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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

NCAA Landscape

Is there anything better than college football? Week 10 promised to be one of the best of the college football season, and it delivered.

The most important development of the weekend is the departure of both Alabama and Clemson from the College Football Playoff stage. The Tide's loss to LSU eliminates it from playoff contention. The Tigers' blowout defeat to Notre Dame all but does the same for them. This will likely be the first time that neither Alabama nor Clemson make the field of four.

And man, things are wide open for everyone else! LSU, Oregon, USC, UCLA, TCU, Tennessee, whoever finishes second in the Big Ten East — all of those teams have hope now that the Tide and the Tigers are out of the picture.

But that's enough playoff talk for now. Let's get into what was a magical week of football.

Winner: Georgia Bulldogs

The most difficult thing in college football this season has been dictating the pace against Tennessee. The Vols entered Saturday having scored 34-plus in every game with a lightning-fast offense that punishes teams vertically.

But, Tennessee hadn't played Georgia yet. The No. 3 Bulldogs spoiled the No. 1 Vols' special season, 27-13, thanks to a regimented and relentless defensive effort. Tennessee thrives on chunk plays. They have 36 plays of 30-plus yards this season, which is four more than anyone in the FBS. Georgia didn't surrender a single play of 30-plus yards. This made Tennessee drive the football down the field. The Vols moved slower than normal — 2.58 plays per minute instead of 2.85 — and they couldn't convert. Tennessee had three drives of 10-plus plays. They resulted in just three points.

With its team speed and ability to manufacture pressure without blitzing, Georgia controlled the game. It's something few programs are capable of defensively against Tennessee and is proof that the Bulldogs' unit remains elite despite losing eight draft picks to the NFL this off season.

Georgia will move to No. 1 in the rankings tomorrow, and justifiably so. UGA's dictated the rest of college football for two years. We've seen little in 2022 to think that will change.

Loser: Clemson Tigers

There are plenty of slices to be cut in Clemson's blame pie after a deflating 35-14 road loss against Notre Dame. There's ineffective quarterback play by DJ Uiagalelei. There's a lack of separation by the Tigers receivers. There's an offensive line that fails to consistently win at the point of attack. There's a defense that — despite having five-star talent all over the place — just isn't as good as it's been in years past. There's also stale play-calling on the offensive side of the ball.

This makes it sound like Clemson is a bad football team. It's not. The Tigers are good and this loss does nothing to harm their pursuit of an ACC title (probably vs. North Carolina). However, Clemson's elevated itself to a different standard the last decade. The Tigers are measured by their ability to contend for national titles. And this version of Clemson isn't close to good enough.

Dabo Swinney is an excellent, generational football coach. He's built a modern dynasty at a place few would have expected. But, in order to return to the nation's elite, he must be willing to adapt. Clemson must embrace the portal. Clemson must reach outside of its walls for new offensive ideas. Clemson, as Swinney has done at times in his career, must change.

This was a woeful night in South Bend. The offense managed just 281 yards. The quarterback situation was bungled (Uiagalelei was benched, then Cade Klubnik was after an interception, and then Uiagalelei threw a pick-6 about 90 yards the other way). It wasn't nearly as ugly as the 2012 Orange Bowl, when Swinney clearly saw he had to fire Kevin Steele (and then hired Brent Venables). But there needs to be some staff accountability. Fresh ideas are needed. The Tigers have to change what they do. If they don't, they risk inching further and further from yearly contention.

Winner: LSU Tigers

Brian Kelly didn't want to keep going in overtime, so Jayden Daniels ended the game ... and Alabama's playoff hopes along the way.

Kelly made the gutsiest call of the 2022 college football season, opting to go for two and the win in overtime against Alabama. The play call was perfect. The mobile Daniels booted out right, two receivers on that side of the line cleared things out with blocks (or a pick depending on who you root for) and true freshman tight end Mason Taylor beat his defender to the pylon to end the game. LSU 32, Alabama 31.

Kelly isn't a Louisiana native like Ed Orgeron, He isn't a quirky cult figure like Les Miles. He isn't the best coach of all-time like Nick Saban. But he is a winner. He's won at every stop of his career from D-II to the G-5 to Notre Dame, and now he's winning in Baton Rouge.

LSU could become the first two-loss team to ever make the CFB Playoff if it wins out. But even if it doesn't happen, the Tigers are back on the map as a national powerhouse. It took Kelly less than a year to do so.

Loser: Arkansas Razorbacks

While much of the conversation surrounding Liberty's 21-19 win over Arkansas will surround Hugh Freeze and his future job prospects (he wants Auburn) it's still worth hammering down on how brutal this loss is for Arkansas.

This was in Fayetteville. This would've clinched bowl eligibility for Arkansas. This is the game that teams who are ready to take the next step win easily. But, Arkansas came out flatter than a six-month-old bottle of open Coke. Liberty raced out to a 21-3 halftime lead while the Razorbacks went three-and-out on three of their first four possessions. Before Arkansas' final drive of the first half, the Razorbacks had only crossed midfield for two plays.

This conversation might be different had Arkansas' potential game-tying 2-point conversion had been called a score on the field instead of being called short. But, Arkansas should've never been in that position in the first place.

This is a game Arkansas has to win. And now, since it didn't, the Razorbacks' bowl hopes are at risk with LSU, Ole Miss and a trip to Missouri up next.

Winner: Kansas Jayhawks

Just in time for the start of basketball season, Kansas is bowl-eligible. That's it. That's all you need to know. The Jayhawks, for the first time since 2008, are going to a bowl game after a 37-16 upset of No. 18 Oklahoma State. What has long been the worst Power Five program in the country is now

respectable again. Hats off to Lance Leipold. Good football coaches tend to find a way.

Kansas running back Devin Neal was the star of the show Saturday. He ran for 224 yards and also had 110 yards receiving. This outing made him only the eighth FBS player since 2000 to run for 200 and have at least 100 yards receiving in the same game. He's in great company, too. The other Power Five players to do so are Christian McCaffrey, Joe Mixon and Steve Slaton.

The Jayhawks have the coach, the quarterback and the playmakers. And I have a hunch they're not going to stop any time soon, either.

Loser: Virginia Tech Hokies

This could easily be fellow ACC Coastal member Miami after an embarrassing loss to Florida State (45-3). But Miami is the subject of much discussion and misery this season. Let's instead turn to Blacksburg, where the Hokies have now lost six straight after falling to Georgia Tech, 28-27, at home.

This was yet another brutal loss for Virginia Tech, which is now one of three ACC teams with a 1-5 conference mark (and one of two, along with Boston College, to sit 2-7 overall). The Hokies turned the ball over three times in the fourth quarter, leading to a pair of Yellow Jackets touchdowns and sparking an 11-point comeback. It's the second straight week Virginia Tech has blown a fourth quarter lead and the third straight game it has lost by a possession or less.

