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Welcome to StatFox's sixth season of *The Platinum Sheet*, the nation's fastest-growing and most highly regarded weekly sports handicapping publication. If you've been with us in the past, you'll notice that this year's edition is back with all of the features to which you've become accustomed over the past couple of seasons: StatFox.com Power Ratings, StatFox.com Outplay Factor Ratings, key trends and more. We've also expanded our section of game-by-game matchups in order to more thoroughly analyze key plays on the schedule. And, of course, we again provide picks from both our staff and from the StatFox Forecaster, which uses proprietary algorithms to generate remarkably reliable predictions year-in and year-out.

We greatly appreciate your support and hope you stick with us for what promises to be an exciting—and hopefully very profitable—fall season. You can get Best Bet picks from all of our staffers by going online to <http://foxsheets.statfoxsports.com/BestBets.aspx>. While you're there, I strongly urge you to also check out our renowned online FoxSheets, which are packed with valuable insight and information, highlighting the best tips and trends that will allow you to consistently pick winners.

Now go get 'em!



Scott Gramling
Managing Editor

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WEEK 1 COLLEGE FOOTBALL MATCHUPS: AUG. 30 - SEPT. 1

[= BEST BET]

		StatFox DAVE	StatFox GARY	StatFox SCOTT	StatFox BRIAN	StatFox FORECASTER	StatFox CONSENSUS
• (133) SOUTH CAROLINA at (134) VANDERBILT	+7½	BEST BET *	BEST BET *	VANDERBILT	SOUTH CAROLINA	VANDERBILT	
• (139) TEXAS A&M vs (140) LOUISIANA TECH	+7½	TEXAS A&M	LOUISIANA TECH	LOUISIANA TECH	LOUISIANA TECH	LOUISIANA TECH	LOUISIANA TECH
• (145) WASHINGTON STATE at (146) BYU	-13½	BYU	BYU	BYU	WASHINGTON ST	BYU	BYU
• (151) TENNESSEE vs (152) NORTH CAROLINA ST	+3½	NC STATE	NC STATE	NC STATE	BEST BET *	NC STATE	NC STATE
• (153) BOISE STATE at (154) MICHIGAN STATE	-7	MICHIGAN ST	BEST BET *	MICHIGAN ST	MICHIGAN ST	BOISE ST	MICHIGAN ST
• (157) NOTRE DAME vs (158) NAVY	+17	BEST BET *	NAVY	NAVY	NAVY	NOTRE DAME	NAVY
• (161) OHIO at (162) PENN STATE	-6	OHIO	PENN STATE	BEST BET *	BEST BET *	OHIO	
• (163) NORTHWESTERN at (164) SYRACUSE	+1½	NORTHWESTERN	SYRACUSE	BEST BET *	SYRACUSE	NORTHWESTERN	
• (173) SOUTHERN MISS at (174) NEBRASKA	-19½	NEBRASKA	NEBRASKA	NEBRASKA	NEBRASKA	SOUTHERN MISS	NEBRASKA
• (175) MIAMI FLORIDA at (176) BOSTON COLLEGE	-1	BOSTON COLLEGE	MIAMI FLORIDA	MIAMI FLORIDA	BEST BET *	MIAMI FLORIDA	MIAMI FLORIDA
• (189) CLEMSON vs (190) AUBURN	+3	CLEMSON	BEST BET *	AUBURN	AUBURN	CLEMSON	
• (191) HAWAII at (192) USC	-39½	USC	USC	HAWAII	HAWAII	HAWAII	HAWAII
• (193) MICHIGAN vs (194) ALABAMA	-12½	ALABAMA	MICHIGAN	ALABAMA	MICHIGAN	ALABAMA	ALABAMA
• (211) KENTUCKY at (212) LOUISVILLE	-14	LOUISVILLE	KENTUCKY	LOUISVILLE	KENTUCKY	LOUISVILLE	LOUISVILLE
• (213) SMU at (214) BAYLOR	-10½	SMU	SMU	BEST BET *	SMU	SMU	SMU
• (215) GEORGIA TECH at (216) VIRGINIA TECH	-7½	VIRGINIA TECH	GEORGIA TECH	GEORGIA TECH	VIRGINIA TECH	GEORGIA TECH	GEORGIA TECH

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StatFox Dave

StatFox Dave is one of the original four founders of StatFox and over the years has been renowned for his handicapping prowess in all sports. Any one who signed up for our NBA postseason Best Bets certainly knows that to be true, as Dave racked up a 59% success rate on all picks (including a perfect 5-0 in the NBA Finals) and an astounding 66% success rate on Best Bets during the NBA postseason. Dave also knows his pigskin, finishing better than 52% in all college football games last year, capping off his season with a 4-1 Best Bets ATS mark in the bowl games.

StatFox Gary

StatFox Gary joined the StatFox and the Platinum Sheet staff prior to the 2010 football season, and subscribers were certainly happy he did: He proceeded to post a 55% success rate on NFL Best Bets in his "rookie" season. Gary also has a knack for college over/unders, finishing the bowl season 4-1 in his Best Bet totals. Football isn't the only sport at which Gary excels, as he finished the 2011-12 college basketball regular season with a 156-99-1 (61%) record on all picks, which included a gaudy 54-25 record against the spread (68%) on college basketball Best Bets.

StatFox Scott

StatFox Scott serves as Managing Editor for StatFox, Platinum Sheet and the Edge Football Preview Guide, and is coming off a 2011 college football season in which he was 53% against the spread on Platinum Sheet Best Bets. That followed a 2010 season in which his college football Best Bets success rate was 59%. Scott also had a strong NFL playoff run, going 7-4 ATS (64%). Not merely a one-sport pony, Scott had a 2011-12 college basketball regular season for the ages: He racked up a whopping 56-23 ATS record (71%) on Best Bets.

StatFox Brian

A featured writer on StatFox.com and for Platinum Sheet, StatFox Brian has yet to suffer a losing season of Platinum Sheet Best Bets in either college football, NFL, college basketball or NBA since coming on board in 2010. His most recent success earlier this calendar year was a 49-30 record (62%) against the spread on college basketball Best Bet picks. It was a performance that did nothing to distract him from flexing his NBA muscle, however, as StatFox Brian racked up a 31-16 ATS record (66%) on NBA Best Bets prior to the February All-Star break.

StatFox Forecaster

By weighing several key factors, including recent statistical averages, schedule strength and home-field advantage, the StatFox Forecaster has proven to be an extremely successful long-term handicapping tool. It's most accurate once a season is underway, as evident by an ATS success rate of 61% (123-79-6) on all 2011 NFL regular-season games played between September 25 and the end of the calendar year. In the last NBA season, the Forecaster caught fire for a 200-game stretch between December and April, nailing better than 58% ATS (114-82-4).



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StatFox College Football Power Rating Lines - Week 1

** The StatFox Power Ratings are determined from a formula that takes into account several key factors, including point margins, difficulty of schedule, team statistics and more. The ratings are typically not as reactive as those you will find elsewhere, and thus prove to be a great long term handicapping tool. Here are the StatFox Power Rating lines and edges for this week's games, with our exclusive home field advantage points built into each home team's rating and corresponding line. Note that the point edge between the Power Rating Line and the actual opening line is denoted for the team with the edge. Use the W/L column to keep track of the winners and losers.

ABBREVIATIONS:

OL - Opening Line
 PR - StatFox Power Rating - adjusted for home field advantage.
 PRL - Calculated Power Rating Line

Thu - 8/30,7:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
133 S CAROLINA	-6.5	49	-5		
134 VANDERBILT		44		1.5	

Thu - 8/30,7:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
135 UCF	-23	36	-33	10	
136 AKRON		3			

Thu - 8/30,7:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
137 E MICHIGAN		20			
138 BALL ST	-3	26	-6	3	

Thu - 8/30,7:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
139 TEXAS A&M	-7	52	-12	5	
140 LOUISIANA TECH		40			

Thu - 8/30,7:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
141 MASSACHUSETTS		14			
142 CONNECTICUT	-24.5	42	-28	3.5	

Thu - 8/30,7:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
143 UCLA	-15.5	34	-7		
144 RICE		27		8.5	

Thu - 8/30,10:15 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
145 WASHINGTON ST		35			
146 BYU	-13.5	49	-14	0.5	

Thu - 8/30,11:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
147 MINNESOTA	-9	25	-9		
148 UNLV		16		0	

Thu - 8/30,7:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
149 UTSA		5			
150 S ALABAMA	-6	12	-7	1	

Fri - 8/31,7:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
151 TENNESSEE	-2.5	37			
152 NC STATE		41	-4	6.5	

Fri - 8/31,8:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
153 BOISE ST		60	-4	8.5	
154 MICHIGAN ST	-4.5	56			

Fri - 8/31,10:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
155 SAN JOSE ST		25			
156 STANFORD	-26	68	-43	17	

Sat - 9/1,9:00AM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
157 NOTRE DAME	-17	48	-15		
158 NAVY		33		2	

Sat - 9/1,12:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
159 MARSHALL		28			
160 W VIRGINIA	-23.5	53	-25	1.5	

Sat - 9/1,12:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
161 OHIO U		31			
162 PENN ST	-9	45	-14	5	

Sat - 9/1,12:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
163 NORTHWESTERN	-1	36	-3	2	
164 SYRACUSE		33			

Sat - 9/1,12:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
165 MIAMI OHIO		33		5	
166 OHIO ST	-23	51	-18		

Sat - 9/1,12:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
167 W MICHIGAN		33		4	
168 ILLINOIS	-10	39	-6		

Sat - 9/1,3:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
169 TULSA		42	-3	3	
170 IOWA ST	pk	39			

Sat - 9/1,3:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
171 NEVADA		42		1	
172 CALIFORNIA	-11	52	-10		

Sat - 9/1,3:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
173 SOUTHERN MISS		47		15.5	
174 NEBRASKA	-15.5	47	0		

Sat - 9/1,3:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
175 MIAMI		44	-2	3	
176 BOSTON COLLEGE	-1	42			

Sat - 9/1,3:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
177 IOWA	-6	41	-1		
178 N ILLINOIS		40		5	

Sat - 9/1,4:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
179 COLORADO	-6	28	-11	5	
180 COLORADO ST		17			

Sat - 9/1,12:20 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
181 BUFFALO		19		1.5	
182 GEORGIA	-37.5	55	-36		

Sat - 9/1,3:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
183 BOWLING GREEN		25			
184 FLORIDA	-23.5	51	-26	2.5	

Sat - 9/1,7:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
185 WYOMING		32		9	
186 TEXAS	-28	51	-19		

Sat - 9/1,8:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
187 TEXAS ST		7			
188 HOUSTON	-36.5	60	-53	16.5	

Sat - 9/1,7:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
189 CLEMSON	-1	40			
190 AUBURN		40	0	1	

Sat - 9/1,7:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
191 HAWAII		28		2	
192 USC	-37	63	-35		

Sat - 9/1,8:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
193 MICHIGAN		51			
194 ALABAMA	-11	70	-19	8	

Sat - 9/1,8:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
195 RUTGERS	-19	38	-27	8	
196 TULANE		11			

Sat - 9/1,10:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
197 OKLAHOMA	-30	55	-26		
198 UTEP		29		4	

Sat - 9/1,10:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
199 TOLEDO		38		6	
200 ARIZONA	-9	41	-3		

Sat - 9/1,10:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
201 SAN DIEGO ST		32			
202 WASHINGTON	-12	44	-12	0	

Sat - 9/1,12:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
203 TROY	-3	18			
204 UAB		23	-5	8	

Sat - 9/1,7:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
205 FLA INTERNATION		29		2.5	
206 DUKE	-3.5	30	-1		

Sat - 9/1,7:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
207 NORTH TEXAS		27			
208 LSU	-42.5	71	-44	1.5	

Sat - 9/1,10:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
209 ARKANSAS ST		36		1	
210 OREGON	-33	68	-32		

Sun - 9/2,3:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
211 KENTUCKY		32		3	
212 LOUISVILLE	-14	43	-11		

Sun - 9/2,6:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
213 SMU		35			
214 BAYLOR	-12	53	-18	6	

Mon - 9/3, 8:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
215 GEORGIA TECH		46			
216 VIRGINIA TECH	-7	54	-8	1	

TOP STATFOX POWER RATING EDGES:	1. STANFORD (-26) over SAN JOSE ST	17	2. HOUSTON (-36.5) over TEXAS ST	17
	3. SOUTHERN MISS (+15.5) over NEBRASKA	16	4. UCF (-23) over AKRON	10
	5. WYOMING (+28) over TEXAS	9	6. RICE (+15.5) over UCLA	8.5

Top College Football Statistical Edges - Week 1

Here is a listing of the top team statistical edges when compared head-to-head with their opponents. Keep track of the ATS wins and losses of the top teams for each of the various statistics to determine if any particular category stands out in terms of success.

