

Inside the Pressbox WEEK 1B

Thursday, September 2nd

135 TEMPLE 6:30 p.m.
136 RUTGERS
137 BOISE ST 7:00 p.m.
138 UCF
139 EAST CAROLINA 7:30 p.m. Charlotte
140 APPALACHIAN ST
141 USF 7:30 p.m.
142 NC STATE
143 BOWLING GREEN 8:00 p.m.
144 TENNESSEE
145 OHIO STATE 8:00 p.m.
146 MINNESOTA

Friday, September 3rd

147 NORTH CAROLINA 6:00 p.m.
148 VIRGINIA TECH
149 OLD DOMINION 7:00 p.m.
150 WAKE FOREST
151 DUKE 7:00 p.m.
152 CHARLOTTE
153 MICHIGAN ST ★
154 ★ NORTHWESTERN

Saturday, September 4th

155 WESTERN MICHIGAN 12:00 p.m.
156 MICHIGAN
157 ARMY 12:00 p.m.
158 GEORGIA ST
159 STANFORD 12:00 p.m. Arlington
160 KANSAS ST
161 ULM 12:00 p.m.
162 KENTUCKY
163 TULANE 12:00 p.m.
164 OKLAHOMA
165 PENN ST 12:00 p.m.
166 WISCONSIN
167 ★ RICE ★
168 ARKANSAS
169 FRESNO ST 2:00 p.m.
170 OREGON
171 WEST VIRGINIA 3:30 p.m.
172 MARYLAND ★

173 INDIANA 3:30 p.m.
174 IOWA
175 MIAMI, OH 3:30 p.m.
176 CINCINNATI
177 MARSHALL 3:30 p.m.
178 NAVY
179 ALABAMA 3:30 p.m. Atlanta
180 MIAMI, FL
181 MASSACHUSETTS 4:00 p.m.
182 PITTSBURGH
183 CENTRAL MICHIGAN 4:00 p.m.
184 MISSOURI
185 LOUISIANA TECH 4:00 p.m.
186 MISSISSIPPI ST
187 LOUISIANA 4:30 p.m.
188 TEXAS
189 SAN JOSE ST 5:00 p.m.
190 USC
191 OREGON ST 7:00 p.m.
192 PURDUE
193 TEXAS TECH 7:00 p.m. NRG Stadium
194 HOUSTON
195 BAYLOR 7:00 p.m.
196 TEXAS ST
197 SYRACUSE 7:00 p.m.
198 OHIO
199 AKRON 7:00 p.m.
200 AUBURN
201 UTSA 7:30 p.m.
202 ILLINOIS
203 FAU 7:30 p.m.
204 FLORIDA
205 NORTHERN ILLINOIS 7:30 p.m.
206 GEORGIA TECH
207 GEORGIA 7:30 p.m. Charlotte
208 CLEMSON ★
209 ★ SOUTHERN MISS ★ Upset POW
210 SOUTH ALABAMA 8:00 p.m.
211 KENT ST 8:00 p.m.
212 TEXAS A&M
213 ★ LSU ★
214 UCLA ★

215 BYU 10:30 p.m. Las Vegas
216 ARIZONA
217 NEVADA 10:30 p.m.
218 CALIFORNIA
219 NEW MEXICO ST 10:30 p.m.
220 SAN DIEGO ST
221 UTAH ST 11:00 p.m.
222 WASHINGTON ST
Sunday, September 5th
223 NOTRE DAME 7:30 p.m.
224 FLORIDA ST
Monday, September 6th
225 LOUISVILLE 8:00 p.m. Atlanta
226 MISSISSIPPI

FBS vs FCS Games

Wednesday September 1st	Fordham at Nebraska
UAB at Jacksonville St	Lafayette at Air Force
Thursday September 2nd	Montana St at Wyoming
★ Citadel at Coastal Carolina	★ Northern Iowa at Iowa St
Long Island at FIU	Campbell at Liberty
Western Illinois at Ball St	C Arkansas at Arkansas St
Wagner at Buffalo	Southern at Troy
Weber St at Utah	Northwestern St at N Texas
UC Davis at Tulsa	William & Mary at Virginia
UT Martin at WKU	★ Hawaii vs Portland St
New Mexico vs Houston Baptist	Gardner Webb at GA Southern
East Washington at UNLV	E Illinois at South Carolina
S Utah at Arizona St	Monmouth at Mid Tenn St
Friday September 3rd	Missouri St Oklahoma St
St Francis at E Michigan	Nicholls at Memphis
South Dakota Kansas	Abilene Christian at SMU
N Colorado at Colorado	Norfolk St at Toledo
★ Colorado St vs S Dakota St	Montana at Washington
Saturday September 4th	E Tennessee St at Vanderbilt
Colgate at Boston College	Duquesne at TCU
Holy Cross at UConn	Bethune-Cookman at UTEP

Phil Steele's
SPECIAL PLAYS OF THE WEEK
UPSET PLAY OF THE WEEK
this is a Best Bet
★ Southern Miss (+1.5)
HIGH SCORING POW
No Selection this week

Temple Owls

OVERALL: 0-0 vs. AAC vs. AAC OVERALL: 0-0 vs. BIG 10 vs. BIG 10

Rutgers Scarlet Knights

Table with columns: TM REC, FOE REC, TM CONF, FOE CONF, TM +/-, FOE +/-, AP, DATE, FOE, SCORE, W/L, TEAM, OFF, DEF, ST, DEF, ST. Includes game logs for Temple Owls.

