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NFL LANDSCAPE:

Texans beat Chiefs 20-10

Houston (8-5)

QB CJ Stroud completed just 15/31 (48%) for 203 yards, one touchdown, and no interceptions.
WR Nico Collins was a playmaker, catching four of eight targets for 121 yards.
The defense recorded two sacks and three interceptions.

Kansas City (6-7)

QB Patrick Mahomes had the worst game of his career, completing 14/33 (42%) for 160 yards, no touchdowns, and three interceptions. Six of his pass attempts were dropped.
RBs Kareem Hunt and Isiah Pacheco combined for just 60 yards on 21 carries (2.9 ypc).

Packers beat Bears 28-21

Green Bay (9-3-1)

QB Jordan Love had a strong performance, completing 17/25 (68%) for 234 yards, three touchdowns, and one interception.
WR Christian Watson caught all four of his targets for 89 yards and two touchdowns.
CB Keisean Nixon sealed the game with an interception in the final seconds.

Chicago (9-4)

QB Caleb Williams completed 19/35 (54%) for 186 yards, two touchdowns, and one interception.
WR Luther Burden caught four of six targets for 67 yards.
RB D'Andre Swift totaled 82 scrimmage yards (63 rushing, 19 receiving) on 16 touches (5.1 ypt).

Jaguars beat Colts 36-19

Jacksonville (9-4)

QB Trevor Lawrence completed 17/30 (57%) for 244 yards, two touchdowns, and no interceptions.
WR Tim Patrick caught five of six targets for 78 yards and a touchdown.
RB Travis Etienne rushed for 74 yards and two touchdowns on 20 carries (3.7 ypc).

Indianapolis (8-5)

QB Daniel Jones tore his Achilles in the second quarter and will miss the remainder of the season (and likely a good portion of the next).
Jones was replaced by rookie Riley Leonard (18/29, 145, 0, 1), who mostly struggled.
RB Jonathan Taylor rushed for 74 yards and a touchdown on 21 carries (3.5 ypc).

Bills beat Bengals 39-34

Buffalo (9-4)

QB Josh Allen was in top form, accounting for 329 yards (251 passing, 78 rushing), four touchdowns, and no turnovers. He completed 22/28 (79%).

His top targets were TE Dawson Knox (6-93) and TE Dalton Kincaid (4-41-1).

CB Christian Benford had a pick-six.

Cincinnati (4-9)

QB Joe Burrow completed 25/36 (69%) for 284 yards, four touchdowns, and two interceptions (both off tipped passes).

His top targets were WR Tee Higgins (6-92-2) and TE Mike Gesicki (6-86-1).

Steelers beat Ravens 27-22

Pittsburgh (7-6)

QB Aaron Rodgers had his best game in a while, completing 23/34 (68%) for 284 yards, one touchdown, and no interceptions.

WR DK Metcalf caught seven of 12 targets for 148 yards.

RB Jaylen Warren totaled 62 scrimmage yards (13 rushing, 49 receiving) and a touchdown on 11 touches (5.6 ypt).

Baltimore (6-7)

QB Lamar Jackson accounted for 262 yards (219 passing, 43 rushing), two touchdowns, and one interception. He completed 19/35 (54%).

WR Zay Flowers caught eight of 11 targets for 124 yards.

RB Derrick Henry rushed for 94 yards on 25 carries (3.8 ypc).

Saints beat Buccaneers 24-20

New Orleans (3-10)

QB Tyler Shough showed promise, accounting for 199 yards (144 passing, 55 rushing), two touchdowns, and one interception. He completed 13/20 (65%).

RB Devin Neal totaled 84 scrimmage yards (70 passing, 14 receiving) and a touchdown on 20 touches (4.2 ypt).

Tampa Bay (7-6)

QB Baker Mayfield was woefully ineffective, completing just 14/30 (47%) for 122 yards, one touchdown, and one interception.

WR Chris Godwin caught five of eight targets for 55 yards.

RB Bucky Irving totaled 81 scrimmage yards (55 rushing, 26 receiving) and a touchdown on 17 touches (4.8 ypt).

Seahawks beat Falcons 37-9

Seattle (10-3)

QB Sam Darnold had a big game, completing 20/30 (67%) for 249 yards, three touchdowns, and one interception.

WR Jaxon Smith-Njigba caught seven of ten targets for 92 yards and two touchdowns.

WR Rashid Shaheed caught four of five targets for 67 yards and had a punt return touchdown.

Atlanta (4-9)

QB Kirk Cousins (15/30, 162, 0, 2) was not good.