OFFENSIVE STATISTICS		DEFENSIVE STATISTICS		OFF/DEF DIFFERENTIALS	
Points Scored (PPG)	W/L	Points Allowed (PPG)	W/L	Scoring Differential (PPG)	W/L
1. HOUSTON (vs TSU): +23.8		1. UCF (vs AKR): +20.2		1. UCF (vs AKR): +33.1	
2. BAYLOR (vs SMU): +19.5		2. LSU (vs NTX): +19.4		2. LSU (vs NTX): +30.3	
3. STANFORD (vs SJS): +18.7		3. RUTGERS (vs TUL): +19.2		3. HOUSTON (vs TSU): +29.9	
4. W VIRGINIA (vs MAR): +15.8		4. SMU (vs BAY): +14.2		4. STANFORD (vs SJS): +27.1	
5. OREGON (vs AKS): +13.6		5. FLA INTERNATIONAL (vs DUK): +11.7		5. RUTGERS (vs TUL): +24.5	
6. BOISE ST (vs MSY): +13.2		6. BYU (vs WSU): +11.4		6. OKLAHOMA (vs UTP): +21.2	
7. OKLAHOMA (vs UTP): +13.0		7. SAN DIEGO ST (vs WAS): +10.9		7. GEORGIA (vs BUF): +18.7	
Rushing Yards Gained (RYPG)	W/L	Rushing Yards Allowed (RYPG)	W/L	Rushing Yds Differential (RYPG)	W/L
1. NAVY (vs ND): +151.9		1. TEXAS (vs WYO): +137.0		1. STANFORD (vs SJS): +229.1	
2. OREGON (vs AKS): +144.2		2. STANFORD (vs SJS): +120.3		2. E MICHIGAN (vs BLS): +165.4	
3. GEORGIA TECH (vs VAT): +129.5		3. UCF (vs AKR): +111.6		3. UCF (vs AKR): +165.3	
4. BAYLOR (vs SMU): +122.4		4. ILLINOIS (vs WM): +95.8		4. TEXAS (vs WYO): +156.4	
5. TOLEDO (vs ARI): +119.7		5. E MICHIGAN (vs BLS): +85.5		5. TOLEDO (vs ARI): +148.5	
6. OHIO ST (vs MOH): +117.1		6. LOUISVILLE (vs KEN): +81.8		6. ILLINOIS (vs WM): +146.4	
7. STANFORD (vs SJS): +108.9		7. GEORGIA (vs BUF): +80.2		7. OHIO ST (vs MOH): +144.1	
Yards Per Rush Gained (YPR)	W/L	Yards Per Rush Allowed (YPR)	W/L	Yards Per Rush Differential (YPR)	W/L
1. OREGON (vs AKS): +2.8		1. ILLINOIS (vs WM): +2.3		1. STANFORD (vs SJS): +3.8	
2. OHIO ST (vs MOH): +2.1		2. TEXAS (vs WYO): +2.1		2. LSU (vs NTX): +2.9	
3. STANFORD (vs SJS): +1.9		3. LSU (vs NTX): +1.9		3. FLA INTERNATIONAL (vs DUK): +2.5	
4. TOLEDO (vs ARI): +1.6		4. SMU (vs BAY): +1.9		4. OHIO ST (vs MOH): +2.4	
5. N ILLINOIS (vs IOW): +1.6		5. STANFORD (vs SJS): +1.9		5. TOLEDO (vs ARI): +2.4	
6. TEXAS A&M (vs LAT): +1.3		6. OKLAHOMA (vs UTP): +1.6		6. ILLINOIS (vs WM): +2.3	
7. GEORGIA TECH (vs VAT): +1.3		7. ALABAMA (vs MIC): +1.6		7. UCF (vs AKR): +2.2	
Passing Yards Gained (PYPG)	W/L	Passing Yards Allowed (PYPG)	W/L	Passing Yds Differential (PYPG)	W/L
1. HOUSTON (vs TSU): +300.2		1. LSU (vs NTX): +94.4		1. HOUSTON (vs TSU): +326.4	
2. MIAMI OHIO (vs OSU): +172.1		2. ALABAMA (vs MIC): +79.0		2. NOTRE DAME (vs NAV): +188.5	
3. NOTRE DAME (vs NAV): +166.9		3. COLORADO ST (vs COL): +76.6		3. W VIRGINIA (vs MAR): +184.8	
4. W MICHIGAN (vs ILL): +153.3		4. E MICHIGAN (vs BLS): +75.5		4. MIAMI OHIO (vs OSU): +158.9	
5. W VIRGINIA (vs MAR): +133.1		5. RUTGERS (vs TUL): +73.5		5. OKLAHOMA (vs UTP): +132.6	
6. CLEMSON (vs AUB): +126.7		6. MASSACHUSETTS (vs CON): +72.1		6. CLEMSON (vs AUB): +128.4	
7. OKLAHOMA (vs UTP): +123.8		7. SMU (vs BAY): +69.4		7. ALABAMA (vs MIC): +111.3	
Yards Per Pass Attempted (PYA)	W/L	Yards Per Pass Allowed (PYA)	W/L	Yards Per Pass Differential (PYA)	W/L
1. GEORGIA TECH (vs VAT): +3.3		1. E MICHIGAN (vs BLS): +2.5		1. UCF (vs AKR): +5.1	
2. BAYLOR (vs SMU): +3.2		2. BYU (vs WSU): +2.4		2. GEORGIA (vs BUF): +3.9	
3. UCF (vs AKR): +3.0		3. FLA INTERNATIONAL (vs DUK): +2.4		3. E MICHIGAN (vs BLS): +3.7	
4. HOUSTON (vs TSU): +2.5		4. ALABAMA (vs MIC): +2.3		4. UCLA (vs RIC): +3.5	
5. LOUISVILLE (vs KEN): +2.4		5. UCF (vs AKR): +2.1		5. GEORGIA TECH (vs VAT): +3.4	
6. OHIO U (vs PSU): +2.0		6. LSU (vs NTX): +1.9		6. LSU (vs NTX): +3.0	
7. TULSA (vs ISU): +2.0		7. GEORGIA (vs BUF): +1.9		7. MINNESOTA (vs NLV): +3.0	
Total Yards Gained (TYPG)	W/L	Total Yards Allowed (TYPG)	W/L	Total Yds Differential (TYPG)	W/L
1. HOUSTON (vs TSU): +253.8		1. LSU (vs NTX): +167.8		1. HOUSTON (vs TSU): +273.2	
2. BAYLOR (vs SMU): +199.0		2. E MICHIGAN (vs BLS): +161.0		2. UCF (vs AKR): +253.1	
3. W VIRGINIA (vs MAR): +136.2		3. SMU (vs BAY): +149.2		3. STANFORD (vs SJS): +200.2	
4. OKLAHOMA (vs UTP): +130.6		4. ILLINOIS (vs WM): +148.5		4. OKLAHOMA (vs UTP): +196.0	
5. UCF (vs AKR): +128.4		5. ALABAMA (vs MIC): +138.5		5. W VIRGINIA (vs MAR): +192.9	
6. STANFORD (vs SJS): +111.9		6. TEXAS (vs WYO): +125.8		6. LSU (vs NTX): +181.2	
7. NEVADA (vs CAL): +106.2		7. UCF (vs AKR): +124.7		7. ALABAMA (vs MIC): +163.5	
Yards Per Play Attempted (YPP)	W/L	Yards Per Play Allowed (YPP)	W/L	Yards Per Play Differential (YPP)	W/L
1. HOUSTON (vs TSU): +2.4		1. ALABAMA (vs MIC): +2.2		1. UCF (vs AKR): +3.8	
2. UCF (vs AKR): +1.8		2. LSU (vs NTX): +2.0		2. HOUSTON (vs TSU): +3.6	
3. BAYLOR (vs SMU): +1.6		3. UCF (vs AKR): +2.0		3. STANFORD (vs SJS): +2.8	
4. OREGON (vs AKS): +1.5		4. TEXAS (vs WYO): +1.9		4. LSU (vs NTX): +2.8	
5. STANFORD (vs SJS): +1.4		5. OKLAHOMA (vs UTP): +1.9		5. W VIRGINIA (vs MAR): +2.7	
6. MIAMI (vs BC): +1.4		6. ILLINOIS (vs WM): +1.9		6. OKLAHOMA (vs UTP): +2.6	
7. W VIRGINIA (vs MAR): +1.3		7. E MICHIGAN (vs BLS): +1.7		7. ALABAMA (vs MIC): +2.4	

Statfox College Football Outplay Factor Rating Lines - Week 1

** The Outplay Factor Ratings made famous by StatFox are a great Team Strength Indicator as they provide a quantitative measure of how teams are outplaying (+ value) or being outplayed by (- value) their opponents. They are determined by a complicated formula that takes into account a team's points for/against as compared to how their previous opponents have fared. Here are the StatFox Team Outplay Factor Ratings and the corresponding game lines derived from them. Note that the point edge between the Outplay Factor Rating Line and the actual opening line is denoted for the team with the edge. Use the W/L column to keep track of the winners and losers.

ABBREVIATIONS:
 OL - Opening Line
 OF - StatFox Outplay Factor Rating - adjusted for home field advantage.
 OFL - Calculated Outplay Factor Line

Thu - 8/30,7:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
133 S CAROLINA	-6.5	34	-1		
134 VANDERBILT		33		5.2	

Thu - 8/30,7:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
135 UCF	-23	26	-24	0.5	
136 AKRON		2.3			

Thu - 8/30,7:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
137 E MICHIGAN		21	0	3.5	
138 BALL ST	-3	20			

Thu - 8/30,7:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
139 TEXAS A&M	-7	32			
140 LOUISIANA TECH		34	-2	9.1	

Thu - 8/30,7:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
141 MASSACHUSETTS		28	-2	26.4	
142 CONNECTICUT	-24.5	26			

Thu - 8/30,7:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
143 UCLA	-15.5	14			
144 RICE		24	-10	25.6	

Thu - 8/30,10:15 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
145 WASHINGTON ST		14			
146 BYU	-13.5	48	-34	20.1	

Thu - 8/30,11:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
147 MINNESOTA	-9	8.1	-2		
148 UNLV		6.5		7.4	

Thu - 8/30,7:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
149 UTSA		28		3.0	
150 S ALABAMA	-6	31	-3		

Fri - 8/31,7:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
151 TENNESSEE	-2.5	21			
152 NC STATE		27	-6	8.5	

Fri - 8/31,8:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
153 BOISE ST		48	-6	10.3	
154 MICHIGAN ST	-4.5	42			

Fri - 8/31,10:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
155 SAN JOSE ST		23			
156 STANFORD	-26	50	-27	1.1	

Sat - 9/1,9:00AM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
157 NOTRE DAME	-17	37	-14		
158 NAVY		23		2.5	

Sat - 9/1,12:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
159 MARSHALL		25		9.8	
160 W VIRGINIA	-23.5	39	-14		

Sat - 9/1,12:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
161 OHIO U		27		7.4	
162 PENN ST	-9	28	-2		

Sat - 9/1,12:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
163 NORTHWESTERN	-1	21	-2	1.1	
164 SYRACUSE		19			

Sat - 9/1,12:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
165 MIAMI OHIO		29		20.4	
166 OHIO ST	-23	32	-3		

Sat - 9/1,12:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
167 W MICHIGAN		27	-7	16.8	
168 ILLINOIS	-10	20			

Sat - 9/1,3:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
169 TULSA		40	-19	19.3	
170 IOWA ST	pk	21			

Sat - 9/1,3:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
171 NEVADA		33		9.9	
172 CALIFORNIA	-11	34	-1		

Sat - 9/1,3:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
173 SOUTHERN MISS		44	-12	27.5	
174 NEBRASKA	-15.5	32			

Sat - 9/1,3:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
175 MIAMI		31	-6	6.7	
176 BOSTON COLLEGE	-1	26			

Sat - 9/1,3:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
177 IOWA	-6	24			
178 N ILLINOIS		37	-13	18.6	

Sat - 9/1,4:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
179 COLORADO	-6	5.1			
180 COLORADO ST		9.1	-4	10.0	

Sat - 9/1,12:20 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
181 BUFFALO		14		13.6	
182 GEORGIA	-37.5	38	-24		

Sat - 9/1,3:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
183 BOWLING GREEN		19		9.5	
184 FLORIDA	-23.5	33	-14		

Sat - 9/1,7:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
185 WYOMING		25		20.6	
186 TEXAS	-28	32	-7		

Sat - 9/1,8:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
187 TEXAS ST		26		4.9	
188 HOUSTON	-36.5	58	-32		

Sat - 9/1,7:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
189 CLEMSON	-1	27	-3	1.7	
190 AUBURN		24			

Sat - 9/1,7:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
191 HAWAII		23		11.7	
192 USC	-37	48	-25		

Sat - 9/1,8:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
193 MICHIGAN		40			
194 ALABAMA	-11	55	-15	3.6	

Sat - 9/1,8:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
195 RUTGERS	-19	27	-26	6.7	
196 TULANE		1.3			

Sat - 9/1,10:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
197 OKLAHOMA	-30	38	-13		
198 UTEP		26		17.3	

Sat - 9/1,10:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
199 TOLEDO		39	-13	22.5	
200 ARIZONA	-9	25			

Sat - 9/1,10:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
201 SAN DIEGO ST		23		9.9	
202 WASHINGTON	-12	25	-2		

Sat - 9/1,12:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
203 TROY	-3	13			
204 UAB		18	-5	7.7	

Sat - 9/1,7:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
205 FLA INTERNATIONAL		24	-7	10.3	
206 DUKE	-3.5	17			

Sat - 9/1,7:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
207 NORTH TEXAS		29		16.1	
208 LSU	-42.5	56	-26		

