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NCAA Landscape

Week 5 was a college football banana peel weekend. It was the kind of slate where the path looked clear until, suddenly, it wasn't. The third, fourth, and fifth-ranked teams all took a tumble on Saturday. Heavy favorite Florida State got stunned in double overtime at Virginia on Friday night. Georgia Tech, Tennessee, and Indiana all had momentary slip-ups, only to rally late in big spots. And USC took a late-game wrong turn to lose at the gun to Illinois. It was a weekend as much about winning as it was keeping your footing.

College football has a way of being cruel and rewarding all at once—breaking your heart one minute and making it jump out of your chest the next. All of the emotions that make college football special were on display in the monster showdown between No. 6 Oregon and third-ranked Penn State. We were all witnesses to two titans of the sport, going blow for blow for sixty minutes and then some.

The game treated us to a little bit of everything: physically dominant offensive and defensive lines, feats of athletic prowess between the tackles and on the edge, smart play-calling, topsy-turvy quarterback play, and a finish so jarring it silenced 106,000 screaming Nittany Lion fans.

In the second half, Penn State erased a two-score deficit to force overtime. In extras, the Nittany Lions scored first before Oregon answered. The Ducks scored again, but quarterback Dante Moore threw an interception on the two-point attempt, giving the visitors a nervy six-point lead.

Penn State took the ball next, with a chance to silence the doubters and avenge so many deep-rooted big game woes. What came next was both preposterous and plausible and felt like a re-run of a movie we've seen so many times.

With a chance to win it, quarterback Drew Allar dropped back, took aim down the sideline, under threw the ball, and saw an Oregon defensive back come down with the game sealing interception to wrap up the 30-24 2OT victory. Both Allar and the offense came up short once again, a damning indictment on the James Franklin era in Happy Valley.

With the win, Oregon emerges as the class of the Big Ten, while Penn State is forced to do some late-game soul-searching after an otherwise incredible effort.

Bama is back

Last season's meeting between Alabama and Georgia produced serious fireworks and was certainly in the running for Game of the Year status.

On Saturday, these two SEC superpowers tangled once again in yet another rendition that kept fans

and pundits alike on the edge of their seats. The 17th-ranked Crimson Tide jumped out to a formidable lead and leaned on its defense in the second half to outlast fifth-ranked Georgia 24-21, snapping the Bulldogs' 33-game home winning streak.

Alabama quarterback Ty Simpson was the difference in this game. Simpson was poised, confident, and made big throw after big throw, shouldering the offense for 276 yards and two touchdowns. Georgia did a nice job of playing ground and pound football, but mustered just seven second-half points in the loss.

With the win, Alabama keeps itself afloat in the SEC and College Football Playoff race, and just might be rounding into that lofty form we expected in the preseason. Georgia and head coach Kirby Smart are left to grapple with their woeful recent record against Alabama.

Big Game Lane Kiffin comes good

Ole Miss head coach Lane Kiffin opted to ride the hot hand in quarterback Trinidad Chambliss, and it paid off in a big way.

Behind a bruising rushing attack and stellar defensive performance, Chambliss sliced and diced the LSU secondary for 314 yards and a touchdown, propelling 13th-ranked Ole Miss to a 24-19 win over the fourth-ranked Tigers. Don't look now, but I don't think it's nuts to think Chambliss could be a sneaky, dark-horse Heisman candidate.

Ole Miss suddenly looks like the real deal in the SEC. The defense is finding ways to get stops. The run game is churning. And Chambliss has got the juice, simple as that.

LSU once again turned in a bad offensive performance. Quarterback Garrett Nussmeier forced numerous balls in tight coverage on Saturday. The run game mustered just 57 yards on 22 carries. LSU's secondary even got worked like a punching bag.

Lane Kiffin is the Troll King, but he's now notched monster SEC victories in back-to-back seasons and has his team flirting with SEC top dog status. LSU head coach Brian Kelly is now left to pass the blame around to anyone but himself.

