

FRIDAY UPDATE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2012

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

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

09/21/2012 8:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
307 BAYLOR	-8	-7	61%	76%
308 UL-MONROE	68½	69½	39%	24%

09/22/2012 8:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
311 CLEMSON	58	56	54%	79%
312 FLORIDA STATE	-13	-14½	46%	21%

09/22/2012 12:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
319 BOWLING GREEN	48	48	26%	21%
320 VIRGINIA TECH	-18	-17½	74%	79%

09/22/2012 12:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
323 UAB	59	59	48%	44%
324 OHIO STATE	-37½	-36½	52%	56%

09/22/2012 3:30 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
325 EAST CAROLINA	60	59½	19%	60%
326 NORTH CAROLINA	-14½	-17	81%	40%

09/22/2012 3:30 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
327 TEMPLE	43	43½	43%	44%
328 PENN STATE	-9	-7	57%	56%

09/22/2012 12:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
329 MARYLAND	61½	61	25%	88%
330 WEST VIRGINIA	-28	-25½	75%	12%

09/22/2012 12:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
331 UTEP	48	50½	45%	31%
332 WISCONSIN	-16	-18	55%	69%

09/22/2012 7:45 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
335 VANDERBILT	55	51	22%	26%
336 GEORGIA	-13½	-15½	78%	74%

09/22/2012 7:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
339 RUTGERS	50	50½	15%	23%
340 ARKANSAS	-2	-8½	85%	77%

09/22/2012 3:30 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
343 MARSHALL	-3	-3	83%	72%
344 RICE	70	70½	17%	28%

09/22/2012 3:30 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
345 KANSAS	52½	52½	70%	77%
346 NORTHERN ILLINOIS	-9½	-9	30%	23%

09/22/2012 10:30 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
347 ARIZONA	77	78½	73%	81%
348 OREGON	-24	-21½	27%	19%

09/22/2012 3:30 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
349 OREGON STATE	54	52	29%	56%
350 UCLA	-11½	-7	71%	44%

09/22/2012 12:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
351 VIRGINIA	54½	54	36%	40%
352 TCU	-16½	-18	64%	60%

09/22/2012 6:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
353 CALIFORNIA	57	58½	27%	82%
354 USC	-16	-16½	73%	18%

09/22/2012 4:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
355 COLORADO	58½	57½	26%	36%
356 WASHINGTON STATE	-17½	-20	74%	64%

09/22/2012 7:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
357 LSU	-17½	-20½	80%	88%
358 AUBURN	48½	48½	20%	12%

09/22/2012 3:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
359 MIAMI FLORIDA	62	62	24%	33%
360 GEORGIA TECH	-13½	-14	76%	67%

09/22/2012 12:20 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
363 KENTUCKY	51½	53	29%	49%
364 FLORIDA	-25	-24	71%	51%

09/22/2012 2:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
365 CONNECTICUT	-1	-1	70%	31%
366 WESTERN MICHIGAN	44	41	30%	69%

09/22/2012 3:30 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
367 MISSOURI	48½	49	42%	77%
368 SOUTH CAROLINA	-10	-10	58%	23%

09/22/2012 7:30 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
369 MICHIGAN	51½	49	31%	72%
370 NOTRE DAME	-6½	-5½	69%	28%

09/22/2012 7:50 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
373 KANSAS STATE	58½	57½	61%	71%
374 OKLAHOMA	-13½	-14½	39%	29%

09/22/2012 8:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
375 NEW MEXICO	57	56	68%	58%
376 NEW MEXICO STATE	-7	-6½	32%	42%

09/22/2012 7:30 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
377 AKRON	65	65	65%	40%
378 TENNESSEE	-34½	-33	35%	60%

Open = Opening Line **Current** = Current Line
Side = % of bets on each side of line
Total = Top line = % of bets on over

09/23/2012 1:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
401 ST. LOUIS RAMS	44½	43	68%	48%
402 CHICAGO BEARS	-9	-7½	32%	52%

09/23/2012 1:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
403 TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS	45½	46	53%	45%
404 DALLAS COWBOYS	-7	-8	47%	55%

09/23/2012 1:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
405 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS	-7	-7	67%	40%
406 MINNESOTA VIKINGS	43½	43	33%	60%

09/23/2012 1:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
407 DETROIT LIONS	-3	-3½	85%	76%
408 TENNESSEE TITANS	47	46½	15%	24%

09/23/2012 1:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
409 CINCINNATI BENGALS	46½	49	41%	84%
410 WASHINGTON REDSKINS	-3½	-3	59%	16%

09/23/2012 1:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
411 NEW YORK JETS	-3	-2½	77%	74%
412 MIAMI DOLPHINS	40½	41½	23%	26%

09/23/2012 1:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
413 KANSAS CITY CHIEFS	53	53	24%	81%
414 NEW ORLEANS SAINTS	-9	-8½	76%	19%

