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Marquee Pick: Clemson at N Dame

Recap

I never understood the philosophy that the No. 1 team retains its ranking as long as it wins. Adjustments need to be made as the season unfolds, and after the past two weeks there's a case to be made for Alabama being No. 1 – and a slightly weaker one for Ohio State – over the Tigers based on what we are seeing. Clemson struggled with downtrodden Syracuse then had to rally at home to beat Boston College on Saturday – yes, we know, without Trevor Lawrence – and really owns just one quality win so far (Miami, and at home).

There's an opportunity to enhance those credentials on Saturday with a visit to Notre Dame, even if it means again being without Lawrence, who is shut down due to COVID-19 protocols. A win against the unbeaten Irish on the road without Lawrence would be a strong statement.

Of course, none of it really matters since the polls have no impact on the College Football Playoff Selection Committee, but it would be refreshing to see voters start to adjust to the season as it develops instead of taking the easy way out every week with the top 5 spots. They do that with almost every spot from 10 to 25 on a weekly basis. Just rarely the No. 1 spot.

Playoff Selection Committee dilemma if BYU, Cincinnati and Texas A&M run the table?

With the Big 12 out of the playoff mix now and the Pac-12 being too late to the party, it's looking like three-quarters of the playoff field will be comprised of the Big Ten champion, the ACC champion and the SEC champion. But what about that fourth spot?

BYU faces its last major test on Friday night at nationally-ranked Boise State, the final obstacle to a possible 10-0 regular season. Cincinnati, 5-0 and already ranked in the Top 10, has a Nov. 21 showdown at UCF as its last regular-season test. The Bearcats have dominated the AAC and will be heavy favorites to win the league championship game. That could mean an 11-0 season.

Let's not forget A&M, either. The Aggies are 4-1 with their only loss to Alabama and own a victory over Florida. Saturday's Georgia-Florida winner will have a second loss and the winner could be tagged with its second loss in the SEC title game if Alabama is waiting on the other side. That could leave Texas A&M as the only remaining one-loss team in the SEC at a possible 9-1. How would that compare to an unbeaten Cincinnati or BYU or a one-loss ACC and/or Big Ten team?

The Pac-12 finally starting up this weekend. Yawn. No, literally. Yawn. The league that seems to relish shooting itself in the foot has scheduled Saturday's USC-Arizona State game for 9 a.m. Pacific Coast time (so Fox can air the game at noon Eastern time). 9 a.m. for a regular season game. Done voluntarily. Contrast that with two Pac-12 games later Saturday that will start at 7:30 p.m. Pacific (10:30 p.m. Eastern). From start to finish, that's about 14 hours of Pac-12 football on Saturday.

The biggest surprise in the Big 10 is that Indiana, Purdue and Northwestern are all 2-0 – playing only conference games this year or that Penn State, Iowa and Minnesota are 0-2 and that Michigan lost as a three-touchdown favorite to Michigan State. The only normalcy the league has this year is Ohio State being dominant and Wisconsin – if it ever plays again – looking as if it has Top 10 potential. Northwestern seems to deal in extreme seasons now (winning the West Division in 2018, finishing last in 2019) and the victory at Iowa on Saturday was solid. Penn State has at least looked respectable in losses to Indiana and Ohio State. Minnesota has some serious issues and Michigan is counting down the days until the contract runs out after the 2021 season on \$8 million (a year) man Jim Harbaugh. It's mind-boggling how average the Wolverines are again in Year 6 under Harbaugh. I'm not sure how long Indiana, Purdue and Northwestern can sustain this success but 2020 is reminding us once again that things are different this year.

On the Rise

San Jose State (2-0) - Spartans are 2-0 for the first time since 1987 following Saturday's 38-21 victory over New Mexico and have opened conference play with two wins for the first time since 2011. QB Nick Starkel threw for 467 yards and five TDs in Saturday's win.

Coastal Carolina (6-0) - Chanticleers already have their highest victory total for a season since joining the FBS ranks in 2017 following Saturday's 51-0 rout over a Georgia State team that came into the game leading the Sun Belt Conference in scoring at 42 ppg.

Cincinnati (5-0) - Total domination Saturday over a Memphis team that appeared to be a respectable one. Bearcats held the Tigers to five rushing yards and their fewest points since 2015. Luke Fickell's team looks to be the real deal.

On the decline

Michigan (1-1) - When Rocky Lombardi lights up your defense you know you have issues. Saturday's home loss to Michigan State as a three-TD favorite looks to be the beginning of the end for Jim Harbaugh in Ann Arbor, where they may start burning khaki pants in effigy.

Syracuse (1-6) - The way things look right now for Dino Babers' squad is that the Orange may not win another game this season. Since this is Babers' fifth year at Syracuse it's all on him. All of it. The poor defense, the ragged offensive play, the penalties, the tiresome same mistakes game after game. In five seasons at Syracuse Babers will have four losing seasons.

Minnesota (0-2) - Row the boat? How about plugging all of those leaking the holes in it? Gophers are a mess on defense as the bills come due for last year's breakout 11-win season. Fortunately for P.J. Fleck & Co. there's COVID-19 ravaged Illinois next.

Who's hot

DaVonta Smith, WR, Alabama - No Jaylen Waddle? No problem. Smith had 11 catches for 203 yards and four TDs in the 41-0 rout of Mississippi State.

Taulia Tagovailoa, QB, Maryland - A game after his nightmarish debut the sophomore transfer from Alabama lived up to the family surname by throwing for 394 yards and three touchdowns while rushing for 59 yards and two scores in the Terps' OT upset of Minnesota.

Deshaun Watson, QB, Cincinnati - All the concerns about QB play for the Bearcats have been allayed. After rushing for a school-record (for a QB) 179 yards against SMU, the junior was 21-of-26 for 271 yards and three TDs in the impressive win over Memphis. He also ran for two scores.

Who's not Hot

Spencer Petras, QB, Iowa - The Hawkeyes' latest clunky quarterback was guilty of three interceptions, all in the second half, as Northwestern rallied from a 17-0 deficit for a 21-20 victory. The 6-5, 231-pounder averaged just 4.3 yards per completion on 50 pass attempts.

Chuba Hubbard, RB, Oklahoma State - After rushing for 2,094 yards in 2019 he will manage a little more than half that this year, despite three 100-yard rushing games. In Saturday's loss to Texas he had 72 yards on 25 carries, an average of 2.9 ypc, with a long run of nine yards. And that was against Texas' always accommodating defense.

