



FORECASTING FOOTBALL SINCE 1957 !!

SEARCHING FOR VALUE IN COLLEGE FOOTBALL
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The college football season is fleeting. Indeed, after this coming weekend's slate of games are completed, most of the nation's teams will have already completed more than a quarter of their 2004 schedule!

Thus, it behooves the handicapper to seek and identify, as early as possible, any teams that might be undervalued, or overvalued, against the pointspread. And rather than relying on subjective analysis for those calculations, we have, for the past several years, professed a rather straight-forward quantitative measurement to determine which teams are providing value, and which ones aren't, against the number.

To that end, we began employing a calculation, based upon most-recent results, that we refer to as our "Away From Spread" ("AFS") number. This gauge is designed to uncover the most glaring discrepancies between the pointspread and on-field performance. And its premise is basic. For each result, a team is affixed an AFS number based upon the difference between the final margin of a game and the pointspread of that contest. For example, if a 7-point favorite wins a game by 21 points, it has earned a +14 AFS for that game. Conversely, a 7-point favorite the loses by 7 points will have earned a -7 AFS for that contest.

An accumulation of positive, or negative, "AFS" numbers is a potentially-illuminating indicator that a side is being undervalued, or overvalued, by the oddsmakers and wagering public.

Granted, a quick look at a team's won-loss record against the line is perhaps the easiest "thermometer read" for a side's recent performance pattern. But further refinement is a good idea. That's because if an 8-point favorite wins a game by 9 points, it can be concluded that the perceptions of the oddsmaker and wagering public were rather spot-on regarding that team, its opponent, and that particular game. But a 4-point favorite that wins back-to-back games by 28 points can be safely said to have been vastly underestimated, and resultantly undervalued, by the oddsmakers and wagering public. And it's those sides, both good and bad, that AFS attempts to isolate in its running two-game calculation.

The relative brevity of the college season practically mandates that we provide up-to-date AFS numbers as quickly as possible. Recent history has indicated that a running two-game barometer, though potentially distorted by one particularly good or bad result, is often the most valuable "immediate" indicator of a team's performance level. And though linemakers eventually make their adjustments, and teams are apt to reverse their patterns on short notice, having an idea of the recent performance level of a team is never a bad idea. (Continued on page 2)

NFL ANALYSIS

\*\*\*\*\*KEY RELEASES\*\*\*\*\*

INDIANAPOLIS by 8 over Tennessee

OAKLAND by 16 over Buffalo

UNDER 42 total points in the Washington-N.Y. Giants game

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Denver 21 - JACKSONVILLE 16—Jacksonville defense a force, and so the Jags might be in AFC playoff race for a good while TY. Still, their offense (225 total yds., two Leftwich ints.) often leaves much to be desired. So, even off their big win vs. AFC West rival K.C., will side with more offensively-competent Denver in the 2004 season, which should favor top passers more than LY. The mobile Plummer now 10-2 SU as a Bronco starter, while the huge Leftwich often hassled in pocket.

(99-JACKSONVILLE -9 27-24...SR: Denver 3-2)
BALTIMORE 19 - Pittsburgh 17—Baltimore 4-1-2 as home fav. LY, but the home game the Ravens forgot to cover was the one vs. Pittsburgh. Since QB Bulger can't be trusted to scare the Steeler defense enough, it's hard to lay substantial points with Balt. vs. foe that has covered 5 of last 6 in series. Unless QB Maddox comes apart under Raven pressure, his WRs own big edge over Balt. counterparts, even with Deion in secondary. Pittsburgh defense controlled Jamal Lewis LY (183 YR in 2 meetings).
(03-PITT 34-Balt. 15...P.21-17P.33/98B.23/88P.21/29/0/241B.22/43/1/143P.1B.1)
(03-BALT. 13-Pitt 10(OT)...B.14-9B.35/123P.27/56P.15/29/3/158B.16/27/1/156B.1P.2)
(03-PITTSBURGH -5 34-15, BALTIMORE -7' 13-10 (OT)...SR: Pittsburgh 12-5)

DETROIT 27 - Houston 19—Young teams tend to play much better at home, so best go with youthful Lions, whose budding, speedy offense seems perfectly suited for the great indoors at Ford Field. Houston pass rush inconsistent, and secondary being retooled a bit, so youthful speed of WR Roy Williams & RB Kevin Jones figure to produce a few long gainers. PK Hanson nearly automatic indoors, while Texans gave up 26 ppg away LY. First meeting of top two QBs taken in 2002 draft—David Carr first overall & Joey Harrington third (Julius Peppers went in between). (FIRST MEETING)

★★★Indianapolis 27 - TENNESSEE 19—Prefer to take any points with potent Indy, desperate to avoid killer 0-2 start (does any team have a tougher first 2 games?), even with Titans' double-revenge motive. Colts better balanced on offense (E. James 142 YR at N.E.), especially if Tenn.'s budding star RB C. Brown (100 yds. in 1st H at Miami) not 100% due to tweaked ankle. If Dungy's defense can blanket WR Mason, the excellent McNair will be forced to chip away vs. lesser targets. Will Titans miss PK Nedney?
(03-INDY 33-Tenn. 7...I.20-14 I.34/127 T.19/53 T.22/34/1/183 I.14/21/0/164 I.O T.1)
(03-Indy 29-TENN. 27...T.23-21 I.32/117 T.19/93 T.22/38/0/234 I.22/34/0/221 I.O T.4)
(03-INDIANAPOLIS 2-33-7, Indianapolis +3' 29-27...SR: Tennessee 10-9)

GREEN BAY 27 - Chicago 10—Brett Favre has enjoyed inordinate career success vs. Chicago (including winning & covering last 7 meetings). While Bears' offense has a long way to go (Grossman 2 ints. in opener), Lovie Smith has lots of ideas in mind for his speed-oriented defense, including the addition of DE Ogunleye (15 sacks LY w/Miami) & rookie DT T. Harris of Oklahoma. Skeptics, however, say the quicker unit will be vulnerable to pounding offenses, which the Packers intend to be with Ahman Green. Chicago only 4-12 vs. spread last 16 away; 11-5 "under" last 16 on road.
(03-G. Bay 38-CHI. 23...C.23-20 G.25/187 C.28/181 G.22/31/1/193 C.25/44/2/180 G.O C.O)
(03-G. BAY 34-Chi. 21...G.17-13 G.38/97 C.20/44 C.17/40/3/231 G.22/33/1/210 G.O.C.2)
(03-Green Bay -4 38-23, GREEN BAY -7 34-21...SR: Chicago 84-77-6)

★★★UNDER THE TOTAL Washington 19 - NY GIANTS 13—"Under" is first choice with Joe Gibbs' safety-first offense and N.Y.'s self-destructing offense (Kurt Warner no ints., but 2 fumbles last week; 1 lost). But Washington hardly a margin team, so oddsmakers asking nearly the max to win by a trey.

KEY TO FOOTBALL ANALYSES
Home team in CAPS. \*—indicates night game. Statistics after game writeups are listed in the following order: Score of game, first downs, rushing attempts/rushing yards, passes completed/passes attempted/passes intercepted/passing yards, and fumbles lost. In each statistical category the leader is listed first. Scores and pointsreads (in parentheses) are results of most recent meetings in series. P—Pick Game. SR—Series Record (official league games only), with team leading in series, number of games won, lost and tied. NL—No Line. OPR—Average Opponents' Power Rating (at the time they met) of all TGS-rated teams played. TGS Key Releases are underlined and denoted with a star (H).
Some frequently-appearing abbreviations. HC—Head Coach (also, college Homecoming Game, when listed in score line). "O"—Offense. "D"—Defense. DDs—Double Digits. OL—Offensive Line or Lineman. DL—Defensive Line or Lineman. KR—Kick Returner. o.c.—Offensive Coordinator. d.c.—Defensive Coordinator. YR—Yards Rushing. YP—Yards Passing. recs.—Receptions. ints.—Interceptions. STs—Special Teams. ypg—Yards per Game. ppg—Points per Game. ypc—Yards per Carry (or Catch, for receivers). LY—Last Year. TY—This Year. Y—Year or Years. TDP—Touchdown Passes. FA—Free Agent. SU—Straight Up. Games are listed in the Don Best rotation used in the majority of Las Vegas sportsbooks.
All score predictions are made with Las Vegas pointsreads and over-under lines in mind. Please note: All selections indicating a preference for the underdog do not necessarily forecast the underdog as the straight-up winner of the game. A predicted victory by the favorite of less than the pointsread on the game indicates the underdog is the preferred side in the game.

But Gibbs, Portis & Co. the more reliable entity, especially with head-hunting LB LaVar Arrington keeping Warner nervous.

(03-Giants 24-WAS. 21 (OT)...25-25 N.31/129 W.22/124 W.23/45/1/332 N.24/39/0/270 N.O.W.O.) (03-Wash. 20-GIANTS 7...W.20-15 W.48/150 N.23/120 W.13/19/0/138 N.12/25/1/100 W.O.N.2) (03-NY Giants +2 24-21 (OT), Washington +3 20-7...SR: NY Giants 81-59-4)

**NEW ORLEANS 20 - San Francisco 17**—Despite all the preseason criticism, S.F. was not as “horseshoe” as everyone thought it would be in the opener, easily out-gaining Atlanta, holding the Falcons to just over 200 total yards, and nearly sending the game into OT. Niners built-for-speed defense held the somewhat rusty Mike Vick to 10 YR, 163 YP, and picked up 4 sacks, while Tim Rattay (La. Tech) had 2 TDP & new No. 1 WR C. Wilson was 7 for 94. (02-NEW ORLEANS -1' 35-27...SR: San Francisco 45-19-2)

**ATLANTA 27 - St. Louis 20**—Now that Mike Vick has a full, healthy game under his belt, will side with enthusiastic Falcs in Jim Mora Jr.'s home debut. Atlanta secondary leaves a lot to be desired. But so do the road performances of still-learning St. Louis QB Marc Bulger, who tied for the lead in ints. LY with 22). He'll hit a few good plays, but also be hurried by Mora's frequent blitzes. Vick DNP in LY's game.

(03-ST. LOUIS 36-Atl. 0...S.26-9 S.31/119 A.21/73 S.24/35/2/377 A.12/28/2/136 S.1 A.2) (03-ST. LOUIS -11 36-0...SR: St. Louis 46-23-2)

**KANSAS CITY 31 - Carolina 20**—Carolina was the “top dog” LY in the NFL, going 7-1 getting points, including the Panthers' near-victory in the Super Bowl. But this is *this* year, and there is no OL better prepared to deal with Carolina's ferocious front four than K.C.'s quick group. And, as N.E. showed LY in the Super Bowl, several of the Panther DBs can be picked on. After opening loss at Denver, Gunther Cunningham's defenders eager to show they appreciate his new simpler, sounder, more aggressive schemes. Chiefs “over” 26-12-1 last 39. (00-KANSAS CITY -2' 15-14...SR: Kansas City 2-0)

**TAMPA BAY 20 - Seattle 13**—The Bucs might have gotten the offensive equalizer they needed in this game when Seattle star RB Shaun Alexander (check status) sprained his knee in last week's wire-to-wire win over at New Orleans. Washington put up a much better battle vs. T.B., holding the Bucs to 30 YR & only 169 yds. total. Not sure Seahawk front seven can turn similar trick this week, as Brad Johnson did dink away, hitting 24 of 37. With flashy young WR M. Clayton an immediate threat, Garner & Alstott run better this week on own turf. (99-Tampa Bay +5' 16-3...SR: Seattle 4-1)

**DALLAS 22 - Cleveland 13**—Conflicting tendencies, as Bill Parcells' charges were 7-2-1 when favored LY, while the Browns are 13-5 their last 18 when underdogs. But, in battle of veteran QBs with new teams, will stick with Testaverde, who led Dallas to 27 FDs with 355 YP at Minnesota. Cowboy defense (No. 1 overall LY), which virtually shut down Randy Moss (4 for 27), not stretched so much by the scrambling, improvising Jeff Garcia. (94-Cleveland +10' 19-14...SR: Cleveland 17-10)

**New England 26 - ARIZONA 14**—Arizona was 6-2 as a home dog LY, including last-play, last-game victory that finished the Vikes. And N.E. is only 3-4 as a road favorite the L3Ys. Still, the Pats have won 16 straight games and have extra prep time prior to this game and their bye week after. Run defense seemed down a notch without NT Ted Washington. But Cards' offense is not the Colts.' And one or two mistakes by inexperienced, but developing QB McCown vs. Belichick's gimmicks might be the difference. Play the Super-Bowl jinx theory w/o our help. (99-N. Eng. -3 27-3...SR: Ariz 6-4)

★★★**OAKLAND 26 - Buffalo 10**—Home debut for Norv Turner and his more vertical offense (58 & 38-yd. TDP 1<sup>st</sup> game), while rookie Bills' coach Mike Mularkey taking his ball-control offense on the road. Question: What happens to Buffalo attack if its often-shaky OL can't root out Oakland's new run-stuffers, Ted Washington & Warren Sapp? Answer: Immobile Drew Bledsoe will be under tremendous damn pressure in “The Black Hole,” as CB Woodson blankets WR Moulds. Bills had only 18 takeaways in 16 games LY; have been last in thefts the L2Ys. Bills “under” 24-3 last 27! (02-Oakland -3 49-31...SR: Oakland 18-17)

**SAN DIEGO 23 - N.Y. Jets 22**—N.Y. coach Herm Edwards, who finished his playing career at S.D. State and is vocal offseason booster of the Aztec program, definitely had his Jets well-prepared in their last visit to his old college haunts, pounding the Chargers 44-13 two years ago. N.Y. improved, with a healthy Chad Pennington & Curtis Martin (196 YR in opener) and added size at WR in 6-2 Justin McCareins. But S.D. on its own high, with star runner Tomlinson, a smarter Drew Brees (2 TD in opener), and more def. speed with new 3-4. (02-NY Jets +8 44-13...SR: San Diego 17-10-1)

\***CINCINNATI 23 - Miami 16**—With Miami QB situation appearing to get worse in its season opener vs. Tennessee, will give the nod to near-rookie Carson Palmer, who seems to have a better supporting cast anyway. Dolphins would probably love to have either Rudi Johnson or Chris Perry at RB, and Bengals have both. Miami defense still plenty tough. But Palmer has excellent rapport with speed WR Chad Johnson (5 for 99 last week) and is reported to be a quick study. Dolphins “under” 10 of last 13 on road.