The ACC refuses to be normal

The Atlantic Coast Conference has been anything but ordinary this season. High-profile programs like Clemson and UNC have flopped. Miami has looked like the belle of the ball. And on any given weekend, Florida State and Georgia Tech have looked like formidable title challengers.

On Friday night things got a little wacky with Virginia stunning Florida State 46-38 in a 2OT thriller that was every bit Game of the Year material. The UVA student section stormed the field in epic fashion. The Hoos ran for over 200 yards and four touchdowns on the ground. Head coach Tony Elliott even notched his first signature victory in the school's sixth all-time victory over a Top 10 opponent.

On Saturday afternoon, through 52 minutes of football, it looked like Wake Forest was ready to topple 16th-ranked Georgia Tech. The Demon Deacons jumped out to a 17-point lead and appeared poised for the upset. And then Haynes King took over.

King engineered scoring drives of 13, 10, and nine plays, with the final drive leading to a game-tying field goal at the end of regulation. The Yellow Jackets opened the overtime period with a quick score. The Demon Deacons answered swiftly, and instead of kicking the game-tying PAT, opted to go for two

and failed.

Tech remains in the hunt for the ACC title, while UVA looks like a much-improved football team in Year 4 under Tony Elliott.

Illinois walks it off

A week after getting pasted by Indiana in prime time, it was fair to ask questions about what version of Illinois we'd get today. The Fighting Illini answered the bell and then some, overcoming a pair of critical goal-line fumbles to walk it off with a 41-yard game-winning field goal to defeat No. 21 USC 34-32.

Illinois bullied USC in the run game, racking up 171 yards on 35 carries. Big kudos to the Fighting Illini offensive line, who looked every bit like the veteran-laden group with a point to prove. Quarterback Luke Altmyer was also excellent, accounting for three touchdowns on the day.

USC deserves a modicum of credit for staying in the fight. The Trojans were in a two-score hole for what felt like most of the day, but hung around long enough to almost steal the win. The USC defense needs work (especially in the run game), but man, oh man, is the Jayden Maiava-Makai Lemon connection fun to watch. The pair connected for 11 completions, 151 yards, and two big-time touchdowns.

USC needs to improve its rush defense if it hopes to compete down the stretch of the Big Ten season. Illinois pulled itself off the mat and still has a lot of football in front of it.

Tennessee survives in Stark Vegas

News flash: Tennessee is one wildly entertaining football team. When the 15th-ranked Vols weren't ripping huge plays, it was allowing them at the other end. In one of the best games of the day, the Tennessee defense came up with a clutch pass breakup in overtime to outlast a frisky Mississippi State team 41-34.

The Vols desperately needed a win to keep pace in the SEC. For MSU, this ending stinks, but you have to feel good about the progress you've made under head coach Jeff Lebby.

Indiana won its clunker

A week after obliterating Illinois in prime time, perhaps it was to be expected for the Hoosiers to take their foot off the gas. But for much of the day against Iowa, Indiana couldn't find the gas, with the Hoosiers putting up just 13 points through three and a half quarters.

With the game hanging in the balance, the Hoosiers went back to their bread and butter in the Fernando Mendoza-Elijah Surrat connection, with Surrat hauling in a pass and streaking past an Iowa defender for the go-ahead 49-yard score with a minute and change remaining in the fourth quarter.

Survive and advance is the name of the game. Indiana won its clunker and lives to fight another day.

The Sam Pittman situation became untenable

In what was supposed to be a plucky, potential upset spot for Arkansas quickly turned into a horror show for Hogs fans. Notre Dame ran around, over, and through the Arkansas defense with relative ease, pummeling the Hogs for 400 yards and 42 first-half points en route to a 56-13 dismantling. On Sunday, Arkansas dismissed head coach Sam Pittman, signaling the unacceptable nature of that sort

of loss. Bobby Petrino will lead the charge the rest of this season, and who knows beyond that.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL BEST BETS

Ohio -14 at Ball State (Saturday 12:00 PM)

Ohio enters this matchup with a statistical edge across the board. The Bobcats' offense has been efficient both on the ground and through the air, averaging over 6 yards per play, while Ball State is one of the least productive teams in the MAC at just 14 points per game. Ohio's offensive line has been reliable in protection and strong in creating rushing lanes, and Ball State's defense has been vulnerable against both power runs and explosive plays. This balance should allow Ohio to dictate tempo and force the Cardinals into unfavorable situations.