Table with columns: NCAA RANKINGS, 2020 TEAM RANKINGS, Temple, Rutgers. Includes ranking data for both teams.

Table with columns: TM REC, FOE REC, TM CONF, FOE CONF, TM +/-, FOE +/-, AP, DATE, FOE, SCORE, W/L, TEAM, OFF, DEF, ST, DEF, ST. Includes game logs for Rutgers Scarlet Knights.

Table with columns: Score, Yds, Net, TO's, FD, RA-RY, YPC, Comp, Att, Pass, Sks, Yds, FD, RA-RY, YPC, Comp, Att, Pass, Sks. Summary statistics for Temple Owls.

Table with columns: Temple Owls, TEAM AVERAGES, Rutgers Scarlet Knights. Summary statistics for Rutgers Scarlet Knights.

Table with columns: Score, Yds, Net, TO's, FD, RA-RY, YPC, Comp, Att, Pass, Sks, Yds, FD, RA-RY, YPC, Comp, Att, Pass, Sks. Summary statistics for Rutgers Scarlet Knights.

Table with columns: Position by Position Edges, Temple, Rutgers. Comparison of position players between the two teams.

Table with columns: Category, Team & Margin, Phil's Forecast. Comparison of team metrics and forecasts.

Table with columns: Projected Box Score, Projected Rushing, Projected Passing, Projected Yardage Total, Projected Final Score, Experience Rankings, Team Schedule Strength. Projected performance metrics.

Table with columns: Temple ST's vs. Rutgers ST's, Temple K vs. Rutgers K, Temple Coaches vs. Rutgers Coaches, Temple Pts vs. Rutgers Pts. Additional performance comparisons.

Table with columns: Category, Team & Margin, Phil's Forecast. Additional team forecasts and metrics.

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East Carolina Pirates														OVERALL: 0-0 vs. AAC	OVERALL: 0-0 vs. SUN	Appalachian St Mountaineers															
Pirates Logs														Mountaineers Logs																	
TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM	--PS RANK--			FOE	TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM	--PS RANK--			FOE
											OFF	DEF	ST	OFF	DEF	ST											OFF	DEF	ST		
0-0		0-0		128	126		9/4	Appalachian	!		56	95	44	37	25	28	2020 TEAM RANKINGS														
0-0		0-0		117			9/11	South Carolin						40	73	62	East Carolina Appalachian St														
0-0		0-0		114			9/18	at Marshall						97	61	39															
							9/25	Charleston Sc						#55	Rush Off	#6															
0-0		0-0		127			10/2	Tulane						#67	Pass Off	#103															
0-0		0-0		130			10/9	at UCF						#58	Total Off	#22															
							10/16	Bye						#50	Score Off	#29															
0-0		0-0		121			10/23	at Houston						#89	Skts Allowed	#80															
0-0		0-0		116			10/30	USF						#101	Rush Def	#49															
0-0		0-0		112			11/6	Temple						#86	Pass Def	#14															
0-0		0-0		123			11/13	at Memphis						#103	Total Def	#22															
0-0		0-0		121			11/20	at Navy						#102	Score Def	#19															
0-0		0-0		137			11/27	Cincinnati						#77	Skts By	#29															
														#86	Ypg Diff	#13															
														-3	Total TO's	+1															

Score	Yds	Net	FD	TO's	FD	RA-RY	YPC	Comp	Att	Yds	Pass	Skts	FD	RA-RY	YPC	Comp	Att	Yds	Pass	Skts	
Appalachian St																					
South Carolina																					
at Marshall																					
Charleston Southern																					
Tulane																					
at UCF																					
Bye																					
at Houston																					
USF																					
Temple																					
at Memphis																					
at Navy																					
Cincinnati																					
Average	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Conference	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Away	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

East Carolina Pirates	TEAM AVERAGES	Appalachian St Mountaineers	

Score	Yds	Net	FD	TO's	FD	RA-RY	YPC	Comp	Att	Yds	Pass	Skts	FD	RA-RY	YPC	Comp	Att	Yds	Pass	Skts	
† East Carolina																					
at Miami, Fl																					
Elon																					
Marshall																					
at Georgia St																					
at Louisiana																					
Bye																					
Coastal Carolina																					
ULM																					
at Arkansas St																					
South Alabama																					
at Troy																					
GA Southern																					
Average	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Conference	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Home	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

Last Five Years Meetings (Last 22 years at PhilSteele.com)		Projected Box Score	
None		164 yards	244 yards
		188 yards	180 yards
		352 yards	425 yards
		27 points	33 points
		25	48
		71	115

Position by Position Edges	
East Carolina QB /WR vs. Appalachian St DB's	0.71
Appalachian St RB's vs. East Carolina OL	1.21
Appalachian St LB's vs. East Carolina DL	0.25
East Carolina DL vs. Appalachian St OL	1.12
East Carolina LB'S vs. Appalachian St RB'S	1.02
Appalachian St DB's vs. Appalachian St QB/WR	0.08
East Carolina ST's vs. Appalachian St ST's	0.23
East Carolina K vs. Appalachian St K	1.00
East Carolina Coaches vs. Appalachian St Coaches	0.95
East Carolina Pts vs. Appalachian St Pts	2.20
POSITIONAL EDGE AWARDED TO: Appalachian St By 2.17 Points	