TE Kyle Pitts caught six of ten targets for 90 yards.

RB Bijan Robinson rushed for 86 yards on 20 carries (4.3 ypc).

Titans beat Browns 31-29

Tennessee (2-11)

QB Cam Ward completed 14/28 (50%) for 117 yards, two touchdowns, and one interception.

WR Chimere Dike caught five of eight targets for 24 yards and a touchdown.

RB Tony Pollard had his best game of the season, rushing for 161 yards and two touchdowns on 25 carries (6.4 ypc).

Cleveland (3-10)

QB Shedeur Sanders left it all on the field, accounting for 393 yards (364 passing, 29 rushing), four touchdowns, and one interception. He completed 23/42 (55%).

TE Harold Fannin caught eight of 11 targets for 114 yards and a touchdown.

Rams beat Cardinals 45-17

Los Angeles (10-3)

QB Matthew Stafford was excellent, completing 22/31 (71%) for 281 yards, three touchdowns, and no interceptions.

WR Puka Nacua caught seven of 11 targets for 167 yards and two touchdowns.

RB Blake Corum rushed for 128 yards and a touchdown on 12 carries (10.7 ypc).

Arizona (3-10)

As per usual, QB Jacoby Brissett (25/44, 271, 2, 1) padded his stats in garbage time.

WR Michael Wilson caught 11 of 16 targets for 142 yards and two touchdowns.

Broncos beat Raiders 24-17

Denver (11-2)

QB Bo Nix accounted for 227 yards (212 passing, 15 rushing), one touchdown, and no turnovers. He completed 31/38 (82%).

RB RJ Harvey totaled 100 scrimmage yards (75 rushing, 25 receiving) and a touchdown on 23 touches (4.3 ypt).

DE Nik Bonitto had two sacks.

Las Vegas (2-11)

QB Geno Smith (13/21, 116, 1, 0) underwhelmed before exiting in the third quarter with a shoulder injury. Kenny Pickett (8/11, 97, 1, 0) played well in relief.

WR Jack Bech had his best game as a pro, catching all six of his targets for 50 yards.

Vikings beat Commanders 31-0

Minnesota (5-8)

QB JJ McCarthy was solid, completing 16/23 (70%) for 163 yards, three touchdowns, and no interceptions.

RB Aaron Jones rushed for 76 yards on 14 carries (5.4 ypc).

RB Jordan Mason rushed for 52 yards and a touchdown on 11 carries (4.7 ypc).

Washington (3-10)

QB Jayden Daniels (9/20, 78, 0, 1) was pulled for precautionary reasons in the third quarter after landing hard on his elbow.

RB Chris Rodriguez rushed for 52 yards on ten carries (5.2 ypc).

TE Zach Ertz suffered a season-ending torn ACL.

Dolphins beat Jets 34-10

Miami (6-7)

QB Tua Tagovailoa (13/21, 127, 1, 0) was an efficient game manager.

RB De'Von Achane rushed for 92 yards and a touchdown on seven carries (13.1 ypc) before leaving with a rib injury in the second quarter. After the game, Mike McDaniel said the exit was precautionary.

RB Jaylen Wright impressed as his replacement, rushing for 107 yards and a touchdown on 24 carries (4.5 ypc).

New York (3-10)

QB Tyrod Taylor left with a groin injury in the first quarter. He was replaced by rookie Brady Cook (14/30, 163, 0, 2).

TE Mason Taylor caught five of eight targets for 51 yards.

Chargers beat Eagles 22-19 in OT

Tony Jefferson intercepted Jalen Hurts at the 1-yard line in overtime to seal the game for Los Angeles.

Hurts finished the game with five turnovers (four interceptions, one fumble).

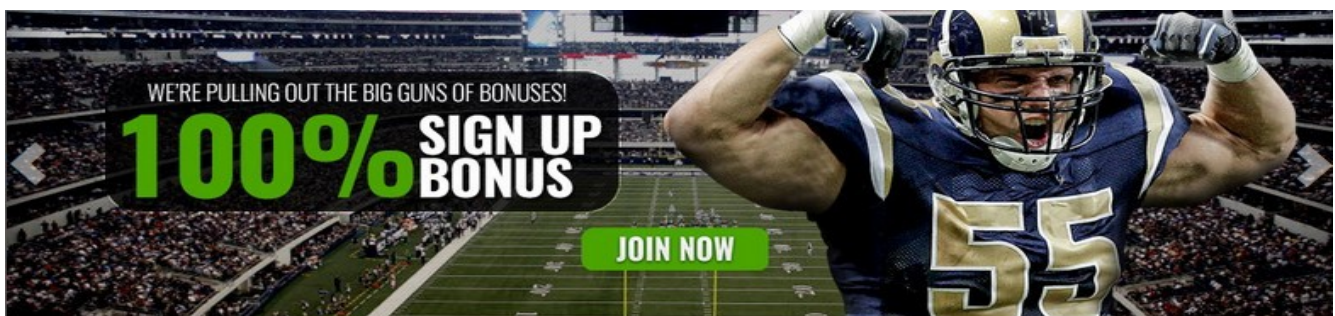
He completed just 21 of 40 passes (53%).

