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Welcome to StatFox's eighth 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!

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Scott Gramling
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WEEK 1 COLLEGE FOOTBALL MATCHUPS: AUG. 28 - SEPT. 1

		StatFox DAVE	StatFox GARY	StatFox SCOTT	StatFox BRIAN	StatFox FORECASTER	StatFox CONSENSUS
• (133) TEXAS A&M AT (134) SOUTH CAROLINA	-10½	SOUTH CAROLINA	TEXAS A&M	SOUTH CAROLINA	TEXAS A&M	TEXAS A&M	TEXAS A&M
• (139) OLE MISS VS. (140) BOISE STATE	+10	OLE MISS	OLE MISS	OLE MISS	OLE MISS	BOISE STATE	OLE MISS
• (145) BRIGHAM YOUNG AT (146) CONNECTICUT	+16½	CLICK FOR BEST BET	CONNECTICUT	BRIGHAM YOUNG	BRIGHAM YOUNG	BRIGHAM YOUNG	BRIGHAM YOUNG
• (149) COLORADO STATE VS. (150) COLORADO	-2½	COLORADO STATE	COLORADO STATE	COLORADO STATE	COLORADO	COLORADO STATE	COLORADO STATE
• (155) PENN STATE VS. (156) UCF	-1	UCF	CLICK FOR BEST BET	UCF	PENN STATE	UCF	UCF
• (159) UCLA AT (160) VIRGINIA	+22	UCLA	VIRGINIA	VIRGINIA	VIRGINIA	UCLA	VIRGINIA
• (175) RICE AT (176) NOTRE DAME	-21	RICE	CLICK FOR BEST BET	CLICK FOR BEST BET	CLICK FOR BEST BET	RICE	
• (177) ALABAMA VS. (178) WEST VIRGINIA	+26	WEST VIRGINIA	WEST VIRGINIA	ALABAMA	WEST VIRGINIA	ALABAMA	WEST VIRGINIA
• (179) ARKANSAS AT (180) AUBURN	-20½	AUBURN	AUBURN	AUBURN	AUBURN	AUBURN	AUBURN
• (181) CLEMSON AT (182) GEORGIA	-7½	GEORGIA	CLEMSON	CLEMSON	CLEMSON	CLEMSON	CLEMSON
• (191) FRESNO STATE AT (192) USC	-21½	USC	USC	USC	FRESNO STATE	FRESNO STATE	USC
• (197) FLORIDA STATE VS. (198) OKLAHOMA STATE	+17½	FLORIDA STATE	OKLAHOMA STATE	OKLAHOMA STATE	FLORIDA STATE	OKLAHOMA STATE	OKLAHOMA STATE
• (203) LSU VS. (204) WISCONSIN	+5	WISCONSIN	WISCONSIN	WISCONSIN	WISCONSIN	WISCONSIN	WISCONSIN
• (205) UTAH STATE AT (206) TENNESSEE	-6½	CLICK FOR BEST BET	TENNESSEE	CLICK FOR BEST BET	TENNESSEE	UTAH STATE	
• (207) SOUTHERN METHODIST AT (208) BAYLOR	-33	BAYLOR	BAYLOR	BAYLOR	BAYLOR	BAYLOR	BAYLOR
• (209) MIAMI-FLORIDA AT (210) LOUISVILLE	-3½	MIAMI-FLORIDA	LOUISVILLE	LOUISVILLE	CLICK FOR BEST BET	LOUISVILLE	LOUISVILLE

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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. Dave was especially strong in the college sports last season, posting a 55% ATS mark (38-31-2) in 2013 CFB Best Bets. This included a hefty 77% ATS record (17-5-1) on college football games that were not part of the marquee games grid above. Dave then went on to nail 62% ATS (70-43-2) in college basketball Best Bets, a record that was capped off with an astounding 74% ATS mark (14-5) for the NCAA Tournament.

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 finished strong in NFL Best Bets last season as well, going 67% ATS (16-8-2) after Week 9. He did the same thing in college basketball Best Bets with a 63% ATS mark (30-18) after Feb. 5 to finish with a 57% ATS record (64-49-2) in CBB Best Bets for the season. Gary was also 9-3-1 ATS (75%) in pre-October CFB Best Bets last season.

StatFox Scott

StatFox Scott serves as Managing Editor for StatFox, Platinum Sheet and the Edge Football Preview Guide. Scott really finished strong in all sports last season, first going 5-2 ATS (71%) in college football bowl Best Bets. Then for NFL Best Bets, he recorded a 59% ATS mark (33-23-2) after Week 3, and was outstanding on NFL totals all year at 56% (40-31), including a perfect 5-0 in the postseason games. His college basketball season also represented a huge finish, as Scott was 64% ATS (25-14-3) in college hoops Best Bets after Feb. 14.

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 or NFL since coming on board in 2010. Last year marked Brian's second straight 60% ATS (41-27-6) season record in NFL Best Bets, but it was his college basketball prowess that really stood out in 2013-14. Brian finished with a remarkable 69% ATS record (76-34-5) on college hoops Best Bets for the entire season, a mark that including an eye-popping 77% ATS record (44-13-4) after Jan. 17.

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 winning records in all four sports' featured Platinum Sheet games last year. The Forecaster correctly predicted the ATS winner for 59% (149-105-12) of all NFL games, 57% (151-114-8) of all CFB games, 53% (207-181-12) of all NBA games and 51% (189-183-11) in college basketball last season.

2013-14 COLLEGE FOOTBALL FINAL STAFF PICKS STANDINGS

All Games	W	L	T	Pct	Bowl Games
StatFox Forecaster	151	114	8	57.0%	18-17
StatFox Consensus	141	124	8	53.2%	19-16
StatFox Gary	137	128	8	51.7%	16-19
StatFox Scott	136	129	8	51.3%	22-13
StatFox Brian	135	130	8	50.9%	22-13
StatFox Dave	133	132	8	50.2%	17-18

College Football Best Bets	W	L	T	Pct	Bowl Games
StatFox Dave	38	31	2	55.1%	2-4
StatFox Brian	36	34	1	51.4%	3-4
StatFox Gary	26	25	1	51.0%	5-6
StatFox Scott	35	41	3	46.1%	5-2

StatFox College Football Power Rating Lines - Week 1

** The StatFox Power Ratings are determined from a formula that is 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 - 8/28,6:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
133 TEXAS A&M		53		**1.5**	
134 S CAROLINA	-10.5	62	-9		

Thu - 8/28,7:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
135 WAKE FOREST	-4	34	-9	**5**	
136 LA MONROE		25			

Thu - 8/28,8:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
137 TULANE		29	-4	**7**	
138 TULSA	-3	25			

Thu - 8/28,8:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
139 OLE MISS	-10	50	-5		
140 BOISE ST		45		**5**	

Thu - 8/28,9:15 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
141 TEMPLE		30			
142 VANDERBILT	-17	47	-17	**0**	

Thu - 8/28,10:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
143 RUTGERS		31		**1**	
144 WASHINGTON ST	-9	39	-8		

Fri - 8/29,7:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
145 BYU	-17	44	-12		
146 CONNECTICUT		32		**5**	

Fri - 8/29,7:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
147 BOWLING GREEN	-7	46	-13	**6**	
148 W KENTUCKY		33			

Fri - 8/29,9:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
149 COLORADO ST		33	-10	**13**	
150 COLORADO	-3	23			

Fri - 8/29,9:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
151 UTSA		27			
152 HOUSTON	-12.5	46	-19	**6.5**	

Fri - 8/29,10:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
153 UNLV		27		**3**	
154 ARIZONA	-24	48	-21		

Sat - 8/30,8:30 AM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
155 PENN ST		40			
156 UCF	pk	46	-6	**6**	

Sat - 8/30,12:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
157 OHIO ST	-17.5	58	-18	**0.5**	
158 NAVY		40			

Sat - 8/30,12:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
159 UCLA	-23.5	54	-29	**5.5**	
160 VIRGINIA		25			

Sat - 8/30,12:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
161 APPALACHIAN ST		10			
162 MICHIGAN	-34.5	50	-40	**5.5**	

Sat - 8/30,12:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
163 TROY		22	-9	**9**	
164 UAB	pk	13			

Sat - 8/30,3:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
165 CALIFORNIA		21			
166 NORTHWESTERN	-12	40	-19	**7**	

Sat - 8/30,12:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
167 GA SOUTHERN		17		**9**	
168 NC STATE	-23	31	-14		

Sat - 8/30,3:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
169 FLA ATLANTIC		31		**7.5**	
170 NEBRASKA	-23.5	47	-16		

Sat - 8/30,3:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
171 BOSTON COLLEGE	-15	32	-26	**11**	
172 MASSACHUSETTS		6			

Sat - 8/30,3:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
173 MARSHALL	-24	41	-32	**8**	
174 MIAMI OHIO		9			

Sat - 8/30,3:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
175 RICE		35		**8**	
176 NOTRE DAME	-24	51	-16		

Sat - 8/30,3:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
177 ALABAMA	-26.5	59	-27	**0.5**	
178 W VIRGINIA		32			

Sat - 8/30,4:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
179 ARKANSAS		37			
180 AUBURN	-21.5	63	-26	**4.5**	

Sat - 8/30,5:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
181 CLEMSON		55		**8.5**	
182 GEORGIA	-8.5	55	0		

Sat - 8/30,6:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
183 OHIO U		22			
184 KENT ST	-2	29	-7	**5**	

Sat - 8/30,7:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
185 LOUISIANA TECH		18			
186 OKLAHOMA	-38	62	-44	**6**	

Sat - 8/30,12:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
187 W MICHIGAN		14		**6**	
188 PURDUE	-13	21	-7		

Sat - 8/30,7:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
189 IDAHO		5			
190 FLORIDA	-34.5	43	-38	**3.5**	

Sat - 8/30,7:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
191 FRESNO ST		40		**7**	
192 USC	-22	55	-15		

Sat - 8/30,7:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
193 SOUTHERN MISS		11			
194 MISSISSIPPI ST	-29	49	-38	**9**	

Sat - 8/30,10:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
195 WASHINGTON	-19.5	53	-29	**9.5**	
196 HAWAII		24			

Sat - 8/30,8:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
197 FLORIDA ST	-17	74	-15		
198 OKLAHOMA ST		59		**2**	

Sat - 8/30,8:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
199 NORTH TEXAS		40		**14.5**	
200 TEXAS	-24.5	50	-10		

Sat - 8/30,8:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
201 UTEP		9			
202 NEW MEXICO	-7.5	18	-9	**1.5**	

Sat - 8/30,9:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
203 LSU	-4	54			
204 WISCONSIN		54	0	**4**	

Sun - 8/31,7:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
205 UTAH ST		43	-5	**11.5**	
206 TENNESSEE	-6.5	38			

Sun - 8/31,7:30 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
207 SMU		27			
208 BAYLOR	-31.5	65	-38	**6.5**	

Mon - 9/1,8:00 PM	OL	PR	PRL	Edge	W/L
209 MIAMI		44			
210 LOUISVILLE	-2.5	55	-11	**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	
Points Scored (PPG)	**W/L**
1. MARSHALL (vs MOH): +32.4	
2. BAYLOR (vs SMU): +25.6	
3. AUBURN (vs ARK): +18.8	
4. UCLA (vs VIR): +17.2	
5. BOSTON COLLEGE (vs MAS): +16.0	
6. OKLAHOMA (vs LAT): +13.7	
7. FRESNO ST (vs USC): +13.7	

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS	
Points Allowed (PPG)	**W/L**
1. FLORIDA (vs IDA): +25.7	
2. ALABAMA (vs WV): +19.4	
3. MISSISSIPPI ST (vs SM): +18.9	
4. NORTHWESTERN (vs CAL): +18.8	
5. WASHINGTON (vs HAW): +15.9	
6. LOUISVILLE (vs MIA): +14.6	
7. MARSHALL (vs MOH): +12.7	

OFF/DEF DIFFERENTIALS	
Scoring Differential (PPG)	**W/L**
1. MARSHALL (vs MOH): +45.1	
2. BAYLOR (vs SMU): +35.4	
3. ALABAMA (vs WV): +31.2	
4. MISSISSIPPI ST (vs SM): +29.5	
5. UCLA (vs VIR): +27.3	
6. WASHINGTON (vs HAW): +26.4	
7. FLORIDA (vs IDA): +26.3	

Rushing Yards Gained (RYPG)	W/L
1. GA SOUTHERN (vs NCS): +197.8	
2. BYU (vs CON): +182.5	
3. BAYLOR (vs SMU): +164.9	
4. NEW MEXICO (vs UTP): +124.4	
5. WASHINGTON (vs HAW): +124.4	
6. AUBURN (vs ARK): +119.8	
7. MISSISSIPPI ST (vs SM): +117.0	