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Appalachian St By 10	These former FCS Southern conf foes meet for the 32nd time (App St 19-12) but 1st meeting as FBS foes. The last meeting was in '12 when App St lost 35-13 despite holding a 419-390 edge. The Pirates have won six straight meetings vs App St (76-'12) but teams have not met in 9 years. ECU last played at Bank of America Stadium in '12 when they faced South Carolina, a 56-37 defeat. East Carolina has 10 starters back on each side of the ball including QB Ahlers and their RB duo of Harris and Mitchell that emerged last year. Shawn Clark was 0-4-1 ATS away from home during the regular season in his first year and has 7 starters back on offense but is breaking in a new QB in Chase Brice. He has 10 starters back on defense. Mike Houston is 5-3 ATS as an AD. App St will have a solid crowd here but this will be a competitive game with a much-improved East Carolina.
Las Vegas Total	56.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	E Carolina By 1.7	
Game Grade	Appalachian St By 9.1	
Computer Yards	Appalachian St 425-352	
Computer Points	Appalachian St 33-27	
Phil Steele	Appalachian St by 6	

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Appalachian St 30 East Carolina 24

USF Bulls																OVERALL: 0-0 vs. AAC 0-0	OVERALL: 0-0 vs. ACC 0-0	NC State Wolfpack																		
Bulls Logs																Wolfpack Logs																				
TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM	OFF	DEF	ST	DEF	ST	TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM	OFF	DEF	ST	DEF	ST			
0-0		0-0		116	129		9/4	at NC State			108	108	85	38	13	26		0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	129	116		9/4	USF			38	13	26	108	108	85		
0-0		0-0		135			9/11	Florida						32	26	59		0-0				132			9/11	at Miss St						50	28	51		
							9/18	Florida A&M																	9/18	Furman										
0-0		0-0		132			9/25	at BYU					57	78	8		#79				146			9/25	Clemson						6	2	67			
0-0		0-0		123			10/2	at SMU					29	84	32		#75				110			10/2	Louisiana Tec						110	87	98			
							10/9	Bye									#90							10/9	Bye											
0-0		0-0		129			10/16	Tulsa					51	39	129		#101				129			10/16	at Boston Colleg						24	64	45			
0-0		0-0		112			10/23	Temple					106	111	118		#116				133			10/23	at Miami, Fl						5	17	31			
0-0		0-0		128			10/30	at East Carolina					56	95	44		#109				130			10/30	Louisville						63	70	80			
0-0		0-0		121			11/6	Houston					73	48	3		#61				127			11/6	at Florida St						26	37	72			
0-0		0-0		137			11/13	Cincinnati					46	5	48		#95				132			11/13	at Wake Forest						39	63	65			
0-0		0-0		127			11/20	at Tulane					69	72	73		#121				121			11/20	Syracuse						84	68	18			
0-0		0-0		130			11/26	at UCF					10	69	76		#110				136			11/27	North Carolin						9	35	43			
																	#103																			
																	-4																			
Score	Yds	Net FD	TO's	FD	RA-RY	YPC	Comp Att	Pass	Sk	FD	RA-RY	YPC	Comp Att	Pass	Sk	FD	RA-RY	YPC	Comp Att	Pass	Sk	FD	RA-RY	YPC	Comp Att	Pass	Sk	FD	RA-RY	YPC	Comp Att	Pass	Sk			
at NC State																																				
Florida																																				
Florida A&M																																				
at BYU																																				
at SMU																																				
Bye																																				
Tulsa																																				
Temple																																				
at East Carolina																																				
Houston																																				
Cincinnati																																				
at Tulane																																				
at UCF																																				
Average	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%		
Conference	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%		
Away	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%		

USF Bulls
TEAM AVERAGES
NC State Wolfpack

Position by Position Edges
USE NC State
USF QB / WR vs. NC State DB's 1.04
USF RB's vs. NC State LB's 1.85
USF OL vs. NC State DL 0.85
USF DL vs. NC State OL 1.01
USF LB'S vs. NC State RB'S 1.06
USF DB'S vs. NC State QB / WR 0.56

Category Team & Margin
Las Vegas Line N Car St By 18.5
Las Vegas Total 59 Points
+/- Ratings N Car St By 17.2
Game Grade N Car St By 14.7
Computer Yards N Car St 457-306
Computer Points N Car St 44-21
Phil Steele N Car St by 17

Phil's Forecast:
NCSt is 2-1 SU all-time vs USF, the last meeting was in 2014. The Wolfpack won 49-17. NCSt has won 11 straight home openers (6-5 ATS). NCSt has won 11 straight vs Non Power 5 foes. HC Scott has familiarity with NCSt as he faced them when he was the OC at Clemson from '15-'19. Last time here (08) Bulls rolled into town and earned a big 41-10 victory. North Carolina St is the 2nd most talented team in the ACC Atlantic with 19 starters back from an 8-3 squad including a veteran QB and my #11 set of LB's. USF was one of the unfortunate teams that had a first year head coach last year and no spring practice and went just 1-8 and were outscored by 22 ppg on the road last year. They have 18 starters back with the biggest question mark being the defensive line. They did put up 646 yards vs UCF in the season finale last year and USF is 18-11-1 ATS as an AD the last 10 years. The Wolfpack do have a big game vs Miss St on deck and last year only had one win by more than 11 points.

