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Clemson's Dabo has plenty of reasons to be smiling.

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Recap

2020 Passing Leaders Kenny Pickett (PITT) - 109/181 1,389 yds, 8 TD Shane Buechele (SMU) - 96/139 1,326 yds, 10 TD Chase Brice (DUKE) - 103/192 1,263 yds, 5 TD	2020 Rushing Leaders Sincere McCormick (UTSA) - 100 att, 569 yds, 4 TD Breece Hall (ISU) - 93 att, 531 yds, 8 TD Javian Hawkins (LOU) - 85 att, 468 yds, 3 TD	2020 Receiving Leaders Jaelon Darden (UNT) - 36 rec, 485 yds, 9 TD Reggie Roberson Jr. (SMU) - 22 rec, 474 yds, 5 TD Elijah Moore (MISS) - 31 rec, 462 yds, 1 TD
This Week's Top Performers Najee Harris (BAMA vs. MISS): 23 rush, 206 yds, 5 TD Sam Ehlinger (TEX vs. OKLA): 30/53, 287 yds, 2 TD; 112 rush yds, 4 TD Javonte Williams (UNC vs. VT): 224 yds from scrim, 2 TD Travis Etienne (CLEM vs. MIA): 222 yds from scrim, 2 TD Michael Carter (UNC vs. VT): 17 rush, 214 yds, 2 TD Trevor Lawrence (CLEM vs. MIA): 29/41, 292 yds, 3 TD; rush TD Zay Flowers (BC vs. PITT): 6 rec, 162 yds, 3 TD Stetson Bennett (UGA vs. TENN): 16/27, 238 yds, 2 TD; rush TD	This Week's Team Numbers Most Yards: Alabama vs. Ole Miss, 723 yards Most Takeaways: Kentucky vs. Mississippi State, 6 takeaways Most Combined Yards: Alabama (723) vs. Ole Miss (647), 1370 combined yards Most Points: Alabama vs. Ole Miss, 63 points Biggest Margin of Victory: South Carolina (41) vs. Vanderbilt (7), 34 points Most Combined Points: Alabama(63) vs. Ole Miss (48), 111 points	This Week's Passing Leaders Myles Brennan (LSU) 29/48, 430 yds, 4TD Mac Jones (BAMA) 28/32, 417 yds, 2TD Connor Bazelak (MIZZ) 29/34, 406 yds, 4TD Austin Aune (UNT) 23/43, 382 yds, 3TD Matt Corral (MISS) 21/28, 365 yds, 2TD This Week's Rushing Leaders Michael Carter (UNC) 17 att 214 yds, 2TD Najee Harris (BAMA) 23 att 206 yds, 5TD Kyren Williams (ND)

Kyren Williams (ND vs. FSU): 19 rush, 185 yds, 2 TD		19 att 185 yds, 2TD
Clayton Tune (HOU vs. TULN): 20/33, 319 yds, 2 TD; rush TD		Isaiah Spiller (TAMU) 27 att 174 yds, 2TD
		Kevin Harris (SCAR) 21 att 171 yds, 2TD

COLLEGE FOOTBALL BEST BETS

S.M.U - 6 Over Tulane by 17

Friday Night Game

The SMU Mustangs look for another win to start a their season 5-0 for the second straight season. The SMU Mustangs have won six of their last nine road games. Shane Buechele is completing 68.6 percent of his passes for 1,326 yards, 10 touchdowns and two interceptions. Buechele has two touchdown passes in 14 of his last 16 games. Reggie Roberson Jr. and Rashee Rice have combined for 746 receiving yards and five touchdowns while Danny Gray has 14 receptions. The SMU Mustangs ground game is averaging 219.5 yards per contest, and Ulysses Bentley IV leads the way with 412 yards and seven touchdowns. Defensively, SMU is allowing 23.3 points and 412.5 yards per game. Delano Robinson leads the SMU Mustangs with 31 tackles, Elijah Chatman has three sacks and Brandon Crossley has two interceptions.