Rushing Yards Allowed (RYPG)	W/L
1. UTAH ST (vs TEN): +100.5	
2. LOUISVILLE (vs MIA): +95.6	
3. RUTGERS (vs WSU): +87.8	
4. ALABAMA (vs WV): +84.2	
5. MISSISSIPPI ST (vs SM): +81.1	
6. MICHIGAN (vs): +80.3	
7. TULANE (vs TLS): +76.9	

Rushing Yds Differential (RYPG)	W/L
1. GA SOUTHERN (vs NCS): +220.6	
2. MISSISSIPPI ST (vs SM): +198.1	
3. WASHINGTON (vs HAW): +176.7	
4. MARSHALL (vs MOH): +167.2	
5. RUTGERS (vs WSU): +163.9	
6. BAYLOR (vs SMU): +160.6	
7. BYU (vs CON): +157.6	

Yards Per Rush Gained (YPR)	W/L
1. BYU (vs CON): +2.6	
2. GA SOUTHERN (vs NCS): +2.6	
3. MARSHALL (vs MOH): +2.3	
4. MISSISSIPPI ST (vs SM): +2.1	
5. NEW MEXICO (vs UTP): +2.0	
6. BOSTON COLLEGE (vs MAS): +1.9	
7. BAYLOR (vs SMU): +1.9	

Yards Per Rush Allowed (YPR)	W/L
1. UTAH ST (vs TEN): +2.5	
2. LOUISVILLE (vs MIA): +1.8	
3. TULANE (vs TLS): +1.4	
4. RUTGERS (vs WSU): +1.4	
5. MARSHALL (vs MOH): +1.4	
6. BOSTON COLLEGE (vs MAS): +1.3	
7. TROY (vs UAB): +1.3	

Yards Per Rush Differential (YPR)	W/L
1. MARSHALL (vs MOH): +3.7	
2. BOSTON COLLEGE (vs MAS): +3.3	
3. GA SOUTHERN (vs NCS): +3.3	
4. COLORADO ST (vs COL): +2.7	
5. ALABAMA (vs WV): +2.7	
6. MISSISSIPPI ST (vs SM): +2.6	
7. OHIO ST (vs NAV): +2.6	

Passing Yards Gained (PYPG)	W/L
1. MARSHALL (vs MOH): +170.2	
2. FRESNO ST (vs USC): +169.3	
3. NC STATE (vs): +149.7	
4. WASHINGTON ST (vs RUT): +132.4	
5. OHIO ST (vs NAV): +117.4	
6. TROY (vs UAB): +107.4	
7. CALIFORNIA (vs NW): +103.5	

Passing Yards Allowed (PYPG)	W/L
1. FLORIDA (vs IDA): +144.0	
2. VANDERBILT (vs TEM): +91.7	
3. NORTHWESTERN (vs CAL): +87.4	
4. FLORIDA ST (vs OKS): +85.9	
5. ALABAMA (vs WV): +83.6	
6. LOUISVILLE (vs MIA): +79.1	
7. USC (vs FRS): +68.9	

Passing Yds Differential (PYPG)	W/L
1. MARSHALL (vs MOH): +223.0	
2. WASHINGTON ST (vs RUT): +175.8	
3. NC STATE (vs): +130.6	
4. LOUISVILLE (vs MIA): +127.5	
5. FLORIDA ST (vs OKS): +125.0	
6. FRESNO ST (vs USC): +100.4	
7. UTEP (vs NM): +88.8	

Yards Per Pass Attempted (PYA)	W/L
1. BAYLOR (vs SMU): +3.8	
2. UCLA (vs VIR): +3.3	
3. GA SOUTHERN (vs NCS): +3.0	
4. LSU (vs WIS): +2.8	
5. MARSHALL (vs MOH): +2.7	
6. AUBURN (vs ARK): +2.6	
7. FLORIDA ST (vs OKS): +2.6	

Yards Per Pass Allowed (PYA)	W/L
1. NORTHWESTERN (vs CAL): +2.6	
2. VANDERBILT (vs TEM): +2.3	
3. WASHINGTON (vs HAW): +2.3	
4. USC (vs FRS): +2.1	
5. FLORIDA (vs IDA): +1.9	
6. BYU (vs CON): +1.7	
7. FLA ATLANTIC (vs NEB): +1.6	

Yards Per Pass Differential (PYA)	W/L
1. BAYLOR (vs SMU): +4.8	
2. MARSHALL (vs MOH): +4.2	
3. UCLA (vs VIR): +4.1	
4. WASHINGTON (vs HAW): +3.5	
5. ALABAMA (vs WV): +3.4	
6. NORTHWESTERN (vs CAL): +3.4	
7. FLORIDA ST (vs OKS): +3.3	

Total Yards Gained (TYPG)	W/L
1. MARSHALL (vs MOH): +274.5	
2. BAYLOR (vs SMU): +183.4	
3. BYU (vs CON): +174.6	
4. FRESNO ST (vs USC): +148.3	
5. AUBURN (vs ARK): +144.3	
6. MISSISSIPPI ST (vs SM): +118.9	
7. COLORADO ST (vs COL): +101.3	

Total Yards Allowed (TYPG)	W/L
1. FLORIDA (vs IDA): +213.6	
2. LOUISVILLE (vs MIA): +174.7	
3. ALABAMA (vs WV): +167.8	
4. S CAROLINA (vs TAM): +125.8	
5. VANDERBILT (vs TEM): +119.5	
6. MARSHALL (vs MOH): +115.7	
7. NORTHWESTERN (vs CAL): +108.5	

Total Yds Differential (TYPG)	W/L
1. MARSHALL (vs MOH): +390.2	
2. BAYLOR (vs SMU): +236.0	
3. ALABAMA (vs WV): +211.1	
4. LOUISVILLE (vs MIA): +209.7	
5. MISSISSIPPI ST (vs SM): +205.7	
6. WASHINGTON (vs HAW): +189.1	
7. BYU (vs CON): +180.3	

Yards Per Play Attempted (YPP)	W/L
1. MARSHALL (vs MOH): +2.7	
2. BAYLOR (vs SMU): +1.9	
3. FLORIDA ST (vs OKS): +1.8	
4. BOSTON COLLEGE (vs MAS): +1.8	
5. GA SOUTHERN (vs NCS): +1.7	
6. UCLA (vs VIR): +1.6	
7. ALABAMA (vs WV): +1.6	

Yards Per Play Allowed (YPP)	W/L
1. MARSHALL (vs MOH): +3.2	
2. LOUISVILLE (vs MIA): +3.1	
3. FLORIDA (vs IDA): +2.1	
4. UTAH ST (vs TEN): +1.9	
5. MISSISSIPPI ST (vs SM): +1.6	
6. ALABAMA (vs WV): +1.6	
7. S CAROLINA (vs TAM): +1.5	

Yards Per Play Differential (YPP)	W/L
1. MARSHALL (vs MOH): +5.9	
2. ALABAMA (vs WV): +3.2	
3. LOUISVILLE (vs MIA): +3.0	
4. MISSISSIPPI ST (vs SM): +2.9	
5. BAYLOR (vs SMU): +2.8	
6. FLORIDA ST (vs OKS): +2.7	
7. WASHINGTON (vs HAW): +2.4	

Statfox College Football Outplay Factor Rating Lines - Week 1

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ABBREVIATIONS:

OL - Opening Line

OF - StatFox Outplay Factor Rating - adjusted for home field advantage.

OFL - Calculated Outplay Factor Line

Thu - 8/28,6:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
133 TEXAS A&M		36			
134 S CAROLINA	-10.5	47	-11	**0.3**	

Thu - 8/28,7:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
135 WAKE FOREST	-4	23	-5	**0.7**	
136 LA MONROE		18			

Thu - 8/28,8:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
137 TULANE		28	-7	**10.1**	
138 TULSA	-3	21			

Thu - 8/28,8:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
139 OLE MISS	-10	33			
140 BOISE ST		40	-7	**17.2**	

Thu - 8/28,9:15 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
141 TEMPLE		19		**7.8**	
142 VANDERBILT	-17	29	-9		

Thu - 8/28,10:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
143 RUTGERS		15		**4.3**	
144 WASHINGTON ST	-9	20	-5		

Fri - 8/29,7:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
145 BYU	-17	35	-14		
146 CONNECTICUT		21		**2.9**	

Fri - 8/29,7:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
147 BOWLING GREEN	-7	43	-11	**4.2**	
148 W KENTUCKY		32			

Fri - 8/29,9:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
149 COLORADO ST		26	-21	**24.4**	
150 COLORADO	-3	4.8			

Fri - 8/29,9:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
151 UTSA		27			
152 HOUSTON	-12.5	41	-14	**1.5**	

Fri - 8/29,10:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
153 UNLV		25		**18.6**	
154 ARIZONA	-24	31	-5		

Sat - 8/30,8:30 AM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
155 PENN ST		22			
156 UCF	pk	37	-14	**14.4**	

Sat - 8/30,12:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
157 OHIO ST	-17.5	46	-12		
158 NAVY		35		**6.0**	

Sat - 8/30,12:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
159 UCLA	-23.5	34	-17		
160 VIRGINIA		17		**6.2**	

Sat - 8/30,12:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
161 APPALACHIAN ST		-40			
162 MICHIGAN	-34.5	34	-69	**34.7**	

Sat - 8/30,12:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
163 TROY		15	-6	**6.0**	
164 UAB	pk	9.2			

Sat - 8/30,3:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
165 CALIFORNIA		2.6			
166 NORTHWESTERN	-12	24	-22	**9.5**	

Sat - 8/30,12:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
167 GA SOUTHERN		28	-4	**27.0**	
168 NC STATE	-23	24			

Sat - 8/30,3:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
169 FLA ATLANTIC		29		**20.5**	
170 NEBRASKA	-23.5	32	-3		

Sat - 8/30,3:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
171 BOSTON COLLEGE	-15	24	-16	**0.6**	
172 MASSACHUSETTS		8.6			

Sat - 8/30,3:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
173 MARSHALL	-24	37	-31	**6.8**	
174 MIAMI OHIO		6.1			

Sat - 8/30,3:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
175 RICE		31		**18.3**	
176 NOTRE DAME	-24	37	-6		

Sat - 8/30,3:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
177 ALABAMA	-26.5	46	-33	**6.8**	
178 W VIRGINIA		13			

Sat - 8/30,4:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
179 ARKANSAS		13			
180 AUBURN	-21.5	51	-38	**16.1**	

Sat - 8/30,5:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
181 CLEMSON		43	-4	**12.9**	
182 GEORGIA	-8.5	39			

Sat - 8/30,6:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
183 OHIO U		24			
184 KENT ST	-2	27	-3	**1.0**	

Sat - 8/30,7:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
185 LOUISIANA TECH		8.8		**4.5**	
186 OKLAHOMA	-38	42	-34		

Sat - 8/30,12:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
187 W MICHIGAN		5.3		**12.5**	
188 PURDUE	-13	5.8	-1		

Sat - 8/30,7:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
189 IDAHO		-4		**0.6**	
190 FLORIDA	-34.5	30	-34		

Sat - 8/30,7:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
191 FRESNO ST		37		**21.9**	
192 USC	-22	37	0		

Sat - 8/30,7:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
193 SOUTHERN MISS		3.2			
194 MISSISSIPPI ST	-29	37	-34	**4.6**	

Sat - 8/30,10:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
195 WASHINGTON	-19.5	37	-17		
196 HAWAII		20		**2.2**	

Sat - 8/30,8:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
197 FLORIDA ST	-17	63	-22	**4.7**	
198 OKLAHOMA ST		41			

Sat - 8/30,8:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
199 NORTH TEXAS		38	-6	**30.1**	
200 TEXAS	-24.5	33			

Sat - 8/30,8:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
201 UTEP		1.2			
202 NEW MEXICO	-7.5	16	-15	**7.1**	

Sat - 8/30,9:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
203 LSU	-4	37			
204 WISCONSIN		40	-2	**6.2**	

Sun - 8/31,7:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
205 UTAH ST		37	-14	**20.7**	
206 TENNESSEE	-6.5	23			

Sun - 8/31,7:30 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
207 SMU		19			
208 BAYLOR	-31.5	54	-35	**3.6**	

Mon - 9/1,8:00 PM	OL	OF	OFL	Edge	W/L
209 MIAMI		36			
210 LOUISVILLE	-2.5	45	-9	**6.4**	

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL WEEK 1: AUG. 28 - SEPT. 1

TEXAS A&M vs SOUTH CAROLINA (-10½)

• (133) TEXAS A&M (SU: 9-4, ATS: 5-8) at (134) S CAROLINA (SU: 11-2, ATS: 7-6) - Thursday, 8/28/2014 6:00 PM

					TEAM OFFENSE				TEAM DEFENSE						
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	TOD
TEXAS A&M	+12.0	39.4	44	27	36-185 (5.2)	38-26-353 (9.4)	74-538 (7.3)	1-1	32	23	41-222 (5.4)	34-19-253 (7.6)	75-475 (6.3)	0-1	+1
S CAROLINA	+13.8	41.0	34	22	41-198 (4.8)	29-18-254 (8.6)	70-452 (6.5)	1-0	20	18	36-154 (4.3)	28-17-196 (6.9)	64-350 (5.5)	1-1	+13

GAME BREAKDOWN: Life after Manziel begins Thursday night for A&M. They'll give the reins to dual-threat QB Kenny Hill, and more will be expected of RBs Trey Williams and Tra Carson. SC will rely heavily on RB Mike Davis, who tallied 1,535 total yards last season, against the Aggies' deficient run defense. New starting QB Dylan Thompson is a pocket passer who will benefit from a strong O-line. The Gamecocks lost a ton of D-line talent and are thin in the secondary. This is the first ever meeting between these teams.