Trajan Jeffcoat, DE, Missouri - His cheap shot on Florida QB Kyle Trask on the final play of the first half ignited an on-field scuffle between the teams that resulted in three players ejected, everyone else getting an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty and allowed Gators coach Dan Mullen an opening to continue with his doltish behavior.

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

BYU at Boise State, 9:45 p.m., FS1 (Friday) - A couple of unbeatens angling for a New Year's Day Six bowl clash on the blue turf. Boise won without starting QB Hank Bachmeier last week. Cougars' QB Zac Wilson is having a breakout season.

Arizona State at USC, Noon, FOX - The Pac-12 joins the fray and does so with a game that starts at 9 a.m. Pacific time. USC starts out as a ranked team, but how good are the Trojans?

Florida vs. Georgia (at Jacksonville, Fla.), 3:30 p.m., CBS - The winner takes control of the SEC East and moves a giant step closer to facing Alabama in the SEC title game.

Oklahoma State at Kansas State, 4 p.m., FOX - The game lost most of its luster with both teams losing last week, but these are two of the three Big 12 teams (Iowa State is the other) with just one conference loss in a wide-open league race.

Clemson at Notre Dame, 7:30 p.m., NBC - The ACC's two best teams finally go at it in a much anticipated matchup. No. 1-ranked Tigers but will be without QB Trevor Lawrence for this but frosh fill-in DJ Uiagalelei was impressive in his first career start last week against BC.

Guess what

We will have guaranteed or no guaranteed picks for everyone of the five games listed above and many more. We will start Wednesday night with the MAC attack. Yes, the mighty MAC Conference starts playing this week. Of course, DJ's Marquee Matchup picks will be the Clemson at Notre Dame matchup.

Last Week's Top Performers

Devonta Smith (BAMA vs. MSST): 11 rec, 203 yds, 4 TD

Nick Starkel (SJSU vs. UNM): 34/47, 467 yds, 5 TD

Jack Sears (BSU vs. AFA): 17/20, 280 yds, 3 TD; 1 rush TD

Desmond Ridder (CIN vs. MEM): 21/26, 271 yds, 3 TD; 2 rush TD

Dyami Brown (UNC vs. UVA): 11 rec, 240 yds, 3 TD

Greg Bell (SDSU vs. USU): 22 rush, 157 yds, 2 tot TD

Travis Etienne (CLEM vs. BC): 224 yds from scrim, 2 TD

Matt Corral (MISS vs. VAN): 31/34, 412 yds, 6 TD

Jahan Dotson (PSU vs. OSU): 8 rec, 144 yds, 3 TD

Elijah Moore (MISS vs. VAN): 14 rec, 238 yds, 3 TD

Last Week's Passing Leaders

Nick Starkel (SJSU) 34/47, 467 yds, 5TD

Sam Howell (UNC) 23/28, 443 yds, 4TD

Jacob Free (TROY) 33/45, 419 yds, 2TD

Matt Corral (MISS) 31/34, 412 yds, 6TD

Spencer Sanders (OKST) 27/39, 400 yds, 4TD

Last Week's Rushing Leaders

Jake Funk (UMD) 21 att 216 yds, 1TD

Mohamed Ibrahim (MINN) 41 att 207 yds, 4TD

Breece Hall (ISU) 21 att 185 yds, 2TD

Otis Anderson (UCF) 16 att 170 yds, 1TD

Xazavian Valladay (WYO) 32 att 163 yds, 2TD

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Thursday Night Game

Nevada - 12½ Over Utah St by 20

The Utah State Aggies are 0-2 on the season and look to avoid their first 0-3 start since the 2008 CFB season. The Utah State Aggies have lost four of their last seven road games. Jason Shelley is completing 56.3 percent of his passes for 180 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions. Shelley has two touchdown passes on his last 59 pass attempts. Deven Thompkins and Justin McGriff have combined for 148 receiving yards and one touchdown while Derek Wright has three receptions. The Utah State Aggies ground game is averaging 107 yards per contest, and Jaylen Warren leads the way with 89 yards and two touchdowns. Defensively, Utah State is allowing 40 points and 510 yards per game. Cash Gilliam leads the Utah State Aggies with 19 tackles, AJ Vongphachanh has one sack and Shaq Bond has two pass deflections.

The Nevada Wolf Pack are undefeated on the season and look for their first 3-0 start since the 2010 CFB season. The Nevada Wolf Pack have won five of their last seven home games. Carson Strong is completing 75.9 percent of his passes for 770 yards, six touchdowns and zero interceptions. Strong has two or more touchdown passes in four of his last eight games. Romeo Doubs and Cole Turner have combined for 519 receiving yards and four touchdowns while Melquan Stovall has six receptions. The Nevada Wolf Pack ground game is averaging 111.5 yards per contest, and Devonte Lee leads the way with 110 yards and one touchdown. Defensively, Nevada is allowing 26.5 points and 354.5 yards per game. Tyson Williams leads the Nevada Wolf Pack with 13 tackles, Lawson Hall has one sack and Berdale Robins has one interception.

The Utah State Aggies have done nothing this season that makes you want to get behind them, as they've been outscored 80-20 in their first two games and have one of the worst offenses in college football. The Nevada Wolf Pack have scored 37 points in each of their first two games and have the second best passing attack in the country with an average of 385 passing yards per game. Nevada has also covered five of its last eight games as a double-digit favorite. The Utah State Aggies have failed to cover six of their last seven games as a double-digit underdog. Also, the home team is 8-2 ATS in their last 10 meetings.

My choice is to lay the points with the Nevada Wolf Pack.

Projected Score: Nevada 37, Utah State 17

Saturday Games

Oregon State + 2½ Over Washington St. by 7

The Washington State Cougars are coming off a six-win season that ended with them losing seven of their last 10 contests. The Washington State Cougars have lost six of their last nine road games. True freshman Jayden de Laura will start at quarterback, a 3-star recruit who threw for 3,725 yards and 31 touchdowns as a senior in high school. Washington State lost its top-three receivers, but Max Borghi returns after 86 receptions and five touchdowns while leading rusher Max Borghi is back after 817 rushing yards and 11 touchdowns. Defensively, Jahad Woods returns after leading Washington State with 141 tackles, Will Rodgers III had four sacks and Skyler Thomas had four interceptions. The Washington State Cougars have a lot of question marks with an inexperienced quarterback, unproven weapons on offense and a new head coach in Nick Rolovich who comes from Hawaii. Washington St may have to lean on its defense until things settle in on the other side of the ball.