Virginia Tech's offense is horrid at 117th nationally in yards per play. And with upcoming games against Duke and Liberty, there's a strong chance the Hokies finish with three or fewer wins for the first time since 1992. First-year head coach Brent Pry might end up being the right guy for the Hokies. But it's hard to imagine a more brutal start to a tenure. Then again ... Frank Beamer won two games in his Hokies debut, too.

ACC Scores and Notes (+ Notre Dame)

Drake Maye threw for 293 yards, ran for 74 and totaled 3 touchdowns as No. 17 North Carolina won 31-28 against Virginia. The Tar Heels (8-1) are unbeaten in ACC play but will soon enter a potentially hazardous stretch with in-state opponents Wake Forest and NC State on deck. The Cavs (3-6) have lost five of their last six games.

Syracuse's early season momentum continues to stall after a 19-9 loss to Pittsburgh (5-4). The No. 20 Orange (6-3) have now lost three straight after a 6-0 start. Syracuse managed just 145 yards of offense in the loss. The victory snaps a two-game losing skid for Pittsburgh.

NC State seems to have a bright future after Devin Leary based on what we've seen from MJ Morris the last two weeks. The true freshman QB made his first career start and led No. 22 NC State past No. 21 Wake Forest for a 30-21 win. Morris finished the night 18-for-28 with 210 yards and 3 touchdowns. The Wolfpack defense played its part, too, forcing a trio of interceptions and holding Wake Forest to just 17 yards rushing on 25 attempts. Sam Hartman has had a rough two weeks. A week after he had six turnovers against Louisville, he coughed the ball up three more times.

Florida State trounced Miami, 45-3, in Coral Gables. It's a huge rivalry win for the Seminoles (6-3) and a statement to a lot of recruits for the FSU coaching staff. Jordan Travis (10-for-12, 202 yards, 3 TDs) is quite clearly the best QB in the Sunshine State. As for Miami (4-5) ... what an offensive mess. Tyler Van Dyke was knocked out of another game with injury and this is the second straight week the Hurricanes have failed to score an offensive touchdown.

Duke reached bowl eligibility on Friday with a 38-31 win over Boston College. The Blue Devils (6-3) are bowl eligible for the first time since 2018. It's been an impressive debut season for Mike Elko. The Eagles (2-7), for their part, have now lost four straight games. BC starting QB Phil Jurkovec missed the game due to a right knee injury.

Louisville beat James Madison, 34-10, to reach the six-win threshold. Quarterback Malik Cunningham led the way for the Cardinals with 223 yards and 3 touchdowns.

Big 12 scores and notes

TCU just keeps figuring out a way to win close. The No. 7 Horned Frogs beat Texas Tech, 34-24, for their fifth straight win by 10 points or fewer. Max Duggan was off most of the day without his No. 1 receiver Quentin Johnston (who exited the game early with an injury) but Kendre Miller (21 carries, 158 yards) was there to pick up the slack. The Horned Frogs are 9-0 for the first time since 2010. Texas Tech (4-5) led early in the fourth quarter, but lost the ball two straight drives on downs that resulted in two straight TCU scores.

Texas staved off second-half ghosts and Adrian Martinez couldn't shake his as the No. 24 Longhorns beat No. 13 Kansas St, 34-27, in Manhattan. Texas saw a 21-point second half lead evaporate to the point K-State had the ball on the final possession with the chance to tie the game. But Martinez (who had trouble handling the ball all night) lost control of the football again to end the game. Texas now controls its own destiny in the race to make the Big 12 title game while K-State will need some help.

Baylor went on the road and beat Oklahoma, 38-35, thanks largely to a huge day from Squirrel Williams. The junior — who seemed to have lost his starting job to true freshman Richard Reese — ran for 192 yards and 2 touchdowns. Baylor (6-3) now controls its own destiny in the Big 12 with upcoming games against Kansas State, TCU and Texas. Oklahoma (5-4) had three first-half turnovers that put it in a hole it could never recover from.

Iowa State picked up its first Big 12 win of the year, 31-14, over West Virginia (3-6). The Cyclone (4-5) defense deserves much of the credit, holding the Mountaineers to 200 total yards and just 2-of-12 on third down. Neal Brown's days as West Virginia's head coach could well be numbered. He had some momentum after a win over Baylor. But, three straight losses have done Brown no favors.

Big Ten scores and notes

No. 2 Ohio State overcame strong wind gusts, rain and a slow start to beat Northwestern, 21-7, in Evanston. CJ Stroud had an abysmal day passing in the wind (10-for-26, 76 yards), but he ran for 79 yards to help his team rally from an early 7-0 hole. The Wildcats (1-8) actually had more yards than the Buckeyes, but they were an abysmal 0-for-4 on fourth down.

You wouldn't know it by the final score, but No. 5 Michigan trailed Rutgers at halftime. Then the Wolverines (9-0) scored 38 unanswered points to win 52-17. Both Blake Corum and Donovan Edwards rushed for 109 yards in the win for Michigan. The Scarlet Knights (4-5) had more turnovers (3) than first downs (1) in the second half.

Penn State had no problem dispatching Indiana, 45-14, on the road. The No. 15 Nittany Lions (7-2) were up so much in the third quarter that backup QB Drew Allar (9-for-12, 75 yards, 2 TDs) played most of the second half. Indiana (3-6) was without starting QB Connor Bazelak and it mattered in a game in which it tossed three interceptions.

A tumultuous week for Michigan S football ended with a somewhat surprising 23-15 win over No. 16 Illinois (7-2). The Spartan defense stepped up when it mattered, holding Illinois to just 1-of-6 on fourth down. Three of those fourth down failures happened within Michigan St's 30-yard line. Bowl eligibility is still in reach for Michigan State (4-5) with upcoming home games against Rutgers and Indiana.

Minnesota rallied from a 10-0 halftime deficit to beat Nebraska, 20-13, in Lincoln. Gophers (6-3) backup QB Athan Kaliakmanis came in for an injured Tanner Morgan at halftime and led scoring drives on four of his first five possessions. This is a tough loss for the Huskers (3-6) and interim head coach Mickey Joseph, who had created some momentum with early wins over Indiana and Rutgers.

Wind caused havoc across Big Ten country and it seemed to impact Purdue in a 24-3 loss to Iowa. Purdue (5-4) QB Aidan O'Connell finished just 20-for-43 with 168 yards and two picks. But, how about that Hawkeyes offense? Iowa (5-4) averaged a healthy 6.5 yards per play, thanks largely to a 200-yard day by true freshman running back Kaleb Johnson.