Sat - 9/1,10:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
209 ARKANSAS ST		38		22.0	
210 OREGON	-33	49	-11		

Sun - 9/2,3:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
211 KENTUCKY		18		2.7	
212 LOUISVILLE	-14	30	-11		

Sun - 9/2,6:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
213 SMU		29		9.0	
214 BAYLOR	-12	32	-3		

Mon - 9/3, 8:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
215 GEORGIA TECH		27			
216 VIRGINIA TECH	-7	36	-9	1.8	

TOP STATFOX OUTPLAY FACTOR RATING EDGES:	1. SOUTHERN MISS (+15.5) over NEBRASKA	27	2. MASSACHUSETTS (+24.5) over CONNECTICUT	26
	3. RICE (+15.5) over UCLA	26	4. TOLEDO (+9) over ARIZONA	22
	5. ARKANSAS ST (+33) over OREGON	22	6. WYOMING (+28) over TEXAS	21



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COLLEGE FOOTBALL WEEK 1: AUG. 30 - SEPT. 1



SOUTH CAROLINA (-7½)

vs

VANDERBILT



• (133) S CAROLINA (SU: 11-2, ATS: 7-6) at (134) VANDERBILT (SU: 6-7, ATS: 9-4) - Thursday, 8/30/2012 7:00 PM

	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	TEAM OFFENSE				F-I	PPG	FD	TEAM DEFENSE		TOTAL	F-I	TOD
					RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	RUSHING				PASSING				
S CAROLINA	+11.7	38.1	30	19	43-192 (4.5)	24-15-181 (7.4)	67-373 (5.6)	1-1	18	16	38-136 (3.6)	27-13-132 (4.9)	65-268 (4.1)	1-1	+5	
VANDERBILT	+5.1	38.9	27	17	38-165 (4.3)	27-14-175 (6.6)	65-340 (5.2)	1-1	22	18	36-131 (3.6)	31-17-192 (6.3)	67-323 (4.8)	1-1	+1	

GAME BREAKDOWN: Vanderbilt has come up winless against South Carolina in the past three seasons, totaling 20 points in the three defeats. Last year, the Commodores were outgained 367-77 in a 21-3 Gamecocks rout. Vandy brings back its top offensive skill players in QB Jordan Rodgers, RB Zac Stacy and WR Jordan Matthews, but lost key members of its overachieving defense. South Carolina is led by Heisman candidate RB Marcus Lattimore (150 total yards, 2 TD vs. Vandy in 2011) and budding superstar DE Jadeveon Clowney.

STATFOX FORECASTER:	South Carolina	27
	Vanderbilt	20

- VANDERBILT was 7-0 ATS in home games last season.
- Steve Spurrier is 82-57 ATS against conference opponents.
- VANDERBILT is 37-15 UNDER in the first half of the season since 1992.



TEXAS A&M (-7½)

vs

LOUISIANA TECH



• (139) TEXAS A&M (SU: 7-6, ATS: 4-9) vs. (140) LOUISIANA TECH (SU: 8-5, ATS: 11-2) - Thursday, 8/30/2012 7:30 PM

	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	TEAM OFFENSE				F-I	PPG	FD	TEAM DEFENSE		TOTAL	F-I	TOD
					RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	RUSHING				PASSING				
TEXAS A&M	+10.9	42.2	39	27	39-199 (5.1)	41-25-291 (7.1)	80-490 (6.1)	1-1	28	22	39-102 (2.6)	39-25-276 (7.0)	78-378 (4.8)	1-1	-9	
LOUISIANA TECH	+6.9	31.0	30	20	39-148 (3.8)	37-21-247 (6.7)	76-395 (5.2)	1-1	23	20	37-127 (3.4)	39-23-249 (6.4)	76-376 (4.9)	1-2	+11	

GAME BREAKDOWN: Texas A&M seeks its 11th straight win over Louisiana Tech. The last meeting was a 48-16 rout for the Aggies in 2010 when each team coughed up four turnovers. A&M needs to replace NFL first-rounder Ryan Tannehill under center, but still has top WR Ryan Swope and oft-injured RB Christine Michael, who averaged 100 rushing yards per game in 2011. The Bulldogs, which were 8-0 ATS as underdogs last year, return QB Colby Cameron and star WR Quinton Patton, as well as their entire ball-hawking secondary.

STATFOX FORECASTER:	Texas A&M	30
	Louisiana Tech	26

- LOUISIANA TECH was 8-0 ATS as an underdog last season.
- TEXAS A&M is 13-27 ATS in road/neutral games in the first half of the season since 1992.
- LOUISIANA TECH is 15-33 ATS in road/neutral games in the first half of the season since 1992.



WASHINGTON STATE

vs

BYU (-13)



• (145) WASHINGTON ST (SU: 4-8, ATS: 7-5) at (146) BYU (SU: 10-3, ATS: 9-4) - Thursday, 8/30/2012 10:15 PM

	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	TEAM OFFENSE				F-I	PPG	FD	TEAM DEFENSE		TOTAL	F-I	TOD
					RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	RUSHING				PASSING				
WASHINGTON ST	-1.9	36.5	30	23	32-102 (3.1)	41-25-322 (7.9)	73-424 (5.8)	1-1	32	20	36-157 (4.4)	30-19-252 (8.5)	66-409 (6.2)	1-1	-4	
BYU	+9.7	30.5	30	24	38-160 (4.2)	36-20-245 (6.9)	74-405 (5.5)	1-1	20	16	31-112 (3.6)	33-19-201 (6.1)	64-313 (4.9)	1-1	-2	

GAME BREAKDOWN: This is the first time the two teams have played since BYU defeated WSU 50-36 in 1990. Washington State begins the Mike Leach Air Raid Era under their new head coach. WR Marquess Wilson may lead the nation in receiving yards after his 1,388 last season. WSU's defense probably still won't be able to stop anyone, especially this high-powered BYU team that returns starting QB Riley Nelson, who led his team to a 6-1 record and 36.9 PPG as a starter. The BYU defense is solid, but the secondary is a bit green.

STATFOX FORECASTER:	Washington State	19
	BYU	36

- BYU is 12-2 UNDER in the first half of the season over the last two seasons.
- Bronco Mendenhall is 13-5 OVER as a favorite of 10.5 to 21 points as coach of BYU.
- BYU is 33-17 UNDER (+14.3 Units) when the total is between 56.5 and 63 since 1992.



TENNESSEE (-3½)

vs

NORTH CAROLINA STATE



• (151) TENNESSEE (SU: 5-7, ATS: 4-7) vs. (152) NC STATE (SU: 8-5, ATS: 6-6) - Friday, 8/31/2012 7:30 PM

	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	TEAM OFFENSE				F-I	PPG	FD	TEAM DEFENSE		TOTAL	F-I	TOD
					RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	RUSHING				PASSING				
TENNESSEE	-2.3	40.2	20	18	33-90 (2.8)	33-19-243 (7.3)	66-333 (5.0)	0-1	23	17	37-165 (4.4)	25-15-176 (6.9)	62-341 (5.5)	1-1	E	
NC STATE	+3.5	31.6	28	18	34-105 (3.0)	36-22-240 (6.7)	70-345 (4.9)	1-1	25	17	35-131 (3.7)	31-18-224 (7.1)	66-355 (5.4)	1-2	14	

GAME BREAKDOWN: Two high-powered passing offenses meet Friday at Georgia Dome. Tennessee, which lost six of its final eight games in 2011, returns QB Tyler Bray (17 TD, 6 INT), but will not have the services of suspended WR Da'Rick Rogers (1,040 rec. yds, 9 TD). QB Mike Glennon led NC State to a 6-2 record to close out 2011, finishing with 31 TD and just 12 INT. He'll have plenty of time to throw with four returning O-linemen, and the Wolfpack defense boasts CB David Amerson who picked off an astounding 13 passes last year.

STATFOX FORECASTER:	Tennessee	18
	North Carolina State	23

- Tom O'Brien is 25-13 ATS as an underdog as coach of NC STATE.
- Derek Dooley is 8-1 UNDER in games played on turf.
- TENNESSEE is 0-5 SU and ATS in last five road/neutral games.



BOISE STATE

vs

MICHIGAN STATE (-7)



• (153) BOISE STATE (SU: 12-1, ATS: 5-8) at (154) MICHIGAN STATE (SU: 11-3, ATS: 10-4) - Friday, 8/31/2012 8:00 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE								TEAM DEFENSE						
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	TOD
BOISE STATE	+25.5	33.7	44	26	38-173 (4.6)	37-27-309 (8.4)	75-482 (6.4)	1-1	19	16	31-110 (3.5)	31-18-211 (6.8)	62-321 (5.2)	1-1	+8
MICHIGAN STATE	+12.6	36.1	31	19	35-138 (3.9)	32-21-252 (7.8)	67-390 (5.8)	1-1	18	16	36-100 (2.8)	29-15-177 (6.2)	65-277 (4.3)	0-1	+7

GAME BREAKDOWN: This is the first meeting between the two teams. The Spartans have won 13 straight home openers, but Boise is no slouch in road openers, winning seven of its past nine. Michigan St. needs to replace its QB and top two WRs from last season, so MSU will lean heavily on Le'Veon Bell, who's now the team's clear-cut No. 1 RB. Boise State is in a similar boat, expecting RB D.J. Harper to carry the offense with 50-win QB Kellen Moore gone. The Broncos also lost nine defensive starters and several key assistant coaches.

STATFOX FORECASTER:

Boise State 27
Michigan State 29

- Chris Petersen is 19-9 ATS in non-conference games as coach of BOISE STATE.
- BOISE STATE is 8-0 ATS away in the first half of the season over the last two seasons.
- Chris Petersen is 17-6 ATS in games played on a grass field as coach of BOISE STATE.



NOTRE DAME (-17)

vs

NAVY



• (157) NOTRE DAME (SU: 8-5, ATS: 5-8) vs. (158) NAVY (SU: 5-7, ATS: 6-6) - Saturday, 9/1/2012 9:00AM

	TEAM OFFENSE								TEAM DEFENSE						
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	TOD
NOTRE DAME	+8.5	42.6	29	24	33-160 (4.8)	36-23-253 (6.9)	69-413 (6.0)	1-1	21	20	37-139 (3.8)	31-19-205 (6.5)	68-344 (5.1)	0-1	-15
NAVY	+0.8	31.8	30	21	58-312 (5.4)	11-5-86 (7.6)	69-398 (5.8)	1-0	29	22	39-187 (4.8)	29-21-227 (7.9)	68-414 (6.1)	1-1	+9

GAME BREAKDOWN: In their past five annual meetings, Navy has three SU wins as an underdog; Notre Dame had previously gone 43-0 against the Midshipmen from 1964 to 2006. Last year, the Irish ran for 7 TD en route to a 56-14 win. Suspended Notre Dame RB Cierre Wood will not play in this college debut of starting QB, sophomore Everett Golson. Navy's triple-option running game lost key members, but may have the personnel to throw more often in 2012. Bettors should note the 9 a.m. ET start time for this game in Dublin, Ireland.

STATFOX FORECASTER:

Notre Dame 40
Navy 20

- Brian Kelly is 17-8 UNDER in all lined games as coach of NOTRE DAME.
- NAVY is 78-47 ATS as an underdog since 1992.
- Brian Kelly is 16-6 UNDER in games played on a grass field as coach of NOTRE DAME.



OHIO

vs

PENN STATE (-6)



• (161) OHIO (SU: 10-4, ATS: 7-7) at (162) PENN STATE (SU: 9-4, ATS: 3-8) - Saturday, 9/1/2012 12:00 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE								TEAM DEFENSE						
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	TOD
OHIO	+8.6	23.6	30	23	43-200 (4.7)	30-19-247 (8.1)	73-447 (6.1)	1-1	22	19	35-143 (4.1)	34-18-219 (6.5)	69-362 (5.2)	1-1	E
PENN STATE	+2.5	37.8	19	18	40-165 (4.2)	29-14-177 (6.1)	69-342 (5.0)	1-1	17	18	37-133 (3.6)	33-18-191 (5.8)	70-324 (4.6)	1-1	+1

GAME BREAKDOWN: Penn State has won the past five meetings between these teams, but their last matchup was way back in 1974. Ohio is led by star QB Tyler Tettleton, who threw for 3,306 yards and 28 TD, while rushing for 658 yards and 10 TD last season. The Bobcats defense was the MAC's best last season. Penn State is reeling from its four-year bowl ban, and the departure of Silas Redd leaves the offense severely lacking talent. The Nittany Lions D is strong up front, but four new starters in the secondary will be tested by Tettleton.

STATFOX FORECASTER:

Ohio 17
Penn State 22

- PENN STATE is 9-1 UNDER in the first half of the season over the last two seasons.
- OHIO is 10-4 ATS as an underdog over the last three seasons.
- PENN STATE is 6-0 UNDER in September games over the last two seasons.



