completing 76 percent of his passes for 228 yards, three touchdowns and zero interceptions. Doege has 10 touchdown passes dating back to last season. Sam Jones and Bryce Ford-Wheaton have combined for 139 receiving yards and two touchdowns while Sam Brown has four receptions. The West Virginia Mountaineers ground game is averaging 329 yards per contest, and Lедdie Brown leads the way with 123 yards and two touchdowns. Defensively, West Virginia is allowing 10 points and 206 yards per game. Tony Fields II leads the West Virginia with 10 tackles, Taurus Simmons has one sack and Alonzo Addae has one interception.

The Oklahoma State Cowboys look for another win after beating Tulsa in their season opener. The Oklahoma State Cowboys have won five of their last seven home games. Shane Illingworth is completing 80 percent of his passes for 74 yards, zero touchdowns and zero interceptions. Illingworth and Ethan Bullock have combined for 115 passing yards this season. Tylan Wallace and Logan Carter have combined for 111 receiving yards on five catches while Dillon Stoner has three receptions. The Oklahoma State Cowboys ground game is averaging 139 yards per contest, and Stoner leads the way with 93 yards and one touchdown. Defensively, Oklahoma State is allowing seven points and 278 yards per game. Malcolm Rodriguez leads the Oklahoma State Cowboys with 10 tackles, Christian Holmes has one tackle for loss and Kolby Harvell-Peel has one interception.

West Virginia and Oklahoma State have a history of playing close games, and the last two contests were decided by a combined 11 points. West Virginia is a talented team that can score points. Oklahoma State had trouble putting away Tulsa last week and the Cowboys offense just couldn't get going. That's bad news if that trend continues in this game. OSU has won and covered last five in series, many of those games have been very competitive, such as 20-13 last year. **Give me the West Virginia Mountaineers and the points. Projected Score: West Virginia 24, Oklahoma St. 21**

Alabama - 28½ Over MISSOURI by 21

The Alabama Crimson Tide are coming off an 11-win season but hope to get back in the national title conversation. Alabama has two quarterbacks it can go with in the experienced Mac Jones or the highly recruited Bryce Young who is the future of this program. The Crimson Tide also have a star running back in Najee Harris, who will be in Heisman conversations from the gate. Wide receivers DeVonta Smith and Jaylen Waddle are also back for another season, giving the Crimson Tide more than enough to make folks forget about Tua Tagovailoa. Defensively, Alabama gets a lot of key players back from injuries, including linebacker Dylan Moses who is in the running for the best defensive player in the country. Alabama is never short on talent and when you combine the motivation of not making the playoffs last season, this is a scary 2020 group.

The Missouri Tigers have a chance to start the season off with a bang and one of the biggest wins in school history. Missouri has a new head coach in Eliah Drinkwitz who is fresh off winning a Sun Belt title with Appalachian State. TCU transfer Shawn Robinson should be the starting quarterback for the Tigers, and while a ton of receiving production is no longer on the roster, running back Larry Rountree III does have over 2,700 rushing yards and 26 touchdowns on his resume. Defensively, Missouri returns majority of the production from a talented squad last season, including two of the better linebackers in Cale Garrett and Nick Bolton. Joshuah Bledsoe and Tyree Gillespie are also ball hawks in the secondary and provide experience to this unit. Missouri is a program that rarely gets respect in the SEC, but this is a team that can surprise some folks and pull off an upset or two along the way. I think not this week.

The Crimson Tide are 1-5 ATS in their last 6 games in September. The Tigers are 4-0 ATS in their last 4 games in September.