The Oregon State Beavers are coming off a five-win season that ended with them losing three of their last four games. The Oregon State Beavers have lost four of their last six home games. Tristan Gebbia returns at quarterback after throwing for 2,700 yards and 28 touchdowns while completing 62 percent of his passes. Isaiah Hodgins, Champ Flemings and Kolby Taylor is a returning wide receiver trio that combined for more than 1,700 yards and 17 touchdowns. Jermar Jefferson should get more touches at running back after 685 rushing yards and eight touchdowns last season. Defensively, Avery Roberts returns after leading Oregon State with 83 tackles, Hamilcar Rashed Jr. had 14 sacks and Nahshon Wright had three interceptions. The Oregon State Beavers have to like their chances for a successful season, as they've improved their win total each of the last three years and have a lot of returning production on both sides of the ball. Oregon State may not get the same attention as other teams in the Pac-12, but there's true potential with this years roster.

The Cougars are 4-1 ATS in their last 5 meetings in Oregon State. The road team is 8-3 ATS in their last 11 meetings. The over is 7-0 in the last 7 meetings.

While we have no idea what to expect from teams that are making their season debuts in November, this line makes little sense. The Washington State Cougars have a new head coach and new faces across the board on offense, including a true freshman quarterback making his first career start on the road. Why Washington State is favored here has me scratching my head. The Oregon State Beavers have been a bottom feeder in the Pac-12 the last few years, but there's true potential in this year's team. I'm not backing a true freshman on the road in his first start. **Give me the Beavers and the points.**

Projected Score: Oregon State 34, Washington St 27

Army - 4½ Over Air Force by 14

The Air Force Falcons look for their first road win to get back to a .500 record. The Air Force Falcons have split their last six road games. Haaziq Daniels is completing 5 percent of his passes for 133 yards, one touchdown and zero interceptions. Daniels enters this game with 26 career pass attempts under his belt. Kyle Patterson and Brandon Lewis have combined for 142 receiving yards and one touchdown while Rhett Harms has one reception. The Air Force Falcons ground game is averaging 330 yards per contest, and Timothy Jackson leads the way with 178 yards on 34 carries. Defensively, Air Force is allowing 24.3 points and 331.3 yards per game. Elisha Palm leads the Air Force Falcons with 19 tackles, George Silvanic has 1.5 sacks and Corvan Taylor has one interception.

The Army Black Knights look for a fifth straight victory to build on their 6-1 record. The Army Black Knights have won seven straight home games. Jemel Jones is completing 47.4 percent of his passes for 156 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions. The Army Black Knights have nine touchdown passes dating back to last season. Michael Roberts and Tyrell Robinson have combined for 173 receiving yards and two touchdowns while Reikan Donaldson has four receptions. The Army Black Knights ground game is averaging 308.1 yards per contest, and Robinson leads the way with 325 yards on 38 carries. Defensively, Army is allowing 11.7 points and 275 yards per game. Jon Rhattigan leads the Army Black Knights with 54 tackles, Arik Smith has three sacks and Jabari Moore has two interceptions.

The Falcons are 9-1 ATS in their last 10 meetings in Army and 10-4 ATS in their last 14 meetings. The underdog is 4-0 ATS in their last 4 meetings. The road team is 4-0 ATS in their last 4 meetings. The under is 4-0 in the last 4 meetings in Army and 6-0 in the last 6 meetings.

The Air Force Falcons haven't looked good in their last two games and they got crushed last week against good competition in Boise State. The Army Black Knights aren't getting a lot of love nationally, but they've been more than impressive their last seven games and are one of the best defensive clubs in all of college football. Army's only loss this season was a competitive game on the road against a highly talented Cincinnati team. I get that all the trends point to an Air Force cover, but this is a rivalry and Army is in revenge mode with a much better team this year. Army will send their ground pounders relentlessly and wear down the fly boys. Army is a rough, good football team.

Give me Army tough to cover the number.

Projected Score: Army 28, Air Force 14

LA Tech + 3 Over North Texas by 7

The Louisiana Tech Bulldogs will look to build off of a 37-34 win over UAB in their last game. Improving to 4-3 on the year in the process. Luke Anthony has thrown for 1,208 yards, 13 touchdowns and 4 interceptions on 62.5% passing while Israel Tucker leads the Bulldogs in rushing with 336 rushing yards and 2 TDs and Justin Henderson has 252 rushing yards and a pair of scores as well. Adrian Hardy leads LA Tech in receiving with 33 catches for 440 yards and 4 TDs while Smoke Harris and Griffin Hebert each have 223 receiving yards with Harris logging 23 catches and 3 TDs while Hebert has 15 catches and a pair of scores. Louisiana Tech has another four receivers all with 100+ receiving yards this season. Defensively, Tyler Grubbs leads LA Tech with 72 total tackles while Trey Baldwin has 64 total tackles and a team-high 37 solo tackles. Bee Jay Williamson has 3 interceptions while Cedric Woods has a pair of picks and Milton Williams has a team-high 4 sacks this

season.

The North Texas Mean Green will look to build off of their 52-35 win over Middle Tennessee last time out. Austin Aune has thrown for 1,233 yards, 8 touchdowns and 4 interceptions to lead North Texas at QB while DeAndre Torrey leads the Mean Green in rushing with 444 rushing yards and 4 touchdowns. Bean is 2nd with 231 rushing yards and 4 scores as well while Oscar Adaway III and Tre Siggers each have 200+ rushing yards as well this season. Jaelon Darden leads North Texas in receiving with 46 catches for 689 yards and 10 TDs while Deonte Simpson has 16 grabs for 328 yards and 3 scores. Greg White, Austin Ogunmakin and Roderic Burns all have 100+ receiving yards for UNT this season. Defensively, KD Davis leads the Mean Green with 34 total tackles while Larry Nixon III and Makyle Sanders each have 28 total tackles with Sanders logging a team-high 19 solo tackles and an interception this season.

