

THE BEST BETS DAILY

Where We Were Right and Wrong

WEEKEND REVIEW / SATURDAY COLLEGE FOOTBALL / NFL NOTEBOOK

10-9

COLLEGE CARD

+\$73.15

6-1

PRIMARY BETS

+\$81.98

4-8

SECONDARY BETS

-\$8.83

19 settled tickets • \$139 risked • Saturday college football only

A 10-9 college card returned \$73.15. The point of this review is the difference between a ticket cashing and the reasoning actually holding up.

The seven primary college plays went 6-1 for +\$81.98 on \$115 staked. Twelve secondary plays went 4-8 for -\$8.83 on \$24. Primary bets carried the profit despite the narrow overall record. These are Saturday figures, not season or NFL totals.

THE PRIMARY READS

Georgia found the number we wanted

GEORGIA -14 / WIN / 41-13 over Oklahoma

“Georgia was a great read for us.” We thought Oklahoma’s offense was poor enough to be shut down, while Georgia could score against its supposed defensive strength. Fourteen was a big spread, but the matchup and number fit the game we envisioned. The result supported that read.

We trusted Oregon when others cooled

OREGON -3 / WIN / 41-27 over USC

We were not buying the negative Oregon narrative or buying USC. Oregon delivered the performance we expected. A profit boost put our recorded spread ticket at +134. This was a strong opinion that the primary tier allowed to carry more weight.

Wake did not need the upset to be right

WAKE FOREST +12.5 / WIN / 30-27 at Louisville

After watching a lot of Wake, we trusted its ability to keep scoring. Louisville could win, but asking it to win by nearly two touchdowns was different. We probably would not have taken Wake moneyline; the outright win was a bonus. The points matched the original view of a competitive game.

The Florida spot delivered

FLORIDA MONEYLINE / WIN / 52-28 over Ole Miss

This was more a read on the spot than a detailed matchup case: Ole Miss coming off LSU, Florida at home, and an Ole Miss defense we did not trust to impose its will. Florida dominated. We got it right, while acknowledging that the situation drove the pick. The \$25 primary stake was explicitly approved, above the usual \$15.

Alabama still is not getting enough respect

ALABAMA -12.5 / WIN / 49-18 over South Carolina

We have watched a lot of Alabama. The young team, especially its quarterback, will make mistakes, but it can also produce outstanding offense. We prefer this number in a meaningful matchup to a huge spread against a weak opponent. We still think the “not the same Alabama” narrative has gone too far.

The ticket cashed, but the read had doubts

IOWA +5.5 / WIN / 20-19 at Michigan

The original case was two offenses we did not trust facing strong defenses: if points were scarce, 5.5 mattered. We questioned the pick near kickoff, and Michigan outplayed Iowa for much of the game in our view. Iowa’s outright win felt more fortunate than its cover. A cashing ticket, but a less convincing read than Georgia.

Weather was the piece we missed

VIRGINIA TECH -14 / LOSS / 21-14 at Boston College

The miss was the weather. Virginia Tech showed much of what we expected, and we felt there were late chances to cover. But conditions affected the game far more than we accounted for. That is part of handicapping, not an excuse; the read missed a major component.

THE NFL REVIEW

Nerves moved us off our Atlanta lean

FALCONS-PACKERS UNDER 43.5 / LOSS / Atlanta 35, Green Bay 14

Our first lean was Atlanta +5.5; we also had Falcons moneyline in an underdog parlay. We got nervous about a Packers bounce-back and switched to an ugly-game under without a stronger reason. The lesson is not that the first instinct always wins. We should trust the work behind a position enough to accept that it might lose, rather than change markets out of fear.

A late cover did not validate the read

CARDINALS +8.5 / RECORDED AS PENDING / 49ers 36, Cardinals 30

The article describes the late cover, but the current ledger still marks this ticket pending. Our own review is skeptical of the handicap: San Francisco had looked headed toward a blowout before the Trent Williams and Mike Evans injuries changed the game. We would stay away given another chance. A favorable scoreline does not prove the matchup read was right.

Two legs home; Chicago still to play

DOLPHINS +16 / CARDINALS +13.5 / BEARS +9.5 / PARLAY PENDING

The first two Sunday legs covered; Chicago plays Monday night. The ticket remains a three-leg parlay, not a teaser. We thought the underdog numbers were reasonable, but big favorites rarely looked seriously threatened. We want to examine one six-point teaser per week using dogs we genuinely think can compete or win outright. Any future teaser needs its own confirmed terms.

WHAT CARRIES FORWARD

"Before, equal stakes muddled the card: a bet we liked a little had the same financial weight as one we felt very good about." This weekend illustrated why we separated primary and secondary plays. One winning weekend does not prove a profitable system. Keep tracking whether primary selections actually outperform; account for weather, respect strong teams' form, and resist extra bets or nervous market changes.

A same-price, same-selection \$10 flat-stake illustration for the 19 college tickets would have returned about +\$4.56 on \$190 risked. That comparison assumes the displayed boosts were available at those stakes; it is not a forecast. The recorded \$25 Florida ticket remains intact.

PRIMARY TICKET LEDGER / SATURDAY

Georgia -14 · -110 · \$15 risked · +\$13.64

Oregon -3 · +134 boost · \$15 · +\$20.10

Wake Forest +12.5 · -110 · \$15 · +\$13.64

Florida moneyline · -112 boost · \$25 · +\$22.32

Alabama -12.5 · -110 · \$15 · +\$13.64

Iowa +5.5 · -110 · \$15 · +\$13.64

Virginia Tech -14 · -108 · \$15 · -\$15.00

Ticket odds include displayed boosts. Net is recorded profit or lost stake; primary total +\$81.98 on \$115 risked.

THE BETTING LESSON

**"Getting the result does not mean
getting the matchup right."**

OUR CARDINALS +8.5 REVIEW