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NCAA Week 3 Landscape: 10 Key Takeaways

1□ Texas A&M stuns Notre Dame in the final seconds

On a night where two titans of the sport went punch for punch in a fight that would've made Canelo Alvarez and Terence "Bud" Crawford proud, it was Texas A&M that landed the final blow in the Aggies' stunning 41-40 win over Notre Dame in South Bend.

After a demonstrative 12-yard Jeremiyah Love touchdown run that capped a 12-play, 75-yard drive to take a six-point lead, it felt like the Fighting Irish had the game all but wrapped up. Then the unthinkable happened. Holder Tyler Buchner botched the PAT, taking away a presumed precious point, leaving the Fighting Irish with just a six-point lead with less than three minutes to play.

On the following drive, Texas A&M quarterback Marcel Reed orchestrated a masterful drive, culminating in a critical, fourth-and-goal, game-on-the-line situation. Reed rolled out and pinged a pinpoint pass to blocking tight end Nate Boerkircher, who hauled it in for the game-tying touchdown. Unlike the Fighting Irish, Texas A&M iced the PAT and notched its first road win over a ranked non-conference team since 2014.

The Aggies immediately vault toward the top of the SEC contenders tier. Notre Dame suddenly finds itself at 0-2, sweating out its College Football Playoff future.

2□ Saturday belonged to college kickers

Rough and rowdy Georgia Tech's pronounced 24-21 victory over 12th-ranked Clemson was a firm reminder that stars don't always tell the whole story.

The game had numerous ebbs and flows—a quick start by Tech, a spirited rally by Clemson, and a few too-cute spurts from the Tech offense. Haynes King was incredible, dragging the Yellow Jackets' offense through the fire all afternoon.

The game's defining moments included a Yellow Jackets' 13-play, 90-yard drive that included a Philly Special two-point conversion and a walk-off, fire drill, 55-yard field goal from Georgia Tech kicker Aidan Birr.

Birr's game-winning kick was so preposterously cold I'm sure it sent a shiver up the spine of the East Atlanta Santa himself.

With the win, Tech cements itself as an ACC title contender, while Clemson is left searching for answers after another shaky offensive performance in a big game.

Across state lines, sixth-ranked Georgia reminded Tennessee that if you want to be the man, you've got to beat the man.

Arguably the best game of the slate, the 'Dogs and Vols traded haymakers from the get-go.

Tennessee quarterback Joey Aguilar looked every bit the part of an SEC quarterback, tuning up the vaunted Georgia secondary for four touchdowns and almost 400 yards through the air.

Georgia quarterback Gunner Stockton held his own and then some, throwing for over 300 yards and two scores, including a 28-yard dime ball back shoulder touchdown to tie it with the game on the line. Tennessee managed the final drive of regulation perfectly, giving its kicker a chance to walk it off in

sensational fashion. Vols kicker Max Gilbert hooked the would-be game-winner in regulation before knocking down an eerily similar attempt in overtime. In the extra frame, Georgia leaned on its run game and won the 44-41 barnburner on a walk-off one-yard touchdown by Josh McCray. Ultimately, Georgia's still the top dog in the SEC, while Tennessee looked formidable but flawed in late-game situations.

3▣LSU's defense gets the last laugh

If Saturday night was a boxing match, Florida quarterback DJ Lagway had his punches telegraphed. Once a five-star prodigy, Lagway turned in a five-interception disaster class in the Gators' 20-10 loss to third-ranked LSU.

Lagway's terrible decision-making aside, the Gators remain a wildly undisciplined and uninspiring football team. Nothing about this program feels like it's heading in the right direction at this moment. LSU is a confusing team in its own right. The Tigers have notable wins over Clemson and Florida, and have put up three-straight killer defensive games. The problem? The offense can't seem to get out of first gear. Garrett Nussmeier hasn't lit it up, the offensive line looks far from a sure thing, and this unit still can't sustain a run game.

The Tigers still have lofty College Football Playoff dreams on their mind, while Gator fans are hoping to soon wake up from this dreaded Billy Napier nightmare.

4▣Rich Rodriguez gets revenge

The Backyard Brawl lived up to every bit of its name for much of Saturday afternoon, with Pitt and West Virginia duking it out in a gritty, low-scoring first half that felt more like a street fight than a football game.

