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Duke; Mizzou @ UK; UCLA @ Oregon St**

NCAA LANDSCAPE:

Oklahoma coach Brent Venables wasn't worried about all the pomp and pageantry, ebbs and flows, big plays and fried, well, everything, in this year's Red River Rivalry. Instead, he told his team to "embrace the chaos." Chaos was everywhere Saturday.

Quinn Ewers threw picks on two of his first six passes, then completed 19 straight. Oklahoma's special teams unraveled in spectacular fashion. The Sooners' defensive front engineered havoc at the line of scrimmage. Dillon Gabriel threw for 285 yards, ran for 113 and looked as much a magician as a quarterback. There were seven lead changes and three ties.

And in the most chaotic moment, when Texas grabbed a lead on a 47-yard field goal with 1:17 to play, Venables' team was cool as a cucumber. (Albeit a fried cucumber covered in chocolate and powdered sugar, we assume). It was the type of game where Matthew McConaughey was planted all over your tv.

Gabriel took his team 75 yards on five plays in just 1:02, dodging pressure in his face on one last heave into the back of the end zone to Nic Anderson for a game-winning touchdown in an absolutely epic send-off to the Big 12 -- or was it an early welcome to the SEC? -- at the Cotton Bowl.

A year ago, Oklahoma was annihilated, embarrassed and overwhelmed in a 49-0 loss to Texas. On Saturday, the Sooners moved to 6-0 on the season, and delivered a devastating blow to Texas' immense hopes for 2023.

Texas needed to take a punch -- and show it was tough enough to keep getting off the mat. It did, even in a losing effort. Oklahoma needed to show that this team had grown from the immature, inconsistent, unreliable group that lost seven games a year ago. Indeed, the Sooners showed they had not just grown, but had internalized those tough lessons and emerged as something more than just talented or experienced or, well, good.

Canes endure epic collapse

You might've figured at kickoff nothing could get uglier than the Hurricanes' uniforms, which looked like someone spilled a few shades of off-brand Mountain Dew flavors onto black jerseys, but you'd have been wrong.

Things got much, much, much uglier for Miami. It was bad enough that the Canes' offense flubbed its way through three quarters of football, with QB Tyler Van Dyke being picked off three times, including once in the end zone, which was part of five total turnovers in the game for the Hurricanes.

Still, Miami's stout D kept things close -- Georgia Tech had just 61 yards in the first half -- and a Henry Parrish TD run and a 39-yard field goal put the Canes up 20-17 late in the fourth quarter.

That's how it should've ended. Miami ran more than five minutes off the clock, with 10 plays and 52 yards down to the Georgia Tech 30 with just over 30 seconds to play. All the Hurricanes had to do was take a knee. Instead, they handed off the ball to Don Chaney Jr., who promptly fumbled. Georgia Tech recovered at its own 26 -- but still trailed by 3 with just 25 seconds left.

That's how it should've ended, too. But it didn't. Miami had Haynes King backed up on a second-and-10, a last-chance heave all that was left in the Yellow Jackets' playbook. And King said afterward he knew the heave was going for six as soon as it left his hand.

His throw went over the top of the Miami D -- how? Please, Miami, explain how this happens? -- and found Christian Leary, who finished off a 44-yard completion with a game-winning TD.

Saturday marked the 108th anniversary of Georgia Tech's 222-0 win over Cumberland, which stands as, technically, the worst loss in college football history. But that game had nothing on what the Yellow Jackets delivered in Miami Gardens on Saturday night. They didn't win by 222, but this was so, so, so much more painful.

Bama's back, baby

Alabama's offense wasn't exactly clicking on all cylinders on Saturday against Texas A&M, but the Crimson Tide clearly have their QB.

Jalen Milroe threw for 321 yards and three touchdowns as Alabama dumped the Aggies 26-20. Since being benched against USF in Week 3, Milroe is completing 73% of his passes, averaging 10.8 yards per pass, with six touchdowns and two turnovers.

The bad news is, Alabama couldn't run the ball at all. No, seriously, the Tide had minus-13 yards rushing in the first half. Nick Saban ran for more yards than his offense did before the break. By game's end, Alabama had upped its output to a whopping 23 yards, which marked the third-lowest total of Saban's tenure in Tuscaloosa, with both previous instances coming against LSU (2007 and 2021). Still, it was enough to carry the Tide past an Aggies team that struggled in the red zone, settling for chip-shot field goals.

Bufs back in win column

Colorado picked up win No. 4 on the season Saturday night, officially surpassing their preseason Vegas total. Regardless, the Buffaloes nearly blew a late 24-17 lead as Arizona State's Trenton Bourguet engineered a 13-play, 94-yard drive to tie the game with a touchdown with just 50 seconds left to play. But this is Colorado in 2023, and there's always a bit more drama in store. Shedeur Sanders completed his next pass for 43 yards to set up the game-winning field goal.

Cards, ACC keep rolling

How about the ACC? Six weeks into the season, a league that spent much of the summer fending off rumors of its demise now has a reasonable claim as the country's best, with three teams still undefeated, including Louisville, which pulled off a stunner against Notre Dame on Saturday.

Jawhar Jordan ran for 143 yards and two touchdowns, Jamari Thrash hauled in eight catches, including a TD, and the Louisville defense continued to haunt the dreams of Notre Dame QB Sam Hartman, who was picked off three times in the Cardinals' 33-20 win. Louisville is now 6-0 in Jeff Brohm's first season as head coach, and with a manageable schedule the rest of the way, can rightly claim dark horse status in the playoff race.

Louisville also snapped Notre Dame's 30-game regular-season winning streak against the ACC, which dated back to 2017 -- which might have left the conference without something to be incredibly embarrassed by, but thankfully Miami stepped up to fill that void.

Meanwhile, Florida State kept chugging along in Week 6, thumping Virginia Tech 39-17, finally getting its ground game going behind Trey Benson, who ran for 200 yards and two touchdowns.

And in Chapel Hill, Tez Walker finally saw the field after the NCAA realized that every decision it's ever made is wrong, and he helped spark a brilliant performance from QB Drake Maye, who threw for 442 yards and 3 touchdowns in a 40-7 win that crushed the Syracuse Orange. Maye had no trouble with Rocky Long's 3-3-5 -- completing passes to 11 different players.

Mack Brown, the country's oldest head coach, is now 5-0, continuing a terrific 2023 year. Next up for North Carolina is Miami.