Scoring hasn't been an issue for North Texas and the Mean Green know how to put points on the board, but the defense has been atrocious and the Mean Green have given up 40+ points to teams like Southern Miss and Charlotte, not the best teams in the conference. Louisiana Tech hasn't been great in conference play, but they just took down UAB which has to be a confidence booster and UAB is a much better defensive team than North Texas. **Take the points with Louisiana Tech as they win this game straight up.**

Projected Score: LA Tech 37, North Texas 30

Colorado + 7 Over UCLA by 4

The UCLA Bruins are coming off a disappointing four-win season that ended with three straight losses. The UCLA Bruins have lost four of their last six road games. Dorian Thompson-Robinson returns at quarterback after throwing for 2,700 yards and 21 touchdowns while completing 59.7 percent of his passes. Kyle Philips and Chase Cota return at wide receiver, a duo that combined for more than 1,000 receiving yards and eight touchdowns. Demetric Felton should takeover at running back after racking up 331 yards and a touchdown on limited touches. Defensively, Stephan Blaylock returns after leading UCLA with 86 tackles, Osa Odighizuwa had 3.5 sacks and Jay Shaw had one interception. The UCLA Bruins should be much improved on the defensive side of the ball and the offense has potential assuming Thompson-Robinson becomes a more accurate quarterback. With Chip Kelly entering his third season, UCLA should expect some serious progress.

The Colorado Buffaloes are coming off a five-win season that ended with them losing six of their last eight games. The Colorado Buffaloes have split their last six home games. Sam Noyer gets the nod at quarterback, a senior who has 41 career pass attempts for 179 yards and a pair of interceptions. K.D. Nixon and Dimitri Stanley return, a wide receiver duo that combined for more than 700 receiving yards and five touchdowns. Alex Fontenot is back at running back after leading Colorado with 874 yards and five touchdowns. Defensively, Nate Landman returns after leading Colorado with 114 tackles, Terrance Lang had 5.5 sacks and Derrion Rakestraw had three interceptions. The Colorado Buffaloes have the potential to be one of the best defenses in the Pac-12 this season and the offense has playmakers on the outside and in the backfield. If Noyer can hit the ground running at quarterback, Colorado could surprise some people in the Pac-12 this season.

The Bruins are 2-5 ATS in their last 7 meetings. The underdog is 5-2 ATS in their last 7 meetings. The under is 4-1 in the last 5 meetings in Colorado and 4-0 in the last 4 meetings.

This should be the year UCLA finally starts competing under Chip Kelly with this being his third year, and UCLA has a lot of promising pieces on both sides of the ball. However, Colorado has a chance to be a really good defensive team in the Pac-12 this season and the offense has potential as well as long as Noyer doesn't completely bomb in his new starting role. The Colorado Buffaloes are a sleeper team in the Pac-12 that could surprise some people and I don't think they're getting much respect in this spot from oddsmakers.

Give me Colorado and the points, a game it they could win straight up.

Projected Score: Colorado 31, UCLA 27

Make Up Pick From Last Weeks PPD Game

Ohio State - 38½ Over Rutgers by 27

The Rutgers Scarlet Knights look for a monster upset victory to get a game above a .500 record. The Rutgers Scarlet Knights have lost five of their last six road games. Noah Vedral is completing 61.9 percent of his passes for 299 yards, three touchdowns and four interceptions. Vedral has three touchdown passes on his last 115 pass attempts. Bo Melton and Isaih Pacheco have combined for 170 receiving yards and two touchdowns while Aron Cruickshank has seven receptions. The Rutgers Scarlet Knights ground game is averaging 113.5 yards per contest, and Pacheco leads the way with 85 yards and two touchdowns. Defensively, Rutgers is allowing 32 points and 358 yards per game. Olakunle Fatukasi leads the Rutgers Scarlet Knights with 24 tackles, Mohamed Toure has two sacks and Tre Avery has one interception.

The Ohio State Buckeyes look for another victory to start 3-0 for the third straight season. The Ohio State Buckeyes haven't lost a home game since September of 2017. Justin Fields is completing 87.3 percent of his passes for 594 yards, six touchdowns and zero interceptions. Fields has two or more touchdown passes in 11 of his last 12 games. Garrett Wilson and Chris Olave have combined for 464 receiving yards and three touchdowns while Jeremy Ruckert has five receptions. The Ohio State Buckeyes ground game is averaging 215 yards per contest, and Master Teague III leads the way with 151 yards and three touchdowns. Defensively, Ohio State is allowing 21 points and 351 yards per game. Pete Werner leads the Ohio State Buckeyes with 13 tackles, Tommy Togiai has three sacks and Marcus Hooker has one interception.

The Scarlet Knights are 1-5 ATS in their last 6 meetings. The favorite is 5-1 ATS in their last 6 meetings.

The Rutgers Scarlet Knights followed up a big time upset win over Michigan State with a somewhat disappointing showing against Indiana, but there's no doubt this is an improved team over past years. The Ohio State Buckeyes are on fire out of the gate and Fields is playing like the Heisman favorite, but this is where we start to see inflated lines while the hype around OSU builds and builds. While it's a small sample size, I'm willing to say this is the best Rutgers team we've seen in the last decade, and the Scarlet Knights put up somewhat of a fight last year against Ohio State, scoring 21 points and covering the massive number. Rutgers doesn't appear to be a pushover this year and has some attitude on both sides of the ball.

I want the Scarlet Knights and the boatload of points.

Projected Score: Ohio State 47, Rutgers 20



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NFL SNF Marquee Matchup of the Week

Recap

Cincinnati 31-20 over Titans

Titans

The Titans have had one of the worst defenses in the NFL this year and a big reason for that is because they've struggled to rush the quarterback and they can't stop anyone on third down, and both of those problems reared their ugly heads again this week. Despite going up against a depleted Bengals offensive line, the Titans didn't manage to sack Joe Burrow a single time. They also let the Bengals convert 10 of 15 times on third down. Offensively, although the Titans were able to move the ball, they made too many big mistakes, including a Ryan Tannehill pick in the Bengals' end zone and a missed field goal by Stephen Gostkowski.

Bengals

We already covered the Bengals' offense above, so let's talk about how well their defense played, which was arguably the biggest surprise in this game. The Titans only had seven points going into the fourth quarter and a big reason for that was because the Bengals defense kept making big plays, including a red zone interception of Ryan Tannehill in the first half and two big third down stops to start the second half. With the way the Bengals offense was playing, the defense just needed to make a few stops to get the win and they came up with those. Kick returner Brandon Wilson also came up with a huge play in the fourth quarter with a 49-yard return that set up a Bengals touchdown after the Titans had cut the lead to 24-14.

