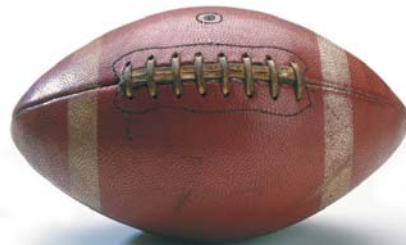**Marc's NFL Top Dog Play of the Month: DENVER +2.5 – WINNER!**

NFL BEST BETS AND MORE INSIDE!

AWESOME ANGLE 9-3-1 ATS LAST THIRTEEN ISSUES!

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AGAINST THE WIND

A Weekly Insight Into The Art Of Sports Handicapping

Against the wind
We were runnin'
against the wind
We were young and strong;
we were runnin'
Against the wind

Overall, the song's meaning is about getting older. It's about pushing on in life and maturing through love, exploration, heartbreak, and betrayal. The title and the repeated phrase "against the wind," in particular, signal the passing of time. The catchphrase itself came from Bob Seger's days of running track and cross country in high school when he would literally "run against the wind."

The song of the same name was one of his most popular tunes, a No. 3 best-seller, for good reason too. It's an unoffensive, almost hypnotic mid-tempo ballad with lyricism that inspired the next generation of singer/songwriters. (Garth Brooks, Brooks & Dunn, and The Highwaymen all did their own covers of the song.) In fact, Eagles' singer/songwriter Glenn Frey also provided backing vocals for the song. Seger and Frey met while working in the Detroit music scene, where they both grew up.

The title of the song is also a perfect metaphor for struggling NFL teams that have slogged their way through mediocrity. But being value seekers that we are, it also becomes a profit-making situation if we…

> **PLAY ON any NFL home dog from Game 14 onward with a .250 or fewer win percentage if they won four or fewer games last season and they are facing an opponent whose team Net YPR is 0 or less.**

And why not, as these face-in-the-wind teams are **27-9 ATS** this role since 1990. And if they are coming off a game in which they scored 10 or fewer points, they zoom up to **17-4 ATS**. That finds the **Cleveland Browns** in this role against Buffalo on Sunday.

Finally, bring the same opponent in off a game in which they failed to win by 6 or more points and they improve to **11-0 ATS** in this rare role.

Talk about going against the wind, the call goes out to the **Browns**, who will be going 'Against the Wind' this Sunday! With that, we'll close out with what looks to be the perfect reminder from Seger's Silver Bullet Band:

Against the wind
I'm still runnin' against the wind
Well I'm older now and still
Against the wind
It seems like yesterday
But it was long ago
And the secrets that we shared
The mountains that we moved
Caught like a wildfire
out of control
Till there was nothing left to burn
and nothing left to prove
Against the wind; baby, we're
running against the wind.

Don't miss this: On the heels of my NFL TOP DOG Game of the Month winner last Sunday when Denver took down Green Bay, my famous **5-Star NFL Game of the Month** goes this weekend. It will be released on Saturday, along with our other NFL selections AND College Bowl Bonanza selections through Wednesday, Dec 17 – all part of another **5-Star Weekend of Football Winners for only $99**. Make plans to get on board now, you'll be glad you did!

Marc Lawrence

TRIVIA TEASER

THIS WEEK'S AMAZING SITUATIONAL PLAY

This head coach responds with aplomb when his current team is coming off a loss and facing a foe coming off a win, going **11-0-1 ATS**. Who is the week's coach with composure?
For the Trivia Teaser answer, turn to page 6.

INCREDIBLE STAT OF THE WEEK

Washington HC Dan Quinn is 13-6 SU and 14-5 ATS during the regular season coming off an outright win as an underdog, including 5-1 SU and 6-0 ATS versus winning foes.

NOTE: College Bowl game write-ups are available exclusively in the 2025 College Bowl Guides. Please check your account to see if you have purchased the Bowl Guides in your current subscription. If not, simply go to the store at Playbook Sports.com to order, or call 800.752.9266 to add the Bowl Guides to your account. Thank you.

AWESOME ANGLE OF THE WEEK

PLAY ON any .625 or greater NFL home pick or dog from Game 10 out who won 9+ games last season if they allowed 16 < points last game and they are facing a foe off a win whose Team Net YPR is less than 1.2.

Play ON:
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (12/18)

TEN SPOT

ATS W-L Record S/2008:
14-1-1
(93%)

View Marc's Awesome Angle Of The Week and more at the PlaybookSports.com website!

2-MINUTE HANDICAP

ATS = Against The Spread • **A** = Away • **Con** = Conference • **D** = Dog
F = Favorite • **H** = Home • **Rev** = Revenge • **R** = Road • **SU** = Straight-Up

