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COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

MONDAY - JANUARY 9 8:30 PM ET - ESPN TV

Alabama over Clemson by 3

OPENING LINES: ALABAMA -6 / 54

A rematch of last year's title game in Glendale, Arizona which saw the Tigers score a late back-door cover (lost, 45-40, as 6.5-point dogs) shifts to Tampa but we don't need any financial advisors telling us who to back tonight in Raymond James Stadium. Not when we have our all-knowing database reminding us that **the dog is now a jaw-dropping 13-1 ATS in Clemson's last 14 bowl games** following the Tigers' dominating win last week over Ohio State. In fact, that number tightens to 7-1 SU and 8-0 ATS since 2010. Thus, it should come as no surprise to learn that the striped ones are 5-0 ATS as bowl dogs versus SEC opposition. Speaking of the SEC, they'll need a 'Bama victory just to even this year's bowl record (5-6 SUATS to date). Meanwhile, the ACC is 8-3 SU and 9-2 ATS this bowl season, including 2-0 versus the SEC (NC State over Vandy, Georgia Tech over Kentucky). Now, this is no knock against the Tide as they are for all intents and purposes in a 'league of their own.' (On a side note

- if we manage to land Tom Hanks in the role of a drunk Steve Sarkisian, who in the world is going to play Nick Saban?) Getting back to reality, it will be fun to see how Sarkisian reacts (a few F-bombs, perhaps) after getting chewed out by Saban after the first three-and-out! And in a matchup of Top 10 defenses, there will be more than a few of those. As for Saban, if he has one Achilles heel, it is this: a career **1-3 SU and 0-4 ATS** mark in postseason games versus a foe off a SU underdog win. He is also a mortal-like 5-5 SU and 4-6 ATS as a post-season favorite of 6 or more points. In addition, teams with the better record are just 2-4 SU and 0-6 ATS in the last six BCS title games. Nonetheless, the Tide are still 44-5 SU under the 'Nic-tator' when they are ranked No. 1. That has us believing that Clemson head coach Dabo Swinney will improve to 7-1 ATS in his career as a dog against undefeated opposition – but still remaining win-less against Alabama since 1905 (**0-13**). Can you say overtime?

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🗸 at Auburn	9/3	0-0	19 13	w	-8.5	1	U62.5	5.1	151	248	399	262	175	87	3.8	27-17	2-2	1	vs Usc	9/3	0-0	52	6	W	-13.5	W	051.5	7.4	242	223	465	194	130	64	2.9	31-13	2-1
TROY	9/10	1-0	30 24	W	-35	L	U62.5	5.0	124	292	416	394	245	149	5.1	28-26		1	W KENTUCKY	9/10	1-0	38	10	W	-27	W	U59	6.1	138	351	489	239	216	23	4.0	33-16	1-2
 SC STATE 	9/17	0-2	59 0	W				7.1	227	328	555	102	54	48	1.9	37-7	0-2		at Mississippi •	9/17	1-1	48	43	W	-11	L	053.5	6.4	338	158	496	527	421	106	7.2	33-35	1-2
🗸 at Georgia Tech •	9/22	3-0	26 7	W	-10.5	W	U57.5	5.4	138	304	442	124	29	95	2.4	29-8	1-1	1	KENT ST	9/24	1-2	48	0	W	-42	W	U49	6.3	285	217	502	166	84	82	3.6	33-11	0-1
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🗸 at Bost Coll •	10/7	3-2	56 10) W	-18	W	O43	8.3	234	272	506	251	96	155	3.5	34-17	1-2	1	at Arkansas •	10/8	4-1	49	30	W	-14.5	W	O48.5	10.1	264	253	517	473	400	73	5.6	34-32	3-5
NC STATE •	10/15	4-1	24 17	W	-19.5	L	U60.5	5.6	126	378	504	397	269	128	5.4	34-26	4-2	1	at Tennessee •	10/15	5-1	49	10	W	-13.5	W	054	7.8	438	156	594	163	131	32	2.6	40-11	2-1
🗸 at Florida St •	10/29	5-2	37 34	W	-5	L	O58.5	6.4	134	378	512	449	286	163	7.1	34-30	2-1	1	TEXAS A&M •	10/22	6-0	33	14	W	-18	W	U59.5	5.5	287	164	451	278	164	114	4.0	30-19	2-2
 SYRACUSE • 	11/5	4-4	54 0	W	-29	W	U68.5	6.7	195	370	565	277	172	105	4.1	38-18		1	at Lsu•	11/5	5-2	10	0	W	-7	W	U46	4.8	220	107	327	125	92	33	2.5		2-1
 PITTSBURGH 		5-4	42 43	B L	-22	L	061.5	6.6	50	580	630	464	308	156	6.5	42-31	3-1	1	MISS ST •	11/12		51	5	W	-30	W	052	8.5	218	397	615	274	180	94	3.5	41-18	
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 S CAROLINA 	11/26	6-5	56 7	W	-27	W	049.5	7.0	250	372	622	218	107	111	3.8	41-15	1-1	1	AUBURN •	11/26	8-3	30	12	W	-20.5	L	U46.5	6.2	203	298	501	182	116	66	4.0	33-12	
 PLY Va Tech • 	12/3	9-3	42 35		-11	L	059	6.5	184	288	472	386	284	102	5.4	31-26			PLY Florida •	12/3	8-3	54		W	-23.5	W	O40.5	6.4	234	138	372	261	261	0	3.8	25-17	
 PLY Ohio St Bwl 	12/31	11-1	31 0	W	1	W	U56.5	5.5	205	265	470	215	127	88	3.8	31-14	2-3	1	PLY Wash Bwl	12/31	12-1	24	7	W	-13	W	U51	5.1	269	57	326	194	150	44	2.9	22-13	0-3
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2016 FINAL NFL STAT RANKINGS