Indianapolis 41-21 over Detroit

Colts

The Colts offense got off to a slow start, but then they turned on the jet engines. After punting on each their first three possessions, Philip Rivers caught fire, throwing three touchdown passes in the second quarter alone. Two of those TD passes went to Nyheim Hynes, who only had three catches in the game. Defensively, the return of Darius Leonard seemed to reinvigorate Indy as they forced two turnovers while sacking Matthew Stafford five times (with one of those coming from Leonard). One of the turnovers the defense forced was a pick-six by Kenny Moore in the fourth quarter that basically iced the win for Indy.

Lions

The Lions actually kept this game close, but then things fell apart in the second half after Matthew Stafford turned the ball over on consecutive plays. The first turnover came when Stafford lost a fumble in the third quarter that the Colts later turned into a TD. On the Lions' next offensive play, Stafford threw a pick-six, and all of the sudden, a 20-14 lead by the Colts was up to 35-14. In Stafford's defense, he got no help from his run game (the Lions finished with just 29 rushing yards) or his offensive line (Stafford was sacked five times).

Minnesota 28-22 over Green Bay

Vikings

With the Vikings' season on the line, Dalvin Cook put the team on his back and carried them to victory. Cook bulldozed through the Packers defense for four straight quarters with 163 yards and three touchdowns on 30 carries. That's a career day for most backs, but Cook actually added even more production in the passing game with 63 receiving yards and a touchdown. The Vikings' "bend but don't break" defense also deserves some credit for coming up with several huge plays, including two fourth down stops in the second half and a strip-sack of Aaron Rodgers on the Packers' final offensive play of the game that prevented a potential Green Bay comeback.

Packers

If this Packers team has one glaring weakness, it's definitely the defense's ability to stop the run. The defense had no answers for Dalvin Cook and a Vikings rushing attack that gashed them up for 173 yards while averaging 5.1 yards per carry. Aaron Rodgers kept the Packers in this game with three touchdown passes, but when your defense can't make a stop, it's almost impossible to win in the NFL.

Kansas City 35-9 over N.Y. Jets

Jets

Apparently, the Jets thought they could beat the Chiefs by kicking field goals. The problem with that is that when you're the worst team in the NFL, you can't beat the Chiefs by kicking field goals. The Jets offense actually moved the ball in the first half, as they got into Chiefs territory on each of their four possessions, but Adam Gase was more than willing to settle for field goals. Of course, even if the Jets had gotten touchdowns on those drives, it might not have mattered, because the wheels fell off the wagon in the second half: The Jets couldn't move the ball and they couldn't stop Kansas City's offense, which is why it ended up being a blowout.

Chiefs

At times in this game, it almost felt like Patrick Mahomes was scrimmaging a high school team. The Chiefs quarterback basically spent four quarters toying with the Jets defense in a game where he threw for 416 yards and five touchdowns. Ironically, one of the best passes in the game for Kansas City wasn't even thrown by Mahomes. With the Chiefs clinging to a 7-3 lead early in the game, Andy Reid called for a fake punt on fourth-and-4 that ended with punter Tommy Townsend completing a 13-yard pass for Byron Pringle. The Chiefs ended up scoring a TD on the drive and coasting to the win.

Miami 28-17 over Rams

Rams

Sitting at 5-2, maybe the Rams were overconfident, but they shouldn't have been -- for a couple reasons. The first is because despite their impressive record, they're in third place in the loaded NFC West and couldn't afford to drop one in Week 8. The second is, well, the Dolphins are 3-3 on the season and have shown they have a defense that can get after the quarterback, and a secondary that can delete multiple receivers. The Rams found this out the hard way, and their demise at Hard Rock Stadium was largely accountable to how disturbingly bad Jared Goff was. Four turnovers in the first half alone helped bury the Rams, and they couldn't come back from the dead once the coffin door slammed shut in the second quarter.

Dolphins

They entered the game as 3.5-point underdogs on their own field, but that's not how they played. The Dolphins had a huge chip on their shoulder and they used that anger to slap the Rams around at will in the first half, recovering from an early fumble by Tua Tagovailoa with an onslaught of defense and special teams play that propelled them to a 28-17 win that wasn't nearly as close as the score indicates. It took all three phases of the game to get the win for the Dolphins, and while Tagovailoa didn't have the gleaming first start many would've hoped, his first career NFL touchdown came after a Jared Goff interception and was timely in helping to establish momentum for Miami. In the end, all told, this was a dismantling at the hands of the Dolphins.

Buffalo 24-21 over Pats

Patriots

For a team that didn't look like it had any business of being in this game, New England was just a few yards away from winning it. Despite a number of key pieces missing on both sides of the ball, the Patriots were able to hang around against Buffalo all the way until the clock hit 31 seconds in the fourth quarter, when Cam Newton fumbled the ball. The second half seemed to unlock something for the offense as the Patriots were able to score 15 of their 21 points over that stretch. Bill Belichick's club has now lost four straight.

Bills

Buffalo may have gotten the win, but it let an inferior Patriots team hang around until the final seconds when they really had no business of doing so. The Bills' struggles against the run continued to be apparent as New England rushed for 188 yards as a team and two touchdowns. While Josh Allen was efficient as he completed 11 of his 18 throws, he failed to really light up a New England secondary that was without its star corner in

Stephon Gilmore. After getting the opening touchdown, Allen led the Bills offense to two punts before throwing an interception. Again, they got the win and ran the ball extremely well, but had Newton not coughed up the ball, this would have at least went to overtime.

Pittsburgh 28-24 over Baltimore

Steelers

Pittsburgh scored 14 points off of two interceptions of Lamar Jackson, who was sacked four times while failing to complete half of his 28 pass attempts. The Steelers' offense also got their passing game going in the second half, with JuJu Smith-Schuster leading the way with seven receptions. Pittsburgh's defense, after allowing Jackson, Gus Edwards and J.K. Dobbins to rush for nearly 180 yards in the first half, held Baltimore to under 90 rushing yards in the second half. The Steelers' defense also came up with two critical stops in the fourth quarter to preserve the win.

Ravens

Despite out-gaining the Steelers in yards, 457-221, the Ravens lost after losing the turnover battle 4-1. Baltimore's defense also committed three costly penalties on Pittsburgh's final scoring drive. The Ravens' defense allowed the Steelers to score touchdowns on all three of their red zone possessions. Baltimore missed starters Mark Ingram, offensive linemen Ronnie Stanley, Tyre Phillips and defensive end Matt Judon. Ingram was ruled out due to injury prior to kickoff, while Stanley and Phillips suffered in-game injuries. Judon was ejected after making contact with an official near the end of the first half. Stanley has suffered a season-ending ankle injury. Baltimore did receive a strong game from rookie J.K. Dobbins, who rushed for a season-high 113 yards while averaging 7.5 yards per carry.