But like any good scrap, it ain't over 'til it's over. West Virginia rallied and scored a game-tying touchdown with 11 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter to force overtime. Then in the extra frame, Mountaineer running back Tye Edwards chipped in his third score of the game for the go-ahead touchdown and the 31-24 win.

This result was sweet, sweet revenge for Rich Rodriguez, who saw his WVU Dynasty upended by Pitt eighteen years ago. West Virginia still faces an uphill climb for bowl eligibility, but this one's got to feel good. For Pitt, this loss felt like a major indictment of quarterback Eli Holstein and his ability to lead this team to any sort of charge up the ACC ranks.

5▣Miami's defense delivers

Fresh off back-to-back upset wins, all eyes were on Coral Gables Saturday afternoon to see if the surging South Florida Bulls could take down Miami. Many thought that if things broke just right, USF had a puncher's chance.

But like prime Mike Tyson, the 'Canes evaporated those chances and then some, instead walloping South Florida 49-12 to move to 3-0.

There's no other way to say it: Miami looks like the ACC's best team. The Hurricanes are stout on the lines of scrimmage. They've found some playmakers on the outside. And quarterback Carson Beck looks like the Carson Beck of two years ago.

The Mario Cristobal element is always a factor. But the 'Canes look primed and ready to seize the moment and make a serious run at an ACC title and College Football Playoff appearance.

6▣Vanderbilt punishes the South Carolina defense

In a world of giants, Vanderbilt has Diego Pavia—the scrappy David who refuses to put the rock down. Saturday night, the Commodores picked off their latest ranked SEC foe in a convincing 31-7 win on the road at South Carolina to notch their largest win over a ranked team since 1955.

Pavia was effective if not excellent, finishing with 177 yards and two touchdowns in the rout. South Carolina looked ready to rumble before star quarterback LaNorris Seller exited the game with an injury and did not return.

Give a lot of credit to Clark Lea's boys. The Commodores resemble a team relishing these big-game opportunities instead of running away from them. Don't look now, but this is the second-straight season that Vanderbilt has picked off a Top 12 SEC team. South Carolina needs to get Sellers healthy and fast, with a big game on the road against Missouri next week.

7□Brent Pry has had a big problem

Saturday night against Old Dominion, Brent Pry's Virginia Tech team looked like a boxer out of gas. No legs, no fight left, just waiting for the final bell. The suddenly 0-3 Hokies got throttled 45-26 in a game that wasn't as close as the scoreline.

On Sunday, Virginia Tech opted to relieve Pry of his head coaching duties. Virginia Tech feels like an awfully difficult job at the moment. It's a sad state of affairs for a once proud program.

8□Tulane wins the Darian Mensah Bowl

The grass is not always greener on the other side. This offseason, former Tulane quarterback Darian Mensah transferred to Duke in what was one of the more high-profile QB moves in college football. But on Saturday night, it was Mensah's old team that got the last laugh as the Green Wave beat Duke 34-27.

Fellow transfer quarterback Jake Retzlaff was the difference maker in this one, finishing with 245 yards through the air and four rushing touchdowns.

For all the talk about USF being the G5 College Football Playoff darling, keep an eye on Tulane. The Green Wave currently sits at 3-0 and has a monster game against Ole Miss next weekend. There's a path to the CFP if you look closely.

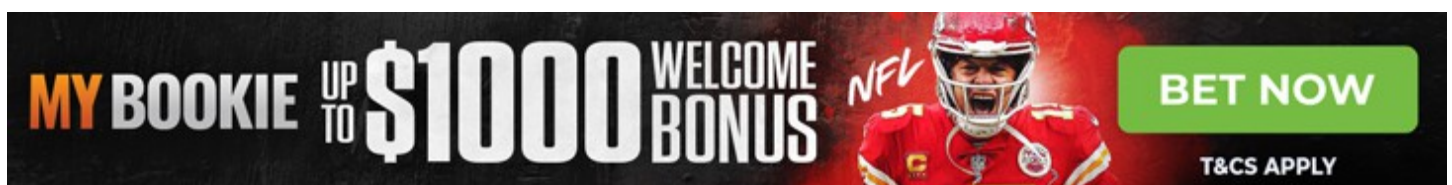
9□Nico Iamaleava is going out sad

Speaking of transfer quarterbacks, remember Nico Iamaleava? The guy that, if he hadn't made a big NIL stink, would've led Tennessee out of the tunnel against Georgia. He made headlines for all the wrong reasons Friday night, as his UCLA Bruins team was beaten handily at home by New Mexico. Iamaleava is officially the "He Got Paid, But At What Cost?" player of the 2025 season. To make matters worse, head coach DeShaun Foster was fired on Sunday. This program feels totally lost at the moment.