Justin Herbert, playing with heavy padding on his fractured left hand, accounted for 205 yards (139 passing, 66 rushing), one touchdown, and two turnovers. He completed 12 of 26 passes (46%).

The Eagles pressured Herbert on 68% of his drop-backs (one of the highest single-game rates in NFL history) and finished with seven sacks.

Chargers running backs Kimani Vidal (104 scrimmage yards) and Omarion Hampton (67 scrimmage yards, one touchdown) were key contributors for Los Angeles.

Eagles Saquon Barkley rushed for 122 yards and a touchdown on 20 carries (6.1 ypc), though 52 of those yards (43%) came on a single rush. AJ Brown (6-100) was also productive, but dropped multiple passes, including one that resulted in an interception.



LA CHARGERS at KANSAS CITY: UNDER 43.5

The perception of Kansas City's offense still carries the aura of the Mahomes-Reid juggernaut, but the on-field reality heading into December is far different from what the betting market continues to price. The Chiefs enter this matchup dealing with severe structural issues on offense, and the most impactful problem is up front. They were already missing both starting tackles and their best interior lineman last week, and the loss of their swing tackle on the opening snap only magnified how vulnerable they are in protection. When your quarterback is under siege, the explosive framework of the offense collapses, and that's exactly what we've watched in recent weeks as Kansas City has struggled to sustain drives or generate chunk plays.

The Chargers, meanwhile, have their own problems, particularly due to their tackle injuries. Losing three tackles is devastating for any team, but for an offense built around vertical timing and extended-play creation, it forces the entire playbook to shrink. Justin Herbert is still capable of keeping a team competitive, but he is now taking far more hits, the Chargers are leaning heavily into quick-game concepts, and their red-zone execution has fallen off a cliff. That all funnels directly toward lower-scoring outcomes. Even in games where the Chargers move the ball, they are stalling deep in opponent territory because they cannot hold up in pass protection on long-developing touchdown looks. Field goals, not touchdowns, are driving their scoring profile.

Kansas City's defense remains the most consistent unit in the building and will again be the group that must carry them. Their ability to disguise pressure looks and force opponents into bad down-and-distance scenarios is the exact formula that creates stalled drives. Combine that with the Chargers' injury-decimated line, and both teams are positioned for an afternoon filled with compressed offensive game plans, slower tempo, and strategic risk-aversion. The Chiefs, especially when their offensive rhythm is shaky, tend to play much more conservatively when nursing field-position battles.

This is also one of the rare divisional matchups where neither offense is unpredictable. These teams know each other well, and historically, this matchup trends toward tighter scoring ranges when the offensive lines are banged up. Add in the December element — colder conditions, more conservative playcalling, longer fields — and you get a matchup where both teams are far more likely to grind drives than explode for fireworks.

With both sidelines forced into cautious, compressed offensive identities, this number remains inflated based on an outdated perception of what Kansas City is offensively.

TAKE: UNDER 43.5

ARIZONA +10.5 at HOUSTON

There are big underdogs, and then there are situationally mispriced underdogs — and Arizona falls squarely into the latter this week. While the Cardinals' record suggests a team in transition, their competitive profile has been far sharper than casual observers realize. Their offense is no longer the conservative, horizontal-only unit that defined early-season struggles. With healthier personnel and improved cohesion, Arizona has pushed the ball vertically, mixed personnel groupings, and played with an aggressiveness that gives them backdoor and live upset potential in almost every matchup.

Houston finds itself in a difficult role here: a large favorite with an offense that has become increasingly inconsistent. C.J. Stroud showed early-season mastery, but recent weeks exposed how dependent this team is on rhythm passing and clean pockets. When that timing gets disrupted, Houston becomes far more pedestrian, and their scoring drops significantly. Arizona's defense is

certainly not elite, but it is opportunistic and athletic, especially against one-dimensional passing attacks. Their pressure rates have quietly climbed, and they have forced multiple offenses into inefficient down-and-distance spirals.