TEAM	ITS	PTF	RNK	PTA	RNK	OFR	RNK	0FP	RNK	OYD	RNK	DYD	RNK	DFP	RNK	DFR	RNK	TEAM	ITS	PTF	RNK	PTA	RNK	OFR	RNK	0FP	RNK	OYD	RNK	DYD	RNK	DFP	RNK	DFR	RNK
ARIZONA	9-7	26	5	23	14	108	17	259	10	367	9	307	2	212	4	95	8	LOS ANGELES	5-11	14	32	25	22	78	31	187	32	265	32	339	9	235	10	104	16
ATLANTA	11-5	34	1	25	22	121	5	297	3	418	2	372	24	267	28	105	17	MIAMI	4-12	23	15	24	16	114	9	223	25	337	22	385	30	245	16	140	30
BALTIMORE	6-10	21	21	20	8	91	28	257	12	348	18	323	6	234	9	89	3	MINNESOTA	9-7	20	23	19	4	75	32	242	18	317	28	317	3	210	3	107	19
BUFFALO	7-9	25	10	24	16	164	1	191	30	355	16	361	20	228	7	133	29	NEW ENGLAND	12-4	28	3	16	1	117	7	274	4	391	4	331	8	242	13	89	3
CAROLINA	8-8	23	15	25	22	113	10	231	22	344	19	362	21	270	29	92	6	NEW ORLEANS	13-3	29	2	28	30	109	15	317	1	426	1	376	26	274	32	102	14
CHICAGO	7-9	17	28	25	22	108	17	249	15	357	15	349	16	227	6	122	27	NY GIANTS	7-9	19	26	18	2	88	29	243	17	331	25	341	10	252	22	89	3
CINCINNATI	9-7	20	23	20	8	111	13	249	15	360	12	352	17	239	11	113	21	NY JETS	8-8	17	28	26	28	113	10	218	27	331	25	344	12	245	16	99	11
CLEVELAND	6-10	17	28	28	30	107	19	205	28	312	31	394	31	251	21	143	31	OAKLAND	6-10	26	5	24	16	120	6	254	13	374	6	377	27	259	24	118	23
DALLAS	10-6	26	5	19	4	150	2	229	23	379	5	346	14	263	26	83	1	PHILADELPHIA	7-9	23	15	21	11	113	10	224	24	337	22	343	11	240	12	103	15
DENVER	8-8	21	21	19	4	93	27	232	21	325	27	319	4	189	1	130	28	PITTSBURGH	12-4	25	10	20	8	110	14	263	8	373	7	344	12	244	15	100	12
DETROIT	7-9	22	18	22	13	82	30	259	10	341	21	356	18	249	19	107	19	SAN DIEGO	9-7	26	5	26	28	94	26	264	6	358	14	348	15	250	20	98	10
GREEN BAY	7-9	27	4	24	16	106	20	266	5	372	8	367	22	272	31	95	8	SAN FRANCISC	04-12	19	26	30	32	126	4	191	30	317	28	409	32	243	14	166	32
HOUSTON	9-7	17	28	21	11	116	8	200	29	316	30	303	1	203	2	100	12	SEATTLE	11-5	22	18	18	2	99	25	262	9	361	11	325	7	232	8	93	7
INDIANAPOLIS	6-10	26	5	25	22	102	22	264	6	366	10	384	29	264	27	120	24	TAMPA BAY	6-10	22	18	23	14	101	24	250	14	351	17	372	24	255	23	117	22
JACKSONVILLE	9-7	20	23	25	22	102	22	233	20	335	24	321	5	215	5	106	18	TENNESSEE	8-8	24	13	24	16	137	3	222	26	359	13	358	19	270	29	88	2
KANSAS CITY	5-11	24	13	19	4	109	15	234	19	343	20	369	23	248	18	121	26	WASHINGTON	9-7	25	10	24	16	106	20	299	2	405	3	380	28	260	25	120	24