Defensively, Ohio has been one of the stingiest units in the conference, giving up fewer than 17 points per game. Their ability to stop the run has forced opponents to become one-dimensional, which has led to turnovers and short fields. Ball State's offense, by contrast, has been inconsistent, often stalling on third downs and failing to sustain long drives. Special teams also favor Ohio, as the Bobcats have been reliable in the kicking game while Ball State has had miscues that have cost them points.

The line suggests a competitive matchup, but Ohio's consistency on both sides of the ball points to a 20+ win. The Bobcats are capable of controlling this game from start to finish and covering the number on the road.

TAKE: Ohio -14

Purdue +10 vs Illinois (Saturday 12:00 PM)

Illinois enters as the favorite, but metrics point to this contest being far closer than the line implies. Purdue has shown improvement at home, where their defense has been disruptive up front and has held opponents under 4 yards per rush. Illinois has struggled when forced into long passing downs, and Purdue's front is well-positioned to create pressure. That dynamic could limit the Illini's offensive rhythm and lead to stalled drives.

On offense, Purdue doesn't need explosive plays to succeed. Their approach is built on staying on schedule, using a mix of short passes and runs to maintain possession. Illinois' secondary has been susceptible to underneath throws, and extended drives play into the Boilermakers' strengths at home. Field position is another hidden advantage, as Purdue's special teams have been steadier and can flip the field in what is projected to be a one-possession game.

Catching more than a touchdown with a home team in what profiles as a low-possession contest is valuable. Illinois has the stronger overall record, but Purdue's situational edges combined with the line value make them the right side.

TAKE: Purdue +10

Appalachian State +2.5 vs Oregon State (Saturday 3:30 PM)

Appalachian State returns to Boone in a matchup where their style of play matches up well against Oregon State. The Mountaineers average over 200 rushing yards per game and use that ground dominance to control tempo. Oregon State has allowed over 4.5 yards per carry and struggled against physical running teams, which gives App State an opening to shorten the game and limit possessions. The Mountaineers' offensive line has consistently worn down opponents in the second half, and that could tilt momentum late.

Defensively, App State has improved steadily since its early-season slip, holding opponents under 21 points per game across the last three weeks. Oregon State's offense is built around the run, but App State's front seven is conceding less than 4 yards per carry and has been effective in containing big

plays. Forcing Oregon State into passing situations reduces their efficiency and increases the chances of stalled drives.

Home-field advantage is significant here. Kidd Brewer Stadium has historically provided a strong edge, and the Mountaineers have been tough to beat in Boone. Add in the projection that points toward a lower-scoring game than the market suggests, and App State looks like one of the best underdog plays of the week.

TAKE: Appalachian State +2.5

UConn – 7 vs FIU (Saturday 3:30 PM)

Connecticut enters this game with a defense that has made noticeable strides. The Huskies are allowing just over 17 points per game across the past month and have been particularly effective at generating pressure. Their pass rush has recorded more than a dozen sacks already this year, and FIU's offensive line has been among the weakest in the country, giving up nearly 4 sacks per game. That mismatch should disrupt FIU's offensive rhythm.

On offense, UConn relies heavily on the ground game, averaging close to 5 yards per rush. FIU has surrendered more than 200 rushing yards per contest, which sets up well for the Huskies to impose their will at the line of scrimmage. Ball control and sustained drives have been central to UConn's success, and FIU has not shown an ability to claw back once behind. The Panthers' third-down conversion rate is among the lowest in FBS, making it difficult for them to sustain scoring chances.

Special teams lean toward Connecticut as well. The Huskies have been sound in both coverage and kicking, while FIU has allowed momentum-shifting returns and already conceded a touchdown in the kicking game. With advantages in both trenches and a proven defensive edge, UConn is set up to cover this number.