10 Cal found themselves a Golden Boy

How impressive is Cal freshman quarterback Jaron-Keawe Sagapolutele? In the wee hours of Sunday morning, JKS led the suddenly frisky Cal Bears to a statement 27-14 win over visiting Minnesota.

JKS finished 24-of-38 for 279 yards and three touchdowns. If it weren't for Michigan's Bryce Underwood, I'd be ready to definitively say JKS is the best freshman quarterback in college football. And even then, he just might be.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL BEST BETS

Syracuse at Clemson

Clemson, SC • 12:00 pm ET • Clemson -17, 56

Clemson's defense has been stout, but their offense continues to sputter in critical spots. Red-zone inefficiency and shaky third-down execution have stalled drives, keeping opponents closer than spreads suggest. Syracuse, meanwhile, uses tempo and a quick passing game to stay on schedule and limit negative plays. The Orange defense is opportunistic, forcing turnovers and tackling well on the perimeter to deny easy yards. This matchup favors a scrappy underdog that can extend possessions and avoid giving Clemson short fields. Even if the Tigers build a lead, Syracuse's pace keeps the backdoor wide open. Expect the Orange to compete for four quarters and stay inside the number. **TAKE: Syracuse +17**

Oregon State at Oregon

Eugene, OR • 3:00 pm ET • Oregon -35, 58

Oregon continues to overwhelm opponents with balance and depth. Their offense strikes quickly with efficient early-down throws and explosive play-action, while the run game punishes with chunk gains. The Ducks' defense has tightened up, flying to the ball and suffocating screens. Oregon State, by contrast, has been leaky on both sides, giving up chunk plays and lacking the pass-game firepower to chase from behind. Once game state tilts, the Beavers' inefficiency is magnified, and they rarely generate the short fields needed to hang. Oregon's depth is key — even their second unit scores, which turns a modest margin into a blowout. Expect the Ducks to cover wire-to-wire.

TAKE: Oregon -35

Notre Dame at Purdue

South Bend, IN • 3:30 pm ET • Notre Dame -26, 53

Notre Dame dropped two heartbreakers but still proved their offense can produce behind QB C.J. Carr and RB Jeremiyah Love. This is a prime bounce-back spot against a Purdue defense that has struggled to prevent big plays through the air and hasn't generated enough pass rush to compensate. Notre Dame's offensive line should control the trenches, creating clean pockets and running lanes to wear down the Boilers. Purdue's offense has sputtered against physical defenses, often failing to sustain drives and leaving their defense on the field too long. Historically, the Irish have owned this series, and the depth advantage is glaring again this year. Expect Notre Dame to control possession, hit for explosives downfield, and extend margin as Purdue fades late. The Irish should win comfortably in front of their home crowd. **TAKE: Notre Dame -26**

West Virginia at Kansas

Lawrence, KS • 6:00 pm ET • Kansas -12, 54

Kansas has emerged as one of the most efficient offenses in the Big 12, thriving behind QB Jalon Daniels and a ground game that churns out first downs. The Jayhawks consistently score in the middle eight, using tempo and motion to put defenses in conflict, and their offensive line has provided balance in both run and pass. West Virginia enters with a stingy run defense, but their secondary has been vulnerable to vertical shots and quick-strike drives. The Mountaineers' offense has been hit-or-miss, often bogging down in the red zone and struggling on third down when forced into passing situations. Against a Kansas defense that has tightened up in the second half of games, that inconsistency could be costly. Expect the Jayhawks to set the tone with an early scoring burst, force

West Virginia to chase, and then wear down the defense with their rushing attack. This is a bad spot for the Mountaineers coming off the backyard brawl upset of rival Pittsburgh. Conversely, this is a strong spot for Kansas to cover double digits at home. **TAKE: Kansas -12**

