

FRIDAY UPDATE: DECEMBER 28, 2012

One of the resources utilized by handicappers is the public betting information offered by a variety of sources. Leading the way is Sportsbook.com, which offers up this data on both its .net and .com Web sites. Boasting massive sports betting customer databases, Sportsbook.com is able to present statistics that are accurately reflective of public sentiment, and hence useful to the handicapper studying them. These betting trends tell what percentage of bets is being placed on each side of a point spread and total.

This data can be used to profit from. Most "sharps," when given the option, choose to be on the side of the bookmaker, or opposite that of the betting public. However, that side doesn't always win, and some bettors believe in the theory that there is "strength in numbers"—that group would rather follow the big money. By following these betting trends consistently, you'll be able to form your own opinion. Here's a look at both NFL Week 17 and college football bowl game line movement and betting trends so that you can see which way the public is leaning.

Open = Opening Line **Current** = Current Line

Side = % of bets on each side of line **Total** = Top line = % of bets on over

12/28/2012 2:00 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
223 OHIO	60	61	37%	81%
224 UL - MONROE	-7	-7	63%	19%

12/28/2012 5:30 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
225 RUTGERS	41½	41	70%	71%
226 VIRGINIA TECH	-2½	-2½	30%	29%

12/28/2012 9:00 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
227 MINNESOTA	57	57	19%	79%
228 TEXAS TECH	-13	-13	81%	21%

12/29/2012 11:45 AM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
229 AIR FORCE	-1½	-2	55%	88%
230 RICE	61	61	45%	12%

12/29/2012 4:00 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
231 NAVY	56	56	70%	62%
232 ARIZONA STATE	-14½	-14½	30%	38%

12/29/2012 3:15 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
233 WEST VIRGINIA	-4	-4	85%	67%
234 SYRACUSE	73½	73	15%	33%

12/29/2012 6:45 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
235 OREGON STATE	-1½	-2½	91%	64%
236 TEXAS	56	57½	9%	36%

12/29/2012 10:15 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
237 TCU	-2½	-2½	77%	18%
238 MICHIGAN STATE	41½	40½	23%	82%

12/31/2012 12:00 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
239 NORTH CAROLINA STATE	52	51½	15%	25%
240 VANDERBILT	-6½	-7½	85%	75%

12/31/2012 2:00 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
241 GEORGIA TECH	64	64	20%	47%
242 USC	-10	-9½	80%	53%

12/31/2012 3:30 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
243 IOWA STATE	PK	-1	51%	59%
244 TULSA	51½	51	49%	41%

12/31/2012 7:30 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
245 CLEMSON	58½	59	5%	19%
246 LSU	-3½	-5	95%	81%

01/01/2013 12:00 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
247 PURDUE	70	70	15%	55%
248 OKLAHOMA STATE	-17	-16½	85%	45%

01/01/2013 12:00 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
249 NORTHWESTERN	51½	52	78%	100%
250 MISSISSIPPI STATE	-2	-1½	22%	0%

01/01/2013 1:00 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
251 MICHIGAN	48	48	7%	70%
252 SOUTH CAROLINA	-3½	-6	93%	30%

01/01/2013 1:00 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
253 NEBRASKA	57	60½	17%	87%
254 GEORGIA	-9½	-10	83%	13%

01/01/2013 5:00 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
255 WISCONSIN	47½	47½	27%	87%
256 STANFORD	-6½	-6½	73%	13%

01/01/2013 8:30 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
257 NORTHERN ILLINOIS	58	58½	25%	89%
258 FLORIDA STATE	-14	-13½	75%	11%

01/02/2013 8:30 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
259 LOUISVILLE	45½	45½	10%	61%
260 FLORIDA	-14	-13½	90%	39%

01/03/2013 8:30 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
261 KANSAS STATE	77	75½	22%	73%
262 OREGON	-9	-9	78%	27%

01/04/2013 8:00 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
263 TEXAS AM	-4½	-4½	65%	92%
264 OKLAHOMA	71½	72	35%	8%

01/05/2013 1:00 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
265 PITTSBURGH	52	52½	23%	99%
266 MISSISSIPPI	-3½	-3½	77%	1%

01/06/2013 9:00 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
267 ARKANSAS STATE	-5	-3½	22%	80%
268 KENT STATE	61	61	78%	20%