WEEK 16 NFL GAMES

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TEAMS	KEY FACTS, STATS & ATS TRENDS
Thursday, December 18	
La Rams **SEATTLE**	7-0 L7 vs sing rev… 5-0 bef Monday gm… 8-1 L9 div RG / SERIES: 8-2 L10… 4-1 TY vs .666 > opp… 0-4 Thursday HG
Saturday, December 20	
Green Bay **CHICAGO**	SERIES: 11-2 L13… 1-6 aft div RG… 1-4 L5 as div RF's / 6-1-1 in 2nd of BB HG… 0-4 w/ sing div rev… 1-5 on Sat
Philadelphia **WASHINGTON**	6-1 aft LV… 4-2 in 1st of BB RG… 4-2 bef non-conf RG / 0-6 as HD's 6 > pts… 0-3 bef div HG… 2-9 vs AFC East
Sunday, December 21	
Buffalo **CLEVELAND**	SERIES: 3-0-1 L4… 1-5 vs .333 < opp… 2-5 as RF's 6 > pts / 1-11 in 1st of BB HG… 1-5 L6 vs NFC West… 2-7 aft KC
Ny Jets **NEW ORLEANS**	1-5-1 L7 non-conf RG… 1-3 aft Jack… 2-6 w/ doub rev / SERIES: 7-3 L10… 6-2 aft div HG… 1-6 L7 non-conf HG
Minnesota **NY GIANTS**	SERIES: 4-1 L5… 5-1-1 in 2nd of BB RG… 3-6 bef div HG / 5-1 vs NFC north… 1-4-1 as non-div HD's 5 < pts
New England **BALTIMORE**	SERIES: 7-3 L10… 4-1 w/ sing non-div rev… 1-3 aft Buf / 4-1 as non-cof HF's 4 < pts… 4-2-1 vs AFC East
Tampa Bay **CAROLINA**	5-0 aft ATl… 5-0-1 aft Thur gm… 6-2 L8 div RG / 5-1 in 2nd of BB div gms… 7-2-1 L10 as div HD's

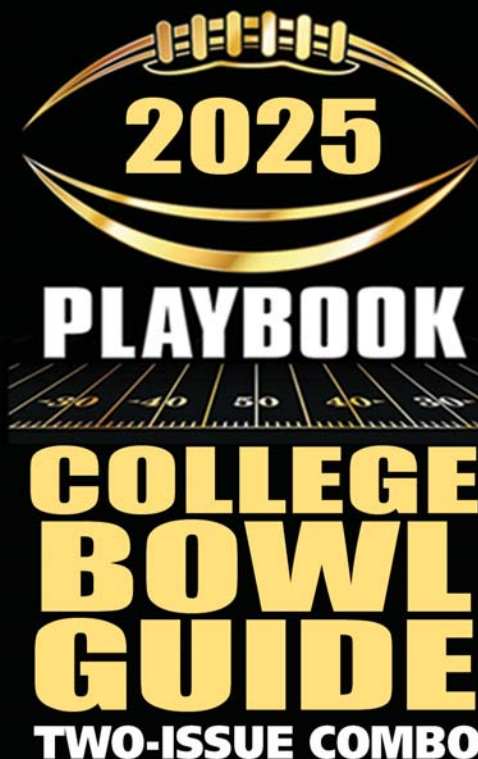| TEAMS	KEY FACTS, STATS & ATS TRENDS
Kansas City **TENNESSEE**	6-2 vs .250 < opp… 7-3 aft LAC… 3-7 L10 vs AFC South / SERIES: 5-0 L5… 6-0 home vs AFC West… 4-0 aft SF
La Chargers **DALLAS**	6-0 as non-conf RD's… 3-1 aft KC… 9-3 in 2nd of BB RG / SERIES: 2-0 L2… 3-1 vs AFC West… 1-3 L4 non-conf HG
Atlanta **ARIZONA**	5-0 aft Thur gm… 0-5 L5 vs NFC West… 0-4 off dog win / SERIES: 3-0 L3… 7-2 vs NFC South… 5-2 aft non-conf RG
Jacksonville **DENVER**	SERIES: 6-2 L8… 5-2 vs .700 > opp… 2-4 L6 vs AFC West / 6-1 in 2nd of BB HG… 5-1 aft non-conf HG… 1-5 bef KC
Pittsburgh **DETROIT**	1-4 as non-div RD's 5 > pts… 2-7 L9 vs NFC North / 4-0 vs opp off Monday HG… 5-1 L6 vs AFC North
Las Vegas **HOUSTON**	SERIES: 3-0 L3… 4-1 L5 vs AFC South… 3-7 in 2nd of BB RG / 4-1 in 2nd of BB HG… 3-1 vs .250 < opp… 1-4 bef LAC
Cincinnati **MIAMI**	5-1 aft div HG… 4-1 Last Road Game… 7-2 L9 vs AFC East / SERIES: Host 6-0… 4-1 as non-div HD's 4 < pts
Monday, December 22	
San Francisco **INDIANAPOLIS**	4-0 aft Tenn… 13-2 aft non-conf HG… 1-3 L4 non-conf RG / SERIES: 3-0 L3… 1-4 L5 as non-conf HD's… 2-5 bef div HG

Remember: You Have A PLAYBOOK BEST BET Whenever Our Predicted Margin Of Victory Is 6 Or More Points In Favor Of Your Line

Thursday, December 18

SEATTLE over LA Rams by 7

After winning eight of their last nine games and posting over 500 yards of offense in each of the last two, Los Angeles appears to be the team to beat in the NFC. The Rams, along with the Broncos, are the first teams to secure a playoff spot this season. Davante Adams has a hamstring injury! L.A. fell behind 24–14 with 30 seconds left in the first half but rallied to win the game. It was one of six games where a team trailing by double digits came back to win, setting an NFL record. The concern here is that the Seahawks failed to find the end zone against a battered Colts defense last week. Maybe they were lulled by the sluggish performance of the Colts' reclamation QB Philip Rivers. Or they were focused on this revenge rematch from a 21-19 loss they suffered in L.A. a month ago, despite outgaining the Rams by 165 yards in that game. Yes, Rams' WR Puka Nacua leads the NFL in pass receptions this season with 102, but Seahawks' WR Jaxson Smith-Njigba tops all wide receivers with 1,541 receiving yards. With the Rams off back-to-back games in which they gained 500-plus yards in each game, and **0-4 ATS** in games after facing the Lions, and the Seahawks **3-0-2 ATS** against teams with better than a .750 winning percentage under head coach Mike Macdonald, we're backing Seattle tonight. We seal the deal, noting the Seahawks share in Marc's **AWESOME ANGLE** on page 2.