CABLE TV—ESPN (00-Miami -7 31-16...SR: Miami 13-3)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

\***PHILADELPHIA 27 - Minnesota 26**—The thought of Terrell Owens & Randy Moss running loose downfield to exploit the NFL's new “hands-off” interpretation makes one immediately think “over” the total, especially with strong-armed Donovan McNabb (4 TDP last week) & Daunte Culpepper (5!) doing the chucking. The OLs of both teams usually do a good job when 5 on 5, so the defenses are going to have to take risks to pressure these QBs. *In fact, Minny 12-6-1 last 19 away; Philly “over” 16 of 24 as host. Younger Eagles DBs makes us prefer to “take.”* TV—ABC (01-PHILA. -4 48-17...SR: Minnesota 11-8)

HEAD-TO-HEAD MEETINGS SINCE 1997 (not necessarily Mon. night)

2001 Reg. Seas.: Philadelphia -4 beat Minnesota 48-17 at Philadelphia  
1997 Reg. Seas.: Minnesota -2½ beat Philadelphia 28-19 at Minnesota

MONDAY NIGHT HISTORY

Minnesota and Philadelphia on Monday Night

Minnesota is 8-14 straight-up and 9-12-1 vs. the pointspread on the road on Monday Night Football; 12-6 straight-up and 10-8 vs. the pointspread at home on Monday Night Football. Philadelphia is 12-8 straight-up and 13-7 vs. the pointspread at home on Monday Night Football; 8-8 straight-up and 10-6 vs. the pointspread on the road on Monday Night Football.

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With all of that in mind, we are providing the most-pronounced early-season college AFS numbers—both good and bad. Remember that these calculations can be found weekly throughout the season in the *Systems Spotlight* section of **The Gold Sheet EXTRA!!!** The following AFS per-game numbers, measuring the past two results are thru games of September 11.

**AFS Plus...**Kansas +30.00, Purdue +30.00, Fresno State +28.25, Stanford +23.00, Troy +22.25, Indiana +22.25, Florida Atlantic +21.25, Arkansas +20.00, Boise State +19.00, Troy +18.50, Texas\* +14.25, Louisville +13.25, Virginia +12.25. \*-Texas has each posted a pointspread loss in its 2-game AFS number.

**AFS Minus...**Toledo -38.25, North Texas -26.25, Miami-Ohio -21.25, Akron -17.75, Syracuse -16.75, Colorado State\* -11.50, Idaho\* -11.00, Missouri -10.75, New Mexico State\* -10.25, Idaho\* -10.50. \*-Colorado State, New Mexico State, & Idaho have each posted a pointspread win in their 2-game AFS number.

NFL RATINGS & POINTSPREAD RECORDS

(See Page 6 for HOW TO USE THE RATINGS) — CR=Current 2004 Power Rating

| TEAM          | CR        | HFV      | SUR        | PSR        | O/U        | TOTAL       | HOME            | AWAY      |
|---------------|-----------|----------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------|
|               |           |          |            |            |            | PF-PA       | PSR             | PF-PA     |
| Arizona       | 12        | 3        | 0-1        | 1-0        | 0-1        | 10-17       | -               | 1-0 10-17 |
| Atlanta       | 6         | 2        | 1-0        | 0-1        | 0-1        | 21-19       | -               | 0-1 21-19 |
| Baltimore     | 6         | 3        | 0-1        | 0-1        | 0-1        | 3-20        | -               | 0-1 3-20  |
| Buffalo       | 8         | 2        | 0-1        | 0-1        | 0-1        | 10-13       | 0-1 10-13       | -         |
| Carolina      | 3         | 2        | -          | -          | 0-0        | -           | -               | -         |
| Chicago       | 11        | 2        | 0-1        | 0-1        | 0-1        | 16-20       | 0-1 16-20       | -         |
| Cincinnati    | 10        | 2        | 0-1        | 0-1        | 1-0        | 24-31       | -               | 0-1 24-31 |
| Cleveland     | 10        | 3        | 1-0        | 1-0        | 0-1        | 20-3        | 1-0 20-3        | -         |
| Dallas        | 7         | 3        | 0-1        | 0-1        | 1-0        | 17-35       | -               | 0-1 17-35 |
| Denver        | 5         | 4        | 1-0        | 1-0        | 1-0        | 34-24       | 1-0 34-24       | -         |
| Detroit       | 10        | 3        | 1-0        | 1-0        | 0-1        | 20-16       | -               | 1-0 20-16 |
| Green Bay     | 3         | 4        | -          | -          | 0-0        | -           | -               | -         |
| Houston       | 11        | 3        | 0-1        | 0-1        | 1-0        | 20-27       | 0-1 20-27       | -         |
| Indianapolis  | 3         | 2        | 0-1        | 0-0-1      | 1-0        | 24-27       | -               | 0-0 24-27 |
| Jacksonville  | 9         | 2        | 1-0        | 1-0        | 0-1        | 13-10       | -               | 1-0 13-10 |
| Kansas City   | 5         | 4        | 0-1        | 0-1        | 1-0        | 24-34       | -               | 0-1 24-34 |
| <b>Miami-</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>0-1</b> | <b>0-1</b> | <b>0-1</b> | <b>7-17</b> | <b>0-1 7-17</b> | <b>-</b>  |
| Minnesota     | 4         | 4        | 1-0        | 1-0        | 1-0        | 35-17       | 1-0 35-17       | -         |
| New England   | 1         | 4        | 1-0        | 0-0-1      | 1-0        | 27-24       | 0-0 27-24       | -         |
| New Orleans   | 10        | 2        | 0-1        | 0-1        | 0-1        | 7-21        | 0-1 7-21        | -         |
| NY Giants     | 12        | 2        | 0-1        | 0-1        | 1-0        | 17-31       | -               | 0-1 17-31 |
| NY Jets       | 7         | 3        | 1-0        | 1-0        | 1-0        | 31-24       | 1-0 31-24       | -         |
| Oakland       | 8         | 3        | 0-1        | 1-0        | 1-0        | 21-24       | -               | 1-0 21-24 |
| Philadelphia  | 3         | 2        | 1-0        | 1-0        | 1-0        | 31-17       | 1-0 31-17       | -         |
| Pittsburgh    | 8         | 3        | 1-0        | 0-1        | 1-0        | 24-21       | 0-1 24-21       | -         |
| St. Louis     | 6         | 3        | 1-0        | 0-1        | 0-1        | 17-10       | 0-1 17-10       | -         |
| San Diego     | 10        | 2        | 1-0        | 1-0        | 1-0        | 27-20       | -               | 1-0 27-20 |
| San Francisco | 12        | 3        | 0-1        | 1-0        | 0-1        | 19-21       | 1-0 19-21       | -         |
| Seattle       | 5         | 4        | 1-0        | 1-0        | 0-1        | 21-7        | -               | 1-0 21-7  |
| Tampa Bay     | 8         | 3        | 0-1        | 0-1        | 0-1        | 10-16       | -               | 0-1 10-16 |
| Tennessee     | 3         | 3        | 1-0        | 1-0        | 0-1        | 17-7        | -               | 1-0 17-7  |
| Washington    | 8         | 3        | 1-0        | 1-0        | 0-1        | 16-10       | 1-0 16-10       | -         |

THE GOLD SHEET, Stardust, BoDog and Bet365 Lines

Below are the early/opening lines provided by three major sportsbooks.

HOME TEAM in CAPS. Totals in brackets (). NL-No Line.

BoDog 1-866-950-8800 bet365 1-866-823-8365 Canbet 1-877-706-5879

|                   | TGS   | Stardust  | BoDog  | Bet365 |
|-------------------|-------|-----------|--------|--------|
| Denver-JACK.      | D.2½  | NL        | NL     | NL     |
| BALT.-Pitt        | B.4   | B.4(36½)  | B.4½   | B.4    |
| DET.-Houston      | D.3   | D.3(43)   | D.3½   | D.3    |
| TENN.-Indy        | T.1½  | T.2½(46½) | T.2½   | T.2½   |
| G. BAY-Chicago    | G.10½ | NL        | NL     | NL     |
| Wash.-NY GIA.     | W.1½  | W.3(42½)  | W.3    | W.3    |
| N. ORL.-S. Fran.  | N.3   | N.7(41½)  | N.7    | N.7    |
| ATL.-St. Louis    | A.2½  | A.2½(46½) | A.2½   | A.2½   |
| K. CITY-Car.      | K.3   | NL        | NL     | NL     |
| T. BAY-Seattle    | T.1½  | NL        | NL     | NL     |
| DALLAS-Cleve.     | D.3½  | D.4(39)   | D.4    | D.4    |
| N. Eng.-ARIZ.     | N.9   | N.8(42)   | N.8    | N.8    |
| OAK.-Buffalo      | O.3½  | O.3½(38½) | O.3½   | O.3½   |
| NY Jets-S. DGO.   | N.1½  | N.3(44½)  | N.3    | N.3    |
| CINCY-Miami       | C.4   | C.4(39)   | C.3½   | C.4    |
| PHIL.-Minn.       | P.4   | P.3½(47½) | P.3½   | P.3½   |
| Cal.-S. MISS      | C.4   | C.5       | C.6    | C.5    |
| BOS. COL.-Conn.   | B.7   | B.8       | B.8    | B.8½   |
| MICHIGAN-Sdsu     | M.20  | M.22      | M.23   | M.21½  |
| ILL.-W. Mich.     | I.6½  | NL        | I.9½   | NL     |
| RUT.-Kent St.     | R.13  | R.11      | R.12½  | R.10½  |
| PENN ST.-C. Fla.  | P.22  | P.21      | P.21½  | P.20½  |
| VA. TECH-Duke     | V.26  | V.25      | V.25   | V.25   |
| W. VA.-Maryland   | W.4   | W.7       | W.6½   | W.7    |
| KY.-Indiana       | K.1   | K.1½      | K.2½   | K.1½   |
| MISS.-Vandy       | M.6½  | M.6½      | M.7½   | M.6½   |
| GEORGIA-Mar.      | G.16  | G.19½     | G.18½  | G.19   |
| MIA.-F.-La. Tech  | M.29  | M.31      | M.31   | M.30½  |
| Cincy-SYR.        | C.1½  | C.1       | S.1½   | C.1    |
| N'WSTRN-Kan.      | N.3½  | N.3       | N.3    | N.3    |
| MIZZOU-Ball St.   | M.26  | M.24      | M.27   | M.25   |
| IOWA ST.-N. Ill.  | I.1   | I.2       | N.1    | I.2½   |
| MIAMI-O.-Ohio     | M.14  | M.20      | M.19½  | M.20½  |
| VA.-Akron         | V.28  | V.30      | V.30   | V.30½  |
| Ohio St.-NCSU     | O.2   | O.2½      | O.4    | O.3    |
| AUBURN-Lsu        | A.2½  | A.1½      | L.1½   | A.1½   |
| OKLA.-Oregon      | Ok.25 | Ok.27½    | Ok.25½ | Ok.27  |
| Wis.-ARIZONA      | W.9   | W.9½      | W.11½  | W.10   |
| ORE. ST.-N. Mex.  | O.14  | O.12      | O.12½  | O.12   |
| Toledo-E. MICH.   | T.10  | T.10      | T.11   | T.10   |
| Ga. Tech-N. CAR.  | G.10  | G.8       | G.11   | G.8    |
| FLA. ST.-Uab      | F.23  | F.25      | F.24½  | F.25   |
| N. Dame-MCH. ST.  | Pick  | N.3       | N.2½   | N.3    |
| Clem.-TEX. A&M    | C.1½  | C.2       | C.3½   | C.2½   |
| TEX. TECH-Tcu     | TT.3½ | TT.6½     | TT.4½  | TT.6½  |
| L'ville-TULANE    | L.19  | L.17      | L.17   | L.17   |
| S. CAR.-S. Fla.   | SC.12 | SC.13     | SC.14  | SC.13½ |
| Navy-TULSA        | N.2   | T.1       | N.1    | Pick   |
| OKLA. ST.-Smu     | O.33  | O.34½     | O.30   | O.34½  |
| Ucla-WASH.        | U.2½  | U.1       | W.1    | Pick   |
| TENN.-Florida     | T.2   | T.3       | T.3    | T.3    |
| Hawaii-RICE       | H.1   | H.2½      | H.2½   | H.2½   |
| HOUSTON-Army      | H.15  | H.14      | H.16   | H.14½  |
| PITT-Nebraska     | P.1   | N.4       | N.3    | N.4    |
| NEVADA-Buf.       | N.18  | N.13½     | N.15½  | N.13½  |
| Boise St.-UTEP    | B.32  | B.27      | B.28½  | B.27   |
| Minn.-COLO. ST.   | M.2   | M.4       | M.4½   | M.3½   |
| S. Cal-BYU        | S.22  | S.27      | S.25   | S.26½  |
| UNLV-Air Force    | U.4   | U.5½      | U.7½   | U.5½   |
| ARIZ. ST.-Iowa    | A.3   | A.1½      | Pick   | A.1½   |
| KAN. ST.-La.-Laf. | K.27  | K.31½     | K.31   | K.31½  |
| MTSU-Fla.-Atl.    | Pick  | M.3       | M.1½   | M.2½   |
| COLO.-N. Texas    | C.16  | C.17      | C.18½  | C.17   |
| Wash. St.-IDAHO   | W.24  | W.24      | W.24   | W.24   |
| ARK.-La.-Mon.     | A.31  | A.32      | NL     | A.31   |
| Memp.-ARK. ST.    | M.21  | M.23      | M.23   | M.22   |
| Utah-UTAH ST.     | U.18  | U.18½     | U.22   | U.18½  |
| Troy St.-NMSU     | T.12  | T.9       | T.11   | T.9    |