Weather was also at play in Madison, where Wisconsin beat Maryland, 23-10, thanks to the strength of its run game. The Badgers ran for 278 yards and 2 TDs as a team with both Braelon Allen and Isaac Guerendo crossing the 100-yard barrier. Interim Badgers head coach Jim Leonhard is now 3-1 since taking over for Paul Chryst. Maryland (6-3) came into the week averaging 283 passing yards per game. But, it threw for just 77 yards against Wisconsin.

Pac-12 Scores and Notes

Oregon had such an easy time in a 49-10 win over Colorado (1-8) that it had time for some fun. So much fun, in fact, that the Ducks' touchdown scorers included five-star true freshman tackle Josh Conerly and starting middle linebacker Noah Sewell. Bo Nix scored a touchdown as a passer, rusher and a receiver as well. The No. 8 Ducks (8-1) will have a much tougher test this week vs Washington.

Cameron Rising returned for Utah in a 45-20 win over Arizona. The No. 14 Utes (7-2) jumped out to a 28-7 lead in the first half and never really looked back. Rising finished the night 13-for-25 with 151 yards and a touchdown. The Wildcats (3-6) fumbled the ball five times, losing four of them.

Washington put together an 18-play, 92-yard field goal drive that ended with eight seconds remaining to help knock off No. 23 Oregon St. The Huskies won, 24-21, and moved to 7-2. Michael Penix threw 52 times in the win. This is the third time in four games he's thrown 50-plus passes.

Stanford fumbled four times in the first half en route to a 52-14 loss to Washington State (5-4). The win snaps a three-game losing streak for the Cougars and puts them in good position to reach a bowl for the second straight year under Jake Dickert. Things aren't so great for the Cardinal. Stanford (3-6) is on the precipice of its third straight losing season, with a trip to Utah coming up next week.

SEC scores and notes

Anthony Richardson had four touchdowns as Florida beat Texas A&M, 41-24, in College Station. The Gators (5-4) trailed at halftime, but held the Aggies off the scoreboard in the second half. Texas A&M (3-6) has lost five straight games for the first time since 1980.

Mississippi State avoided disaster by beating Auburn, 39-33, in overtime. The Bulldogs (6-3) were up 24-6 at halftime, but saw that lead dwindle in the second half. Yet after Auburn (3-6) opened the overtime period with a missed field goal, the Bulldogs ended the game two plays later.

Will Levis rebounded from a disastrous performance against Tennessee, throwing for 160 yards and 3 touchdowns on 12-for-18 passing to help the Kentucky Wildcats to a 21-17 win over Missouri. The victory clinches bowl eligibility for Kentucky for a seventh straight season — the longest such streak in program history. As for Missouri (4-5), head coach Eli Drinkwitz received a two-year contract extension prior to the game.

Spencer Rattler had arguably his best game of the season as South Carolina (6-3) beat Vanderbilt 38-27 in Nashville. Rattler finished the day 16-for-23 with 186 yards and 3 touchdowns to help the Gamecocks to their 14th straight win over the Commodores. Vanderbilt (3-6) has now lost five straight SEC games since opening the season with a 3-1 record in non-conference play.

Five g-5 things to know

Tulane hasn't been that effective on the ground for most of this year, but it had no issues running for 357 yards in a 27-13 win over Tulsa (3-6). The No. 19 Green Wave will have a much more difficult road to the finish line with UCF, SMU and Cincinnati on deck to close the season.

Mikey Keene started at QB for UCF and he played fantastic. Keene finished No. 25 UCF's 35-28 win over Memphis (4-5) with 219 yards and 3 touchdowns on 22-for-28 passing. UCF seems to be pretty good with Keene. His last three games — dating back to last year — include wins over Florida, Cincinnati and Memphis. UCF starting QB John Rhys Plumlee exited last week's game against the Tigers with a concussion.

UTSA (7-2) remains unbeaten in C-USA play thanks to a 44-38 double-overtime win over UAB. The Blazers (4-5) aren't what they've been in recent years, but they're still a major roadblock in C-USA play. That wasn't a problem for Roadrunners QB Frank Harris who threw a pair of TDs in overtime to keep UTSA atop the conference standings.

Coastal Carolina (8-1) all but assured itself of Sun Belt East superiority with a 35-28 win over Appalachian State (5-4). The winner of this game the last four years has gone on to play in the Sun Belt championship. The Chanticleers lost a ton off their 11-win team from a year ago. But, give all the credit in the world to head coach Jamey Chadwell. He's built a hell of a program in Conway. Don't be surprised if you hear Chadwell's name linked to Georgia Tech quite a bit.

Ohio on Tuesday evening notched a huge 45-24 win over Buffalo. Both teams entered the week unbeaten in conference play. This victory gives the Bobcats the tiebreaker in the MAC East, where there's currently a three-way tie for first between Ohio, Buffalo and Bowling Green. There's a long way to go until the end of the season, but Ohio and Bowling Green are set to clash in Week 13.

Offensive Player of the week Tanner Mordecai, QB, SMU

SMU beat Houston, 77-63, as both teams combined to score an FBS-record 140 points in regulation. Mordecai is the reason why the Mustangs survived that shootout. He threw for 379 yards and combined for 10 touchdowns in the win. Those 10 touchdowns are the most by an FBS player since 2000. His nine passing touchdowns has tied him with Anthony Gordon (Washington State) and Case Keenum (Houston) for the most by an FBS player since 2000.

Defensive Player of the week Michael Barrett, LB, Michigan

The Wolverines trailed Rutgers at halftime, and then, Barrett flipped the game with back-to-back third quarter interceptions. Barrett returned one of those for a touchdown. And the other (which he brought back to the Rutgers 10-yard-line), was turned into a touchdown two plays later. From there the rout was on for the Wolverines. Barrett finished second on the team with four total tackles.

Heisman Race

Hendon Hooker, QB, Tennessee (23-of-33, 195 yards, 1 INT)

Blake Corum, RB, Michigan (20 carries for 109 yards, 2 TD) in a win over Rutgers

C.J. Stroud, QB, Ohio State (10-for-26, 76 yards | 6 carries for 76 yards) in win over Northwestern

Bryce Young, QB, Alabama (25-for-51, 328 yards, 1 TD, 1INT | 4 carries for 10 yards) in a loss to LSU

Bo Nix, QB, Oregon (20-for-24, 274 yards, 2 TDs | 9 carries, 16 yards, 2 TDs) in a win over Colorado

My top ten

1. Georgia 2. Ohio State 3. Michigan 4. Tennessee 5. LSU 6. Oregon 7. Alabama 8. TCU 9. USC
10. UCLA

What's up this week

We've got college football Tuesday to Saturday thanks to the MAC, Sun Belt and AAC. Of the games played mid-week, The Friday night matchup between E Carolina and Cincinnati is the best (8 p.m. ET

As for the Saturday, Washington at Oregon and Kansas State at Baylor being the most notable. The biggest game of the weekend is Alabama's trip to Oxford (3 p.m., CBS). Alabama might have two losses, but you can be sure the Lane Kiffin vs. Nick Saban matchup will draw plenty of eyeballs.