Las Vegas 16-6 over Cleveland

Raiders

Las Vegas did not play particularly well. The Raiders dropped some passes on offense and had some errant throws. They did not do a great job of stopping the run, but Cleveland continuously shot itself in the foot when it came to extending drives. What Las Vegas did do well is steal the soul of the Browns' defense on the ground. It was a game that necessitated running the football due to windy conditions, and Cleveland could not stop them. The only person who did not see the screens and quarterback runs coming in third down situations was Browns defensive coordinator Joe Woods.

Browns

Cleveland was awful on both sides of the ball. The few passes that did arrive on target were dropped, but that will get swept under the rug because the defense was embarrassing. Las Vegas' offensive line stole the Browns' lunch money and ran over them all day. The tackling was deplorable. The play-calling was abysmal. The situational awareness was unfathomable. Don't blame the refs. Don't blame the weather. You earned this loss, Cleveland.

Denver 31-30 over L.A. Chargers

Chargers

When you lead a game by 21 points with under seven minutes left to play in the third quarter and lose, you get an F. The Chargers have had some ugly meltdowns this year, but this was one topped them all. After dominating the Broncos for the better part of three quarters, the Chargers defense absolutely disappeared, allowing Denver to put together four touchdown drives of at least 75 yards. Before those scoring drives, the Broncos didn't have a single possession that went for more than 19 yards. Justin Herbert also threw two interceptions that led to 10 points for Denver. The Chargers have now somehow lost three games this season where they've held a lead of 16 or more points (Broncos, Saints, Buccaneers).

Broncos

With seven minutes left to play in the third quarter, the Broncos were trailing 24-3 and looked to be left for dead, but then Broncos offense caught fire. Phillip Lindsay started the comeback with a 55-yard TD run and then Drew Lock took over from there. The Broncos quarterback was unstoppable in the fourth quarter, completing 13 of 16 passes for 150 yards and three touchdowns. In the first three quarters, Lock was just 13 of 25 for 98 yards and an interception, which made the comeback all the more improbable.

New Orleans 26-23 over Chicago (OT)

Saints

It wasn't pretty, but New Orleans found a way to win a tough game against a swarming Bears defense in Chicago. Drew Brees kept the Saints in control by not turning the football over and relying on Alvin Kamara -- who's making his case for offensive player of the year. Kamara had 163 yards from scrimmage on the afternoon, including the 20-yard run in overtime that set up Wil Lutz's chip shot for the win. Kamaar has 1,038 yards from scrimmage in seven games -- the only player in the NFL with over 1,000 yards from scrimmage. Cameron Jordan took advantage of the Bobby Massie injury and pressured Nick Foles throughout the second half, which got New Orleans the ball back for the winning drive in overtime. The Saints don't look like a contender, but they keep winning. They'll be around in January.

Bears

Nick Foles is under a lot of scrutiny in Chicago, but he deserves credit for getting that game to overtime in the first place. Foles had a 15-yard strike to Anthony Miller on 3rd-and-18 that set up Cairo Santos to tie it with a 51-yard field goal to force overtime. The Bears were down 10 points in the fourth quarter as Foles completed all six of his passes for 55 yards on a touchdown drive to give the defense a chance and give Chicago the ball back. Chicago's defense is as good as they come, but Foles has been too inconsistent throughout games and the running game is awful -- even with David Montgomery running for 89 yards on 21 carries. Chicago isn't winning the division unless Foles improves -- even though he did led the Bears to overtime.

Seattle 37-27 over San Francisco

49ers

The 49ers' quarterback situation is something we probably need to discuss. Jimmy Garoppolo completed 11 of 16 passes for 84 yards and an interception, while Nick Mullens completed 18 of 25 passes for 238 yards and two touchdowns in just a single quarter after Jimmy G left for the locker room with an ankle injury. With Garoppolo, the offense was not in sync and throwing downfield was not much of an option. The Seahawks came into this game with what really was the worst defense in the league, as they allowed an average of 479.2 yards of total offense per game. Even if we don't want to have the discussion about benching Garoppolo, we at least have to question how healthy he is.

Seahawks

It's about time we start mentioning DK Metcalf when we discuss elite wide receivers in the NFL. He caught six passes for 102 yards and two touchdowns just in the first half! He was bigger, faster and more athletic than anyone the 49ers had in the secondary. It's almost unfair when you consider the kind of challenge he presents as both a jump-ball receiver and then a home-run hitter as well. His two scores in the first half had everyone feeling like the Seahawks were in control, and Russell Wilson was able to take it from there.

Philadelphia 23-9 over Dallas

Cowboys

Nine points in a divisional loss that all but puts the nail in their coffin, and the Cowboys don't get an "F?" Well, consider the circumstances: It was Ben DiNucci throwing the football with the game on the line. And for a while, despite an utterly atrocious third-down performance, they were within one score and at one point looked at least a little capable of pulling off the upset. For a team starting a third-string QB behind a battered offensive line, they showed some fight, and the defense took full advantage of Carson Wentz's errors. Still, lots to pick apart: Is Ezekiel Elliott even good? Was Amari Cooper awake? And did Mike McCarthy and/or Kellen Moore think five straight WR reverses would work?

Eagles

A prime-time victory over a longtime rival to maintain first place in the division and take a legitimate step toward a future playoff run? Yeah, it's still pretty darn hard to get pumped about Philly's performance. In fact, the only reason it's not a failing grade is because the defense capitalized on Ben DiNucci's inexperience (and Dallas' general offensive issues) and multiple times bailed out Doug Pederson's own unit. Travis Fulgham was another genuine positive. Otherwise? My goodness, did Pederson and Carson Wentz realize what defense they were playing? The win is huge in the standings, no doubt, and there's time to improve, but this is still by and large a very ugly team.