TAKE: UConn – 7

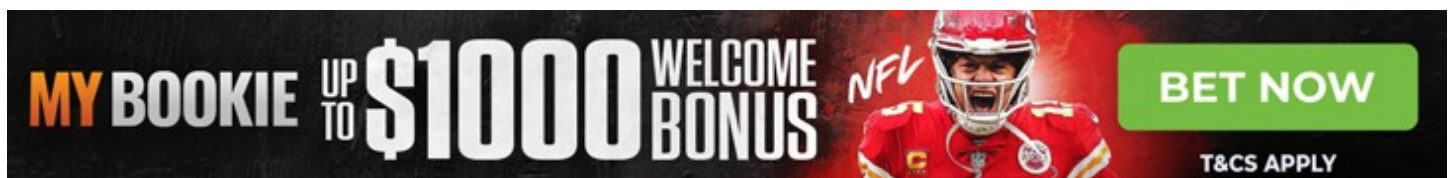
Duke –2.5 at California (Saturday 10:30 PM)

Duke heads west for a late kickoff with a strong statistical profile. Their defense has been among the best in the ACC, allowing fewer than 20 points per game while generating turnovers at a steady pace. California's offense has been one of the least efficient in the Pac-12, averaging under 20 points and struggling mightily in the red zone. That inefficiency is magnified against disciplined defenses like Duke's.

Offensively, Duke plays a balanced game, leaning on efficient drives that mix short passing with a reliable ground attack. California has been vulnerable against the run, allowing more than 190 yards per game on the ground, and opposing offenses have found success staying on schedule. Duke's offensive line has protected well, giving their quarterbacks time to manage games effectively. Sustained drives should keep the Blue Devils in control of possession.

Traveling cross-country can be a challenge, but Duke's depth and defensive stability provide a strong foundation. California's inability to finish drives makes it unlikely they can capitalize on any fatigue or miscues. In a matchup where the numbers point strongly to Duke, the small spread provides excellent value.

TAKE: Duke –2.5

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL QUICK PICKS

Sam Houston at New Mexico State (Thursday 9:00 PM)

Sam Houston has been competitive by limiting rushing lanes, holding opponents under 3.8 yards per carry. New Mexico State's offense has been turnover-prone, especially in long-yardage spots. With the Bearkats' ability to shorten games and win the field-position battle, they have the edge.

TAKE: Sam Houston -2.5

Charlotte at South Florida (Friday 7:00 PM)

South Florida's offense is averaging nearly 35 points per game, and their tempo has been difficult for weaker defenses to keep up with. Charlotte has allowed too many explosive rushing plays and often fades after halftime. The Bulls' depth and pace should cover the large spread.

TAKE: South Florida -27.5

Western Kentucky at Delaware (Friday 7:00 PM)

Western Kentucky's passing attack has been efficient at stretching defenses, and Delaware has struggled in coverage against teams with speed on the perimeter. WKU can generate quick scores and force Delaware to play from behind. As an underdog, the Hilltoppers hold value.

TAKE: Western Kentucky +2.5

New Mexico at San Jose State (Friday 10:00 PM)

New Mexico has leaned on a rushing game averaging over 200 yards per contest, and San Jose State has struggled to stop the run consistently. Defensively, the Lobos create problems by forcing teams into third-and-long situations. Their physical edge makes them the play. **TAKE: N Mexico +2.5**

West Virginia at BYU (Friday 10:30 PM)

BYU has controlled the line of scrimmage, rushing for more than 190 yards per game while limiting opponents on defense. West Virginia's scoring has dipped significantly on the road, and turnovers have been costly. The Cougars should grind down the Mountaineers at home. **TAKE: BYU -19.5**

Colorado State at San Diego State (Friday 10:30 PM)

San Diego State has been reliable defensively at home, holding teams under 20 points in three of the last four games. Colorado State's inability to sustain drives has led to poor time-of-possession numbers. The Aztecs' defense should be the difference in covering this line. **TAKE: S Diego St -5.5**

Air Force at Navy (Saturday 12:00 PM)

Air Force boasts one of the nation's best rushing attacks at over 310 yards per game. Navy's offense has lacked big-play ability and has struggled to finish drives. Expect Air Force to control possession and wear Navy down. **TAKE: Air Force +10.5**

Kentucky at Georgia (Saturday 12:00 PM)

Georgia's defense continues to rank among the nation's best, holding opponents to just 11 points per game. Kentucky's offense has relied heavily on the ground, which plays directly into Georgia's strength up front. The Bulldogs' balance on both sides of the ball points to a convincing win.