01/07/2013 8:30 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
269 ALABAMA	-9½	-9½	42%	48%
270 NOTRE DAME	42	41½	58%	52%

12/30/2012 1:00 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
301 NEW YORK JETS	41	39	28%	60%
302 BUFFALO BILLS	-3	-3	72%	40%

12/30/2012 4:25 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
303 MIAMI DOLPHINS	49½	46	26%	29%
304 NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	-11	-10	55%	71%

12/30/2012 1:00 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
305 BALTIMORE RAVENS	42	41	57%	51%
306 CINCINNATI BENGALS	-3½	-2½	43%	49%

12/30/2012 1:00 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
307 CLEVELAND BROWNS			off	off
308 PITTSBURGH STEELERS				

12/30/2012 1:00 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
309 HOUSTON TEXANS	-4	-7	49%	73%
310 INDIANAPOLIS COLTS	46½	46½	51%	27%

12/30/2012 1:00 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
311 JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS	41½	42	43%	45%
312 TENNESSEE TITANS	-4	-4	57%	55%

12/30/2012 1:00 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
313 PHILADELPHIA EAGLES	47	46	65%	28%
314 NEW YORK GIANTS	-9½	-7½	35%	72%

12/30/2012 8:30 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
315 DALLAS COWBOYS	50	48½	40%	55%
316 WASHINGTON REDSKINS	-3½	-3	60%	45%

12/30/2012 1:00 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
317 CHICAGO BEARS	-3½	-3	54%	55%
318 DETROIT LIONS	44½	44½	46%	45%

12/30/2012 4:25 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
319 GREEN BAY PACKERS	-3	-3½	80%	60%
320 MINNESOTA VIKINGS	47	46	20%	40%

12/30/2012 1:00 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
321 TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS			off	off
322 ATLANTA FALCONS				

12/30/2012 1:00 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
323 CAROLINA PANTHERS	54	54	17%	73%
324 NEW ORLEANS SAINTS	-4	-5½	83%	27%

12/30/2012 4:25 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
325 KANSAS CITY CHIEFS	42	42	24%	81%
326 DENVER BRONCOS	-16	-16	76%	19%

12/30/2012 4:25 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
327 OAKLAND RAIDERS			off	off
328 SAN DIEGO CHARGERS				

12/30/2012 4:25 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
329 ARIZONA CARDINALS	38½	39	58%	56%
330 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS	-16½	-16½	42%	44%

12/30/2012 4:25 PM EST	Open	Current	Side	Total
331 ST. LOUIS RAMS	40½	41	14%	85%
332 SEATTLE SEAHAWKS	-10½	-10½	86%	15%

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL BOWL GAMES: DEC 31 - JAN. 6

