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COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

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Alabama over Clemson by 3

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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?

CLEMSON (13-1)

OPPONENT	DATE	OWL	PF	PA	SU	LINE	ATS	O/U	OYP	OFR	OFF	OYD	DYD	DFP	DFR	DYP	RES	F-A	
✓ at Auburn	9/3	0-0	19	13	W	-8.5	L	U62.5	5.1	151	248	399	262	175	87	3.8	27-17	2-2	
✓ TROY	9/10	1-0	30	24	W	-35	L	U62.5	5.0	124	292	416	394	245	149	5.1	28-26	3-3	
✓ SC STATE	9/17	0-2	59	0	W				7.1	227	328	555	102	54	48	1.9	37-7	0-2	
✓ 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	
✓ LOUISVILLE	10/1	4-0	42	36	W	1	W	O64	8.2	201	306	507	568	295	273	5.7	34-38	5-3	
✓ 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	
✓ 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	
✓ 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	
✓ SYRACUSE	11/5	4-4	54	0	W	-29	W	U68.5	6.7	195	370	565	277	172	105	4.1	38-18	0-3	
✓ PITTSBURGH	11/12	5-4	42	43	L	-22	L	O61.5	6.6	50	580	630	464	308	156	6.5	42-31	3-1	
✓ at Wake Forest	11/19	6-4	35	13	W	-23.5	L	T48	6.2	255	202	457	197	126	71	3.6	30-13	1-0	
✓ S CAROLINA	11/26	6-5	56	7	W	-27	W	O49.5	7.0	250	372	622	218	107	111	3.8	41-15	1-1	
✓ PLY Va Tech	12/3	9-3	42	35	W	-11	L	O59	6.5	184	288	472	386	284	102	5.4	31-26	1-2	
✓ 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	
AVERAGES			OFF	DEF					OFF	DEF									
SCORING			40.0	17.0					YDS/POINT	12.6	18.1								
RUSHING			177	124					YDS/RUSH	4.5	3.5								
PASSING			327	184					YDS/PASS	8.0	5.7								
TOTAL			504	308					YDS/PLAY	6.3	4.6								

ALABAMA (14-0)

OPPONENT	DATE	OWL	PF	PA	SU	LINE	ATS	O/U	OYP	OFR	OFF	OYD	DYD	DFP	DFR	DYP	RES	F-A	
✓ vs Usc	9/3	0-0	52	6	W	-13.5	W	O51.5	7.4	242	223	465	194	130	64	2.9	31-13	2-1	
✓ 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	
at Mississippi	9/17	1-1	48	43	W	-11	L	O53.5	6.4	338	158	496	527	421	106	7.2	33-35	1-2	
✓ 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	
✓ KENTUCKY	10/1	2-2	34	6	W	-37.5	L	U56.5	6.5	173	315	488	161	89	72	2.8	33-11	1-2	
✓ 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	
✓ at Tennessee	10/15	5-1	49	10	W	-13.5	W	O54	7.8	438	156	594	163	131	32	2.6	40-11	2-1	
✓ 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	
✓ at Lsu	11/5	5-2	10	0	W	-7	W	U46	4.8	220	107	327	125	92	33	2.5	22-8	2-1	
✓ MISS ST	11/12	4-5	51	3	W	-30	W	O52	8.5	218	397	615	274	180	94	3.5	41-18	2-1	
✓ CHATTNGA	11/19	8-2	31	3	W				5.7	196	136	332	196	114	82	3.7	22-13	1-2	
✓ 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	2-1	
✓ PLY Florida	12/3	8-3	54	16	W	-23.5	W	O40.5	6.4	234	138	372	261	261	0	3.8	25-17	0-3	
✓ 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	
AVERAGES			OFF	DEF					OFF	DEF									
SCORING			39.0	11.0					YDS/POINT	11.8	22.3								
RUSHING			250	63					YDS/RUSH	5.8	2.0								
PASSING			212	182					YDS/PASS	7.7	5.6								
TOTAL			462	245					YDS/PLAY	6.6	3.9								

✓ = Outyared Game Opponent • RES represents a formulated Re-Score of the game based on actual yardage gained and allowed

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GREEN BAY over New York Giants by 3

It's playoff time again on the frozen tundra of Lambeau Field and with tonight's game-time 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

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 spot 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.