COLLEGE ANALYSIS

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N. CAROLINA STATE by 8 over Ohio State  
SOUTH CAROLINA by 25 over South Florida  
ARIZONA STATE by 13 over Iowa

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

\*California 33 - SOUTHERN MISS 23—Though USM in revenge mode following 32-pt. loss in Berkeley LY, must side with explosive Cal squad that's rolled up a whopping 1073 yds. so far. Rebuilt Golden Eagle 2ndary will have much tougher test vs. Bears well-designed, balanced attack than it did vs. Nebraska's unfinished, mistake-prone West Coast "O." Cal leaving early for Hattiesburg to get acclimated to weather & time change, and USM 0-4 as home dog last decade. Golden Eagles 6-2 jr. QB Almond just 12 of 28 vs. Huskers. CABLE TV—ESPN (03-CAL. 34-S. Miss 2...C.21-16 C.48/260 S.36/65 S.20/34/1/212 C.11/18/0/157 C.1 S.0) (03-CALIFORNIA -3' 34-2...SR: California 1-0)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

\*BOSTON COLLEGE 26 - Connecticut 21—UConn needed 16 unanswered 4th-Q points to eke by Duke, 22-20, last week. Huskies will have more vim & vigor for trip to regional rival BC, their first official Big East game. Edge to Eagle defense (only 1 TD in first 2 games). But intrepid UConn (10-2 vs. spread last 12 away) will go down firing behind sr. QB Orlovsky (38 TDP last 1+ seasons). CABLE TV—ESPN2 (03-Bos. Col. 24-CONN. 14...C.23-20 B.41/193 C.34/128 C.26/55/3/258 B.15/29/1/151 B.0 C.0) (03-Boston Col. -4 24-14 02-BOSTON COL. -33 24-16...SR: Boston College 9-0-2)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

MICHIGAN 28 - San Diego State 13—Michigan offense isn't exactly a well-oiled machine at this stage, as the Wolverines have gained just 2.4 ypc. Things will get better, but would prefer to take points with SDS squad that hung tough in similar spot at Ohio State LY. Aztec QB Dlugolecki will draw on that experience, while green Michigan QBs learn on the job. CABLE TV—ESPN (FIRST MEETING)

ILLINOIS 30 - Western Michigan 24—Illinois dropping in class after running into improved UCLA last week. Both WMU QB Baggett and Illini QB Beutjer (ribs) left their games last week with injuries and didn't return. Broncos 63-0 loss at Virginia Tech a dark sign for WMU. Illini backup QB Bower was 11 of 15 passing for 102 yds. in relief of Beutjer vs. UCLA. (DNP...SR: Illinoiis 1-0)

RUTGERS 27 - Kent State 19—Rutgers is 11-1-1 vs. spread its last 13 on board! But Knights' confidence dinged by 35-24 home loss to Div. I-AA New Hampshire. Kent defense (10 starters back; 28 takeaways) has improved. Star QB Cribbs (20 of 29, 2 TDP, 105 YR last week) will keep Flashes inside number. (DNP...SR: Rutgers 1-0)

PENN STATE 39 - Central Florida 10—Penn State lost element of surprise last week at BC, as Eagles were prepared for new-look Nittany Lions. Trust sr. QB Mills to get Penn State back on track, and Central Florida is off to a very slow start vs. similar opposition (outscored 79-26 vs. Wisconsin & W. Va). Distractions and ineffective QBing from Moffett (benched last week) & Sumner (9 of 21 passing for 86 yds.) make this trip to "Happy Valley" a potential sad disaster for Golden Knights. (02-PENN STATE -13' 27-24...SR: Penn State 1-0)

VIRGINIA TECH 43 - Duke 10—Last thing success-starved Duke needed was last week's gut-wrenching 22-20 loss at UConn (Devils allowed 16 unanswered 4th-Q points and missed potential game-winning 36-yd. FG in waning seconds). Pitiless Tech routinely pummels this level foe at Blacksburg. And Hokies (2 defensive TDs last week) geeked for first ACC game. (DNP...SR: Duke 7-4)

WEST VIRGINIA 27 - Maryland 26—Rivalry has been completely one-sided since Maryland HC Friedgen (4-0 SU & vs. spread; won last 3 meetings by 31 ppg!) & WV counterpart Rodriguez took over at their respective alma maters. Major RB ?s for both teams (see Special Ticker). Which QB will make more plays—Mountie vet Marshall (4 TDP last week) or rapidly-maturing Terp soph Statham (18 of 25 for 268 yards & 2 TDP in win over Temple)? CABLE TV—ESPN2

(03-MD. 34-W. Va. 7...M.28-11 M.49/260 W.39/120 M.15/26/1/238 W.3/12/0/36 M.1 W.0) (Md. 41-W. Va. 7...M.26-9 W.29/155 M.48/141 M.21/33/0/381 W.11/19/0/86 M.0 W.2) (03-MD. -9' 34-7, Md. -3' 41-7 (Bowling) 02-Md. +4' 48-17 01-MD. -10 32-20...SR: Md. 21-19-2)

Indiana 24 - KENTUCKY 23—Unless oddsmakers overadjust for IU's stunning upset at Oregon, prefer vastly-improved Hoosier squad that's flying around on "D" TY (9 takeaways so far; only 17 all of '03). Kentucky HC Brooks still deeply concerned with his rebuilt OL & inconsistency at QB (Boyd only 14 of 34 vs. L'Ville). Doubt he solves problems vs. double-revenged minded, hungry border rival IU.

(03-Ky. 34-IND. 17...I.20-15 I.46/183 K.41/167 I.17/33/1/266 K.12/21/0/187 K.1 I.0)

MISSISSIPPI 23 - Vanderbilt 19—With week off to regroup following one-sided 31-6 home loss vs. South Carolina, suggest "taking" with veteran Vandy squad that's hung tough in series lately (see Angle). 'Dores smooth sr. QB Cutler (24 of 38 vs. 'Cocks) much more polished than either Ole Miss triggerman Spurlock (benched vs. Bama) or RS frosh Flatt, who've generated a meager 1 TD so far. Rebels 0-2 for 1st time since '87! (03-Miss. 24-VANDY 21...19-19 V.38/101 M.33/95 V.21/33/1/298 M.22/33/0/275 M.1 V.1) (03-Miss. -13 24-21 02-MISS. -22 45-38 01-MISS. -16 38-27...SR: Mississippi 44-32-2)

GEORGIA 34 - Marshall 22—If Marshall gets off mat following last-second 24-21 loss at Ohio State, doubt UGA runs away from athletic, well-coached Herd, which hasn't dropped 3 straight since joining Div. I-A in '97. Dawgs dynamic QB Greene doesn't greatly outclass Marshall's underrated sr. Hill, who'll move chains again,

supported by steady ground attack (150 YR vs. stout Buckeyes). Dawgs frosh phenom RB Ware hurtin' (see *Ticker*), and HC Richt's team is semi-distracted crew (LSU up next in 2 weeks). (*FIRST MEETING*)

**MIAMI-FLORIDA 43 - Louisiana Tech 9**—Only question here is Miami's intensity post-Florida State. Sure, some letdown likely. But still don't see green Tech QBs balancing attack against hellacious Hurricane defense.  
(03-Miami 48-LA. TECH 9...M.26-13 M.43/192 L.19/98 M.18/35/1/275 L.19/34/2/212 M.0 L.1)  
(03-Miami-Florida -28 48-9 at Shreveport...SR: Miami-Florida 3-0)

**Cincinnati 24 - SYRACUSE 22**—Not impressed by Syracuse's win at Buffalo, though Orange defense did regain some dignity after getting undressed in opener at Purdue. Young QBs Patterson & Fields combined for fewer than 100 YP, and Bulls scored both their TDs on fumble returns. Cincy QB Guidugli, a 4-yr. starter, and sr. RB Hall (238 YR & 3 TDs last week!) help Bearcats eke out win.  
(DNP...SR: Syracuse 3-1)

**NORTHWESTERN 36 - Kansas 30**—Kansas gave a good account of itself in first two, but now Jayhawks must venture out on road where they have dropped 4 straight. NU offense is a well-balanced, and should give KU plenty of trouble, especially if RB Herron (possible concussion vs. ASU) is cleared for action. Edge to Wildcat QB Basanez and chemistry-rich Northwestern.

(03-Nwestern 28-KANSAS 20...N.25-14 N.52/235 K.27/100 K.13/30/2/255 N.23/36/1/219 N.1 K.3)  
(03-Northwestern -6' 28-20...SR: Northwestern 1-0)

**MISSOURI 44 - Ball State 10**—Situation favors embarrassed Mizzou, which had 3 TOs in national TV loss at Troy University. However, Ball State possesses neither the offense (just 1 "consolation" TD in 2 games) nor the defense (rebuilding; 59 pts. at Purdue) to cope with angry Tigers (4-0 vs. spread after a SU loss LY). Perhaps hidden benefit at Troy was chance for MU QB B. Smith (25 of 46, 2 ints.) to get beneficial work on aerial game.

(03-Mo. 35-BALL ST. 7...M.25-13 M.47/290 B.28/41 B.23/34/0/203 M.18/29/0/171 M.0 B.0)  
(03-Missouri -14' 35-7 02-MISSOURI -16 41-6...SR: Missouri 2-0)

**IOWA STATE 21 - Northern Illinois 16**—ISU (39 ppg LY vs. Div. I-A) has greatly solidified its defense TY, allowing only 17 pts. in its two games vs. No. Iowa (I-AA) and Iowa. Meanwhile, NIU offense not quite the same TY w/o departed dynamic RB Turner & injured QB Haldi (stress fracture). Huskies had to fend off 2-pointer in closing minutes last week to barely edge So. Ill. 23-22.

(03-N. ILL. 24-Iowa St. 16...I.22-18.147/173 N.43/167.16/33/2/182 N.15/22/1/167 N.1 I.0)  
(03-NORTHERN ILLINOIS -6' 24-16...SR: EVEN 1-1)

**MIAMI-OHIO 34 - Ohio 21**—QB Hawk well-motivated and has given formerly landlocked Ohio the ability to pass. Hawk transferred to Athens from Miami-O. after playing for RedHawks in '00 & '01. Bobcat "D" had a much better day vs. Pitt (allowed just 2 offensive TDs & 217 yards) than Miami did vs. Cincy (599 yds., 6 TDs 3 on plays of 42, 69 & 70 yds.).