Bowers keys Dawgs' dominance

In what was billed as a battle between undefeated SEC teams, the Bulldogs looked the part and Kentucky looked utterly overwhelmed. Carson Beck threw for 389 yards and four touchdowns, Brock Bowers had seven catches for 132 yards, and Georgia's D held Kentucky's explosive run game to 55 yards in the 51-13 win -- the Bulldogs' first point-spread cover of the season.

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LSU wins a shootout

Jayden Daniels ran for 134 yards and a touchdown, threw for more than 12 yards per pass and three more TDs, and LSU still had to sweat out its Week 6 game vs. Missouri.

Such is life with the SEC's most exasperating defense. A week after LSU allowed Ole Miss to circumnavigate the globe on offense, the Tigers looked nearly as inept against Brady Cook and the, um, other Tigers. LSU games have now gone over the betting point total 10 straight times

Cook threw for 411 yards -- including 149 to Luther Burden III -- and Missouri led 22-10 at one point, but Cook's streak of 365 straight pass attempts without an interception was snapped on a ridiculously athletic grab by Harold Perkins. in the second quarter. Cook also threw a pick-six at the game's end.

Where's Ohio State's O?

If Week 5 was the moment we were all forced to ask whether Georgia was the elite team we'd come to expect in 2023, Week 6 raised the same questions about Ohio State.

Yes, the Buckeyes ultimately cruised past Maryland 37-17 by scoring the game's final 27 points, but with TreVeyon Henderson out and the run game scuffling, there were more than a few moments Saturday when Ohio State's offense, which looked as explosive as any in the country on paper, appeared woefully short of weapons.

For the game, Ohio State averaged 1.9 yards per rush. (That's bad.) Harrison, on the other hand, averaged 20.4 yards per catch. (That's good.)

Kyle McCord targeted Harrison 15 times -- more than half of his 29 throws -- for eight catches and 163 yards. The rest of the offense, total, managed just 219 yards on 47 plays.

It's entirely possible we've yet to see anything close to the full artillery at Ohio State. Henderson's health matters, and the ground game will have better days. It may be Ohio vs. the world, but it certainly doesn't have to be Harrison doing all the fighting.

But in this year's Big Ten, there's not much margin for error, and Ohio State's offense -- 23 points vs. woeful Indiana, 17 vs. a strong Notre Dame -- needs to find a new gear if it's going to survive the remainder of a season that still features dates with Penn State, at Wisconsin and at the Big House.

My Heisman Five

1. Washington QB Michael Penix Jr. - Washington was off this week, but has a major test against Oregon this week.

2. USC QB Caleb Williams - In what was probably his worst game of the season, Williams still accounted for four touchdowns, erased a 17-point deficit, rallied his team to what should have been a game winner late in the fourth, overcame a penalty-addled drive in second overtime,

and managed a dizzying run into the end zone in triple OT to secure a USC win.

3. Oklahoma QB Dillon Gabriel - After missing last year's Red River game, Gabriel added his name into the rivalry's history books with an epic performance, throwing for 285 yards, rushing for 113, and accounting for two touchdowns, including a late, game-winning pass to Nic Anderson.

4. Georgia TE Brock Bowers - After a quiet start to the season, he's truly unleashed terror on Georgia's competition. Bowers' past three games: 24 catches, 410 yards and four touchdowns. He is a bad, bad man.

5. Florida State QB Jordan Travis - Travis threw for two touchdowns in the Seminoles' 39-17 win over Virginia Tech, which amounted to another solid, largely mistake-free game that still lacked any real fireworks.

Rebels pull away late

Ole Miss scored the final 10 points of the game against Arkansas on Saturday to finish out a 27-20 win that keeps the Rebels in the mix in the SEC West.

Meanwhile, the Arkansas offense continued to struggle, leading to yet more complaints directed at offensive coordinator Dan Enos.

Just looking for a little drama on Saturday?

Through six weeks, the Eagles are 3-3. All three wins, including Saturday's 27-24 squeaker against Army, have come by three points. Two of the three losses have also come by a field goal or less.

BC lost its opener in OT after storming back from a 21-7 deficit in the fourth quarter. It took a top-five Florida State team to the wire, only to be stopped by a brutal late flag. It nearly blew a 10-point lead against Holy Cross. It erased a 21-7 deficit against Virginia to win.

And Saturday, Thomas Castellanos' fourth touchdown run of the game gave BC another win, just moments after Army had seemed to put the game away with a long TD pass called back by a penalty. We released this game as a free pick on the under 50. Lost it on the last play.

Week 6 began with four winless teams. It ends with just two.

Virginia topped William & Mary 27-13 behind 132 rushing yards from Perris Jones, while UConn upended Rice 38-31 on Saturday, giving each team Win No. 1 for 2023.

The Cavaliers had been oh-so-close before, losing by 1 to James Madison, 3 to NC State and 3 to Boston College, but they finally landed a finishing blow Saturday.

UConn, had its own struggles in close games, but two long TD throws from Roberson got the Huskies their first W of the year. Just two teams remain winless heading into Week 7: Nevada, which was off this week, and Sam Houston, which fell to 0-5 on with a 21-16 loss.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL BEST BETS

West Virginia - 3½ Over HOUSTON by 14

For a while it looked like Dana Holgorsen had won the divorce with West Virginia, but all of a sudden, the Houston Cougars are just 2-3 in their first season moving up to the Big 12 and Neal Brown has the West Virginia Mountaineers at 4-1 with their only loss to now No. 6 Penn State.

In Week 7, the Mountaineers are road favorites down in Houston on **Thursday Night** as Holgorsen faces his former team in his fifth year at Houston. Both teams were on a bye in Week 6.

West Virginia QB Garrett Greene is not a pure thrower, but what he's done on the ground is excellent. In WVU's Week 5 win over TCU he only threw for 142 yards on 10 completions, but he led the team with 80 rushing yards and a touchdown on 12 carries. He is only completing 52.9% of his passes for just 544 yards, but he has run for 185 yards and three touchdowns. Greene has also not thrown an interception.

The West Virginia Mountaineers have a much different identity than they did with Coach Dana. Now, they're all about running the ball and playing defense.

With Garrett Greene as their quarterback, they run it a lot, the ninth most attempts in the country, but they're 70th in yards per attempt and 32nd in rushing yards. It's the opposite when they pass the ball, they are 127th in attempts, but 58th in yards per completion, so Greene pushes it downfield.

The Houston Cougars come into this one sitting at 2-3 on the year after a 3rd loss in their last 4 games following a 49-28 defeat at the hands of Texas Tech last time out.