Saturday, December 13

UPSET *GAME OF THE WEEK* **UPSET**

CHICAGO over Green Bay by 4

Big battle for the top spot in the NFC North with 10-4 Chicago currently a half-game ahead of the 9-4-1 Packers with just two weeks remaining after this division showdown. One of the reasons for the Bears' turnaround this season is their ability to dominate the turnover battle, where they rank No. 1 overall in the NFL with a +20 net turnovers, averaging +1.4 per game – or +1.2 more than Green Bay. At the start of the season, Micah Parsons and Patrick Mahomes were widely considered the NFL's best players on their respective sides of the ball. On Sunday, both seasons ended due to torn ACLs, though only Parsons' injury proved devastating to a Packers team that was shaping up to be a Super Bowl contender. On the bright side, the Packers received good news on WR Christian Watkins' shoulder injury, as he may return to the lineup this week. The Bears are seeking revenge after a hard-fought 28-21 loss at Lambeau Field just two weeks ago. With the Bears going **8-1 straight up and against the spread** under head coach Ben Johnson, as well as **6-1-1 ATS** as a home dog coming off a home game, look for the Bears to get the money today. **THE CLINCHER: The Packers are just 2-11 ATS when both teams are coming off non-division games.**

Philadelphia over WASHINGTON by 1

The NFC East seems poised to produce a repeat champion for the first time since 2004, yet the Eagles come across more as the 'least-bad' team in a division full of unremarkable teams. Philadelphia may stand at 9-5 this season, but it is a shadow of last year's title-winning squad. Making matters worse is Philly's **0-4 ATS** record on Saturdays and their 2-6-1 ATS mark in the previous nine division road games. Meanwhile, the 4-10 Commanders, whose appearance in last year's NFC championship game now feels like a distant memory, counter with a 4-1 ATS record on Saturdays. Head coach Dan Quinn features prominently in this week's **INCREDIBLE STAT** on page 2. Eagles, barely.

Sunday, December 21

Buffalo over CLEVELAND by 6

What can you say? When you're blessed, you're blessed. And Josh Allen's Buffalo Bills have officially been anointed as sanctified this NFL season. It's what happens when you've allowed opponents to score 30 or more four times this season – and gone 4-0 in those games. It opens the door for a disparity in defenses in this matchup, with Buffalo entering with a -29 net yardage differential. The Bills have won three of their last four and remain in the hunt for the AFC East title (trailing the Patriots but with games in hand). A win here could clinch a playoff spot; on the flip side, Cleveland was eliminated from playoff contention after a 31-3 blowout loss to the Bears last week. But stranger things have happened. Cleveland beat Green Bay here as a 7.5-point underdog in September, and they are 2-0 SUATS in games following the Bears. Given Buffy's tendency to play down to the level of opposition (**1-5 ATS** versus .333 or fewer foes, and a **1-5 ATS** mark as road favorites of 6 or more points when coming off a win), it's clothespin time at the Dawg Pound today.

NEW ORLEANS over NY Jets by 3

Some might call this the battle for the No. 1 pick in this year's NFL draft, but many other bad teams are also vying for that 'honor'. In fact, **15 of 32 teams in the league have a losing record** heading into Week Fifteen. The wingless Jets come in with a **1-5-1 ATS** record over their last seven NFC road games. The problem, though, is the Saints' sinister 26-56-1 ATS mark as home chalk against sub .333 opponents, including **1-13 ATS** when coming off a SU underdog win in their last game. Pick your poison.

Minnesota over NY GIANTS by 6

According to Tankathon, Big Blue would hold the No. 1 pick in this year's NFL draft, should they decide to accept it. The burning question, though, is where is Giants interim head coach Mike Kafka headed? According to the NY Post, the NFL had 49 in-season interim head coaches from 2000 to 2024. Of those 49, 34 had never been a full-time head coach before, like Kafka. Eleven were elevated into the job on a full-time basis the following season. Seven later became full-time head coaches after their interim stint did not result in an extension, though four of the seven already had prior head-coach experience. Since Kafka did not, he is trying to beat roughly 8 percent odds. In other words, if the Giants coaching search doesn't land on Kafka – who is 0-4 with three games to go – then he might have to return to life as an offensive coordinator here or elsewhere. Today, however, their focus shifts to Minnesota, where the Vikings look to regroup. They were officially eliminated on December 14, 2025 (during Week 15), when the Chicago Bears' victory over the Cleveland Browns closed off Minnesota's remaining postseason paths. With the table being

set, look to the G-Men to follow orders, and for Minny's **5-1-1 ATS** record in the 2nd of back-to-back travelers, and it's **5-1-1 ATS** mark as non-division road chalk of fewer than 7 points to pave the way to the cashier's window.