STATFOX FORECASTER:
Texas A&M 35
South Carolina 39

• Steve Spurrier is 90-65 ATS against conference opponents.
• Steve Spurrier is 57-45 ATS in games played on a grass field as coach of S CAROLINA.
• Steve Spurrier is 33-21 ATS in the first half of the season as coach of S CAROLINA.

BOISE STATE vs OLE MISS (-10)

• (139) OLE MISS (SU: 8-5, ATS: 7-6) vs. (140) BOISE ST (SU: 8-5, ATS: 6-7) - Thursday, 8/28/2014 8:00 PM

					TEAM OFFENSE				TEAM DEFENSE						
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	TOD
OLE MISS	+6.3	40.4	30	24	41-191 (4.7)	38-24-283 (7.5)	79-474 (6.0)	1-1	24	20	39-155 (3.9)	31-19-216 (7.0)	70-371 (5.3)	1-1	+1
BOISE ST	+12.7	29.7	38	25	43-198 (4.6)	36-25-278 (7.7)	79-476 (6.0)	1-1	25	23	44-164 (3.8)	35-23-249 (7.1)	79-413 (5.2)	1-1	+3

GAME BREAKDOWN: These teams will meet for the first time in Atlanta, in front of what figures to be a huge Rebels contingent. Ole Miss QB Bo Wallace returns with plenty of weapons, including reigning SEC Freshman of the Year WR Laquon Treadwell. A solid O-line should allow RBs Jaylen Walton and I'Tavius Mathers to thrive. Boise's defense was awful last season, though they do return eight starters. The Broncos return QB Grant Hedrick and RB Jay Ajayi, but the Rebels D-line and secondary are both potentially elite units.

STATFOX FORECASTER:
Boise State 27
Ole Miss 26

• Hugh Freeze is 27-11 ATS in all lined games.
• Hugh Freeze is 12-2 ATS in non-conference games.
• OLE MISS is 14-5 ATS in games played on turf over the L3 seasons.

BRIGHAM YOUNG (-16½) vs CONNECTICUT

• (145) BYU (SU: 8-5, ATS: 6-7) at (146) CONNECTICUT (SU: 3-9, ATS: 5-7) - Friday, 8/29/2014 7:00 PM

					TEAM OFFENSE				TEAM DEFENSE						
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	TOD
BYU	+8.1	37.8	30	25	51-267 (5.2)	34-18-226 (6.6)	85-493 (5.8)	1-1	22	20	41-160 (3.9)	38-21-219 (5.8)	79-379 (4.8)	1-1	+2
CONNECTICUT	-9.7	31.8	21	18	32-85 (2.6)	37-20-234 (6.4)	69-319 (4.6)	1-2	30	19	37-135 (3.7)	33-18-249 (7.6)	70-384 (5.5)	1-1	-1

GAME BREAKDOWN: BYU's offense features dual-threat QB Taysom Hill and 1,200-yard RB Jamaal Williams among eight returning starters. Their defense has plenty of talent up front and a promising secondary group. UConn's defense should be a strength under new head coach Bob Diaco, who was previously DC at Notre Dame. The big question mark is whether the Huskies can move the ball. QB Casey Cochran has a strong receiving corps, featuring 1,000-yard WR Geremy Davis, but UConn lacks talent in the running game.

STATFOX FORECASTER:
Brigham Young 31
Connecticut 18

• Bronco Mendenhall is 35-19 UNDER in the first half of the season as coach of BYU.
• Bronco Mendenhall is 36-24 UNDER in non-conference games as coach of BYU.
• BYU was 0-4-1 ATS in the last five games of last season.

COLORADO STATE vs COLORADO (-2½)

• (149) COLORADO ST (SU: 8-6, ATS: 10-4) vs. (150) COLORADO (SU: 4-8, ATS: 7-5) - Friday, 8/29/2014 9:00 PM

					TEAM OFFENSE				TEAM DEFENSE						
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	TOD
COLORADO ST	+6.4	26.5	36	23	41-205 (5.0)	34-21-266 (7.8)	75-471 (6.3)	1-1	30	21	37-141 (3.8)	35-22-276 (7.8)	72-417 (5.8)	1-1	+2
COLORADO	-12.8	37.7	25	19	35-121 (3.5)	34-20-249 (7.3)	69-370 (5.4)	1-1	38	23	42-208 (4.9)	35-21-260 (7.4)	77-468 (6.1)	1-1	-4

GAME BREAKDOWN: As 3-point underdogs in Denver (where this game will be played, as well), Colorado beat CSU 41-27 last season. The Buffs outgained the Rams 509 total yards to 295. Colorado QB Sefo Liufau showed promise last season, and could thrive against the Rams' leaky secondary. The Buffaloes also return their RB tandem of Michael Adkins and Christian Powell, and their young defense gained some experience in a rough 2013 season. They'll have their work cut out for them against CSU's star QB Garrett Grayson.

STATFOX FORECASTER:
Colorado State 40
Colorado 28

• COLORADO ST was 6-2 OVER in the last eight games of last season.
• COLORADO is 5-2 ATS in its last seven games against COLORADO ST.
• Five of the last six games in this series have gone UNDER the total.

PENN STATE | vs | UCF (-1)

• **(155) PENN ST (SU: 7-5, ATS: 5-7) vs. (156) UCF (SU: 12-1, ATS: 8-5) - Saturday, 8/30/2014 8:30 AM**

	TEAM OFFENSE								TEAM DEFENSE						
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	TOD
PENN ST	+2.5	35.3	29	22	42-174 (4.2)	34-20-259 (7.6)	76-433 (5.7)	1-1	26	19	37-144 (3.9)	35-21-237 (6.7)	72-381 (5.3)	1-1	-2
UCF	+13.3	33.5	35	22	36-160 (4.4)	31-21-282 (9.1)	67-442 (6.6)	1-1	21	19	31-122 (4.0)	37-21-240 (6.5)	68-362 (5.3)	1-1	+5

GAME BREAKDOWN: As 4½-point road underdogs, UCF beat Penn State 34-31 last September. Knights QB Pete DiNovo has huge shoes to fill under center, though he has plenty of WR talent at his disposal and UCF's reliable defense returns eight starters. Nittany Lions RB Zach Zwinak tallied 147 total yards and three TD in last year's meeting. PSU QB Christian Hackenberg is going to be special, but enters his sophomore year with a weak O-line and a lack of experienced WRs. Note the 8:30 a.m. Eastern start time in Ireland.

STATFOX FORECASTER:
Penn State **25**
UCF **32**

• George O'Leary is 24-11 UNDER in non-conference games as coach of UCF.
• George O'Leary is 12-2 ATS away in the first two weeks of the season.
• UCF is 6-0 ATS away in non-conference games over the L3 seasons.

OHIO STATE (-12½) | vs | NAVY

• **(157) OHIO ST (SU: 12-2, ATS: 6-7) at (158) NAVY (SU: 9-4, ATS: 10-3) - Saturday, 8/30/2014 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 ST	+22.9	34.8	46	26	45-309 (6.8)	26-17-203 (7.7)	71-512 (7.2)	1-1	23	20	33-109 (3.3)	38-24-268 (7.0)	71-377 (5.3)	1-1	+5
NAVY	+9.2	27.5	34	24	60-327 (5.5)	11-6-86 (7.7)	71-413 (5.8)	0-0	24	22	39-179 (4.5)	31-21-216 (7.1)	70-395 (5.6)	1-1	+12

GAME BREAKDOWN: These teams last met in 2009 when Ohio State, a 22-point home favorite, needed an INT on a late Navy two-point attempt to secure a 31-27 win. Athletic redshirt freshman QB J.T. Barrett will start for the Buckeyes after Braxton Miller's devastating shoulder injury. OSU figures to lean heavily on RBs Ezekiel Elliott and Dontre Wilson, while their strong defensive front seven will be asked to do more this season. Their first test is against Navy's triple-option, which was second in FBS in rushing yards per game last year.

STATFOX FORECASTER:
Ohio State **44**
Navy **23**

• Ken Niumatalolo is 16-6 UNDER when the total is between 56.5 and 63 as coach of NAVY.
• Urban Meyer is 90-55 ATS in all lined games.
• NAVY is 8-1 UNDER in home games over the L3 seasons.

UCLA (-22) | vs | VIRGINIA

• **(159) UCLA (SU: 10-3, ATS: 9-4) at (160) VIRGINIA (SU: 2-10, ATS: 6-6) - Saturday, 8/30/2014 12:00 PM**

	TEAM OFFENSE								TEAM DEFENSE						
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	TOD
UCLA	+13.8	40.2	37	23	44-197 (4.5)	30-20-251 (8.3)	74-448 (6.1)	1-1	23	22	43-168 (3.9)	34-20-218 (6.5)	77-386 (5.0)	1-1	+10
VIRGINIA	-13.5	40.5	20	21	41-157 (3.8)	42-23-212 (5.0)	83-369 (4.4)	1-1	33	19	39-171 (4.4)	32-16-233 (7.2)	71-404 (5.7)	1-1	-5

GAME BREAKDOWN: UCLA QB Brett Hundley passed on the NFL to take a shot at the Heisman and maybe even a national title. He's an elite passer and runner, and surrounded by plenty of quality complementary pieces on offense. The Bruins defense returns eight starters to a strong unit. UVa's offense revolves around RB Kevin Parks, who racked up 1,360 total yards last season as the passing game fizzled. The Cavaliers defense was awful last season amid injury problems, but could be above average in 2014 with nine returning starters.

STATFOX FORECASTER:
UCLA **39**
Virginia **17**

• UCLA is 6-0 UNDER in road lined games over the L2 seasons.
• Mike London is 19-29 ATS in all lined games as coach of VIRGINIA.
• Mike London is 18-28 ATS when playing on a Saturday as coach of VIRGINIA.

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Situational analysis uncovers conditions and patterns where teams have consistently outperformed or underperformed their normal levels. These systems are not team specific—the principle is that teams fall into patterns regardless of personnel (i.e. good passing teams, teams seeking revenge, cold teams on a losing streak, etc.).

• **Play On -** Favorites of 10.5 to 21 points (FLORIDA ST) that averaged 31+ points/game last season, in non-conference game vs. team from major conference.

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

RATING = *

• **Play On -** Favorites of 10.5 to 21 points (FLORIDA ST, AUBURN, USC) that averaged 8+ YPA last year, with experienced QB returning, in first two weeks of season.

• **The situation's record** is 29-6 over the last 10 seasons (82.9%, +22.4 units).

RATING = *

• **Play Against -** A home team (TENNESSEE) in first month of season, after closing last season with 4 or 5 losses in last 5 games, with 5 offensive starters returning.

• **The situation's record** is 35-9 over the last 10 seasons (79.5%, +25.1 units).

RATING = *

COLLEGE FOOTBALL WEEK 1: AUG. 28 - SEPT. 1

RICE | VS | NOTRE DAME (-21)

• **(175) RICE (SU: 10-4, ATS: 8-6) at (176) NOTRE DAME (SU: 9-4, ATS: 5-7) - Saturday, 8/30/2014 3:30 PM**

	TEAM OFFENSE								TEAM DEFENSE						
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	TOD
RICE	+5.2	28.2	30	22	50-227 (4.6)	25-13-178 (7.2)	75-405 (5.4)	1-1	24	18	39-161 (4.1)	29-15-203 (6.9)	68-364 (5.4)	1-1	+7
NOTRE DAME	+4.8	41.0	27	21	34-151 (4.4)	33-17-255 (7.7)	67-406 (6.1)	0-1	22	22	40-168 (4.2)	31-18-198 (6.3)	71-366 (5.2)	0-1	EVEN

GAME BREAKDOWN: These teams haven't met since 1988, when Notre Dame crushed Rice 54-11 in South Bend. Irish QB Everett Golson is back from academic suspension. He's 10-1 as a starter, but more of a game manager than a playmaker. The rest of ND's skill positions are full of gaping holes, especially if star WR DaVaris Daniels' suspension sticks. The Owls' defense could be a strength, and they return plenty of talent at RB and WR. New starting QB Driphus Jackson may struggle against Notre Dame's skilled and experienced secondary.