The Tulane Green Wave look for their first home victory to get a game above a .500 record. The Tulane Green Wave have won five of their last seven home games. Keon Howard is completing 42.1 percent of his passes for 299 yards, zero touchdowns and one interception. Howard and Michael Pratt have combined for three touchdowns and one interception this season. Jha'Quan Jackson and Duece Watts have combined for 188 receiving yards and two touchdowns while Tyrick James has four receptions. The Tulane Green Wave ground game is averaging 238 yards per contest, and Cameron Carroll leads the way with 285 yards and seven touchdowns. Defensively, Tulane is allowing 31 points and 395.3 yards per game. Marvin Moody leads the Tulane Green Wave with 31 tackles, Patrick Johnson has 4.5 sacks and Macon Clark has two interceptions.

This could be a bit of a trap game for SMU after playing a ranked Memphis squad and having a ranked Cincinnati on deck. This is what you call a sandwich game and it's on the road too. A dangerous scenario for the Mustangs. The Tulane Green Wave also aren't a pushover and have had a great deal of success at home dating back to last season. With all that said, SMU is the more polished team on both sides of the ball, especially offensively. We're looking at a 42% pass completion opposed to Buechele's 68% completion percentage. As far as the home advantage is concerned, the Mustangs are 5-1 ATS in their last 6 meetings in Tulane and 4-1 ATS in their last 5 meetings. The road team is 11-3 ATS in their last 14 meetings. If the explosive SMU offense gets rolling early this game it could get ugly early. Note that SMU is ranked #4 in yards per game at 559, #5 in points per game at 44 and #16 in takeaways. I don't think Tulane has any horses that can run with the Mustangs for 60 minutes. Mustangs run and pass over the Green Wave to cover the spread.

Projected Score: SMU 41, Tulane 24

Liberty - 2½ Over Syracuse by 14

The Liberty Flames will look to build on their 4-0 start to the year after a 40-7 win over Louisiana-Monroe last time out. Malik Willis has thrown for 595 yards, 2 touchdowns and an interception on 60% passing while also rushing for 340 yards and 4 touchdowns. Joshua Mack has a team-high 359 rushing yards while Peyton Pickett and Shedro Louis each have 100+ rushing yards for the Flames this year. DJ Stubbs has 246 receiving yards on a team-high 17 catches with a pair of scores while CJ Yarbrough and Kevin Shea each have 100+ receiving yards. Defensively, Anthony Butler leads the Flames with 27 total tackles including 11 solo tackles while Durrell Johnson has a team-high 5 sacks. Butler also has a pair of interceptions for Liberty this season.

The Syracuse Orange will look to rebound from a 1-3 start after a 38-24 loss to the Duke Blue Devils that saw starting QB Tommy DeVito leave the game with an ankle injury and is questionable for this weeks game. Rex Culpepper is the backup and has thrown for 113 yards, a touchdown and an interception on 42.1% passing while Sean Tucker leads the Orange in rushing with 188 rushing yards and 2 rushing touchdowns. Taj Harris

leads the Orange in receiving with 17 catches for 338 yards and 3 touchdowns while Nykeim Johnson also has 118 receiving yards for the Orange. Defensively, Geoff Cantin-Arku has a team-high 30 total tackles and 26 solo tackles while Mikel Jones has 3 interceptions along with 29 total tackles. Josh Black and Kingsley Jonathan also have two sacks apiece this season.

As I recall in last years match-up, the Orange front four gave them fits and doused their flame. Liberty was totally ineffective running the ball and bullied their way to 24-0 win. Once Liberty became one-dimensional, they were finished.

