

THE PLATINUM SHEET

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

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

BETTING TRENDS KEY: Open = Opening Line Current = Current Line Side = % of bets on each side of line Total = Top line = % of bets on over

10/19/2012 8:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
309 CONNECTICUT	43½	43½	29%	72%
310 SYRACUSE	-4	-4	71%	28%

10/20/2012 3:30 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
311 NEBRASKA	-5	-6½	63%	32%
312 NORTHWESTERN	62	61½	37%	68%

10/20/2012 12:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
313 MINNESOTA	45	45½	18%	92%
314 WISCONSIN	-17½	-16½	82%	8%

10/20/2012 7:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
323 GEORGIA	-28	-26½	50%	39%
324 KENTUCKY	58	58	50%	61%

10/20/2012 7:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
327 NORTH CAROLINA	-11	-10½	14%	81%
328 DUKE	63½	63½	86%	19%

10/20/2012 3:30 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
329 NORTH CAROLINA STATE	-4½	-3	56%	75%
330 MARYLAND	45½	44	44%	25%

10/20/2012 7:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
331 CINCINNATI	-7½	-5½	43%	80%
332 TOLEDO	64½	64½	57%	20%

10/20/2012 3:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
333 BOSTON COLLEGE	61½	63	25%	75%
334 GEORGIA TECH	-14½	-14	75%	25%

10/20/2012 12:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
335 RUTGERS	-4	-4	93%	87%
336 TEMPLE	41½	41½	7%	13%

10/20/2012 12:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
343 VIRGINIA TECH	61½	62	23%	76%
344 CLEMSON	-9	-8	77%	24%

10/20/2012 3:30 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
347 BYU	41½	40	52%	9%
348 NOTRE DAME	-14	-13½	48%	91%

10/20/2012 7:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
349 ALABAMA	-19½	-20	71%	14%
350 TENNESSEE	56	55½	29%	86%

10/20/2012 3:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
351 STANFORD	-2½	-3	85%	17%
352 CALIFORNIA	48½	49	15%	83%

10/20/2012 10:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
353 WASHINGTON	62	63½	53%	89%
354 ARIZONA	-7	-7½	47%	11%

10/20/2012 12:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
355 PURDUE	62	62	15%	20%
356 OHIO STATE	-17	-18½	85%	80%

10/20/2012 3:30 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
357 MICHIGAN STATE	44	43	72%	66%
358 MICHIGAN	-10	-9½	28%	34%

10/20/2012 3:30 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
361 TEXAS TECH	54½	-1½	73%	71%
362 TCU	-1	55	27%	29%

10/20/2012 8:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
365 FLORIDA STATE	-18	-21	74%	86%
366 MIAMI FLORIDA	56	57	26%	14%

10/20/2012 10:30 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
367 UTAH	47½	46½	25%	27%
368 OREGON STATE	-10	-10	75%	73%

10/20/2012 7:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
369 KANSAS STATE	71½	73½	62%	52%
370 WEST VIRGINIA	-3½	-2½	38%	48%

10/20/2012 12:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
371 LSU	-3	-3	70%	21%
372 TEXAS A&M	52	52	30%	79%

10/20/2012 3:30 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
373 SOUTH CAROLINA	42½	41	47%	32%
374 FLORIDA	-3	-3½	53%	68%

10/20/2012 12:20 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
375 AUBURN	43	44½	71%	85%
376 VANDERBILT	-7	-7	29%	15%

10/20/2012 12:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
387 IOWA STATE	60	60	95%	23%
388 OKLAHOMA STATE	-14	-14½	5%	77%

10/20/2012 8:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
391 BAYLOR	80½	80	78%	45%
392 TEXAS	-10	-8½	22%	55%

10/20/2012 8:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
397 PENN STATE	42½	42	71%	18%
398 IOWA	-2½	-2½	29%	82%

10/21/2012 1:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
415 TENNESSEE TITANS	46	46½	20%	82%
416 BUFFALO BILLS	-3	-3	80%	18%

10/21/2012 1:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
417 ARIZONA CARDINALS	41½	40	36%	30%
418 MINNESOTA VIKINGS	-4½	-6½	64%	70%

10/21/2012 1:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
419 CLEVELAND BROWNS	44½	45½	30%	81%
420 INDIANAPOLIS COLTS	-3	-2	70%	19%

10/21/2012 1:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
421 BALTIMORE RAVENS	47	48½	28%	71%
422 HOUSTON TEXANS	-4½	-6½	72%	29%

10/21/2012 1:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
423 GREEN BAY PACKERS	-5½	-6	87%	93%
424 ST. LOUIS RAMS	44½	45½	13%	7%