		StatFox DAVE	StatFox GARY	StatFox SCOTT	StatFox BRIAN	StatFox FORECASTER	StatFox CONSENSUS
* (239) NC STATE vs. (240) VANDERBILT	-7½	VANDERBILT	VANDERBILT	*CLICK FOR BEST BET*	*CLICK FOR BEST BET*	VANDERBILT	VANDERBILT
* (241) GEORGIA TECH vs. (242) USC	-9½	*CLICK FOR BEST BET*	GEORGIA TECH	GEORGIA TECH	USC	USC	
* (243) IOWA STATE vs. (244) TULSA	+1	TULSA	IOWA STATE	IOWA STATE	TULSA	TULSA	TULSA
* (245) CLEMSON vs. (246) LSU	-5	CLEMSON	LSU	*CLICK FOR BEST BET*	CLEMSON	LSU	
* (247) PURDUE vs. (248) OKLAHOMA STATE	-16½	OKLAHOMA STATE	PURDUE	OKLAHOMA STATE	PURDUE	OKLAHOMA STATE	
* (249) NORTHWESTERN vs. (250) MISSISSIPPI STATE	-1½	NORTHWESTERN	*CLICK FOR BEST BET*	MISSISSIPPI STATE	*CLICK FOR BEST BET*	NORTHWESTERN	NORTHWESTERN
* (251) MICHIGAN vs. (252) SOUTH CAROLINA	-6	SOUTH CAROLINA	MICHIGAN	*CLICK FOR BEST BET*	SOUTH CAROLINA	MICHIGAN	
* (253) NEBRASKA vs. (254) GEORGIA	-10	*CLICK FOR BEST BET*	NEBRASKA	NEBRASKA	GEORGIA	NEBRASKA	NEBRASKA
* (255) WISCONSIN vs. (256) STANFORD	-6½	STANFORD	*CLICK FOR BEST BET*	*CLICK FOR BEST BET*	STANFORD	WISCONSIN	
* (257) NORTHERN ILLINOIS vs. (258) FLORIDA STATE	-13½	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	*CLICK FOR BEST BET*	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	*CLICK FOR BEST BET*	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	NORTHERN ILLINOIS
* (259) LOUISVILLE vs. (260) FLORIDA	-13½	FLORIDA	*CLICK FOR BEST BET*	LOUISVILLE	LOUISVILLE	LOUISVILLE	
* (261) KANSAS STATE vs. (262) OREGON	-9	KANSAS STATE	OREGON	OREGON	*CLICK FOR BEST BET*	KANSAS STATE	
* (263) TEXAS A&M vs. (264) OKLAHOMA	+4½	TEXAS A&M	TEXAS A&M	TEXAS A&M	OKLAHOMA	TEXAS A&M	TEXAS A&M
* (265) PITTSBURGH vs. (266) OLE MISS	-3½	*CLICK FOR BEST BET*	PITTSBURGH	*CLICK FOR BEST BET*	OLE MISS	PITTSBURGH	
* (267) ARKANSAS STATE vs. (268) KENT STATE	+3½	*CLICK FOR BEST BET*	*CLICK FOR BEST BET*	ARKANSAS STATE	*CLICK FOR BEST BET*	KENT STATE	KENT STATE

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WEEK 17 NFL MATCHUPS: DECEMBER 30, 2012

[* = ESTIMATED LINE]

		StatFox DAVE	StatFox GARY	StatFox SCOTT	StatFox BRIAN	StatFox FORECASTER	StatFox CONSENSUS
* (301) NEW YORK JETS at (302) BUFFALO	-3	BUFFALO	BUFFALO	*CLICK FOR BEST BET*	NEW YORK JETS	BUFFALO	BUFFALO
* (303) MIAMI at (304) NEW ENGLAND	-10	*CLICK FOR BEST BET*	NEW ENGLAND	NEW ENGLAND	NEW ENGLAND	MIAMI	NEW ENGLAND
* (305) BALTIMORE at (306) CINCINNATI	-2½	BALTIMORE	*CLICK FOR BEST BET*	CINCINNATI	CINCINNATI	CINCINNATI	CINCINNATI
* (307) CLEVELAND at (308) PITTSBURGH	-7*	PITTSBURGH	PITTSBURGH	CLEVELAND	CLEVELAND	PITTSBURGH	PITTSBURGH
* (309) HOUSTON at (310) INDIANAPOLIS	+7	INDIANAPOLIS	HOUSTON	INDIANAPOLIS	INDIANAPOLIS	INDIANAPOLIS	INDIANAPOLIS
* (311) JACKSONVILLE at (312) TENNESSEE	-4	*CLICK FOR BEST BET*	TENNESSEE	TENNESSEE	TENNESSEE	TENNESSEE	TENNESSEE
* (313) PHILADELPHIA at (314) NEW YORK GIANTS	-7½	NEW YORK GIANTS	PHILADELPHIA	*CLICK FOR BEST BET*	*CLICK FOR BEST BET*	PHILADELPHIA	
* (315) DALLAS at (316) WASHINGTON	-3	DALLAS	DALLAS	*CLICK FOR BEST BET*	WASHINGTON	WASHINGTON	
* (317) CHICAGO at (318) DETROIT	+3	CHICAGO	CHICAGO	DETROIT	CHICAGO	DETROIT	CHICAGO
* (319) GREEN BAY at (320) MINNESOTA	+3½	GREEN BAY	GREEN BAY	GREEN BAY	*CLICK FOR BEST BET*	MINNESOTA	GREEN BAY
* (321) TAMPA BAY at (322) ATLANTA	-3*	ATLANTA	TAMPA BAY	ATLANTA	TAMPA BAY	ATLANTA	ATLANTA
* (323) CAROLINA at (324) NEW ORLEANS	-5½	*CLICK FOR BEST BET*	NEW ORLEANS	NEW ORLEANS	NEW ORLEANS	CAROLINA	NEW ORLEANS
* (325) KANSAS CITY at (326) DENVER	-16	DENVER	DENVER	DENVER	*CLICK FOR BEST BET*	DENVER	DENVER
* (327) OAKLAND at (328) SAN DIEGO	-7*	*CLICK FOR BEST BET*	OAKLAND	OAKLAND	SAN DIEGO	SAN DIEGO	
* (329) ARIZONA at (330) SAN FRANCISCO	-16½	SAN FRANCISCO	*CLICK FOR BEST BET*	SAN FRANCISCO	SAN FRANCISCO	SAN FRANCISCO	SAN FRANCISCO
* (331) ST. LOUIS at (332) SEATTLE	-10½	ST. LOUIS	SEATTLE	SEATTLE	SEATTLE	SEATTLE	SEATTLE