We all know the Alabama Crimson Tide are the deeper, better team on both sides of the ball and it's scary facing a Nick Saban team that's had a lot of time to prepare. The issue here is these aren't normal circumstances and Alabama does have some new faces at key positions they have to figure out. The Missouri Tigers have the experience at the quarterback position and return nearly everybody from a defense that was 14th in college football last season in yards allowed per game. Missouri is far from a pushover and that defense can keep them in this game. This is a ballsy pick, but **I'll take Missouri and the boatload of points.**
Projected Score: 38, Missouri 17

B.Y.U. - 16½ Over TROY by 6

The Troy Trojans look for another victory after beating Middle Tennessee in their season opener. The Troy Trojans have lost four of their last six road games. Gunnar Watson is completing 70.3 percent of his passes for 248 yards, two touchdowns and one interception. Watson has two touchdown passes on his last 59 pass attempts. Khalil McClain and Bret Clark have combined for 134 receiving yards and two touchdowns while Tray Eafford has five receptions. The Troy Trojans ground game is averaging 240 yards per contest, and B.J. Smith leads the way with 81 yards on 10 carries. Defensively, Troy is allowing 14 points and 241 yards per game.

The BYU Cougars also look for a 2-0 start to the season after beating Navy a couple of weeks ago. The BYU Cougars have won three straight home games. Zach Wilson is completing 72.2 percent of his passes for 232 yards, two touchdowns and one interception. Wilson has two or more touchdown passes in four of his last six games. Gunner Romney and Neil Pau'u have combined for 172 receiving yards and one touchdown while Dax Milne has three receptions. The BYU Cougars ground game is averaging 301 yards per contest, and Tyler Allgeier leads the way with 132 yards and two touchdowns.

The Trojans are 13-5 ATS in their last 18 road games, 6-2 ATS in their last 8 games in September. The Cougars are 1-4 ATS in their last 5 home games, 1-7 ATS in their last 8 games as a favorite and 1-5 ATS in their last 6 games overall.

The BYU Cougars will play their first game in over two weeks after positive COVID tests and there's still no telling what the roster availability for BYU will look like this week. The Troy Trojans absolutely smoked the boots off Middle Tennessee in their season opener on the road, a game in which they were just 2.5-point favorites. If Troy can have success on the ground like it did in its season opener, the Trojans can hang around. Bottom line, I have a hard time eating a bunch of chalk with BYU, a team that is clearly dealing with roster issues due to the pandemic. BYU suffering a surge of on-campus COVID cases which forced the PPD of last week's game at Army. **Give me Troy and the points.**

Projected Score: B.Y.U. 36, Troy 30



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NFL Football Recap

The Carolina Panthers were catching nine points from Tom Brady and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. After the first half it was looking like a Tampa Bay rout. However, the Panthers struck back midway through the third, slicing the lead to 21-7. RB Christian McCaffrey notched his second rushing touchdown early in the fourth quarter to cut the lead to 21-14, and it was the first time since late in the first quarter that the Panthers were covering. Bucs PK Ryan Succop booted a 33-yard field goal with 6:13 left in regulation, and the Panthers were again trailing 24-14. But it wasn't over. QB Teddy Bridgewater engineered a scoring drive, despite McCaffrey leaving with an ankle injury. PK Joey Slye kicked a 23-yard field with 1:57 to go, and the Panthers were covering yet again. It should've ended there. It didn't. The Panthers attempted the onside kick, and it was recovered by the Bucs. It should've ended there. It didn't. The Bucs handed the ball to RB Leonard Fournette, and he galloped 46 yards on the first play of the drive for the touchdown, and the Bucs were up 31-17. It should've ended there. It didn't. The Panthers had one last gasp, and Bridgewater and the Panthers drove it back into the end zone, looking for the backdoor cover. With a handful of ticks on the clock, Bridgewater hit FB Alex Armah. He rumbled down inside the 5-yard line, but instead of going out of bounds at the 3, setting up one final play, he inexplicably stayed in bounds and the clock ran out, with the Panthers about nine feet from the cover. It was like losing twice. The Sunday Night Football game between the New England Patriots and Seattle Seahawks was a barn burner. The Seahawks were laying -4, and they led 35-30 in the final moments of the fourth quarter. QB Cam Newton tried to run it in from the 2-yard line, and he was upended, dashing the hopes of the Patriots, as well as any New England money line bettors and side bettors alike.