10/21/2012 1:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
425 DALLAS COWBOYS	-1	-2½	85%	91%
426 CAROLINA PANTHERS	45	45½	15%	9%

10/21/2012 1:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
427 WASHINGTON REDSKINS	48½	51	28%	80%
428 NEW YORK GIANTS	-7	-6½	72%	20%

10/21/2012 1:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
429 NEW ORLEANS SAINTS	-3	-2	76%	84%
430 TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS	48	49½	24%	16%

10/21/2012 4:25 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
431 NEW YORK JETS	47	47½	55%	84%
432 NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	-11	-10½	45%	16%

10/21/2012 4:25 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
433 JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS	43	44	20%	35%
434 OAKLAND RAIDERS	-4	-4	80%	65%

10/21/2012 8:30 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
435 PITTSBURGH STEELERS	-1	-1½	67%	56%
436 CINCINNATI BENGALS	46	45½	33%	44%

10/22/2012 8:40 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
437 DETROIT LIONS	47½	47½	26%	45%
438 CHICAGO BEARS	-6½	-6½	74%	55%

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WEEK 8 COLLEGE FOOTBALL MATCHUPS: OCT. 19 - 20

		StatFox DAVE	StatFox GARY	StatFox SCOTT	StatFox BRIAN	StatFox FORECASTER	StatFox CONSENSUS
• (309) CONNECTICUT at (310) SYRACUSE	-4	CONNECTICUT	CONNECTICUT	CONNECTICUT	SYRACUSE	CONNECTICUT	CONNECTICUT
• (343) VIRGINIA TECH at (344) CLEMSON	-8	CLEMSON	VIRGINIA TECH	BEST BET *	VIRGINIA TECH	VIRGINIA TECH	VIRGINIA TECH
• (347) BYU at (348) NOTRE DAME	-13½	BEST BET *	BYU	BYU	BYU	BYU	BYU
• (349) ALABAMA at (350) TENNESSEE	+20	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	BEST BET *	TENNESSEE	ALABAMA	ALABAMA
• (351) STANFORD at (352) CALIFORNIA	+3	BEST BET *	BEST BET *	STANFORD	BEST BET *	STANFORD	
• (353) WASHINGTON at (354) ARIZONA	-7½	WASHINGTON	WASHINGTON	BEST BET *	WASHINGTON	WASHINGTON	WASHINGTON
• (357) MICHIGAN STATE at (358) MICHIGAN	-9½	MICHIGAN	MICHIGAN	MICHIGAN	BEST BET *	MICHIGAN STATE	MICHIGAN
• (361) TEXAS TECH at (362) TCU	+1½	TCU	TCU	TEXAS TECH	TCU	TCU	TCU
• (365) FLORIDA STATE at (366) MIAMI FLORIDA	+21	FLORIDA STATE	FLORIDA STATE	FLORIDA STATE	BEST BET *	FLORIDA STATE	FLORIDA STATE
• (369) KANSAS STATE at (370) WEST VIRGINIA	-2½	KANSAS STATE	KANSAS STATE	WEST VIRGINIA	KANSAS STATE	KANSAS STATE	KANSAS STATE
• (371) LSU at (372) TEXAS A&M	+3	TEXAS A&M	LSU	LSU	LSU	TEXAS A&M	LSU
• (373) SOUTH CAROLINA at (374) FLORIDA	-3½	BEST BET *	FLORIDA	FLORIDA	FLORIDA	SOUTH CAROLINA	FLORIDA
• (391) BAYLOR at (392) TEXAS	-8½	TEXAS	BAYLOR	TEXAS	BAYLOR	BAYLOR	BAYLOR
• (397) PENN STATE at (398) IOWA	-2½	PENN STATE	PENN STATE	PENN STATE	PENN STATE	IOWA	PENN STATE

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WEEK 7 NFL MATCHUPS: OCTOBER 21 - 22