KEY WEEK 17 NFL INJURIES

ATLANTA WR Roddy White (knee) missed the past couple of days of practice, but he is likely to play Sunday. S William Moore (hamstring), however, is expected to miss the game as he has yet to be cleared by team doctors . . . **NEW YORK** QB Greg McElroy (concussion) will miss Sunday's game after taking multiple hits last week against the Chargers. Mark Sanchez will start . . . **BUFFALO** DE Mark Anderson (knee) is questionable for Sunday's game . . . **BALTIMORE** LB Ray Lewis (triceps) is on the 53-man roster, but will not play in the game Sunday. WR Anquan Boldin (shoulder) and DE Haloti Ngata (knee) are questionable but expected to play against the Bengals . . . **CINCINNATI** CB Dre Kirkpatrick (concussion) was placed on IR this week . . . **CLEVELAND** QB Brandon Weeden (shoulder), RB Trent Richardson (ankle) and DE Juqua Parker (knee) are all questionable for Sunday's game. Colt McCoy is expected to start at QB . . . **PITTSBURGH** placed CB Ike Taylor (ankle) and TE Heath Miller (knee) on IR this week . . . **CHICAGO** LB Brian Urlacher (ribs), CB Charles Tillman (ribs) and RB Matt Forte (ankle) are all questionable, but expected to play Sunday as the Bears must win in order to make the playoffs . . . **DETROIT** TE Brandon Pettigrew (ankle) and Nick Fairley (shoulder) are inactive for the Lions . . . **NEW YORK** WR Hakeem Nicks (knee), DE Justin Tuck (shoulder) and S Kenny Phillips (knee) are all expected to sit out on Sunday's game against the Eagles . . . **PHILADELPHIA** QB Nick Foles (hand) is out for the Eagles; Michael Vick will start. WR Jeremy Maclin (knee), DT Fletcher Cox (concussion) and LB Mychal Kendricks (concussion) are unlikely to play against the Giants . . . **NEW ENGLAND** TE Rob Gronkowski (arm) is doubtful for Sunday . . . **MIAMI** WR Devone Bess (back) is listed as questionable, but is not expected to play . . . **CAROLINA** RB Jonathan Stewart (ankle) was limited in practice Wednesday and then skipped Thursday's practice. He is listed as questionable, but Stewart is not expected to play against the Saints . . . **GREEN BAY** S Charles Woodson (collarbone) is out for the Packers, while WR Randall Cobb (ankle/knee) is listed as questionable for Green Bay, but with the Packers fighting for a position it is likely that Cobb will give it a go . . . **MINNESOTA** CB Antoine Winfield (hand) didn't practice every day this week, but Leslie Frazier has expressed optimism that Winfield will be playing against the Packers . . . **SAN FRANCISCO** WR Mario Manningham (torn PCL/ACL) was placed on the IR this week, while TE Vernon Davis (concussion) is questionable, but did return to practice this week after passing tests done by a neurologist . . . DT Justin Smith (triceps) will not be playing in the game . . . **HOUSTON** CB Alan Ball (foot) will not play against the Colts . . . **INDIANAPOLIS** WR Donnie Avery (shoulder) was limited in practice on Thursday, but is expected to be in the lineup against the Texans.