NFL WILD CARD PLAYOFFS

LEGEND – OWL: Foe's Win-Loss mark before game is played, PF-PA: Points scored for and against, SU: Outright win or loss of game, Line: Game's CLOSING line, ATS: Win or loss of game against the pointspread, O/U: Final Over/Under total and result, OYP: Offensive yards per play, OFR: Offensive rush yards, OFP: Offensive pass yards, OYD: Total offensive yards gained, DYD: Total defensive yards allowed, DFP: Defensive pass yards, DFR: Defensive rush yards, DYP: Defensive yards per play, RES: A formulated Re-Score of the game based strictly on actual yardage gained and allowed, F-A: 'F' shows total number of turnovers committed by subject team; 'A' shows total turnovers committed by opponent. Note: A red check mark at the left of the log box indicates the team outgained its opponent.

SATURDAY - JANUARY 7 4:35 PM ET - ESPN/ABC

HOUSTON over Oakland by 7

OPENING LINES: TEXANS -3 / 47

magine plopping down a few bucks on Oakland (50-1) or Houston (40-1) to win the Super Bowl before the season started - only to see their odds DOUBLE after actually making the playoffs? That's called buyer's remorse as the Black-and-Silver are now 100-1 to claim the Lombardi Trophy while the Texans' two-step has them shuffling into the postseason at 80-1. It's obviously related to all the quarterback issues that both squads are facing. Derek Carr will definitely be in street clothes and if back-up Matt McGloin (non-throwing shoulder injury) can't go, the Raiders will be counting on rookie Connor Cook to light the fire. However, like the kitchen, this is one 'Cook' too many as far as Raiders' fans are concerned as the rookie from Michigan State would become the first QB in the Super Bowl era whose initial career start came in a playoff game. Fortunately for Raider Nation, there's a black hole in Houston as well: last week's concussion to

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Tom Savage likely brings former starter 'Brick' Osweiler back under center. Osweiler is 6-0 SU in his NFL career against .333 or less opposition but just 7-8 SU versus better. The Texans are 2-0 SUATS when they enter the postseason off a loss while Oakland is 1-3 SUATS versus playoff foes this season. However, the Raiders are always dangerous playoff dogs, posting a 7-1-1 ATS log. With our well-informed database sending mixed signals, our MIDWEEK ALERT promptly notes: Houston's top-ranked defense holds a 74 YPG advantage over Oakland's 27th-rated stop-unit. Our NFL Coaches League also chimes in with this little beauty: Texans' head coach Bill O'Brien stands 18-2 SU and 14-5-1 ATS as a favorite in this league, including 8-1 SU and 7-1-1 ATS following a loss. Yes, the Raiders rallied to top the Texans in Mexico City earlier this season but traveling to NRG Stadium without a 'Carr' has us drinking the Houston water.