The two lowest totals on the board were the Denver Broncos and Pittsburgh Steelers (41), as well as the San Francisco 49ers and New York Jets (41.5). Each of those games hit, although it took a double-digit point total in the fourth quarter to push things over the top. The Broncos were on the short end against the Steelers, 26-21, but at least they did end up with the cover. Denver is now 2-0 ATS, while splitting the over/under in the first two games. For the Steelers, they moved to 2-0 SU/1-1 ATS. More importantly, after a low-scoring Week 1 road win against the New York Giants they posted their first over result of the season. For the 49ers-Jets game, it's surprising that San Francisco had enough bodies to finish. They lost QB Jimmy Garoppolo, RB Raheem Mostert and DE Nick Bosa to injuries, and they were already without TE George Kittle. San Francisco is the walking wounded, but they do have depth, and the reserves came on and still finished with 31 points and an over result. The third-lowest total on the board also hit, as the Buffalo Bills-Miami Dolphins (42.5) game saw a late flurry. There were 30 total points on the board, and the over needed help. The Bills and Dolphins combined for 29 points to easily cash. Buffalo hit the under in 12 of 16 games last season, but they're 2-for-2 on the over so far. The over is also a perfect 4-0 in the previous four meetings in this series. On the flip side, there were two games with totals in the 50's. Each of those games hit, too. The Detroit Lions-Green Bay Packers (51) battle saw a total of 63 points. The Lions fired out of the chute with a 14-3 lead after 15 minutes. The teams combined for at least 14 points in each of the four quarters. In the Atlanta Falcons-Dallas Cowboys (53.5) battle, we saw at least 14 points in each quarter, too. There was a total of 39 points on the board at halftime, and over bettors never were worried. Side bettors, on the other hand, some weren't pleased in the end. In the two prime time games Thursday and Sunday, the total also went over. The Cleveland Browns and Cincinnati Bengals rolled up 65 total points with a total of just 44.5. In the Sunday Night Football game at Century Link Field, the Patriots and Seahawks (45) both could have hit the over themselves with a little extra time. The Seahawks won 35-30 in a very entertaining game. So far this season the over is 3-3 (50.0%) across six primetime games. In 2019, the 'over' was just 17-31-1 (35.4%) during prime time games.

Week 3 Prime Time - Miami Dolphins at Jacksonville Jaguars (Thursday, 8:20 p.m. ET) The Dolphins are hard to figure. The Jaguars are 1-1 SU/2-0 ATS to date, and the 'over' is 2-0, too.

Chicago Bears at Atlanta Falcons (Sunday, 1:00 p.m. ET) The Bears moved to 2-0 SU with a 17-13 win over the New York Giants, but they're 1-1 ATS and 1-1 over/under so far. It's uncertain which team will show up. Falcons have averaged 32.0 PPG, but they slipped to 0-2 SU/1-1 ATS. They 40-39 in a crazy game in Dallas. Kansas City Chiefs at Baltimore Ravens (Monday, 8:15 p.m. ET) The Chiefs are 1-0 SU/0-1 ATS on the road, and the under cashed. They hit the road again on MNF. The Ravens covered and won for the second straight game. Monday night should be great game. DJ is 4-1 ATS in prime time games going into the MNF game. Get his [guaranteed picks here](#).

PRO FOOTBALL BEST BETS

MINNESOTA + 2½ at Tennessee by 7

The Tennessee Titans look for another win to start a season 3-0 for the first time since 2008. The Tennessee Titans have won four straight road games. Ryan Tannehill is completing 70.1 percent of his passes for 488 yards, six touchdowns and zero interceptions. Tannehill has two or more touchdown passes in nine straight games. Corey Davis and Jonnu Smith have combined for 257 receiving yards and four touchdowns while Adam Humphries has 11 receptions. The Tennessee Titans ground game is averaging 126.5 yards per contest, and Derrick Henry leads the way with 200 yards on 56 carries.

The Minnesota Vikings need a win here to avoid their first 0-3 start since the 2013 season. The Minnesota Vikings have lost three straight home games. Kirk Cousins is completing 58.8 percent of his passes for 372 yards, two touchdowns and four interceptions. Cousins has two or more touchdown passes in five of his last nine games. Adam Thielen and Bisi Johnson have combined for 221 receiving yards and two touchdowns while Justin Jefferson has five receptions. The Minnesota Vikings ground game is averaging 107 yards per contest, and Dalvin Cook leads the way with 113 yards and three touchdowns.

