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Week 4 was college football's grand mirror test. The slate left no room to hide, with matchups highlighting who's legit and who needs to work on themselves.

Texas Tech and Indiana put the country on notice with statement victories against similarly ranked conference foes. Clemson and Florida got shoved in the junk drawer, out of sight for future College Football Playoff considerations. The Oklahoma defense did its best WWE impersonation during its reunion with former quarterback Jackson Arnold. And Michigan exposed Nebraska for what it is: an improved team that was not ready for the moment. In college football's grand mirror test, only the truth stares back.

Texas Tech looked like a program getting its money's worth

Texas Tech rolled into Week 4 like a jacked-up Ford F-150, shiny rims and all. The big-spending Red Raiders left Saturday's tilt against 16th-ranked Utah with a little mud on the tires and a monster 34-10 win on its Big 12 title resume. The Red Raiders' defense suffocated Utah's offense, forcing four turnovers and limiting the Utes to a little over 260 yards. Utah quarterback Devon Dampier never looked comfortable. He was forced to dink and dunk for three hours and struggled to push the ball down the field in any significant way.

Things got dicey after Texas Tech QB1 Behren Morton took a nasty hit on a slide attempt, forcing him to exit the game. But in stepped backup Will Hammond, who delivered when his name was called.

Hammond put forth a game ball-worthy performance, finishing 13-of-16 for 169 yards and two touchdowns, helping the Red Raiders chip in 24 fourth-quarter points in the win.

Texas Tech bullied the bully and just might be the best team in the Big 12, while Utah was forced to reflect on the top-end ability of its offense.

Indiana is this year's Indiana

Hell hath no fury like a Curt Cignetti team with a point to prove. In what was billed as one of the night's prime time matchups, Indiana eviscerated ninth-ranked Illinois 63-10 in a game so bloody, I'm not sure the final score quite does it justice.

The Hoosiers pounded Illinois in every aspect of the game. The defensive line sacked Illinois quarterback Luke Altmyer seven times and held the Fighting Illini to just two rushing yards. Quarterback Fernando Mendoza looked every bit like an NFL Draft talent, blistering the Fighting Illini for five touchdowns on 21/23 attempts. Heck, Indiana even ran for over 300 yards and three TD's. The game was such a whitewash, Curt Cignetti was teetering on "I'm going for two because I can't go for three" territory. 2024 Indiana felt like a feel-good story. 2025 Indiana might be a nightmare for the

rest of the Big 10.

Nebraska wasn't ready for the moment

Year 3 under Matt Rhule usually brings a leap – it happened at Temple and Baylor, and Nebraska was supposed to be next. Saturday's game against Michigan was meant to be a breakthrough, a win that would push the Huskers into darkhorse territory. Instead, it left the Big Red fan base with the same "close but no cigar" taste they've grown accustomed to.

Michigan bludgeoned Nebraska on the ground, sacked quarterback Dylan Railoa seven times, and dominated the lines of scrimmage with alarming consistency, culminating in a 30-27 win at Memorial Stadium.

Nebraska has clearly improved in Year 3, but it just didn't look ready for the big moment. The offensive and defensive lines have glaring issues, and unless those are magically paved over, this team has a clear ceiling.

Michigan looks like a team that's found its identity, and has an easy enough schedule for the next few weeks to stack some wins and hang around in the Big 10

Oklahoma's defense had a point to prove

Brent Venables welcomed his old quarterback, Jackson Arnold, back to Norman with open arms, and by that I mean he cooked up a defensive game plan so disheartening and so diabolical that if you don't laugh, you'll cry.

The Sooners' defensive line wreaked havoc on Auburn, sacking Arnold a whopping 10 times. Quarterback John Mateer was money when it mattered, leading the Sooners to 11 fourth-quarter points. And Oklahoma got enough stops at the right times in the big 24-17 win to move to 4-0.

I have serious concerns about Oklahoma's inability to run the ball—they mustered just 32 yards on the day—but that's about it with this team.