Michigan State at USC

Los Angeles, CA • 11:00 pm ET • USC -15.5, 55

USC's offense remains one of the most explosive in the country, consistently finishing drives and forcing opponents into track meets. Michigan State doesn't have the defensive chops to slow down USC's skill talent, particularly in space, and tackling breakdowns will be magnified against this speed. The Spartans can score enough to contribute — they'll lean on play-action and scramble drills to move the chains — but their defense won't generate the stops needed to stay within striking distance. USC's defense also gives up chunk plays, which should help the total climb, especially in the second half with both teams staying aggressive. Expect USC to dictate pace, put up points in bunches, and Michigan State to chip in enough for the Over to clear. **TAKE: Over 55**

COLLEGE FOOTBALL QUICK PICKS

Rice at Charlotte

Charlotte, NC • 7:30 pm ET • Rice -3.5, 42

Rice has settled into a clean, ball-control profile that travels — efficient early downs, manageable thirds, and few freebies. Charlotte's offense still sputters when forced off schedule, and protection has been a recurring pain point. The Owls' front seven can win first contact and keep the Niners behind the sticks. Low total favors the more mistake-free outfit. **TAKE: Rice -3.5**

Tulsa at Oklahoma State

Stillwater, OK (Fri) • 7:30 pm ET • Oklahoma State -13, 56

Boone Pickens is a tough environment for a Tulsa team that struggles to finish drives once the game state tilts. Oklahoma State's play-action and crossers stress Tulsa's linebackers, and the Pokes' front can squeeze the pocket without heavy blitz. Special teams lean OSU, which matters with a two-score spread. Expect separation in the middle eight. **TAKE: Oklahoma State -13**

Iowa at Rutgers

Piscataway, NJ (Fri) • 8:00 pm ET • Iowa -2.5, 46

Iowa's defense travels — leverage, tackling, and field-position mastery — but their red-zone finishing keeps opponents alive. Rutgers is sturdy enough up front to force Hawkeye field goals and shorten the game. In a total this tight, a couple of third-down conversions and a hidden-yardage edge can flip it. Home dog + defensive chops = value. **TAKE: Rutgers +2.5**

Arkansas at Memphis

Memphis, TN • 12:00 pm ET • Arkansas -6.5, 62

Arkansas' run game and quarterback-designed keepers can bully a Memphis front that's better in space than in a phone booth. When the Hogs are on schedule, play-action explosives follow — the exact stress Memphis hasn't handled. Razorback defensive pressure should produce at least one short field. If Arkansas gets the script, they can sit on a margin. **TAKE: Arkansas -6.5**

SMU at TCU

Fort Worth, TX • 12:00 pm ET • TCU -7, 63

The Iron Skillet usually turns into a tempo race, and SMU's spread looks built to trade haymakers. TCU's trench edge and depth show up late, but their secondary has been targetable by good route runners. Both staffs will lean into pace and fourth-down aggression. Points profile outweighs side conviction. **TAKE: Over 63**

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Maryland at Wisconsin

Madison, WI • 12:00 pm ET • Wisconsin –7.5, 44

Wisconsin's identity — downhill run, play-action, and red-zone power — plays into Maryland's defensive soft spots. The Badgers' front can own time of possession and keep the Terps chasing long fields. If Wisconsin gets two scores clear, Maryland's drop-back game invites pressure and mistakes. Camp Randall crowd does the rest. **TAKE: Wisconsin –7.5**

Bowling Green at Louisville

Louisville, KY • 12:00 pm ET • Louisville –26.5, 52

Louisville's speed at the skill spots creates constant conflict for MAC defenses, and BG hasn't shown the explosives to trade 7s. Cards' defense is fast-flow and opportunistic — exactly what you want laying a big number. Expect early scripted success, then a steady squeeze with field position and depth. Blowout script intact. **TAKE: Louisville –26.5**

Texas Tech at Utah

Salt Lake City, UT • 12:00 pm ET • Utah –3.5, 57

Utah has owned Rice-Eccles with physical fronts and opportunistic defense, and that edge holds against a Texas Tech squad that has leaked explosives. The Red Raiders struggle to get off the field on third down, which feeds Utah's tempo control. Tech's best shot is hitting quick strikes early before the Utes' defense locks in. Altitude and line play give Utah the lean. **TAKE: Utah –3.5**