This is a different year and the Orange have been terrible for much of the year, especially last week when Duke ran roughshod over the Syracuse defense. And that's with their starting QB in DeVito under center. Now they have to take on a high-flying Liberty team that's solid offensively and in a lot of facets the better team. Malik Willis is a two dimensional beast and will give the Orange fits this year. You may think something is seem fishy about this line. You may even think they have the wrong favorite, after all the Orangemen are at home in the dome and they snuffed out the Flames last year. You may even think it's a trap. Well, if it's a trap, I'm biting. I'm not only biting, I'm chomping down hard, and I'll lay the points here. You will see Malik Willis run and gun often and the Flames will looking for sweet revenge. Flames toast the Orange.

Projected Score: Liberty 37, Syracuse 23



Clemson - 27 Over Georgia Tech by 37

Clemson is sitting pretty at 4-0 on the season so far. The Tigers have rattled off victories over Wake Forest, the Citadel, Virginia and Miami across their first quartet of appearances. As for the Yellow Jackets, they're 2-2 this year. Georgia Tech has losses to UCF and Syracuse sandwiched between wins over Florida State and Louisville in their first four outings.

The Tigers have taken care of business so far in 2020 and they're looking pretty good. Clemson beat Wake Forest 37-13, then the Citadel 49-0 before a 41-23 drubbing of Virginia. Last weekend, the Tigers managed another big win, this time over Miami 42-17. In the victory over the Hurricanes, Clemson quarterback Trevor Lawrence posted 292 yards with three touchdowns, while Braden Galloway managed four receptions for 74 yards and two touchdowns. Travis Etienne was the leading Tigers rusher in that one with 17 carries for 149 yards and two scores of his own.

Over on the Georgia Tech side, it's been an up-and-down campaign in 2020. The Jackets posted a nice 16-13 road victory over Florida State in the opener, but then got beaten up by UCF 49-21 before falling to Syracuse the next weekend 37-20. The Louisville game went much better for Georgia Tech, as they secured a 46-27 win back on Friday. In the win last week, Georgia Tech quarterback Jeff Sims posted 249 yards with two touchdowns on 11-of-21 passing. Sims also led the rush with seven carries for 64 yards and another TD. Malachi Carter put up three receptions for 89 yards and a touchdown to lead the Jackets in receiving.

These thick lines are always nerve-racking, and this game is going to be a big spread pretty much everywhere. That said, the Tigers have shown very few weaknesses on either side of the ball so far this season, and aren't having too much difficulty mowing down opponents. This is the Jeckyll and Hyde week for the Yellow Jackets. Georgia Tech gave up a whopping 37 points to Syracuse and has basically a one dimensional offense. Jackets rush for 213 ypg average and Clemson yields a measly 89 ypg rushing. Clemson allows an average of 13 ppg and Tech scores at 25 ppg. If Syracuse scored 37, I expect Clemson to score 50+. Clemson tigers maul the Jackets. I'll lay the lumber and hope good ol' Dabo wakes his hungry tigers early in the first quarter, so they can start feasting early and often. Poor Tech passing offense lessens the chance of a backdoor cover.

Projected Score: Clemson 54, Georgia Tech 17

Navy - 1½ Over East Carolina by 14

The Navy Midshipmen look for their second road win to get a game above a .500 record. The Navy Midshipmen have won four of their last six road games. Dalen Morris is completing 58.8 percent of his passes for 203 yards, one touchdown and zero interceptions. Morris and Tyger Goslin have combined for two touchdown passes this season. Mychal Cooper and Mark Walker have combined for 179 receiving yards and one touchdown while Myles Fells has two receptions. The Navy Midshipmen ground game is averaging 166 yards per contest, and Jamale Carothers leads the way with 229 yards and one touchdown. Defensively, Navy

is allowing 37 points and 442.5 yards per game. Diego Fagot leads the Navy Midshipmen with 28 tackles, J'arius Warren has one sack and Evan Fochtman has one interception.