Houston WR Samuel Brown has ascended to the role of No. 1 receiver in Dana Holgorsen's offense and the 6-foot-2 sophomore is excelling. He leads the team with 34 grabs for 518 yards, an average of 15.2 yards per reception. He only has one touchdown, but is the clear big-play threat for the Cougars.

Defensively, Houston isn't suited to necessarily stop that attack. The Cougars are 98th in yards per play, allowing 6.0 and 98th against the run.

Their goal will be to outscore WVU. Houston is 54th in total offense and 74th in yards per play, gaining 5.6. They are 12th in pass attempts with Donovan Smith at quarterback and 26th in passing offense.

The WVU defense is a good one, it ranks 28th in yards per play and 35th against the run, but is 63rd in pass defense. The big issue is that the Mountaineers are 113th in yards per completion, so they give up big plays often.

The West Virginia Mountaineers come into this game on the heels of a 4th straight win thanks to a 24-21 win over TCU last time out.

You have two teams on opposite ends of the scale. As West Virginia's winning games with defense, while Houston has more upside offensively but they have defensive issues.

Defense or lack thereof is going to be a problem for Houston, even at home. West Virginia was able to suffocate the likes of TCU and the same Texas Tech team that routed the Cougars. I'll back West Virginia minus the points.

Projected Score: West Virginia 31, Houston 21

COLLEGE FOOTBALL BEST BETS

SMU - 12 Over EAST CAROLINA by 23

For the time being, the SMU Mustangs are still in the American Athletic Conference and once they move from the AAC to the ACC, they'll miss matchups like this one against the East Carolina Pirates.

SMU is 3-2 with losses to Oklahoma and TCU while ECU is 1-4 with their only win coming over Gardner-Webb. Both teams were on a bye last week and now SMU will look to stay unbeaten in AAC play on **Thursday Night** in Week 7.

SMU running back Jaylan Knighton ran the ball 11 times, but he finished with a staggering 150 yards and two touchdowns last game. He's averaging 6.5 yards per carry on the year and leads the team with 332 rushing yards. LJ Johnson Jr. and Camar Wheaton also get regular carries, but Knighton has been by far the most efficient back.

East Carolina QB Alex Flinn is a player to watch, but not really for good reasons. He is only completing 49.1% of his passes and averaging 5.5 yards per attempt. He has five interceptions and one touchdown, but looks to be the primary quarterback over Mason Garcia.

Back on September 30 in their most recent outing versus Charlotte, SMU got back into the win column. The Mustangs scored in every quarter on the way to a 34-16 win. QB Preston Stone finished with 135 yards, two scores and a pick. Jaylan Knighton added 11 carries for 150 yards and two touchdowns, and Jake Bailey caught three balls for 34 yards.

The East Carolina Pirates are horrendous, but it's not because of its defense. Mike Houston's team ranks 33rd overall and 44th in yards per play, only allowing 5.2. The Pirates rank 45th against the pass and against the run. In their Week 5 loss to Rice, they out gained the Owls, 391-277, but fell 24-17.

The Pirates couldn't keep the momentum going against Rice in their most recent outing, though. East Carolina gave up points in every quarter in a 24-17 loss.

SMU QB Stone does have 11 touchdowns and 1,191 yards through the air, but SMU is 55th in yards per play and 50th in pass offense. Stone has also thrown five interceptions.

The issue for ECU is their offense and specifically the quarterback position. Alex Flinn is awful and yet he seems to be the team's best option.

The Pirates rank 130th in yards per play gaining just 4.4 and are 112th in scoring offense only averaging 21.0 points per game despite a 44-0 win over Gardner-Webb. Outside of that game they are averaging 15.25.

The Mustangs are stout defensively ranking 23rd in total defense and 21st against the pass. That's why seven of their last 10 games have gone to the under despite the team averaging the 25th most plays per game in the country.

The SMU Mustangs lost to Oklahoma 28-11 in game two. If they can hold the explosive Sooners to 28 points they can surely shut down the much lesser offense of East Carolina.

I'll gladly lay the two touchdowns as the Mustangs run roughshod over the Pirates. Lay the lumber, take SMU - 12.

Projected Score: SMU 37, East Carolina 14

COLLEGE FOOTBALL BEST BETS

Tulane - 3 Over MEMPHIS by 13

The Tulane Green Wave are happy to have their quarterback, Michael Pratt back healthy. In just his second start of the year in Week 5, he led the team back from a 20-14 halftime deficit to beat UAB 35-23. Tulane is now 4-1 and 1-0 in conference coming off a bye week into a **Friday night** showdown with the 4-1 Memphis Tigers.

Memphis was also on bye last week. Tulane's loss came to Ole Miss in Week 2 and Memphis fell to Missouri in Week 4.

Tulane certainly missed their quarterback Michael Pratt early in the year and they're happy to have him back healthy. Pratt has thrown for 668 yards and eight touchdowns with just one pick. He's completing 75.4% of his passes and is averaging 11.8 yards per attempt. He's also still getting it done with his legs, running for 112 yards and a touchdown on 26 carries.

Memphis is more of a passing team on offense, but Memphis RB Blake Watson has been very effective on the ground. He's run for 455 yards on 77 carries, an average of 5.9 a carry, and has six touchdowns. He's also caught 26 passes for 233 yards and a score.

The Tulane offense hasn't been prolific this season, but it's about the same as last season and they've played part of this year without Michael Pratt at quarterback. The Green Wave ranks 43rd in yards per play at 6.2 after finishing last season at 20th with 6.3 yards per play. They are 74th in total offense and 71st in passing offense, but that's not a reason for concern.

Michael Pratt is averaging 11.8 yards per pass attempt this year. He has upped his completion percentage from 63.6% last season to 75.4% this year. Every time he drops back he averages a first down and more, and as a team, they are 12th in the country averaging 15.0 yards per completion. Memphis is allowing 5.7 yards per play which ranks 81st.

On the other side of the ball, the Tulane defense is excellent again. It ranks 24th overall, 26th in yards per play, and 10th against the run. The weakness is through the air where it ranks 81st, but a lot of that is because of the style. The Green Wave allows opponents to complete 68.9% of their passes, but they average just 10.2 yards per completion which is 16th best. The Green Wave stops the run and limits the big play, which is a good recipe.

Matched up against UAB in their most recent outing, Tulane managed to score points in every quarter, overcoming a 20-14 halftime deficit for a 35-23 victory. Pratt threw for 184 yards and two touchdowns in the win, while Makhi Hughes added 123 yards with two touchdowns. Tops in receiving was Lawrence Keys with 54 yards and a TD on three catches.