That afternoon window also includes a huge game in the American between UCF and Tulane (3:30 p.m.). The most important games of the night slate includes unbeaten TCU traveling to Austin to play Texas (7:30 p.m., ABC) and North Carolina squaring off with Wake Forest (7:30 p.m., ESPN2). Battle of underachievers has Texas A&M playing at Auburn (7:30 p.m., SEC Network).

Get the full slate of college football tv games at [College Football TV Schedule](#)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL BEST BETS

TENNESSEE - 19 Over Missouri by 24 TENNESSEE & Missouri Over 57 by 9

The Missouri Tigers and the Tennessee Volunteers meet in a week 11 SEC college football matchup from Neyland Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

The Missouri Tigers will look to rebound from a 21-17 loss at the hands of Kentucky in their last game.

Brady Cook has thrown for 1,795 yards, 6 touchdowns and 7 interceptions on 65.7% passing.

Cody Schrader and Nathaniel Peat have combined for 896 rushing yards with Schrader logging 5 scores.

Dominic Lovett leads Missouri with 45 catches for 659 receiving yards and a pair of touchdowns.

On defense, Jaylon Carlies has a team-high 49 total tackles including 39 solo tackles and Missouri's defense has 23 sacks and 7 interceptions as a whole this season.

The Tennessee Volunteers will try to bounce back after their first loss of the season after a 27-14 loss to Georgia in their last game.

Hendon Hooker has thrown for 2,533 yards, 21 touchdowns and 2 interceptions on 71% passing.

Jaylen Wright has a team-high 547 rushing yards with 6 touchdowns while Jabari Small has 483 rushing yards with a team-high 8 scores and Hooker has 355 rushing yards and 4 TDs as well.

Jalin Hyatt leads Tennessee with 51 catches for 970 yards and 14 receiving TDs while Bru McCoy has 489 receiving yards and Ramel Keyton and Cedric Tillman each have 300+ receiving yards as well this season.

On defense, Trevon Flowers has a team-high 49 total tackles including 30 solo tackles while Tennessee's defense has 21 sacks and 9 interceptions this season.

Missouri is 4-1 ATS in their last 5 road games and 7-3 ATS in their last 10 conference games while the under is 5-0 in their last 5 games following an ATS loss.

Tennessee is 5-1 ATS in their last 6 home games and 4-1 ATS in their last 5 games overall while the over is 6-0 in their last 6 games following a loss.

I get the case to be made for an underdog like Missouri here as the loss to Georgia could leave Tennessee with a bit of a hangover here. However, the Vols can ill afford another slip up if they're going to get back into the good graces of the playoff committee.

I just don't think that the Tigers have what it takes to go shot for shot here with Tennessee, especially with the Vols at home. This is going to be a track meet game, so give me the Vols in a beat down win here in what should be a high scoring game.

So it's Tennessee - 19 against the spread and over the 57 total.

Projected Score: Tennessee 45, Missouri 21



COLLEGE FOOTBALL BEST BETS

MICHIGAN - 26½ Over Nebraska by 32

The Nebraska Cornhuskers and the Michigan Wolverines meet Saturday in college football action from Michigan Stadium.

Nebraska is fresh off a matchup versus Minnesota. In that game the Cornhuskers lost by seven points.

As for Michigan, they played Rutgers over the weekend. The Wolverines ended up winning in a blowout.

Nebraska hit a 1-3 run over their first four games this year, beating North Dakota with losses to Northwestern, Georgia Southern and Oklahoma otherwise. After wins over Indiana and Rutgers, the Cornhuskers lost to Purdue and Illinois.

In the Minnesota game, the Cornhuskers had a 10-0 lead going into the break. Nebraska was outscored 20-3 from there in a 20-13 loss. QB Chubba Purdy had just 41 yards and an interception. Anthony Grant rushed 21 times for 115 yards.

Over on the Michigan side, they had a relatively close call or two among their first eight games, but the majority were big wins. The Wolverines beat Colorado State, Hawaii, UConn, Maryland, Iowa, Indiana, Penn State and Michigan State in their first eight outings.

In the Rutgers matchup, the Wolverines trailed 17-14 at halftime. Michigan went on a 38-0 tear from there in a 52-17 win. JJ McCarthy finished with 151 yards and two scores. Blake Corum added 20 carries for 109 yards and two touchdowns to lead the rush.

The Cornhuskers are 4-1 ATS in their last five in November and 2-6 ATS in their last eight on turf. Nebraska is 1-4-1 ATS in their last six after an ATS win.

Meanwhile, the Wolverines are 5-0 ATS in their last five in November and 9-2 ATS in the last 11 conference games. Michigan is 4-1 ATS in their last five overall.

The Wolverines had a spotty first half versus Rutgers but finished strong, ultimately posting 433 total yards, 22 first downs, zero turnovers and just three penalties. Michigan held the Knights to just 180 yards and five first downs on the other side.

As for Nebraska, they're coming off another tepid performance with just 267 total yards and 13 first downs in the loss to Minnesota.

It's a thick line here granted, but it's going to be very difficult for the Cornhuskers to keep any kind of pace. The Huskers will be hard pressed to score against a stout Wolverines defensive unit.

Michigan offense started rolling last week and should do the same against a weak Husker defense. This is another blowout win for Michigan, so lay the lumber.

Projected Score: Michigan 42, Nebraska 10



COLLEGE FOOTBALL BEST BETS

OREGON - 11½ Over Washington by 21

The Washington Huskies and the Oregon Ducks meet Saturday in college football action from Autzen Stadium.

Washington played Oregon State back on Friday. In that game the Huskies eked out a three-point victory.

As for Oregon, they're coming off a game versus Colorado. The Ducks ended up winning in blowout fashion.

Washington won their first four games this year, taking out Kent State, Portland State, Michigan State and Stanford. After losses to UCLA and Arizona State, the Huskies managed wins over Arizona and California in their next pair of outings.

In the Oregon State game last Friday, the Huskies were down 21-14 going into the final quarter. Washington hit a 10-0 run from there and earned a 24-21 comeback victory. Quarterback Michael Penix had 298 yards with a TD and an interception, and Cameron Davis rushed 11 times for 55 yards.

Over on the Oregon side, they lost to Georgia in their first game this year. A winning streak came afterward as the Ducks rolled through Eastern Washington, BYU, Washington State, Stanford, Arizona, UCLA and California in their next seven games.