The East Carolina Pirates look for their first home victory to improve to a .500 record. The East Carolina Pirates have lost five straight home games. Holton Ahlers is completing 57.1 percent of his passes for 673 yards, six touchdowns and four interceptions. Ahlers has three or more touchdown passes in five of his last seven games. Tyler Snead and C.J. Johnson have combined for 306 receiving yards and four touchdowns while Blake Proehl has 17 receptions. The East Carolina Pirates ground game is averaging 168 yards per contest, and Rahjai Harris leads the way with 158 yards and two touchdowns. Defensively, East Carolina is allowing 41.3 points and 505 yards per game. Xavier Smith leads the East Carolina Pirates with 28 tackles, Jireh Wilson has two sacks and Warren Saba has one interception.

The Navy Midshipmen have a history of beating the snot out of East Carolina, and that includes a 32-point beat down last year where they rushed for over 300 yards. Navy is coming off a big win over Temple last week, a victory that should kind of provide confidence moving forward. The East Carolina Pirates are coming off a nice road win over USF, but they're also one of the worst defensive teams in college football through three games. Navy has played Kansas St, BYU, Air Force, Tulane & Temple. No softballs in that group. Conversely, ECU has played UCF, GSU and USF. I like the hardened team with a tricky and tough to defend triple-option offense, I don't see ECU slowing down the Middies, especially knowing the history between these clubs. The Middies are 4-0 ATS in their last 4 meetings. The road team is 5-2 ATS in their last 7 meetings. Navy torpedo's the Pirates and cruises to a win and cover.

Projected Score: Navy 35, East Carolina 21

Troy - 27 Over Eastern Kentucky by 37

Eastern Kentucky is sitting at 1-3 on the season. The Colonels have fallen to Marshall, West Virginia, the Citadel and Houston Baptist over their first four games. As for the Trojans, they're 2-1 this year. Troy fell to BYU but otherwise has recorded victories over Middle Tennessee and Texas State so far.

The Colonels' only solid game this season came in a nice 37-14 win over the Citadel in their third game. Aside from that, Eastern Kentucky has struggled with losses 59-0 to Marshall, 56-10 to West Virginia and a tough one 33-30 to Houston Baptist back on October 3. ECU fell behind early against the Huskies and couldn't close the gap. In the loss to Houston Baptist, Eastern Kentucky quarterback Parker McKinney posted 296 yards with three scores and two interceptions. Alonzo Booth led the rushing attack with 108 yards and a score, while Keyion Dixon had six grabs for 112 yards and a TD of his own.

Over on the Trojans side, they've got a relative dud game to their credit as well, this one a 48-7 loss to a good BYU team in the second game. Outside of that Troy has looked solid in 2020, beating Middle Tennessee 47-14 on September 19 and Texas State 37-17 this past weekend to move to 2-1 on the year. In the win over the Bobcats, Troy QB Gunnar Watson put up 338 yards with four touchdowns, and Kaylon Geiger led the receivers with seven catches for 121 yards and a TD. Tops in rushing for the Trojans in that one was Kimani Vidal with 12 carries for 106 yards total.

The Trojans have looked very good in their wins, and used a tight pass defense to hold Texas State to just 93 yards passing last weekend. Troy has scored 84 points in their two wins, holding opponents to a 31 in those two games. Eastern Kentucky doesn't have the offensive power to match the Trojans. Troy should dominate this opponent and score an easy win and cover. Eastern Kentucky is 0-5 in its last 5 games on the road. Eastern Kentucky is 0-5 in its last 5 games. Troy is 19-6 in its last 25 games at home.

Projected Score: Troy 47, Eastern Kentucky 10



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NFL MATCHUP RODGERS vs BRADY, CAN BRADY WIN IN THE NFC OR NOT?

Dak Out For Season But Cowboys May Rally?