The Sooners have a grueling schedule the rest of the way, but look every bit the part of a team that no one in the SEC is going to look forward to facing. Auburn is clearly improved, but might have to settle for the role of spoiler down the stretch in the SEC.

This version of Clemson is beyond cooked

Clemson entered the 2025 season with the world at its feet. On paper, the Tigers had an NFL-ready quarterback, a defense littered with stars, and a schedule that, if things broke right, would set up for a dazzling, repeat run to the College Football Playoff. That all feels like a distant memory.

On Saturday, Fran Brown's Syracuse walked into Death Valley and put the final nail in Clemson's coffin. The Orange jumped out to an early lead and never looked back in its 34-21 upset win.

Clemson has now lost three of its first four games for the first time since 2004, and is enduring its worst season-opening stretch in the Dabo Swinney tenure. This version of Clemson is beyond cooked. Enjoy the Raising Cane's Bowl, Dabo

TCU's offense sizzles in the Battle for the Iron Skillet

In what was the 104th and final rendition of the Battle for the Iron Skillet, TCU holds eternal bragging rights. In a game with spiritual Big 12 Conference energy, the Horned Frogs pulled away in the fourth quarter to notch a 35-24 win. This game was a delightful exhibition of dueling banjo quarterbacks with Kevin Jennings and Josh Hoover combining for almost 700 yards and eight touchdowns. Jennings was good, but Hoover was better, and that was the deciding factor in the game.

Hoover is a gamer and does a good job of delivering when his team needs it. Special shoutout to TCU wideout Eric McAlister, who earns Dude of the Week honors for his 8-catch, 254-yard, and three touchdown showing. Give that man his flowers.

SMU is solid but flawed. TCU has enough juice on offense to keep itself in big games...and just might be good enough to cause havoc down the stretch of the Big 12 conference slate.

Missouri emerges as an SEC contender

In a conference with so many ebbs and flows week to week, through four games, Missouri suddenly looks like a bona fide SEC title contender. Saturday night, the Tigers dominated South Carolina at the lines of scrimmage, punished the Gamecocks for 285 rushing yards, and did enough to slow LaNorris Sellers down to secure a massive 29-20 win to move to 4-0.

Sellers made some jaw-dropping throws and did a nice job of giving this offense a spark. But holy cow, do I have a man crush on Missouri running back Ahmad Hardy. The transfer from ULM has been a revelation this season, and now, not so quietly, looks like one of the best running backs in college football. Missouri has a great schedule moving forward. The Tigers just have the feel of a team that's going to win a lot of games and scare the heck out of some highly-ranked conference opponents.

Welcome to the Buyout Boys Club

Last week, Brent Pry and DeShaun Foster became the founding members of the 2025 Buyout Boys Club after their early-season dismissals. Four games in, four new potential members emerge. Billy Napier. Florida put up an admirable fight against fourth-ranked Miami, but mustered just seven points and continued to look lost on that side of the ball. Some people are saying 2025 Florida looks very "Muschampian" with a good defense, stinky offense, and tons of penalty yards. Good fight aside, it still feels like an If-not-When situation with Napier.

Luke Fickell. Holy Toledo, Batman! Wisconsin has a real problem on its hands. The Badgers got blanked in the first half and put up just ten points in a home loss to Maryland. This program has regressed since Fickell took over—and he doesn't look long for this job beyond this season.

Mike Gundy. It's time to rip the Band-Aid off, Oklahoma State. The Cowboys lost a stinker of a game to in-state little cousin, Tulsa, on Friday night. Oklahoma State is not a good football team, and Gundy has clearly lost his fastball. It's time to move on.

Sam Pittman. Arkansas has a sick offense and wholly incompetent defense, and both of those things were on display in its back-breaking loss to Memphis on Saturday. I'm not sure how attractive this job is in the current SEC landscape, but I have a feeling we might find out sooner rather than later.