09/23/2012 1:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
415 BUFFALO BILLS	-3	-3	69%	64%
416 CLEVELAND BROWNS	43½	44½	31%	36%

09/23/2012 1:00 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
417 JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS	42	43	18%	23%
418 INDIANAPOLIS COLTS	-3½	-3	82%	77%

09/23/2012 4:05 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
419 PHILADELPHIA EAGLES	-3½	-3½	52%	31%
420 ARIZONA CARDINALS	44½	42	48%	69%

09/23/2012 4:05 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
421 ATLANTA FALCONS	49	47½	66%	68%
422 SAN DIEGO CHARGERS	-3	-3	34%	32%

09/23/2012 4:25 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
423 HOUSTON TEXANS	-1	-2	72%	77%
424 DENVER BRONCOS	47½	45	28%	23%

09/23/2012 4:25 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
425 PITTSBURGH STEELERS	-5	-4	81%	46%
426 OAKLAND RAIDERS	43	45	19%	54%

09/23/2012 8:30 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
427 NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	48½	49	52%	71%
428 BALTIMORE RAVENS	-3	-3	48%	29%

09/24/2012 8:35 PM EDT	Open	Current	Side	Total
429 GREEN BAY PACKERS	-3½	-3½	76%	39%
430 SEATTLE SEAHAWKS	47½	47	24%	61%

**WEEK 4 COLLEGE FOOTBALL
MATCHUPS: SEPT. 21 - 22**

		StatFox DAVE	StatFox GARY	StatFox SCOTT	StatFox BRIAN	StatFox FORECASTER	StatFox CONSENSUS
• (307) BAYLOR at (308) UL - MONROE	+7	BEST BET *	BAYLOR	UL - MONROE	UL - MONROE	BAYLOR	
• (311) CLEMSON at (312) FLORIDA STATE	-14%	CLEMSON	FLORIDA STATE	FLORIDA STATE	CLEMSON	FLORIDA STATE	FLORIDA STATE
• (327) TEMPLE at (328) PENN STATE	-7	BEST BET *	PENN STATE	BEST BET *	TEMPLE	TEMPLE	TEMPLE
• (329) MARYLAND at (330) WEST VIRGINIA	-25%	MARYLAND	BEST BET *	WEST VIRGINIA	MARYLAND	WEST VIRGINIA	
• (335) VANDERBILT at (336) GEORGIA	-15%	GEORGIA	VANDERBILT	GEORGIA	BEST BET *	VANDERBILT	
• (347) ARIZONA at (348) OREGON	-21%	OREGON	BEST BET *	ARIZONA	ARIZONA	ARIZONA	ARIZONA
• (349) OREGON STATE at (350) UCLA	-7	BEST BET *	UCLA	BEST BET *	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA
• (351) VIRGINIA at (352) TCU	-18	BEST BET *	BEST BET *	BEST BET *	BEST BET *	TCU	
• (353) CALIFORNIA at (354) SOUTHERN CAL	-16%	USC	BEST BET *	CALIFORNIA	USC	CALIFORNIA	
• (357) LSU at (358) AUBURN	+20%	AUBURN	AUBURN	AUBURN	BEST BET *	LSU	AUBURN
• (359) MIAMI FLORIDA at (360) GEORGIA TECH	-14	GEORGIA TECH	GEORGIA TECH	MIAMI FLORIDA	MIAMI FLORIDA	MIAMI FLORIDA	MIAMI FLORIDA
• (367) MISSOURI at (368) SOUTH CAROLINA	-10	SOUTH CAROLINA	SOUTH CAROLINA	BEST BET *	SOUTH CAROLINA	SOUTH CAROLINA	SOUTH CAROLINA
• (369) MICHIGAN at (370) NOTRE DAME	-5%	NOTRE DAME	MICHIGAN	MICHIGAN	NOTRE DAME	NOTRE DAME	NOTRE DAME
• (373) KANSAS STATE at (374) OKLAHOMA	-14%	KANSAS STATE	BEST BET *	OKLAHOMA	OKLAHOMA	KANSAS STATE	

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**WEEK 3 NFL MATCHUPS:
SEPTEMBER 23 - 24**