Recap

This Week's Top Performers	Week 5 Passing Leaders
Chase Claypool* (PIT): 7 rec, 110 yds, 4 tot TD	Kyler Murray (ARI) 27/37 380 yds, 1TD
Patrick Mahomes* (KAN): 22/43, 340 yds, 2 TD; rush TD	Deshaun Watson (HOU) 25/35 359 yds, 3TD
Ryan Fitzpatrick* (MIA): 22/28, 350 yds, 3 TD	Ryan Fitzpatrick (MIA) 22/28 350 yds, 3TD
Kyler Murray* (ARI): 27/37, 380 yds, 1 TD; rush TD	Derek Carr (LVR) 22/31 347 yds, 3TD
Travis Fulgham* (PHI): 10 rec, 152 yds, 1 TD	Patrick Mahomes (KAN) 22/43 340 yds, 2TD
Brandin Cooks (HOU): 8 rec, 161 yds, 1 TD	Week 5 Rushing Leaders
Mike Davis (CAR): 149 yds from scrim, 1 TD	Todd Gurley (ATL) 14 att 121 yds, 1TD
Deshaun Watson (HOU): 25/35, 359 yds, 3 TD	Alexander Mattison (MIN) 20 att 112 yds, 0TD
Adam Thielen (MIN): 9 rec, 80 yds, 2 TD	Ronald Jones (TAM) 17 att 106 yds, 0TD
Russell Wilson (SEA): 20/32, 217 yds, 3 TD; 58 rush yds	David Johnson (HOU) 17 att 96 yds, 0TD
	Ezekiel Elliott (DAL) 19 att 91 yds, 2TD

PRO FOOTBALL BEST BETS

Detroit - 3 at Jacksonville by 10

The Detroit Lions come into this game fresh off of their bye week, posted up at 1-3 after a 35-29 loss to the New Orleans Saints in their last game. Matthew Stafford has thrown for 1,017 yards, 8 touchdowns and 3 interceptions on 60.6% passing. Adrian Peterson leads the Lions on the ground with 245 rushing yards and a touchdown. T.J. Hockenson leads the Lions in receiving with 15 catches on 20 targets for 180 yards and 2 touchdowns. Danny Amendola has 177 receiving yards while Marvin Jones Jr., D'Andre Swift and Kenny Golladay each have 100+ receiving yards while Golladay has a pair of receiving touchdowns. Tracy Walker leads Detroit's defense with 29 total tackles, including a team-high 23 solo tackles and Romeo Okwara has a pair of sacks for the Lions.

The Jacksonville Jaguars will try to rebound from a 1-4 start to the year after a 4th straight defeat in the form of a 30-14 loss to the Texans in their last game. Gardner Minshew II has thrown for 1,439 yards, 10 touchdowns and 4 interceptions on 69.9% passing while James Robinson has 333 rushing yards and 3 touchdowns. Laviska Shenault Jr. has a team-high 23 grabs for 270 yards while DJ Chark Jr. and Keelan Cole Sr. each have 200+ receiving yards and 3 touchdown receptions for Jacksonville. Chris Conley, the aforementioned Robinson and James O'Shaughnessy each have 100+ receiving yards for the Jags this season. Defensively, Josh Jones leads the Jaguars with 38 total tackles and 25 solo tackles while Myles Jack and Joe Schobert each have 37 total tackles with 23 solo tackles. Josh Allen also has a pair of sacks to lead the Jaguars this year.

Detroit is 1-6 ATS in their last 7 road games and 3-12 ATS in their last 15 games overall while the over is 4-0 in their last 4 games against a team with a losing record. Jacksonville is 4-9 ATS in their last 13 games overall and 1-4 ATS in their last 5 games against a team with a losing record while the over is 4-1 in their last 5 games

as an underdog.