Ole Miss is living on island time

Trinidad Chambliss is not a one-hit wonder. Chambliss started the year as QB2 in Oxford, but has looked every bit of the missing piece to Lane Kiffin's offense since taking over for injured starter Austin Simmons. Chambliss lit up the Tulane defense to the tune of 307 passing yards, two passing

touchdowns, and two rushing scores in the Rebels' dominant 45-10 win. Don't overthink this, Lane. Chambliss is QB1 now.

Bill Belichick got out coached by...Scott Frost

If I asked you to random number generator the strangest coaching matchup imaginable, it just might look like UNC's Bill Belichick vs. UCF's Scott Frost. Think about it, how could it get weirder than the best NFL head coach of all-time against a guy who once famously onside kicked his way into a loss to a tragic Northwestern team in Ireland? Weird combo aside, this UNC team under Belichick just flat out stinks. The Tar Heels got walloped in Week 1 against TCU. This week it got worse, as UNC got pasted by UCF 34-9 in a truly uncompetitive football game. The Tar Heels can't run the ball, can't find a quarterback, and can't get stops if their lives depended on it. What a dire situation.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL BEST BETS

Auburn at Texas A&M

College Station, TX • Sat 3:30 pm ET • Texas A&M -6.5, 52

Texas A&M comes in with one of the most balanced attacks in the SEC. Their quarterback has been sharp, completing over 65% of passes with multiple touchdown games, while RB Le'Veon Moss has provided a steady ground presence. The Aggies' offensive line has been stout, paving the way for nearly 170 rushing yards per contest. Defensively, Texas A&M has been even more impressive, holding opponents under 300 yards of offense per game. They've been particularly dominant in the red zone, allowing touchdowns on less than 50% of opponent trips inside the 20. Auburn, meanwhile, has struggled to find a consistent identity on offense. The Tigers' passing game has been below par, with completion rates under 60% and an inability to generate chunk plays. Their run game remains serviceable, but against a physical Aggie front, they'll be hard-pressed to sustain drives. Auburn's defense has bent too often, giving up over 400 yards in back-to-back contests. On the road in a hostile environment, the Tigers will face relentless pressure, both from the crowd and A&M's pass rush. The Aggies have dominated this series in recent years, covering four of the last five at Kyle Field. With a more complete roster and the ability to control the game in the trenches, Texas A&M is primed to take command early and put this one away. **TAKE: Texas A&M -6.5**

Ohio State at Washington

Seattle, WA • Sat 3:30 pm ET • Ohio State -8.5, 52

Ohio State's offense continues to hum, averaging over 38 points per game and ranking in the top 10 nationally in total yards. QB Devin Brown has spread the ball effectively to a deep receiving corps, with two wideouts already surpassing 300 yards on the season. The Buckeyes' offensive line has been dominant, keeping their quarterback upright while opening up rushing lanes for RB TreVeyon Henderson, who has topped 100 yards twice already. Defensively, Ohio State has been even more lethal, giving up just 12 points per game. Their secondary has forced seven interceptions in four games, including multiple pick-sixes. Washington, however, presents a unique challenge. The Huskies' offense is built on tempo and efficiency, with QB Michael Penix Jr. leading the nation in passing yards. Their wideouts can stretch the field vertically, and Washington has topped 30 points in every outing this year. The difference comes on the defensive side of the ball: Washington has allowed over 400 yards in three of four contests, and their run defense has been gashed for big plays. That spells trouble against a Buckeye team that thrives on balance and time of possession. The Huskies will score, but their inability to consistently slow down elite offenses is glaring. Ohio State's depth and defensive dominance travel well, and the Buckeyes' front should pressure Penix into mistakes. In a battle of top-tier offenses, Ohio State's defense proves to be the deciding edge.