NORTHWESTERN (-1½)

vs

SYRACUSE



• (163) NORTHWESTERN (SU: 6-7, ATS: 5-8) at (164) SYRACUSE (SU: 5-7, ATS: 3-9) - Saturday, 9/1/2012 12:00 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE								TEAM DEFENSE						
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	TOD
NORTHWESTERN	+1.2	34.2	29	23	44-167 (3.8)	31-22-254 (8.1)	75-421 (5.6)	1-1	28	20	39-177 (4.5)	27-17-232 (8.5)	66-409 (6.2)	1-1	+3
SYRACUSE	-4.3	35.3	24	19	33-120 (3.6)	35-22-228 (6.5)	68-348 (5.1)	1-1	28	21	36-128 (3.5)	35-22-258 (7.5)	71-386 (5.4)	1-1	+2

GAME BREAKDOWN: Northwestern is winless in its past three trips to the Carrier Dome. The last time they played, 'Cuse pulled out a 37-34 victory in 2009. The Wildcats will again have a potent offense, led by dual-threat QB Kain Colter, who ran for 237 yards and 4 TD in three starts in 2011. Syracuse's defense looks unable to stop Northwestern, but its passing game can hold its own. Ryan Nassib threw for 2,685 yards and 22 scores last season, and he returns leading receiver Alec Lemon and previously suspended WR Marcus Sales.

STATFOX FORECASTER:

Northwestern 31
Syracuse 29

- SYRACUSE was 1-8 ATS when playing on a Saturday last season.
- Pat Fitzgerald is 5-15 ATS in September games as coach of NORTHWESTERN.
- SYRACUSE is 36-16 UNDER when the total is between 49.5 and 56 since 1992.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL WEEK 1: SEPT. 1



MIAMI OHIO

vs

OHIO STATE (-23)



• (165) MIAMI OHIO (SU: 4-8, ATS: 7-5) at (166) OHIO STATE (SU: 6-7, ATS: 6-7) - Saturday, 9/1/2012 12:00 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE								TEAM DEFENSE					F-I	TOD
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL		
MIAMI OHIO	-1.6	29.9	21	20	31-74 (2.4)	38-25-299 (7.8)	69-373 (5.4)	1-1	23	19	40-168 (4.2)	29-17-195 (6.8)	69-363 (5.3)	1-1	-4
OHIO STATE	+3.5	38.1	24	17	43-191 (4.4)	19-10-127 (6.7)	62-318 (5.1)	1-0	21	17	37-142 (3.8)	27-16-182 (6.7)	64-324 (5.1)	1-1	+5

GAME BREAKDOWN: Ohio State has won four in a row against Miami Ohio, including a dominant 34-14 victory the last time the two teams met in 2005. The RedHawks return talented QB Zac Dysert, who tallied 3,513 yards and 23 TD in 2011, but have one of the nation's worst running games. Athletic Buckeyes QB Braxton Miller looks destined for stardom, and new head coach Urban Meyer needs to find reliable playmakers among his young crop of skill-position players. The stout Ohio State defense returns nine starters.

STATFOX FORECASTER:

Miami Ohio **18**
Ohio State **27**

- Urban Meyer is 34-7 ATS in non-conference games.
- MIAMI OHIO is 2-12 ATS in a road game where the total is between 45.5 and 49 since 1992.
- Urban Meyer is 24-9 ATS in the first month of the season.



SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

vs

NEBRASKA (-19½)



• (173) SOUTHERN MISS (SU: 12-2, ATS: 8-5) at (174) NEBRASKA (SU: 9-4, ATS: 4-8) - Saturday, 9/1/2012 3:30 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE								TEAM DEFENSE					F-I	TOD
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL		
SOUTHERN MISS	+16.1	29.3	37	23	40-205 (5.2)	35-21-256 (7.3)	75-461 (6.1)	1-1	21	19	36-119 (3.3)	38-22-224 (5.9)	74-343 (4.6)	1-1	-2
NEBRASKA	+5.8	37.8	29	20	47-217 (4.6)	23-13-163 (7.2)	70-380 (5.4)	1-1	23	19	40-158 (4.0)	28-15-192 (6.9)	68-350 (5.1)	1-1	-1

GAME BREAKDOWN: The last time these teams met was in 2004 when Southern Miss upset the Cornhuskers 21-17 as a 14½-point road underdog. New Golden Eagles coach Ellis Johnson inherits strong RB and WR groups, and his experience as an SEC defensive coordinator should make USM's defense a strength. Nebraska's option running game will roll with QB Taylor Martinez and RB Rex Burkhead, but Martinez isn't a great passer. The Huskers defense lacks the proven playmakers that have historically made them a fearsome unit.

STATFOX FORECASTER:

Southern Miss **29**
Nebraska **24**

- NEBRASKA is 0-8 ATS at home in the first half of the season over the last two seasons.
- SOUTHERN MISS is 35-20 ATS in the first month of the season since 1992.
- NEBRASKA is 0-6 ATS at home in non-conference games over the last two seasons.



MIAMI FLORIDA

vs

BOSTON COLLEGE (-1)



• (175) MIAMI (SU: 6-6, ATS: 7-5) at (176) BOSTON COLLEGE (SU: 4-8, ATS: 6-6) - Saturday, 9/1/2012 3:30 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE								TEAM DEFENSE					F-I	TOD
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL		
MIAMI	+6.4	36.9	26	18	33-146 (4.4)	28-18-232 (8.2)	61-378 (6.2)	1-1	20	20	39-162 (4.1)	26-17-198 (7.5)	65-360 (5.5)	1-0	-4
BOSTON COLLEGE	-5.3	36.5	18	16	36-131 (3.6)	27-14-169 (6.3)	63-300 (4.8)	1-1	24	19	35-151 (4.3)	35-22-243 (7.0)	70-394 (5.6)	0-1	-4

GAME BREAKDOWN: Miami has struggled in road openers, winning only one of its past seven. The Canes have lost two straight to Boston College, including last year's 24-17 defeat as B.C.'s Chase Rettig threw for 196 yards and two scores. Miami has a strong run game with Mike James, Duke Johnson and Eduardo Clements, and the Canes D is tough. They need their top-10 recruiting class to contribute immediately. B.C. returns its top producers from last season's terrible offensive unit. Their defense will sorely miss star LB Luke Kuechly.

STATFOX FORECASTER:

Miami Florida **27**
Boston College **19**

- BOSTON COLLEGE is 21-3 UNDER in all lined games over the last two seasons.
- MIAMI is 7-3 ATS in its past 10 true road games.
- BOSTON COLLEGE is 3-11 ATS in its last 14 home games.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL TOP-RATED ATS SITUATIONS

• **Play On** - Favorites of 10.5 to 21 points (RUTGERS, BAYLOR) that have eight or more defensive starters returning and are coming off a season in which they outscored opponents by an average of 7 or more points per game.

• **The situation's record** is 23-2 over the last 10 seasons (92.0%, +20.8 units).

• **Play Against** - Any team (BOISE STATE, TEXAS A&M, SMU) that had a win percentage between 60% and 80% the previous season and ended it with 3 or more straight spread covers when they face an opponent in the first week of the season that had a winning record the previous season.

• **The situation's record** is 24-3 since 1992 (88.9%, +20.7 units).

• **Play On** - Road favorites of 10.5 to 21 points (UCLA) that averaged 8 or more passing yards per attempt the previous season.

The situation's record is 27-5 over the last 10 seasons (84.4%, +21.5 units).



BOWLING GREEN vs **FLORIDA (-29)**



• (183) BOWLING GREEN (SU: 5-7, ATS: 7-5) at (184) FLORIDA (SU: 7-6, ATS: 5-8) - Saturday, 9/1/2012 3:30 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE								TEAM DEFENSE						
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	TOD
BOWLING GREEN	-2.3	28.9	26	20	34-123 (3.7)	36-21-262 (7.3)	70-385 (5.5)	1-1	29	21	41-203 (4.9)	30-17-203 (6.6)	71-406 (5.7)	1-0	-13
FLORIDA	+5.2	39.2	25	17	36-143 (4.0)	25-14-186 (7.5)	61-329 (5.4)	1-1	20	17	39-133 (3.4)	26-14-167 (6.4)	65-300 (4.6)	0-1	-12

GAME BREAKDOWN: This is the first meeting between the two. Things don't look good for Bowling Green, who is 7-4 in road openers going against a 22-game home opening win streak for the Gators. The Falcons return QB Matt Schilz from a 3,024-yard, 28-TD campaign, as well as top RB Anthon Samuel. Their defense was poor against the rush last season, but does return 10 starters. The Gators offense is full of unproven talent, but UF's defense is its strength. They're stocked with future NFLers, and may have the nation's best D-line.

STATFOX FORECASTER:	Bowling Green	15
	Florida	35

- FLORIDA is 30-15 ATS as a favorite since 2008.
- BOWLING GREEN is 18-9 ATS in road/neutral games since 2008.
- FLORIDA is 13-5 ATS in non-conference games since 2008.



CLEMSON (-3) vs **AUBURN**



• (189) CLEMSON (SU: 10-4, ATS: 8-6) vs. (190) AUBURN (SU: 8-5, ATS: 5-8) - Saturday, 9/1/2012 7:00 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE								TEAM DEFENSE						
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	TOD
CLEMSON	+4.3	37.9	34	22	38-159 (4.2)	38-22-282 (7.5)	76-441 (5.8)	1-1	29	20	41-177 (4.4)	30-17-217 (7.3)	71-394 (5.5)	1-1	-1
AUBURN	-3.2	39.8	26	17	41-182 (4.4)	22-13-156 (6.9)	63-338 (5.4)	1-1	29	22	41-189 (4.6)	30-19-219 (7.2)	71-408 (5.7)	1-1	+2

GAME BREAKDOWN: Last year ended a 14-game losing streak for Clemson against Auburn. Tajh Boyd threw for 386 yards in a 38-24 victory. Clemson returns Boyd and RB Andre Ellington from last year's high-octane offense, though electrifying WR Sammy Watkins is suspended after his May arrest. New DC Brent Venables arrives from Oklahoma to shore up the Clemson defensive unit that faltered late last year. Auburn's defense returns nine starters and could be strong, but the offense could struggle with sophomore QB Kiehl Frazier.

STATFOX FORECASTER:	Clemson	36
	Auburn	27

- CLEMSON is 3-7 ATS in non-conference games in the last two seasons.
- AUBURN is 8-14 ATS in road/neutral games since 2008.
- CLEMSON is 10-1 UNDER away when playing on a Saturday over the last two seasons.



HAWAII vs **SOUTHERN CAL (-39½)**



• (191) HAWAII (SU: 6-7, ATS: 3-9) at (192) USC (SU: 10-2, ATS: 8-3) - Saturday, 9/1/2012 7:30 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE								TEAM DEFENSE						
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	TOD
HAWAII	+2.4	25.6	31	22	23-95 (4.1)	46-28-309 (6.7)	69-404 (5.9)	1-1	29	20	37-142 (3.9)	33-19-245 (7.5)	70-387 (5.5)	1-1	-2
USC	+12.2	41.7	36	25	33-163 (5.0)	37-26-294 (7.9)	70-457 (6.5)	1-1	24	22	31-111 (3.6)	38-24-263 (6.9)	69-374 (5.4)	1-1	-1

GAME BREAKDOWN: These teams have met four times since 1999, with the Trojans winning each game by an average score of 59-23. Former USC offensive coordinator Norm Chow is now the head coach at Hawaii, and has QB David Graves (768 pass yds, 5 TD in two starts) to run his offense. The Trojans are led by Heisman candidate Matt Barkley (39 TD, 7 INT in 2011), WR Robert Woods (1,292 rec yds, 15 TD) and Penn State transfer RB Silas Redd. While Hawaii returns just one senior starter on defense, USC returns eight defensive starters.

STATFOX FORECASTER:	Hawaii	19
	Southern California	50

- HAWAII is 12-4 OVER in its last 16 games.
- USC is 4-7 ATS in September games since 2009.
- HAWAII was 6-0 OVER when the total was between 56.5 and 63 last season.



MICHIGAN vs **ALABAMA (-12½)**



• (193) MICHIGAN (SU: 11-2, ATS: 8-4) vs. (194) ALABAMA (SU: 12-1, ATS: 9-4) - Saturday, 9/1/2012 8:00 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE								TEAM DEFENSE						
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	TOD
MICHIGAN	+15.9	38.1	33	21	43-222 (5.2)	22-12-183 (8.4)	65-405 (6.2)	0-1	17	17	33-132 (4.0)	29-17-190 (6.6)	62-322 (5.2)	2-1	+7
ALABAMA	+26.7	39.5	35	22	39-214 (5.5)	27-18-215 (7.8)	66-429 (6.5)	0-1	8	10	30-72 (2.4)	26-13-111 (4.3)	56-183 (3.3)	1-1	+8

GAME BREAKDOWN: The last time these powerhouses played was the 1999 Orange Bowl. Michigan won 35-34, but Alabama is 13-0 in season openers since. Hesiman-caliber QB Denard Robinson is back for the Wolverines, though Michigan's pro-style offense limits his effectiveness as a runner. Crimson Tide QB A.J. McCarron will be working with an inexperienced WR corps, and Alabama has big shoes to fill with RB Trent Richardson gone. Bama's six new defensive starters need to step up immediately in a game with BCS implications.