The Jaguars just can't put a good game together, and Jacksonville's had issues keeping points off of the board on the other end, as they've allowed 30 or more points in each of the four games during this losing streak. The Lions may only be 1-3, but they almost hung 30 on the Saints who have a pretty good defense in their own right, and have an offense that can score in bunches when it's clicking. I know the Lions are a dismal road team but the favorite is 4-0 ATS in the last 4 meetings between these two teams. I feel much better backing a potent offensive unit against the mustached Jaguars in their futile form right now. Remember that offense that played Houston last week. **I'll lay the points as the Lions maul the Jaguars in their own territory.**

Projected Score: Detroit 31, Jacksonville 21

Minnesota - 3 Over Atlanta by 14

The Atlanta Falcons need a feel victory here to prevent a brutal 0-6 start to the NFL season. The Atlanta Falcons have split their last eight road games. Matt Ryan is completing 63.2 percent of his passes for 1,472 yards, seven touchdowns and three interceptions. Ryan has one touchdown pass in his last three games. Calvin Ridley and Russell Gage have combined for 709 receiving yards and five touchdowns while Julio Jones has 15 receptions. The Atlanta Falcons ground game is averaging 114.6 yards per contest, and Todd Gurley II leads the way with 375 yards and five touchdowns. Defensively, Atlanta is allowing 32.2 points and 446 yards per game. Deion Jones leads the Atlanta Falcons with 38 tackles, Grady Jarrett has 2.5 sacks and Blidi Wreh-Wilson has one interception.

The Minnesota Vikings also need a win here to bounce back from a 1-4 start to the NFL season. Kirk Cousins is completing 64 percent of his passes for 1,132 yards, eight touchdowns and seven interceptions. Cousins has one or less touchdown passes in five of his last eight games. Justin Jefferson and Adam Thielen have combined for 735 receiving yards and seven touchdowns while Bisi Johnson has five receptions. The Minnesota Vikings ground game is averaging 160.6 yards per contest, and Dalvin Cook leads the way with 489 yards and seven touchdowns. Defensively, Minnesota is allowing 36 points and 404.4 yards per game. Eric Kendricks leads the Minnesota Vikings with 53 tackles, Yannick Ngakoue has five sacks and Eric Wilson has two interceptions.

The Falcons are 5-1 ATS in their last 6 road games, 6-2 ATS in their last 8 games as an underdog and 1-4 ATS in their last 5 games overall. The Vikings are 10-2-1 ATS in their last 13 games in October, 4-1 ATS vs. a team with a losing record. 38-17-1 ATS in their last 56 home games. The over is 6-2 in Falcons last 8 vs. NFC. The under is 5-2 in Vikings last 7 vs. NFC. The Falcons are 0-4-1 ATS in their last 5 meetings. The under is 7-1 in the last 8 meetings.

The Atlanta Falcons probably played their best game of the season last week against the Panthers and still lost. The Falcons are a mess right now and can't catch a break these days and now they're without a head coach or general manager. The Vikings have had issues finishing games, blew a Sunday night contest against the Seahawks (but we covered) and could be without Dalvin Cook who suffered a groin injury in that game.

The Vikings have shown more signs of life and their last two losses that were decided by one point. The Falcons are in much worse shape and make knucklehead mistakes and blow games.

The Vikings are 38-17-1 ATS in their last 56 home games and that includes the fact that the Minnesota Vikings have lost four straight home games. Vikings protect their turf this week and I'll lay what seems to be a low points spread number today. Wouldn't surprise me if this one moves to 4½. I'll lay the kindle as Vikings finally win another home game.

Projected Score: Minnesota 34, Atlanta 20

NY Giants - 3 Over Washington by 10

Washington enters this game at 1-4 this year. The Team opened up with a win over the Eagles, but since have fallen to the Cardinals, Browns, Ravens and Rams in succession. As for the Giants, they're 0-5 on the season. New York's 2020 losses have come to the Steelers, Bears, 49ers, Rams and Cowboys so far.

Washington gave fans a little hope with their opener win over Philly, but since then the Team has gotten progressively worse. The losses came 30-15 to Arizona, 34-20 to Cleveland, 31-17 to Baltimore and 30-10 to the Rams. All pretty good teams that Washington just doesn't match up with.

In the loss to LA, Washington quarterback Kyle Allen managed just 74 yards, while Antonio Gibson led the rush with his 27 yards on 11 carries. JD McKissic was the top receiver for Washington with six grabs for 46 yards.