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at New Orleans	9/11	0-0	35 3	4	N 3	}	W	050.5	7.6	167	319	486	507	419	88	7.9	32-34	0-1	1	CHICAGO	9/11	0-0	23	14	W	-6	W	U42.5	4.9	131	215	346	258	185	73	5.3	23-17	1-1
ATLANTA	9/18	0-1	28 3	5		4	L	048	6.5	155	299	454	528	389	139	8.4	30-35	0-1	1	KANSAS CITY	9/18	1-0	19	12	W	1	W	U41.5	5.2	97	254	351	291	172	119	5.2	23-19	2-3
at Tennessee	9/25	1-1	17 1	0	N -	1.5	W	U47	6.1	123	245	368	393	212	181	6.3	25-26	1-3	1	at New England	9/22	2-0	0	27	L	1	L	U38.5	4.2	109	175	284	282	97	185	4.9	19-19	3-0
at Baltimore	10/2	3-0	28 2	7	N 3	}	W	044.5	4.8	62	199	261	412	282	130	5.3	17-27	1-1	1	TENNESSEE •	10/2	1-2	27	20	W	-4	W	040	5.9	115	244	359	320	196	124	5.2	24-21	2-1
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at Jacksonville	10/23	2-3	33 1	6	N 2	2	W	047.5	4.8	144	200	344	344	239	105	5.8	23-23	0-3		at Denver	10/24	4-2	9	27	L	9	L	U40	4.1	140	131	271	347	157	190	5.8	18-23	0-0
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vs Houston	11/21	6-3	27 2	0	N -0	6.5	W	045.5	6.4	30	295	325	354	230	124	4.9	22-24	1-2	1	vs Oakland	11/21	7-2	20	27	L	6.5	L	045.5	4.9	124	230	354	325	295	30	6.4	24-22	2-1
 CAROLINA 	11/27	4-6	35 3	2	N -:	3.5	L	048	5.3	55	310	365	358	229	129	6.8	24-24	2-2	1	SAN DIEGO	11/27	4-6	13	21	L	2.5	L	U46	5.5	114	239	353	302	235	67	6.3	24-20	4-1
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at Kansas City •	12/8	9-3	13 2	1	_ 3	8.5	L	U46	3.5	135	117	252	329	264	65	6.2	17-22			at Indianapolis •	12/11	6-6	22	17	W	7	W	U47.5	4.9	185	131	316	348	265	83	5.8	21-23	
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at Denver •	1/1	8-7	6 2	4	_ 1		L	U40	4.6	57	164	221	349	206	143	5.2	15-23	3-1	1	at Tennessee •	1/1	8-7	17	24	L	3	L	U41.5	4.1	46	243	289	236	133	103	4.3	19-16	1-1
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SATURDAY - JANUARY 7 8:15 PM ET - NBC TV

SEATTLE over Detroit by 10

OPENING LINES: SEAHAWKS -4 / 44.5

t first glance, it looked as if the pressure was off both the Lions and Packers following Washington's loss to the Giants earlier in the day as that setback guaranteed playoff spots for the top two teams in the NFC North. However, we think you'll agree that the game meant much more to the men from Motown after considering these facts: a win would have Detroit hosting the Giants whereas a loss would send the Lions to Seattle where the Seahawks have won seven straight home playoff games dating back to 2007. Worse, the Lions are **0-16 SU and 2-12-2 ATS** away versus the NFC West since 2001. That does not bode well for a squad whose last playoff win (1992) came around the same time that Sarah Ferguson's cleaning lady found intimate photos of the Duchess of York with a man other than

the Prince. No, the Lions have gone 0-8 SU and 1-6-1 ATS in postseason play since Sarah's topless 'toe' scandal. They have also gone **0-5 SUATS** against fellow playoff teams this year while the Seahawks are 3-1 SU this season versus the same ilk. We do realize that Seattle is 0-4 ATS in its last four playoff appearances but if you're resigned to the fact that the Starbucks squad is going to win – and there's no reason not to with Russell Wilson 6-0 SU as a playoff favorite of 3 or more points – then you should probably take a gander at this: the Lions are 2-7-1 ATS in their 10 playoff losses going back to 1983 while the Seahawks are 11-4 ATS in playoff wins over that same span. Thus, from head to toe, we're all over the hosts. We suggest you 'Get the Sensation.'