New England over BALTIMORE by 1

Pity Mike Vrabel. Like readers of this newsletter, he knew the Bills' rush defense was made of paper mâché and could be run on all day. He designed a rushing attack that focused on exploiting a weak Buffalo run defense – tying their full-game season high for rushing yards in a game (177) in the first half alone and finishing with 246 rushing yards while averaging 9.8 yards per carry. Yet it was not enough when the Pats collapsed like a wet bag, turning a 24-7 halftime lead into a 34-31 heartbreaking loss. A win would have clinched the AFC East. Instead, they've left the AFC East title open for the Bills despite riding a 10-1 outright streak, while on a current **9-0 ITS** (In The Stats) streak entering this game. The **MIDWEEK ALERT** reminds us that if we were to cover up each of the team names with tape in this battle, the Pats would be the favorite in this game based on their overall work this season. Yes, we realize that Baltimore is 23-5 SU from December out during the regular season behind Lamar Jackson, but the fact remains that he is far off his typical MVP-like seasons. With the Black Birds a lackluster **1-5-1 ATS** as a favorite in post-Bengal matchups, we'll lean toward a New England bounce back here.

Tampa Bay over CAROLINA by 6

The Bucs did it again, and so did the Panthers. After their home loss to the Falcons last week, Tampa Bay has a 1-5 SU and 0-6 ATS streak since their Bye week. The Bucs are also 1-9 ITS (In The Stats) in their last ten overall games. Additionally, with their loss at New Orleans last week, Carolina is now 1-12 SU/ATS as a favorite over the past four years. They are also 1-6 ITS in their last seven games. Yes, it's clear that both teams are struggling – yet both remain in the race for the NFC South and the NFL's No. 4 playoff seed. If recent results tell us anything, it's that it's time to stock up on tourniquets. Meanwhile, consider these trends: The Bucs are 5-0-1 ATS after Thursday games, and 6-2 ATS in their last eight division road games; meanwhile, the Panthers are 0-6 ATS against opponents coming off a Thursday game. The trends favor four-time defending NFC South champion Tampa Bay. Remember, these two rivals will meet again in two weeks in Tampa.

3★ BEST BET

Kansas City over TENNESSEE by 11

It's official, Kansas City will miss the postseason for the first time since 2014 – three years before Patrick Mahomes was drafted and just the second season of Andy Reid's tenure as head coach. Making matters worse, the Chiefs will be without Mahomes for the rest of the season due to a torn ACL. After 10 consecutive trips to the NFL playoffs, including three straight Super Bowl appearances, their 10-season playoff streak was the second-longest in league history – behind only the New England Patriots (2009-19) – and the longest current streak, with the Bills next at six years. Now at 6-8, the Chiefs have already suffered their most losses since 2012, their last losing season (2-14). Incredibly, 7 of their 8 losses this season have been of the one-score variety, after winning each of their previous 16 one-score games. The telling fact, though, is KC's 112-34 record in games Mahomes has started and its 10-8 record in games without Mahomes. Meanwhile, Reid will be 68 next season, older than any coach to have won a Super Bowl. So, right now, while the Chiefs lack much hope for next season, Mahomes might have more opportunities on the back nine of his career. Nevertheless, the self-induced coma that Tennessee plays under, coupled with the Titans' **2-15 ATS** record when coming off an away NFC opponent, prevents us from making a rash decision. Remember, Reid has a 26-9 ATS away record in his NFL career in games where his team is sporting a losing record. Don't be shy. This is the fewest points that Tennessee has received the entire season, and the Chiefs are one of only THREE teams in the league that rank in the Top 10 in yardage on both sides of the ball, while Tennessee ranks in the Bottom 10. We seal the deal with **THE CLINCHER: New Chiefs QB Gardner Minshew is 4-0 SUATS on the road in his NFL career when his team is coming off consecutive losses.**

LA Chargers over DALLAS by 5

Meet the NFL team that garners the least respect in the league this season – the Bolts, aka the L.A. Chargers. Need proof? Justin Herbert's team has been installed as an underdog three times this season. They won all three games outright, including victories over the Chiefs and the Eagles in the past two weeks. You might make it four when they saddle up as dogs against the up-and-down Cowboys at Jerry's Palace in what could be called a Jim Harbaugh special. That's because Harbaugh brings a strong 17-6 ATS record into games against opponents coming off a pair of losses, including **3-0 ATS** when taking points. The Jaw is also 7-3-2 ATS as an underdog against NFC foes. Meanwhile, Cowboys' QB Dak Prescott leads the NFL in passing yards (3,931) this season, but he's also in the Top 10 with INTs, with 10. With Herbert **7-0-1 ATS** when coming off a SU underdog win, we can only focus one way here.

ARIZONA over Atlanta by 1

Both teams are out of playoff contention, making this a play-for-pride, near-season-ending matchup with potential draft implications. Or to put it more succinctly, a showdown between two deeply disappointing 'A' teams looking for the finish line. The Falcons have won 10 of the last 15 games on the scoreboard in this series, while also bringing an 8-4 SUATS mark into this game against the Redbirds when they sport a .666 or fewer win percentage. The problem is they are **2-13 ATS** in games when both teams were taking points in their previous contest. Meanwhile, Zona is the "close-call" king in the league this season, with 7 of its 11 losses by 8 points or fewer. With the Dirty Birds 0-5 ATS against the NFC West, and the Cardinals riding a 7-2 ATS ledger against the NFC South, it's 'red' over 'dirty' in this battle of birds today.