Last Five Years Meetings (Last 22 years at PhilSteele.com)
None

Projected Box Score
120 yards USF NC State 184 yards
185 yards USF NC State 274 yards
306 yards USF NC State 457 yards
21 points USF NC State 44 points
78 USF NC State 44
67 USF NC State 57

POSITIONAL EDGE AWARDED TO:
NC State
By 10.56 Points

NC State 37 USF 20

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Ohio St Buckeyes																
Buckeyes Logs																
TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	--PS RANK--	FOE	ST	
0-0		0-0		145	134	4	9/2	at Minnesota			4	15	50	27	98	61
0-0		0-0		135			9/11	Oregon						11	14	78
0-0		0-0		129			9/18	Tulsa						51	39	129
0-0		0-0		99			9/25	Akron						124	125	123
0-0		0-0		128			10/2	at Rutgers						99	49	5
0-0		0-0		121			10/9	Maryland						61	77	89
							10/16	Bye								
0-0		0-0		141			10/23	at Indiana						30	8	58
0-0		0-0		142			10/30	Penn St						16	12	9
0-1		0-1		130			11/6	at Nebraska						65	54	99
0-0		0-0		127			11/13	Purdue						48	71	101
0-0		0-0		124			11/20	Michigan St						78	90	116
0-0		0-0		132			11/27	at Michigan						41	50	40

OVERALL:		OVERALL:	
0-0	vs. BIG 10	0-0	vs. BIG 10
0-0		0-0	
NCAA RANKINGS			
2020 TEAM RANKINGS			
Ohio St		Minnesota	
#8	Rush Off	#40	
#37	Pass Off	#91	
#9	Total Off	#69	
#14	Score Off	#72	
#80	Skts Allowed	#40	
#8	Rush Def	#106	
#123	Pass Def	#38	
#63	Total Def	#74	
#46	Score Def	#73	
#45	Skts By	#108	
#17	Ypg Diff	#76	
+10	Total TO's	0	

Minnesota Golden Gophers																
Golden Gophers Logs																
TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	TEAM DEF	--PS RANK--	FOE	ST	
0-0		0-0		134	145	4	9/4	Ohio St			27	98	61	4	15	50
0-0		0-0		120			9/11	Miami, OH						113	103	91
0-0		0-0		122			9/18	at Colorado						55	47	95
0-0		0-0		84			9/25	Bowling Gree						126	128	115
0-0		0-0		127			10/2	at Purdue						48	71	101
							10/9	Bye								
0-1		0-1		130			10/16	Nebraska						65	54	99
0-0		0-0		121			10/23	Maryland						61	77	89
0-0		0-0		132			10/30	at Northwestern						89	53	74
1-0		1-0		124			11/6	Illinois						66	94	49
0-0		0-0		143			11/13	at Iowa						64	22	4
0-0		0-0		141			11/20	at Indiana						30	8	58
0-0		0-0		142			11/27	Wisconsin						23	16	83

Score	Net Yds	FD	TO's	Offense FD	RA-RY	YPC	Comp Att	Yds Pass	Skts	Defense FD	RA-RY	YPC	Comp Att	Yds Pass	Skts	
at Minnesota																
Oregon																
Tulsa																
Akron																
at Rutgers																
Maryland																
Bye																
at Indiana																
Penn St																
at Nebraska																
Purdue																
Michigan St																
at Michigan																
Average	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Conference	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Away	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%

Ohio St Buckeyes
TEAM AVERAGES
Minnesota Golden Gophers

Score	Yds	Net FD	TO's	Offense FD	RA-RY	YPC	Comp Att	Yds Pass	Skts	Defense FD	RA-RY	YPC	Comp Att	Yds Pass	Skts	
Ohio St																
Miami, OH																
at Colorado																
Bowling Green																
at Purdue																
Bye																
Nebraska																
Maryland																
at Northwestern																
Illinois																
at Iowa																
at Indiana																
Wisconsin																
Average	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Conference	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Home	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%

Last Five Years Meetings (Last 22 years at PhilSteele.com)							
2018	Rank	Line	Score	FD	Rush	Comp-Att-Yds	TO's
Ohio St	3	-30	30	29	32-92	33-44-412	
Minnesota	-	59.5	14	19	33-178	13-23-218	-3

Projected Box Score			
278 yards	Ohio St	Minnesota	153 yards
250 yards	Ohio St	Minnesota	248 yards
528 yards	Ohio St	Minnesota	401 yards
41 points	Ohio St	Minnesota	29 points
129	Ohio St	Minnesota	1
4	Ohio St	Minnesota	38

Position by Position Edges	
Ohio St	Minnesota
1.00	Ohio St QB/WR vs. Minnesota DB's
1.37	Ohio St RB's vs. Minnesota LB's
1.83	Ohio St OL vs. Minnesota DL
0.65	Ohio St DL vs. Minnesota OL
	Ohio St LB's vs. Minnesota RB's
0.67	Ohio St DB's vs. Minnesota QB/WR
1.53	Ohio St ST's vs. Minnesota ST's
	Ohio St K vs. Minnesota K
0.75	Ohio St Coaches vs. Minnesota Coaches
7.78	Ohio St Pts vs. Minnesota Pts

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Ohio St By 14	
Las Vegas Total	62.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Ohio St By 6.8	
Game Grade	Ohio St By 20.2	
Computer Yards	Ohio St 528-401	
Computer Points	Ohio St 41-29	
Phil Steele	Ohio St by 17	

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POSITIONAL EDGE AWARDED TO:	
Ohio St	
By 7.11 Points	