NEW YORK GIANTS (11-5)

OPPONENT	DATE	OWL	PF	PA	SU	LINE	ATS	O/U	OYP	OFR	OFF	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
✓ N ORLEANS	9/18	0-1	16	13	W	-3.5	L	U54	5.7	64	353	417	288	247	41	5.1	28-19	3-0
✓ WASH	9/25	0-2	27	29	L	-3.5	L	O47	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	T	U49.5	4.4	43	176	219	406	259	147	5.3	15-27	1-2
✓ BALTIMORE	10/16	3-2	27	23	W	-3.5	W	O42.5	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
OPEN DATE	10/30																	
PHILADELPHIA	11/6	4-3	28	23	W	-3	W	O43	5	54	248	302	443	347	96	6.2	20-30	2-2
✓ 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
✓ 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
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
✓ at Philadelphia	12/22	5-9	19	24	L	2	L	O42.5	5.3	114	356	470	286	168	118	5.2	31-19	3-1
✓ 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
AVERAGES	OFF	DEF									OFF	DEF						
SCORING	19.0	18.0									YDS/POINT	17.4	18.9					
RUSHING	88	89									YDS/RUSH	3.5	3.6					
PASSING	243	252									YDS/PASS	6.5	6.4					
TOTAL	331	341									YDS/PLAY	5.3	5.3					

GREEN BAY (10-6)

OPPONENT	DATE	OWL	PF	PA	SU	LINE	ATS	O/U	OYP	OFR	OFF	OYD	DYD	DFP	DFR	DYP	RES	F-A
at Jacksonville	9/11	0-0	27	23	W	-3.5	W	O47	5	95	199	294	348	300	48	5.4	20-23	0-1
at Minnesota	9/18	1-0	14	17	L	-1.5	L	U43	5	83	213	296	316	286	30	6.0	20-21	3-1
DETROIT	9/25	1-1	34	27	W	-6	W	O47.5	6.8	123	201	324	418	368	50	6.5	22-28	0-1
OPEN DATE	10/2																	
✓ NY GIANTS	10/9	2-2	23	16	W	-7	T	U49.5	5.3	147	259	406	219	176	43	4.4	27-15	2-1
DALLAS	10/16	4-1	16	30	L	-5	L	U47	5.6	78	294	372	438	247	191	7.3	25-29	4-2
✓ 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	O51	5.8	108	223	331	367	277	90	6.8	22-24	0-0
✓ INDIANAPOLIS	11/6	3-5	26	31	L	-7.5	L	O52	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	O48.5	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	O48.5	7	84	360	444	526	375	151	8.8	30-35	2-0
✓ 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
✓ 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	O47	6	93	237	330	354	218	136	5.4	22-24	0-6
✓ at Chicago	12/18	3-10	30	27	W	-4.5	L	O40	8.4	226	225	451	449	354	95	7.2	30-30	0-4
MINNESOTA	12/24	7-7	38	25	W	-6	W	O44.5	6.4	40	308	348	446	353	93	6.4	23-30	0-2
✓ at Detroit	1/1	9-6	31	24	W	-3	W	O50	6.4	153	295	448	408	332	76	6.6	30-27	0-1
AVERAGES	OFF	DEF									OFF	DEF						
SCORING	27.0	24.0									YDS/POINT	13.8	15.3					
RUSHING	106	95									YDS/RUSH	4.5	4.1					
PASSING	266	272									YDS/PASS	6.9	7.6					
TOTAL	372	367									YDS/PLAY	6.0	6.2					



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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
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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
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