4★ BEST BET

5★ BEST BET

HOUSTON over Las Vegas by 16

For the second time this season – and in NFL history dating back to 1970 – the "Raiders-of-the-lost-art" failed to gain 100 yards in a game. That's an ignominy not many teams like to be saddled with. Safe to say, the Raiders are reeling: **1-7 SU, 2-6 ATS, 0-8 ITS** (In The Stats) in their last eight games, and they find themselves buried deep in the hunt for the No. 1 overall draft pick. On the other side of the field, the Texans have risen as a key contender in the AFC, currently the No. 7 seed in the AFC Playoff Picture. They also boast the No. 1-ranked overall defense in the league. So, the question is whether head coach

DeMeco Ryans can keep his team from falling into the gutter-level of Las Vegas. At just one game ahead of the slumping Colts in the playoff race, and with the Raiders **0-3 ATS** coming off an NFC road game, and 3-7 ATS after an away game, we believe he can.

MIAMI over Cincinnati by 3

Scores can be deceiving, and that's true for both teams in this matchup. Despite running an impressive 71 plays and holding the ball for nearly 40 minutes, the Bengals were shut out 24-0 by division rival Ravens last week, marking their first loss to Baltimore since 2017. In Monday night's game against Pittsburgh, the Dolphins trailed 28-9 late in the fourth quarter before piling up garbage points and yards. BettorDay notes that his 22-for-28, 253-yard performance resulted in a 113 passer rating... and a 12 QBR. Remember, Passer Rating and QBR are different metrics. QBR emphasizes high-leverage plays when the game is in the balance. Tua Tagovailoa padded his stats in garbage time with two fourth-quarter touchdowns that made a 24-3 deficit look more respectable at 28-15. However, it wasn't enough, and he hits the bench this week with a league-high 15 interceptions (all against zone coverage), replaced by Quinn Ewers, who has only appeared once in an NFL game—completing 5-of-8 passes for 53 yards in mop-up duty at Cleveland a month ago. Tagovailoa signed a four-year, $212.1 million extension in 2024 after leading the NFL in passing yards in 2023, but at $54M a year, his days in Miami seem numbered. Meanwhile, head coach Mike McDaniel enters this game knowing he is 14-4-1 ATS in his career with the Dolphins against opponents coming off consecutive losses, including an **8-2 ATS** record at home. That trend aligns well with the Bengals' **2-12** ATS record in games where both teams are coming off SUATS losses. It might look tough, but backing the Tua-less Dolphins against the defensively challenged Bengals is a smart move, especially as the host in this series improves to **7-0 ATS**.

San Francisco over INDIANAPOLIS by 10

While ancient Colts' QB Philip Rivers nearly pulled off a near-impossible close-but-no-cigar loss at Seattle in his debut with the Colts last week, he physically looked like a right-handed version of the late 6-4, 285-lb QB Jared Lorenzen. Still, although a two-point loss to the skyrocketing Seahawks seems good on paper, the fact remains that Indy managed a season-low 215 total yards of offense and only 9 of Rivers' 27 passes traveled more than five yards. Now, just 1-5 in their last six games after starting the season 7-1, they will face the tough Niners, a team that holds a **13-2 ATS** record when coming off consecutive home games against AFC opponents. The Horseshoes' 2-9 ATS mark in games when coming off an SU loss, but an ATS win cements their struggles.