(03-Miami 49-OHIO 31...M.28-21 M.34/123 O.45/87 M.22/35/1/372 O.14/31/0/247 M.2 O.0)  
(03-Miami -24 49-31 02-MIAMI -16' 38-20 01-Miami +6' 36-24...SR: Miami-Ohio 49-29-2)

**VIRGINIA 55 - Akron 16**—Burgeoning Virginia has scored 100 points and rolled up 1053 yards in its first 2 games! Cavs have several NFL-caliber players on defense; Akron zero. Al Groh now 15-5 vs. spread at home since taking UVa reins.

(02-VIRGINIA -23' 48-29...SR: Virginia 1-0)

**★★★NORTH CAROLINA STATE 24 - Ohio State 16**—Revenge-minded N.C. State (opened vs. Div. I-AA Richmond before bye week) has been preparing for this game since start of fall camp. Wolfpack defense loaded with speed & athleticism in front 7. OSU soph QB Zwick (4 ints. first 2 games) is still learning, and Buckeye rush attack is still inconsistent. HC Tressel has covered only 1 of his last 9 reg.-season games away from Columbus! NC St. 5-0 as a dog since '02 & HC Amato has been refining gameplan for past 3 weeks. REGIONAL TV—ABC

(03-OHIO ST. 44-Ncsu 38 (OT)...N.28-15 O.32/44 N.30/21 N.36/52/2/315 O.26/36/3/273 O.2 N.1)  
(03-OHIO STATE -9' 44-38 (OT)...SR: Ohio State 1-0)

**AUBURN 20 - LSU 13**—Since we're still not sold on LSU QBing, would rather support vengeful, speedy Auburn squad that has stayed pretty basic 1st two weeks. Have more faith in AU vet QB Campbell, who owns the prime-time RBs (both R. Brown & C. Williams exceeded 100 YR vs. MSU) & WRs (8 made catches vs. Miss. St.!) to stretch LSU defense that struggled vs. pass-oriented Oregon State in opener. Insiders report that AU's clever, 1st-year o.c. Borges has some special misdirection plays in gameplan. Host has covered 4 straight in series.

(03-LSU 31-Auburn 7...15-15 L.33/157 A.34/50 L.17/28/1/224 A.19/27/0/143 L.0 A.2)  
(03-LSU -3' 31-7 02-AUBURN +4 31-7 01-LSU -7 27-14...SR: LSU 20-17-1)

**OKLAHOMA 45 - Oregon 23**—Even the biggest-punching heavyweights like Sonny Liston & George Foreman couldn't knock out all of their foes. In football terms, that would also apply to Oklahoma, which despite its power has had only modest success laying DDs at Norman (10-10 in role since '01). Nick Aliotti's oft-burned Oregon 2ndary will get toasted often by Jason White and his Sooner receivers, but HC Mike Bellotti usually good value as dog (15-7 since '99), and Ducks have enough "O" to slip inside number. REGIONAL TV—ABC  
(DNP...SR: Oklahoma 4-0)

**Wisconsin 23 - ARIZONA 17**—RB attrition could catch up to Wisconsin on trip to Tucson. Star RB A. Davis (eye) and top backup D. Smith (heart condition) are both sidelined, and soph QB Stocco still has a ways to go before he can carry the primary load. Arizona QB Heavner has taken quickly to o.c. Canales' spread offense, completing 77% of his passes in first two games!

(02-WISCONSIN -5' 31-10...SR: Wisconsin 1-0)

**OREGON STATE 28 - New Mexico 11**—Some curious psychological angles. Will OSU be complacent, or confident, facing a foe it buried 55-14 in LY's Las Vegas Bowl?

Will UNM be buoyed, or flat, after emotional "revenge" win vs. nemesis Texas Tech last week? Will Beavers be furious, or shellshocked, after last Friday's Boise nightmare? We do know that OSU is 16-5 as home chalk since '99, and that Lobo soph QB McKamey making first road start. If Beav HC Riley can juice up AWOL infantry a bit, hosts can extend margin.

(03-Ore. St. 55-N. Mex. 14...O.29-7 O.35/154 N.34/6 O.27/41/1/386 N.10/23/1/121 O.1 N.1)  
(03-Oregon State -2' 55-14 (Las Vegas Bowl)...SR: Oregon State 2-1)

**\*Toledo 31 - EASTERN MICHIGAN 23**—Toledo's early efforts have done little to indicate Rockets can successfully lay points on the road. EMU outclassed in last week's 49-10 loss at Florida, but expect RB Sherrell to control ball facing Toledo defense that's yielded 63 pts. each of first two games. Young Toledo front 7 will allow EMU to stay in game.

(03-TOLEDO 49-E. Mich. 14...T.25-19 T.38/172 E.38/129 T.26/33/0/307 E.16/34/2/118 T.0 E.1)  
(03-TOLEDO -27' 49-14 02-Toledo -22 65-13 01-TOLEDO -34 28-7...SR: Toledo 21-10)

**\*Georgia Tech 33 - NORTH CAROLINA 19**—After allowing 33 ppg & 505 ypg LY, UNC has given up 94 points & 991 yards in its first 2 games TY! (Will Heels get Donald Trump to tell HC Bunting, "You're fired!"?) Tech soph QB Ball (4 TDP last week) maturing rapidly, and he has an impact new WR in blue-chip true frosh Calvin Johnson (6-4, 215; 3 TDC) and a top-notch ground threat in sr. RB Daniels. Oh yeah, Jackets also have...a defense!

(03-GA. TECH 41-N. Car. 24...G.28-21 G.50/298 N.31/157 N.26/40/1/289 G.14/27/0/148 G.0 N.1)  
(03-TECH -10 41-24 02-Tech -2' 21-13 01-TECH -4 28-21...SR: Georgia Tech 20-16-3)

**\*FLORIDA STATE 31 - Uab 13**—Will FSU be sobbing or seething after finding yet another way to lose to rival Miami? Nothing wrong with swarming Seminole defense. But HC Bowden's patience with QB Rix (10 of 28 for 108 YP with 4 TOs vs. Canes) clearly waning (will raw soph QB Sexton get some snaps?). Play-making jr. QB Hackney, RB depth, and speedy, veteran defense enough to keep UAB respectable.

(01-FLORIDA STATE -27 29-7...SR: Florida State 1-0)

**\*MICHIGAN STATE 19 - Notre Dame 17**—After extremely satisfying home win over Michigan, ND might not have same intense effort ready vs. talented MSU. Spartan offense got a boost from bruising, 250-lb. RS frosh RB Caulcrick (15-67 rushing), and QB Stanton made his first appearance last week in his comeback from knee injury. Irish 1-4 vs. spread last 5 in series. CABLE TV—ESPN

(03-Mich. St. 22-N. DAME 16...N.20-15 M.39/181 N.37/100 N.17/42/2/202 M.13/27/2/119 M.1 N.1)  
(03-Msu +10 22-16 02-Und +2' 21-17 01-Msu +9' 17-10...SR: Notre Dame 42-24-1)

**\*Clemson 31 - TEXAS A&M 27**—Psychology very dicey for Clemson. Tigers followed come-from-behind, double-OT win over Wake in opener by gagging away victory over Ga. Tech last week with blown punt snap in final minute. A&M feeling better about itself after shutting out overmatched Wyoming. Dynamic Clemson attack a much stiffer challenge. CABLE TV—TBS  
(DNP...SR: Tex. A&M 2-0)

**\*TEXAS TECH 45 - Tcu 42**—Mike Leach 12-5 vs. the spread in friendly Lubbock. Still, potent Horned Frogs were 5-1 SU on the road LY and have rolled up 637 & 562 yds. of offense first two games. Yes, TT's new QB Sonny Cumbie has passed for 470 & 449, but the points haven't been so frequent (only 27 & 24 in two road games). TCU has def. concerns, but is better balanced, and QB Gunn now 10-0 SU as starter!  
(DNP...SR: Texas Tech 27-22-3)

**\*Louisville 41 - TULANE 16**—Army was no match for loaded Louisville attack, as Cards rolled to 572 yards & 34 FDs in 52-21 road win last week. Tulane's defense has improved. But so has Louisville's (only 1 meaningful TD in first 2 games). Big edge at QB for cool Card sr. LeFors over gangly Wave soph Ricard.

(03-LVL. 47-Tulane 28...T.24-20 L.42/288 T.42/160 T.16/29/2/243 L.17/28/0/212 L.1 T.2)  
(03-LOUISVILLE -15 47-28 01-Louisville -11' 52-7...SR: Louisville 8-2)

**★★★SOUTH CAROLINA 31 - South Florida 6**—After blowing 16-0 lead vs. highly-ranked Georgia, expect rejuvenated, angry South Carolina to hold and extend lead vs. offensively-shaky USF that managed only 93 YP & 2 TDs vs. outclassed Tenn. Tech in opener. 'Cocks maturing, strong-armed QB Pinkins (24 of 39 so far) & rangy, 6-5 TE Boyd (11 catches) are dangerous combo, while swarming Carolina "D" has yielded just 3 TDs combined vs. Vandy and Georgia. Bulls have dropped last 5 non-conference road games by 14 pts. or more. Lay it. (*FIRST MEETING*)

**\*Navy 27 - TULSA 20**—Shrewd Navy HC Paul Johnson obviously not asking new QB Polanco to do much thru air (only 15 passes first two weeks), but there's no reason for bruising Middle option to get too fancy vs. soft Tulsa defensive interior that was proven vulnerable again by Ok. State's one-dimensional offense. Opponents have gotten wise to HC Kragthorpe's unorthodox play-calling tendencies (QB Kilian's QB draws snuffed out in first 2 Tulsa losses). (*FIRST MEETING*)

**\*OKLAHOMA STATE 43 - Smu 6**—SMU HC Bennett says 6-3 juco QB Tony Eckert (8 of 15, 2 ints. in 44-0 loss at TCU) will continue to get more playing time as Mustangs search for some offense. Until they find it, best to ride with the Cowboys, who have scored 69 pts. in 2 games with a total of 5 completions! But, with their mashing ground game (702 yds. in 2 games), OSU rarely has to take to the air. SMU last in scoring LY; 6.5 ppg TY!

(03-Okla. St. 52-SMU 6...O.15-13 O.29/123 S.44/108 O.19/31/0/275 S.9/26/2/125 O.0 S.0)  
(03-Oklahoma St. -24' 52-6 02-OKLAHOMA ST. -17 52-16...SR: SMU 6-3-2)

**Ucla 31 - WASHINGTON 23**—Whereas it appears to be night-and-day difference from '03 for UCLA attack under new o.c. Cable, we halfway expected to hear Rod Serling's voice narrate the Twilight Zone-like lowlights U-Dub QBs in opening-game humiliation vs. Fresno. Until Huskies get something resembling consistency from either QB (jr. Paus or soph Stanback), prefer more-refined Bruins, who have held upper hand vs. better UW teams than this (UCLA 6-0-1 vs. points last 7 meetings). REGIONAL TV—ABC

(03-UCLA 46-Wash. 16...W.23-17 U.41/134 W.31/77 W.26/46/3/281 U.16/24/1/258 U.O.W.1)  
(03-UCLA +1' 46-16 02-Ucla +1' 34-24 01-UCLA -13' 35-13...SR: UCLA 33-28-2)

\***Florida 24 - TENNESSEE 23**—In critical, high-pressure SEC East showdown, believe UF's battle-tested, mobile, soph QB Leak more likely to move sticks and make fewer mistakes than UT's talented, true frosh QBs Ainge & Schaeffer, who've yet to face this much speed & athleticism on defense. Look for Gator WRs Small, Caldwell & Baker to separate from young, rebuilt Vol 2ndary. And Zook's squad undaunted in noisy Knoxville, buoyed by road upsets LY at Arkansas & LSU (and at this site in '02)! TV—CBS

(03-Tenn. 24-FLA. 10...T.20-19 T.50/139 F.27/73 F.25/44/2/281 T.12/24/1/235 T.2 F.1)  
(03-Tenn. +3' 24-10 02-Florida +5 30-13 01-Tenn. +17' 34-32...SR: Tennessee 18-15)

\***RICE 26 - Hawaii 24**—Kenny Hatfield's clever Rice option has proven a very awkward matchup for better Hawaii teams than this the past few years, as Owls have covered last 5 in series. And June Jones' Red Gun not likely to overwhelm improved Rice "D" that put clamps on similar Houston spread looks in opener (Owls recorded 9 sacks and had shutout until final 9 seconds). *Rice 6-0-1 vs. line last 7 on board; Warriors on 5-15 downturn vs. number.*

(03-HAWAII 41-Rice 21...H.29-14 R.42/186 H.27/119 H.42/70/0/397 R.7/14/3/173 H.2 R.2)  
(03-HAWAII -21 41-21 02-Hawaii -8 33-28 01-Rice +3' 27-24...SR: Rice 3-2)

\***HOUSTON 39 - Army 28**—Slow, small Army defense (52 points & 572 yds. last week!) just what the doctor ordered for sputtering Houston attack (35 ppg LY; only 3 TDs in first 2 games TY). But Coug stop unit has plenty of holes. Black Knights (only 1 TO in opener; 44 LY) as self-destructive under Bobby Ross.