The Tigers were able to get back into the win column in their last matchup versus Boise State. Memphis scored 21 points in the second half for a 35-32 comeback win. Henigan finished with 269 yards and two touchdowns, while Blake Watson led the rushing attack on 19 carries for 113 yards and a pair of scores. Rock Taylor added five catches for 102 yards and a TD.

Tulane has failed to cover big spreads in each of the last two weeks, but they'll win this one on the road against Memphis and cover.

Memphis's offense is built around Blake Watson and Tulane is well equipped to slow him down. In my opinion Michael Pratt isn't getting the credit he deserves because of a flock of good QB's in the country. I'll bet Bill Belichick would like to have him now and so do we.

Projected Score: Tulane 37, Memphis 24

COLLEGE FOOTBALL BEST BETS

Georgia - 32 Over VANDERBILT by 42

I guess we can all stop asking questions about the Georgia Bulldogs now. The No. 1 team in the country certainly played like it in Week 6 with a 51-13 win over Kentucky to get to 6-0 and stay in first place in the SEC.

Now, the Bulldogs get the most favorable matchup in the conference against the 2-5 Vanderbilt Commodores.

The Bulldogs stormed out of the gate with some big victories this year, however a couple of the games ended fairly close. Georgia took out TN-Martin 48-7 in the opener, then beat Ball State 45-3 and South Carolina 24-14. Next came a win over UAB 49-21, then a close road escape over Auburn with a 27-20 result.

Over on the Vanderbilt side, they opened the year with consecutive wins 35-28 over Hawaii and 47-13 versus Alabama A&M. The Commodores would then hit a losing streak, falling to Wake Forest 36-20, UNLV 40-37, Kentucky 45-28 and Missouri 38-21. Last week, Vandy lost 38-14 to Florida in the swamp and is 0-3 in conference play heading into Week 7.

Georgia Quarterback Carson Beck was the biggest question about Georgia coming into the season, but after a few shaky weeks, Beck looks comfortable leading the No. 1 team in the country. He threw for 389 yards and four touchdowns last week in Georgia's blowout win over Kentucky and is up to 1,886 yards and 11 touchdowns with three picks on the year.

Georgia gave up just 183 yards (128 passing) and 12 first downs on the other side, reestablishing their defensive dominance on the national stage.

The win over Kentucky this past weekend was what everyone needed to see from Georgia. Carson Beck was great and Brock Bowers was dominant again with seven catches for 132 yards and a touchdown. The Bulldogs have the No. 8 offense in the country and No. 11 defense. In terms of yards per play and they rank 10th gaining 7.1 and ninth allowing 4.3

There aren't a lot of bright spots on this Vanderbilt team, but wide receiver Will Sheppard is definitely one of them. He has 35 grabs for 550 yards and eight touchdowns. The 6-foot-3 senior leads the team in basically every meaningful category for pass-catchers and his average of 15.7 yards per reception at a high target volume is very impressive.

For comparison, Vandy is 85th on offense and 111th on defense. The Commodores made a change at quarterback, going to Ken Seals and last week he was very effective against Florida, throwing for 276 yards and two touchdowns on 19-of-34 passing. Yet, it still wasn't enough to cover the spread as an underdog.

In fact, Vanderbilt is 0-7 against the spread this year and Georgia is 5-0 ATS in its last five head-to-head matchups with the Commodores. In the last two matchups between these teams, Georgia has won by a combined score of 117-0.

Last week, Georgia outgained Kentucky 608-183 and won 51-13 despite losing the turnover battle 1-0. There was nothing fluky about that score or that game.

Things are only going to get tougher in this matchup, and if Georgia doesn't overlook this one on the schedule they'll cover easily. Georgia is still the best team in the country, and Kirby Smart has his team rolling now.

Projected Score: Georgia 49, Vanderbilt 7

COLLEGE FOOTBALL BEST BETS

TENNESSEE - 3½ Over Texas A&M by 15

While the Tennessee Volunteers were sitting comfortably on their bye week at 4-1, with their only loss to Florida, the Texas A&M Aggies were battling Alabama at College Station. Jimbo Fisher's Aggies lost that one 26-20 to fall to 4-2.

This week, the Aggies are road underdogs against the No. 19 Vols and Joe Milton. This could be the biggest SEC matchup of Week 7.

Texas A&M QB Max Johnson has taken over for the injured Connor Weigman and there hasn't really been a dropoff at all. Johnson is completing 60.7% of his passes and averaging 8.0 yards per attempt compared to Weigman's 8.2. Johnson has seven touchdowns to two interceptions while Weigman had eight TDs with two picks. The biggest difference is that Johnson has been sacked eight times while Weigman was dropped just three times.

The Tennessee Vols have a stable of three running backs that split carries. Dylan Sampson, is third on the team in carries, but first in touchdowns with six rushing scores. Keep an eye out for Sampson around the goal line, but he's also efficient anywhere on the field, averaging a whopping 6.9 yards per carry.

I always find myself getting seduced by all the talent on the Texas A&M roster, but I can't do it anymore after betting on the Aggies last week. They nearly pulled out the win against Alabama, but Ainiias Smith's foot was out of bounds on what was originally ruled a touchdown late in the fourth quarter. Then the Aggies had to settle for a field goal and let Alabama bleed the clock out.

A&M allowed Alabama to gain 5.8 yards per play in that one despite completing stuffing the run-game. Bama only ran for 23 yards, but Jalen Milroe, who was nearly benched this season, threw for 321 yards and three touchdowns. 197 of those yards were to Jermaine Burton.

A&M is 22nd in pass defense, but it gives up big plays constantly and ranks 117th in yards per completion.

Miami beat A&M the same way, with shots down the field, and who likes to throw deep more than Joe Milton with his rocket arm? Surprisingly, Tennessee only averages 11.4 yards per completion on offense, but Milton will be happy to take shots this week. I don't trust A&M's secondary, but it is great against what Tennessee does best.

The Aggies defensive front has been great against the run. They rank ninth in run defense and seventh in yards per rush. Tennessee is seventh in rushing offense and third in yards per carry averaging 6.2 yards.

Texas A&M is coming off a hard fought, frustrating loss to Alabama, and you wonder how the players will respond with another tough road game the next week. The Tennessee Volunteers haven't lost at home in nearly two years, and they're one of the most balanced teams in the country that's ranked 23rd both in scoring offense and scoring defense. Tennessee has also had an extra week to prepare for this game.