2025 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE – WEEK SIXTEEN

GAME MATCHUPS	KEY OVER/UNDER STATS
La Rams (Open: 46.5)	3-1 OU Game 15... 3-1 OU on Thursdays... 5-2 OU L7 div RG... but 1-8 OU bef Monday gm... 1-5 OU L6 vs Sea (42.0)
SEATTLE	3-1 OU in 2nd of BB HG... 3-1 OU aft non-comnf HG... but 1-3 OU L4 div HG... 3-8 OU Thursdays vs div... 2-4 OU Game 15
Green Bay (46.5)	5-2 OU in 2nd of BB RG... 4-2 OU aft Den... 4-2 OU L6 vs Chi... but 0-3 OU on Saturdays... 3-9 OU aft non-conf RG
CHICAGO	5-0 OU Game 15... 3-0 OU L3 div HG... 3-1 OU on Saturdays... 3-1 OU vs .666 > opp... but 1-5 OU aft non-conf HG
Philadelphia (45.5)	3-0 OU on Saturdays... 5-1 OU Game 15... 4-1 OU L5 vs Wash (60.0)... 6-2 OU aft non-conf HG... 7-3 OU bef Buff
WASHINGTON	8-0-1 OU on Saturdays... 4-0 OU Game 15... 5-1 OU aft NYG... 5-1 OU aft div RG... 4-1 OU in 2nd of 4 straight div gms
Buffalo (41.5)	4-0 OU aft div RG... 4-1 OU Game 15... 4-1 OU as RF's 6 > pts... 7-3 OU vs .333 < opp... but 1-5 OU aft Patriots
CLEVELAND	4-0 OU bef Pit... 9-1 OU vs AFC East... but 1-10 OU Game 15... 1-3 OU L4 home vs Buf (35.5)... 2-5 OU 1st of BB HG
Ny Jets (39.5)	5-0 OU vs .333 < opp... 4-0 OU L4 as non-conf RD's... 4-0-1 OU bef NEng... 3-0 OU bef div HG... but 2-4 OU Game 15
NEW ORLEANS	4-1 OU non-conf HF's 7 < pts... but 0-4 OU L4 vs .333 < opp... 1-7 OU L8 vs AFC East... 1-4 OU aft Car... 1-3 OU Game 15
Minnesota (42.5)	9-0 OU aft Dal... 5-0 OU Game 15... 5-1 OU bef Det... 6-3 OU in 2nd of BB RG... but 1-3 OU L4 vs NYG (39.3)
NY GIANTS	3-1 OU aft div HG... 6-2 OU L8 vs NFC North... 5-2 OU Game 15... but 1-10 OU non-div HD's 5 < pts... 1-4 OU aft Wash
New England (47.5)	6-0 OU w/ sing non-div rev... 6-1 OU bef div RG... 4-2 OU Game 15... but 1-8 OU bef Jets... 1-4 OU in 1st of BB RG
BALTIMORE	4-0 OU bef GB... 5-1 OU L6 vs Cin (53.7)... 3-1 OU Gm 15... 3-1 OU aft div RG... but 1-3 OU L4 vs AFC East... 2-5 OU aft Cinc
Tampa Bay (45.5)	3-0 OU off home fav loss... 10-3 OU aft Thur gm... 3-1 OU aft Atl... but 1-7-1 OU Game 15... 2-6 OU L8 as div RF's
CAROLINA	3-0 OU Game 15... 12-2 OU vs opp off Thur gm... 4-1 OU L5 vs TB (42.6)... 3-1 OU L4 as div HD's... but 1-6 OU aft div RG
Kansas City (40.5)	0-6 OU aft LAC... 1-9 OU aft div HG... 1-6 OU bef Den... 2-8 OU as RF's 4 < pts... 2-5 OU vs .250 < opp... 2-4 OU Game 15
TENNESSEE	3-1 OU aft SF... 5-2 OU home TY... but 0-9 OU bef NOrl... 0-3 OU aft non-conf RG... 1-4 OU L5 vs KC... 1-3 OU Game 15
La Chargers (48.5)	4-1 OU bef Hou... 3-1 OU Game 15... 5-2 OU aft KC... but 0-6 OU L6 non-conf RG... 1-5 OU off road dog win
DALLAS	3-0 OU bef Wash... 4-1 OU Game 15... 4-1 OU vs AFC West... 9-3 OU off home fav loss... but 0-3 OU L3 vs LAC (36.0)
Atlanta (45.5)	5-1 OU L6 vs Arz (52.0)... 4-1 OU aft Thur gm... 8-3 OU away vs NFC West... but 1-3 OU aft TB... 2-5 OU off road dog win
ARIZONA	9-1 L10 home games (52.7)... 5-1 OU off non-conf RG... 4-1 OU vs opp off Thur RG... but 1-7 OU as dogs 3 < pts
Jacksonville (43.5)	6-2 OU L8 vs .700 > opp... 5-2 OU away TY (50.0)... but 0-5 OU bef Indy... 1-12 OU aft Jets... 1-3 OU L4 vs Den (38.5)
DENVER	3-0 OU Game 15... 10-1 OU aft GB... 4-1-1 OU non-div favs 5 < pts... 4-1 OU aft non-conf HG... but 1-9-1 OU vs AFC South
Pittsburgh (49.5)	5-0 OU L5 vs NFC North... 4-1 OU Game 15... 3-1 OU aft Mia... but 0-3 OU aft Monday gm... 1-4 OU non-div dogs 5 > pts
DETROIT	3-0 OU Game 15... 11-3 OU aft Rams... 4-1 OU L5 non-conf HG... 5-2 OU bef Min... but 2-6 OU vs opp off Monday HG
Las Vegas (37.5)	4-1 OU L5 vs Hou (50.2)... 5-2 OU 2nd of BB RG... but 0-4 OU away aft score 3 < pts... 0-4 OU Gm 15... 0-4 OU as dogs 13 > pts
HOUSTON	5-1 OU as conf favs 7 > pts... 4-1 OU Game 15... 3-1 OU bef LAC... but 1-5 OU in 2nd of BB HG... 1-4 OU aft non-conf HG
Cincinnati (50.5)	5-0 OU aft score 3 < pts... 7-3 OU bef non-conf HG... but 0-4 OU Last Road Game... 2-6 OU vs opp off Mon gm... 2-4 OU aft Balt
MIAMI	3-0 OU aft Pit... 3-1 OU aft Mon RG... 3-1 OU non-div HF's 3 < pts... but 0-5 OU bef non-conf HG... 1-6-1 OU vs Cin (40.2)
San Francisco (45.5)	3-0 OU Gm 15... 2-0 OU L2 vs Indy... 3-1 OU on Mondays... but 0-5 OU non-div RF's 4 > pts... 0-4 OU 2nd of BB non-conf gms
INDIANAPOLIS	5-1-1 OU bef div HG... 5-2 OU on Mondays... 4-2 OU as non-conf HD's... but 1-3 OU Game 15... 2-5 OU bef Jack

KENNY WHITE'S 2025 FOOTBALL POWER RATINGS
Power Ratings courtesy of KennyWhiteSports.com

Rnk: Overall rank nationally (130 teams) • **PWR:** Numerical team power rating • **HF:** Numerical home field value