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at Indianapolis	9/11	0-0	39	35	W	3	W	051.5	7.1	116	332	448	450	368	82	6.8	30-30	0-0	1	MIAMI	9/11	0-0	12	10	W	-10.5	L	U44	4.9	112	258	370	250	186	64	5.1	25-17	2-0
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🗸 at Green Bay •	9/25	1-1	27	34	L	6	L	047.5	6.5	50	368	418	324	201	123	6.8	28-22	1-0	1	SAN FRAN •	9/25	1-1	37	18	W	-10.5	W	042	6.6	127	291	418	254	119	135	4.5	28-17	2-1
at Chicago •	10/2	0-3	14	17	L	-3.5	L	U48	4.9	66	197	263	408	294	114	6.3	18-27	2-0	1	at NY Jets	10/2	1-2	27	17	W	Pk	W	040	6.1	66	288	354	305	247	58	5.0	24-20	0-3
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WASHINGTON	10/23	4-2	20	17	W	1	W	U50	7.2	94	250	344	417	283	134	6.1	23-28	0-2		at Arizona •	10/23	3-3	6	6	T	2.5	W	U43	4.6	52	205	257	443	311	132	5.2	17-30	0-0
 at Houston 	10/30			20	L	1	L	U46.5	5.3	58	231	289	269	164	105	4.5	19-18			at New Orleans	10/30	2-4	20	25	L	-1	-	U50	6.8	74	285	359	375	252	123	5.4	24-25	1-1
at Minnesota •	11/6		22	16	W	4.5	W	U42.5	5.1	97	214	311	337	259	78	5.2	21-22	1-0		BUFFALO	11/7	4-4	31	25	W	-6	Т	043.5	7.3	33	245	278	425	263	162	5.5	19-28	0-1
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 at New Orleans 	12/4			13		-	W	U53.5		85	337	422	369	319	50		28-25		1	CAROLINA	12/4	4-7	40	7	W	-9		044	7.9	240	294	534	271	182	89	5.0	36-18	
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at Dallas	12/26			42	L	6.5	L	047	5.3	90	260	350	386	222	164	7.6	23-26		1	ARIZONA •	12/24			34	-	-8	-	044	5.4	78	313	391	370	276	94		26-25	
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PITTSBURGH over Miami by 14

OPENING LINES: STEELERS -10 / 47.5

alk about bad timing for the Dolphins. Way back in mid-October, 1-4 Miami played host to the 7-point road chalk Steelers. Thanks to a mistake-free outing by QB Ryan Tannehill and a 200-yard rushing outburst by RB Jay Ajayi, the Fish dominated Pittsburgh, 30-15. Now Miami must travel to Heinz Field with Matt Moore at QB instead of Tannehill, and while Moore may be a 9-year NFL veteran, he has never taken a snap in a playoff game. Enter Big Ben Roethlisberger, a Hall-of-Famer for sure, who stands a perfect **4-0 SUATS** in the playoffs when avenging a same-season loss from an earlier meeting. Even worse for the visitors and their No. 29-ranked defense, dual-threat RB Le'Veon Bell is healthy enough to make his playoff debut after being sidelined by injuries the previous two years. As for Miami's

Ajayi, expect the proud Pittsburgh rush defense to make serious amends for their no-show in October and shut down the Dolphins RB today. Still, laying doubles in an NFL playoff game is not for the faint of heart but our tireless database tells us not to worry here. Pittsburgh is 4-0 ATS in playoffs with revenge versus a foe off a SUATS loss and same-season revengers like the Steelers are a profitable 25-12-3 ATS when playing at home in Wild Card round showdowns. Meanwhile, Miami is just 1-7 SU and 2-6 ATS away in the postseason since 1991, and matches up poorly in terms of playoff experience. However, we've saved the best for last: the Dolphins are only **1-14 ATS** in playoff games when they lose straight up. Another warm-weather challenger goes belly up in the frigid west-Pennsylvania winter.

