

THE PLATINUM SHEET

FRIDAY UPDATE: SEPTEMBER 28, 2012

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

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

KEY:

Open = Opening Line

Current = Current Line

Side = % of bets on each side of line

Total = Top line = % of bets on over

09/28/2012 8:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
105 HAWAII	50½	49½	63%	42%
106 BYU	-27½	-26½	37%	58%

09/29/2012 3:30 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
107 CINCINNATI	45	45½	59%	100%
108 VIRGINIA TECH	-6½	-6½	41%	0%

09/29/2012 12:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
111 PENN STATE	41½	43	57%	44%
112 ILLINOIS	-1½	PK	43%	56%

09/29/2012 12:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
113 MINNESOTA	46	46½	76%	15%
114 IOWA	-7	-7	24%	85%

09/29/2012 7:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
115 TEXAS TECH	-2	-3	54%	85%
116 IOWA STATE	56½	60½	46%	15%

09/29/2012 3:30 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
117 CLEMSON	-10	-7	75%	85%
118 BOSTON COLLEGE	59½	60½	25%	15%

09/29/2012 3:30 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
119 LOUISIANA TECH	-3½	-3½	64%	85%
120 VIRGINIA	61½	60½	36%	15%

09/29/2012 12:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
127 INDIANA	59	59	38%	93%
128 NORTHWESTERN	-13½	-11	62%	7%

09/29/2012 3:15 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
129 MARSHALL	64½	63	28%	21%
130 PURDUE	-15	-16½	72%	79%

09/29/2012 12:30 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
131 DUKE	59½	60½	31%	84%
132 WAKE FOREST	-3½	-2	69%	16%

09/29/2012 7:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
133 SOUTH CAROLINA	-21	-21	88%	83%
134 KENTUCKY	47½	48	12%	17%

09/29/2012 7:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
137 TCU	-17	-16	85%	65%
138 SMU	54½	55½	15%	35%

09/29/2012 6:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
141 UCLA	-21	-20	76%	44%
142 COLORADO	60	60	24%	56%

09/29/2012 10:30 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
145 OREGON	-29	-30½	96%	67%
146 WASHINGTON STATE	70½	73½	4%	33%

09/29/2012 7:50 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
147 TEXAS	-2½	-2½	69%	68%
148 OKLAHOMA STATE	66½	65½	31%	32%

09/29/2012 12:20 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
149 ARKANSAS	63	66	23%	35%
150 TEXAS A&M	-13½	-14½	77%	65%

09/29/2012 12:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
151 BAYLOR	79½	82½	19%	47%
152 WEST VIRGINIA	-12½	-11	81%	53%

09/29/2012 3:30 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
153 OHIO STATE	43½	41½	50%	8%
154 MICHIGAN STATE	-2½	-3	50%	92%

09/29/2012 3:30 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
155 TENNESSEE	61½	58½	37%	54%
156 GEORGIA	-14	-14	63%	46%

09/29/2012 4:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
157 ARIZONA STATE	54½	-1	72%	100%
158 CALIFORNIA	-2	58	28%	0%

09/29/2012 10:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
159 OREGON STATE	56½	60½	55%	73%
160 ARIZONA	-3	-2½	45%	27%

09/29/2012 9:15 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
161 OLE MISS	54½	54	26%	68%
162 ALABAMA	-31½	-30	74%	32%

09/29/2012 12:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
165 MISSOURI	48½	50	87%	86%
166 CENTRAL FLORIDA	-2½	-2½	13%	14%

09/29/2012 12:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
169 NORTH CAROLINA STATE	55	56½	54%	77%
170 MIAMI FLORIDA	-3½	-2½	46%	23%

09/29/2012 6:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
171 FLORIDA STATE	-16	-17	91%	100%
172 SOUTH FLORIDA	53½	54½	9%	0%

09/29/2012 8:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
181 WISCONSIN	50½	50½	30%	53%
182 NEBRASKA	-12½	-11½	70%	47%

09/30/2012 1:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
205 NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	-5	-4	88%	55%
206 BUFFALO BILLS	50½	51	12%	45%

09/30/2012 1:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
207 MINNESOTA VIKINGS	47	47	26%	100%
208 DETROIT LIONS	-5½	-4½	74%	0%

09/30/2012 1:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
209 CAROLINA PANTHERS	50	48½	43%	32%
210 ATLANTA FALCONS	-9	-7	57%	68%

09/30/2012 1:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
211 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS	-3½	-4½	83%	86%
212 NEW YORK JETS	40½	41½	17%	14%

09/30/2012 1:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
213 SAN DIEGO CHARGERS	-1	-1	81%	57%
214 KANSAS CITY CHIEFS	46	44½	19%	43%

09/30/2012 1:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
215 TENNESSEE TITANS	44½	45	31%	74%
216 HOUSTON TEXANS	-13	-12	69%	26%