STATFOX FORECASTER:
Rice **21**
Notre Dame **30**

• Brian Kelly is 9-0 UNDER at home in the first month of the season as coach of NOTRE DAME.
• David Bailiff is 25-11 OVER as a road underdog as the coach of RICE.
• Brian Kelly is 19-6 UNDER in home games as coach of NOTRE DAME.

WEST VIRGINIA | VS | ALABAMA (-26)

• **(177) ALABAMA (SU: 11-2, ATS: 7-6) vs. (178) W VIRGINIA (SU: 4-8, ATS: 3-8) - Saturday, 8/30/2014 3:30 PM**

	TEAM OFFENSE								TEAM DEFENSE						
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	TOD
ALABAMA	+24.2	37.9	38	23	35-206 (5.8)	28-19-248 (8.8)	63-454 (7.2)	1-1	14	15	32-106 (3.3)	27-15-180 (6.6)	59-286 (4.8)	1-1	+2
W VIRGINIA	-7.0	37.1	26	20	36-149 (4.2)	39-21-262 (6.8)	75-411 (5.5)	1-1	33	21	43-190 (4.4)	33-20-264 (7.9)	76-454 (6.0)	1-1	-4

GAME BREAKDOWN: These teams will meet for the first time in Atlanta. Bama has a dynamic RB tandem in T.J. Yeldon and Derrick Henry, while WR Amari Cooper will keep the passing game potent. The Tide lost a ton of defense talent, though that has never stopped Nick Saban from fielding a potent D in the past. WVU has a new 3-4 defense after a putrid performance in most of 2013. QB Clint Trickett should improve in his second year with the Mountaineers, but they need someone to emerge in their middling RB and WR groups.

STATFOX FORECASTER:
West Virginia **14**
Alabama **51**

• Dana Holgorsen is 8-19 ATS in games played on turf as coach of W VIRGINIA.
• Nick Saban is 16-5 ATS away in the first half of the season as coach of ALABAMA.
• Nick Saban is 11-3 ATS as a favorite of 21.5 to 31 points as coach of ALABAMA.

LOUISIANA TECH | VS | OKLAHOMA (-38)

• **(185) LOUISIANA TECH (SU: 4-8, ATS: 4-8) at (186) OKLAHOMA (SU: 11-2, ATS: 8-5) - Saturday, 8/30/2014 7:00 PM**

	TEAM OFFENSE								TEAM DEFENSE						
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	TOD
LOUISIANA TECH	-7.1	20.3	19	20	34-160 (4.7)	37-21-206 (5.5)	71-366 (5.2)	1-1	26	22	47-195 (4.1)	30-17-214 (7.2)	77-409 (5.3)	1-2	-3
OKLAHOMA	+10.8	40.9	33	22	43-224 (5.2)	29-17-199 (6.8)	72-423 (5.9)	0-1	22	18	34-138 (4.1)	31-17-213 (6.8)	65-351 (5.4)	1-1	+9

GAME BREAKDOWN: LaTech's offense looks to bounce back after dropping from 51.5 PPG in 2012 to 19.2 last season. Oklahoma's defense returns nine starters and might have the nation's best front seven. Offensively, Sooners sophomore QB Trevor Knight is primed for a breakout season. OU lacks experience at WR, and questions linger in the running game after several key players graduated and blue-chip freshman Joe Mixon was suspended. The Bulldogs hope former Texas DC Manny Diaz's new scheme will keep them in the game.

STATFOX FORECASTER:
Louisiana Tech **15**
Oklahoma **41**

• OKLAHOMA is 8-1 ATS when the total is between 49.5 and 56 over the L3 seasons.
• LOUISIANA TECH is 9-2 UNDER in all lined games over the L2 seasons.
• Bob Stoops is 104-88 ATS in all lined games as coach of OKLAHOMA.

ARKANSAS | VS | AUBURN (-20½)

• **(179) ARKANSAS (SU: 3-9, ATS: 4-8) at (180) AUBURN (SU: 12-2, ATS: 12-2) - Saturday, 8/30/2014 4:00 PM**

	TEAM OFFENSE								TEAM DEFENSE						
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	TOD
ARKANSAS	-10.1	39.8	21	18	40-209 (5.3)	25-12-148 (5.9)	65-357 (5.5)	1-1	31	22	38-179 (4.7)	30-19-234 (7.9)	68-413 (6.1)	0-1	-9
AUBURN	+14.8	43.1	40	24	52-328 (6.3)	20-12-173 (8.5)	72-501 (7.0)	1-1	25	21	35-163 (4.6)	35-20-258 (7.3)	70-421 (6.0)	0-1	EVEN

GAME BREAKDOWN: Auburn won 35-17 as 8½-point road favorites in Arkansas last November as both teams ran for 200-plus yards. The Razorbacks expect a big offensive jump in Bret Bielema's second year at the helm, and the RB duo of Alex Collins and Jonathan Williams have the talent to deliver. Their defense lacks talent, and their LB corps might be disastrous. The Tigers have plenty of offensive firepower, including fantastic dual-threat QB Nick Marshall, and might have enough talent up front to hold their own defensively.

STATFOX FORECASTER:
Arkansas **21**
Auburn **55**

• AUBURN is 8-1 ATS against conference opponents over the L2 seasons.
• AUBURN is 10-2 ATS in games played on a grass field over the L2 seasons.
• Bret Bielema is 27-11 OVER in road games.

CLEMSON vs GEORGIA (-7½)

• **(181) CLEMSON (SU: 11-2, ATS: 7-5) at (182) GEORGIA (SU: 8-5, ATS: 3-9) - Saturday, 8/30/2014 5:30 PM**

					TEAM OFFENSE				TEAM DEFENSE						
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	TOD
CLEMSON	+18.0	35.6	40	25	42-176 (4.2)	38-26-333 (8.8)	80-509 (6.4)	1-1	22	18	42-156 (3.7)	29-15-201 (6.9)	71-357 (5.0)	1-1	+6
GEORGIA	+7.7	42.2	37	25	37-170 (4.5)	35-23-314 (8.9)	72-484 (6.7)	1-1	29	19	40-148 (3.7)	29-17-227 (7.7)	69-375 (5.4)	1-1	-7

GAME BREAKDOWN: Clemson beat Georgia 38-35 as 1½-point home underdogs last season. Todd Gurley rushed for 154 yards and two TD on just 12 carries in the losing effort. The Tigers lost a plethora of offensive production, but have high hopes for QB Cole Stoudt. Clemson's solid front seven will have to stop Gurley, arguably the nation's best RB, and their middling secondary will be tested by the Bulldogs' new starting QB Hutson Mason. UGa's defense returns nine starters under new DC Jeremy Pruitt, Florida State's DC a year ago.

STATFOX FORECASTER:
Clemson **37**
Georgia **34**

• GEORGIA is 10-1 OVER in the first half of the season over the L3 seasons.
• GEORGIA is 7-0 OVER in the first month of the season over the L3 seasons.
• Mark Richt is 31-17 UNDER as a favorite of 3.5 to 10 points as coach of GEORGIA.

FRESNO STATE vs USC (-21½)

• **(191) FRESNO ST (SU: 11-2, ATS: 5-8) at (192) USC (SU: 10-4, ATS: 7-7) - Saturday, 8/30/2014 7:30 PM**

					TEAM OFFENSE				TEAM DEFENSE						
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	TOD
FRESNO ST	+13.1	26.8	43	28	32-151 (4.7)	52-36-396 (7.6)	84-547 (6.5)	1-1	30	20	41-147 (3.6)	36-22-283 (8.0)	77-430 (5.6)	1-1	+1
USC	+8.5	40.5	30	20	38-172 (4.5)	28-18-227 (8.2)	66-399 (6.0)	1-1	21	18	30-121 (4.0)	37-21-214 (5.8)	67-335 (5.0)	0-1	+6

GAME BREAKDOWN: As 5-point road favorites last December, USC beat Fresno 45-20. The Bulldogs were held to 253 total yards. For the Trojans, Cody Kessler threw for 345 yards and four scores, Javorius Allen ran for two TD and Nelson Agholor had 94 receiving yards and two scores. Fresno is rebuilding their offense with Derek Carr gone. Their defense is talented but inconsistent. The Trojans trio of Kessler, Allen and Agholor will score in bunches, while USC's defense returns eight starters and could be one of the nation's best.

STATFOX FORECASTER:
Fresno State **27**
USC **38**

• Tim DeRuyter is 16-6 ATS when playing on a Saturday as coach of FRESNO ST.
• USC is 10-2 UNDER at home when playing on a Saturday over the L3 seasons.
• FRESNO ST was 6-2 UNDER in the last eight games of this past season.

FLORIDA STATE (-17½) vs OKLAHOMA STATE

• **(197) FLORIDA ST (SU: 14-0, ATS: 11-3) vs. (198) OKLAHOMA ST (SU: 10-3, ATS: 8-5) - Saturday, 8/30/2014 8:00 PM**

					TEAM OFFENSE				TEAM DEFENSE						
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	TOD
FLORIDA ST	+39.5	33.6	52	26	36-205 (5.7)	32-21-316 (10.0)	68-521 (7.7)	0-1	12	17	38-126 (3.3)	30-16-157 (5.1)	68-283 (4.2)	1-2	+17
OKLAHOMA ST	+17.5	38.8	39	22	39-172 (4.4)	37-22-277 (7.4)	76-449 (5.9)	0-1	22	22	39-142 (3.6)	42-22-243 (5.8)	81-385 (4.8)	1-2	+15

GAME BREAKDOWN: These teams last met in the 1985 Gator Bowl, which was a 34-23 Florida State win. The Seminoles begin their title defense in Arlington with a stellar O-line, a Heisman winner at QB in Jameis Winston, and NFL-caliber skill-position stars RB Karlos Williams, WR Rashad Greene and TE Nick O'Leary. Their defense may take a step back after losing five starters. The Cowboys return plenty of playmakers to their 39-PPG offense, though Oklahoma State's defense lost seven starters and is thin up front.

STATFOX FORECASTER:
Florida State **40**
Oklahoma State **22**

• FLORIDA ST is 10-2 ATS when playing on a Saturday over the L2 seasons.
• Mike Gundy is 35-17 ATS when the total is greater than or equal to 63 as coach of OKLAHOMA ST.
• FLORIDA ST is 11-3 ATS in all lined games over the L2 seasons.

SITUATIONAL TEAM POWER TRENDS

The StatFox Situational Team Power Trends uncover situations where a team outperforms or underperforms their normal level of play. These trends are great indicators of how teams react to situations (i.e. coming off a close win, against division opponents, etc.)

• TEXAS A&M is 12-30 ATS (-21 Units) as a road underdog since 1992.

The average score was TEXAS A&M 19.9, OPPONENT 37

PLAY ON SOUTH CAROLINA
RATING = **

• ARKANSAS is 5-17 ATS (-13.7 Units) when playing on a Saturday since the start of the 2012 season.

The average score was ARKANSAS 22.3, OPPONENT 31

PLAY ON AUBURN
RATING = **

• BAYLOR was 7-0 ATS (+7 Units) in home games last season.

The average score was BAYLOR 60.6, OPPONENT 13.4

PLAY ON BAYLOR
RATING = **

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WISCONSIN | VS | LSU (-5)

• **(203) LSU (SU: 10-3, ATS: 5-7) vs. (204) WISCONSIN (SU: 9-4, ATS: 9-3) - Saturday, 8/30/2014 9:00 PM**

					TEAM OFFENSE								TEAM DEFENSE				
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	TOD
LSU	+13.8	39.0	36	22	40-202 (5.0)	25-16-251 (10.0)	65-453 (7.0)	1-1	22	19	36-143 (3.9)	31-17-197 (6.4)	67-340 (5.1)	1-1	EVEN
WISCONSIN	+18.5	34.2	35	22	43-284 (6.6)	27-17-197 (7.2)	70-481 (6.9)	0-1	16	16	32-103 (3.2)	33-17-203 (6.2)	65-306 (4.7)	1-1	+1

GAME BREAKDOWN: LSU beat Wisconsin in 1971 and 1972, the only two times these squads have met. This game in Houston has playoff implications, as UW faces a Charmin-soft schedule beyond Week 1. The Badgers will again have a potent running game with RB Melvin Gordon leading the charge. The passing game lacks talent, and the Tigers secondary should be stringent. LSU's offense is short on experience and expects talented youngsters to contribute immediately, while Wisconsin's defense lost its entire starting front seven.