TAKE: Ohio State -8.5

Memphis at Florida Atlantic

Boca Raton, FL • Sat 7:00 pm ET • Memphis –13.5, 62

Memphis has been rolling offensively, scoring 35+ points in four of its first five games. QB Seth Henigan has thrown for over 1,200 yards and 10 touchdowns while maintaining a completion rate above 65%. The Tigers' run game has complemented the passing attack well, averaging nearly 180 yards per contest with a stable of backs contributing. WR Roc Taylor has emerged as the go-to target, creating matchup problems on the outside. Defensively, Memphis has been opportunistic, forcing 10 turnovers in its last three games, including multiple interceptions returned for touchdowns. Their aggressive pass rush has produced double-digit sacks already, which should spell trouble for an FAU offense that has struggled in pass protection. Florida Atlantic has talent but lacks consistency. The Owls' QB has thrown multiple interceptions in three of four games, and their offensive line has been overmatched by aggressive fronts. Defensively, FAU has allowed 275+ passing yards in consecutive contests and has been especially vulnerable to explosive plays downfield. At home, the Owls may show flashes, but they don't have the balance to keep pace for four quarters. Memphis has dominated this matchup historically and has been profitable ATS in conference play, covering four of its last five. With offensive firepower, defensive takeaways, and an edge in the trenches, the Tigers have all the tools to pull away in the second half and win decisively. **TAKE: Memphis –13.5**

LSU at Ole Miss

Oxford, MS • Sat 3:30 pm ET • Ole Miss –1.5, 56

LSU enters this SEC West showdown with one of the nation's most efficient offenses. QB Garrett Nussmeier has commanded the Tigers well, completing over 68% of passes and leaning on a deep receiving corps led by Malik Nabers. RB Logan Diggs adds balance on the ground, with LSU averaging 185 rushing yards per game. Defensively, LSU has improved after a shaky start, holding opponents to just 17 points per game over the last three weeks and stiffening in third-down situations. Ole Miss counters with tempo and explosiveness. The Rebels are averaging 36 points per game, with their quarterback spreading the ball to playmakers both inside and outside the numbers. Their ground game has chipped in nearly 180 yards per contest, giving them versatility. However, the Rebels' defense remains a liability, giving up over 400 yards per game and struggling to stop the run. Against LSU's balanced attack, that weakness could be exposed. The Tigers have also had success in this series, winning three of the last four meetings. While Ole Miss will hit on explosive plays at home, their defense isn't built to hold up for four quarters. LSU's ability to control tempo and limit turnovers makes them the better side in a tight game. Look for LSU's offensive line to dictate late and create separation. **TAKE: LSU +2.5**

Rice at Navy

Annapolis, MD • Sat 3:30 pm ET • Navy –14.5, 46

Navy has leaned heavily on its option game, averaging over 250 rushing yards per contest. QB Tai Lavatai has orchestrated the ground attack well, spreading carries between multiple backs while keeping defenses honest with occasional passes. The Midshipmen's defense has also stepped up, allowing under 20 points per game and consistently winning the field-position battle. Rice, on the other hand, has struggled mightily on both sides of the ball. The Owls have given up over 35 points in three of their first four games, including big breakdowns against the run. Their offense has failed to sustain drives, with a third-down conversion rate hovering near 30%. On the road against a disciplined Navy team, Rice faces both schematic and physical disadvantages. Historically, Navy has owned this series, covering five of the last six meetings. The combination of ball control, a punishing run game, and a disciplined defense should prove too much for Rice. The Midshipmen are also 4-1 ATS in their last five as a double-digit home favorite. Expect Navy to dictate pace from the opening kickoff, build an early lead, and grind out possessions while wearing down Rice's defensive front.