Matched up against Colorado over the weekend, Oregon scored 14 points in each of the first three quarters during a dominant 49-10 blowout victory. QB Bo Nix finished on 274 yards and two touchdowns. Mar'Keise Irving added 120 rush yards on 11 carries.

The Huskies are 7-19 ATS in their last 26 conference games and 2-7 ATS versus a team with a winning record. Washington is 0-4 ATS in their last four road games.

Meanwhile, the Ducks are 5-0 ATS in their last five overall and 6-0 ATS in the last six at home. Oregon is 4-1 ATS in their last five in November.

The Huskies did a nice job versus a good Oregon State team in their last outing, posting 398 total yards, 24 first downs and 11-of-18 on third-down tries. Washington gave up just 87 passing yards, 18 first downs and 4-of-10 on third downs on the other side.

As for Oregon, they were steady as can be during their win over Colorado last weekend. The Ducks posted 479 total yards, 21 first downs and zero turnovers.

That said, if southpaw Michael Penix has a real good game, they've got a great shot at covering here.

Nevertheless, I'm not backing a team that is 0-4 ATS in their last four road games while the Ducks are 5-0 ATS in their last five overall and 6-0 ATS in the last six at home.

Give me the Ducks at home in what should be a great game to watch and win.

Projected Score: Oregon 45, Washington 24



COLLEGE FOOTBALL BEST BETS

UCLA - 17½ Over Arizona by 25

The Arizona Wildcats and the UCLA Bruins meet Saturday in college football action from the Rose Bowl.

Arizona is coming off a matchup versus Utah. In that game the Wildcats fell in blowout fashion.

As for UCLA, they played Arizona State over the weekend. The Bruins would go on to win by 14 in a high-scoring game.

Arizona went 2-2 over their first four games, losing to Mississippi State and Cal while otherwise beating San Diego State and North Dakota State. The Wildcats would beat Colorado then fall to Oregon, Washington and USC over the next four.

In the Utah matchup, the Wildcats faced a 31-10 deficit after three quarters. Arizona posted 10 cosmetic points from there in a 45-20 loss. Quarterback Jayden de Laura managed 159 yards, and Michael Wiley rushed six times for 64 yards.

Over on the UCLA side, they won their first six games this year. Those victories came versus Bowling Green, Alabama State, South Alabama, Colorado, Washington and Utah. After a loss to Oregon, the Bruins took out Stanford in the next outing.

Matched up against Arizona State, UCLA managed to score 14 points in each of the first three quarters on the way to a 50-36 victory.

QB Dorian Thompson-Robinson posted 169 yards, two scores and a pick (alongside 10 carries for 120 yards and two touchdowns). Kazmeir Allen led the rush with 137 yards and a TD.

The Wildcats are 4-1 ATS in the last five after an ATS loss and 2-5 ATS in their last seven in November. Arizona is 10-26 ATS in their last 36 road games.

Meanwhile, the Bruins are 7-0 ATS in the last seven in November and 5-0 ATS in their last five on grass. UCLA is 11-0 ATS versus a team with a losing record.

The Bruins gave up quite a bit of offense to Arizona State in their last game: 468 total yards (349 passing), 30 first downs and 35:42 in time of possession. That said, the Bruins were able to cruise to the win thanks to 571 yards, 24 first downs and 9-of-11 on third-down tries themselves.

As for Arizona, they had a rough game versus Utah back on Saturday, posting 387 total yards, 14 first downs, 3-of-11 on third-down tries and four lost fumbles.

Facing UCLA is going to be yet another challenge, and the Wildcats will not keep the pace with the high scoring Bruins. UCLA QB QB Dorian Thompson-Robinson will find many gaps in the Arizona secondary and play action passes will be plentiful.

As mentioned earlier, Arizona is 10-26 ATS in their last 36 road games. The Bruins are 7-0 ATS in the last seven in November and 5-0 ATS in their last five on grass. UCLA is 11-0 ATS versus a team with a losing record.

Lay the lumber and back the Bruins in an easy win and cover where points will be plentiful.

Projected Score: UCLA 51, Arizona 26

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL BEST BETS

Boise St - 23 Over NEVADA by 31

The Boise State Broncos and the Nevada Wolf Pack meet Saturday in college football action from Mackay Stadium.

Boise State is coming off a matchup versus BYU. In that one the Broncos lost by three points.

As for Nevada, they had a bye last week. The Wolf Pack last appeared in a loss to San Jose State.

Boise State went 2-2 out of the gate this year with losses to Oregon State and UTEP mixed with wins over New Mexico and TN-Martin. The Broncos won their next four straight over San Diego State, Fresno State, Air Force and Colorado State.

In the BYU game back on Saturday, the Broncos were down 17-14 going into the final quarter. Despite two more touchdowns, Boise State lost 31-28.

QB Taylen Green managed 220 yards and two scores. George Holani rushed 20 times for 73 yards and two TDs.

Over on the Nevada side, they won their first pair over New Mexico State and Texas State. A losing streak to Incarnate Word, Iowa, Air Force, Colorado State, Hawaii, San Diego State and San Jose State followed.

In the San Jose State game back on October 29, the Wolf Pack managed to score a TD in every quarter but ultimately lost 35-28. QB Shane Illingworth managed 223 yards with a TD and a pick. Toa Taua carried 23 times for 75 yards and three more scores.

The Broncos are 11-5-2 ATS versus a team with a losing record and 1-3-1 ATS in their last five road games. Boise State is 4-1 ATS in their last five overall.

Meanwhile, the Wolf Pack are 8-3-1 ATS in their last 13 after a bye and 1-5 ATS in the last six on turf. Nevada is 1-6 ATS in the last seven overall.

The Broncos really need to dial the defense in, however. Boise State gave up 532 yards, 7.2 yards per play and 27 first downs to BYU in their last outing. The Broncos struggled on offense as well with 324 total yards, 16 first downs and 4-of-10 on third downs.

As for Nevada, they didn't play awful football in their last outing versus San Jose State. That said, the Wolf Pack gave up 340 passing yards and 29 first downs while also committing 11 penalties for 114 yards during the loss. The week off should do the team some good but I don't think they'll cover.

Projected Score: Boise St 41, Nevada 10



NFL FOOTBALL

NFL Landscape

NFL Week 9 is GONE as we officially glide past the midway point of the 2022 NFL season. The NFL playoff picture is starting to take shape and as we review Sunday's action, the winners and losers had a massive impact on where everything stands moving forward.

It all started with a chaotic eight-game slate. Both the Green Bay Packers and Buffalo Bills were heavy favorites on the road, expected to make easy work of the Detroit Lions and New York Jets. Instead, NFL Week 9 raised alarm bells for Josh Allen and erased whatever benefit of the doubt Aaron Rodgers had nationally.