STATFOX FORECASTER:	Michigan	16
	Alabama	33

- Nick Saban is 33-18 ATS in September games.
- Brady Hoke is 21-9 ATS in the first month of the season in all games he has coached since 1992.
- Nick Saban is 20-4 UNDER as a favorite of 10.5 to 21 points.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL WEEK 1: SEPT. 1 - 3



ARKANSAS STATE

vs

OREGON (-35½)



• (209) ARKANSAS STATE (SU: 10-3, ATS: 10-3) at (210) OREGON (SU: 12-2, ATS: 8-5) - Saturday, 9/1/2012 10:30 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE								TEAM DEFENSE						
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	TOD
ARKANSAS STATE	+11.7	23.8	32	23	40-155 (3.9)	38-25-293 (7.6)	78-448 (5.7)	1-1	21	18	34-104 (3.0)	37-21-228 (6.2)	71-332 (4.7)	1-1	+2
OREGON	+21.4	41.9	46	24	45-299 (6.7)	28-17-224 (8.1)	73-523 (7.2)	1-0	25	22	39-143 (3.6)	38-22-248 (6.6)	77-391 (5.1)	1-1	+9

GAME BREAKDOWN: This is the first meeting between the two teams. Oregon has won seven straight home openers and has dominated home games in general against non-conference teams. Ducks RBs Kenjon Barner and De'Anthony Thomas are explosive runners who should make up for LaMichael James' departure. Former Auburn OC Gus Malzahn takes over at Arkansas State, and his green defense is in for a rude awakening. The Red Wolves passing game should be solid with QB Ryan Aplin returning from a 3,588-yard season.

STATFOX FORECASTER:

Arkansas State **20**
Oregon **42**

- Chip Kelly is 16-2 OVER as a home favorite as coach of OREGON.
- ARKANSAS STATE is 16-6 UNDER in games played on turf since 1992.
- Chip Kelly is 25-10 OVER as a favorite as coach of OREGON.



KENTUCKY

vs

LOUISVILLE (-14)



• (211) KENTUCKY (SU: 5-7, ATS: 6-6) at (212) LOUISVILLE (SU: 7-6, ATS: 8-5) - Sunday, 9/2/2012 3:30 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE								TEAM DEFENSE						
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	TOD
KENTUCKY	-8.8	37.4	16	14	36-124 (3.5)	28-14-136 (4.8)	64-260 (4.1)	1-1	25	20	41-182 (4.5)	28-15-194 (6.8)	69-376 (5.4)	1-1	+1
LOUISVILLE	+1.8	34.2	22	16	36-122 (3.4)	29-19-211 (7.2)	65-333 (5.1)	1-1	20	18	33-101 (3.0)	32-19-227 (7.0)	65-328 (5.0)	1-1	-1

GAME BREAKDOWN: Kentucky has won four of five in this storied rivalry, but last year Louisville won 24-17 playing on the road in Lexington. UK's offense was simply atrocious last season, though sophomore Max Smith is expected to move the ball more effectively this year. The Wildcats D was mediocre last year, and their entire starting LB and CB units need replacing. Louisville has high hopes for sophomore QB Teddy Bridgewater, who just may be the Big East's most talented player. The Cardinals' defensive front seven is solid.

STATFOX FORECASTER:

Kentucky **13**
Louisville **28**

- LOUISVILLE is 6-12 ATS at home over the last three seasons.
- KENTUCKY is 3-9 ATS in its last 12 road/neutral games.
- Charlie Strong is 9-2 UNDER in home games as coach of LOUISVILLE.



SMU

vs

BAYLOR (-10½)



• (213) SMU (SU: 8-5, ATS: 5-8) at (214) BAYLOR (SU: 10-3, ATS: 9-4) - Sunday, 9/2/2012 6:30 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE								TEAM DEFENSE						
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	TOD
SMU	+2.8	32.2	26	19	27-114 (4.2)	37-22-275 (7.5)	64-389 (6.1)	1-1	23	19	36-118 (3.3)	34-22-222 (6.5)	70-340 (4.9)	1-0	-16
BAYLOR	+8.1	39.7	45	29	44-236 (5.3)	33-24-351 (10.8)	77-587 (7.6)	1-0	37	24	38-198 (5.2)	38-24-291 (7.6)	76-489 (6.4)	1-1	+5

GAME BREAKDOWN: The Bears begin life after Robert Griffin III when they face in-state rival SMU, who they've beaten nine straight times by an average score of 40-10. But Baylor will start QB Nick Florence who has more INT (nine) than TD passes (eight) in his career, but he does have Terrance Williams (957 rec yds, 11 TD) to throw to. The Mustangs lost eight offensive starters, and will turn to Texas outcast QB Garrett Gilbert (13 TD, 23 INT in Big 12 play) to operate the Run 'n' Shoot. SMU star RB Zach Line (foot) should be able to start.

STATFOX FORECASTER:

SMU **31**
Baylor **41**

- BAYLOR is 11-3 ATS as a favorite over the last two seasons.
- SMU is 10-22 ATS in road games in the first month of the season since 1992.
- BAYLOR is 10-2 OVER in home games over the last two seasons.



GEORGIA TECH

vs

VIRGINIA TECH (-7½)



• (215) GEORGIA TECH (SU: 8-5, ATS: 5-7) at (216) VIRGINIA TECH (SU: 11-3, ATS: 4-9) - Monday, 9/3/2012 8:00 PM

	TEAM OFFENSE								TEAM DEFENSE						
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	TOD
GEORGIA TECH	+8.2	33.2	34	20	55-316 (5.7)	13-6-142 (11.1)	68-458 (6.7)	1-1	26	18	36-162 (4.5)	30-17-198 (6.7)	66-360 (5.5)	1-1	+3
VIRGINIA TECH	+10.3	34.2	28	21	42-187 (4.4)	29-17-226 (7.8)	71-413 (5.8)	1-1	18	16	32-104 (3.2)	30-15-201 (6.8)	62-305 (4.9)	0-1	+5

GAME BREAKDOWN: Virginia Tech has won four of five against Georgia Tech and two straight, including last year's win-and-cover 37-26 victory in which Logan Thomas threw for 209 yards. Thomas will be working behind an inexperienced O-line this season, with practically no experience among the RB group. The Hokies defensive strength is up front, and they'll stack the box against the Yellow Jackets' triple-option. Georgia Tech returns their top three runners, but its seldom-used passing game has no experienced receivers.

STATFOX FORECASTER:

Georgia Tech **23**
Virginia Tech **30**

- Frank Beamer is 38-18 ATS as a favorite of 3.5 to 10 points as coach of VIRGINIA TECH.
- Paul Johnson is 35-16 ATS away in games played on a grass field.
- VIRGINIA TECH is 10-3 UNDER in all lined games last season.

► (135) UCF (-24) (SU: 5-7, ATS: 5-7) at (136) AKRON (SU: 1-11, ATS: 3-8) - Thursday, 8/30/2012 7:00 PM

KEY GAME TREND: George O'Leary is 9-1 UNDER away in the first month of the season as coach of UCF.

STATFOX FORECASTER: UCF 35, AKRON 14

► (137) E MICHIGAN (SU: 6-6, ATS: 6-4) at (138) BALL ST (-4) (SU: 6-6, ATS: 7-5) - Thursday, 8/30/2012 7:00 PM

KEY GAME TREND: BALL ST is 8-1 OVER in home games since the start of the 2010 season.

STATFOX FORECASTER: UCF 35, AKRON 14

► (141) MASSACHUSETTS (SU: 5-6, ATS: 0-1) at (142) CONNECTICUT (-24.5) (SU: 5-7, ATS: 4-8) - Thursday, 8/30/2012 7:30 PM

KEY GAME TREND: Paul Pasqualoni is 8-1 ATS against MAC opponents.

STATFOX FORECASTER: CONNECTICUT 35, MASSACHUSETTS 10

► (143) UCLA (-15) (SU: 6-8, ATS: 5-9) at (144) RICE (SU: 4-8, ATS: 5-7) - Thursday, 8/30/2012 7:30 PM

KEY GAME TREND: David Bailiff is 6-14 ATS in non-conference games as coach of RICE.

STATFOX FORECASTER: UCLA 31, RICE 23

► (147) MINNESOTA (-9.5) (SU: 3-9, ATS: 7-5) at (148) UNLV (SU: 2-10, ATS: 4-8) - Thursday, 8/30/2012 11:00 PM

KEY GAME TREND: UNLV is 15-6 OVER as an underdog since the start of the 2010 season.

STATFOX FORECASTER: MINNESOTA 28, UNLV 20

► (149) UTSA (SU: 4-6, ATS: 0-0) at (150) S ALABAMA (-6.5) (SU: 6-4, ATS: 2-0) - Thursday, 8/30/2012 7:30 PM

KEY GAME TREND: Larry Coker is 19-9 UNDER in road games as coach of UTSA.

STATFOX FORECASTER: S ALABAMA 27, UTSA 21

► (155) SAN JOSE ST (SU: 5-7, ATS: 8-4) at (156) STANFORD (-25.5) (SU: 11-2, ATS: 10-2) - Friday, 8/31/2012 10:00 PM

KEY GAME TREND: STANFORD is 7-0 ATS in non-conference games since the start of the 2010 season.

STATFOX FORECASTER: STANFORD 56, SAN JOSE ST 19

► (159) MARSHALL (SU: 7-6, ATS: 8-5) at (160) W VIRGINIA (-24) (SU: 10-3, ATS: 7-6) - Saturday, 9/1/2012 12:00 PM

KEY GAME TREND: MARSHALL is 4-10 ATS in its last 14 games on the road.

STATFOX FORECASTER: W VIRGINIA 45, MARSHALL 20

► (167) W MICHIGAN (SU: 7-6, ATS: 7-5) at (168) ILLINOIS (-10) (SU: 7-6, ATS: 6-7) - Saturday, 9/1/2012 12:00 PM

KEY GAME TREND: Bill Cubit is 2-9 ATS in the first two weeks of the season as coach of W MICHIGAN.

STATFOX FORECASTER: ILLINOIS 28, W MICHIGAN 25

► (169) TULSA (SU: 8-5, ATS: 7-6) at (170) IOWA ST (pk) (SU: 6-7, ATS: 7-6) - Saturday, 9/1/2012 3:30 PM

KEY GAME TREND: Paul Rhoads is 22-8 UNDER in games played on a grass field as coach of IOWA ST.

STATFOX FORECASTER: TULSA 32, IOWA ST 20

► (171) NEVADA (SU: 7-6, ATS: 5-6) at (172) CALIFORNIA (-10.5) (SU: 7-6, ATS: 7-6) - Saturday, 9/1/2012 3:00 PM

KEY GAME TREND: Jeff Tedford is 9-2 ATS at home in the first two weeks of the season as coach of CALIFORNIA.

STATFOX FORECASTER: CALIFORNIA 25, NEVADA 23

COLLEGE FOOTBALL WEEK 1: AUG. 30 - SEPT. 3

► (179) COLORADO (-6.5) (SU: 3-10, ATS: 4-9) vs. (180) COLORADO ST (SU: 3-9, ATS: 4-8) - Saturday, 9/1/2012 4:00 PM

KEY GAME TREND: COLORADO is 2-10 ATS away when playing on a Saturday since the start of the 2010 season.

STATFOX FORECASTER: COLORADO 28, COLORADO ST 27

► (181) BUFFALO (SU: 3-9, ATS: 6-6) at (182) GEORGIA (-38) (SU: 10-4, ATS: 8-6) - Saturday, 9/1/2012 12:20 PM

KEY GAME TREND: Quinn Jeff is 5-13 ATS as an underdog as coach of BUFFALO.

STATFOX FORECASTER: GEORGIA 50, BUFFALO 12

► (185) WYOMING (SU: 8-5, ATS: 7-6) at (186) TEXAS (-30) (SU: 8-5, ATS: 7-6) - Saturday, 9/1/2012 7:00 PM

KEY GAME TREND: Dave Christensen is 12-3 ATS as a road underdog as coach of WYOMING.

STATFOX FORECASTER: TEXAS 33, WYOMING 15

► (187) TEXAS ST (SU: 6-6, ATS: 0-2) at (188) HOUSTON (-36.5) (SU: 13-1, ATS: 11-3) - Saturday, 9/1/2012 8:00 PM

KEY GAME TREND: HOUSTON is 11-3 ATS as a favorite since the start of the 2010 season.

STATFOX FORECASTER: HOUSTON 51, TEXAS ST 10

► (195) RUTGERS (-20) (SU: 9-4, ATS: 9-4) at (196) TULANE (SU: 2-11, ATS: 5-8) - Saturday, 9/1/2012 8:00 PM

KEY GAME TREND: TULANE is 1-6 ATS in its last 7 games at home.

STATFOX FORECASTER: RUTGERS 31, TULANE 14

► (197) OKLAHOMA (-30) (SU: 10-3, ATS: 7-6) at (198) UTEP (SU: 5-7, ATS: 6-6) - Saturday, 9/1/2012 10:30 PM

KEY GAME TREND: Bob Stoops is 85-67 ATS when playing on a Saturday as coach of OKLAHOMA.

STATFOX FORECASTER: OKLAHOMA 46, UTEP 23

► (199) TOLEDO (SU: 9-4, ATS: 7-6) at (200) ARIZONA (-11) (SU: 4-8, ATS: 4-8) - Saturday, 9/1/2012 10:30 PM

KEY GAME TREND: Rich Rodriguez is 38-57 ATS when playing on a Saturday.