This is strength-on-strength in the trenches, but Tennessee has an even better passing attack than Alabama, so I expect the Vols to win even more comfortably. Give me the Vols at home.

Projected Score: Tennessee 36, Texas A&M 21

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PREFERRED PICKS

Oregon at Washington - 67½ - Penix and Nix are efficient quarterbacks who have combined for 31 TDs and three interceptions this season. How will the Ducks slow down a passing attack where Rome Odunze, Ja'lynn Polk and Jalen McMillan all average 15 yards per catch? How will Washington slow down Oregon's running game where Bucky Irving, Jordan James and Noah Whittington all average more than seven yards per carry? Watch the fireworks.

TAKE: Oregon/Washington Over 67½

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PREFERRED PICK

Auburn at L.S.U. - 12 - Auburn had a bye week to prepare for LSU, and that will give Hugh Freeze time to add a few wrinkles in the running game to test LSU's much-maligned defense. Auburn faces the same challenge in containing Jayden Daniels – who ranks second in the FBS with 398.5 yards per game. This one could get wild in the second half. Six of the last seven meetings have been one score games. **TAKE: Auburn + 12**

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PREFERRED PICK

Missouri at Kentucky - 2½ Kentucky has won seven of the last eight meetings, and that includes one-score games each of the last two seasons. The Wildcats must have an answer for Brady Cook and Luther Burden – a connection that has helped the Tigers put up more than 30 points each of the last four weeks. Kentucky will counter with Devin Leary and running back Ray Davis. Kentucky bounces back at home. **TAKE: Kentucky - 2½**

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PREFERRED PICK

UCLA at Oregon St - 4½ - UCLA upset Washington State last week and beat our pick ats. Now they have a chance to keep it rolling on the road against the Beavers. The Bruins are 2-3 ATS as a road underdog the last two seasons. D.J. Uiagalelei (155.7) and Dante Moore (143.7) have comparable efficiency ratings, but Uiagalelei has been a little more accurate. That comes with experience, and the home crowd will help. **TAKE: Oregon St - 4½**

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PREFERRED PICK

NC State at Duke - 3 - Riley Leonard suffered a high ankle sprain in the loss to Notre Dame on Sept. 30. So should we re-evaluate this line depending on if he plays? If Leonard is active, then the Blue Devils will be in business. The Wolfpack and Blue Devils have split the last four meetings, and Duke is 6-0 S/U as a home favorite against Mike Elko. With or without Riley, we'll trust a defense that allows 11.2 points per game. **TAKE: Duke - 3**

THIS WEEKS GRIDIRON GOLD SHEET BEST BETS

	Best Bet	Best Bet	Best Bet	Best Bet	Best Bet
CFB	W Virginia - 3½	SMU - 12	Tulane - 3	Georgia - 32	Tennessee -3½

THIS WEEKS GRIDIRON GOLD SHEET PREFERRED PICKS

CFB	Oregon Ov 67½	Auburn + 12	Kentucky - 2½	Duke - 3	Oregon St - 4½
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**Purdy throws 4 TD passes in 49ers' rout of Cowboys;
Chiefs hold off Vikings; Jalen Hurts, Joe Burrow come
up big for Eagles and Bengals; Jets OC Nathaniel
Hackett gets revenge on Broncos; Saints hand
Patriots worst shutout loss of the Bill Belichick era**

NFL LANDSCAPE:

Week 5 started with the Jaguars and Bills tangling in England, a game marred by a myriad of penalties and an injury to Buffalo's star linebacker Matt Milano. Jacksonville leaves London on a two-game win streak after its 25–20 win over Buffalo.

In the early slate, we had an AFC North matchup between the Ravens and Steelers at Acrisure Stadium decided late by a George Pickens's touchdown grab. Then there was an intriguing tilt between two young quarterbacks in the Texans' C.J. Stroud and the Falcons' Desmond Ridder, with both leading late drives leading to points before a last-second field goal gave Atlanta the win.

The late window saw the Chiefs outlast the Vikings, with rookie receiver Rashee Rice scoring the winning touchdown. In Arizona, the Cardinals fought but fell to the desperate Bengals, who got a 300-yard performance from Joe Burrow.

Finally, on Sunday night, the age-old rivalry between the 49ers and Cowboys in Santa Clara turned into a rout.

Chiefs 27, Vikings 20

Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes passed for 281 yards and two touchdowns in Kansas City's 27-20 win over the Vikings in Week 5. Kansas City is now 4–1, but the offense still hasn't found a rhythm. Patrick Mahomes threw for 281 yards and two touchdowns, but the Chiefs only gained 334 total yards against a lackluster defense. Still, Kansas City is finding ways to win, with the defense playing at a top-10 level. There are issues, but the Chiefs are right where they need to be.

Minnesota can't afford to make mistakes. In the fourth quarter, running back Alexander Mattison dropped a potential touchdown on a well-timed screen pass. It figures, one of our best bet picks was on the Vikings. On the first play of the game, tight end Josh Oliver caught a pass and then lost a fumble, resulting in Kansas City taking a 7–0 lead. Minnesota has talent, but the errors have them in a 1–4 hole. Vikings got all the breaks last year in close games and it looks like the football gods are giving them a lesson in the law of averages.

49ers 42, Cowboys 10

Dallas needs to do more offensively, and it starts with Dak Prescott. The Cowboys have scored nine offensive touchdowns through five weeks. Prescott has yet to throw for 265 yards in any game, and against the Niners, he couldn't make the big play while tossing three interceptions. If Dallas is going to compete with the NFC's elite, Prescott needs to be better. DJ called this one right on the head in his SNF winner. [See DJ's ats record this year.](#)

Brock Purdy is more than good enough. In fact, he's leading the way alongside the established stars playing quarterback. Purdy torched the Cowboys for 252 passing yards and four touchdowns. He's now at nine touchdown passes with no interceptions on the year. People need to forget the notion that Purdy is a weak spot for the Niners. Truly, he's another strength. He's like a top notch NBA point guard. Kinda like Steve Nash was when he played.

Eagles 23, Rams 14

Outside of an interception in the end zone, Philadelphia should feel great about Jalen Hurts's performance. After a mediocre three weeks to begin the year, Hurts had his first 300-yard game in Week 4 and then backed it up, going for 303 yards (8.0 YPA) to run Philadelphia's record to 5-0. If the passing game has been squared away, there's nothing holding back the Eagles from another dominant campaign. Oh yeah, Dennis had the Rams in this game, expecting the Rams passing game to score much more. Eagles defense is playing great!