Ohio St 41 Minnesota 24

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Uab By 16.5	<p>UAB has won the last 3 meetings SU but they last met in 2005. JSU was OVC Champs last year, losing in the FCS Quarterfinals and finished 10-3 including a 19-10 win over FIU. UAB is 0-2 ATS vs FCS foes. Jacksonville HC John Grass enters his 8th year amassing a 68-21 record over his first seven seasons, and led JSU to the FCS Title Game in 2015. JSU has made the FCS playoffs 6 out of the 7 years Grass has been the HC here. Last season JSU played 4 games in the fall and after losing to Florida St in the opener they won their next 3 games including a win at FIU. In the spring JSU jumped out to a 4-0 OVC start & won all 4 games by at least 17 pts but then fell to Austin Peay despite holding them to 238 yds (JSU was -5 TO's). JSU would go on to win their final 2 OVC games by double digits and blew out Davidson 49-14 in the first round of the FCS playoffs before losing in the next round to Delaware 20-14. They actually led Florida St 14-0 last year. UAB has 17 returning starters and is my favorite to win CUSA again. Bill Clark is a Jacksonville St graduate. UAB is 15-0 vs FCS school and 4-3 ATS. They only beat Central Arkansas by 10 (-20.5) and Alabama St by 5 (-39) the last two years. Jacksonville St has actually won 4 of their last 12 meetings with the FBS including wins over Ole Miss and have covered 4 of the last 5 including 2015 when they only lost to #6 Auburn 27-20 (+47.5). I am high on UAB but the angles and the fact this is a rivalry keeps it closer than what my computer has.</p>
Las Vegas Total	51.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Uab By 4.9	
Game Grade	Uab By 19.1	
Computer Yards	Uab 696--5	
Computer Points	Uab 35-12	
Phil Steele	Uab by 17	
		UAB 34 Jacksonville St 17

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Coastal Carolina By 34	<p>These two only met 2 times as FCS foes. Last meeting was in the 1st round of the '15 FCS playoffs when CCU lost 41-38 on a made FG as time expired. The Bulldogs went 2-10 last year and last made the playoffs in '16. The Citadel was -12 in TO's last year and had 3 close losses and won 2 of their last 3 games. Both teams run option offenses with The Citadel's led by QB Jaylan Adams who was the #1 rusher as a soph. The Citadel did upset an option team in 2019 when they took down Georgia Tech 27-24. They also upset South Carolina in 2017. They played 3 FBS foes last year losing by a half point ATS to Clemson and by 2.5 pts ATS to USF and easily covered at an option team when they only lost to Army 14-9 and were +30.5. The previous two years they upset GT and covered at Alabama when they were shockingly tied with the Tide 10-10 at half (51 in a 50-17 loss. Coastal moved up from FCS in 2017 and is 3-1 SU and 2-2 ATS vs FCS teams since then. Last year they beat Campbell 43-21 but were -27.5. Coastal has 19 starters back from their 11-1 team but is just 3-7 ATS as a HF and has a huge game vs Kansas on deck. The Citadel knows how to defend the option and their offense will shrink the clock and they should keep this one closer than expected.</p>
Las Vegas Total	54.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Coastal Carolina By 26.4	
Game Grade	Coastal Carolina By 40.6	
Computer Yards	Coastal Carolina 761--35	
Computer Points	Coastal Carolina 40-13	
Phil Steele	Coastal Carolina by 24	
		Best Bet: Citadel 13 (+) Coastal Carolina 37

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Fiu By 33.5	<p>First meeting. Last year FIU was held to 156 total yards in 19-10 loss vs FCS Jacksonville St. The Sharks went 10-2 in Division II play in 2018 but in their move up to the FCS they went just 0-10 SU and were -136 ypg in FCS play. In the spring they showed improvement and went 2-2 with wins over Bryant and Merrimack (also new to FCS). This is only the 4th year of program and 1st ever mtg vs an FBS opponent. FIU did not have a good 2019 as Covid wreaked havoc on them as they went 0-5 with an offense that put up just 281 ypg on offense. This year FIU figures to be hungry and need to bounce back big and gain confidence for the season. Long Island played two good FCS teams in 2019 and lost those by 38-3 to South Dakota St and 35-7 to Villanova. FIU is 4-1 since 2015 vs FCS foes but is 1-3 ATS including last years' upset loss. Coming off a 0-5 season the Panthers are a hungry team that needs to build confidence with the only hesitation being that Butch Davis is 5-11 ATS as a home favorite.</p>
Las Vegas Total	50.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Fiu By 37.8	
Game Grade	Fiu By 32.6	
Computer Yards	Fiu 666--31	
Computer Points	Fiu 46-0	
Phil Steele	Fiu by 49	
		FIU 52 Long Island 3

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Ball St By 25.5	<p>Ball St is 7-1 SU vs FCS foes since '13 including 6 straight wins. Cardinals are just 1-3 vs Fighting Leathernecks including a 24-14 loss in their last meeting in 2000. WIU made the playoffs in '17 but under new HC Jared Elliot they went just 5-6 in '18 and then 1-11 in '19. WIU was just 1-5 SU in the spring season in MVFC play and was -97 ypg. Western rushed for just 56 ypg (2.5) last year. Ball St had 4 straight losing seasons to start the Mike Niu era and lost their opener last year but won their last 7 with an upset of Buffalo in the MAC title game and an upset of ranked San Jose in the Arizona Bowl to finish 7-1 and #23. Ball St has 10 starters back on offense and 10 on defense but also have a target on their back this year and have a big game at Happy Valley vs Penn State next week. Ball State is 7-16 ATS as a HF the last 7 years.</p>
Las Vegas Total	59.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Ball St By 41.9	
Game Grade	Ball St By 38.0	
Computer Yards	Ball St 799-33	
Computer Points	Ball St 51-14	
Phil Steele	Ball St by 38	
		Ball St 48 Western Illinois 10