(03-Houston 34-ARMY 14...H.31-10 H.70/260 A.28/10 H.24/28/0/301 A.11/29/0/198 H.3 A.0)  
(03-Houston -10 34-14 02-HOUSTON -15' 56-42 01-ARMY +1 28-14...SR: Houston 4-2)

\***PITTSBURGH 16 - Nebraska 15**—Well, Nebraska's new West Coast offense sure isn't dull! Huskers have racked up 1057 yards, but also 11 giveaways, in first 2 games. Soph QB Dailey has thrown 6 TDP & 7 interceptions. Pittsburgh offense (only 49 YP against Ohio last week!) also in transition sans Rutherford & Fitzgerald. So Miss took full advantage of Nebraska's miscues in upset win at Lincoln. Can Panthers do same?

(DNP...SR: Pittsburgh 15-4-3)

\***NEVADA 37 - Buffalo 17**—Okay, Chris Ault's "Air Wolf" attack has demonstrated it can dismantle outmanned I-AA opposition. *The question is whether Buffalo is much of an upgrade from overmatched Sac. State squad that Nevada obliterated last week.* Maybe not much, but at least vet Secky/Piskorik QB combo & RB Dawson give Bulls some firepower. (FIRST MEETING)

\***Boise State 49 - UTEP 17**—With Boise apparently picking up where it left off LY, UTEP's chances for an upset appear less likely than Alan Keyes knocking off Barack Obama in the Illinois senate race. Age-old Miner TO bugaboo (5 giveaways in Az. State opener) likely to resurface vs. ball-hawking Bronco "D" that bears no resemblance to I-AA Weber State unit that UTEP QB Palmer damaged (albeit conservatively) week ago. Boise 55 ppg last two years vs. Miners!

(03-BOISE ST. 51-Utep 21...B.28-17 B.45/256 U.37/101 B.16/34/1/218 U.18/33/2/211 B.O.U.1)  
(03-BSU -41 51-21 02-Bsu -32' 58-3 01-BSU -5' 42-17...SR: Boise State 4-0)

\***COLORADO STATE 31 - Minnesota 30**—Minnesota HC Mason was very disappointed in his team's effort against Illinois St. last week, as he says Gophers were outplayed in a 37-21 victory. QB Cupito (10 of 22 passing) wasn't nearly as sharp as he was vs. Toledo, and the defense yielded 372 YP. Look for CSU QB Holland (636 YP 1st 2) to move chains against Minny in Rams' home opener. TV—ESPN2 (FIRST MEETING)

\***Southern Cal 34 - BYU 15**—Understandable if number inflates after disparate performances last week. But BYU not likely down to its 3rd QB (juco Jason Beck) as it was at Stanford. *And if there's one coach who has a clue regarding SC o.c. Norm Chow's "scheming" tendencies, it's Coug HC Crowton, another LaVell Edwards protege who helped d.c. Mendenhall guess correctly enough to make national champs sweat a bit LY at Coliseum.* Backdoor open if either of top two BYU QBs (John Beck & Berry) available.

(03-S. CAL 35-Byu 18...B.19-17 S.33/71 B.26/46 B.29/46/3/313 S.19/34/3/235 S.O.B.2)  
(03-SOUTHERN CAL -21' 35-18...SR: Southern Cal 1-0)

\***UNLV 21 - Air Force 20**—UNLV stepping down a bit after brutal Tennessee & Wisconsin trips. But can Rebels feel confident facing an AFA bunch that's out-executed them badly L2Ys (pair of 17-point wins), especially since little-used soph QB Steichen might get call if vet starter Nantkes' lingering groin injury keeps him out? Jr. QB Fitch (back from Achilles) now ready in bullpen for Fisher DeBerry if tr. frosh Carney needs relief.

(03-A. FORCE 24-Unlv 7...A.15-13 A.59/261 U.41/166 U.8/20/1/84 A.5/10/0/63 A.O.U.1)  
(03-AIR FORCE -6' 24-7 02-Air Force -5 49-32 01-Unlv +2' 34-10...SR: Air Force 6-3)

★★★**ARIZONA STATE 33 - Iowa 20**—ASU QB Walter has been sharp, with 6 TDs & 0 ints. in Sun Devils 2-0 start. His experience edge over Iowa counterpart Drew Tate will be a significant advantage in Tate's first road start. Revenge-minded ASU could regain services of C Hodgdon, a boost facing aggressive Iowa front seven. And insiders report Sun Devils much more aggressive defensively in '04, greatly due to fiery, vocal 6-1, 240 juco LB Robinson (from Queens, N.Y.).

(03-IOWA 21-Ariz. St. 2...I.19-12 I.45/153 A.21/24 A.25/44/1/160 I.15/23/1/154 I.1 A.0)  
(03-IOWA -7' 21-2...SR: EVEN 1-1)

#### ADDED GAMES

**KANSAS STATE 42 - Louisiana-Lafayette 6**—With KSU's demanding, unhappy HC Snyder (*"I've been here for 16 years...we never had a football team that just got beat up as badly as we did today."*) cracking whip following 45-21 setback vs. Fresno State, prefer to lay lumber vs outmanned ULL, off contest at rival La. Tech. Though

Wildcats speedy RB Sproles has slipped in Heisman race, he'll produce Heisman-like numbers vs. soft Ragin' Cagun "D." (DNP...SR: Kansas State 1-0)

**Florida Atlantic 27 - MIDDLE TENNESSEE ST. 24**—Howard Schnellenberger's FAU making a habit of walking *Wallenda-like* tightrope (won past two weeks on last possession; beat MTSU on game-ending Hail Mary LY!). Still, slightly prefer Owls and sr. QB J. Allen in another likely photo finish at Murfreesboro, especially vs. Blue Raider 2ndary that ranked 96th vs. pass LY and allowed Akron QB Frye to throw at will (399 YP & no picks).

(03-Fla. Atl. 20-MTSU 19...M.18-11 M.44/183 F.32/42 F.18/29/2/215 M.19/35/0/160 F.2 M.0)  
(03-Florida Atlantic (NL) 20-19...SR: Florida Atlantic 1-0)

**COLORADO 36 - North Texas 17**—Has North Texas truly fallen so far? Perhaps so, as energetic Mean Green NT B. Kennedy & stalwart LB crew have departed, and star RB Cobbs (1680 YR LY) caught a thumb injury in the first game & a sprained knee last week. But Colorado's first two wins not overwhelming, as Buffs had to stop Colorado State at CU one on last play and had only 125 yds. of offense vs. Wash. State. (FIRST MEETING)

**WASHINGTON STATE 37 - Idaho 6**—WSU has offensive concerns it must straighten out before Pac-10 play (*like locating missing infantry, and solving budding QB controversy between soph Swogger & RS frosh Brink*). But Coug problems small compared with Idaho's acute offensive ills (Vandals just 7 ppg) that don't figure to abate vs. voracious WSU "D" that allowed Colorado only 145 yards. (This Idaho "home" game actually played at WSU's Martin Stadium.)

(03-Wash. St. 25-Idaho 0...W.23-14 W.50/339 I.26/83 I.16/36/3/167 W.13/23/1/127 W.1 I.0)  
(03-Wsu -27' 25-0 at Sea. 02-WSU -27 49-14 01-WSU -9 36-7...SR: Wash. St. 66-16-3)

\***ARKANSAS 47 - Louisiana-Monroe 7**—With winnable home game vs. the other Ark. school (Ark. State) next week, overmatched UL Monroe probably waves white flag early vs. agitated Razorbacks, who were a late fumble away from upsetting Texas for 3rd straight time. Hogs offense lights up board as it did vs. lower-rung Sun Belt foe New Mex. St. in opener (63 pts.).

(at Little Rock, AR) (DNP...SR: Arkansas 3-0)

\***Memphis 41 - ARKANSAS STATE 23**—Should be fun time for Memphis QB Wimprine & RB D. Williams against Ark. *State defense that's about as shaky as J Lo's latest marriage (Indians allowing 53 ppg!)*. But with C-USA showdown vs. improved UAB on deck, no reason for Tiger HC West to empty full bag of tricks in Jonesboro.

(03-MEMPHIS -16 38-16...SR: Memphis 26-20-5)

\***Utah 34 - UTAH STATE 10**—Need some pretty good reasons to buck smooth, vet-laden, potential BCS "buster" Utah that's now covered 12 of 14 since Urban Meyer took over as HC LY. And Utah State not likely to provide many as long as Aggies unable to provide diversion for overburdened QB Cox (Utags only 58 YR last week vs...Idaho). Deadeye Ute QB Alex Smith now 19 TDP/3 ints. since '03!

(03-UTAH 40-Utah St. 20...U.24-18 U.53/202 S.26/77 S.19/41/1/280 U.16/26/2/180 U.O.S.1)  
(03-UTAH -19' 40-20 02-Utah -11' 23-3 01-UTAH -9 23-19...SR: Utah 71-28-4)

\***Troy State 27 - NEW MEXICO STATE 13**—Scouts report that NMSU situation deteriorating rapidly for under-fire HC Samuel, whose Aggies desperately need to beat somebody after allowing 52 ppg in first two defeats. But unless price inflates, prefer emerging Troy, whose gnarly "D" has put the clamps on capable Marshall & on Mizzou's Heisman hopeful QB Brad Smith. (FIRST MEETING)

### LOOKING FOR AN ANGLE

By Gary Olshan, Chief Analyst

**California at SOUTHERN MISS (Thursday)**...USM looking to avenge humbling 34-2 blowout in Berkeley LY (worst loss since '95!). Cal dominated in "the pits," outrushing Golden Eagles 260-65. Believe it or not, USM, which is 40-8 SU in Hattiesburg over last decade, is 0-4 as rare home dog over same time span.

**Connecticut at BOSTON COLLEGE (Friday)**...UConn eager to show it can play regional rival BC as tough on gridiron as it does on hardwood (in Big East). Huskies outgained Eagles 386-344 LY, but 3 ints. by QB Orlovsky hurt cause in 24-14 series loss LY. UConn is nifty 10-3 as road dog since '01.

**Lsu at AUBURN**...Host has covered 4 straight in series, and Auburn is 18-5 SU in month of September under HC Tuberville

**Toledo at EASTERN MICHIGAN**...Toledo led 42-7 at H before playing lots of reserves in eventual 49-14 rout vs. EMU LY. Rocket QB Gradkowski completed 23 of 30 for 289 yds. & 3 TDs before resting in final period.

**Army at HOUSTON**...Army, which recruits heavily in Longhorn state (25 native Texans on roster), has covered 3 of past 4 in series.

**Northern Illinois at IOWA STATE**...ISU is 2-15 vs. spread last 17 on board, while road-tested NI is 11-6 vs. number as visitor last 3+ seasons.

**Indiana at KENTUCKY**...IU played border rival UK tougher than 34-17 final might indicate LY. Hoosiers outgained Wildcats 449-354, and IU had a 59-yd TD run called back due to holding penalty in 2nd Q. UK scored final TD with just 1:02 on clock after recovering an outside kick

**Louisiana Tech at MIAMI-FLORIDA**...Miami just 2-10 as fav. (all as DD chalk) in Orange Bowl past 2+ campaigns.

**Ohio at MIAMI-OHIO**...Emotionally-charged game for Ohio sr. QB Ryan

Hawk, who transferred from Miami-Ohio after he was relegated to backup role soon after former A-A to-be QB Roethlisberger came off his redshirt year in '01. Miami has covered 7 of past 9 in series. Year ago, RedHawks led 49-10 in 4th Q before Ohio scored the final 3 TDs, one on which came on 80-yd. pass play losing cover.

**Notre Dame at MICHIGAN STATE...**MSU has covered 7 of past 8 vs. ND, including 22-16 upset at South Bend LY. Spartan RB Hayes (109 YR), who's been moved to 2ndary TY, outgained entire Irish backfield (just 100 YR) in 6-pt. victory.

**San Diego State at MICHIGAN...**"Sandwich" game for Michigan, which is coming off ND battle and with huge revenge game vs. Iowa on deck. SDS performed well in last trip to Big Ten country, losing just 16-13 at Ohio State LY. Aztecs 16-9-1 as road dog last 5+ seasons (10-2 as DD dog!).

**Ball State at MISSOURI...**Mizzou easily bounced Ball State 35-7 LY despite losing QB Brad Smith to a concussion in 2nd Q. Tigers dominated line of scrimmage, outrushing Cards 290-41.