STATFOX FORECASTER: TOLEDO 44, ARIZONA 39

► (201) SAN DIEGO ST (SU: 8-5, ATS: 5-7) at (202) WASHINGTON (-14) (SU: 7-6, ATS: 7-6) - Saturday, 9/1/2012 10:30 PM

KEY GAME TREND: WASHINGTON is 1-4 ATS in its last 5 games.

STATFOX FORECASTER: WASHINGTON 38, SAN DIEGO ST 26

► (203) TROY (-5) (SU: 3-9, ATS: 3-9) at (204) UAB (SU: 3-9, ATS: 7-5) - Saturday, 9/1/2012 12:00 PM

KEY GAME TREND: TROY is 6-17 ATS when playing on a Saturday since the start of the 2010 season.

STATFOX FORECASTER: UAB 34, TROY 23

► (205) FLA INTERNATIONAL (SU: 8-5, ATS: 6-7) at (206) DUKE (-3.5) (SU: 3-9, ATS: 6-6) - Saturday, 9/1/2012 7:00 PM

KEY GAME TREND: FLA INTERNATIONAL was 6-0 UNDER in road games last season.

STATFOX FORECASTER: FLA INTERNATIONAL 25, DUKE 23

► (207) NORTH TEXAS (SU: 5-7, ATS: 7-5) at (208) LSU (-43.5) (SU: 13-1, ATS: 10-4) - Saturday, 9/1/2012 7:00 PM

KEY GAME TREND: Dan McCarney is 20-36 ATS as a road underdog.

STATFOX FORECASTER: LSU 57, NORTH TEXAS 9

NFL REGULAR SEASON WIN TOTAL PROPS



ARIZONA CARDINALS

Sportsbook.com Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 6.5 (-130) / Under 6.5 (Even)

OFFENSE: RB Beanie Wells was moderately effective last year, though the Cards would rather have Ryan Williams, coming off knee surgery, taking a large portion of the carries. QBs Kevin Kolb and John Skelton continue to battle for the starting job. The Cardinals were more aggressive throwing downfield last year, especially letting Larry Fitzgerald battle for the 50/50 ball. They hope to do the same thing on the other side with rookie Michael Floyd.

DEFENSE: Partly because its subpar offense kept its defense on the field for the third-most minutes in the NFL, Arizona's yardage allowed was mediocre. The Cardinals defense is improving up front, but their secondary, particularly Patrick Peterson, is vulnerable. Peterson is, however, one of the league's best return men coming off a four-TD rookie season. Daryl Washington is a bit undersized for an inside linebacker, but he moves like a defensive back.

BOTTOM LINE: Without a legitimate starting quarterback and an improving NFC West division, Arizona is destined for another losing season. The Cards have the fourth-toughest schedule in the NFL, with road trips to New England, Green Bay, Atlanta and the New York Jets. **UNDER 6.5**



ATLANTA FALCONS

Sportsbook.com Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 9 (-140) / Under 9 (+110)

OFFENSE: New offensive coordinator Dirk Koetter isn't nearly as run-happy as departed play-caller Mike Mularkey, so this offense won't be nearly as ground-heavy as it's been in recent seasons. RB Michael Turner is declining, and Jacquizz Rodgers has carved out a role as a change-of-pace back who will get the ball in a variety of ways. Roddy White should again be QB Matt Ryan's No. 1 target, and Julio Jones will be targeted more frequently downfield.

DEFENSE: The Falcons have a decent overall defense, but they lost their middle linebacker Curtis Lofton to the Saints. He'll be replaced by Sean Weather- spoon, who displayed outstanding range on the outside last season, but may take some time to adjust to the new role. The addition of CB Asante Samuel instantly improves Atlanta's secondary because he has the ability to make opposing quarterbacks pay for trying to avoid throwing at CB Brent Grimes.

BOTTOM LINE: This team has won at least nine games for four consecutive years, and the Falcons should be even better this season. The schedule is favorable (20th-toughest in NFL), and both Matt Ryan and Julio Jones are rising stars in what should be a high-powered passing offense. **OVER 9**



BALTIMORE RAVENS

Sportsbook.com Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 10 (+150) / Under 10 (-180)

OFFENSE: The Ravens have steadily mixed in more and more zone stretch plays for RB Ray Rice and have had plenty of success doing it, especially now that their line heavily utilizes cut blocking. WR Torrey Smith emerged last season as a legitimate field stretcher to complement Anquan Boldin. Offensive coordinator Cam Cameron will use more 2-TE sets with Ed Dickson and Dennis Pitta, the one receiver QB Joe Flacco consistently looks for over the middle.

DEFENSE: The off-season Achilles' injury to reigning NFL Defensive Player of the Year Terrell Suggs could be enough to keep this from being an elite defense. Baltimore does have experience in veterans Ed Reed and Ray Lewis—neither of whom shows any significant signs of slowing down—and Haloti Ngata is one of the best interior linemen in the league. CB Lardarius Webb had a great first year as a starter, and S Bernard Pollard had 89 total tackles.

BOTTOM LINE: Baltimore remains one of the best teams in the NFL with its suffocating defense and explosive rushing attack led by Ray Rice. The schedule is difficult, but the Ravens play most of the elite non-divisional opponents at home (Patriots, Broncos, Cowboys and Giants). **OVER 10**



BUFFALO BILLS

Sportsbook.com Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 7.5 (-240) / Under 7.5 (+180)

OFFENSE: The Bills are largely committed to zone blocking, going away from two-RB backfields and running effectively out of their three-WR base. They'll spread defenses out then use a lot of inside-zone plays, especially when Fred Jackson is healthy. Buffalo's passing game is limited by Ryan Fitzpatrick's lack of arm strength, forcing the team to spread the field. Steve Johnson is Fitzpatrick's security blanket, and TE Scott Chandler works the middle.

DEFENSE: The Bills doled out a lot of money for OLB Mario Williams and DE Mark Anderson this offseason, and this duo should improve the team's pass rush significantly. Williams, in particular, should thrive playing the LDE position in his new 4-3 scheme. Their presence allows 22-year-old Marcell Dareus to find more room to rush his 320-pound frame up the middle. Nick Barnett is a strong WLB in the 4-3, and S George Wilson is a premier run-stopper.

BOTTOM LINE: There are still too many question marks on both sides of the ball to wager on the Bills at -240 odds to finish with at least a .500 record. Buffalo has not won eight games in a year since 2004, posting a dismal 16-32 record over the past three seasons. **UNDER 7.5**



CAROLINA PANTHERS

Sportsbook.com Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 7.5 (-170) / Under 7.5 (+140)

OFFENSE: OC Rob Chudzinski's offense is rooted in the big play, which is why it suits Cam Newton so well. Besides giving him space to improvise, Newton's first read is almost always Steve Smith downfield. While Brandon LaFell became more involved in the offense, Newton rarely got past his second read. The RB rotation is tough to figure out with DeAngelo Williams, Jonathan Stewart and newcomer Mike Tolbert all capable of a full workload.

DEFENSE: Carolina ranked 27th in scoring defense and 28th in total defense in 2011, and still needs a ton of work. But selecting LB tackling machine Luke Kuechly ninth overall was a nice upgrade—with Kuechly and Jon Beason at linebacker, Charles Johnson will be freed up to do what he does best, which is rush the quarterback. Charles Godfrey, who has excellent range for a strong safety, should once again anchor the secondary.

BOTTOM LINE: There doesn't seem to be many games that the Panthers will be favored to win. Out-of-division road trips versus the Bears, Eagles, Chargers will be particularly difficult, and the home schedule isn't easy either, with the Giants, Cowboys and Broncos landing in Charlotte. **UNDER 7.5**

NFL REGULAR SEASON WIN TOTAL PROPS



CHICAGO BEARS

Sportsbook.com Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 9.5 (-115) / Under 9.5 (-115)

OFFENSE: The Bears' brought in Jeremy Bates, who was close with Jay Cutler in Denver, as quarterbacks coach. Cutler will now be hitting big receivers facing him. Brandon Marshall is reunited with Cutler and should see a heavy majority of passes. Rookie Alshon Jeffery is expected to start opposite Marshall. Matt Forte figures to have only a slightly lesser workload under new OC Mike Tice. Michael Bush should take closer to 35-40 percent of reps.

DEFENSE: The star of the defense is DE Julius Peppers, who still dominated in all facets in 2011 despite playing through a knee injury. Linebacker Brian Urlacher is coming off back-to-back 100-tackle seasons, but he's also coming off a major knee sprain. LB Lance Briggs looked half a step slow last year, failing to record double-digit total tackles in a game even once after Week 3. DB Charles Tillman is outstanding in run support, but not so much in coverage.

BOTTOM LINE: This friendly schedule is definitely conducive to double-digit wins. The Bears will be heavily favored in non-divisional home games versus the Colts, Rams, Panthers and Seahawks, and trips to face the rebuilding Jaguars, Titans and Cardinals should also provide more victories. **OVER 9.5**



CINCINNATI BENGALS

Sportsbook.com Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 8 (+110) / Under 8 (-140)

OFFENSE: The Bengals returned to a run-first offense in 2011, and that should continue with BenJarvus Green-Ellis stepping in for Cedric Benson. OC Jay Gruden mixed in some more zone blocking principles and stretch plays last year, something that didn't fit with Benson at all. Gruden's offense is West Coast in terminology, but they pressure secondaries deep with A.J. Green. TE Jermaine Gresham works the middle as the No. 2 target for QB Andy Dalton.

DEFENSE: The Bengals defense showed an ability to get to the quarterback in 2011, with 14 players contributing at least one sack to a total that placed fifth in the NFL. Rookie CB Dre' Kirkpatrick will help out the defense with his coverage skills, but this unit doesn't make enough big plays to provide the offense with a lot of short fields. The one guy in the secondary capable of making a big play is Reggie Nelson, a rangy centerfielder at free safety.

BOTTOM LINE: Despite playing at home in six of the final 10 games, Cincinnati figures to be the underdog in all but one of these 10 contests (Week 12 vs. Oakland) with the Steelers, Broncos, Giants, Cowboys and Ravens all coming to Cincy. The Bengals are 5-18 SU in the past 23 games as a 'dog. **UNDER 8**



CLEVELAND BROWNS

Sportsbook.com Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 5 (-135) / Under 5 (+105)

OFFENSE: In a perfect world, head coach Pat Shurmur would make this offense much more pass-heavy, but rookie RB Trent Richardson is his best offensive player by a wide margin. The Browns will continue to pound the ball between the tackles, and Richardson can stay on the field for three downs. With rookie QB Brandon Weeden starting, this will continue to be a classic West Coast attack, so Greg Little will continue to see the majority of passes.

DEFENSE: Cleveland actually allowed the fifth-fewest points in the league and finished 10th in total defense last year, but the Browns don't make enough big plays necessary to compensate for what's been a weak offense. Manning the middle after Cleveland's switch to a 4-3 defense was D'Qwell Jackson, whose 116 solo tackles were the most anyone in the NFL has had since 2007. The best player on this unit is DE Jabaal Sheard, who dominated as a rookie.

BOTTOM LINE: Cleveland's offense surpassed 17 points just twice in 2011, scoring 27 at Indy and 20 at Cincinnati. With a rookie quarterback and no free-agent upgrades on offense, don't expect the Browns to start piling up the points this year. They haven't won five games since 2007, going 18-46. **UNDER 5**



DALLAS COWBOYS

Sportsbook.com Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 8.5 (-180) / Under 8.5 (+150)

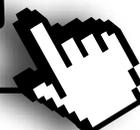
OFFENSE: This is still an aggressive Air Coryell offense. It's a pick-your-poison offense of top-to-bottom reads, where Dez Bryant is often the first look. The double teams he drew are what opened up room for Romo's security blanket, TE Jason Witten. Miles Austin still has a big role as well. As far as the running back rotation, DeMarco Murray will take almost all the snaps on first and second down, while third down will likely belong to Felix Jones.

DEFENSE: The Cowboys know they need to improve on defense, and drafting the top DB in college, Morris Claiborne, was a good first step in the right direction. OLB DeMarcus Ware (19.5 sacks in 2011) will always keep Dallas near the top of the sack charts, and he was also second in the league in non-sack pressures (40.5 knockdowns and hurries). Sean Lee showed off some impressive ball skills in intercepting four passes from the linebacker position.

BOTTOM LINE: The schedule is the toughest in the NFL, with eight games versus 2011 playoff teams plus two more matchups with a potent Philadelphia club. However, Dallas has five home games versus non-playoff opponents, and has posted a winning record in five of the past seven seasons. **OVER 8.5**



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DENVER BRONCOS

Sportsbook.com Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 8.5 (-185) / Under 8.5 (+155)

OFFENSE: This offense is basically being handed over to Peyton Manning. Demaryius Thomas is his most gifted receiver, but Eric Decker, who has experience in pro style offenses, should be able to pick this up more quickly. The Broncos figure to use two tight ends often, with Jacob Tamme playing more H-back and occasional slot as a receiver. RB Willis McGahee will have an adjustment to make again; he benefitted from the threat of Tim Tebow last year.

DEFENSE: John Fox certainly made his mark felt on the defense in his first year as Denver's head coach. The Broncos D will benefit from Peyton Manning leading longer drives on offense in 2012. The healthy return of Elvis Dumervil to partner with Von Miller forms a potent pass-rushing LB tandem. After missing 2010 with a torn pectoral muscle, Dumervil took a while to adjust to Denver's new 4-3 scheme, but had all 9.5 of his sacks in November/December.