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Buffalo By 45	<p>Buffalo lost only previous mtg 20-0 in 1987 when both were D-III & the Seahawks finished as the D-III National Champ. Wagner went 0-2 this past spring but only lost to UConn 24-21 in '19. In that '19 season they were just 1-11 and -88 ypg. Unlike most FCS teams Wagner only returns 7 starters from the spring! Speaking of losing players there was a mass exodus from the Buffalo team after their head coach Leipold bolted for Kansas the new HC Maurice Linguist opted not to retain any of the coaching staff. Buffalo was dominant last year and favored in the MAC title game but were upset and then beat Marshall in the bowl. Leipold was an outstanding 12-3-1 ATS as a HF the last 4 years. Buffalo is 11-1 SU vs the FCS with an upset loss to Albany in 2016 but are just 3-6 ATS the last 9 vs FCS. Wagner is 0-11 SU vs the FBS and just 3-7-1 ATS. The Bulls do have a big game vs Nebraska on deck but have been hearing all offseason that they will take a big fall this year and may be out to prove they will not. Wagner had just 242 ypg on offense in '19 and 166 ypg in the spring and take on a top notch D returning 6 starters.</p>
Las Vegas Total	55.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Buffalo By 45.0	
Game Grade	Buffalo By 72.2	
Computer Yards	Buffalo 760--74	
Computer Points	Buffalo 52-0	
Phil Steele	Buffalo by 42	
		Buffalo 45 Wagner 3

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Utah By 34.5	<p>Utah has won all 5 meetings (2-1 ATS). Last time here ('18), the Utes trailed the Wildcats 10-0 in the 2Q before turning it on as Utah outgained Weber St 608-61 and out-FD'd them 25-3 in a 41-10 victory (-23'). Utah is my #4 Surprise team with 10 returning starters on offense and 9 on defense. Weber St has won 4 straight Big Sky titles making the playoffs all 4 years including a loss in the semifinals to James Madison in 2019. They have been winning with defense and have had the Big Sky's best defense overall the last 3 years. They are the favorites to win the Big Sky again this year. Bronson Barron was the new QB in the spring and hit 52% with a 7-2 ratio. They did lose a 1,000 yard rusher from '19 but the top 3 RB's combined for 1164 yards rush in just 6 spring games. Utah is 9-0 SU but 4-5 ATS vs FCS teams since 2008 although 4-2 ATS the last 6 with an average win by 35.3 ppg. Weber St is 0-28 vs FBS teams since 2000 but have covered 5 of the last 7 losing their last 2 SU by 6 to SDSt and by 6 to Nevada. Utah has a huge game vs BYU on deck. They are 14-6 ATS as a HF the last 4 years but 2-5-1 ATS vs non conf the last 3 years.</p>
Las Vegas Total	46.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Utah By 10.6	
Game Grade	Utah By 36.3	
Computer Yards	Utah 801--109	
Computer Points	Utah 44-3	
Phil Steele	Utah by 31	
		Utah 37 Weber St 6

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Tulsa By 30	<p>First meeting. Tulsa has been a perfect 11-0 SU against FCS foes the last 23 years. Tulsa most recently faced an FCS foe in '18 when they opened with C Arkansas, a 38-27 win. Tulsa has also covered their last 5 vs the FCS! They are off a trip to the AAC title game and their first bowl since 2016. UCDavis is led by Dan Hawkins who in his first year back at his alma mater took a team off 7 straight losing seasons and guided them to 10 wins and 7 Big Sky wins both Aggie records. In the spring they had to replace QB Jake Maier who threw for 3,563 (65%, 28-13) in '19. QB Hunter Rodrigues (6-13-62-0-0 in '19) started all 5 throwing for 931 (65.5%, 8-4) & was the #5 rusher (95, 2.2, 2 td). After going just 5-6 in '19 they were 3-2 in the spring and +89 ypg with losses to #2 Weber St and #9 EWash. Since 2015 UCDavis is 1-7 vs FBS teams SU but did upset San Jose St and are 7-1 ATS with 5 straight covers and no loss by more than 25. Tulsa has state rival Okla St and Ohio State on deck.</p>
Las Vegas Total	55.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Tulsa By 23.8	
Game Grade	Tulsa By 33.3	
Computer Yards	Tulsa 785--59	
Computer Points	Tulsa 45-10	
Phil Steele	Tulsa by 25	
		Tulsa 38 UC Davis 13

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Wku By 17.5	<p>The Hilltoppers and Skyhawks will rekindle a rivalry that has not been played in 20 years. WKU is 4-0 all-time against UT Martin, with all four matchups as consecutive season openers from 1997-2000: WKU won those four contests with a combined score of 196-17. The Skyhawks went 3-4 in the Spring, and they last played CUSA foe in '18, when they lost at MT 61-37. UTM was a poor 2-9 in '18 but with new QB John Bachus went 7-5 in 2019 losing at Florida 45-0. In their 2-4 spring they were +5 ypg and they lose QB Bachus. WKU has just 10 starters back this year from a team that was a disappointing 5-7 one season after surprising everyone in Helton's first year by going from 3-9 to 9-4. They have a FCS feel to them as they not only brought in Houston Baptist's offensive coordinator but also his star QB in Bailey Zappe and top 3 receivers. WKU is just 3-2 SU the last 5 vs FCS foes and have lost all 5 ATS including outright losses to Central Arkansas and Maine. UTM is 0-12 vs the FBS with an average loss by 32.8 ppg and after having a 5-0 ATS streak in these games from 2015-2017 they have lost the last 4 ATS. Helton is 2-6 ATS as a HF and 2-8 ATS vs non conf and they do have the Army option on deck next week.</p>
Las Vegas Total	55 Points	
+/- Ratings	Wku By 17.6	
Game Grade	Wku By 21.5	
Computer Yards	Wku 638--28	
Computer Points	Wku 41-13	
Phil Steele	Wku by 24	
		WKU 41 UT Martin 17