It's a tough loss to drop Los Angeles under .500, but there was plenty to like. The Rams got receiver Cooper Kupp back and watched him catch eight passes for 118 yards. Paired with rookie sensation Puka Nacua, Los Angeles will move the ball plenty. The big question is whether the Rams can run effectively. Coming into Sunday, Los Angeles ranked a middling 18th in the league in rushing.

Jets 31, Broncos 2

The Jets have now seen Zach Wilson play solid football for two consecutive weeks, while running back Breece Hall has amassed 233 rushing yards on 28 carries (8.3 YPC) across that span. With a stout defense, New York has a chance to climb back into the playoff picture if Wilson continues to play passable, complimentary football. Big test this week vs the Eagles.

Denver continues to play no defense. New York scored 24 offensive points, the most it has tallied since Week 12 of last season. Additionally, the Jets moved the ball for 6.6 yards per play, which for context, would rank second in the NFL if on a per game basis. Over the next four weeks, the Broncos play the Chiefs twice, the Packers and Bills. Not ideal. Could be the worst coaching job ever? Maybe Nathaniel Hackett should volley back Peyton's remarks.

Bengals 34, Cardinals 20

If Cincinnati gets this version of Joe Burrow, they'll be in the playoff race for the remainder of the season. The Bengals scored three offensive touchdowns across four games to start the season, but then matched that total against Arizona with all three going to Ja'Marr Chase. At 2-3, Cincinnati has work to do, but it got a critical win in uplifting fashion.

Arizona has fought hard this season, but the talent discrepancy is tough to overcome some weeks. The Cardinals were within a score into the fourth quarter, but quarterback Josh Dobbs only had 15 completions for minimal yardage. For Arizona to pull off a few upsets going forward, it needs Dobbs to be the efficient player he was the past few weeks. Nevertheless, this team can not be taken lightly when considering point spread value.

Saints 34, Patriots 0

The New Orleans defense dominated Mac Jones and the Patriots' offense in another embarrassing loss for coach Bill Belichick. Jones was 12-of-22 for 110 yards and two interceptions in another dismal performance.

New Orleans' defense struggled last week against the Buccaneers, but it was dominant against New England. Safety Tyrann Mathieu got everything rolling with an early pick-six, before totaling two more takeaways. With new quarterback Derek Carr still finding his way in New Orleans, the defense is good enough to handle business.

It's time for Bill Belichick to make the move... permanently. Mac Jones struggled once more, throwing for 110 yards and two interceptions through three quarters before being lifted for Bailey Zappe. While Zappe might be nothing more than a stopgap, Jones needs to sit down and reset. At 1–4, the Patriots have very little to lose. Give Zappe a real chance to keep the job for 2023. Here's an option. Bill you need magic. So, bring back Fitzmagic.

Dolphins 31, Giants 16

It's now five games into the season, and New York has shown zero signs of offensive life. New York was gifted 10 points against a Miami defense which ranked 26th entering the day. On its own, the Giants' offense did nothing. It also gave up seven more sacks, making it 30 on the year, most in the NFL. While running back Saquon Barkley could be back next week, his presence alone isn't enough to fix all of New York's offensive ills.

Miami showed some mental fortitude. After a humbling loss to the Bills last weekend, the Dolphins could have sulked against a bad opponent and suffered a letdown. Instead, Miami plowed the Giants, with Tua Tagovailoa's two interceptions being the only blight on an otherwise great day. It's the kind of performance contenders put forth. But they scared the shit out of Dennis, as Miami was his Private Gold NFL pick of the week. Want to see why Dennis Stagliano has been since 1981 and still is one of the nation's best football handicappers.

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Colts 23, Titans 16

Tennessee won't feel good about this game, and rightfully so, but the offense is showing progress. After comically being limited to 94 yards against the Browns in Week 3, the Titans gained 400 yards last week facing the Bengals, and then another 347 this weekend. If the offense can improve on its red-zone execution (Tennessee ranked 29th entering Sunday), there's reason to believe.

Indianapolis has a really good head coach. Shane Steichen has done a tremendous job considering his limited offensive talent, coaxing the Colts to a 3–2 record. Against the Titans, the combination of Anthony Richardson and Gardner Minshew went for 236 passing yards on 9.7 yards per attempt. The offense is well-coached and well-designed. Of course, the big question is Richardson's health after he left with a shoulder injury. We expect him to miss at least this week's game, if not much more.

Steelers 17, Ravens 10

Baltimore needs much, much more from its receivers. The Ravens' wideouts took turns sabotaging the offense with three dropped touchdowns, including two from Mark Andrews and Rashod Bateman on consecutive throws. Lamar Jackson had a critical error late in the fourth quarter with an end-zone interception, but he was largely excellent. His receivers are letting

him down. We took another bad beat in this game.

Pittsburgh needs its defense to continue playing lights out. While the Steelers were undoubtedly bailed out at times with the Ravens' aforementioned drops, they still notched four sacks and five tackles for loss. Pittsburgh has a popgun offense, not likely to score more than 20 points or so. The defense must be almost perfect to win.

Lions 42, Panthers 24

Carolina is 0–5 and doesn't have a first-round pick. There's little to play for except youthful development, which should be coach Frank Reich's sole focus. The Panthers should be testing rookie quarterback Bryce Young, figuring out what he can do and his limitations. The rest of this season should be allowing Young to test his boundaries, stats and record be damned.

Aaron Glenn should get ample buzz as a coaching candidate next year if this keeps up. The Lions' defensive coordinator had his unit improving the second half of last year, and it's continued this season. Detroit entered the day fourth in defense and shut down the Panthers, intercepting Young twice while holding Carolina to 267 total yards before a garbage-time scoring drive. Paired with a solid offense, it's a winning formula for the Motown gang.

Jaguars 25, Bills 20

Jacksonville's Travis Etienne Jr. rushed for 136 yards on 26 carries, including two touchdowns in the Jaguars' win over the Bills in Week 5. Trevor Lawrence wasn't perfect (25-of-37, 315 yards, TD), but he's one of the best in the NFL at hanging in the pocket and delivering big-time throws. With left tackle Cam Robinson working back from a suspension and right tackle Anton Harrison only a rookie, there will be pressure at times. But Lawrence made winning plays under duress on Sunday, highlighted by a 32-yard connection with Calvin Ridley to help clinch the win late in the fourth quarter.