09/30/2012 1:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
217 SEATTLE SEAHAWKS	-1	-3	71%	47%
218 ST. LOUIS RAMS	40½	39	29%	53%

09/30/2012 4:05 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
219 MIAMI DOLPHINS	40½	39½	19%	28%
220 ARIZONA CARDINALS	-7	-6	81%	72%

09/30/2012 4:05 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
221 OAKLAND RAIDERS	47½	49	27%	85%
222 DENVER BRONCOS	-6	-7	73%	15%

09/30/2012 4:05 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
223 CINCINNATI BENGALS	-1	-2½	92%	94%
224 JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS	43	43½	8%	6%

09/30/2012 4:25 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
225 NEW ORLEANS SAINTS	54	53½	50%	54%
226 GREEN BAY PACKERS	-9	-7½	50%	46%

09/30/2012 4:25 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
227 WASHINGTON REDSKINS	49	47½	63%	66%
228 TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS	-3	-2½	37%	34%

09/30/2012 8:30 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
229 NEW YORK GIANTS	47	47½	81%	84%
230 PHILADELPHIA EAGLES	-1	-1	19%	16%

10/01/2012 8:35 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
231 CHICAGO BEARS	45	41½	62%	43%
232 DALLAS COWBOYS	-3½	-3½	38%	57%


PRESENTS THE WEEK'S STAFF PICKS
WEEK 5 COLLEGE FOOTBALL MATCHUPS: SEPT. 28 - 29

		StatFox DAVE	StatFox GARY	StatFox SCOTT	StatFox BRIAN	StatFox FORECASTER	StatFox CONSENSUS
• (105) HAWAII at (106) BYU	-26½	BYU	HAWAII	HAWAII	HAWAII	HAWAII	HAWAII
• (107) CINCINNATI at (108) VIRGINIA TECH	-6½	BEST BET *	BEST BET *	BEST BET *	CINCINNATI	CINCINNATI	
• (111) PENN STATE at (112) ILLINOIS	PK	PENN STATE	ILLINOIS	ILLINOIS	PENN STATE	PENN STATE	PENN STATE
• (117) CLEMSON at (118) BOSTON COLLEGE	+7	BOSTON COLLEGE	CLEMSON	BOSTON COLLEGE	CLEMSON	BOSTON COLLEGE	BOSTON COLLEGE
• (133) SOUTH CAROLINA at (134) KENTUCKY	+21	SOUTH CAROLINA	SOUTH CAROLINA	KENTUCKY	SOUTH CAROLINA	KENTUCKY	SOUTH CAROLINA
• (145) OREGON at (146) WASHINGTON STATE	+30½	WASHINGTON STATE	BEST BET *	OREGON	OREGON	WASHINGTON STATE	
• (147) TEXAS at (148) OKLAHOMA STATE	+2½	TEXAS	TEXAS	OKLAHOMA STATE	OKLAHOMA STATE	OKLAHOMA STATE	OKLAHOMA STATE
• (149) ARKANSAS at (150) TEXAS A&M	-14½	ARKANSAS	ARKANSAS	TEXAS A&M	ARKANSAS	ARKANSAS	ARKANSAS
• (151) BAYLOR at (152) WEST VIRGINIA	-11	BEST BET *	BEST BET *	BEST BET *	BAYLOR	BAYLOR	
• (153) OHIO STATE at (154) MICHIGAN STATE	-3	MICHIGAN STATE	OHIO STATE	MICHIGAN STATE	BEST BET *	MICHIGAN STATE	MICHIGAN STATE
• (155) TENNESSEE at (156) GEORGIA	-14	TENNESSEE	TENNESSEE	TENNESSEE	TENNESSEE	GEORGIA	TENNESSEE
• (157) ARIZONA STATE at (158) CALIFORNIA	+1	CALIFORNIA	BEST BET *	CALIFORNIA	ARIZONA STATE	CALIFORNIA	CALIFORNIA
• (161) OLE MISS at (162) ALABAMA	-30	OLE MISS	ALABAMA	OLE MISS	BEST BET *	ALABAMA	
• (171) FLORIDA STATE at (172) SOUTH FLORIDA	+17	FLORIDA STATE	SOUTH FLORIDA	FLORIDA STATE	BEST BET *	SOUTH FLORIDA	
• (181) WISCONSIN at (182) NEBRASKA	-11½	WISCONSIN	NEBRASKA	BEST BET *	WISCONSIN	WISCONSIN	WISCONSIN

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WEEK 4 NFL MATCHUPS: SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 1