NCAA

Rnk	School	Conference	PWR	HF
96	Air Force	Mountain West	95.5	4.5
125	Akron	Mid-American	88.5	2
9	Alabama	Southeastern	120	6
120	Appalachian St	Sun Belt	91	4.5
40	Arizona	Big-12	111	5
36	Arizona St	Big-12	111.5	3.5
31	Arkansas	Southeastern	112.5	4.5
101	Arkansas St	Sun Belt	94.5	3.5
88	Army	American Athletic	97.5	3.5
26	Auburn	Southeastern	113.5	5.5
134	Ball St	Mid-American	83	3
42	Baylor	Big 12	110.5	4
60	Boise St	Mountain West	105	5.5
71	Boston College	Atlantic Coast	103	4
119	Bowling Green	Mid-American	91.5	2
105	Buffalo	Mid-American	93.5	3
31	BYU	Big 12	112.5	5
69	California	Atlantic Coast	103.5	4
105	C Michigan	Mid-American	93.5	2.5
130	Charlotte	American Athletic	85.5	2.5
40	Cincinnati	Big 12	111	4.5
26	Clemson	Atlantic Coast	113.5	5.5
125	Coastal Carolina	Sun Belt	88.5	3.5
79	Colorado	Big 12	101	4.5
115	Colorado St	Mountain West	92	4.5
122	Delaware	Conference USA	89.5	4.5
49	Duke	Atlantic Coast	108	4.5
66	East Carolina	American Athletic	104	4
112	E Michigan	Mid-American	92.5	2
31	Florida	Southeastern	112.5	5.5
90	Florida Atlantic	American Athletic	97	3
115	Florida Int'l	Conference USA	92	2.5
23	Florida St	American Coast	114	6
83	Fresno St	Mountain West	99.5	4.5
5	Georgia	Southeastern	124.5	6
110	Geo Southern	Sun Belt	93	4
128	Georgia St	Sun Belt	88	2
29	Georgia Tech	Atlantic Coast	113	4.5
87	Hawaii	Mountain West	98.5	4.5
49	Houston	Big 12	108	4
31	Illinois	Big Ten	112.5	4.5
2	Indiana	Big Ten	130	4.5
19	Iowa	Big Ten	116	5
45	Iowa St	Big 12	109	5.5
120	Jacksonville St	Conference USA	91	5.5
23	James Madison	Sun Belt	114	4.5
45	Kansas	Big 12	109	4.5
44	Kansas St	Big 12	110	5.5
96	Kennesaw St	Conference USA	95.5	3.5
130	Kent St	Mid-American	85.5	4
47	Kentucky	Southeastern	108.5	4
94	Liberty	Conference USA	96	4
115	Louisiana	Sun Belt	92	3.5
102	Louisiana Tech	Conference USA	94	4.5
23	Louisville	Atlantic Coast	114	5.5
36	LSU	Southeastern	111.5	6
90	Marshall	Sun Belt	97	4
75	Maryland	Big Ten	102	4.5
60	Memphis	American Athletic	105	3
6	Miami (FL)	Atlantic Coast	123.5	3.5
90	Miami (OH)	Mid-American	97	2.5
15	Michigan	Big Ten	118	5.5
63	Michigan St	Big Ten	104.5	4.5
133	Middle Tenn St	Conference USA	84	3.5
71	Minnesota	Big Ten	103	5
57	Mississippi St	Southeastern	106.5	5
17	Missouri	Southeastern	117	5
112	Missouri St	Conference USA	92.5	4
63	Navy	American Athletic	104.5	4
52	NC State	Atlantic Coast	107.5	4.5
53	Nebraska	Big Ten	107	5
105	Nevada	Mountain West	93.5	4
78	New Mexico	Mountain West	101.5	3
130	New Mexico St	Conference USA	85.5	4
75	North Carolina	Atlantic Coast	102	4.5
36	North Texas	American Athletic	111.5	3.5
129	No Illinois	Mid-American	87	3.5
53	Northwestern	Big Ten	107	3
3	Notre Dame	Independent	128.5	5.5
1	Ohio State	Big Ten	131	6.5
83	Ohio U	Mid-American	99.5	4.5
17	Oklahoma	Southeastern	117	5.5
98	Oklahoma St	Big 12	95	5
49	Old Dominion	Sun Belt	108	2.5
12	Ole Miss	Southeastern	118.5	5.5
4	Oregon	Big Ten	125.5	5.5
98	Oregon St	Pac-12	95	5.5
22	Penn St	Big Ten	115.5	6
36	Pitt	Atlantic Coast	111.5	4.5
83	Purdue	Big Ten	99.5	4.5
125	Rice	American Athletic	88.5	3
63	Rutgers	Big Ten	104.5	4.5
135	Sam Houston St	Conference USA	81	3.5
66	San Diego St	Mountain West	104	3.5
112	San Jose St	Mountain West	92.5	4.5
19	SMU	Atlantic Coast	116	4.5
105	South Alabama	Sun Belt	93.5	3
31	South Carolina	Southeastern	112.5	5.5
98	Southern Miss	Sun Belt	95	4
80	Stanford	Atlantic Coast	100.5	4
88	Syracuse	Atlantic Coast	97.5	5
26	TCU	Big 12	113.5	5.5
110	Temple	American Athletic	93	3
19	Tennessee	Southeastern	116	6
12	Texas	Southeastern	118.5	5.5
8	Texas A&M	Southeastern	122.5	6
74	Texas St	Sun Belt	102.5	4
6	Texas Tech	Big 12	123.5	5.5
58	Toledo	Mid-American	106	4
102	Troy	Sun Belt	94	4
53	Tulane	American Athletic	107	3
105	Tulsa	American Athletic	93.5	3.5
115	UAB	American Athletic	92	4.5
69	UCF	Big 12	103.5	4.5
71	UCLA	Big Ten	103	3.5
80	UConn	Independent	100.5	3.5
123	UL-Monroe	Sun Belt	89	3
136	UMass	Independent	76.5	2
60	UNLV	Mountain West	105	3
12	USC	Big Ten	118.5	5.5
29	USF	American Athletic	113	3
11	Utah	Big 12	119	5.5
86	Utah St	Mountain West	99	4
123	UTEP	Conference USA	89	3
75	UTSA	American Athletic	102	3
10	Vanderbilt	Southeastern	119.5	4
42	Virginia	Atlantic Coast	110.5	4
59	Virginia Tech	Atlantic Coast	105.5	5
47	Wake Forest	Atlantic Coast	108.5	4.5
16	Washington	Big Ten	117.5	5.5
66	Washington St	Pac-12	104	4
82	West Virginia	Big 12	100	5.5
93	W Kentucky	Conference USA	96.5	4
94	W Michigan	Mid-American	96	4
53	Wisconsin	Big Ten	107	5.5
102	Wyoming	Mountain West	94	5