**Georgia Tech at NORTH CAROLINA...**GT has covered 8 of past 10 in series, and UNC just 2-8 as dog in Chapel Hill last 2 yrs. (1-11 SU!). Yellow Jackets ace RB P.J. Daniels amassed career-high 240 yds. (in 36 carries) in 41-24 Tech victory LY. Still, Tar Heels trailed just 27-24 late in 4th Q before allowing to 2 TDs, including 73-yd. punt return. Insiders report GT's fiery, 3rd-year d.c. Tenuta still hasn't forgiven NC mentor Bunting for firing him at the end of '01 campaign. Bunting believed Tenuta was hunting for NFL job during latter part of campaign.

**Ohio State at NORTH CAROLINA STATE...**Technical support NCS. Wolfpack is perfect 5-0 as underdog last 2+ seasons, while OSU only 1-6 as road chalk under HC Tressel. NCS eager for another crack at Buckeyes after gut-wrenching 44-38 OT loss in "The Horseshoe" LY. Wolfpack's star RB McLendon was stopped at 1-yd. line on 4th-down of 3rd OT.

**Kansas at NORTHWESTERN...**NW prevailed 28-20 LY despite KU capitalizing on Wildcats' only 2 mistakes (Jayhawks scored TDs on 31-yd int. & 20-yd. fumble return). KU, however, committed 5 TOs of its own in rainy conditions.

**Smu at OKLAHOMA STATE...**OSU is 5-2 as DD home chalk last 3+ seasons. Cowboy mentor Les Miles has shown compassion by pulling most of his starters in 2nd H after building 38-0 and 45-0 halftime leads vs. SMU last two seasons!

**Vanderbilt at OLE MISS...**Vandy has hung tough in recent meetings, covering 3 straight as an avg. 17-pt. dog (losses by just 9, 7 & 3 pts.). 'Dore QB Cutler (20 of 32 for 248 yds.) kept pace with Rebels record-breaking QB Eli Manning (22 of 33 for 275 yds.) in hotly-contested 24-21 loss LY.

**New Mexico at OREGON STATE...**OSU has been solid home chalk in recent times, posting a 16-5 mark since '99 (albeit only 3-3 LY). NM gets a chance to redeem itself following mortifying 55-14 smashing by Beavers in Las Vegas Bowl LY.

**Hawaii at RICE...**UH has been burned by Rice triple-option in recent times, as Warriors have failed to cover in 5 straight vs. Owls. UH led just 24-21 in 4th Q before scoring 17 unanswered pts. in non-covering 41-21 victory LY. Rice is a quiet 11-4-2 vs. spread last 17 on board, and 6-0-1 last 7.

**Kent State at RUTGERS...**Rutgers on a roll, going 11-1-1 vs. spread last 1+Ys.

**Cincinnati at SYRACUSE...**Struggling Syracuse still good % play as favorite in Carrier Dome, where Orange is 15-6-1 vs. spread since '99. Cincy, however, is 8-3 as road dog since '01 (0-1 TY).

**Clemson at TEXAS A&M...**A&M has failed to cover past 10 in underdog role!

**Louisville at TULANE...**L'Ville has exploded for 52 & 47 pts. in last 2 spread-covering series wins, and Tulane is 0-3 as DD home dog last 5+ yrs. Homecoming of sorts for Cards dynamic sr. QB LeFors, who hails from nearby Baton Rouge

**Navy at TULSA...**Navy has been a sound investment recently, recording a 13-3 spread mark since late '02.

**Utah at UTAH STATE...**Utah is 12-2 vs. spread last 1+ yrs. and, Utes have covered 4 of last 5 vs. rival Utah State.

**Duke at VIRGINIA TECH...**Former Big East rep VT sky high for its debut in recently-joined ACC. Duke playing its 3rd straight on road.

**Maryland at WEST VIRGINIA...**Maryland has had WV's number lately, easily covering 4 straight in series, winning last 3 by avg. 41-10 margin.

COLLEGE RATINGS AND POINTSPREAD RECORDS

Ratings by Gary Olshan, Chief Analyst, Records by Tad Ludes, Chief Statistician

**HOW TO USE THE RATINGS:** All teams measured from the TOP RATING of zero. HFV - Home Field Value. A team with a rating of 3 would be a 6-point favorite on a neutral field over a team rated 9. Deduct allotted points for HFV from rating of Home Team. SUR - 2002 Straight-up Won-Loss Record vs. all Opponents. PSR - 2003 Won-Loss Record vs. Ptspread. FR-Final 2003 Power Rating. OR - Opening 2004 Power Rating. The consensus line is used to compute won-lost ptspread records. Teams with bold + or - have had their ratings moved more than 2 pts. for the better (+) or worse (-) since last week.

| HFV TEAM               | SUR | PSR | R         | HFV TEAM                | SUR | PSR | R         |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----------|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----------|
| 3 Air Force            | 1-1 | 0-1 | 23        | 2 Mississippi           | 0-2 | 0-2 | 18        |
| 3 Akron                | 0-2 | 0-2 | 26        | 2 <b>Miss. St.-</b>     | 1-1 | 1-1 | <b>25</b> |
| 4 Alabama              | 2-0 | 2-0 | 8         | 5 Missouri              | 1-1 | 0-2 | 10        |
| 2 Arizona              | 1-1 | 0-1 | 24        | 3 Navy                  | 2-0 | 1-0 | 17        |
| 4 Arizona St.          | 2-0 | 2-0 | 13        | 5 Nebraska              | 1-1 | 0-1 | 11        |
| 4 Arkansas             | 1-1 | 2-0 | 10        | 3 Nevada                | 1-1 | 0-1 | 22        |
| 5 Ark. St.             | 0-2 | 1-1 | 37        | 4 New Mexico            | 1-1 | 1-1 | 17        |
| 1 Army                 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 37        | 2 N. Mex. St.           | 0-2 | 1-1 | 30        |
| 4 Auburn               | 2-0 | 1-1 | 4         | 1 <b>N. Carolina-</b>   | 1-1 | 0-1 | <b>22</b> |
| 4 <b>Ball State-</b>   | 0-2 | 1-1 | <b>31</b> | 2 N. Car. St.           | 1-0 | 0-0 | 10        |
| 2 Baylor               | 1-1 | 0-1 | 32        | 4 No. Texas             | 0-2 | 0-2 | 22        |
| 6 <b>Boise St.+</b>    | 2-0 | 2-0 | <b>4</b>  | 4 <b>Northern Ill.-</b> | 1-1 | 1-0 | <b>19</b> |
| 4 Boston Col.          | 2-0 | 1-1 | 11        | 2 N'western             | 0-2 | 1-1 | 17        |
| 4 Bowl. Green          | 1-1 | 1-0 | 17        | 3 Notre Dame            | 1-1 | 1-1 | 13        |
| 2 Buffalo              | 0-2 | 1-1 | 37        | 2 Ohio                  | 1-1 | 0-1 | 26        |
| 3 BYU                  | 1-1 | 1-1 | 19        | 4 Ohio State            | 2-0 | 1-1 | 4         |
| 3 California           | 2-0 | 1-1 | 4         | 8 Oklahoma              | 2-0 | 1-1 | -6        |
| 3 C. Florida           | 0-2 | 0-2 | 29        | 3 Okla. St.             | 2-0 | 1-1 | 9         |
| 3 C. Michigan          | 0-2 | 1-1 | 37        | 3 Oregon                | 0-1 | 0-1 | 12        |
| 3 Cincinnati           | 1-1 | 1-1 | 16        | 7 Oregon St.            | 0-2 | 1-1 | 9         |
| 3 Clemson              | 1-1 | 0-2 | 10        | 4 Penn State            | 1-1 | 1-1 | 11        |
| 3 Colorado             | 2-0 | 1-1 | 9         | 4 Pittsburgh            | 1-0 | 1-0 | 13        |
| 3 Colo. St.            | 0-2 | 1-1 | 13        | 6 <b>Purdue+</b>        | 2-0 | 2-0 | <b>4</b>  |
| 3 Connecticut          | 2-0 | 0-1 | 15        | 3 Rice                  | 1-0 | 1-0 | 20        |
| 2 Duke                 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 24        | 3 <b>Rutgers-</b>       | 1-1 | 1-0 | <b>19</b> |
| 2 E. Carolina          | 0-2 | 1-1 | 33        | 2 S. Diego St.          | 1-0 | 0-0 | 17        |
| 2 E. Michigan          | 1-1 | 0-2 | 36        | 2 S. Jose St.           | 0-1 | 0-1 | 36        |
| 4 Florida              | 1-0 | 1-0 | 4         | 2 <b>SMU-</b>           | 0-2 | 1-1 | <b>37</b> |
| 3 <b>Florida Atl.+</b> | 2-0 | 2-0 | <b>21</b> | 5 So. Carolina          | 1-1 | 2-0 | 11        |
| 2 Florida Intl.        | 1-0 | 0-0 | 34        | 4 So. Florida           | 1-0 | 0-0 | 17        |
| 5 Florida St.          | 0-1 | 0-1 | -1        | 6 So. Cal               | 2-0 | 1-1 | -5        |
| 5 <b>Fresno St.+</b>   | 2-0 | 2-0 | <b>10</b> | 5 So. Miss              | 1-0 | 1-0 | 12        |
| 4 Georgia              | 2-0 | 0-1 | 1         | 3 <b>Stanford+</b>      | 2-0 | 2-0 | <b>17</b> |
| 3 Ga. Tech             | 2-0 | 1-0 | 11        | 3 Syracuse              | 1-1 | 1-1 | 19        |
| 4 Hawaii               | 0-1 | 0-1 | 16        | 2 TCU                   | 2-0 | 1-1 | 11        |
| 2 Houston              | 0-2 | 0-2 | 23        | 1 Temple                | 0-2 | 1-1 | 27        |
| 2 Idaho                | 0-2 | 1-1 | 36        | 4 Tennessee             | 1-0 | 1-0 | 6         |
| 2 Illinois             | 1-1 | 0-1 | 24        | 5 Texas                 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 1         |
| 2 <b>Indiana+</b>      | 2-0 | 2-0 | <b>22</b> | 5 Texas A&M             | 1-1 | 1-1 | 16        |
| 7 Iowa                 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 11        | 4 Texas Tech            | 1-1 | 0-2 | 11        |
| 3 <b>Iowa State+</b>   | 1-1 | 1-0 | <b>23</b> | 4 <b>Toledo-</b>        | 0-2 | 0-2 | <b>21</b> |
| 4 Kansas               | 2-0 | 2-0 | 17        | 4 <b>Troy St.+</b>      | 2-0 | 2-0 | <b>14</b> |
| 5 <b>Kansas St.-</b>   | 1-1 | 0-1 | <b>10</b> | 2 Tulane                | 1-1 | 0-1 | 29        |
| 3 <b>Kent St.+</b>     | 1-1 | 0-1 | <b>29</b> | 4 Tulsa                 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 23        |
| 2 Kentucky             | 0-1 | 0-1 | 21        | 2 UAB                   | 1-0 | 1-0 | 17        |
| 3 La.-Lafay.           | 1-1 | 1-0 | 29        | 2 UCLA                  | 1-1 | 1-1 | 14        |
| 3 La.-Monroe           | 0-1 | 1-0 | 37        | 2 UNLV                  | 0-2 | 1-1 | 20        |
| 3 La. Tech             | 2-0 | 0-1 | 23        | 4 Utah                  | 2-0 | 2-0 | 8         |
| 3 Louisville           | 2-0 | 2-0 | 9         | 3 Utah St.              | 1-1 | 0-2 | 29        |
| 4 LSU                  | 2-0 | 1-1 | 0         | 2 UTEP                  | 1-1 | 0-1 | 38        |
| 3 Marshall             | 0-2 | 1-1 | 13        | 4 Vanderbilt            | 0-1 | 0-1 | 24        |
| 4 Maryland             | 2-0 | 0-2 | 8         | 5 <b>Virginia+</b>      | 2-0 | 2-0 | <b>4</b>  |
| 4 Memphis              | 2-0 | 1-0 | 11        | 6 <b>Va. Tech+</b>      | 1-1 | 2-0 | <b>5</b>  |
| 4 Miami-Fla.           | 1-0 | 1-0 | -1        | 3 Wake For.             | 1-1 | 1-1 | 15        |
| 4 Miami-Ohio           | 1-2 | 0-2 | 16        | 3 Washington            | 0-1 | 0-1 | 19        |
| 4 Michigan             | 1-1 | 1-1 | 2         | 4 Wash. St.             | 1-1 | 1-1 | 11        |
| 3 Michigan St.         | 1-1 | 0-2 | 15        | 4 W. Virginia           | 2-0 | 2-0 | 8         |
| 2 M. Tenn. St.         | 1-0 | 1-0 | 24        | 2 <b>W. Michigan-</b>   | 1-1 | 0-1 | <b>28</b> |
| 6 Minnesota            | 2-0 | 1-0 | 7         | 2 Wisconsin             | 2-0 | 1-1 | 11        |