TAKE: Georgia -20.5

Iowa State at Cincinnati (Saturday 12:00 PM)

Iowa State has thrived defensively, holding opponents under 20 points per game. Cincinnati has struggled to finish drives and has been inconsistent in the red zone. This sets up as a low-scoring contest where the Cyclones keep it tight. **TAKE: Under 53**

Wisconsin at Michigan (Saturday 12:00 PM)

Michigan is winning at the point of attack on both sides, allowing fewer than 80 rushing yards per game while averaging over 200 on the ground themselves. Wisconsin lacks explosive scoring plays against top defenses, which makes it difficult to keep pace. Michigan should build separation steadily.

TAKE: Michigan -16.5

Clemson at North Carolina (Saturday 12:00 PM)

Clemson's defensive front is creating more than 3 sacks per game, consistently disrupting opposing offenses. North Carolina has had issues sustaining drives when pressured, and their defense has given up too many chunk plays. Clemson's edge in the trenches should secure the win and cover.

TAKE: Clemson -13.5

Boston College at Pittsburgh (Saturday 12:00 PM)

Boston College has been inconsistent, but the matchup shows Pitt with the stronger profile. The Panthers' defense has enough edge in the trenches to limit BC's ground production, and their home-field advantage adds weight to the line. Even with offensive ups and downs, Pitt has the metrics to extend the margin. **TAKE: Pittsburgh -7**

Kansas State at Baylor (Saturday 12:00 PM)

Baylor is listed as the favorite, but Kansas State's rushing attack gives them a strong chance to keep this tight. The Wildcats are averaging over 190 yards per game on the ground, while Baylor's defense has struggled to contain power rushing teams. Kansas State's ability to control tempo and shorten possessions makes the underdog attractive. **TAKE: Kansas State +6.5**

Army at UAB (Saturday 12:00 PM)

Army's option attack can be tough to prepare for, but their defense has been inconsistent and has struggled to get off the field. UAB's offense has shown balance, and the Blazers have been better at sustaining drives and finishing in the red zone. Playing at home, UAB has the tools to keep this game close and potentially steal it outright. **TAKE: UAB +7**

UTSA at Temple (Saturday 1:00 PM)

UTSA is the favorite, but Temple has value as the underdog. The Owls' defense has held opponents under 25 points in multiple games and should be able to slow UTSA's tempo. With Temple at home catching more than a touchdown, this looks like a spot where the underdog can cover.

TAKE: Temple +6.5

Wake Forest at Virginia Tech (Saturday 1:00 PM)

Virginia Tech has been up and down offensively, especially when forced into passing situations. Wake Forest has enough balance to stretch the field and keep this one competitive. In a matchup that could go either way, the points carry weight. **TAKE: Wake Forest +6**

Western Michigan at UMass (Saturday 2:30 PM)

Western Michigan is the favorite, but projections suggest UMass can keep this close. The Minutemen's offense has been able to generate just enough balance at home, and WMU's ground-first style keeps possessions limited. Catching double digits, UMass has value. **TAKE: UMass +11.5**

Oklahoma State at Arizona (Saturday 3:00 PM)

Arizona has shown explosive balance, averaging over 35 points per game with efficiency both running and passing. Oklahoma State's defense has been soft against big plays, giving up more than 6 yards per snap. Arizona's firepower at home makes them the side to back. **TAKE: Arizona -19.5**

Virginia at Louisville (Saturday 3:30 PM)

Louisville has been priced as the stronger team, but Virginia has shown resilience in tighter contests. Their ability to extend drives and force longer possessions gives them a chance to stay inside the number. The underdog holds the value side here. **TAKE: Virginia +7.5**