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	New Mexico By 23.5	<p>First meeting. Lobos have failed to cover their last 3 games vs FCS foes but have won 6 in a row SU vs the FCS with an average win by 33.6 ppg and the only game won by less than 24 was vs powerful Sam Houston St by 8 in '19. The Houston Baptist Huskies only became a program in 2013. HBU played 4 games in the fall LY (3 vs FBS tms) and nearly upset Texas Tech only losing 35-33 with a 57-31 loss to North Texas and a 66-38 loss to Louisiana Tech. They did lose their QB, Offensive Coordinator and 3 top WR's to WKU this year so do not figure to be as strong. Houston Baptist is just 18-59 in Vic Shealys 7 years as head coach. New Mexico has a new QB in Kentucky transfer Terry Wilson and Rocky Long's defenses can be confusing to veteran QB's let alone a first time starter. While the Lobos have NMSt on deck they did not have a single one of their home games in New Mexico last year should have a decent sized and hungry home crowd and have some momentum after pulling a pair of upsets to end the year and unlike HBaptist they have 17 returning starters. The Lobos have lost 9 in a row ATS as a HF and Long was 3-12 ATS as a HF his last 3 years at SDSt but they need a confidence builder and the Huskies fit that bill.</p>
Las Vegas Total	68.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	New Mexico By 39.5	
Game Grade	New Mexico By 12.4	
Computer Yards	New Mexico 773-99	
Computer Points	New Mexico 51-24	
Phil Steele	New Mexico by 28	
		New Mexico 51 Houston Baptist 23

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Unlv By 3	<p>First meeting. UNLV has lost 3 games to FCS foes since 2011 including the '17 opener when the Rebels (-45) lost 43-40 to Howard in the biggest upset in College Football history! The Eagles went 5-2 this past spring & lost in the 1st Round of the playoffs. They have not had a losing season since 2006 and has 18 returning starters. Aaron Best returns for his fifth year as their HC and took over after a 2016 team went 12-1 then lost in the semi-final playoff. He has made the playoffs in 2 of his 3 years (1-2 in playoffs) despite the presence of dynamic QB Eric Barrier who has a 76-18 ratio the last 3 years, and he returns. UNLV had a first-year head coach last year and no spring practice and went just 0-6 but figures to be much improved this year. UNLV is just 7-5 SU and 5-7 ATS vs the FCS since 2010. EW is 3-7 SU the last 10 vs the FBS but 10-5 ATS their last 15 vs FBS teams and UNLV is 3-7 ATS as a HF the last 4 years.</p>
Las Vegas Total	67.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Eastern Washington By 10.8	
Game Grade	Unlv By 1.4	
Computer Yards	Unlv 701-127	
Computer Points	Unlv 40-30	
Phil Steele	Unlv by 6	
		UNLV 40 Eastern Washington 34

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Arizona St By 44.5	<p>1st meeting. Last year the Sun Devils played their latest home opener ever (Dec 5) and lost their first home opener in 22 years (25-18 vs UCLA). The Thunderbirds went 1-5 this past spring but all 5 losses were by 8 points or less. After going 9-3 in '17 (most wins ever as an FCS team) Southern Utah has now gone 1-10, 3-9 and 1-5 the past 3 seasons. In the spring they had to replace their QB and top 2 rushers and new QB Justin Miller threw for 1697 (66%, 15-4) in just 6 games. ASU is loaded with 20 starters back from a team that beat Arizona 70-7 and Oregon St 46-33 in their last two games last year. ASU is 14-0 SU vs FCS teams since 2002 but are 1-3 ATS the last 4 matchups only beating Sacramento St 19-7 (-35.5) in 2019 and Cal Poly 35-21 (-37) in 2015. Southern Utah has lost their last 11 vs FBS foes including going 0-5 ATS the last 5 with the average loss by 37 ppg. Last week I used San Jose St -22' on my Phil Steele Plus tour with selections and they won for me 45-14 with the Thunderbirds QB Miller hitting 15-29-117 and they were outgained 543-250. ASU only has UNLV on deck and are very explosive.</p>
Las Vegas Total	55.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Arizona St By 44.5	
Game Grade	Arizona St By 53.7	
Computer Yards	Arizona St 852--58	
Computer Points	Arizona St 55-3	
Phil Steele	Arizona St by 42	
		Arizona St 52 Southern Utah 10

North Carolina Tar Heels **OVERALL: 0-0 vs. ACC** **OVERALL: 0-0 vs. ACC** **Virginia Tech Hokies**

Tar Heels Logs												
TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP	TM	FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	136	125	10			9/4	at Virginia Tech		
									9/11	Georgia St		
									9/18	Virginia		
									9/25	at Georgia Tech		
									10/2	Duke		
									10/9	Florida St		
									10/16	Miami, Fl		
									10/23	Bye		
									10/30	at Notre Dame		
									11/6	Wake Forest		
									11/13	at Pittsburgh		
									11/20	Wofford		
									11/27	at NC State		

2020 TEAM RANKINGS					
TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	125	136
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	117	
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	132	

Hokies Logs												
TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP	TM	FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	125	136	10			9/4	North Carolina		
									9/11	Middle Tennessee		
									9/18	at West Virginia		
									9/25	Richmond		
									10/2	Bye		
									10/9	Notre Dame		
									10/16	Pittsburgh		
									10/23	Syracuse		
									10/30	at Georgia Tech		
									11/6	at Boston College		
									11/13	Duke		
									11/20	at Miami, Fl		
									11/27	at Virginia		