While we'll remember Sunday for the upsets, it also provided some thrillers. The Miami Dolphins vs Chicago Bears clash delivered 67 total points. Elsewhere, the New England Patriots dismantled the Indianapolis Colts and the Jacksonville Jaguars devastated the Las Vegas Raiders.

NFL Week 9 scores winners & losers

Winner: Justin Fields

NFL: Miami Dolphins at Chicago Bears

The Chicago Bears have received a lot of criticism for not doing enough to help Justin Fields become successful. Quite frankly, it was deserved given the front office tore apart the roster and invested practically nothing into the offense. Fields' future looked grim until Chicago built its offense around his strengths. Is Justin Fields the best quarterback to come out of the 2021 draft.

Chicago Bears QB Justin Fields made NFL history in breakout performance. Performance is all that matters right now. Fields is just behind Lamar Jackson as the most athletic quarterback and a gifted runner at the position. He keeps proving himself. On the ground, Fields has 408 rushing yards and three touchdowns in his last four games. He's also improving as a passer, posting a 100-plus QB rating in consecutive weeks with a 5-0 TD-INT ratio against the Dolphins and Dallas Cowboys.

We've seen the many problems for Trevor Lawrence, Fields offers far more upside and he's simply playing better. Mac Jones and Zach Wilson are two of the worst quarterbacks in the NFL this year and Trey Lance is a question mark with little experience. If you're choosing from the 2021 NFL Draft class, Fields is the choice at quarterback.

Loser: Aaron Rodgers

A future Hall of Famer once said that players who make too many mistakes shouldn't be playing. The Green Bay Packers faced the worst defense in football in NFL Week 9. They made four trips to the red zone with cornerback Jaire Alexander also returning an interception to the 23-yard line. One player erased all of those opportunities with countless mistakes.

12 highest-paid quarterbacks in the NFL: Aaron Rodgers tops the list in 2022. Rodgers' first interception happened because of an awful throw that went right off a defender's helmet and was picked off in the end zone, a turnover he seemed to blame on others. The second end-zone pick came on a wildly under thrown ball. Before his third interception, Rodgers missed a wide-open TD.

Rodgers can blame teammates, the coaching staff or general manager Brian Gutekunst as much as he wants. In reality, the 38-year-old quarterback is the biggest problem both in terms of his on-field impact and his bloated salary.

After threatening to retire for so many years, he needs to follow through on all that talk after this disastrous season ends.

Winner: Joe Mixon

Coming into Sunday, it would be fair to describe the 2022 NFL season as underwhelming for Joe Mixon. He ranked 21st in rushing yards (432), 26th in rushing touchdowns (2) and 50th in yards per carry (3.3). It's apparent Cincinnati wanted to change that and the Carolina Panthers obliged.

It starts with the franchise record of five touchdowns. Quite frankly, he could have tied the NFL record (6) if Cincinnati didn't take it easy on Carolina in the second half. Beyond the touchdowns, Mixon accounted for 211 scrimmage yards and averaged 7.0 ypc on 22 attempts. Safe to say he'll be among the league leaders entering Week 10.

Loser: Josh Allen

Many were willing to look past Josh Allen and the Buffalo Bills. The NFL MVP candidate threw two second-half interceptions, the direct results of inexcusable decision-making that felt reminiscent of his first two NFL seasons. Apparently getting away with it against one of the worst teams in football made Allen believe he could play recklessly in NFL Week 9.

Sunday marked the second consecutive two-interception game for Allen, only this time a good team took advantage of the freebies. The 26-year-old quarterback is the most physically-gifted quarterback in the NFL, but this two-game stretch suddenly brings back that thought in the back of one's mind that he could give the football away inexplicably.

Winner: Kenneth Walker III

Kenneth Walker III is ridiculous. The Seattle Seahawks running back stepped into the featured role because of the Rashaad Penny injury. Walker immediately won Offensive Rookie of the Month in October and NFL Week 9 should prove to everyone he's already one of the best running backs in football and even more is coming.

Kenneth Walker III stats (October): 403 rushing yards, 5.8 ypc, five Tds. After taking over the NFL in October, the 41st pick in the 2022 NFL Draft showed no signs of slowing down in November. He erupted for 129 scrimmage yards, just another 100-yard performance on his resume. Far more importantly, his two fourth-quarter touchdowns sealed the Seahawks' victory and he is one of the biggest reasons why they are 6-3.

Loser: Frank Reich

Indianapolis Colts head coach Frank Reich clearly felt the pressure mounting. Wanting to save his job, he benched veteran quarterback Matt Ryan for not uplifting an offense with bad play-calling and a worse offensive line. When that didn't miraculously save the offense, Reich fired the offensive coordinator who didn't even call plays.

There is no one left to blame for Reich. While general manager Chris Ballard is also at fault for the state of this roster, Reich helped build the team. He used whatever scapegoats he could find to save his job, trying everything to stay afloat. Reich's time in Indianapolis has ended.

Winner: Tom Brady

Trailing 13-9 with 44 seconds left in the game, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers season hung in the balance. If Tom Brady couldn't cover 60 yards in 44 seconds, his team would drop to 3-6 with its chances of making the playoffs suffering a devastating blow. Even at 45, the greatest quarterback in NFL history came through.

Brady immediately hit rookie tight end Cade Otton for 28 yards, moving to the Los Angeles Rams' 32-yard line. With 28 seconds remaining, Brady hit Leonard Fournette (4-yard gain) then connected with Scotty Miller twice (14, 7-yard gains). Two plays later, Brady found the rookie again for the game-winning touchdown.

Sunday's win doesn't completely erase the concerns in Tampa Bay. One of the worst rushing offenses in NFL history still finished with just 51 yards on 21 carries. Brady also needed every one of his 58 attempts just to hit 280 yards (4.8 ypa). In the end, though, Brady came through with the game on the line for another game-winning drive. Meanwhile, Aaron Rodgers couldn't do the same with 2:03 remaining against a far worse opponent. Brady became the first quarterback in NFL history to reach 100,000 career passing yards (regular season and postseason combined). Brady also passed Peyton Manning for the most game-winning drives in NFL history (55).

The win ended the Bucs' three-game losing streak. Tampa (4-5) is back on top of the NFC South. They lead the Falcons (4-5), Saints (3-5), and Panthers (2-7). The Bucs will take on the Seahawks, in Munich Germany, next Sunday (kickoff at 9:30 am ET).

Raiders locker room on edge after third blown lead of the season

A record: The Raiders blew a 17-point lead to the Jaguars on Sunday — the third time they've blown a 17-point or more lead this season (which ties an NFL record).