TAKE: Navy –14.5

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Army at East Carolina

Greenville, NC • Thu 7:30 pm ET • East Carolina -3.5, 52

Army's triple-option has been hit-or-miss, stalling on third downs at under 35% conversion. ECU has steadied with defensive stops and has covered four of their last six at home. Expect a slower pace and limited scoring chances. **TAKE: Under 52**

Florida State at Virginia

Charlottesville, VA • Fri 7:00 pm ET • Florida State -7, 58

FSU has been potent offensively but also inconsistent defensively, especially against the pass. Virginia has had trouble protecting its QB and generating explosive plays. Pace points to a grind rather than a shootout. **TAKE: Under 58**

TCU at Arizona State

Tempe, AZ • Fri 9:00 pm ET • Arizona State -2.5, 54

TCU's defense has created turnovers and kept them competitive on the road. Arizona State has been streaky, producing points but also giving them away with mistakes. Close game fits the dog.

TAKE: TCU +2.5

Houston at Oregon State

Corvallis, OR • Fri 10:30 pm ET • Houston -12.5, 48

Oregon State has leaned on a stingy defense, allowing just 18 PPG at home. Houston has been uneven away from home and turnover-prone. This number is too steep for the matchup.

TAKE: Oregon State +12.5

Rutgers at Minnesota

Minneapolis, MN • Sat 12:00 pm ET • Minnesota -5.5, 52

Rutgers has leaned on defense, keeping opponents under 21 in three games. Minnesota's offense has struggled to finish drives. A defensive tone should push this game below the number.

TAKE: Under 52

Georgia Tech at Wake Forest

Winston-Salem, NC • Sat 12:00 pm ET • Georgia Tech -14.5, 54

Wake Forest has battled inconsistencies but covered in two of the last three in this series. Georgia Tech has dominated on the ground but is laying a big road number. Home dog brings value.

TAKE: Wake Forest +14.5

Duke at Syracuse

Syracuse, NY • Sat 12:00 pm ET • Duke -5.5, 60

Duke's passing game has found rhythm, but Syracuse has been tough at home and thrives as a dog. Both defenses are leaky against explosive plays, suggesting a shootout. Value tilts to the Orange.

TAKE: Syracuse +5.5

Louisville at Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, PA • Sat 12:00 pm ET • Louisville -3.5, 56

Louisville's offense has been efficient, but Pitt has leaned on a defense that's held three of their last four opponents under 20. Panthers have matched up well in this series. **TAKE: Pittsburgh +3.5**

USC at Illinois

Champaign, IL • Sat 12:00 pm ET • USC -6.5, 60

USC's offense travels well, but Illinois has been stingy at home. Both defenses tend to play bend-don't-break styles. Total is lined high for the expected tempo. **TAKE: Under 60**

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Notre Dame at Arkansas

Fayetteville, AR • Sat 12:00 pm ET • Notre Dame -6, 64

Notre Dame has been explosive offensively, but Arkansas has covered three of their last four at home. Razorbacks' defense has held up better than expected. Home dog angle plays strong.

TAKE: Arkansas +6

Cincinnati at Kansas

Lawrence, KS • Sat 12:00 pm ET • Kansas -6, 56

Kansas is efficient offensively, but Cincinnati has hung around against better competition and kept games close. Bearcats' defense is sturdier than this number suggests. **TAKE: Cincinnati +6**

UCF at Kansas State

Manhattan, KS • Sat 12:00 pm ET • Kansas State -6, 50

Kansas State pounds the rock, while UCF's tempo forces defensive breakdowns. Both teams average over 30 PPG, pointing to more scoring than the market implies. **TAKE: Over 50**

South Alabama at North Texas

Denton, TX • Sat 12:00 pm ET • North Texas -13, 64

UNT can score but has leaked badly on defense. South Alabama has battled stronger teams competitively and looks live as a double-digit dog. **TAKE: South Alabama +13**

Bowling Green at Ohio

Athens, OH • Sat 12:00 pm ET • Ohio -10.5, 52

Bowling Green has covered three of their last four and runs the ball well enough to shorten games. Ohio has struggled to separate from mid-tier opponents. **TAKE: Bowling Green +10.5**