The Titans are 5-1-1 ATS in their last 7 games as a favorite, 5-2 ATS in their last 7 road games and 7-3 ATS in their last 10 games overall. The Vikings are 37-17-1 ATS in their last 55 home games, 3-8 ATS in their last 11 games as an underdog and 5-15 ATS vs. a team with a winning record. The over is 11-4 in Titans last 15 games overall. The under is 18-7 in Vikings last 25 games as an underdog. The Titans are 1-4 ATS in their last 5 meetings.

The Tennessee Titans are off to a very strong start and Tannehill has picked up right where he left off last season when he had the Titans a game away from the Super Bowl. The Minnesota Vikings are off to a rough start to say the least, as the defense can't get off the field and Cousins has been a turnover machine through two games. With that said, it's important we don't overreact to just two games, especially this season when teams didn't have proper training camp or preseason to iron out the wrinkles. The Vikings are better than what they've shown through two games and you should get a better performance from them here with pretty much their season on the line at home. **Give me the points and the Vikings**, as they were the favorites in this spot before the season began.

Projected Score: Minnesota 27, Tennessee 20

Washington + 7½ Over CLEVELAND 2

Washington's Dwayne Haskins Jr. has thrown for 401 yards and 2 touchdowns on 56.3% passing while Antonio Gibson leads Washington's ground attack with 91 rushing yards and a score. Terry McLaurin has a team-high 12 catches on 17 targets for 186 yards and a touchdown while Steven Sims Jr. has 103 yards and Logan Thomas has 63 receiving yards on 17 targets with a receiving score as well.

The Cleveland Browns will try to build on their first win of the season coming in the form of a 35-30 win over the Cincinnati Bengals in their last game. Baker Mayfield has thrown for 408 yards, 3 touchdowns and 2 interceptions on 59.7% passing this season while Nick Chubb leads Cleveland's ground attack with 184 rushing yards and two touchdowns and Kareem Hunt has 158 rushing yards and a TD as well. Jarvis Landry leads the Browns in receiving with 8 catches on 9 targets with 107 yards while Odell Beckham Jr. has a team-high 16 targets, resulting in 7 catches, 96 yards and a score.

Washington is 1-4 ATS in their last 5 games overall and 1-4 ATS in their last 5 games as an underdog while the over is 4-1 in their last 5 games following a loss. Cleveland is 12-25-1 ATS in their last 38 home games and 2-5 ATS in their last 7 games following a win while the over is 6-2-1 in their last 9 games as a home favorite.

I'd understand the Browns being favored in front of a full stadium, and the Browns do have a more talented team on paper and are more name recognizable with the likes of Nick Chubb, Kareem Hunt and Odell Beckham Jr. However, the Washington Football team has a nasty pass rush and Chase Young is looking like a stud pass rusher already that's going to wreak havoc on opposing offenses very soon. I'm not as high on these Browns and I think that Washington puts a scare into the Browns maybe even more so than what Cincinnati did last game. I'll take Washington and the points here. But Mayfield still not beyond inconsistencies, and Cleveland hard to trust as it has yet to cover for new HC Kevin Stefanski.

Projected Score: Washington 23, Cleveland 21

Cincinnati + 6½ Over PHILADELPHIA by 3

The Cincinnati Bengals will still be hunting for their first win of the year after falling to 0-2 on the year after a 35-30 loss to the Cleveland Browns in their last game. Joe Burrow has thrown for 509 yards, 3 touchdowns and an interception on 61.9% passing while Joe Mixon has rushed for 115 rushing yards. Tyler Boyd has a team-high 11 catches on 13 targets for 105 yards and a touchdown. A.J. Green has 8 grabs on a team-high 22 targets for 80 yards this year. Defensively, Vonn Bell and Josh Byner each have 16 total tackles while Jessie Bates has 15 total tackles and Germaine Pratt has 14 total tackles with a team-high 9 solo tackles this season.