Davante: Davante Adams was very frustrated after the loss and questioned the team's strategy in the second half of the game. Adams caught 9-of-9 targets for 146 yards and 2 touchdowns in the first half of the game. But in the second half, he was limited to just 1 catch on 8 targets for 0 yards. Any hopes the Raiders (2-6) had of the playoffs were likely extinguished with the loss. Josh McDaniels now has a 7-23 career record as a head coach.

Odell Beckham Jr.

Odell Beckham Jr. will be fully cleared by the end of the week Jay Glazer is reporting that Beckham, who tore his ACL in the Super Bowl, will be fully cleared by the end of this week. Glazer thinks there is going to be a "big bidding war" for Beckham's services. He specifically mentioned the Bills, 49ers, Cowboys, and Rams as teams in contention. 49ers GM John Lynch acknowledged interest in OBJ. Cowboys? The Cowboys have been quietly linked to Beckham for months now. Ian Rapoport mentioned on Sunday that Dallas is in the mix for the 3x Pro Bowler. Rapoport also revealed that the receiver-hungry Cowboys tried to land Jerry Jeudy and Brandin Cooks at the deadline line week. Packers Out? Beckham will only join a Super Bowl contender, which likely means the Packers (3-6) are no longer a serious threat to sign him. Bucs Out? The Bucs were mentioned as a potential fit by Adam Schefter last week — but were notably left out of Glazer's report.

Packers

Aaron Jones injured in Packers' loss to the Lions. Jones hurt his ankle and was seen in a walking boot following the 15-9 loss. According to Ian Rapoport, X-Rays on the ankle came back "inconclusive." More imaging will be done today. Three other Packers were on crutches following the game — WR Romeo Doubs (ankle), CB Eric Stokes (knee, ankle), and OLB Rashan Gary (knee). The team fears Gary tore his ACL. WR Christian Watson and ILB Krys Barnes both left the game with concussion-like symptoms. Green Bay hosts Dallas (6-2) next Sunday and Tennessee (6-3) the following Thursday.

Earlier on Sunday, it was revealed that Packers GM Brian Gutekunst tried and failed to trade for Panthers WR D.J. Moore and Raiders TE Darren Waller at last week's deadline. He also failed to land WR Chase Claypool from the Steelers.

The Vikings (7-1) beat Washington on Sunday and hold a commanding lead over the Packers (3-6), Bears (3-6), and Lions (2-6).

Tyreek Hill

Hill caught 7 passes for 143 yards and 1 touchdown in the Dolphins' win. He has the most receiving yards (1,104) through the first nine games of a season in NFL history and is on pace for an NFL-record 2,085 receiving yards.

PRO FOOTBALL BEST BET

TAMPA BAY - 1½ Over Seattle by 13

The Seattle Seahawks and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers meet Sunday in NFL action from Allianz Arena in Munich, Germany.

Seattle is coming off a 10-point victory over the Cardinals.

As for Tampa Bay, they improved to 4-5 after a win over the Rams in their last appearance.

Seattle began this year's campaign at 2-2 with losses to the 49ers and Falcons between wins over the Broncos and Lions. The Seahawks would then lose to the Saints before hitting a win streak versus the Cardinals, Chargers and Giants.

Seattle kept their run going versus the Cardinals this past weekend. The Seahawks managed to put up points in every quarter in a 31-21 victory. QB Geno Smith posted 275 yards with two TDs and a pick, while Kenneth Walker carried 26 times for 109 yards and two scores.

Over on the Tampa Bay side, their year began at 3-2 with wins over the Cowboys, Saints and Falcons mixed with losses to the Packers and Chiefs. The Buccaneers lost their next three to the Steelers, Panthers and Ravens.

Tampa Bay was able to stop the bleeding in their last game versus the Rams. The Buccaneers were down 13-6 going into the final quarter but ultimately pulled off the win 16-13. QB Tom Brady managed 280 yards and a TD, while Rachaad White rushed for 27 yards.

The Seahawks are 4-0 ATS in their last four overall and 4-1 ATS in the last five on turf. Seattle is 8-3-1 ATS in the last 12 in Week 10.

Meanwhile, the Bucs are 3-1-1 ATS in their last five games in November and 0-6-1 ATS in their last seven overall. Tampa is 0-3-1 ATS in their last four versus the NFC.

The Bucs really needed a win last weekend, and they got it in dramatic fashion. Tampa put up 323 total yards, 18 first downs and a sketchy 9-of-21 on third-down plays. The defense was great on the other side, giving up just 206 yards and nine first downs.

As for Seattle, they had a nice performance against the Cardinals with 421 total yards, 10-of-15 on third-down tries and 27 first downs.

It's going to be tough for the Bucs to keep the Seattle offense contained if the Seahawks play like that again.

Nevertheless, the Bucs defense came up big last week against the Rams. That last second win last week may just be what lights up the Bucs offense.

This is an awful long trip as the Seahawks fly from the west coast, east over the pond, to Germany. This is better spot for the Bucs to get right again. Take Tampa Bay.

Projected Score: Tampa Bay 30, Seattle 17



PRO FOOTBALL BEST BET

KANSAS CITY - 9½ Over Jacksonville by 21

The Jacksonville Jaguars and the Kansas City Chiefs meet Sunday in NFL action from Arrowhead Stadium.

Jacksonville is 3-6 on the year so far and fresh off a win over the Raiders.

As for the Chiefs, they're sitting at 6-2 following an overtime win versus Tennessee in their last game.

Jacksonville opened up the year at 2-1 with wins over the Colts and Chargers (and a loss to the Commanders), then hit a losing streak. The defeats came courtesy of the Eagles, Texans, Colts, Giants and Broncos over the next five games.

The Jaguars stopped their losing streak over the weekend versus the Raiders. Jacksonville was down 20-10 at halftime but outscored Vegas 17-0 from there in a 27-20 win. QB Trevor Lawrence put up 235 yards with a TD, and Travis Etienne had 109 yards and two scores.

Over on the Kansas City side, they beat the Cardinals and Chargers before a loss to the Colts in game three. The Chiefs would beat the Buccaneers and Raiders before a loss to the Bills and a win over the 49ers during their next four outings.

Back on Sunday versus the Titans, Kansas City trailed 17-9 going into the final quarter. The Chiefs were able to tie it up and emerged with a 20-17 win after overtime. Quarterback Patrick Mahomes threw for 446 yards, one score and one pick while also rushing for 63 yards and a TD.

The Jaguars are 13-5-1 ATS in their last 19 in Week 10 and 2-6 ATS in their last eight after an ATS win. Jacksonville is 1-5 ATS in the last six overall.

Meanwhile, the Chiefs are 5-2 ATS in their last seven in Week 10 and 2-5 ATS in their last seven overall. KC is 0-6 ATS in their last six versus the AFC.