UNLV at Miami (OH)

Oxford, OH • 12:00 pm ET • UNLV –3.5, 50

UNLV has been pounding the rock and leaning on efficiency at quarterback, keeping them on schedule and ahead of the chains. Miami (OH) has a tough run defense but is thin in the secondary, which can be exposed if they get stretched. Road chalk isn't ideal, but UNLV's balance and edge in finishing drives tilt it. **TAKE: UNLV –3.5**

North Texas at Army

West Point, NY • 12:00 pm ET • Army –1.5, 52

Army's triple-option cuts possessions in half, which puts pressure on the opponent to cash every trip. North Texas has struggled against run-heavy looks, particularly in gap discipline, and that weakness is magnified against a service academy. If Army wins first contact, they'll wear down the Mean Green front and control the game. Home field and style edge matter. **TAKE: Army –1.5**

UAB at Tennessee

Knoxville, TN • 12:45 pm ET • Tennessee –39.5, 68

Tennessee's tempo and talent gulf should show from the opening snap. UAB's defense has been shredded in step-up games, and their offense isn't built to chase if they fall behind. Vols can cover this kind of number with depth — their backups still score late. Expect a 60-minute squeeze.

TAKE: Tennessee –39.5

Tulane at Ole Miss

Oxford, MS • 3:30 pm ET • Ole Miss –12.5, 60

Ole Miss' attack is humming, with pace and explosives stretching defenses vertically and horizontally. Tulane has weapons but has struggled to match physical SEC fronts in the trenches. Expect Ole Miss to find success early, then salt away the margin with their run game in the second half. Rebels' depth is the decider. **TAKE: Ole Miss –12.5**

Michigan at Nebraska

Lincoln, NE • 3:30 pm ET • Michigan –1.5, 45

Michigan's defense has been elite on third down, forcing opponents into long-yardage spots and keeping points down. Nebraska lacks the big-play punch to threaten vertically, which makes sustaining drives against this front nearly impossible. The Wolverines' offense hasn't been explosive but has been efficient enough to complement the defense. In a low total, efficiency wins out.

TAKE: Michigan –1.5

Auburn at Oklahoma

Norman, OK • 3:30 pm ET • Oklahoma –6.5, 48

Oklahoma has leaned on efficiency and depth, handling close spreads by executing in the middle eight. Auburn brings defensive grit, but their offense hasn't sustained drives against top-25 fronts. The Sooners' ability to create short fields through special teams and turnovers is decisive here. Norman is rarely friendly to visiting offenses. **TAKE: Oklahoma –6.5**

North Carolina at UCF

Orlando, FL • 3:30 pm ET • UCF –6.5, 50

UCF's tempo and rushing attack can stretch North Carolina's front and force quick adjustments. The Knights' defense has been opportunistic, producing turnovers that flip games. UNC can score but hasn't proven steady away from home against athletic defenses. Expect UCF to lean on ground dominance late. **TAKE: UCF –6.5**

Kent State at Florida State

Tallahassee, FL • 3:30 pm ET • Florida State –43.5, 56

Florida State's speed and depth make them one of the toughest step-up spots in the country. Kent State doesn't have the firepower to threaten vertically or the front to hold the line. Expect FSU to hit explosives early and lean on their depth for a comfortable cover. Blowout script is live.

TAKE: Florida State –43.5

Ball State at UConn

East Hartford, CT • 3:30 pm ET • UConn –20.5, 52

UConn's physical run game matches up perfectly against Ball State's soft defensive front. The Huskies control time of possession, which limits Ball State's comeback ability. If UConn cashes drives early, the spread becomes attainable quickly. The Huskies' defense should clean up at home.