STATFOX FORECASTER:
Wisconsin **29**
LSU **26**

• Gary Andersen is 21-7 ATS in the first half of the season.
• WISCONSIN is 9-2 ATS when playing on a Saturday over the L2 seasons.
• Gary Andersen is 39-20 ATS in all lined games.

UTAH STATE | VS | TENNESSEE (-6½)

• **(205) UTAH ST (SU: 9-5, ATS: 9-5) at (206) TENNESSEE (SU: 5-7, ATS: 5-7) - Sunday, 8/31/2014 7:00 PM**

					TEAM OFFENSE								TEAM DEFENSE				
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	TOD
UTAH ST	+14.7	30.1	32	22	42-179 (4.2)	34-21-233 (6.8)	76-412 (5.4)	1-1	17	18	38-107 (2.8)	35-19-224 (6.5)	73-331 (4.5)	1-1	+11
TENNESSEE	-5.2	41.8	24	19	38-188 (4.9)	29-16-165 (5.8)	67-353 (5.3)	1-1	29	21	39-207 (5.3)	30-17-211 (7.2)	69-418 (6.1)	1-1	+1

GAME BREAKDOWN: This is the first ever meeting between these schools. Utah State lost much of its offense from last season, though QB Chuckie Keeton's and RB Joe Hill's return from injuries will help greatly. The Aggies defense is also facing a huge turnover, though their LB corps could be great. Tennessee has talent at WR, but nowhere else on offense. The Vols atrocious defense has some ability at linebacker, but needs someone to emerge as a pass-rusher to help their porous and inexperienced secondary.

STATFOX FORECASTER:
Utah State **21**
Tennessee **18**

• UTAH ST is 20-6 ATS in all lined games over the L3 seasons.
• TENNESSEE is 8-1 OVER in the first half of the season over the L3 seasons.
• Butch Jones is 16-5 UNDER as a favorite of 3.5 to 10 points.

SOUTHERN METHODIST | VS | BAYLOR (-33)

• **(207) SMU (SU: 5-7, ATS: 5-6) at (208) BAYLOR (SU: 11-2, ATS: 9-4) - Sunday, 8/31/2014 7:30 PM**

					TEAM OFFENSE								TEAM DEFENSE				
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	TOD
SMU	-6.6	33.3	27	23	27-94 (3.5)	52-33-341 (6.6)	79-435 (5.5)	1-1	33	22	37-141 (3.8)	37-24-272 (7.4)	74-413 (5.6)	1-1	-6
BAYLOR	+28.8	36.7	52	29	48-259 (5.4)	35-21-360 (10.4)	83-619 (7.5)	1-0	24	19	42-145 (3.5)	34-16-215 (6.4)	76-360 (4.7)	1-1	+13

GAME BREAKDOWN: In their 2012 season opener, Baylor drubbed SMU 59-24 as 6½-point home favorites. It was the Bears' 10th-straight win versus the Mustangs. SMU is in for a rebuilding year, needing to replace the key pieces from their potent passing game. They're hoping for drastic improvement in the run game and throughout the defense. Baylor QB Bryce Petty is back to lead the nation's top offense from 2013, with plenty of speedy assets around him. The Bears defense lost seven starters and looks vulnerable in the back seven.

STATFOX FORECASTER:
Southern Methodist **20**
Baylor **61**

• Art Briles is 9-0 ATS in a home game where the total is greater than or equal to 70 as coach of BAYLOR.
• Art Briles is 19-5 ATS as a home favorite as coach of BAYLOR.
• BAYLOR is 7-0 ATS in home games over the L2 seasons.

MIAMI FLORIDA | VS | LOUISVILLE (-3½)

• **(209) MIAMI (SU: 9-4, ATS: 5-8) at (210) LOUISVILLE (SU: 12-1, ATS: 6-7) - Monday, 9/1/2014 8:00 PM**

					TEAM OFFENSE								TEAM DEFENSE				
	PDIF	SS	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	PPG	FD	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL	F-I	TOD
MIAMI	+7.1	37.6	34	19	34-160 (4.8)	30-17-266 (9.0)	64-426 (6.7)	1-1	27	22	40-177 (4.4)	34-20-250 (7.3)	74-427 (5.8)	1-1	+5
LOUISVILLE	+23.0	27.5	35	23	35-147 (4.2)	34-24-314 (9.3)	69-461 (6.7)	0-0	12	14	31-81 (2.6)	29-15-171 (6.0)	60-252 (4.2)	1-1	+17

GAME BREAKDOWN: In last December's Russell Athletic Bowl, Louisville, a 5½-point favorite, destroyed Miami 36-9. 'Canes RB Duke Johnson was out with a broken ankle, and UM gained only 174 total yards to the Cardinals' 554. Johnson is back, and Miami desperately needs his playmaking abilities. He'll face a depleted Cardinals defense. The Hurricanes defense has NFL-caliber talent at every level, while Louisville's new starting QB Will Gardner will get plenty of support from an electrifying set of skill-position weapons.

STATFOX FORECASTER:
Miami Florida **24**
Louisville **36**

• Bob Petrino is 15-3 ATS in a home game where the total is between 49.5 and 56.
• Bob Petrino is 31-13 ATS as a home favorite.
• Bob Petrino is 24-10 ATS at home against conference opponents.

(135) WAKE FOREST (-2.5) (SU: 4-8, ATS: 5-7) at (136) LA MONROE (SU: 6-6, ATS: 5-7) - Thursday, 8/28/2014 7:00 PM

KEY GAME TREND: Todd Berry is 1-9 ATS at home in non-conference games.

STATFOX FORECASTER: WAKE FOREST 24, LA MONROE 18

(137) TULANE (SU: 7-6, ATS: 9-4) at (138) TULSA (-5) (SU: 3-9, ATS: 3-9) - Thursday, 8/28/2014 8:00 PM

KEY GAME TREND: TULANE is 6-0 ATS as an underdog of 3.5 to 10 points over the L3 seasons.

STATFOX FORECASTER: TULANE 21, TULSA 21

(141) TEMPLE (SU: 2-10, ATS: 8-4) at (142) VANDERBILT (-15.5) (SU: 9-4, ATS: 7-6) - Thursday, 8/28/2014 9:15 PM

KEY GAME TREND: TEMPLE is 8-1 ATS as an underdog over the L2 seasons.

STATFOX FORECASTER: VANDERBILT 34, TEMPLE 22

(143) RUTGERS (SU: 6-7, ATS: 5-7) vs. (144) WASHINGTON ST (-8) (SU: 6-7, ATS: 9-4) - Thursday, 8/28/2014 10:00 PM

KEY GAME TREND: Mike Leach is 13-5 OVER in games played on turf as coach of WASHINGTON ST.

STATFOX FORECASTER: WASHINGTON ST 36, RUTGERS 28

(147) BOWLING GREEN (-7.5) (SU: 10-4, ATS: 10-4) at (148) W KENTUCKY (SU: 8-4, ATS: 5-7) - Friday, 8/29/2014 7:30 PM

KEY GAME TREND: BOWLING GREEN is 6-0 ATS as a road favorite over the L3 seasons.

STATFOX FORECASTER: BOWLING GREEN 28, W KENTUCKY 20

(151) UTSA (SU: 7-5, ATS: 7-4) at (152) HOUSTON (-11) (SU: 8-5, ATS: 10-3) - Friday, 8/29/2014 9:00 PM

KEY GAME TREND: Larry Coker is 15-5 UNDER away in the first half of the season as coach of UTSA.

STATFOX FORECASTER: HOUSTON 28, UTSA 22

(153) UNLV (SU: 7-6, ATS: 8-5) at (154) ARIZONA (-23) (SU: 8-5, ATS: 6-6) - Friday, 8/29/2014 10:30 PM

KEY GAME TREND: ARIZONA is 6-0 UNDER in home lined games over the L2 seasons.

STATFOX FORECASTER: ARIZONA 38, UNLV 21

(161) APPALACHIAN ST (SU: 4-8, ATS: 1-0) at (162) MICHIGAN (-34.5) (SU: 7-6, ATS: 7-6) - Saturday, 8/30/2014 12:00 PM

KEY GAME TREND: Brady Hoke is 21-9 ATS at home in the first half of the season.

STATFOX FORECASTER: SCORE NOT AVAILABLE

(163) TROY (SU: 6-6, ATS: 5-7) at (164) UAB (pk) (SU: 2-10, ATS: 4-8) - Saturday, 8/30/2014 12:00 PM

KEY GAME TREND: TROY is 10-1 OVER in all lined games over the L2 seasons.

STATFOX FORECASTER: TROY 41, UAB 39

(165) CALIFORNIA (SU: 1-11, ATS: 2-10) at (166) NORTHWESTERN (-10) (SU: 5-7, ATS: 3-9) - Saturday, 8/30/2014 3:30 PM

KEY GAME TREND: CALIFORNIA is 0-6 ATS in the first half of the season over the L2 seasons.

STATFOX FORECASTER: NORTHWESTERN 32, CALIFORNIA 22

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(167) GA SOUTHERN (SU: 7-4, ATS: 1-0) at (168) NC STATE (-22) (SU: 3-9, ATS: 3-8) - Saturday, 8/30/2014 12:30 PM

KEY GAME TREND: NC STATE is 9-1 UNDER as a favorite over the L3 seasons.

STATFOX FORECASTER: SCORE NOT AVAILABLE

(169) FLA ATLANTIC (SU: 6-6, ATS: 8-3) at (170) NEBRASKA (-23) (SU: 9-4, ATS: 7-6) - Saturday, 8/30/2014 3:30 PM

KEY GAME TREND: FLA ATLANTIC is 11-2 ATS in road games over the L3 seasons.

STATFOX FORECASTER: NEBRASKA 34, FLA ATLANTIC 17

(171) BOSTON COLLEGE (-15) (SU: 7-6, ATS: 7-6) at (172) UMASS (SU: 1-11, ATS: 5-7) - Saturday, 8/30/2014 3:00 PM

KEY GAME TREND: BOSTON COLLEGE is 2-10 ATS away when playing on a Saturday over the L3 seasons.

STATFOX FORECASTER: BOSTON COLLEGE 39, MASSACHUSETTS 16

(173) MARSHALL (-24) (SU: 10-4, ATS: 8-5) at (174) MIAMI OHIO (SU: 0-12, ATS: 3-9) - Saturday, 8/30/2014 3:30 PM

KEY GAME TREND: John Holliday is 1-8 ATS as a road favorite as coach of MARSHALL.

STATFOX FORECASTER: MARSHALL 45, MIAMI OHIO 11

(183) OHIO U (SU: 7-6, ATS: 6-7) at (184) KENT ST (-3) (SU: 4-8, ATS: 4-8) - Saturday, 8/30/2014 6:00 PM

KEY GAME TREND: OHIO U is 6-0 UNDER in the first half of the season over the L2 seasons.

STATFOX FORECASTER: KENT ST 27, OHIO U 25

(187) W MICHIGAN (SU: 1-11, ATS: 4-8) at (188) PURDUE (-11) (SU: 1-11, ATS: 4-8) - Saturday, 8/30/2014 12:00 PM

KEY GAME TREND: W MICHIGAN is 6-16 ATS when playing on a Saturday over the L3 seasons.

STATFOX FORECASTER: W MICHIGAN 23, PURDUE 23

(189) IDAHO (SU: 1-11, ATS: 3-9) at (190) FLORIDA (-35) (SU: 4-8, ATS: 4-8) - Saturday, 8/30/2014 7:00 PM

KEY GAME TREND: FLORIDA is 1-8 ATS in non-conference games over the L3 seasons.

STATFOX FORECASTER: FLORIDA 35, IDAHO 14

(193) SOUTHERN MISS (SU: 1-11, ATS: 3-9) at (194) MISS ST (-30.5) (SU: 7-6, ATS: 8-5) - Saturday, 8/30/2014 7:30 PM

KEY GAME TREND: SOUTHERN MISS is 6-18 ATS in all lined games over the L3 seasons.

STATFOX FORECASTER: MISSISSIPPI ST 51, SOUTHERN MISS 12

(195) WASHINGTON (-15.5) (SU: 9-4, ATS: 7-6) at (196) HAWAII (SU: 1-11, ATS: 7-5) - Saturday, 8/30/2014 10:30 PM

KEY GAME TREND: Chris Petersen is 29-15 ATS in the first half of the season.

STATFOX FORECASTER: WASHINGTON 46, HAWAII 22

(199) NORTH TEXAS (SU: 9-4, ATS: 10-3) at (200) TEXAS (-23.5) (SU: 8-5, ATS: 5-7) - Saturday, 8/30/2014 8:00 PM

KEY GAME TREND: NORTH TEXAS is 12-1 ATS when the total is between 49.5 and 56 over the L3 seasons.