Washington at Maryland (Saturday 3:30 PM)

Washington's offense is among the nation's most explosive, averaging over 340 passing yards per contest. Maryland has struggled to contain vertical throws and gives up more than 8 yards per pass attempt. The Huskies' passing advantage should show over four quarters. **TAKE: Washington -5.5**

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Central Michigan at Akron (Saturday 3:30 PM)

Central Michigan's run-first approach has been productive against weaker defenses, and Akron has struggled to stop physical rushing games. The Zips' offense averages under 17 points per game and lacks efficiency. CMU's edge in the trenches gives them the advantage. **TAKE: C Michigan -6.5**

Eastern Michigan at Buffalo (Saturday 3:30 PM)

Eastern Michigan's defense has been stingy inside the red zone, forcing opponents to settle for field goals. Buffalo's offense has been inconsistent, averaging fewer than 5 yards per play. This matchup lines up for the Eagles to keep it within the number. **TAKE: Eastern Michigan +10**

James Madison at Georgia State (Saturday 3:30 PM)

James Madison is a heavy favorite, but the projection line is much closer. Georgia State's offense has enough to prevent a runaway, especially if they lean on their ground game to chew clock. Taking the points with the Panthers is the sharper play. **TAKE: Georgia State +19.5**

UL Monroe at Northwestern (Saturday 3:30 PM)

Northwestern is laying double digits, but their offense hasn't produced margins comfortably. UL Monroe's running game is inconsistent, but they can shorten the contest and make the Wildcats earn every score. The points make the Warhawks the side. **TAKE: UL Monroe +10.5**

Miami (OH) at Northern Illinois (Saturday 3:30 PM)

Miami (OH) comes in as the favorite, but the projections tilt toward Northern Illinois. NIU's defense has kept them competitive in several close games, and this spread allows room for a home cover. The Huskies are the play catching points. **TAKE: Northern Illinois +4**

Penn State at UCLA (Saturday 3:30 PM)

Penn State's defense is allowing fewer than 280 total yards per game, one of the top marks nationally. UCLA's offense has not performed well against elite defensive fronts. The Nittany Lions' physical advantage makes them a strong favorite. **TAKE: Penn State -24.5**

Texas at Florida (Saturday 3:30 PM)

Texas has excelled at controlling games in the trenches, averaging more than 180 rushing yards per contest while holding opponents under 100 on the ground. Florida has struggled to finish drives against top competition, especially when forced into passing situations. The Longhorns' balance gives them the upper hand. **TAKE: Texas -7**

Vanderbilt at Alabama (Saturday 3:30 PM)

Alabama is the stronger roster, but this number is inflated. Vanderbilt has been scrappy enough to hang around against stronger opponents, and their offense can pick up just enough first downs to burn clock. The Commodores hold underdog value. **TAKE: Vanderbilt +10.5**

Syracuse at SMU (Saturday 3:30 PM)

SMU has averaged over 36 points per game with one of the AAC's most efficient passing attacks. Syracuse has been inconsistent against stronger opponents and has given up too many points on the road. The Mustangs' tempo and firepower make them the clear side. **TAKE: SMU -16.5**

Boise State at Notre Dame (Saturday 3:30 PM)

Notre Dame has been well-balanced, averaging nearly 5 yards per carry while holding opponents to 16 points per game. Boise State has struggled to stop physical rushing attacks and has allowed over 400 yards of offense in several games. The Fighting Irish from start to finish. **TAKE: N Dame -19.5**

Michigan State at Nebraska (Saturday 4:00 PM)

Nebraska has the defensive edge, but not enough separation to justify this margin. Michigan State's defense can slow the Huskers' rushing game, which keeps the contest within reach. With the line over double digits, the value is with the Spartans. **TAKE: Michigan State +10.5**

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Kent State at Oklahoma (Saturday 4:00 PM)

Oklahoma is averaging over 500 yards per game and has one of the nation's most balanced attacks. Kent State has given up more than 40 points in multiple contests and lacks the firepower to keep pace. The Sooners should dominate on both sides. **TAKE: Oklahoma -45.5**