Last Week's NFL Top Performers

Dalvin Cook* (MIN): 226 yds from scrim, 4 TD
Patrick Mahomes* (KAN): 31/42, 416 yds, 5 TD
D.K. Metcalf* (SEA): 12 rec, 161 yds, 2 TD
Russell Wilson* (SEA): 27/37, 261 yds, 4 TD
Davante Adams* (GNB): 7 rec, 53 yds, 3 TD
Robert Woods (LAR): 7 rec, 85 yds, 2 tot TD
Tyreek Hill (KAN): 4 rec, 98 yds, 2 TD
Corey Davis (TEN): 8 rec, 128 yds, 1 TD
Aaron Rodgers (GNB): 27/41, 291 yds, 3 TD
Matthew Stafford (DET): 24/42, 336 yds, 3 TD

Week 8 Passing Leaders

Patrick Mahomes (KAN)	31/42 416 yds, 5TD
Jared Goff (LAR)	35/61 355 yds, 1TD
Matthew Stafford (DET)	24/42 336 yds, 3TD
Aaron Rodgers (GNB)	27/41 291 yds, 3TD
Matt Ryan (ATL)	21/30 281 yds, 0TD

Week 8 Receiving Leaders

D.K. Metcalf (SEA)	12 rec 161 yds, 2TD
Julio Jones (ATL)	7 rec 137 yds, 0TD
Corey Davis (TEN)	8 rec 128 yds, 1TD
Marvin Hall (DET)	4 rec 113 yds, 0TD
Cooper Kupp (LAR)	11 rec 110 yds, 0TD

Week 8 Rushing Leaders

Dalvin Cook (MIN)	30 att 163 yds, 3TD
Josh Jacobs (LVR)	31 att 128 yds, 0TD
J.K. Dobbins (BAL)	15 att 113 yds, 0TD
Derrick Henry (TEN)	18 att 112 yds, 1TD
Damien Harris (NEW)	16 att 102 yds, 1TD

Week 8 Fantasy Breakouts

Player	Pts.	Pct Jordan
Wilkins (IND)	19.30	0%
Corey Davis (TEN)	18.80	45%
Nyheim Hines (IND)	18.20	28%
DeeJay Dallas (SEA)	17.80	21%
Curtis Samuel (CAR)	17.40	17%



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Minnesota - 4 Over Detroit by 10

The Detroit Lions look for a spark of consistency after splitting their last six games. The Detroit Lions have won their last three road games. Matthew Stafford is completing 61.4 percent of his passes for 1,916 yards, 13 touchdowns and five interceptions. Stafford has two or more touchdown passes in four of his last six games. Kenny Golladay and Danny Amendola have combined for 662 receiving yards and two touchdowns while TJ Hockenson has 29 receptions. The Detroit Lions ground game is averaging 97.1 yards per contest, and Adrian Peterson leads the way with 321 yards and two touchdowns. Defensively, Detroit is allowing 29.4 points and 378.4 yards per game. Tracy Walker leads the Detroit Lions with 51 tackles, Romeo Okwara has five sacks and Duron Harmon has two interceptions.

The Minnesota Vikings look for back-to-back wins for the first time while building on their disappointing 2-5 record. The Minnesota Vikings have lost five straight home games. Kirk Cousins is completing 65.6 percent of his passes for 1,635 yards, 12 touchdowns and 10 interceptions. Cousins has one or less touchdown passes in six of his last 10 games. Justin Jefferson and Adam Thielen have combined for 1,005 receiving yards and 10 touchdowns while Irv Smith Jr. has 11 receptions. The Minnesota Vikings ground game is averaging 144 yards per contest, and Dalvin Cook leads the way with 652 yards and 10 touchdowns. Defensively, Minnesota is allowing 30.6 points and 411.7 yards per game. Eric Kendricks leads the Minnesota Vikings with 78 tackles, Yannick Ngakoue has five sacks and Eric Wilson has two interceptions.

The Lions are 4-10 ATS in their last 14 games as an underdog, 1-6 ATS in their last 7 games in November and 5-13 ATS in their last 18 games overall. The Vikings are 7-3 ATS in their last 10 games in November, 38-18-1 ATS in their last 57 home games and 2-6 ATS in their last 8 games as a favorite. The under is 6-2 in Lions last 8 road games. The over is 4-1 in Vikings last 5 games overall.

Right when you're ready to buy into the Detroit Lions, they lay an egg, and it doesn't help that their last two wins have come against teams with a combined 3-12 record. The Minnesota Vikings are coming off their best win of the season with a road win over the Packers, a game where Cook cooked and the Vikings for the first time this season looked like the NFC North contender many thought they'd be before the season started. Maybe that win is the start of the Vikings turning things around.

The Detroit Lions have won their last three road games. The Minnesota Vikings have lost five straight home games. It's only a matter of time before the Vikings win at home, and that time has come. The Lions are 4-9-2 ATS in their last 15 meetings in Minnesota and 0-5 ATS in their last 5 meetings.

Give me the Vikings to snap both streaks and to win and cover at home.

Projected Score: Minnesota 31, Detroit 21

Jacksonville at Houston Over 50 Total by 11

The Houston Texans are coming off a bye week and need a win here to rebound from a brutal 1-6 record. The Houston Texans have lost five of their last seven road games. Deshaun Watson is completing 69.5 percent of his passes for 2,095 yards, 15 touchdowns and five interceptions. Watson has two or more touchdown passes in five straight games. Will Fuller V and Brandin Cooks have combined for 917 receiving yards and seven touchdowns while Randall Cobb has 30 receptions. The Houston Texans ground game is averaging 84.9 yards per contest, and David Johnson leads the way with 392 yards and three touchdowns. Defensively, Houston is allowing 31 points and 417.6 yards per game. Zach Cunningham leads the Houston Texans with 71 tackles, Whitney Mercilus has three sacks and Bradley Roby has one interception.

The Jacksonville Jaguars are also coming off a bye week and need a win to snap a six-game losing streak. The Jacksonville Jaguars have lost five of their last eight home games. Gardner Minshew II is completing 65.9 percent of his passes for 1,855 yards, 13 touchdowns and five interceptions. Minshew has two or more touchdown passes in six of his last eight games. Keelan Cole Sr. and Laviska Shenault Jr. have combined for 698 receiving yards and four touchdowns while DJ Chark Jr. has 26 receptions. The Jacksonville Jaguars ground game is averaging 96.6 yards per contest, and James Robinson leads the way with 481 yards and four touchdowns. Defensively, Jacksonville is allowing 31.4 points and 424.4 yards per game. Joe Schobert leads the Jacksonville Jaguars with 56 tackles, Josh Allen has two sacks and Andrew Wingard has one interception.

The Texans are 3-7-1 ATS in their last 11 games as a favorite, 5-2-2 ATS in their last 9 games as a road favorite and 1-7 ATS in their last 8 games overall. The Jaguars are 2-5 ATS in their last 7 home games, 0-4 ATS in their last 4 games as an underdog and 0-5 ATS in their last 5 games overall. The over is 4-0 in Texans last 4 road games. The under is 11-5 in Jaguars last 16 home games. The Texans are 5-1 ATS in their last 6 meetings in Jacksonville and 4-1 ATS in their last 5 meetings.