STATFOX FORECASTER: TEXAS 26, NORTH TEXAS 20

(201) UTEP (SU: 2-10, ATS: 2-10) at (202) NEW MEXICO (-7.5) (SU: 3-9, ATS: 6-6) - Saturday, 8/30/2014 8:00 PM

KEY GAME TREND: UTEP is 0-9 ATS as an underdog over the L2 seasons.

STATFOX FORECASTER: NEW MEXICO 52, UTEP 26

NFL REGULAR SEASON WIN TOTAL PROPS

ARIZONA CARDINALS

Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 7.5 (-120) / Under 7.5 (Even)

OFFENSE: Both head coach Bruce Arians and OC Harold Goodwin have installed more of a finesse running game in Arizona, featuring more zone-blocking than classic power. It fits the skill set of undersized feature back Andre Ellington, who will get a ton of work. Arians installed more of an aggressive, downfield passing game. Larry Fitzgerald is still the centerpiece, often running more possession-type routes, while Michael Floyd works downfield.
DEFENSE: Defensive coordinator Todd Bowles was a magician with the Cards in 2013, putting his team among the top-7 NFL defenses in points, yards and turnovers. The addition of shutdown cornerback Antonio Cromartie adds to a talented group that includes DE Calais Campbell and CB Patrick Peterson, but the losses of LBs Karlos Dansby to free agency and Daryl Washington to suspension could end up hurting this unit significantly.
BOTTOM LINE: This is a team on the rise, winning seven of its final nine games in 2013, which included a 29-point win over the Colts and 17-10 upset in Seattle. The schedule isn't easy (8th-hardest in NFL), including visits to Denver and Atlanta, but Arizona is too talented to finish below .500. **OVER 7.5**

ATLANTA FALCONS

Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 8.5 (+140) / Under 8.5 (-160)

OFFENSE: Offensive coordinator Dirk Koetter has always tried to utilize a lot of deep shots, and a healthy Julio Jones working downfield will once again be Matt Ryan's top target, with Roddy White working more underneath and crossing routes. The Falcons brought in long-time offensive line guru Mike Tice to try and revive their running game. He uses a scheme heavy in zone-blocking concepts, which should benefit the Falcons' relatively small front five. They'll likely try to keep Steven Jackson's workload reasonable during the regular season in order to keep him fresh for December and January.
DEFENSE: The Falcons defense was a huge disappointment last season, as the unit placed among the bottom-six NFL teams in sacks, points allowed and total yards allowed. None of Atlanta's new starters via free agency (DE Tyson Jackson, DT Paul Soliai and FS Dwight Lowery) will make a big difference.
BOTTOM LINE: The Falcons were a trendy Super Bowl pick a year ago, but injuries and a ton of close losses (seven defeats by seven points or less) led to a pitiful 4-12 record in 2013. The schedule is harder than most (11th in NFL), but they shouldn't lose much at home. Take the plus money here. **OVER 8.5**

BALTIMORE RAVENS

Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 8.5 (-115) / Under 8.5 (-105)

OFFENSE: Ray Rice faces a two-game suspension stemming from an assault charge from earlier this year, but he figures to take the bulk of the carries once he's back, as Bernard Pierce didn't fare much better a year ago. Look for more outside stretch plays for Rice, who dropped weight during the offseason to prepare for the West Coast offense under new OC Gary Kubiak. The passing game will ask Joe Flacco to move much more than he had in the past. Torrey Smith and Steve Smith will both see time at Z-receiver, a position that's a moveable chess piece and the primary cog in the passing game.
DEFENSE: After a complete overhaul of defensive personnel entering 2013, the Ravens defense stayed virtually intact in 2014 but did add rookies ILB C.J. Mosley and DT Timmy Jernigan. OLB Terrell Suggs (1 sack in final 8 games) must get more pressure to increase his team's turnovers.
BOTTOM LINE: This should be an improved team in 2014, especially in the passing game with veteran receivers WR Steve Smith and TE Owen Daniels. RB Ray Rice is due for a bounce-back year, and so is the defense that was average or better in all meaningful categories last year. **OVER 8.5**

BUFFALO BILLS

Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 6.5 (-140) / Under 6.5 (+120)

OFFENSE: Offensive coordinator Nathaniel Hackett brought a much different look to the Bills' running game in his first season with the team in 2013, and it didn't do C.J. Spiller any favors. Buffalo uses a lot of read option plays to try to take advantage of QB EJ Manuel's mobility. Spiller was hesitant in read option situations, and Manuel was fragile as a rookie. Hackett uses play-action and crossing action in the middle of the field. Rookie Sammy Watkins will likely be penciled in at flanker, where they'll rely on his YAC ability to make Manuel's life easier. No. 2 WR Robert Woods should work a larger set of routes.
DEFENSE: The Bills will be playing for their third defensive coordinator in three years with Jim Schwartz replacing Mike Pettine, who improved this group in 2013, especially with sacks and interceptions. Free agent OLBs Keith Rivers and Brandon Spikes will greatly help Buffalo's transition to a 4-3 scheme.
BOTTOM LINE: The Bills have not won eight games in a year since 2004, dropping at least 10 contests in each of their past five seasons. Don't expect a subpar offense to suddenly make this a winning team. Buffalo has a brutal road schedule and also will be a frequent home underdog. **UNDER 6.5**

CAROLINA PANTHERS

Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 7.5 (+130) / Under 7.5 (-155)

OFFENSE: The Panthers will remain one of the NFL's most run-heavy teams, employing a diverse number of looks in their ground attack. They still utilize a lot of zone-read plays featuring Cam Newton. Offensive coordinator Mike Shula and Newton have their work cut out for them in the passing game after losing their top three receivers. They'll use a two-tight-end base, with Ed Dickson playing in-line and Greg Olsen flexed out as their top receiving threat. While Jerricho Cotchery provides another reliable middle-of-the-field option, rookie Kelvin Benjamin takes over as the primary deep threat.
DEFENSE: This defense became elite last year, finishing second in the NFL in both scoring defense and total defense, thanks to a league-best 60 sacks. The Panthers upgraded the secondary in the offseason by bringing in CB Antoine Cason, SS Roman Harper and FS Thomas DeCoud.
BOTTOM LINE: This is a team that will be hard-pressed to duplicate its first winning season since 2008. The Panthers' non-division road schedule is a bear (Baltimore, Cincinnati, Green Bay, Philadelphia and Minnesota) and they don't have an easy home contest until mid-December. **UNDER 7.5**

NFL REGULAR SEASON WIN TOTAL PROPS

CHICAGO BEARS

Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 8.5 (-160) / Under 8.5 (+140)

OFFENSE: Aaron Kromer is both the offensive coordinator and O-Line coach, though head coach Marc Trestman handles the play-calling duties. This is a versatile running game that shows a lot of different looks and styles. They're at their best with FB Tony Fiammetta leading the way for Matt Forte on inside zone runs. Chicago will continue to run a pass-heavy offense. Trestman emphasized shorter, quicker timing routes with quarterback Jay Cutler, keeping him relatively upright and allowing his NBA-sized receivers, Brandon Marshall and Alshon Jeffery, to make plays. TE Martellus Bennett is an able possession guy.
DEFENSE: After the Bears' horrific 2013 season of placing among the bottom-3 NFL teams in sacks, points and yards, changes were definitely needed under defensive coordinator Mel Tucker. But new DEs Jared Allen and Lamarr Houston and new safeties Ryan Mundy and M.D Jennings can only help so much.
BOTTOM LINE: Chicago's schedule is average in terms of opponent win pct. (15th in NFL), but it has a brutal road schedule with out-of-division trips to San Francisco, Carolina, Atlanta and New England, and NFC North games are never easy. Expect a .500 finish for the third time in four seasons. **UNDER 8.5**

CINCINNATI BENGALS

Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 9 (-105) / Under 9 (-115)

OFFENSE: New OC Hue Jackson has always leaned heavily on the power running game, and that figures to be the game plan this year. Jackson utilizes a lot of gap blocking, which should allow feature back Giovani Bernard to use his creativity as a runner. Rookie Jeremy Hill will likely push BenJarvus Green-Ellis down the depth chart. The passing game will be scaled back for erratic Andy Dalton. The potentially improved running game should open things up for downfield throws, and A.J. Green will continue to do most of his work downfield on the perimeter. They'll go two tight ends often as well.
DEFENSE: The Bengals lost Mike Zimmer to Minnesota, but new DC Paul Guenther, promoted from LBs coach, won't change much from an attacking unit that placed among the top-five defenses in points, yards and turnovers in 2013. FS Danieal Manning and rookie CB Darqueze Dennard are nice additions.
BOTTOM LINE: The Bengals will be hard-pressed to reach double-digit wins in 2014. The road schedule is quite difficult with non-divisional trips to New England, Indianapolis, New Orleans, Houston and Tampa Bay. Getting Atlanta, Carolina and Denver at home won't be easy either. **UNDER 9**

CLEVELAND BROWNS

Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 6.5 (-110) / Under 6.5 (-110)

OFFENSE: New head coach Mike Pettine brought in Kyle Shanahan to be his offensive coordinator. Pettine also hired former Ravens O-Line coach Andy Moeller to help operate a running game that's expected to be built around a zone-blocking scheme. Ben Tate fits the bill as a one-cut back who was used in a similar scheme in Houston. Shanahan ran a fairly traditional West Coast passing game and should do so with Brian Hoyer or Johnny Manziel under center. Miles Austin seems to have as good a chance as any of Cleveland's receivers to fill in for suspended Josh Gordon as Cleveland's top downfield target.
DEFENSE: The Browns have a solid defense that added heady veteran starters SS Donte Whitner and ILB Karlos Dansby this offseason. But the anemic offense will likely put them in many short fields again, and new DC Jim O'Neil will have to figure out why the team was tied for 29th in red-zone defense.
BOTTOM LINE: The Browns have not surpassed five wins in six straight seasons, going 27-69 (.281) over this span of futility. Not having Gordon will certainly hurt this offense, and the defense will struggle to keep teams like New Orleans, Atlanta and Indianapolis out of the end zone. **UNDER 6.5**

DALLAS COWBOYS

Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 7.5 (+160) / Under 7.5 (-185)

OFFENSE: Offensive line coach Bill Callahan is expected to relinquish play-calling duties to new offensive coordinator Scott Linehan in order to focus on improving the Cowboys' anemic rushing attack. DeMarco Murray will take a headlining role again in this backfield. Linehan is an Air Coryell disciple with a system looking to take advantage of the deep ball. Dez Bryant is the obvious No. 1 receiver in this offense, and Linehan will likely move him around more than Dallas has done in the past. Tight end Jason Witten provides another chess piece type of weapon to wreak some havoc.
DEFENSE: Dallas DL coach Rod Marinelli will take over defensive coordinator duties in 2014, hoping to generate more turnovers like he did with the Bears (44 TO in 2012). But the Cowboys still give up tons of yards and will have much fewer sacks after losing both DE DeMarcus Ware and DT Jason Hatcher.
BOTTOM LINE: The Cowboys have not had a winning season since 2009, and that shouldn't change this year with a horrendous defense. The 2014 schedule is also quite difficult, especially late in the season when they could be underdogs in each of their final six contests. **UNDER 7.5**

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DENVER BRONCOS

Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 11.5 (-105) / Under 11.5 (-115)

OFFENSE: This passing game loves to dink and dunk, often underneath with Wes Welker and TE Julius Thomas and in the screen game with Demaryius Thomas and RB Montee Ball. They're the best screen team in the NFL, especially when using wideouts. They will take some deep shots as the game goes on, with Demaryius Thomas and Emmanuel Sanders slipping downfield when the opportunity arises. The running game is obviously aided by the threat of Denver's passing game and Peyton Manning's ability to adjust at the line of scrimmage. Ball should have a big workload with most red-zone touches.
DEFENSE: Denver was 22nd in scoring defense last year, but made plenty of personnel changes this offseason with the additions of DE DeMarcus Ware, CB Aqib Talib and SS T.J. Ward. Once OLB Von Miller recovers from his torn ACL, Jack Del Rio's unit will be a nightmare for opposing quarterbacks.
BOTTOM LINE: The Broncos have reeled off 13 wins in back-to-back years with Peyton Manning under center. Although the schedule is tougher than last year, especially road games versus five playoff teams (Seahawks, Patriots, Chiefs, Chargers and Bengals), another dozen wins seems inevitable. **OVER 11.5**

DETROIT LIONS

Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 8.5 (Even) / Under 8.5 (-120)