Utah State at Vanderbilt

Nashville, TN • Sat 12:45 pm ET • Vanderbilt -22.5, 60

Vanderbilt hasn't shown blowout form, and Utah State has averaged 26 PPG over their last three. Too many points for the favorite to justify. **TAKE: Utah State +22.5**

Eastern Michigan at Central Michigan

Mount Pleasant, MI • Sat 1:00 pm ET • Central Michigan -5.5, 54

CMU has been erratic, while Eastern tends to grind games down. Both offenses lack explosiveness. Safer play is on limited scoring. **TAKE: Under 54**

Georgia Southern at James Madison

Harrisonburg, VA • Sat 1:30 pm ET • James Madison -16.5, 54

JMU's defense has been strong, but Georgia Southern can keep it close with a steady passing game. Road dog holds the number. **TAKE: Georgia Southern +16.5**

Arkansas State at UL Monroe

Monroe, LA • Sat 3:00 pm ET • UL Monroe -3, 56

Arkansas State's offense has clicked lately, topping 30+ in three of four. UL Monroe has struggled to slow anyone down. Dog is the sharper play. **TAKE: Arkansas State +3**

California at Boston College

Chestnut Hill, MA • Sat 3:30 pm ET • Boston College -6.5, 52

Cal has kept games competitive and covered in three of five. BC lacks explosiveness, which makes the dog appealing. **TAKE: California +6.5**

Indiana at Iowa

Iowa City, IA • Sat 3:30 pm ET • Indiana -7, 48

Indiana has been turnover-prone and poor ATS on the road. Iowa's defense has been steady and thrives in low-possession games. The number points under. **TAKE: Under 48**

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Baylor at Oklahoma State

Stillwater, OK • Sat 3:30 pm ET • Baylor –20.5, 60

Oklahoma State has struggled overall but has covered three of the last four in this matchup. Huge number makes the Cowboys the better side. **TAKE: Oklahoma State +20.5**

Utah at West Virginia

Morgantown, WV • Sat 3:30 pm ET • Utah –10.5, 50

WVU has been a tough out at home and thrives as a dog in lower-scoring games. Utah relies on defense but isn't built to run away. **TAKE: Under 50**

Connecticut at Buffalo

Buffalo, NY • Sat 3:30 pm ET • Connecticut –2.5, 52

UConn has shown better balance lately, while Buffalo has struggled to find consistency. Small chalk holds here. **TAKE: Connecticut –2.5**

San Diego State at Northern Illinois

DeKalb, IL • Sat 3:30 pm ET • San Diego State –3, 43

Both teams struggle offensively and rely on their defenses. Pace suggests this one stays well under. **TAKE: Under 43**

Akron at Toledo

Toledo, OH • Sat 3:30 pm ET • Toledo –21, 48

Toledo has dominated the run game all season. Akron has failed to contain strong ground attacks. Rockets cover comfortably. **TAKE: Toledo –21**

New Mexico State at New Mexico

Albuquerque, NM • Sat 4:00 pm ET • New Mexico –14, 54

Aggies have been leaky defensively, while New Mexico's ground game is their identity. Points pile up faster than the market expects. **TAKE: Over 54**

Tulane at Tulsa

Tulsa, OK • Sat 4:00 pm ET • Tulane –13.5, 54

Tulsa has bled points, while Tulane's defense continues to anchor. Green Wave is the steadier team. **TAKE: Tulane –13.5**

Hawaii at Air Force

Colorado Springs, CO • Sat 4:00 pm ET • Air Force –4.5, 53.5

Hawaii hasn't fared well against physical rushing teams. Air Force should control the line of scrimmage. **TAKE: Air Force –4.5**

Tennessee at Mississippi State

Starkville, MS • Sat 4:15 pm ET • Tennessee –7.5, 62

Both defenses give up explosive plays, and Tennessee's tempo fuels points. Market leans too low for this pace. **TAKE: Over 62**