BOTTOM LINE: Denver has the 6th-toughest schedule in 2012, with only one indoor game for Peyton Manning (at Falcons). All three division opponents should be improved this year, which is bad news for a Broncos club that's 4-10 in its past 14 AFC West tilts, and hasn't won 9 games since 2007. **UNDER 8.5**



DETROIT LIONS

Sportsbook.com Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 9 (-115) / Under 9 (-115)

OFFENSE: This is an aggressive downfield passing game that has Matthew Stafford looking to get the ball to Calvin Johnson on just about every play. They'll start using Titus Young to stretch the middle of the field. The Lions couldn't run the ball last year. They were the NFL's most pass-heavy offense, throwing 66.4 percent of the time. Jahvid Best will take the majority of the carries as long as he's healthy, with Kevin Smith and Mikel Leshoure rotating in.

DEFENSE: The Lions defense has improved tremendously over the past four years. Detroit still allows too many points and yards against the league's top offenses, but this unit has the ability to punish below-average offenses. Expect breakout years from young star DLs Nick Fairley and Ndamukong Suh, who will enter the season injury-free. The linebacking corps is solid with MLB Stephen Tulloch joining two active OLBs in DeAndre Levy and Justin Durant.

BOTTOM LINE: This team is built on throwing the football, and there should be only one freezing cold venue to play in all year (Lambeau Field). Detroit also plays a quarter of its games against the three worst teams in the league last year -- 3-13 Vikings (two), 2-14 Colts and 2-14 Rams. **OVER 9**



GREEN BAY PACKERS

Sportsbook.com Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 11.5 (-130) / Under 11.5 (Even)

OFFENSE: Aaron Rodgers is often willing to throw downfield into coverage and trust his receivers. Greg Jennings still gets the most looks, with Jordy Nelson taking advantage of single coverage and out-producing him despite fewer targets. TE Jermichael Finley works medium-to-deep in the middle of the field. Head coach Mike McCarthy has leaned towards a time share in recent years, and will likely continue that with Cedric Benson and James Starks.

DEFENSE: Green Bay tied for the league lead with 38 forced turnovers last year, and will continue to pick off passes with a ball-hungry secondary that frequently takes chances. The addition of run-clogging DTs Anthony Hargrove and Daniel Muir will allow relentless pass rusher Clay Matthews to get to the quarterback. LB Desmond Bishop has been a rock since moving into the starting lineup in 2010. Despite his age, DB Charles Woodson is still a force.

BOTTOM LINE: Winning a dozen games is a tall task for any team, especially one with the 12th-hardest schedule. The Packers are a great, but still have holes to fill with multiple injuries to their running backs and a suspect defense that allowed the most yards in the NFL last year (412 YPG). **UNDER 11.5**



HOUSTON TEXANS

Sportsbook.com Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 9.5 (-220) / Under 9.5 (+170)

OFFENSE: Last year, only the Broncos were more run-heavy than Houston, who kept it on the ground even when QB Matt Schaub was healthy. When he's under center, Arian Foster still takes about 70 percent of the reps despite the emergence of Ben Tate. The Texans use a West Coast passing game that doesn't take a lot of chances downfield. Andre Johnson is the focal point, playing at numerous spots. TE Owen Daniels is essentially the No. 2 receiver.

DEFENSE: Wade Phillips made dramatic improvements to this defense last year, but he also had better personnel to work with, especially in the secondary with newcomers Johnathan Joseph and Danieal Manning. Youngsters J.J. Watt and Connor Barwin are relentless pass rushers who create turnovers, and the team didn't miss Mario Williams after he was injured in October. Brian Cushing had a big year after moving inside in Phillips' 3-4 defense.

BOTTOM LINE: Houston has the seventh-easiest schedule in the NFL, thanks to a terrible AFC South and three easy home games against the Dolphins, Bills and Vikings. Although the road will be tough (at Broncos, Jets, Bears, Lions and Patriots), the Texans should still earn a first-round bye. **OVER 9.5**



INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

Sportsbook.com Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 5.5 (-145) / Under 5.5 (+115)

OFFENSE: Andrew Luck's offense will feature a lot of timing routes and the Colts figure to install a two-tight end base after drafting Coby Fleener and Dwayne Allen in the top 70. Fleener will stretch the middle of the field for Reggie Wayne, who will be Luck's No. 1 target. Delone Carter would seem to be a better fit for Indy's new physical running game, but Donald Brown's more well-rounded skill set will likely make this at least a time share.

DEFENSE: The Colts defense was atrocious in 2011, and they could be just as bad this season. Andrew Luck might lower the defense's time on the field (NFL-high 33:46 per game last year), but this is a unit with a bunch of holes to patch up. Indy focused more on offensive improvements in the draft. The undersized Pat Angerer made a lot of tackles in 2011 after moving to MLB in Week 2, and he'll be the team's primary run-stopper in Chuck Pagano's 3-4.

BOTTOM LINE: The Total is low, but the rebuilding Colts will be significant road underdogs all year. They went 0-8 on the road last year, losing by an average score of 31-13. Even if they miraculously win a couple of road games, they'll still need to go 4-4 at home to hit the Over. **UNDER 5.5**

NFL REGULAR SEASON WIN TOTAL PROPS



JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

Sportsbook.com Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 5 (-160) / Under 5 (+130)

OFFENSE: New head coach Mike Mularkey has always piloted run-heavy offenses, and he retained veteran offensive line coach Andy Heck. The Jags will continue to use a zone-blocking scheme and run a lot of stretch plays with Maurice Jones-Drew. With QB Blaine Gabbert, Mularkey will be trying to build his confidence with high-percentage throws coming off simplified reads. Rookie Justin Blackmon and Laurent Robinson should be 1 and 1A in targets.

DEFENSE: The Jags saw an uptick in every category on the defensive end last season, as the defense was by far the team's strongest unit. DL Jeremy Mincey was paid handsomely (4 years, \$27.2M) after an impressive 12 sacks and 81 total tackles in 24 games as a starter. LB Paul Posluszny posted big tackle numbers in his first season with the Jags. Safety Dawan Landry doesn't provide much in terms of pass coverage, but he's a strong tackler.

BOTTOM LINE: Blaine Gabbert is easily the worst starting quarterback in the league, and with RB Maurice Jones-Drew still holding out, there are very few offensive players that can actually make a difference. It appears that Jacksonville will be favored only once the entire year (versus Colts). **UNDER 5**



KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Sportsbook.com Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 8 (Even) / Under 8 (-130)

OFFENSE: Even though new OC Brian Daboll and offensive line coach Jack Bicknell Jr. are more versed in power blocking, they apparently lured RT Eric Winston from Houston by promising more of a zone scheme. Jamaal Charles is the starter as soon as he proves he's healthy, but Peyton Hillis should take at least a third of the reps at tailback. K.C. will likely spread things out for QB Matt Cassel, with more quick throws. Dwayne Bowe remains the No. 1 target.

DEFENSE: The Chiefs' 2011 defense was unspectacular, experiencing a drop in production across the board except for six more interceptions than in 2010. Kansas City does have some upside with a talented and blossoming defensive line and pass-rushing LB Tamba Hali (12 sacks in 2011). LB Derrick Johnson is a solid run-stopper on the inside and young star SS Eric Berry's knee should be 100 percent after he missed essentially all of last season with a torn ACL.

BOTTOM LINE: On paper this is the third-easiest schedule in the NFL, but seven of the Chiefs' opponents made the playoffs last year (Falcons, Saints, Ravens, Steelers, Bengals and Broncos twice). Since 2007, Kansas City has won just 27 games (5.4 per year) with only one winning campaign. **UNDER 8**



MIAMI DOLPHINS

Sportsbook.com Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 7 (+160) / Under 7 (-190)

OFFENSE: The Dolphins will have a different look under new head coach Joe Philbin, as his West Coast offense figures to emphasize short catch-and-run plays rather than the between-the-tackles running used in recent years. Reggie Bush has some experience in this system and backup Daniel Thomas should also thrive in the new system. Slot man Davone Bess and TE Anthony Fasano figure to be the top targets for rookie QB Ryan Tannehill.

DEFENSE: Miami excelled in stopping the run in 2011, and wound up placing third in the NFL (96 rush YPG). Although the defense did not markedly improve in its offense-focused draft, the Dolphins signed CB Richard Marshall and should remain capable of stopping most opposing offenses. Miami is switching to a 4-3 and MLB Karlos Dansby will be the key to maintaining the team's performance against the run. He's most comfortable in a 3-4 though.

BOTTOM LINE: Despite the 7th-easiest schedule on paper, the Dolphins could have the worst offense in football with a rookie quarterback, no power running back and the least-talented receiving corps in the entire NFL. Miami has surpassed seven wins just once in the past six seasons. **UNDER 7**



MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Sportsbook.com Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 6 (Even) / Under 6 (-130)

OFFENSE: OC Bill Musgrave's new zone-blocking scheme was a plus for Adrian Peterson and Toby Gerhart, who were both excellent running the ball last season. After tearing his ACL last December, Peterson might not be ready to go full speed in September, in which case Gerhart would carry a heavy workload. Musgrave has Christian Ponder moving around a lot in a West Coast passing game, targeting mostly WR Percy Harvin and TE Kyle Rudolph.

DEFENSE: Despite tying the Eagles for the most sacks in the NFL last year, the Vikings were unimpressive on the defensive side of the ball. DE Jared Allen (22 sacks) is still the most ferocious DE in football, but this secondary is awful, coming off an eight-interception season with 251 passing YPG allowed. LB Chad Greenway is one-dimensional as a run-stopper, but he has excelled in that area. When healthy, CB Antonio Winfield, 35, still shines in run support.

BOTTOM LINE: Considering Minnesota has lost 11 straight NFC North contests, and the division is only getting stronger, it's difficult to bank on any division wins. Even if the Vikings go 1-5 in NFC North play, they still need to go 6-4 versus the rest of the schedule to eclipse the Over mark. Not likely. **UNDER 6**



NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

Sportsbook.com Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 12.5 (+125) / Under 12.5 (-155)

OFFENSE: Josh McDaniels returns to the role of offensive coordinator—he called plays for New England in 2007, a record-setting year for Tom Brady and the offense. Wes Welker and Aaron Hernandez are utilized frequently out of the slot underneath, while Rob Gronkowski is used as a field stretcher working up the seam. The addition of Brandon Lloyd, means more deep shots for Brady. Stevan Ridley will be the main ball carrier with Shane Vereen as his backup.

DEFENSE: The Patriots allow gobs of yardage, especially through the air, but they will also force a lot of turnovers and don't allow as many points as you'd expect of a defense that surrenders so many yards. DT Vince Wilfork is a monster in the middle, and the team is expected to have a better pass rush in 2012 with the expected contributions from rookies Chandler Jones and Dont'a Hightower. Jerod Mayo was limited by a knee injury through most of 2011.

BOTTOM LINE: With the second-easiest schedule in the NFL, the Patriots have a legitimate shot at going undefeated. They should be favored by at least a touchdown in seven road games, and face just four 2011 playoff teams (Ravens, Broncos, Texans and 49ers), hosting three of these squads. **OVER 12.5**



NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Sportsbook.com Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 9.5 (-145) / Under 9.5 (+115)

OFFENSE: While this will be a trying year with head coach Sean Payton suspended, OC Pete Carmichael Jr. has been his right hand man running the offense for the past three seasons. New Orleans will continue to use spread principles with Drew Brees finding TE Jimmy Graham and WR Marques Colston as targets 1 and 1A. Mark Ingram and Pierre Thomas will get the most carries while Darren Sproles is most often used as a receiver out of the backfield.

DEFENSE: The Saints ranked 30th in pass defense and are coming off a second straight season with a meager nine interceptions. Defensive leader LB Jonathan Vilma is suspended for the entire season for bounty nonsense. Safety Roman Harper often blitzed and played almost exclusively in the box under former defensive coordinator Gregg Williams, and he will likely have a less aggressive role under new coordinator Steve Spagnuolo.

BOTTOM LINE: Although New Orleans has the fourth-easiest schedule in the league, they will have to face some top-notch quarterbacks in Aaron Rodgers, Philip Rivers, Peyton Manning, Michael Vick, Eli Manning, Tony Romo, Matt Ryan (twice) and Cam Newton (twice). The Saints will struggle. **UNDER 9.5**



NEW YORK GIANTS

Sportsbook.com Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 9 (-105) / Under 9 (-125)

OFFENSE: The key players in offensive coordinator Kevin Gilbride's complex passing game have meshed nicely with Eli Manning targeting WR Hakeem Nicks and slot man Victor Cruz equally. Rookie burner Rueben Randle makes them more potent. The Giants' run game is built primarily around man-on-man power blocking. Despite using a first-round pick on RB David Wilson, Ahmad Bradshaw is still expected to handle the majority of the snaps.

DEFENSE: The Giants have nearly 100 sacks over the past two seasons, with stars Jason Pierre-Paul and Justin Tuck (when healthy) anchoring what's arguably the NFL's best defensive line. Antrel Rolle played safety and some slot corner last year, but the return of CB Terrell Thomas, who tore his ACL last August, and the addition of rookie CB Jayron Hosley allows Rolle to play more exclusively at his natural safety position.