		StatFox DAVE	StatFox GARY	StatFox SCOTT	StatFox BRIAN	StatFox FORECASTER	StatFox CONSENSUS
• (205) NEW ENGLAND at (206) BUFFALO	+4	NEW ENGLAND	BUFFALO	NEW ENGLAND	BEST BET *	NEW ENGLAND	NEW ENGLAND
• (207) MINNESOTA at (208) DETROIT	-4½	BEST BET *	BEST BET *	BEST BET *	DETROIT	DETROIT	
• (209) CAROLINA at (210) ATLANTA	-7	CAROLINA	CAROLINA	CAROLINA	ATLANTA	CAROLINA	CAROLINA
• (211) SAN FRANCISCO at (212) NEW YORK JETS	+4½	NY JETS	BEST BET *	SAN FRANCISCO	SAN FRANCISCO	NY JETS	
• (213) SAN DIEGO at (214) KANSAS CITY	+1	BEST BET *	SAN DIEGO	BEST BET *	SAN DIEGO	SAN DIEGO	SAN DIEGO
• (215) TENNESSEE at (216) HOUSTON	-12	HOUSTON	HOUSTON	TENNESSEE	HOUSTON	TENNESSEE	HOUSTON
• (217) SEATTLE at (218) ST. LOUIS	+3	BEST BET *	SEATTLE	ST. LOUIS	SEATTLE	SEATTLE	SEATTLE
• (219) MIAMI at (220) ARIZONA	-6	ARIZONA	BEST BET *	ARIZONA	BEST BET *	MIAMI	
• (221) OAKLAND at (222) DENVER	-7	BEST BET *	DENVER	OAKLAND	OAKLAND	OAKLAND	OAKLAND
• (223) CINCINNATI at (224) JACKSONVILLE	+2½	BEST BET *	JACKSONVILLE	CINCINNATI	BEST BET *	CINCINNATI	
• (225) NEW ORLEANS at (226) GREEN BAY	-7½	GREEN BAY	NEW ORLEANS	NEW ORLEANS	GREEN BAY	NEW ORLEANS	NEW ORLEANS
• (227) WASHINGTON at (228) TAMPA BAY	-2½	WASHINGTON	WASHINGTON	WASHINGTON	WASHINGTON	WASHINGTON	WASHINGTON
• (229) NEW YORK GIANTS at (230) PHILADELPHIA	-1	PHILADELPHIA	NY GIANTS	BEST BET *	PHILADELPHIA	PHILADELPHIA	PHILADELPHIA
• (231) CHICAGO at (232) DALLAS	-3½	BEST BET *	DALLAS	DALLAS	DALLAS	CHICAGO	DALLAS

KEY WEEK 4 NFL INJURIES

BUFFALO RB Fred Jackson (knee) is expected to play this weekend for the first time since getting hurt. RB C.J. Spiller (shoulder) is doubtful to suit up on Sunday . . . **DETROIT** QB Matthew Stafford (hamstring) practiced fully on Thursday and expects to start in Week 4. RB Mikel Leshoure (groin) has been limited in practice and is listed as questionable . . . **CAROLINA** RB Jonathan Stewart (toe) was limited in Thursday's practice and is listed as questionable for Week 4 . . . **ATLANTA** WR Julio Jones (lacerated hand) missed parts of Thursday's practice, but is listed as probable for Sunday . . . **N.Y. JETS** CB Darrelle Revis (torn ACL) is out for the season . . . **KANSAS CITY** WR Dwayne Bowe (groin) practiced on a limited basis Thursday and is questionable for Sunday. RB Peyton Hillis (ankle) is doubtful to play . . . **TENNESSEE** WR Kenny Britt (ankle) missed Thursday's practice and is questionable for Sunday . . . **HOUSTON** WR Andre Johnson (groin) practiced on a limited basis Thursday, but it appears that he'll start on Sunday. CB Johnathan Joseph (groin) is questionable . . . **ST. LOUIS** RB Steven Jackson (groin) should play this weekend . . . **MIAMI** RB Reggie Bush (swollen knee) practiced Thursday on a limited basis, and should be able to play on Sunday . . . **ARIZONA** RB Beanie Wells (turf toe) will be out at least six weeks. DE Darnell Dockett (hamstring) is questionable to play in Week 4 . . . **OAKLAND** RB Darren McFadden (bruised shoulder) was limited in Thursday's practice, but appears like he will play on Sunday. WR Darrius Heyward-Bey (neck) is out . . . **DENVER** RB Willis McGahee (bruised ribs) practiced fully on Thursday and is expected to start on Sunday . . . **NEW ORLEANS** WR Marques Colston (foot) has been limited in practice and is questionable for Sunday's game . . . **WASHINGTON** WR Pierre Garcon (foot) will be a game-time decision again, but it appears that he will miss his third straight week of action . . . **N.Y. GIANTS** RB Ahmad Bradshaw (neck) will start, and likely split carries with Andre Brown. Hakeem Nicks (foot), who also missed last week's game should also return . . . **PHILADELPHIA** WR Jeremy Maclin (hip) missed last week's game, but he is set to return on Sunday . . . **CHICAGO** RB Matt Forte (sprained ankle) is expected to play on Monday after missing Week 3.