**** [NOTE: Forecaster agrees with 3-point spread in ATL/SD game]**

		StatFox DAVE	StatFox GARY	StatFox SCOTT	StatFox BRIAN	StatFox FORECASTER	StatFox CONSENSUS
• (401) ST. LOUIS at (402) CHICAGO	-7%	BEST BET *	CHICAGO	ST. LOUIS	CHICAGO	CHICAGO	CHICAGO
• (403) TAMPA BAY at (404) DALLAS	-8	BEST BET *	TAMPA BAY	TAMPA BAY	TAMPA BAY	DALLAS	TAMPA BAY
• (405) SAN FRANCISCO at (406) MINNESOTA	+7	SAN FRANCISCO	BEST BET *	SAN FRANCISCO	SAN FRANCISCO	MINNESOTA	SAN FRANCISCO
• (407) DETROIT at (408) TENNESSEE	+3%	DETROIT	DETROIT	DETROIT	DETROIT	TENNESSEE	DETROIT
• (409) CINCINNATI at (410) WASHINGTON	-3	WASHINGTON	CINCINNATI	BEST BET *	BEST BET *	CINCINNATI	
• (411) NEW YORK JETS at (412) MIAMI	+2%	NY JETS	MIAMI	MIAMI	MIAMI	MIAMI	MIAMI
• (413) KANSAS CITY at (414) NEW ORLEANS	-8%	NEW ORLEANS	BEST BET *	NEW ORLEANS	NEW ORLEANS	NEW ORLEANS	NEW ORLEANS
• (415) BUFFALO at (416) CLEVELAND	+3	BEST BET *	BUFFALO	BUFFALO	BUFFALO	CLEVELAND	BUFFALO
• (417) JACKSONVILLE at (418) INDIANAPOLIS	-3	BEST BET *	INDIANAPOLIS	INDIANAPOLIS	INDIANAPOLIS	INDIANAPOLIS	INDIANAPOLIS
• (419) PHILADELPHIA at (420) ARIZONA	+3%	PHILADELPHIA	ARIZONA	BEST BET *	ARIZONA	ARIZONA	ARIZONA
• (421) ATLANTA at (422) SAN DIEGO	-3	SAN DIEGO	ATLANTA	ATLANTA	ATLANTA	[No Pick]**	ATLANTA
• (423) HOUSTON at (424) DENVER	+2	DENVER	HOUSTON	HOUSTON	DENVER	HOUSTON	HOUSTON
• (425) PITTSBURGH at (426) OAKLAND	+4	PITTSBURGH	BEST BET *	PITTSBURGH	BEST BET *	PITTSBURGH	PITTSBURGH
• (427) NEW ENGLAND at (428) BALTIMORE	-3	BALTIMORE	BALTIMORE	BEST BET *	BALTIMORE	NEW ENGLAND	BALTIMORE
• (429) GREEN BAY at (430) SEATTLE	+3%	BEST BET *	SEATTLE	SEATTLE	GREEN BAY	SEATTLE	SEATTLE

KEY WEEK 3 NFL INJURIES

ST. LOUIS RB Steven Jackson (groin) did not practice Wednesday or Thursday, and is questionable to play on Sunday. **CHICAGO** RB Matt Forte (sprained ankle) is not expected to play this weekend after missing Thursday's practice . . . **DETROIT** WR Calvin Johnson (ankle) returned to practice on Thursday and will be ready to play on Sunday . . . **WASHINGTON** WR Pierre Garcon (foot) will be a game-time decision again, and it doesn't look like he will be able to return to action . . . **N.Y. JETS** CB Darrelle Revis missed Week 2 with a concussion, but he has been cleared to return to the field on Sunday . . . **KANSAS CITY** WR Dexter McCluster (shoulder) practiced on a limited basis Thursday and is questionable for Sunday . . . **NEW ORLEANS** WR Marques Colston (foot) has been limited in practice and is questionable for Sunday's game . . . **CLEVELAND** CB Joe Haden (suspension) is not eligible to return until Week 6 . . . **INDIANAPOLIS** WR Austin Collie (concussions) has been practicing fully all week and could actually play in Week 3. DE Dwight Freeney (high ankle sprain) is not practicing and will not play until Week 4 at the earliest . . . **PHILADELPHIA** WR Jeremy Maclin (hip) was able to participate on a limited basis for Thursday's practice, but speculation is that he will not play on Sunday . . . **SAN DIEGO** RB Ryan Mathews (clavicle) expects to make his season debut Monday. Teammate TE Antonio Gates (ribs) was a late scratch in Week 2, but practiced fully on Thursday and although he's listed as questionable, Gates expects to start . . . **DENVER** LB Von Miller (hip) has been limited in practice this week, but the team expects him to play on Sunday . . . **PITTSBURGH** LB James Harrison (knee) and S Troy Polamalu (calf) are both out for Week 3, while RBs Jonathan Dwyer (foot) and Isaac Redman (ankle) are expected to play on Sunday . . . **NEW ENGLAND** TE Aaron Hernandez (sprained ankle) is out at least four weeks . . . **BALTIMORE** S Ed Reed (strained hamstring) is questionable to play Sunday night. **GREEN BAY** WR Greg Jennings (groin) did not practice on Thursday and it appears that he will be unable to suit up on Monday night. His teammate, RB James Starks (turf toe) has not been able to practice fully and the team does not expect him to play on Monday night.