TAKE: UConn –20.5

James Madison at Liberty

Lynchburg, VA • 3:30 pm ET • James Madison –9.5, 49

James Madison thrives in the trenches, with a front seven that generates consistent pressure. Liberty hasn't handled physical defensive lines well and tends to wilt when forced one-dimensional. Expect JMU's defensive dominance to show while their balanced offense capitalizes on short fields. Road favorite has the stronger profile. **TAKE: James Madison –9.5**

Troy at Buffalo

Buffalo, NY • 3:30 pm ET • Buffalo –6.5, 42

Buffalo has struggled to finish drives, and Troy's defense can make life miserable in a low-possession game. The Trojans' ability to control clock and win with field position makes them live dogs here. Expect a grind, but Troy's defense is the key angle. **TAKE: Troy +6.5**

Louisiana at Eastern Michigan

Ypsilanti, MI • 3:30 pm ET • Louisiana –3.5, 52

Louisiana brings a balanced offense, with a QB who can extend plays and a run game that churns out first downs. Eastern Michigan leans on home-field edge, but their offense has been inconsistent when forced to throw. The Cajuns' defensive front should control tempo by winning early downs. Expect Louisiana to squeeze possessions and pull clear late. **TAKE: Louisiana –3.5**

Toledo at Western Michigan

Kalamazoo, MI • 3:30 pm ET • Toledo –14.5, 50

Toledo has shown explosiveness both on the ground and through the air, while their defense has clamped down against weaker MAC foes. Western Michigan hasn't found rhythm offensively and is vulnerable to pressure. The Rockets' balanced attack is difficult for WMU to contain across four quarters. Expect Toledo to dominate possession and cover. **TAKE: Toledo –14.5**

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NC State at Duke

Durham, NC • 4:00 pm ET • Duke –2.5, 59

Duke's quarterback play and balanced offense make them efficient in high-leverage spots. NC State has been stout defensively but has struggled to generate consistent scoring drives. In a game projected to see points, Duke's efficiency edge at home is the difference. Expect the Blue Devils to control tempo and separate late. **TAKE: Duke –2.5**

Northern Illinois at Mississippi State

Starkville, MS • 4:15 pm ET • Mississippi State –21.5, 50

Mississippi State has been physical up front, and their defense has shown an ability to overwhelm mid-major lines. NIU's offense has lacked explosiveness, making it tough to chase if the Bulldogs build margin. Expect Mississippi State to wear them down with run/pass balance and defensive stops. Home chalk covers. **TAKE: Mississippi State –21.5**

Temple at Georgia Tech

Atlanta, GA • 4:30 pm ET • Georgia Tech –24, 52

Georgia Tech's offense has been sharp, striking vertically while maintaining tempo on the ground. Temple has struggled to protect its QB and hasn't finished drives efficiently. The Yellow Jackets' defense is fast enough to erase Temple's few threats. Blowout script favors GT.

TAKE: Georgia Tech –24

Delaware at FIU

Miami, FL • 6:00 pm ET • FIU –4.5, 54

FIU has leaned on their running game and opportunistic defense to grind out wins. Delaware doesn't have the speed to match up across four quarters. Expect FIU to generate a couple of turnovers and leverage home field into control of this matchup. **TAKE: FIU –4.5**

Arkansas State at Kennesaw State

Kennesaw, GA • 6:00 pm ET • Arkansas State –6.5, 54

Arkansas State has shown flashes of offensive balance but still leaks defensively, particularly against power runs. Kennesaw State thrives when they can dictate pace with their ground game, shortening possessions and forcing opponents to play small-margin football. Expect this one to be scrappy, with the Owls' physicality making the difference. **TAKE: Kennesaw State +6.5**

South Carolina at Missouri

Columbia, MO • 7:00 pm ET • Missouri –13.5, 46

Missouri has dominated with a defensive front that controls line play and limits explosive runs. South Carolina continues to struggle protecting the quarterback, and that weakness is magnified against a top-20 defensive front. Missouri's balance on offense gives them the flexibility to attack in multiple ways. Expect the Tigers to pull clear as the Gamecocks wear down without Sellers.