Over on the Giants' side, their record is certainly ugly but the team has been on the doorstep in a few games. New York lost by four to the Bears and eight to the Rams, but the worst defeat this year was certainly Week 5 against the rival Cowboys 37-34. In the loss to Dallas, Giants quarterback Daniel Jones put up 222 yards on 20-of-33 passing. Devonta Freeman was the top rusher on 60 yards and a TD, and Darius Slayton managed eight receptions for 129 yards.

Washington is 2-6 ATS in their last eight games on turf and 2-6 ATS versus a team with a losing record. Washington is also 3-10-2 ATS in their last 15 games in Week 6 and 3-8 ATS in their last 11 after an ATS loss. Meanwhile, the Giants are 5-0 ATS versus a team with a losing record and 5-1 ATS in their last six after a straight-up loss. New York is 7-19-1 ATS in their last 27 games after an ATS win and 6-19-1 ATS in their last 26 home games. Obviously, these trends do very little in handicapping this game.

We have a combined 1-9 record in this match-up. Note that Washington hasn't scored more than 20 points in any of their last five games and the Giants have 16 or fewer in four of five. But in their defense, they played some stout defenses. Can the Giants get a win here at home? I think New York's offense is coming around a bit and Freeman should get better results in this matchup. I'm taking the G-Men to get off the snide and get a win and cover at home.

Projected Score: NY Giants 27, Washington 17

Miami - 8 Over NY Jets by 15

New York enters this game at 0-5 on the 2020 season. So far, the Jets have recorded losses to the Bills, 49ers, Colts, Broncos and Cardinals in succession. As for the Dolphins, they're 2-3 this year. Miami has fallen to the Patriots, Bills and Seahawks but otherwise taken out the Jaguars and 49ers. Check back all season long for free NFL picks and NFL predictions at Sports Chat Place.

There haven't been too many positives in the Jets' season so far. New York has coughed up 27 points or more in all five games, and scored more than 17 points themselves only once. The Jets fell 27-17 to the Bills, 31-13 to the Niners, 36-7 to the Colts, 37-28 to the Broncos and suffered another blowout versus the Cardinals 30-10 last weekend. In the loss to the Cardinals, Jets quarterback Joe Flacco posted 195 yards and one TD, while Le'Veon Bell rushed 13 times for 60 yards. Jamison Crowder was the top New York receiver with eight grabs for 116 yards and a score.

Over on the Dolphins' side, they've had an up-and-down season so far, with a few flashes of future potential mixed in. Miami has generally been hanging in games as well; the Dolphins lost by 10 to the Patriots but were within three of the Bills and eight of the Seahawks. The 49ers game—a 43-17 win—was Miami's best yet.

In the victory over San Francisco, Miami QB Ryan Fitzpatrick posted 350 yards with three touchdowns, and Preston Williams led the receivers with 106 yards and a score off four grabs. Myles Gaskin was the top rusher for the Dolphins there with 16 carries for 57 yards and a TD.

The Jets are 4-1 ATS in their last five games in Week 6 and 17-35-4 ATS in their last 56 games as a road underdog. New York is 4-12-1 ATS in their last 17 versus the AFC and 1-4 ATS in their last five versus the AFC East. Meanwhile, the Dolphins are 5-0 ATS in their last five games in Week 6 and 5-1 ATS in their last six versus the AFC. Miami is 5-2 ATS in their last seven games overall and 5-2 ATS in the last seven versus the AFC East.

New York knows Miami well enough to keep within range here, but realistically the Jets simply don't have the talent on either side of the ball to trust the team on anything. I want to reiterate that the Dolphins lost by 10 to the Patriots, 3 to the Bills and 8 to the Seahawks and blew out the 49ers 43-17 whereas the 49ers bounced the Jets. I'm eating the Fish this week in what looks like a much better team than the NY Jets.

Projected Score: Miami 31, NY Jets 16

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