The other key element is Houston's inability to separate on the scoreboard. Even in their wins, they allow opponents to linger far too long because they lack a sustained power run game to salt away leads. That becomes a major liability when laying nearly double digits. Arizona, conversely, plays with pace and unpredictability. They take their shots, they use motion effectively, and they force opposing defenses to defend all 53 yards of width.

Another overlooked factor: coaching. Arizona has continued to put together tailored game plans that maximize their strengths and attack opponent weaknesses. They rarely look lost, and as underdogs, that is worth more than the market typically assigns. Houston, meanwhile, has been questionable with late-game decision-making, and their defense is prone to periodic busts, especially against mobile quarterbacks.

Even if the Texans establish early momentum, the Cardinals' offensive structure is designed to keep them within range long enough to cover — and if Houston stalls for even one quarter, this number becomes a mountain they cannot climb.

Arizona is far too live in this matchup to be catching double digits.

TAKE: ARIZONA +10.5

WASHINGTON +2.5 at NY GIANTS

Some underdog plays are strictly numbers bets; others are matchup bets. Washington fits **both** categories this week. Their edge in this matchup comes from defensive physicality, situational stability, and a Giants offense that continues to operate on a razor's edge whenever forced into passing situations.

The Giants are coming off a game in which their protection issues were again magnified. They allowed constant pressure, struggled with blitz pickups, and were unable to establish any credible run-game identity. Washington's front, even with its inconsistencies, is built precisely to exploit that kind of offense. They generate interior push, they crash edges aggressively, and they force quarterbacks into hurried decisions — often turning routine third downs into drive-killers.

Washington's offense isn't explosive, but its strengths align favorably in this matchup. They've shown the ability to run the ball with physicality, use misdirection effectively, and manufacture favorable matchups for their short-to-intermediate passing game. Against a Giants defense that has been gashed repeatedly by disciplined ground attacks and cross-field concepts, Washington's methodical approach should yield sustained drives and manageable down-and-distance scenarios.

Meanwhile, the Giants' offense is too dependent on splash plays and broken coverages to sustain scoring. When forced to string together 10–12-play drives, they simply lack the consistency, protection, and quarterback stability to do so. That's a major problem as a favorite in a divisional game.

Situationally, this is an ideal spot for Washington. They match up well, they have the more reliable defense, their offensive structure is more stable, and their style is precisely the kind that keeps them within the number and gives them multiple paths to winning outright.

TAKE: WASHINGTON +2.5

LAS VEGAS +12.5 vs PHILADELPHIA

This number is inflated, and it shows. Philadelphia enters the week with a marquee reputation, but their on-field product hasn't matched the market perception for most of the season. Their offense has become increasingly volatile — long stretches of stalled drives, inconsistent run-game efficiency, and far too many empty possessions in the middle quarters. That is not the profile of a team built to comfortably cover big double-digit spreads on the road, especially against an opponent with enough physicality and defensive pride to trade punches.

Las Vegas is a flawed team, but they aren't soft. Their defensive front can win at the point of attack, they generate pressure without having to over-blitz, and they've consistently forced opponents into choppy, uneven drives. Against Philadelphia, that matters. The Eagles have struggled whenever their offensive rhythm gets disrupted early — penalties, negative runs, or early-down sacks derail them far more than they did in previous seasons. The Raiders are exactly the type of defense that can create those situations and turn what looks like a mismatch on paper into a possession-for-possession grinder.

Offensively, Las Vegas has just enough structure to stay competitive. They won't win shootouts, but they don't need to — they just need to avoid the collapse that would allow Philadelphia to run away with the scoreboard. Their run game can shorten the contest, their passing game can steal a chunk play or two, and their special teams remain one of the more dependable units in the league. Those elements don't always produce outright upsets, but they produce covers — especially as a home dog catching nearly two touchdowns.

The Eagles' margin for error is too thin right now to justify this inflation. They've been sloppy with the football, their red-zone execution has dipped, and their explosive profile has cooled. Combine that with a Raiders team that consistently punches above its weight at home, and this sets up as a classic value side where the underdog has multiple paths to staying inside the number.