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GREEN BAY over New York Giants by 3

OPENING LINES: PACKERS -4 / 44.5

t's playoff time again on the frozen tundra of Lambeau Field and with tonight's gametime temperature expected to check in at just 10 degrees, the upstart Giants really don't have much of a chance against the winter warriors from Wisconsin. Or do they? While Packers QB Aaron Rodgers has refined his gunslinger persona (18 TDs and 0 INTs in recent 6-game win skein) to the point that many assume he's all but invincible in postseason play, such is really not the case. Rodgers is only 7-6 SU in the playoffs, and 7-5 SU and 5-7 ATS versus winning NFC East foes, including **0-4 ATS** when favored by 5 or more points. Compare that to New York QB Eli Manning's 8-3 SU and 9-2 ATS postseason log, including **8-1 SUATS** in his last nine-playoff games. The G-men also seem to thrive at this time of year when taking points, going 12-6 SU and 15-3 ATS as an underdog since 1984, including **7-0 SUATS** the last seven. And while we'll admit that 1st-year

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Giants HC Ben McAdoo had nothing to do with compiling those figures, he's certainly no stranger to the team standing across the field this evening, spending eight seasons as an assistant with the Packers (two as Rodgers' QB coach). Green Bay did emerge victorious when these two met back in early October, 23-16, but that win only sets the table for this nugget: same-season revengers are 49-28-1 ATS as playoff dogs since 1999, including 33-16 ATS following consecutive wins. No doubt that Rodgers has outplayed Manning this season, throwing a league-best 40 TDs, plus he's logged a 4-2 SU and 4-1-1 ATS mark versus playoff foes in 2016. But the ultimate decider looks to be the Giants' vastly superior defense, a sack-happy unit that allows only 17.8 PPG (the Pack's 22nd-ranked stop unit yield almost a full TD more per outing). Look for the team with the better SU record – 11-win New York – to leave Lambeau with ATS cash in hand.

GREEN BAY (10-6)

NEW YORK GIANTS (11-5)