Texas State at Arkansas State (Saturday 4:00 PM)

Texas State has run the ball well, averaging nearly 200 yards per game, and Arkansas State has struggled to contain rushing offenses. The Red Wolves' defense has allowed over 30 points per game, which is concerning against a physical Bobcats squad. **TAKE: Texas State -13.5**

Coastal Carolina at Old Dominion (Saturday 6:00 PM)

Old Dominion has been solid at home defensively, limiting opponents to fewer than 20 points per game. Coastal Carolina's offense has lacked rhythm, especially against strong defenses, and has struggled in red-zone efficiency. The Monarchs' home-field edge should carry them. **TAKE: ODU -17**

South Alabama at Troy (Saturday 7:00 PM)

Troy has relied on a defense that allows just 21 points per game and thrives at forcing opponents into third-and-long situations. South Alabama's offense has lacked consistency and tends to fade against stronger defenses. Expect the Trojans to control pace and cover. **TAKE: Troy -2.5**

FAU at Rice (Saturday 7:00 PM)

FAU's defense has been opportunistic, forcing turnovers in four straight games. Rice has been inconsistent offensively, particularly in finishing drives. With a defense that can shorten possessions, FAU has value as the underdog. **TAKE: FAU +4.5**

Texas Tech at Houston (Saturday 7:00 PM)

Texas Tech has a balanced offense that averages over 430 yards per game, while Houston's defense has been inconsistent, particularly against the run. The Cougars have had trouble generating pressure, which should allow Tech to stay efficient on third downs. The Red Raiders' offensive balance makes them the stronger side. **TAKE: Texas Tech -11.5**

UNLV at Wyoming (Saturday 7:00 PM)

Wyoming has been excellent at home defensively, holding opponents under 20 points per game. UNLV has shown offensive spark, but the Rebels have struggled on the road against physical defenses. The Cowboys' style sets up well to cover. **TAKE: Wyoming +5.5**

Minnesota at Ohio State (Saturday 7:30 PM)

Ohio State's offense is averaging over 460 yards per game, and their defense is holding opponents below 15 points. Minnesota has struggled to score consistently against elite teams. The Buckeyes should pull away quickly at home. **TAKE: Ohio State -23.5**

Mississippi State at Texas A&M (Saturday 7:30 PM)

Texas A&M is favored heavily, but their defense has given up points in bunches to balanced offenses. Mississippi State's attack has enough efficiency to stay competitive, especially if they avoid turnovers. This is a spot where the underdog can cover. **TAKE: Mississippi State +14**

Miami (FL) at Florida State (Saturday 7:30 PM)

Florida State's defense has been excellent against the run, holding opponents to under 3 yards per carry. Miami has been inconsistent offensively and has struggled in hostile road environments. The Seminoles' defensive edge makes them the stronger play. **TAKE: Florida State +5.5**

Kansas at UCF (Saturday 7:30 PM)

Kansas is the road favorite, but UCF's profile is stronger in this matchup. At home, the Knights' offense is capable of trading scores and keeping pace, and their underdog position provides the betting edge. This is a spot to take the points. **TAKE: UCF +4**

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Colorado at TCU (Saturday 7:30 PM)

TCU's ground game has been productive, and Colorado has struggled defensively against the run. The Horned Frogs' size and depth in the trenches give them a clear advantage. Expect TCU to wear down the Buffaloes. **TAKE: TCU -14**

Tulsa at Memphis (Saturday 8:00 PM)B

Memphis has been dominant at home, averaging 38 points per game and limiting opponents defensively. Tulsa has allowed over 430 yards per game and has been inconsistent moving the football. The Tigers should extend the lead comfortably. **TAKE: Memphis -21**

Nevada at Fresno State (Saturday 10:30 PM)

Fresno State's defense has been reliable, giving up just 18 points per game and controlling opponents at the line of scrimmage. Nevada's offense has averaged fewer than 17 points and lacks explosiveness. The Bulldogs should cover this number at home. **TAKE: Fresno State -14**

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