TAKE: LAS VEGAS +12.5

PRO FOOTBALL QUICK PICKS

Atlanta at Tampa Bay

Tampa Bay -4.5, O/U 44.5

Tampa's defensive front should control early downs, but their secondary has been leaky in every high-leverage spot for a month. Atlanta's offense doesn't stretch the field, yet their run game should keep them on schedule. With both teams trending toward slower tempo, this one profiles as a grinder. The number inflates Tampa, but the matchup leans more toward possession football than scoring spurts. **TAKE: UNDER 44.5**

Cleveland at Chicago

Line: Chicago -7, O/U 40.5

Chicago owns the stronger edge with a projected double-digit margin and a defensive matchup that puts constant pressure on a Browns offense that struggles to sustain drives. The Bears' ground game is positioned to control tempo, and their defensive front should force Cleveland into stalled red-zone trips. With Chicago carrying the clear gap in both trenches, the number still sits below the implied win band. **TAKE: CHICAGO -7**

Buffalo at New England

Line: Bills -1.5, O/U 50.5

This matchup leans heavily toward the Over, with both teams showing explosive-play tendencies and neither secondary holding up when forced into extended coverage. Buffalo has been involved in multiple up-tempo games lately, while New England's offensive variance leads to more possessions. Weather and pace both point toward elevated scoring. **TAKE: OVER 50.5**

NY Jets at Jacksonville

Line: Jaguars -12.5, O/U 41.5

Jacksonville brings a massive side edge here, with a projected multi-score gap and matchup advantages on both sides of the ball. The Jets' offensive issues turn into short-field opportunities for a Jaguars offense that typically capitalizes. The number is big, but the disparity is bigger. **TAKE: JACKSONVILLE -12.5**

Arizona at Houston

Line: Houston -9.5, O/U 42.5

The stronger edge comes on the total, with Arizona showing value toward a lower-scoring contest created by red-zone inefficiency on both sides. Houston can grind clock when playing from ahead, while Arizona's offensive limitations cap explosiveness. Expect a compressed scoring profile. **TAKE: UNDER 42.5**

Baltimore at Cincinnati

Line: Ravens -2.5, O/U 52.5

The total holds the cleaner edge here, pointing Under due to Cincinnati's ability to slow tempo and Baltimore's tendency toward long, methodical drives. Both defenses match up well against what the opposing offense wants to do. Even with playmakers on the field, the pace leans downward. **TAKE: UNDER 52.5**

Washington at NY Giants

Line: Washington -2.5, O/U 47.5

(Side is a Best Bet — removed. **Total used here.**)

This matchup trends toward lower scoring given the Giants' inconsistency stretching the field and Washington's preference to shorten games through possession. Both defenses have shown red-zone resistance, which further caps scoring upside. **TAKE: UNDER 47.5**

Tennessee at San Francisco

Line: 49ers -12.5, O/U 44.5

The stronger edge is on the Under, with San Francisco's defense suppressing big plays and Tennessee's offense struggling against physical fronts. The 49ers often squeeze opponents into slow,

inefficient games, especially as a heavy home favorite. Script supports a controlled, lower-variance outcome. **TAKE: UNDER 44.5**

Green Bay at Denver

Line: Packers -1.5, O/U 43.5

The total brings the better angle, pointing Over due to Denver's improving efficiency and Green Bay's ability to stretch the field vertically. Both defenses are vulnerable to explosive plays, and neither consistently forces long-field drives. Expect scoring to stay ahead of the number. **TAKE: OVER 43.5**

Carolina at New Orleans

Line: Panthers -3, O/U 40.5

The stronger edge is the Under, with both teams projecting toward conservative scripts and limited downfield production. Sustained drives should be rare, and red-zone stalls tilt this toward a suppressed scoring environment. **TAKE: UNDER 40.5**

Detroit at LA Rams

Line: Rams -5.5, O/U 54.5

The edge comes on the Under, as the Rams' defense is better equipped to disrupt Detroit's timing and shorten possessions. Both offenses can score, but sustained shootouts require efficiency the matchup doesn't fully support. **TAKE: UNDER 54.5**

Indianapolis at Seattle

Line: Seahawks -11.5, O/U 42.5

Seattle owns the overwhelming side edge with a projected multi-score differential and a defensive matchup that puts Indianapolis in predictable passing situations. That creates turnover chances and extra possessions for Seattle's offense. The number is large, but justified. **TAKE: SEATTLE -11.5**

Minnesota at Dallas

Line: Cowboys -6, O/U 48.5

The stronger projection sits with the Under, driven by Minnesota's offensive inconsistency and Dallas' rising defensive efficiency at home. Expect stalled drives and a tighter, slower game than the market total suggests. **TAKE: UNDER 48.5**

Miami at Pittsburgh

Line: Steelers -3, O/U 42.5

The total edge leans Under, with Pittsburgh's defensive structure forcing opponents into lengthy drives and Miami's recent offensive volatility limiting explosive plays. Pace profiles point downward as well. **TAKE: UNDER 42.5**

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