The Chiefs haven't been good ATS lately. In any case, KC pulled off a gutsy overtime win versus a pretty good Tennessee team, holding the Titans to just 57 pass yards, nine first downs, 1-of-11 on third-down tries and 229 total yards.

The Chiefs had 499 yards on the other side and nearly gave the game away with penalties (10 for 69 yards) but still managed the win.

As for Jacksonville, they had a nice comeback win of their own versus the Raiders, posting 403 total yards, 22 first downs and 9-of-15 on third-down tries. The Raiders gave another game away here.

If the Chiefs defense is on point however, it'll be harder for the Jags to find much room in this matchup. This game has blowout written all over it. Now way they handle Mahomes at home.

Projected Score: Kansas City 37, Jacksonville 16



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PRO FOOTBALL BEST BET

CHICAGO - 2½ Over Detroit by 10 Chicago & Detroit Over 45 By 13

The Detroit Lions and Chicago Bears meet Sunday in week 10 NFL action at Soldier Field.

The Detroit Lions look to rebound from a 2-6 start.

The Chicago Bears need a win after losing 5 of their last 6 games.

Lions QB Jared Goff is completing 62.9 percent of his passes for 2,041 yards, 14 touchdowns and 7 interceptions.

Amon-Ra St. Brown and Josh Reynolds have combined for 756 receiving yards and 5 touchdowns, while Kalif Raymond has 20 receptions.

The Detroit Lions ground game is averaging 134.1 yards per contest, and Jamaal Williams leads the way with 545 yards and 8 touchdowns.

Defensively, Detroit is allowing 29.3 points and 417.3 yards per game. Alex Anzalone leads the Detroit Lions with 62 tackles, Aidan Hutchinson has 4.5 sacks and Kerby Joseph has 2 interceptions.

The Chicago Bears have split their last 4 home games. Justin Fields is completing 58.8 percent of his passes for 1,322 yards, 10 touchdowns and 6 interceptions.

Darnell Mooney and Cole Kmet have combined for 607 receiving yards and 4 touchdowns, while Dante Pettis has 11 receptions.

The Chicago Bears ground game is averaging 195.4 yards per contest, and Fields leads the way with 602 yards and 4 touchdowns.

Defensively, Chicago is allowing 24 points and 347.9 yards per game. Eddie Jackson leads the Chicago Bears with 65 tackles, Jaquan Brisker has 3 sacks and Kindle Vildor has 1 interception.

The Lions are 4-0 ATS in their last 4 games in November and 1-4 ATS in their last 5 games overall.

The Bears are 3-1-1 ATS in their last 5 home games and 7-19 ATS in their last 26 vs. NFC.

The over is 7-3 in Lions last 10 games overall. The over is 4-1 in Bears last 5 games overall.

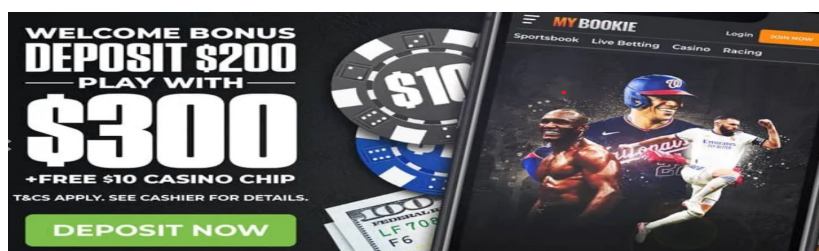
The Lions are 1-4-1 ATS in their last 6 meetings in Chicago. The underdog is 4-1 ATS in their last 5 meetings.

The Chicago Bears offense has picked up steam the last few weeks, and it looks like things are starting to click for Fields. That's good news for the Bears when going up against a Lions defense that's 32nd in total defense and 32nd in scoring defense.

The Lions are the worst defense in the league and the Detroit Lions the Lions are 1-4-1 ATS in their last 6 meetings in Chicago. They also haven't won a road game since December 2020.

Justin Fields have been terrific lately and his legs will be the difference in this matchup. I have no choice but to lay the reasonable number with the Bears at home. Da Bears!

Projected Score: Chicago 34, Detroit 24



PRO FOOTBALL BEST BET

LAS VEGAS - 4½ Over Indianapolis By 14

The Indianapolis Colts and Las Vegas Raiders meet Sunday in week 10 NFL action at Allegiant Stadium.

The Indianapolis Colts look to snap a 3-game losing streak.

The Las Vegas Raiders look to rebound from a 2-6 start.

Sam Ehlinger is completing 61.5 percent of his passes for 304 yards, 0 touchdowns and 1 interception.

Michael Pittman Jr. and Alec Pierce have combined for 946 receiving yards and 2 touchdowns, while Parris Campbell has 32 receptions.

The Indianapolis Colts ground game is averaging 86.7 yards per contest, and Jonathan Taylor leads the way with 462 yards and 1 touchdown.

Defensively, Indianapolis is allowing 20.3 points and 306.8 yards per game. Zaire Franklin leads the Indianapolis Colts with 87 tackles, DeForest Buckner has 5 sacks and Rodney McLeod has 1 interception.

Raiders QB Derek Carr is completing 62.3 percent of his passes for 1,880 yards, 11 touchdowns and 5 interceptions.

Davante Adams and Mack Hollins have combined for 1,056 receiving yards and 9 touchdowns, while Hunter Renfrow has 21 receptions.

The Las Vegas Raiders ground game is averaging 110.3 yards per contest, and Josh Jacobs leads the way with 743 yards and 6 touchdowns.

Defensively, Las Vegas is allowing 25.1 points and 371.3 yards per game. Divine Deablo leads the Las Vegas Raiders with 74 tackles, Maxx Crosby has 6 sacks and Duron Harmon has 2 interceptions.

The Colts are 1-5 ATS in their last 6 road games and 3-8 ATS in their last 11 games overall.

The Raiders are 4-1 ATS in their last 5 home games and 1-6 ATS vs. a team with a losing record.

The under is 14-3 in Colts last 17 games overall. The over is 11-5 in Raiders last 16 home games.

The Indianapolis Colts have lost 3 of their last 4 road games. The Las Vegas Raiders have won 2 of their last 3 home games.

The Las Vegas Raiders have burnt me all season, and I'm not excited to get behind them after they blew a massive lead last week to the Jaguars. Them losing this game at home wouldn't surprise me.

However, the Indianapolis Colts have no offense to speak of, and they just fired their head coach to move Jeff Saturday to interim head coach.

Uh, what? Outside of high school coaching, Saturday has no experience and was a sports analyst for ESPN. Now he's the head coach in the NFL?

Oh, this should be fun. If the Raiders can't win and cover this number, something is seriously wrong and heads need to roll. Give me the Raiders to get back on track in this opportunistic spot.

Projected Score: Las Vegas 27, Indianapolis 13

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