Buffalo's offense will be fine, but the defense is a concern. Now potentially without Milano, the unit has to figure out its second level. Additionally, the Bills have been largely awful against the run. Buffalo entered the day surrendering a league-worst 6.3 yards per carry, and Jacksonville notched 197 rushing yards, averaging 5.1 YPC. Opponents will take note of this.

Falcons 21, Texans 19

Houston suffered a tough loss in Atlanta, but it's impossible to miss the signs of an up-and-coming team. The Texans got another solid outing from rookie C.J. Stroud, who threw for 249 yards and a touchdown and no turnovers. Although the defense permitted 447 total yards, it's shown life in games against the Jaguars and Steelers. Houston is on the right track, led by Stroud. They're definitely not a go against spread team without proper consideration.

After a week of calls for his job, Desmond Ridder had the best game of his young career. The second-year man from Cincinnati threw for 329 yards and a touchdown, while driving Atlanta down the field in the final moments to set up a game-winning field goal. At 3–2, the Falcons should be encouraged about their prospects in the wide-open NFC South.

Bears 40, Commanders 20

DJ Moore has gone off the past two weeks, notching 361 yards and 4 scores. The Bears defense has serious issues, but the offense has shown some ability at times.

Sam Howell has been sacked 29 and is on pace for a mind-boggling 98 sacks. Enough said.

PRO FOOTBALL BEST BET

Minnesota - 2½ Over CHICAGO by 14

The Minnesota Vikings and Chicago Bears meet Sunday in week 6 NFL action at Soldier Field.

The Minnesota Vikings look for their second road win to rebound from a 1-4 start. The Minnesota Vikings have won 5 of their last 8 road games.

Kirk Cousins is completing 67.2 percent of his passes for 1,498 yards, 13 touchdowns and 4 interceptions.

Justin Jefferson and T.J. Hockenson have combined for 825 receiving yards and 5 touchdowns, while Jordan Addison has 19 receptions.

The Minnesota Vikings ground game is averaging 80.8 yards per contest, and Alexander Mattison leads the way with 276 yards on 64 carries.

Defensively, Minnesota is allowing 24.4 points and 342.4 yards per game. Camryn Bynum leads the Minnesota Vikings with 51 tackles, Danielle Hunter has 6 sacks and Theo Jackson has 1 interception.

The Chicago Bears look for back-to-back wins to improve to 2-4 on the season.

The Bears have lost 9 straight home games. Justin Fields is completing 61.8 percent of his passes for 1,143 yards, 11 touchdowns and 5 interceptions.

DJ Moore and Cole Kmet have combined for 762 receiving yards and 8 touchdowns, while Darnell Mooney has 8 receptions.

The Chicago Bears ground game is averaging 130.8 yards per contest, and Khalil Herbert leads the way with 272 yards on 51 carries.

Defensively, Chicago is allowing 31.4 points and 384.2 yards per game. T.J. Edwards leads the Chicago Bears with 62 tackles, Yannick Ngakoue has 2 sacks and Jack Sanborn has 1 interception.

The Minnesota Vikings can't finish games, and they're likely going to be without Justin Jefferson. Not ideal in a must win game.

The Bears played their best ball last week against the Commanders and had extra time to prepare after playing last Thursday.

I can understand giving the Bears a look as an underdog. However, the Bears have defensive issues of their own and the jury is still out on Justin Fields. One win over Washington doesn't move the needle that much.

The Bears have still lost 15 straight games on Sunday. Minnesota is 5-1 SU in their last 6 games against Chicago and Minnesota is 5-2 ATS in their last 7 games against Chicago.

This is a must win if the Vikings are going to save their season. The Bears rank 31st in the NFL in passing yards allowed per game this season (286.0). Jefferson or not, the Vikings should win this game and cover the spread. I'll lay the small chalk.

Projected Score: Minnesota 31, Chicago 17

PRO FOOTBALL BEST BETS

HOUSTON + 1½ Over New Orleans by 10

The New Orleans Saints and Houston Texans meet Sunday in week 6 NFL action at NRG Stadium.

The New Orleans Saints look for their third road win to improve to 4-2 on the year. The Saints have won 4 of their last 5 road games.

Derek Carr is completing 65.3 percent of his passes for 946 yards, 4 touchdowns and 2 interceptions.

Chris Olave and Michael Thomas have combined for 602 receiving yards and 1 touchdown, while Rashid Shaheed has 14 receptions.

The New Orleans Saints ground game is averaging 97.2 yards per contest, and Alvin Kamara leads the way with 131 yards and 1 touchdown.

Defensively, New Orleans is allowing 15.2 points and 274.6 yards per game. Pete Werner leads the New Orleans Saints with 37 tackles, Carl Granderson has 3.5 sacks and Marshon Lattimore has 1 interception.

The Houston Texans look for their second home win to get to a .500 record. The Texans have lost 8 of their last 9 home games.

C.J. Stroud is completing 61.3 percent of his passes for 1,461 yards, 7 touchdowns and 0 interceptions.

Nico Collins and Tank Dell have combined for 791 receiving yards and 5 touchdowns, while Robert Woods has 21 receptions.

The Houston Texans ground game is averaging 82.6 yards per contest, and Dameon Pierce leads the way with 247 yards and 1 touchdown.

Defensively, Houston is allowing 20 points and 338.8 yards per game. Henry To'oTo'o leads the Houston Texans with 39 tackles, Jonathan Greenard has 3 sacks and Steven Nelson has 2 interceptions.

The Texans have lost each of their last 12 games against NFC opponents. The Texans have covered the spread in each of their last five games as underdogs following a loss. Five of the Texans' last six Sunday games as home underdogs have gone UNDER the total points line.

The Saints' offense has been a bit underwhelming and that starts at QB where they're 24th in passing offense. There's also a chance the Saints have big heads after crushing the Patriots' last week.

The Texans have quietly been better than expected, and their loss last week to the Falcons on the road came down to the final seconds. C.J. Stroud looks sharp at quarterback, and the Texans are averaging 28.6 points in their last 3 games.

The underdogs have won each of the Saints' last three games. The Saints have failed to cover the spread in each of their last six games as favorites. Give me the Texans and the points at home.

Projected Score: Houston 24, New Orleans 14

PRO FOOTBALL BEST BETS

LAS VEGAS - 3 Over New England by 13

The New England Patriots and Las Vegas Raiders meet Sunday in week 6 NFL action at Allegiant Stadium.

The New England Patriots look for their second road win to rebound from a 1-4 start. The Patriots have lost 4 of their last 6 road games.