** [FORECASTER AGREES WITH 3-POINT SPREAD IN TEN/BUF GAME]

		StatFox DAVE	StatFox GARY	StatFox SCOTT	StatFox BRIAN	StatFox FORECASTER	StatFox CONSENSUS
• (415) TENNESSEE at (416) BUFFALO	-3	BEST BET *	BUFFALO	TENNESSEE	BEST BET *	[NO PICK]**	
• (417) ARIZONA at (418) MINNESOTA	-6½	BEST BET *	ARIZONA	ARIZONA	ARIZONA	ARIZONA	ARIZONA
• (419) CLEVELAND at (420) INDIANAPOLIS	-2	BEST BET *	CLEVELAND	BEST BET *	INDIANAPOLIS	INDIANAPOLIS	
• (421) BALTIMORE at (422) HOUSTON	-6½	BEST BET *	BEST BET *	BEST BET *	HOUSTON	BALTIMORE	
• (423) GREEN BAY at (424) ST. LOUIS	+6	GREEN BAY	GREEN BAY	ST. LOUIS	BEST BET *	GREEN BAY	GREEN BAY
• (425) DALLAS at (426) CAROLINA	+2½	CAROLINA	DALLAS	CAROLINA	BEST BET *	CAROLINA	CAROLINA
• (427) WASHINGTON at (428) NEW YORK GIANTS	-6½	NEW YORK GIANTS	NEW YORK GIANTS	WASHINGTON	WASHINGTON	NEW YORK GIANTS	NEW YORK GIANTS
• (429) NEW ORLEANS at (430) TAMPA BAY	+2	NEW ORLEANS	NEW ORLEANS	NEW ORLEANS	TAMPA BAY	NEW ORLEANS	NEW ORLEANS
• (431) NEW YORK JETS at (432) NEW ENGLAND	-10½	NEW ENGLAND	NEW YORK JETS	NEW ENGLAND	NEW YORK JETS	NEW YORK JETS	NEW YORK JETS
• (433) JACKSONVILLE at (434) OAKLAND	-4	OAKLAND	BEST BET *	BEST BET *	OAKLAND	OAKLAND	OAKLAND
• (435) PITTSBURGH at (436) CINCINNATI	+1½	PITTSBURGH	PITTSBURGH	PITTSBURGH	PITTSBURGH	PITTSBURGH	PITTSBURGH
• (437) DETROIT at (438) CHICAGO	-6½	CHICAGO	DETROIT	CHICAGO	DETROIT	DETROIT	DETROIT

KEY WEEK 7 NFL INJURIES

TENNESSEE LB Colin McCarthy (ankle) is expected to play . . . **BUFFALO** DE Mark Anderson (knee) is out indefinitely and DB Jairus Byrd (chest) is questionable . . . **ARIZONA** QB Kevin Kolb (ribs) is out at least six weeks, and John Skelton will start under center . . . **MINNESOTA** QB Christian Ponder (knee) will start . . . **CLEVELAND** RB Trent Richardson (ribs) has been limited in practice and could get fewer carries than normal . . . **INDIANAPOLIS** RB Donald Brown (knee) is out and will again be replaced by Vick Ballard . . . **BALTIMORE** LB Ray Lewis (triceps) and CB Lardarius Webb (knee) are on I.R., and DT Haloti Ngata (knee) is questionable. OLB Terrell Suggs (Achilles) has a small chance to make his season debut . . . **HOUSTON** CB Johnathan Joseph (groin) did not practice Thursday and will likely be a game-time decision . . . **GREEN BAY** WR Greg Jennings (groin) did not practice on Thursday and will likely miss his third straight game. DT B.J. Raji (ankle) is questionable . . . **ST. LOUIS** CB Janoris Jenkins (back) has missed practice this week and is questionable . . . **DALLAS** RB DeMarco Murray (foot) is doubtful to play and Felix Jones will start in his place . . . **CAROLINA** C Ryan Kalil (foot) is out indefinitely. LB Jon Beason (knee) is questionable . . . **WASHINGTON** WR Pierre Garcon (foot) will be a game-time decision again, but it's doubtful he'll play . . . **N.Y. GIANTS** RB Ahmad Bradshaw (foot) expects to play . . . **NEW ORLEANS** TE Jimmy Graham (ankle) will be a game-time decision. If he plays, he will be limited. LB Jonathan Vilma (knee) expects to make his season debut . . . **TAMPA BAY** WR Vincent Jackson (calf) has been limited in practice but should be starting . . . **N.Y. JETS** RBs Bilal Powell (shoulder) and Joe McKnight (ankle) are both out indefinitely . . . **NEW ENGLAND** DB Pat Chung (shoulder) is doubtful . . . **JACKSONVILLE** LB Daryl Smith (groin) expects to play . . . **OAKLAND** RB Darren McFadden (shoulder) will start . . . **PITTSBURGH** RBs Rashard Mendenhall (Achilles) and Isaac Redman (ankle) will both be game-time decisions . . . **CINCINNATI** WR Armon Binns (ankle) is doubtful . . . **DETROIT** TE Brandon Pettigrew (knee) has been limited in practice, but the team expects him to start on Monday night . . . **CHICAGO** WR Devin Hester missed Thursday's practice (quadriceps), but expects to start on Monday night.