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**SPECIAL TICKER**

by Bill Blackburn, Associate Editor

**ARIZONA...**Star jr. RB Mike Bell (920 YR on 5.5 ypc LY) hurt his knee early in 23-6 home loss to Utah and was in & out of game the rest of the way, finishing with only 27 YR on 7 carries. **BALL STATE...**Starting jr. TB Larry Bostic was on crutches following 59-7 loss at Purdue game after hurting his knee in 4th Q. **BYU...**Jr. QB Matt Berry cut his hand on 3rd play of game at Stanford and could not continue. Juco Jason Beck relieved Berry and was 23 of 46 for 232 yards with 3 ints. and no TDP. Soph John Beck (no relation to Jason), who started opener vs. Notre Dame but was not expected to be available against Cardinal after hurting his shoulder in win over Irish, got some snaps late in 37-10 loss at Palo Alto. **CALIFORNIA...**Star sr. WR Geoff McArthur (85 catches for 1504 yards & 10 TDs LY!) pulled a stomach muscle in practice last week and was far less than 100% vs. N. Mexico State. He caught only 2 passes for 31 yards in 41-14 home win over the Aggies. Sr. WR Jonathan Makonnen, who missed LY with an injury, has been out with a sore hamstring. And emerging sr. TE Garrett Cross (8 catches for 122 yards & a TD in first 2 games) sprained his knee vs. NMS. **DUKE...**Sr. DE Phillip Alexander (18½ TFLs LY!), Devils' best defensive player, broke his leg in 1st Q at UConn and is unlikely to return this season. Duke's other starting DE, sr. Micah Harris, was killed in a car crash during the summer. And starting sr. CB Kenneth Stanford (shoulder), the team's best cover guy, DNP vs. Huskies. Top RB jr. Cedric Dargan (calf) was limited to only 2 carries after he rushed for 114 yards (nearly all during 1st half) in opener. Soph RB Aaron Fryer had just 55 YR on 18 carries in come-from-ahead 22-20 loss to UConn. **FLORIDA STATE...**Seminole thought they would have 5 returning starters on their OL TY. But in opener at Miami, starting jr. C David Castillo (foot/chest) DNP, starting sr. G Bobby Meeks (ankle) barely played, and starting jr. G Matt Meinrod sat out 2nd half after hurting his knee. Highly-touted soph CB Antonio Cromartie had an int. and returned a fumble 61 yards for a TD in the game, but he was sidelined with a sore hip when Hurricanes mounted their game-tying TD drive late in 4th Q. **GEORGIA...**True frosh RB Danny Ware (bruised lung), who had 135 YR & 3 TDs in opening win over Ga. Southern, left in 2nd Q last week at So. Carolina and will miss at least 1 game. Soph Michael Cooper, who had a team-high 673 YR LY, ran for 61 yards in relief. Jr. Tyson Browning, a 5-8, 167 converted WR, had 54 YR and a TDC, but his 4th-Q fumble deep in Georgia territory forced Dawg defense to make game-saving late stand in 20-16 win over Gamecocks. Soph RB Gregg Lumpkin, the projected starter, was lost to season-ending knee injury in August. **GEORGIA TECH...**Star jr. DE Eric Henderson (undisclosed), who led ACC with 11 sacks LY, has sat out first 2 games. **HOUSTON...**Starting jr. FS Will Gulley (hamstring; 104 tackles & 4 ints. LY) DNP last week at Oklahoma. **ILLINOIS...**Starting sr. QB Jon Beutjer hurt his ribs late in 1st half vs. UCLA and did not return. He's ? for W. Michigan game this week. RS frosh Brad Bower was 11 of 15 for 102 yards with an int. and also ran 6 times for 39 yards in 35-17 home loss to Bruins. Starting sr. G Bryan Koch (knee) DNP and is out for season. **INDIANA...**Starting jr. DE Victor Adeyanju, one of Hoosiers' top defenders, dislocated his shoulder in 3rd Q of 30-24 upset win at Oregon. Adeyanju returned for 1 play but could not continue. **IOWA STATE...**Starting jr. DE Cephus Johnson DNP, and starting soph DT Brent Curvey was injured at Iowa last week. Sr. PK Tony Yelk (leg) has missed first 2 games. Frosh Brian Jansen converted just 1 of 4 FG attempts in 17-10 loss to rival Hawkeyes. **MARYLAND...**Starting jr. RB Josh Allen (undisclosed) DNP in 2nd half vs. Temple. Bruising sr. RB Sam Maldonado ran for 106 yards & 2 TDs in 45-22 home win over Owls. Star jr. MLB D'Qwell Jackson (elbow), who had 132 tackles LY & 2 ints. in opener TY, also DNP in 2nd half against Temple. **MICHIGAN...**Top TB sr. David Underwood (concussion) left after 2nd play of game at Notre Dame and did not return. Wolverines ran for only 56 yards in 28-20 upset loss at South Bend. **NEW MEXICO STATE...**Co-No. 1 QB Buck Pierce hurt his ankle in 3rd Q of 41-14 loss at Cal. Scouts say top RB soph Tony Joseph (suspension; 712 YR on 5.5 ypc LY) is unlikely to play this season. Soph Muammar Ali (5-8, 169) had only 40 YR at Berkeley. **NORTH TEXAS...**Star sr. RB Patrick Cobbs, who led the nation in rushing LY, hurt his knee in 3rd Q vs. Fla. Atlantic and did not return. Cobbs has also been wearing a cast on his right hand due to a preseason thumb injury. Soph RB Kevin Moore had only 24 YR in 20-13 home loss to Owls. **NORTHERN ILLINOIS...**Starting sr. QB Josh Haldi (foot fracture) tried to play in opener at Maryland, but he was removed after 1 series and is not expected back until MAC opener Sept. 24 vs. Bowling Green, at the earliest. Soph Phil Horvath was 19 of 36 for 219 yards with a TDP & 2 ints. in 23-20 road loss to Terps, and he was 11 of 22 for 148 yards with a TDP and no ints. in 23-22 home win over Div. I-AA rival So. Illinois last week. **NORTHWESTERN...**Starting sr. RB Noah Herron had to leave Arizona State game after a hard hit in 2nd Q. Herron had already rushed for 105 yards. He was relieved by jr. Terrell Jordan, who had 85 YR in 30-21 home loss

to Sun Devils. Struggling Wildcat defense (988 yards allowed in first 2 games) has been shorthanded, as jr. DE Loren Howard, the team's top pass rusher, was lost to season-ending ankle injury in late August, starting sr. MLB John Pickens (106 tackles LY) hasn't yet been cleared to play after off-season shoulder surgery, and projected starting jr. CB Marquise Cole (ankle) is expected to miss at least another month. **NOTRE DAME...**Sr. RB Ryan Grant (hamstring) sat out opener at BYU and had only 4 carries last week vs. Michigan. But speedy blue-chip true frosh Darius Walker (5-11, 200) led 28-20 upset of Wolverines, carrying 31 times for 115 yards & 2 TDs. **OHIO STATE...**Starting sr. CB & team captain Dustin Fox, who has started 30 straight games, is out indefinitely after breaking his arm in 1st Q vs. Marshall. Starting jr. DE Mike Kudla was also injured during 24-21 home win over Herd. **PENN STATE...**Blue-chip soph TB Austin Scott (undisclosed), who had 116 yards & 2 TDs in opening win over Akron, DNP vs. BC. Soph RB Tony Hunt, who won starting job over Scott in preseason, had only 41 YR in 21-7 loss to Eagles after running for 137 yards (including a 77-yard TD) against the Zips. **SOUTH CAROLINA...**Top RB soph Demetris Summers sprained his ankle on his first rush vs. Georgia and had only 1 more carry the rest of the game. QB Dondrial Pinkins had nearly half of Gamecocks' 73 YR in 20-16 home loss to Bulldogs. **TEXAS A&M...**Star soph TB Courtney Lewis (undisclosed; 1024 YR & 12 TDs on 5.5 ypc LY) DNP vs. Wyoming. Sr. FB/TB Keith Joseph had a game-high 82 YR in 31-0 home win over Cowboys. **TOLEDO...**All-MAC sr. TE Andrew Clarke (hip; 72 catches L2Ys) has missed first 2 games. Struggling, young Rocket DL was without its most experienced player in 63-14 loss at Kansas, as sr. DE Phil Alexander (knee) did not make trip. Neither did starting jr. PK Jason Robbins (flu). **UNLV...**Starting sr. QB Kurt Nantkes hurt his groin on 1st series at Wisconsin and did not return. Soph Shane Steichen was 12 of 27 for only 100 yards in 18-3 loss to Badgers. Starting sr. OLB John Andrews (shoulder) & sr. ILB Zach Bell (ribs) were also injured during game. **WEST VIRGINIA...**Star sr. RB Kay Jay Harris (hamstring), who had a Big East-record 337 YR in opening win over E. Carolina, left after only 2 carries at C. Florida and did not return. Soph Jason Colson had 108 YR in relief during 45-20 win over Golden Knights. Mounties entered the season concerned about their depth at RB, as highly-regarded soph Erick Phillips still isn't fully recovered from major knee surgery. **WESTERN MICHIGAN...**Starting jr. QB Blayne Baggett (ribs) & starting jr. RB Trovon Riley were both injured in 1st Q at Virginia Tech. Riley returned later in the game, but Baggett did not. Jr. QB Ryan Cubit, a Rutgers transfer who hit only 45% with 14 TDP & 25 ints. when he was with the Scarlet Knights, was 19 of 30 for 113 yards with an int. in 63-0 loss to Hokies. Jr. RB Daniel Marks had 64 YR at Blacksburg. **WISCONSIN...**Sr. RB Anthony Davis (eye) DNP vs. UNLV and is not expected to be available this week at Arizona. Jr. RB Dwayne Smith, who led Badgers with 857 YR LY when Davis missed most of the campaign with an ankle injury, has been forced to give up football due to a heart ailment. Burly soph RB Booker Stanley had only 49 YR on 22 carries against Rebels, but quicker blue-chip true frosh RB Jamil Walker (6-2, 210) ran for 88 yards in 18-3 home win.

**MIKE LEE—SOUTHERN GENTLEMAN**

The handicapping world suffered a loss last week, when Mike Lee fell victim to a deadly stroke while working on his newsletter. He was only 55.

Raised in Georgia and graduated from the University of Alabama, Mike was as cordial and congenial as they come. He made his biggest mark in sports handicapping, but he was a man of many talents and diverse interests, including music (he was a DJ in his younger days), the guitar, song writing, and horse racing. He had battled health problems for the last few years.

His passing strikes home with unique impact here at our firm, which lost our chairman and founder, Mort Olshan, last September. Mike frequently and humorously would recount how, a few decades ago, he walked unannounced, off the street, into **THE GOLD SHEET** offices as a very young man and asked Mort for a staff handicapping job, realizing during the impromptu interview by Mort that he wasn't quite ready yet.

But Mike got ready, later starting his own newsletter and becoming one of the best at emphasizing money management, balance, perspective, patience and poise for his readers. Few people in the sports handicapping profession were better at the mind game of handling the inevitable ups and downs.

But always and most of all, Mike was an honest and stand-up guy in an industry that has become so attractive to charlatans, con artists, and downright liars. He was always a friend of, and to, **THE GOLD SHEET**. He will be greatly missed.