BOTTOM LINE: The Giants have the second-toughest schedule in the NFL, but they face just one playoff opponent in their first eight games (Week 6 at 49ers). New York has won at least eight games in seven straight seasons, reaching the playoffs five times in this span. **OVER 9**



NEW YORK JETS

Sportsbook.com Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 8.5 (+125) / Under 8.5 (-155)

OFFENSE: Things will be different under new OC Tony Sparano, who preached power running recently in Miami and Dallas. Expect a heavy dose of Shonn Greene plus some single-wing-type sets for Tim Tebow, who should see an average of up to 10 reps per game. Despite his erratic arm, Mark Sanchez has the feet and athleticism to make the play-action part work. Santonio Holmes is by far the best receiver, but rookie Stephen Hill is a better fit in this scheme.

DEFENSE: The Jets defense continue to back up its trash talk. The one exception last year was the pass rush, where Gang Green is hoping first-rounder Quinton Coples will help. If he does, it will allow LB David Harris to blitz less and commit to the run more often, which will improve a Jets rushing defense that was inconsistent in 2011. Darrelle Revis continues to be the best shutdown corner in the game and new S LaRon Landry should make an impact.

BOTTOM LINE: The Jets have a tough schedule, especially to start the season. They could very well begin 2-5 and have five road games in their final eight contests to try to catch up. Considering the odds, take the plus money here and expect another season of .500 or worse. **UNDER 8.5**



OAKLAND RAIDERS

Sportsbook.com Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 7.5 (+125) / Under 7.5 (-155)

OFFENSE: OC Greg Knapp prefers a catch-and-run West Coast passing game to the vertical attack the Raiders usually employ. Considering his fading arm strength, QB Carson Palmer should benefit. His receivers don't really fit the West Coast mold though—Darrius Heyward-Bey, Denarius Moore and Jacoby Ford are all primarily deep threats. Darren McFadden thrived in the power-blocking scheme, but he's also had success in the current one-cut system.

DEFENSE: The Raiders were woeful on defense in 2011, ranking 27th in the NFL in both passing defense and rushing defense, and allowing the fourth-most points in the league. They should benefit from the return of DE Matt Shaughnessy, whose 2011 season was cut very short by a shoulder injury. Although safety Tyvon Branch is a solid run-stopper, the Raiders are severely lacking in talent when it comes to pass coverage.

BOTTOM LINE: The Raiders could make some noise in the AFC West this year with the fifth-easiest schedule in the league. Assuming the offense stays healthy, there are a ton of winnable games and only a couple instances of possible bad weather tilts against the Ravens and Bengals. **OVER 7.5**



PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Sportsbook.com Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 10 (-145) / Under 9.5 (+115)

OFFENSE: The Eagles' West Coast is aggressive attacking downfield. Despite last year's issues, DeSean Jackson downfield is still this team's No. 1 option, especially when QB Michael Vick is able to buy time with his legs. WR Jeremy Maclin will have a bigger role now. Stud RB LeSean McCoy was overworked last season, so look for a reduction to about 70 percent of the team's reps, keeping all of the red-zone touches. Backup Dion Lewis will pick up the rest.

DEFENSE: Plenty of talent remains in the secondary, most notably shutdown corners Nnamdi Asomugha and Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie. There's also plenty of talent up front with DEs Jason Babin (18 sacks) and Trent Cole (11 sacks). The weakness of this defense in 2011 was the linebacking corps, which is where former Texans LB DeMeco Ryans comes in. A likely three-down 4-3 MLB in Philly, it's imperative that Ryans continues as a productive middle man.

BOTTOM LINE: Although the Eagles play the seventh-hardest schedule in the NFL, they actually have the easiest slate in the NFC East. Philly has made the playoffs in nine of 12 seasons, winning at least 10 games in eight of those campaigns. If Vick stays healthy, they'll be division champs. **OVER #.#**

NFL REGULAR SEASON WIN TOTAL PROPS



PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Sportsbook.com Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 10 (-105) / Under 10 (-125)

OFFENSE: Much was made about former coordinator Bruce Arians' aversion to the running game, and new OC Todd Haley (who was the head coach of the run-heavy Chiefs) has been brought in to correct that. With Rashard Mendenhall recovering from a torn ACL, Isaac Redman will get a heavy workload early on. Expect Ben Roethlisberger to use a lot of 3-WR sets with Mike Wallace and Antonio Brown on the outside, and Emmanuel Sanders in the slot.

DEFENSE: The Steelers were tied for ninth in the league in sacks despite a rash of injuries to their linebackers. Although they forced an NFL-low 15 turnovers in 2011, Pittsburgh still led the league in scoring defense and yardage defense—the schedule is kind enough to allow for a repeat of these numbers. DB Troy Polamalu has lost a half-step due to all the nagging injuries he's been dealing with. Polamalu appears to finally be on the decline.

BOTTOM LINE: This team outgained opponents by more than 100 YPG last season and winning a dozen games despite scoring just 20.3 PPG. The defense will win a few games single-handedly, and if Ben Roethlisberger can stay healthy, his career 80-33 record (.708) as a starter speaks for itself. **OVER 10**



ST. LOUIS RAMS

Sportsbook.com Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 6 (-140) / Under 6 (+110)

OFFENSE: New OC Brian Schottenheimer comes from the Jets, where he often abandoned the run and prefers to get cute with a lot of play-action trickery. Steven Jackson will still be relied on heavily as long as he remains healthy. There's a lot of crossing and dragging in Schottenheimer's complicated offense. Rookie Brian Quick and slot guys Danny Amendola and TE Lance Kendricks are likely the biggest beneficiaries for more Sam Bradford targets.

DEFENSE: Only three teams forced fewer turnovers than the Rams did in 2011, and their horrible offense helped contribute to the rise in points and yards allowed. St. Louis did improve with the off-season signings of CB Cortland Finnegan and LB Jo-Lonn Dunbar, but those two guys aren't enough to make this an above-average unit. Chris Long had a career-high 13 sacks last season with then-rookie RDE Robert Quinn drawing attention to the opposite side.

BOTTOM LINE: No matter how good of a head coach Jeff Fisher is, there is no reason to expect the Rams to improve by five wins in 2012. Their 3-12-1 ATS mark shows that they didn't lose many close games, caused by an offense which averaged a league-low 12.1 PPG. Enjoy the gift plus-money here. **UNDER 6**



SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

Sportsbook.com Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 9 (+125) / Under 9 (-155)

OFFENSE: Protection issues were at the root of Philip Rivers' mid-season struggles in 2011, but things are much better with Jared Gaither stepping in at left tackle. Rivers reads deep-to-short, with Robert Meachem taking over as the primary deep target. TE Antonio Gates will continue to run a lot of intermediate crossing routes as the No. 2 option. Ryan Mathews will be the workhorse running back when he returns around Week 3 from a broken collarbone.

DEFENSE: The Chargers' defense experienced quite a drop-off in production last season, allowing 75 more yards per game than in 2010. They brought in some solid veterans to help in 2012, but no real game-changers. First-round draft pick DE Melvin Ingram will need some seasoning before he becomes an elite pass rusher. Eric Weddle now plays more of a centerfield role rather than downhill in the box, picking off a career-high seven passes last season.

BOTTOM LINE: The Chargers have won 8+ games in each of the past eight seasons, including 11+ wins in four of those years. In 2012, they have the easiest schedule in the entire league. Considering San Diego is 8-3 in its past 11 division road games, reaching double-digit wins isn't a lofty expectation. **OVER 9**



SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

Sportsbook.com Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 9.5 (-180) / Under 9.5 (+150)

OFFENSE: Head coach Jim Harbaugh and OC Greg Roman have built a passing game that works for QB Alex Smith. Most often Michael Crabtree is the first option, with TE Vernon Davis running deeper down the middle of the field. Randy Moss and Mario Manningham are added outside weapons. Despite this firepower, the Niners offense will still be based on the power running game. Kendall Hunter and rookie LaMichael James will lighten the load for Frank Gore.

DEFENSE: The 49ers' defense is the complete package, with the league's best linebackers, a disruptive front four and an improving secondary. Justin Smith is arguably the NFL's most effective 3-4 DE. The defensive scheme funnels ball carriers to Patrick Willis, which is why he consistently racks up more than 100 solo tackles per season. Picking up the slack when Willis got hurt was NaVorro Bowman, who was excellent in his first season as a starter.

BOTTOM LINE: The Niners schedule is the 10th-toughest in football, but they'll still be favored in at least a dozen games, which is great considering they were 10-1 SU as a favorite last year. With the best defense in the NFL, the Over is a great play despite the unfavorable payoff. **OVER 9.5**



SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

Sportsbook.com Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 7.5 (-155) / Under 7.5 (+125)

OFFENSE: The Seahawks run a West Coast offense similar to the one QB Matt Flynn played in at Green Bay. Seattle uses a lot of three-WR sets, and offensive coordinator Darrell Bevell was able to open things up for slot receiver Doug Baldwin. Split end Sidney Rice is more of a perimeter threat in this offense. They also play a lot of two-tight end sets and do a lot of inside zone runs with Marshawn Lynch, who will continue to get a mammoth workload.

DEFENSE: Seattle should remain an above-average defense, finishing fourth in the NFL with 22 interceptions (Brandon Browner had six) and making huge improvements in both yards allowed and scoring defense in 2011. One of the reasons was the play of DL Chris Clemons, who has posted back-to-back 11-sack seasons. Kam Chancellor forms one of the NFL's best young safety tandems with athletic Earl Thomas, who draws comparisons to Troy Polamalu.

BOTTOM LINE: Whoever wins the starting job between Flynn and rookie Russell Wilson gives the team a huge QB upgrade from Tarvaris Jackson. The Seahawks have the 10th-easiest schedule in the NFL, taking on just five playoff opponents from a year ago. They will compete for a playoff spot. **OVER 7.5**

**TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS**

Sportsbook.com Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 5.5 (-190) / Under 5.5 (+160)

OFFENSE: The Bucs seem to be gearing up to do a lot of running this season. New head coach Greg Schiano oversaw a run-heavy team at Rutgers, and the club also added an elite left guard in Carl Nicks, a first-round back in Doug Martin and a great blocking receiver in Vincent Jackson. New OC Mike Sullivan's offense will be far more aggressive throwing downfield, which should be a nice match for Josh Freeman's arm strength and Jackson's ball skills.

DEFENSE: After allowing a league-high 30.9 PPG and ranking 30th in total defense, there's seemingly nowhere to go but up. Schiano is excited about young DLs Gerald McCoy and Adrian Clayborn, and also No. 7 overall pick S Mark Barron. If McCoy can remain healthy—a big "if" for a guy who has played in only 19 games over two NFL seasons—his presence should help free up Clayborn to rush the quarterback more freely and more often.

BOTTOM LINE: Tampa, which lost its final 10 games last year, has a schedule jam-packed with high-powered offenses that will torch this young defense. And offensively, the Bucs just don't have the firepower to hang with most NFL offenses, especially those in their NFC South division. **UNDER 5.5**

**TENNESSEE TITANS**

Sportsbook.com Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 7.5 (+120) / Under 7.5 (-150)

OFFENSE: The Titans are encouraged by what they deemed a productive offseason for RB Chris Johnson. They mix a lot of zone plays in for Johnson, though their line is more built for man blocking. The Titans were pass-happy for most of last season under OC Chris Palmer. They get the ball downfield aggressively, which won't change with Jake Locker under center. Kenny Britt, nearing 100 percent, is the first look with Nate Washington not far behind.

DEFENSE: A lot is going to be asked of LB Colin McCarthy, who was a monster after moving into the starting lineup in the middle of last season, recording 50 solo tackles over eight games as a rookie. Tennessee will be looking for starting CBs Jason McCourty and Alterraun Verner, to help fill the void created by the loss of Cortland Finnegan. Opposing QBs may target McCourty even more often now that he'll be matched up with many opposing No. 1 WRs.

BOTTOM LINE: The schedule the fifth-toughest in the NFL, but most of the elite opponents the Titans face will be at home (Patriots, Lions, Steelers, Bears and Jets), with only two road games against 2011 playoff teams (Texans and Packers). Expect eight wins for the sixth time in seven years. **OVER 7.5**

**WASHINGTON REDSKINS**

Sportsbook.com Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 6 (-160) / Under 6 (+130)

OFFENSE: Robert Griffin III is an excellent fit in the passing game of head coach Mike and OC Kyle Shanahan. They want their QBs to move around and throw on the run, and Griffin can do exactly that. Santana Moss is the No. 1 receiver by design, and Pierre Garcon will stretch the field. The Redskins generally settle on one feature back at the beginning of each game, but there's no guarantee whether it will be Roy Helu, Evan Royster or Tim Hightower.

DEFENSE: This will be a new-look defense with safeties LaRon Landry and O.J. Atogwe replaced by free agents Madiou Williams and Tanard Jackson. Cedric Griffin also improves the DB unit. Ryan Kerrigan and Brian Orakpo are skilled pass rushers, but the Redskins face a tough schedule. Meanwhile, any thoughts last year that London Fletcher may be slowing down were erased by a big finish, in which he racked up 86 total tackles in the final seven games.

BOTTOM LINE: There doesn't appear to be more than a handful of games that the Redskins (3rd-toughest NFL schedule) will be favored to win. If this club can match its five-win average season since 2009, that will be a big achievement for rookie Griffin III and this struggling franchise. **UNDER 6**

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