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NFL

Rnk	Team	Conf/Div	PWR	HF
27	Arizona Cardinals	NFC West	95	2.5
18	Atlanta Falcons	NFC South	100	2.5
8	Baltimore Ravens	AFC North	104	3.5
4	Buffalo Bills	AFC East	105.5	3
27	Carolina Panthers	NFC South	95	1.5
17	Chicago Bears	NFC North	101	2.5
23	Cincinnati Bengals	AFC North	97.5	2.5
26	Cleveland Browns	AFC North	95.5	2
11	Dallas Cowboys	NFC East	103.5	2.5
11	Denver Broncos	AFC West	103.5	3
3	Detroit Lions	NFC North	106.5	3
4	Green Bay Packers	NFC North	105.5	3
18	Houston Texans	AFC South	100	2.5
11	Indianapolis Colts	AFC South	103.5	2
14	Jacksonville Jaguars	AFC South	102.5	1.5
8	Kansas City Chiefs	AFC West	104	3
31	Las Vegas Raiders	AFC West	92.5	2
15	L.A. Chargers	AFC West	102	1.5
1	L.A. Rams	NFC West	109.5	2
20	Miami Dolphins	AFC East	99.5	2
15	Minnesota Vikings	NFC North	102	1.5
8	New England Pats	AFC East	104	1.5
29	New Orleans Saints	NFC South	94.5	1.5
24	N.Y. Giants	NFC East	97	1.5
29	N.Y. Jets	AFC East	94.5	1.5
4	Philadelphia Eagles	NFC East	105.5	3
21	Pittsburgh Steelers	AFC North	99	2.5
7	San Francisco 49ers	NFC West	104.5	2.5
1	Seattle Seahawks	NFC West	109.5	3
22	Tampa Bay Bucs	NFC South	98	2.5
32	Tennessee Titans	AFC South	91	2.5
24	Wash Commanders	NFC East	97	2.5

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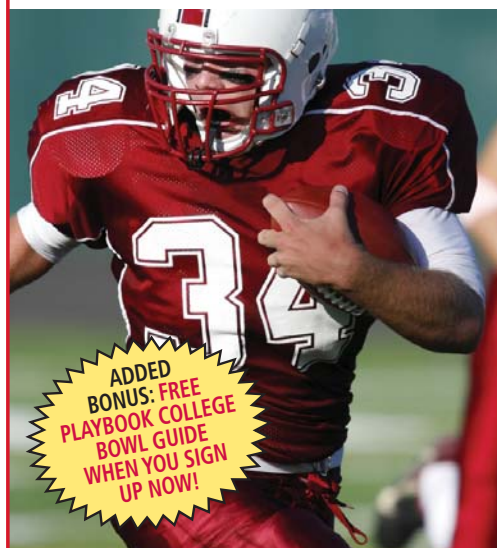| FOR WEEK ENDING MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2025	3★ BEST BET	4★ BEST BET	5★ BEST BET
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#	Game	OL	PB			#	Game	OL	PB			#	Game	OL	PB		
	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18					109	NY JETS 1:00 PM					123	JACKSONVILLE ★ 4:05 PM		8		
101	LA RAMS 8:15 PM	1'				110	NEW ORLEANS CBS	3'	3			124	DENVER FOX	3			
102	SEATTLE PRIME		7			111	MINNESOTA 1:00 PM	1'	6			125	PITTSBURGH 4:25 PM				
	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20					112	NY GIANTS FOX					126	DETROIT ★ CBS	6'	16		
103	GREEN BAY 8:20 PM	2'				113	NEW ENGLAND 8:20 PM		1			127	LAS VEGAS 4:25 PM				
104	CHICAGO ★ FOX		4			114	BALTIMORE NBC	1'				128	HOUSTON CBS	11'	16		
105	PHILADELPHIA 5:00 PM	5'				115	TAMPA BAY 1:00 PM	2	6			129	CINCINNATI 1:00 PM				
106	WASHINGTON FOX		1			116	CAROLINA FOX					130	MIAMI CBS	1'	3		
	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21					117	KANSAS CITY ★ 1:00 PM	4'	11				**MONDAY, DECEMBER 22**				
107	BUFFALO 1:00 PM	9'	6			118	TENNESSEE CBS					131	SAN FRAN ESPN 8:15 PM	7	10		
108	CLEVELAND CBS					119	LA CHARGERS 1:00 PM		5			132	INDIANAPOLIS ABC				
						120	DALLAS FOX	1'									
						121	ATLANTA 4:05 PM	1'									
						122	ARIZONA FOX		1								