TAKE: Missouri –13.5

Marshall at Middle Tennessee

Murfreesboro, TN • 7:00 pm ET • Marshall –3, 47

Marshall has leaned on a strong rushing attack and stingy defense to control tempo. Middle Tennessee plays scrappy at home and can make this a grinder if they finish drives with touchdowns instead of field goals. Both teams have had issues sustaining offensive rhythm, pointing toward a close one. In that type of game, taking points is the value play. **TAKE: Middle Tennessee +3**

Nevada at Western Kentucky

Bowling Green, KY • 7:00 pm ET • Western Kentucky –10.5, 54

Western Kentucky's air raid thrives against defenses that can't generate pressure, and Nevada has struggled in that department. WKU's quarterback play should slice up the secondary, while their defense has enough to stall Nevada's inconsistent attack. Expect fireworks from the Hilltoppers' passing game. **TAKE: Western Kentucky –10.5**

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Boise State at Air Force

Colorado Springs, CO • 7:00 pm ET • Boise State –9.5, 52

Air Force's triple-option is difficult to prepare for, and Boise State has shown cracks against heavy ground attacks. The Falcons shorten games and force opponents to maximize limited possessions. That style has produced upsets before, and Boise's defense hasn't proven sturdy enough to dominate in the trenches. **TAKE: Air Force +9.5**

Coastal Carolina at South Alabama

Mobile, AL • 7:00 pm ET • South Alabama –14.5, 50

South Alabama has been consistent, with an offense that mixes physical running and efficient quarterback play. Coastal Carolina hasn't found rhythm, struggling to finish drives against better defenses. Expect South Alabama's front to control the line and give their offense plenty of opportunities to extend margin. **TAKE: South Alabama –14.5**

Florida at Miami

Miami Gardens, FL • 7:30 pm ET • Miami –7.5, 52

Miami has found a strong identity, leaning on a stout offensive line and a ground game that sustains drives. Florida has struggled with red-zone execution and lacks explosive playmakers against top-tier defenses. The Hurricanes' defense should generate pressure and force long fields, putting the Gators behind schedule. Rivalry intensity aside, Miami owns the trench edge here. **TAKE: Miami –7.5**

Stanford at Virginia

Charlottesville, VA • 7:30 pm ET • Virginia –15.5, 48

Virginia's defense has tightened, particularly against the run, and their passing game has been steady enough to maintain control. Stanford continues to rebuild, lacking explosiveness and struggling to sustain drives against disciplined defenses. The Cavaliers' ability to generate pressure without blitzing should tilt field position. Expect Virginia to stretch margin steadily. **TAKE: Virginia –15.5**

Illinois at Indiana

Bloomington, IN • 7:30 pm ET • Indiana –4.5, 52

Indiana's passing attack has been crisp, especially at home, while Illinois leans on physical defense but struggles when forced into passing situations. The Hoosiers' skill talent should create chunk plays against a secondary that's bend-but-don't-break. Illinois can hang early but lacks the firepower to match if the game opens up. **TAKE: Indiana –4.5**

BYU at East Carolina

Greenville, NC • 7:30 pm ET • BYU –7.5, 48

BYU brings a physical edge on both sides of the ball, with a run game that travels and a defense that thrives on disruption. East Carolina's offense has been inconsistent, showing flashes but failing to finish drives. Expect the Cougars' front to control tempo and their defense to create short fields. Road chalk holds up. **TAKE: BYU –7.5**

Arizona State at Baylor

Waco, TX • 7:30 pm ET • Baylor –2.5, 60

Arizona State's vertical passing has been effective, but their defense has struggled with consistency. Baylor's run game at home provides a strong matchup edge, wearing down ASU's front. Both teams can score, but the Bears' situational edge should carry late. **TAKE: Baylor –2.5**

UTSA at Colorado State

Fort Collins, CO • 9:30 pm ET • UTSA –4.5, 60

UTSA's veteran quarterback and defense built on pressure give them a sturdy profile in road spots. Colorado State has been mistake-prone when pressed, particularly in the red zone. Expect the Roadrunners to seize control early with pace and maintain it with defensive stops. **TAKE: UTSA –4.5**

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Wyoming at Colorado

Boulder, CO • 10:15 pm ET • Colorado -13.5, 44

Colorado's offense can stress Wyoming's defense, but the Cowboys' disciplined front is built to muddy the game. With a low total, every possession matters, and Wyoming has been strong in keeping scores down. Expect a slower tempo than the number suggests. **TAKE: Under 44**

Fresno State at Hawaii

Honolulu, HI • 11:59 pm ET • Fresno State -3, 48

Fresno State has the balance and experience to manage island travel, with a passing attack that creates mismatches. Hawaii has been erratic, showing flashes but lacking consistency on both sides of the ball. Fresno's defense should control enough to let the offense finish drives. Bulldogs close strong. **TAKE: Fresno State -3**

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