Liberty at Old Dominion

Norfolk, VA • Sat 6:00 pm ET • Old Dominion –16, 52

Liberty's defense has been shredded for weeks. ODU's offense has hit stride and should roll at home. **TAKE: Old Dominion –16**

Middle Tennessee at Kennesaw State

Kennesaw, GA • Sat 6:00 pm ET • Kennesaw State –7, 50

Kennesaw's offense has surged, while Middle Tennessee hasn't traveled well. Owls have the edge on the ground. **TAKE: Kennesaw State –7**

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Virginia Tech at NC State

Raleigh, NC • Sat 7:00 pm ET • NC State –10.5, 58

NC State's defense has been shaky, while Virginia Tech has been more competitive as a dog. Hokies hang within the number. **TAKE: Virginia Tech +10.5**

Arizona at Iowa State

Ames, IA • Sat 7:00 pm ET • Iowa State –6.5, 50

Iowa State has the defensive edge, but Arizona's passing attack travels well. Wildcats keep it close.

TAKE: Arizona +6.5

Jacksonville State at Southern Miss

Hattiesburg, MS • Sat 7:00 pm ET • Southern Miss –3.5, 56

Jax State moves the ball but leaks points on defense. Southern Miss' QB play is the separator.

TAKE: Southern Miss –3.5

Western Kentucky at Missouri State

Springfield, MO • Sat 7:00 pm ET • Western Kentucky –5.5, 60

Missouri State's defense has been poor, and WKU's pass game thrives in these spots. Hilltoppers pull away late. **TAKE: Western Kentucky –5.5**

UMass at Missouri

Columbia, MO • Sat 7:30 pm ET • Missouri –43.5, 56

UMass has been blown out by every Power Five opponent. Missouri should dominate the trenches.

TAKE: Missouri –43.5

Oregon at Penn State

State College, PA • Sat 7:30 pm ET • Penn State –3.5, 52

Penn State's defense has been elite at home. Oregon struggles when forced into grind-it-out games.

TAKE: Penn State –3.5

San Jose State at Stanford

Stanford, CA • Sat 7:30 pm ET • Stanford –2, 50

Stanford has been inconsistent, while San Jose State has played close on the road. Value tilts to the dog BUT Stanford is a tough nut at home. **TAKE: Stanford -2**

Washington State at Colorado State

Fort Collins, CO • Sat 7:30 pm ET • Colorado State –4.5, 50

CSU has found a running game, and Wazzu has struggled offensively. Rams' defense seals it.

TAKE: Colorado State –4.5

Alabama at Georgia

Athens, GA • Sat 7:30 pm ET • Georgia –3, 54

Georgia has dominated defensively and carries home-field muscle. Alabama's offense hasn't traveled as well. **TAKE: Georgia –3**

Appalachian State at Boise State

Boise, ID • Sat 7:30 pm ET • Boise State –17.5, 60

Boise has scored 36+ at home consistently. Appalachian State can't handle the physical mismatch.

TAKE: Boise State –17.5

Kentucky at South Carolina

Columbia, SC • Sat 7:45 pm ET • South Carolina –6.5, 48

Gamecocks have dominated this matchup recently, while Kentucky's offense has sputtered. Home field holds. **TAKE: South Carolina –6.5**

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Marshall at Louisiana

Lafayette, LA • Sat 8:00 pm ET • Louisiana -1.5, 46

Marshall hasn't found offensive consistency, while Louisiana has run the ball effectively at home. Cajuns have the edge. **TAKE: Louisiana -1.5**

Louisiana Tech at UTEP

El Paso, TX • Sat 9:00 pm ET • Louisiana Tech -4, 48

Tech has shown offensive rhythm, while UTEP can't finish drives. Bulldogs cover the short number. **TAKE: Louisiana Tech -4**

BYU at Colorado

Boulder, CO • Sat 10:15 pm ET • BYU -6.5, 47

BYU has played clean football, while Colorado continues to be mistake-prone. Cougars grind out a road win. **TAKE: BYU -6.5**

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