LAST WEEK'S STATS

KEY: HOME TEAM in CAPS. FD-First Downs. YR-Yards gained rushing, with leader listed first, number of rushing attempts/number of rushing yards. YP-Yards gained passing, with leader listed first, number of passes completed/passes attempted/interceptions/yards gained passing. F/FL-Fumbles/Fumbles Lost. **Statistics for games of August 28.**

|                               | FD      | YR                 | YP                          | F/FL         |
|-------------------------------|---------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| AIR FOR. 42-E. Wash. 20       | A.26-25 | A.52/353 E.40/120  | E.21/38/1/293 A.11/16/1/145 | A.4/0 E.2/1  |
| ALA. 28-Miss. 7               | A.22-9  | A.47/221 M.29/75   | A.14/22/0/169 M.10/27/0/117 | A.2/2 M.3/1  |
| Ariz. St. 30-N/WESTERN 21     | N.25-23 | N.42/235 A.41/139  | A.19/36/0/292 N.21/38/0/228 | A.2/0 N.1/1  |
| Aub. 43-MISS. ST. 14          | A.21-13 | A.41/283 M.29/81   | M.24/36/1/190 A.13/22/0/182 | A.2/1 M.2/0  |
| BAYLOR 24-Tx. St. 17          | B.18-13 | T.40/131 B.45/97   | B.16/30/2/224 T.12/27/0/164 | B.1/0 T.2/2  |
| BOISE ST. 53-Ore. St. 34      | B.29-18 | B.52/246 O.15/58   | O.22/42/4/411 B.21/35/1/246 | B.1/0 O.0/0  |
| BOST. COLL. 21-Penn. St. 7    | P.21-19 | B.40/129 P.21/73   | P.23/41/4/254 B.23/31/0/199 | B.1/1 P.1/1  |
| B. GREEN 49-Se Miss. St. 10   | B.28-17 | B.50/216 S.24/81   | B.24/38/1/285 S.27/41/1/278 | B.3/1 S.3/3  |
| CAL. 41-N. Mex. St. 14        | C.29-14 | C.41/336 N.36/37   | C.21/28/0/275 N.14/23/1/175 | C.2/2 N.2/0  |
| CINCY 45-Mia.-O. 26           | M.23-19 | C.43/341 M.24/37   | M.26/43/0/416 C.12/23/1/258 | C.2/1 M.1/1  |
| Colo. 20-WASH. ST. 12         | W.20-7  | C.37/47 W.40/15    | W.19/52/1/387 C.12/24/1/78  | C.3/2 W.4/2  |
| CONN. 22-Duke 20              | C.16-12 | C.38/171 D.29/68   | C.23/34/1/290 D.16/29/1/184 | C.1/1 D.1/1  |
| FLA. 49-E. Mich. 10           | F.19-16 | F.38/159 E.36/95   | F.17/28/0/250 E.19/40/0/201 | F.2/1 E.1/1  |
| Fla.-Atl. 20-N. TEX. 13       | F.23-13 | F.44/177 N.36/116  | F.20/28/0/280 N.8/22/0/165  | F.2/1 N.0/0  |
| Fresno St. 45-KAN. ST. 21     | F.18-11 | F.48/156 K.33/59   | F.17/30/3/244 K.8/23/2/121  | F.0/0 K.0/0  |
| Ga. 20-S. CAR. 16             | G.20-9  | G.37/154 S.31/73   | G.19/38/1/213 S.13/21/1/200 | G.3/2 S.2/1  |
| Ga. Tech 28-CLEM. 24          | G.24-19 | C.30/199 G.48/112  | C.20/44/2/275 G.20/36/1/251 | G.1/0 C.2/0  |
| Ind. 30-ORE. 24               | O.21-12 | O.33/178 I.53/127  | O.24/45/3/317 I.6/18/1/71   | I.2/1 O.4/4  |
| IOWA 17-Iowa St. 10           | I.16-16 | U.44/85 S.34/66    | U.16/22/1/220 S.15/30/0/170 | U.0/0 S.0/0  |
| KANSAS 63-Toledo 14           | K.23-11 | K.41/174 T.37/64   | K.25/36/1/327 T.17/35/2/234 | K.1/1 T.5/3  |
| KENT ST. 38-Liberty 10        | K.19-18 | K.37/201 L.49/180  | K.20/30/1/144 L.9/26/2/112  | K.1/1 L.0/0  |
| LA. TECH 38-Nev. 21           | N.19-19 | L.47/331 N.34/7    | N.23/38/0/244 L.8/16/1/149  | L.4/3 N.4/2  |
| LA. TECH 24-La.-Laf. 20       | T.27-22 | T.43/304 L.27/83   | L.32/55/2/327 T.17/28/1/193 | T.2/2 L.0/0  |
| L'ville 52-ARMY 21            | L.34-16 | L.54/230 A.27/133  | L.26/34/0/342 A.17/32/0/217 | L.4/1 A.1/1  |
| LSU 53-Ark. St. 3             | L.24-11 | L.40/251 A.33/54   | L.12/20/0/210 A.9/22/1/147  | L.2/1 A.4/2  |
| MARYLAND 45-Temple 22         | M.26-19 | M.49/203 T.37/158  | M.18/28/0/268 T.16/27/0/188 | M.3/1 T.4/2  |
| MEMPHIS 52-Chat. 21           | C.20-17 | M.35/160 C.44/73   | M.12/28/0/336 C.19/38/0/265 | M.0/0 C.4/2  |
| MIA.-FLA. 16-Fla. St. 10 (OT) | M.16-10 | M.32/109 F.35/57   | M.20/36/1/255 F.12/28/2/108 | M.2/2 F.2/2  |
| MICH. ST. 24-C. Mich. 7       | M.19-14 | C.44/236 M.44/213  | M.10/22/0/192 C.10/30/0/93  | M.0/0 C.0/0  |
| Midd. Tenn. St. 31-AKRON 24   | A.27-22 | A.34/103 M.29/64   | A.31/44/1/399 M.33/41/2/339 | M.2/2 A.3/2  |
| MINN. 37-Ill. St. 21          | I.26-23 | M.42/303 I.30/108  | I.33/59/2/372 M.11/23/0/206 | M.2/1 I.2/0  |
| NAVY 28-N'eastern 24          | N.17-14 | N.58/300 Ne.32/108 | Ne.20/29/3/176 N.2/6/2/36   | N.1/1 Ne.1/1 |
| NEV. 59-Sac. St. 7            | N.38-9  | N.51/312 S.29/58   | N.24/33/0/286 S.11/19/0/119 | N.2/0 S.2/0  |
| N. Hampshire 35-RUTG. 24      | R.25-22 | N.31/66 R.36/50    | N.30/40/1/385 R.30/50/1/307 | N.3/1 R.2/1  |
| N. MEX. 27-Tx. Tech 24        | T.32-17 | N.39/142 T.22/46   | T.44/70/2/449 N.12/26/0/173 | N.2/2 T.1/1  |
| N. ILL. 23-S. Ill. 22         | S.21-16 | N.41/191 S.39/172  | N.12/23/0/209 S.16/27/0/208 | N.3/0 S.1/1  |
| N. DAME 28-Mich. 20           | M.15-13 | N.40/135 M.30/56   | M.25/40/1/240 N.10/21/3/178 | N.2/1 M.2/2  |
| OHIO ST. 24-Marshall 21       | M.19-15 | M.44/150 O.26/79   | O.18/33/2/318 M.22/35/0/140 | O.2/2 M.1/0  |
| OKLA. 63-Houston 13           | O.24-14 | O.49/276 H.37/61   | O.22/27/0/307 H.15/22/0/221 | O.1/1 H.2/1  |
| OKLA. ST. 38-Tulsa 21         | O.16-14 | O.60/276 T.35/100  | T.15/28/0/168 O.3/8/0/70    | O.0/0 T.0/0  |
| PITT. 24-Ohio 3               | O.14-13 | P.47/168 O.26/88   | O.22/51/2/202 P.6/19/1/49   | P.0/0 O.2/1  |
| PURDUE 59-Ball St. 7          | P.34-13 | P.42/231 B.37/71   | P.26/30/0/368 B.11/16/0/126 | P.3/0 B.1/0  |
| S. FLA. 21-Tenn. Tech 7       | S.17-13 | S.43/185 T.33/16   | T.14/38/1/129 S.13/23/1/93  | S.1/1 T.2/0  |
| SO. CAL. 49-Colo. St. 10      | S.32-14 | S.45/322 C.27/48   | C.19/35/4/233 S.20/31/0/231 | S.3/2 C.3/2  |
| S. Miss. 21-NEB. 17           | N.26-11 | N.46/274 S.33/97   | N.22/42/3/202 S.12/28/1/142 | S.2/0 N.5/2  |
| SYR. 37-Byu 10                | B.21-21 | S.35/72 B.27/41    | S.20/42/0/297 B.28/56/4/288 | S.4/2 B.4/3  |
| Syra. 37-BUFF. 17             | S.12-11 | S.48/191 B.39/109  | B.16/32/2/122 S.9/24/1/84   | S.2/2 B.2/1  |
| TCU 44-Smu 0                  | T.26-13 | T.51/165 S.30/6    | T.26/35/0/397 S.14/29/2/164 | T.1/0 S.3/1  |
| Tex. 22-ARK. 20               | A.18-17 | T.46/259 A.45/175  | A.14/29/2/283 T.11/22/0/150 | T.1/0 A.3/2  |
| TEX. A&M 31-Wyo. 0            | T.18-13 | T.42/156 W.26/13   | T.20/29/0/325 W.19/36/3/184 | T.0/0 W.3/0  |
| TROY ST. 24-Mizzou 14         | M.21-14 | T.41/172 M.36/112  | M.25/46/2/224 T.8/21/3/121  | T.3/0 M.3/1  |
| TULANE 39-Fla. A&M 19         | 23-23   | T.44/233 F.40/74   | F.31/42/0/314 T.16/24/1/224 | T.2/2 F.3/1  |
| Ucla 35-ILL. 17               | U.26-22 | U.47/273 I.41/208  | I.23/38/1/248 U.14/21/1/208 | U.0/0 I.2/2  |
| Utah 23-ARIZ. 6               | 18-18   | U.38/156 A.33/114  | A.19/25/1/198 U.12/22/0/170 | U.0/0 A.4/3  |
| UTAH ST. 14-Idaho 7           | I.16-12 | I.46/134 U.25/58   | U.20/31/2/214 I.17/23/1/101 | U.0/0 I.0/0  |
| UTEP 32-Weber St. 0           | U.30-8  | U.54/276 W.25/34   | W.18/29/0/223 U.9/26/1/78   | U.1/0 W.1/1  |
| VA. 56-N. Car. 24             | V.27-19 | V.48/299 N.35/135  | N.19/24/1/299 V.13/16/0/250 | V.1/0 N.2/1  |
| VA. TECH. 63-W. Mich. 0       | V.23-17 | V.35/155 W.31/109  | V.19/25/1/332 W.26/39/2/163 | V.0/0 W.3/2  |
| Wake For. 31-E. CAR. 17       | W.24-17 | W.57/240 E.23/236  | W.16/21/1/344 E.20/40/2/233 | W.2/1 E.0/0  |
| W. Va. 45-C. FLA. 20          | W.25-23 | W.45/235 C.46/169  | W.14/18/0/225 C.13/25/0/130 | W.2/2 C.2/0  |
| WISC. 18-Unlv 3               | W.16-11 | W.44/145 U.27/72   | U.14/24/1/131 U.13/29/0/102 | W.1/0 U.1/0  |

NFL Statistics for games of Sept. 9-12

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|------------------------|---------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Atlanta 21-S. FRAN. 19 | S.21-14 | A.28/95 S.23/93   | S.27/46/1/266 A.13/22/1/132 | A.2/0 S.1/1 |
| CLEVEL. 20-Balt. 3     | B.16-10 | B.26/88 C.29/85   | B.22/38/2/166 C.15/24/0/165 | C.0/0 B.2/1 |
| Det. 20-CHI. 16        | C.18-13 | C.32/128 D.30/77  | C.16/35/2/214 D.14/26/1/185 | D.0/0 C.3/2 |
| J'ville 13-BUFF. 10    | B.16-14 | B.36/95 J.23/83   | B.17/26/0/147 J.18/36/2/142 | J.0/0 B.3/2 |
| MINN. 35-Dallas 17     | D.27-23 | M.28/136 D.21/71  | D.29/51/0/352 M.18/24/0/279 | M.1/0 D.4/2 |
| N. ENG. 27-Indy 24     | I.28-22 | I.42/202 N.17/82  | N.26/38/1/320 I.16/29/1/244 | N.2/1 I.2/2 |
| NY JETS 31-Cincy 24    | N.14-7  | N.17/87 C.13/49   | N.12/16/0/171 C.7/12/0/67   | N.3/1 C.0/0 |
| PHIL. 31-Ny Giants 17  | P.21-19 | N.23/170 P.27/141 | P.26/36/0/313 N.19/37/0/243 | P.0/0 N.3/1 |
| PITT. 24-Oak. 21       | O.18-17 | P.33/107 O.22/61  | O.20/37/2/297 P.13/22/0/130 | P.2/1 O.5/2 |
| ST. LOU. 17-Ariz. 10   | S.27-14 | S.30/176 A.23/103 | S.23/34/1/272 A.18/29/0/157 | S.2/2 A.0/0 |
| S. Diego 27-HOUS. 20   | H.20-17 | S.32/122 H.29/110 | H.19/25/2/226 S.17/24/0/202 | S.2/0 H.2/2 |
| Sea. 21-N. ORL. 7      | S.21-12 | S.43/169 N.19/74  | S.19/29/1/246 N.18/37/1/207 | S.1/1 N.2/2 |
| Tenn. 17-MIA. 7        | T.15-14 | T.36/182 M.20/65  | M.26/44/3/198 T.9/14/0/61   | T.4/1 M.2/0 |
| WASH. 16-T. Bay 10     | W.13-10 | W.39/166 T.15/30  | T.24/37/1/139 W.13/24/0/125 | W.3/1 T.3/1 |

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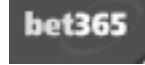
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