		OPPONENT	DATE	OWL	PF	PA	SU	LINE	ATS	0/U	OYP	OFR	OFP	OYD	DYD	DFP	DFR	DYP	RES	F-A	
	at	Dallas •	9/11	0-0	20	19	W	1	W	U48	6.1	113	203	316	328	227	101	4.4	21-22	1-0	
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1		WASH •	9/25	0-2	27	29	L	-3.5	L	047	7.7	120	337	457	403	313	90	6.1	30-27	3-1	
	at	Minnesota	10/3	3-0	10	24	L	3.5	L	U42.5	5.4	78	261	339	366	262	104	5.3	23-24	2-0	
	at	Green Bay	10/9	2-1	16	23	L	7	Т	U49.5	4.4	43	176	219	406	259	147	5.3	15-27	1-2	-
1		BALTIMORE	10/16	3-2	27	23	W	-3.5	W	042.5	6.9	38	397	435	391	293	98	5.3	29-26	3-0	
	VS	Los Angeles	10/23	3-3	17	10	W	-3	W	U45.5	4.1	36	196	232	345	271	74	4.7	15-23	1-4	-
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		PHILA'PHIA •	11/6	4-3	28	23	W	-3	W	043	5	54	248	302	443	347	96	6.2	20-30	2-2	1
1		CINCINNATI	11/14	3-4-1	21	20	W	Pk	W	U49.5	4.9	122	229	351	264	186	78	5.1	23-18	2-1	
1		CHICAGO	11/20	2-7	22	16	W	-7	L	U41.5	5.1	102	227	329	315	222	93	5.7	22-21	0-1	
	at	Cleveland	11/27	0-11	27	13	W	-6.5	W	U46.5	5.5	104	192	296	343	285	58	5.3	20-23	1-3	-
	at	Pittsburgh	12/4	6-5	14	24	L	6.5	L	U50	4.7	56	195	251	406	289	117	6.1	17-27	2-2	1
		DALLAS •	12/11	11-1	10	7	W	4	W	U47	4.3	93	167	260	260	152	108	4.2	17-17	3-3	
		DETROIT	12/18	9-4	17	6	W	-4	W	U42.5	5	114	186	300	324	268	56	5.6	20-22	0-2	1
1	at	Philadelphia •	12/22	5-9	19	24	L	2	L	042.5	5.3	114	356	470	286	168	118	5.2	31-19	3-1	
1	at	Washington •	1/1	8-6-	19	10	W	9.5	W	U47	5	161	171	332	284	246	38	5.7	22-19	0-3	1
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1		CHICAGO •	10/20	1-5	26	10	W	-7	W	U47	5.1	103	303	406	189	120	69	4.3	27-13	1-2	
	at	Atlanta	10/30	4-3	32	33	L	3	W	051	5.8	108	223	331	367	277	90	6.8	22-24	0-0	
1		INDIANAPOLIS	11/6	3-5	26	31	L	-7.5	L	052	6.5	116	289	405	355	270	85	5.5	27-24	1-2	
	at	Tennessee	11/13	4-5	25	47	L	-3	L	048.5	5.9	69	333	402	446	284	162	7.8	27-30	3-0	
	at	Washington	11/20	5-3-1	24	42	L	3	L	048.5	7	84	360	444	526	375	151	8.8	30-35	2-0	
1	at	Philadelphia	11/28	5-5	27	13	W	4	W	U47	5.8	74	313	387	292	211	81	5.4	26-19	0-1	
1		HOUSTON	12/4	6-5	21	13	W	-7	W	U44	5.5	109	200	309	307	184	123	5.0	21-20	1-1	
		SEATTLE	12/11	8-3-1	38	10	W	2	W	047	6	93	237	330	354	218	136	5.4	22-24	0-6	
1	at	Chicago •	12/18	3-10	30	27	W	-4.5	L	040	8.4	226	225	451	449	354	95	7.2	30-30	0-4	
		MINNESOTA •	12/24	7-7	38	25	W	-6	W	044.5	6.4	40	308	348	446	353	93	6.4	23-30	0-2	
1	at	Detroit •	1/1	9-6	31	24	W	-3	W	050	6.4	153	295	448	408	332	76	6.6	30-27	0-1	
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Andy Iskoe thelogicalapproach.com	Packers Under 44.5	19-14-1/*11-6/31 pts	Richard Witt playbook.com	Alabama Over 51.5	19-14-1/12-4-1/31 pts
Brady Kannon @lasvegasgolfer	RAIDERS (+3.5)	18-16/10-7*/28 pts	Rob Vinciletti goldencontender@aol.com	Clemson (+6.5)	23-11 / 11-6 / 34 pts
California Sports californiasports.com	PACKERS (-4.5)	19-14-1/9-7*-1/28 pts	Rocketman Sports rocketmansports.com	Clemson (+6.5)	19-14-1/*13-4/33 pts
Chuck Edel bradpowerssports.com	DOLPHINS (+9.5)	20-13-1/*11-6/32 pts	Ross Benjamin rossbenjaminsports.com	RAIDERS (+3.5)	18-16/*9-8/28 pts
Doc's Sports docsports.com	Texans Over 36.5	20-13-1/8-8-1/28 pts	Scott Matthews smpicks.com	NY GIANTS (+4.5)	19-15 / 9-8 / 28 pts
Joe Nelson nellysports.com	DOLPHINS (+9.5)	18-16/10-7/28 pts	Sports Data Query Group killersports.com	PACKERS (-4.5)	19-14-1 / *9-7-1 / 29 pts
Marco D'Angelo wagertalk.com	RAIDERS (+3.5)	20-14 /*11-6 / 32 pts	Stan Lisowski playbook.com	Seattle Under 42.5	17-17 / 11-6 / 28 pts
Matty Baiungo prosportsinfo.com	Steelers Over 47	20-14/9-8/29 pts	TD Tony ASHNetwork.com	NY GIANTS (+4.5)	20-14 / 10-7 / 30 pts
Norm Hitzges normsclubhouse.com	SEAHAWKS (-8)	19-15/11-6*/30 pts	Universal Sports playbook.com	STEELERS (-9.5)	19-15/8-9*/27 pts
Okie Sports playbook.com	STEELERS (-9.5)	21-13/*12-5/34 pts	Victor King playbook.com	Steelers Over 47	20-14/*12-5/33 pts