The Philadelphia Eagles will also be looking for their first win of the year after falling to 0-2 with a 37-19 loss to the Los Angeles Rams last time out. Carson Wentz has thrown for 512 yards, 2 TD's and 4 interceptions on 58.8% passing while Miles Sanders has rushed for 95 yards and a touchdown. Dallas Goedert has a team-high 12 catches on 17 targets for 131 yards and a touchdown while DeSean Jackson has 8 grabs for 110 yards this season while sitting 2nd on the team with 16 targets. Defensively, Nathan Gerry has a team-high 17 total tackles with 2.5 tackles for a loss while Avonte Maddox has a team-high 12 solo tackles on the year.

Cincinnati is 9-4 ATS in their last 13 road games and Philadelphia is 4-10 ATS in their last 14 games as a home favorite. Cincinnati is 5-0 ATS in the last 5 meetings between these two teams.

Philadelphia's been awful through their first two games and the Eagles aren't a team I'm ready to back now. Eagles just shouldn't be laying points in any scenario right now considering they're only 5-14 their last 19 at home. Cincinnati has shown potential as a road dog role. **I'm backing the Bengals with the points.**

Projected Score: Cincinnati 24, Philadelphia 21

Carolina + 7½ Over LA CHARGERS by 2

The Carolina Panthers need a bounce back victory here to avoid their first 0-3 start since the 2010 NFL season. The Carolina Panthers have lost six straight road games. Teddy Bridgewater is completing 72.4 percent of his passes for 636 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions. Bridgewater has 10 touchdown passes dating back to last season. Robby Anderson and DJ Moore have combined for 397 receiving yards and one touchdown while Mike Davis has eight receptions. The Carolina Panthers ground game is averaging 108 yards per contest, and Christian McCaffrey leads the way with 156 yards and four touchdowns.

The Los Angeles Chargers look for their first home win of the season and they've lost six of their last seven home games. Justin Herbert is completing 66.7 percent of his passes for 311 yards, one touchdown and one interception. Herbert and Tyrod Taylor have combined for 519 passing yards this season. Hunter Henry and Keenan Allen have combined for 289 receiving yards on 22 catches while Mike Williams has six receptions. The Los Angeles Chargers ground game is averaging 169 yards per contest, and Austin Ekeler leads the way with 177 yards on 35 carries.

The Panthers are 1-5 ATS in their last 6 road games, 0-5-1 ATS in their last 6 games as an underdog and 0-6-1 ATS in their last 7 games overall. The Chargers are 2-5 ATS in their last 7 games as a favorite, 8-20-1 ATS in their last 29 home games and 1-5-1 ATS in their last 7 games overall. The over is 7-1 in Panthers last 8 games overall. The over is 4-1 in Chargers last 5 games overall. The Panthers are 4-1 ATS in their last 5 meetings.

The Carolina Panthers haven't looked great through two games and now they just lost Christian McCaffrey for a while due to an ankle injury. The Los Angeles Chargers got a major confidence boost by taking the Chiefs to overtime and Herbert looked good in his first career NFL game. There's still questions about who will start at quarterback for the Chargers here, as Tyrod Taylor is dealing with a chest issue. The Chargers are the better team and should win this game, but this line is too high. The Chargers aren't exactly world beaters, especially as long as they have question marks at quarterback. The Chargers have been a terrible point spread play as a host, losing 7 straight as a favorite. There are other options other than McCaffrey for Bridgewater, as Panther WR Robby Anderson has 15 catches, while D.J. Moore has 12. **I'll take my chances with the Panthers and the points.**

Projected Score: Carolina 23, LA Chargers 21

THIS WEEKS GRIDIRON GOLD SHEET BEST BETS					
	Best Bet	Best Bet	Best Bet	Best Bet	Best Bet
CFB	So Miss + 3½	Miss St. + 18½	W Virginia + 8½	Missouri + 28½	Troy + 16½
NFL	Vikings + 2½	Washington + 7½	Bengals + 6½	Panthers + 7½	



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