OFFENSE: New offensive coordinator Joe Lombardi will call the plays, and he has said that he's essentially bringing the Saints' playbook to Detroit. That should mean a diverse running game that borrows concepts from across the league. Reggie Bush will likely retain his spot atop the Lions' backfield committee over Joique Bell, as Detroit still figures to be a pass-first offense. They'll continue to move Calvin Johnson around the formation to keep teams from keying on him. Golden Tate will provide a deep threat on the other side. Rookie TE Eric Ebron is a chess piece who will be flexed out to create mismatches.
DEFENSE: After posting a mere 39 turnovers and 67 sacks in the past two years combined, new DC Teryl Austin was hired to help this team make more plays with his ultra-aggressive style. New starters, safety James Ihedigbo and rookie linebacker Kyle Van Noy should help an underachieving front four.
BOTTOM LINE: While the overall schedule strength is average (16th), the road schedule is a bear both outside the division (Carolina, Arizona, New England) and in facing the Bears and Packers in late December to close out the season. Since 2008, this club has averaged 4.8 wins per season. **UNDER 8.5**

GREEN BAY PACKERS

Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 10.5 (-110) / Under 10.5 (-110)

OFFENSE: The Packers still use a zone-heavy blocking scheme, with big backs pounding between the tackles. Eddie Lacy is in for a feature-back workload this year, with James Starks picking up the scraps. McCarthy's West Coast offense mixes in a lot of deep shots. Aaron Rodgers will continue to move around and look for Jordy Nelson on the perimeter as his primary target. Randall Cobb is Green Bay's chess piece, lining up as a boundary receiver, slot man and also in the backfield. Jarrett Boykin will see extended action as James Jones' replacement, and they figure to run a lot of three-wide sets.
DEFENSE: The Packers will remain one of the better sack teams in the NFL with the addition of DE Julius Peppers and a healthy OLB Clay Matthews (168.5 combined career sacks). The concerns with this unit are the amount of points and yards it allows, and the secondary doesn't perform like it used to.
BOTTOM LINE: Green Bay is once again the class of the NFC North, winning the division last year despite losing Rodgers for half the season. The schedule has some rough patches, but having five home games from Nov. 9 on will give the Packers a huge home-field advantage. **OVER 10.5**

HOUSTON TEXANS

Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 7.5 (-155) / Under 7.5 (+135)

OFFENSE: Bill O'Brien replaces long-time head coach Gary Kubiak, who brought the highly successful zone-blocking scheme to Houston. Arian Foster is still the starter and will be leaned on heavily with new QB Ryan Fitzpatrick as more of a game manager. O'Brien's offenses have always been multiple and complex, though the biggest highlight of his career was certainly overseeing New England's dominant two-tight end look. Andre Johnson will continue to play the slot and work underneath, with tight end Garrett Graham complementing him. DeAndre Hopkins and DeVier Posey are primarily deep threats.
DEFENSE: The Texans defense was awful in 2013 but has a great chance to improve significantly with new DC Romeo Crennel and top draft pick OLB Jadeveon Clowney in this new 3-4 scheme. Do-it-all DE J.J. Watt returns, and rookie NT Louis Nix and a healthy ILB Brian Cushing will clog the middle.
BOTTOM LINE: There's nowhere to go but up for the Texans who carry a 14-game losing skid into the 2014 season. Considering nine of its defeats were by seven points or less, Houston's record should improve, but expecting to jump threefold in wins is too much to pay the steep -155 price. **UNDER 7.5**

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 9.5 (-110) / Under 9.5 (-110)

OFFENSE: Offensive coordinator Pep Hamilton's ground-and-pound power running game never got going last year, due in part to an offensive line in flux but mostly due to the atrociousness of Trent Richardson. The third-year back may just need more time in the offense. Richardson will likely have a monster workload, especially from in close. Hamilton and Andrew Luck are still finding their way in this offense, as they face a lot of third-and-longs early in games and often end up doing most throwing in comeback efforts. They'll move Reggie Wayne, T.Y. Hilton and tight end Dwayne Allen around in formations.
DEFENSE: The Colts made great strides last year, and could again finish among the top-10 scoring defenses due to having the NFL's easiest schedule. It also helps to have OLB Robert Mathis who led the NFL with 19.5 sacks. New DL Arthur Jones and LB D'Qwell Jackson will help with QB pressure as well.
BOTTOM LINE: The Colts have won double-digit games in five of the past six seasons, and there's no reason to think they won't reach 10 wins again. They have the easiest schedule in the NFL with only two possible cold-weather games, which will keep Andrew Luck's passing game cranking. **OVER 9.5**

NFL REGULAR SEASON WIN TOTAL PROPS

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 4.5 (-235) / Under 4.5 (+190)

OFFENSE: The Jaguars will undoubtedly have to abandon the run when they fall behind in games, but until then it's going to be all Toby Gerhart all the time. Jacksonville made the switch to a zone-blocking scheme last year with mixed results. OC Jedd Fisch wants to get receivers downfield and put pressure on opposing safeties, with the quarterback making a high-to-low read. They'll play a three-wide base, with Cecil Shorts as the X-receiver to go along with some combination of Marqise Lee, Ace Sanders, Allen Robinson and Mike Brown. Tight end Marcedes Lewis figures to stay in to block often.
DEFENSE: Defensive coordinator Bob Babich improved this unit in his first year with the Jags in 2013, but they still have too many holes to be a feared NFL defense. Former Seahawks DEs Chris Clemons and Red Bryant will improve a porous pass rush, but this unit will be on the field way too much.
BOTTOM LINE: The Jaguars started off the 2013 season with eight straight losses by an average margin of 22.3 PPG! But they had a 4-4 record in the second half of the season. With Chad Henne under center to start the year, however, don't get suckered into the minus-235 Over bet. **UNDER 4.5**

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 8.5 (+160) / Under 8.5 (-185)

OFFENSE: This offense is built around Jamaal Charles and the running game. Head coach Andy Reid and offensive line coach Andy Heck brought a hybrid blocking scheme that mixes zone and gap blocking up front. Charles does a lot of his damage on the perimeter, though they do work some inside zone plays. Alex Smith may be little more than a game manager, but he's a good one. He does a lot of moving around and will take off running more than most quarterbacks. Charles is the primary receiver in the passing game, but they'll use Dwayne Bowe on the perimeter when they need to move the chains.
DEFENSE: In his first year in Kansas City, defensive coordinator Bob Sutton took a unit tied for last in turnovers in 2012 (13 TO) up to second in 2013 (36 TO). OLBs Justin Houston and Tamba Hali caused plenty of takeaways with a combined 22 sacks and five forced fumbles.
BOTTOM LINE: The Chiefs finished last season by losing five of their final seven games, but they should be able to bounce back in 2014. They bolstered both lines with a chunk of offseason moves, and the schedule is pretty tough early on, but K.C. has plenty of win chances after Nov. 1. **OVER 8.5**

MIAMI DOLPHINS

Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 7.5 (Even) / Under 7.5 (-120)

OFFENSE: Miami has a new offensive coordinator in Bill Lazor, a new offensive line coach in John Benton, and a revamped offensive line. It may take a few games to get the zone-blocking scheme going for dueling RBs Knowshon Moreno and Lamar Miller. The Dolphins were the third-most pass-heavy team in the NFL last seaon, and after a year as a quarterbacks coach in Philly, Lazor figures to bring a more up-tempo, spread philosophy to the Dolphins. Miami is expected to rely on Mike Wallace more often this year, especially in more catch-and-run situations. Brian Hartline is a traditional possession receiver.
DEFENSE: The Dolphins were able to improve their secondary this offseason by signing a couple of seasoned veterans in CB Cortland Finnegan and S Louis Delmas, but this unit doesn't have a whole lot of star power other than DEs Cameron Wake and Olivier Vernon, who combined for 20 sacks last year.
BOTTOM LINE: The Richie Incognito/Jonathan Martin hazing incident loomed over this club like a dark cloud last year, and four of their losses in 2013 came by four points or less. Miami had a strong offseason of pickups, which should be enough to make them at least a .500 club. **OVER 7.5**

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 6.5 (-140) / Under 6.5 (+120)

OFFENSE: At every one of Norv Turner's stops, the offense has leaned on a power running game, and his first year as the Vikings' offensive coordinator will be no different. Adrian Peterson will see a monstrous workload due to his club's uncertainty under center. Turner runs a classic Air Coryell, high-to-low passing game, one that should be relatively easy for rookie Teddy Bridgewater to pick up once he ascends to the top of the depth chart. They're going to carve out a bigger role for Cordarrelle Patterson. Greg Jennings will serve as the top downfield option and TE Kyle Rudolph should be a possession receiver.
DEFENSE: Free agents FS Kurt Coleman and CBs Captain Munnerlyn and Derek Cox were nice offseason additions. But new head coach Mike Zimmer and new defensive coordinator George Edwards don't have any superstars to work with now that DE Jared Allen and his 128.5 career sacks are in Chicago.
BOTTOM LINE: This team has averaged six wins per season since 2010, and that number will not likely be improved on this season with so many changes to personnel and coaches. The Vikings could easily begin the season with six straight losses (Rams, Patriots, Saints, Falcons, Packers and Lions). **UNDER 6.5**

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 10.5 (-225) / Under 10.5 (+180)

OFFENSE: Offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels has always had a strong preference for the power running game, which will likely be a committee approach again, with Stevan Ridley splitting time with Brandon Bolden. Shane Vereen is more of an outside-the-tackles, change-of-pace back. It's difficult to pinpoint what the Patriots like to do with their passing game, but Julian Edelman and Danny Amendola working underneath will be a primary focus. Rob Gronkowski, who often stays in to pass protect, stretches the middle of the field, with either Aaron Dobson or Brandon LaFell working on the boundary.
DEFENSE: The Patriots give up gobs of yards, but still placed among the top-10 NFL defenses in points, turnovers and sacks. They finally bolstered their lackluster secondary by inking star CBs Darrelle Revis and Brandon Browner, and will also get leaders DT Vince Wilfork and MLB Jerod Mayo back healthy.
BOTTOM LINE: New England has won at least 10 games for each of the past 11 seasons, averaging 12.5 wins per year during this amazing stretch. The odds are steep, but with the major upgrades at cornerback plus a healthy receiving corps, expect New England to pile up another dozen wins. **OVER 10.5**

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 10.5 (-125) / Under 10.5 (+105)

OFFENSE: The Saints' running game is a Frankenstein of a series of other offenses, but its basis is in between-the-tackles power. Pierre Thomas might lead the backfield committee in touches, but the running game is better suited for big bruising backs like Mark Ingram and Khiry Robinson. They will run the same pass-happy, spread offense they have run since 2007. Tight end Jimmy Graham is the focal point for Drew Brees and the passing game, flexing out and working the deep seam. Marques Colston works downfield on the perimeter. Kenny Stills and Brandin Cooks will mix in as home-run hitters.
DEFENSE: DC Rob Ryan transformed one of the worst defenses ever in 2012 to a unit that finished fourth among NFL defenses in yards, points and sacks. Adding FS Jairus Boyd and CB Champ Bailey will help pass-rushing studs DE Cameron Jordan (12.5 sacks) and OLB Junior Galette (12 sacks).
BOTTOM LINE: The high-powered Saints have won at least 11 games in four of the past five seasons, and a weak schedule (T-8th easiest in NFL) that has the club playing only one road game against a 2013 playoff team (Carolina) should allow them to reach another 11 victories in 2014. **OVER 10.5**

NEW YORK GIANTS

Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 7.5 (-110) / Under 7.5 (-110)

OFFENSE: Long-time offensive coordinator Kevin Gilbride is gone, but O-Line coach Pat Flaherty remains in place to improve an awful run game. New top back Rashad Jennings fits what they do as a downhill, no-nonsense type of runner. This will be Eli Manning's first year without Gilbride, but new OC Ben McAdoo, a tight ends and quarterbacks coach in Green Bay, should bring more creativity and a West Coast look to the passing game. Expect more underneath, catch-and-run work for Victor Cruz and slot options Odell Beckham Jr. and Jerrel Jernigan, with Rueben Randle the field stretcher.
DEFENSE: The Giants lacked a pass rush in 2013 (34 sacks, T-25th in NFL), but then let team sack leader Justin Tuck walk. But they bolstered their secondary by adding tough CBs Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie and Walter Thurmond, and also signed stud LB Jameel McClain.
BOTTOM LINE: Eight wins isn't a lot to ask for a franchise that just suffered its first losing season since 2004 last year. Even with an 0-6 start to 2013, the club still managed to win seven of its final 10 games. An improved defense and four games against the weak AFC South will go a long way. **OVER 7.5**

NEW YORK JETS

Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 7 (-150) / Under 7 (+130)