Mac Jones is completing 62.5 percent of his passes for 1,008 yards, 5 touchdowns and 6 interceptions.

Kendrick Bourne and Hunter Henry have combined for 394 receiving yards and 4 touchdowns, while Demario Douglas has 10 receptions.

The New England Patriots ground game is averaging 83.8 yards per contest, and Rhamondre Stevenson leads the way with 188 yards and 1 touchdown.

Defensively, New England is allowing 26.2 points and 298.4 yards per game. Ja'Whaun Bentley leads the New England Patriots with 36 tackles, Matthew Judon has 4 sacks and Christian Gonzalez has 1 interception.

The Las Vegas Raiders look for a second home win to get back to a .500 record. The Raiders have split their last 10 home games.

Jimmy Garoppolo is completing 68.8 percent of his passes for 917 yards, 6 touchdowns and 7 interceptions.

Davante Adams and Jakobi Meyers have combined for 716 receiving yards and 6 touchdowns, while Josh Jacobs has 23 receptions.

The Las Vegas Raiders ground game is averaging 71.4 yards per contest, and Jacobs leads the way with 235 yards and 2 touchdowns.

Defensively, Las Vegas is allowing 22.8 points and 326.6 yards per game. Robert Spillane leads the Las Vegas Raiders with 42 tackles, Maxx Crosby has 5 sacks and Amik Robertson has 1 interception.

The Patriots have been outscored 72-3 in their last two games, and they're dead last in scoring offense. The Patriots rank 32nd in the NFL in points per game this season (11.0).

Say what you want about the Raiders because they have struggles of their own, but they're coming off a nice win over the Packers and are at home for this one.

Also, we know Jimmy Garoppolo will be motivated for this game after the Patriots traded him away to the 49ers. While the Patriots defense is still respectable, they have no offense to speak of, and it's hard to win in this league when you can't score especially on the road.

The Patriots have failed to cover the spread in each of their last eight games as underdogs. New England are 1-13 SU in their last 14 games when playing as the underdog. New England are 2-12 ATS in their last 14 games when playing as the underdog. Until the Patriots can show some offensive firepower I'm going to fade them. I'll gladly lay the field goal with the Raiders.

Projected Score: Las Vegas 26, New England 13

PRO FOOTBALL BEST BETS

TAMPA BAY + 3 Over Detroit by 7

The Detroit Lions and Tampa Bay Buccaneers meet Sunday in week 6 NFL action at Raymond James Stadium.

The Detroit Lions earned a fourth straight win to improve to 5-1 on the year. The Lions have won 3 straight road games.

Jared Goff is completing 69.8 percent of his passes for 1,265 yards, 9 touchdowns and 3 interceptions.

Amon-Ra St. Brown and Josh Reynolds have combined for 622 receiving yards and 5 touchdowns, while Sam LaPorta has 25 receptions.

The Detroit Lions ground game is averaging 141 yards per contest, and David Montgomery leads the way with 371 yards and 6 touchdowns.

Defensively, Detroit is allowing 21.4 points and 292.8 yards per game. Alex Anzalone leads the Detroit Lions with 35 tackles, Aidan Hutchinson has 4.5 sacks and Jerry Jacobs has 3 interceptions.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers are fresh off a bye week and look to get off to a 4-1 start. The Buccaneers have won 4 of their last 6 home games.

Baker Mayfield is completing 69.6 percent of his passes for 882 yards, 7 touchdowns and 2 interceptions.

Mike Evans and Chris Godwin have combined for 592 receiving yards and 3 touchdowns, while Cade Otton has 12 receptions.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers ground game is averaging 87 yards per contest, and Rachaad White leads the way with 206 yards and 1 touchdown.

Defensively, Tampa Bay is allowing 17 points and 318.5 yards per game. Antoine Winfield Jr. leads the Tampa Bay Buccaneers with 31 tackles, Vita Vea has 3.5 sacks and Christian Izien has 2 interceptions.

The Detroit Lions are playing the better ball, and they've won twice on the road this season, so it's no surprise they're favored. However, the Bucs have been a surprise through the first quarter of the season, and they get after it defensively.

Detroit are 13-2 ATS in their last 15 games. Detroit are 6-1 SU in their last 7 games. Detroit are 10-4 ATS in their last 14 games against Tampa Bay. Detroit are 6-1 ATS in their last 7 games on the road. Detroit are 6-0 ATS in their last 6 games when playing on the road against Tampa Bay.

The Buccaneers have won 14 of their last 15 games following a road win and rank 1st in the NFL in 4th down percentage this season (100.0%).

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers are 11th in total defense and eighth in scoring defense. The Buccaneers have also had an extra week to prepare for this game, so there's value with the home dog. It's imperative the Bucs stay close early, because the Lions rank 1st in the NFL in Q1 points per game this season (9.0). I'm bucking the trends and calling for a straight up win for the Bucs at home.

Projected Score: Tampa Bay 27, Detroit 20

PRO FOOTBALL PREFERRED PICK

Baltimore - 4 vs Tennessee in London 9:30 AM ET - Lamar Jackson and the entire Ravens' offense is not fitting so well in the new system with critical mistakes and an inconsistent running game, sometimes using Jackson, sometimes not. The Titans also have had Jackson's number in the past. That said, the Titans' defense is suddenly breaking down up front and has a bad secondary. The Ravens also can keep slowing Derrick Henry across the pond. John Harbaugh's team rebounds well. **TAKE: Baltimore - 3½**

PRO FOOTBALL PREFERRED PICK

Washington at Atlanta - 2½ - The Commanders are breaking down against the run. The Falcons tend to stop the run well and force teams to pass. Sam Howell is sloppy with his dual threat. Desmond Ridder cleaned up a little and found his groove throwing to Kyle Pitts and Drake London. Plus, Washington stinks against the run now and Bijan Robinson can be a much bigger impact player than Brian Robinson Jr. **TAKE: Atlanta - 2½**

PRO FOOTBALL PREFERRED PICK

NY Giants at Buffalo 44 - The Giants were in prime time in Week 5. So what happens? They're back under the lights, this time with Daniel Jones (neck) also hurting along with Saquon Barkley (ankle), Wan'Dale Robinson (concussion) to add to the offensive line woes minus Andrew Thomas. OK, it is fun watching Josh Allen go nuts again in a blowout while the football gods allow Tyrod Taylor to make a surprise start and play better than Daniel Jones has all year long. Points aplenty. **TAKE: Over 44**

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