The Houston Texans are the better team on paper, but it's hard to lay chalk with them, especially on the road, as they have the worst rushing attack in the league and their defense gets gashed weekly. Only the Jaguars and Seahawks allow more yards per game than the Texans, and Houston is 1-6 against the spread on the season. The Jacksonville Jaguars obviously aren't any better, as they've lost sixth straight, and their defense is 31st in total yards, 28th in passing yards, 28th in rushing yards and 31st in points allowed. I'm not backing the Jaguars, but I'm also not laying a touchdown with the Texans on the road. With this being two of the worst defensive teams in the league, expect some fireworks in this contest. **I'm betting over 51.**

Projected Score: Houston 34, Jacksonville 27

Indianapolis + 3½ Over Baltimore by 3

The Baltimore Ravens will look to rebound after a 28-24 loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers in their last game. Lamar Jackson has thrown for 1,343 yards, 12 touchdowns and 4 interceptions on 60.5% passing while also leading Baltimore in rushing with 411 rushing yards and 2 touchdowns. Gus Edwards has 305 rushing yards while J.K. Dobbins and Mark Ingram II each have 200+ rushing yards while all three backs have a pair of rushing TDs this season. Marquise Brown leads the Ravens in receiving with 27 catches on 44 targets for 379 yards while Mark Andrews has 23 grabs for 275 yards and a team-high 5 touchdowns. Willie Snead IV also has 255 receiving yards while Miles Boykin and Devin Duvernay each have 100+ receiving yards this season. Defensively, Patrick Queen leads the Ravens with 48 total tackles including 35 solo tackles while Calais Campbell has a team-high 4 sacks and Marcus Peters has a pair of interceptions for Baltimore this season.

The Indianapolis Colts will look to build off of a 41-21 win over the Detroit Lions in their last game. Philip Rivers has thrown for 1,860 yards, 10 touchdowns and 6 interceptions on 69.7% passing while Jonathan Taylor leads the Colts with 389 rushing yards and 3 touchdowns. Jordan Wilkins also has 183 rushing yards for the Colts while 5 different receivers for Indianapolis each have 200+ receiving yards, led by T.Y. Hilton who has 251 receiving yards. Zach Pascal and Mo Alie-Cox each have two receiving TDs and Nyheim Hines has 3 TD grabs out of the backfield for Indianapolis this season. Anthony Walker and Bobby Okereke each have a team-high 40 total tackles, with Walker posting a team-high 33 solo tackles to Okereke's 31. Denico Autry has a team-high 4 sacks and Justin Houston has 3.5 sacks while Kenny Moore II, Xavier Rhodes and Julian Blackmon have a pair of interceptions each.

You have a Baltimore team that's the better team side-by-side going up against an Indianapolis team that's had Baltimore's number historically, covering in 10 of the last 11 meetings. Baltimore is 1-4 ATS in their last 5 games. Indianapolis is 12-4 ATS in their last 16 games against a team with a winning record. Baltimore is 0-4 ATS in the last 4 meetings between these two teams in Indianapolis. The public most likely will be on the Ravens to bounce back in this spot. But I'm going to fade Baltimore. They're coming off an emotionally draining loss to their rival Steelers and very well may be still licking their wounds. Conversely, the Colts are coming off a big road win and Rivers seems to be in the groove right now. **I'm taking the home dog Colts.**

Projected Score: Indianapolis 24, Baltimore 21

NY Giants + 3½ Over Washington by 3

The New York Giants look for their first road win to rebound from a rough 1-7 record. The New York Giants haven't won a road game since December of last year. Daniel Jones is completing 61.8 percent of his passes for 1,666 yards, seven touchdowns and nine interceptions. Jones has one touchdown pass in six of his last eight games. Darius Slayton and Evan Engram have combined for 769 receiving yards and three touchdowns while Golden Tate has 22 receptions. The New York Giants ground game is averaging 98.5 yards per contest, and Jones leads the way with 316 yards on 34 carries. Defensively, New York is allowing 24.9 points and 354.8 yards per game. Blake Martinez leads the New York Giants with 82 tackles, Leonard Williams has four sacks and James Bradberry has three interceptions.

The Washington Football Team are coming off a bye week and have a chance to win back-to-back games for the first time this season. The Washington Football Team have split their last four home games. Dwayne

Haskins Jr. is completing 61 percent of his passes for 939 yards, four touchdowns and three interceptions. Haskins and Kyle Allen have combined for eight touchdown passes and four interceptions. Terry McLaurin and Logan Thomas have combined for 785 receiving yards and five touchdowns while JD McKissic has 25 receptions. The Washington Football Team ground game is averaging 100.1 yards per contest, and Antonio Gibson leads the way with 371 yards and four touchdowns. Defensively, Washington is allowing 23.6 points and 309.1 yards per game. Jon Bostic leads the Washington Football Team with 52 tackles, Montez Sweat has five sacks and Kendall Fuller has four interceptions.

The New York Giants aren't finishing games and are piling up the losses, but they've been a lot more competitive than their record suggests. The Giants last three losses have been decided by three or less points and five of their seven losses overall have been decided by eight or less points. The Washington Football Team have had an extra week to prepare for this game, but they're still a poor football team that's been less competitive overall and has a lot of the similar issues offensively that the Giants have.

I'm not laying chalk with Washington, and the Giants could be in a much better possession in the standings if they knew how to play decent football in the fourth quarter. The Giants are coming off a very respectable effort against the Buccaneers. The Giants are 20-7 ATS in their last 27 road games, 19-7 ATS in their last 26 games as a road underdog and 4-1 ATS in their last 5 games overall. The Football Team are 4-9 ATS in their last 13 vs. NFC East and 1-5 ATS in their last 6 games as a favorite. The Giants are 5-2 ATS in their last 7 meetings in Washington. **The trend is your friend, so give me the Giants and the points.**

Projected Score: NY Giants 23, Washington 20

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11/04/20 7:00 ET	295 296	Ohio Central Michigan	60.5 -1
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11/08/20 1:00 ET	465 466	New York Giants Washington Football Team	41.5 -3
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11/08/20 4:25 ET	471 472	Miami Dolphins Arizona Cardinals	48 -4
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