OFFENSE: OC Marty Mornhinweg is a West Coast guy, but he went vertical off play-action often last year, and figures to do so again regardless of whether it's Michael Vick or Geno Smith under center. Eric Decker gives them more of a traditional, big-framed target to lean on and slot man Jeremy Kerley is their No. 2 target. TE Jace Amaro will work the middle of the field. Mornhinweg turned to a much more run-heavy approach to combat for the erratic Smith. Chris Johnson figures to lead in carries, especially between the 20s. Chris Ivory provides a power complement and could also be their closer.
DEFENSE: The Jets led the league by allowing only 3.4 YPC and were fourth in red-zone defense, but this unit needs to force more turnovers. They had the second-fewest takeaways in the NFL (15) and downgraded their secondary with CB Dimitri Patterson trying to replace top CB Antonio Cromartie.
BOTTOM LINE: The Jets have a very difficult schedule, especially early on as their new offensive players look to gel against first-team competition. Of the 10 games before the bye week, New York will likely be favored only two times (vs. Raiders, vs. Bills). Take the plus-money for six wins or less. **UNDER 7**

OAKLAND RAIDERS

Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 4.5 (-185) / Under 4.5 (+160)

OFFENSE: In addition to bringing in Greg Olson as offensive coordinator last season, the Raiders brought in Tony Sparano to install a man-blocking scheme. The move back to power blocking was for the most part successful. This year, newly acquired Maurice Jones-Drew will get the first crack at being a workhorse back over Darren McFadden. This should be more of a traditional West Coast passing game with new starter Matt Schaub. Former Packer James Jones will have a chance to be more of a possession guy, Denarius Moore is the home-run threat, and Rod Streater works out of the slot.
DEFENSE: The Raiders had a huge offseason in signing DE Justin Tuck, DE LaMarr Woodley and DT Antonio Smith up front, and former 49ers CBs Tarell Brown and Carlos Rogers will help shore up a lacking secondary. But Oakland doesn't create enough turnovers to boast a truly elite defense.
BOTTOM LINE: The Raiders haven't had a winning season since reaching the Super Bowl in 2002, and only twice during this decade of futility has the team surpassed five wins. Oakland has the NFL's hardest schedule, facing the NFC West and an improved AFC East. Seek the plus-money here. **UNDER 4.5**

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 9 (-125) / Under 9 (+105)

OFFENSE: Head coach Chip Kelly may not have brought his Oregon playbook to the NFL, but what he's running is fairly close. The tempo and overall spread principles are what make this the league's best rushing attack, as well as workhorse LeSean McCoy's ability to exploit cutback lanes when defenses flow too fast to the perimeter. The Eagles use a lot of crossing routes, plus QB Nick Foles holds onto the ball for a long time. They'll use a lot of two-tight end looks, most often targeting either Jeremy Maclin or TE Zach Ertz over the middle. Foles has great chemistry with No. 2 receiver Riley Cooper.
DEFENSE: Defensive coordinator Billy Davis was brought in before 2013 to improve the team's pathetic 13 takeaways, and he did just that with 31 forced turnovers (T-3rd in NFL). FS Malcolm Jenkins was the only significant free-agent add, but first-round pick DE Marcus Smith should contribute right away.
BOTTOM LINE: The Eagles have finished below .500 just twice in their past 14 seasons, and it's unlikely that this talented squad won't win its division this year. Chip Kelly has scrubbed the roster clean, and the addition of RB Darren Sproles and healthy return of WR Jeremy Maclin are big helps. **OVER 9**

NFL REGULAR SEASON WIN TOTAL PROPS

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 8.5 (-130) / Under 8.5 (+110)

OFFENSE: Le'Veon Bell will be a three-down workhorse in Pittsburgh's one-cut system, one that will likely utilize a lot of inside zone plays. LeGarrette Blount will fit the system as a one-cut power runner, while rookie Dri Archer will get some grabs on passing downs. Through his first two seasons with the Steelers, OC Todd Haley has emphasized the importance of getting the ball out of Ben Roethlisberger's hands quickly. Top target Antonio Brown is used as a moving chess piece, Markus Wheaton stretches the field, while TE end Heath Miller and veteran slot man Lance Moore are traditional possession receivers.
DEFENSE: The Steelers defense took a step back in 2013, placing tied for 27th in turnovers and tied for 25th in sacks. They helped themselves in the draft with OLB Ryan Shazier and DE Stephon Tuitt, and also signed FS Mike Mitchell, but Dick LeBeau's unit is still lacking playmakers and run-stoppers.
BOTTOM LINE: The Steelers started 2-6 in 2013, but their 6-2 finish shows that they are headed in the right direction. With no clear powerhouse team in their division, plus some easy non-AFC North road games (Jacksonville, New York Jets, Tennessee), the steep price is worth wagering on. **OVER 8.5**

ST. LOUIS RAMS

Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 6.5 (+120) / Under 6.5 (-150)

OFFENSE: The Rams' running game found its footing in the second half of last year. They use a variety of looks behind a scheme that is heavy in zone blocking, utilizing a fullback and two tight ends, and running out of shotgun sets. Zac Stacy will be the workhorse. The passing game is now in the hands of Shaun Hill with starting QB Sam Bradford tearing his ACL in the preseason. TE Jared Cook has emerged as the No. 1 target, and OC Brian Schottenheimer hopes Titans cast-off Kenny Britt can take over at split end and provide a true No. 1 receiver. Tavon Austin figures to have a more consistent role this year.
DEFENSE: This team has an NFL-high 105 sacks since 2012 and new DC Gregg Williams will make sure that doesn't change with basically the same personnel plus some rookies. The Rams recovered 11 more fumbles last season than in 2012, and scored five defensive touchdowns for the second straight year.
BOTTOM LINE: St. Louis has the most difficult schedule of any NFC club with half of its games coming against 2013 playoff teams. Not having Bradford again will really set this team back, as there are not enough offensive weapons to help the Rams succeed in a defensive-minded NFC West. **UNDER 6.5**

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 8.5 (-105) / Under 8.5 (-115)

OFFENSE: The Chargers have turned to a committee approach at running back. Ryan Mathews will once again lead the rotation in touches, Danny Woodhead will play on most passing downs, and former Colts RB Donald Brown will have a significant role as well. Philip Rivers found new life last year under OC Ken Whisenhunt, and new OC Franck Reich should keep the game plan intact. There are a lot more quick throws in this offense, where Keenan Allen is the No. 1 target, often working the same side of the field as TE Antonio Gates, the second receiver. Woodhead and slot receiver Eddie Royal work underneath.
DEFENSE: John Pagano's 3-4 defense doesn't give up many points, but they finished 30th in takeaways last year and ranked 23rd in both total defense (366.5 YPG allowed) and sacks (35). With no significant free agent additions, rookie CB Jason Verrett is the only real upgrade for San Diego.
BOTTOM LINE: This has been a pretty strong franchise over the past decade with just one losing year since 2003. The offense still has enough playmakers to produce another winning campaign, but don't expect another perfect December in 2014 with a brutal closing schedule (NE, DEN, SF and KC). **OVER 8.5**

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 10.5 (+125) / Under 10.5 (-145)

OFFENSE: The Niners remained the most run-heavy offense in the NFL, even in Colin Kaepernick's first full season as a starter. They run a classic power-blocking scheme with a leading fullback, but they also mix in some zone-read stuff to take advantage of Kaepernick's mobility. Veteran Frank Gore is still the lead back, but his workload could be reduced during the regular season by rookie Carlos Hyde. The 49ers are very aggressive downfield in the passing game, using Michael Crabtree and Anquan Boldin facing the line of scrimmage or tight end Vernon Davis exploiting slower defenders down the seam.
DEFENSE: The Niners still have a great defense, but star ILB NaVorro Bowman (knee) will miss half the year, OLB Aldon Smith could get a six-game suspension, and they have to figure out their cornerback situation. But two hungry veteran leaders remain with ILB Patrick Willis and DE Justin Smith.
BOTTOM LINE: Even with the aforementioned absences on defense, this team has all the ingredients to win the Super Bowl. The schedule won't be easy, especially trips to Denver, New Orleans and Seattle, but the Niners could go undefeated at home, and should wind up with at least a dozen wins. **OVER 10.5**

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 11 (-120) / Under 11 (Even)

OFFENSE: Under head coach Pete Carroll, the Seahawks have churned out yards behind a zone-blocking scheme. They use a lot of inside zone plays to free up Marshawn Lynch for yardage between the tackles. Lynch took a huge workload last year, and could give way more often to Christine Michael. Seattle utilizes Russell Wilson's mobility by moving the pocket around a lot. They'll feature Percy Harvin in catch-and-run situations as the likely focal point of the passing game. The other receivers—some mix of Doug Baldwin, Jermaine Kearse and rookie Paul Richardson—will work downfield.
DEFENSE: Seattle led the NFL in scoring defense, total defense, red-zone defense and INTs in 2013. The "Legion of Boom" may miss CBs Brandon Browner and Walter Thurmond, but All-Pro CB Richard Sherman and FS Earl Thomas remain. The front seven remains stacked with Michael Bennett and Cliff Avril.
BOTTOM LINE: Don't be scared off by a Super Bowl hangover and wrongly think this team will struggle to make the postseason. The Seahawks do have a challenging road schedule (San Diego, Carolina, K.C., San Francisco, Philadelphia), but with how well they perform at home, a dozen wins are likely. **OVER 11**

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 7 (-125) / Under 7 (+105)

OFFENSE: This will be the NFL debut for new OC Jeff Tedford, long one of the most respected offensive coaches in the college game. He will likely use some tempo to help the running game along, and Doug Martin figures to take the bulk of the workload again. Tedford ran a pro style system at the collegiate level, using tempo and space similarly to how Chip Kelly does in Philly. Veteran Josh McCown will have a good shot at duplicating the success he had in Chicago. Tedford's system will allow both Vincent Jackson and Mike Evans to use their great size to overpower defensive backs downfield.
DEFENSE: The Bucs improved in nearly every defensive facet last season, and new defensive coordinator Leslie Frazier gets to infuse some talented free agents like DE Michael Johnson and CBs Alterraun Verner and Mike Jenkins to new head coach Lovie Smith's usually successful Tampa-2 scheme.
BOTTOM LINE: This schedule may rank only 19th-hardest in the NFL, but the Buccaneers could certainly start off in a 1-5 hole facing Carolina, Atlanta, Pittsburgh, New Orleans and Baltimore before a Week 7 bye. With an average of five wins per season since 2011, go for the plus-money here. **UNDER 7**

TENNESSEE TITANS

Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 7 (-115) / Under 7 (-105)

OFFENSE: New head coach Ken Whisenhunt had great success in San Diego with a committee backfield. Rookie Bishop Sankey is a three-down back capable of grinding between the tackles. Sankey and Shonn Greene figure to split time equally in the red zone. Whisenhunt helped turn Philip Rivers' career around by getting the ball out quickly. The Titans are expected to take a similar tact with injury-prone Jake Locker, using shorter drops and more looks for backs and TE Delanie Walker. Kendall Wright will likely lead the team in receptions again. Nate Washington and Justin Hunter are both field stretchers.
DEFENSE: The Titans defense is moving in the right direction with new defensive coordinator Ray Horton and the addition of former Broncos linebackers Shaun Phillips and Wesley Woodyard. But this unit is still below average in nearly every facet, especially in the red zone (T-29th in NFL last year).
BOTTOM LINE: The Titans have the NFL's second-easiest schedule, but this team is far from being playoff ready. The offense has an array of holes, especially with Locker, and the defense will remain one of the league's worst. Nearly even money for a 10-loss season is a bet you should pounce on. **UNDER 7**

WASHINGTON REDSKINS

Regular Season Wins Prop: Over 7.5 (-115) / Under 7.5 (-105)

OFFENSE: New head coach Jay Gruden ran a pass-heavy offense in Cincinnati, so Alfred Morris figures to lose a little more playing time to Roy Helu as the Redskins show a little more of a finesse game. Gruden and new OC Sean McVay are both versed in a West Coast offense, so the passing game shouldn't look drastically different. They'll move Robert Griffin III around and rely on the catch-and-run ability of Pierre Garcon and TE Jordan Reed, who is in for a much larger role in this offense. They'll use a lot of three-receiver sets with Andre Roberts in the slot and DeSean Jackson as the main deep threat.
DEFENSE: The Redskins made some strong free-agent signings like DT Jason Hatcher, FS Ryan Clark, CB Tracy Porter and LB Akeem Jordan. But this defense has a long way to go to reach respectability after a season where they ranked tied for 30th in the NFL in scoring defense and 27th in yards per play.
BOTTOM LINE: The Redskins have had only one winning season in the past six years, and the schedule is tough, especially on the road where they will face three difficult division foes plus the 49ers, Colts, Cardinals, Texans and Vikings. At nearly even money, expect another sub-.500 campaign. **UNDER 7.5**

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