Score	Yds	Net	FD	TO's	FD	RA-RY	YPC	Comp	Att	Yds	Pass	Sks	FD	RA-RY	YPC	Comp	Att	Yds	Pass	Sks		
at Virginia Tech																						
Georgia St																						
Virginia																						
at Georgia Tech																						
Duke																						
Florida St																						
Miami, Fl																						
Bye																						
at Notre Dame																						
Wake Forest																						
at Pittsburgh																						
Wofford																						
at NC State																						
Average	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Conference	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Away	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

North Carolina Tar Heels	TEAM AVERAGES	Virginia Tech Hokies

Score	Yds	Net	FD	TO's	FD	RA-RY	YPC	Comp	Att	Yds	Pass	Sks	FD	RA-RY	YPC	Comp	Att	Yds	Pass	Sks		
North Carolina																						
Middle Tennessee																						
at West Virginia																						
Richmond																						
Bye																						
Notre Dame																						
Pittsburgh																						
Syracuse																						
at Georgia Tech																						
at Boston College																						
Duke																						
at Miami, Fl																						
at Virginia																						
Average	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Conference	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Home	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

Last Five Years Meetings (Last 22 years at PhilSteele.com)															
Year	Rank	Line	Score	FD	Rush	Comp-Att-Yds	TO's	Year	Rank	Line	Score	FD	Rush	Comp-Att-Yds	TO's
2020	8	-3	56	31	43-399	18-23-257		2019	-	-3.5	41	23	40-143	26-49-348	
North Carolina								North Carolina							
Virginia Tech	19	57.5	45	25	48-260	15-29-235	0	Virginia Tech	-	57	43	23	60-254	14-21-236	-2
2018	-	58.5	19	21	38-235	22-35-287		2017	-	-6.5	22	20	41-154	20-36-221	0
North Carolina								North Carolina							
Virginia Tech	14	-20.5	59	21	46-181	15-27-202	3	Virginia Tech	-	52	7	11	42-54	8-22-118	
2016	17	55.5	3	8	29-73	13-33-58		2015	14	-20.5	59	21	46-181	15-27-202	3
North Carolina								North Carolina							
Virginia Tech	25	-1.5	34	18	66-189	7-17-75	2	Virginia Tech	-	52	7	11	42-54	8-22-118	

Position by Position Edges	
North Carolina	Virginia Tech
0.34	0.41
0.74	
0.36	
0.52	
0.44	
0.90	
0.30	
0.70	
3.40	1.31

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	N Carolina By 5.5	North Carolina opens with ACC road game for first time since 2005 (lost to GT). Tar Heels have lost last 7 when opening season away from home. Last time here in '19 Tar Heels lost 43-41 in 6 OT. VT had won 4 straight series meetings until last year's loss. Hokies are on 6-2 ATS run vs NC. Home team is 4-0 ATS. This is only 2nd home opener vs Power 5 foe since 1998 (lost to OSU in '15). Last year NC had two 1,000-yard rushers first time since 2015 and NC had 656 yards. VT started Burmeister but trailed 21-0 (VT 0 FD, 224-13 yd) and Hooker took over. VT scored 14 pts in :54 span after recover an onside kick to pull to 42-37 after 3Q. NC two TD's 56-37 in a win 56-45. NC has QB Sam Howell and 18 starters back with the only real question who takes over at RB and WR. VT has 15 returning starters and will have Enter Sandman blasting on Friday night game where they used to be unbeatable. Fuente is 3-5 ATS as a HD here and VT has lost 5 backup DL's since the magazine went out so I am concerned with the depth up front vs a veteran NC Offensive line.
Las Vegas Total	64 Points	
+/- Ratings	N Carolina By 6.6	
Game Grade	N Carolina By 4.7	
Computer Yards	N Carolina 468-441	
Computer Points	N Carolina 34-31	
Phil Steele	N Carolina by 7	
POSITIONAL EDGE AWARDED TO:		
North Carolina		
By 2.08 Points		

Projected Box Score											
Yards	North Carolina	Virginia Tech	Yards	North Carolina	Virginia Tech	Yards	North Carolina	Virginia Tech	Points	North Carolina	Virginia Tech
201 yards			218 yards			268 yards			441 yards		
34 points			31 points			70			98		
64			48								

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Michigan St Spartans														OVERALL: 0-0 vs. BIG 10 0-0					OVERALL: 0-0 vs. BIG 10 0-0					Northwestern Wildcats																			
Spartans Logs														NCAA RANKINGS										Wildcats Logs																			
TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM	OFF	DEF	PS RANK	ST	OFF	DEF	ST	FOE	TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM	OFF	DEF	PS RANK	ST	OFF	DEF	ST	FOE				
0-0		0-0		124	132		9/4	at Northwestern			78	90	116	89	53	74					0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	132	124		9/4	Michigan St			89	53	74	78	90	116						
							9/11	Youngstown St																				9/11	Indiana St														
							9/18	at Miami, Fl						5	17	31											9/18	at Duke									105	102	11				
	0-0		0-0				9/25	Nebraska						65	54	99	#122	Rush Off	#64								9/25	Ohio									88	110	54				
	0-0		0-0				10/2	WKU						112	75	20	#56	Pass Off	#95								10/2	at Nebraska									65	54	99				
	0-0		0-0				10/9	at Rutgers						99	49	5	#106	Total Off	#92								10/9	Bye															
	0-0		0-0				10/16	at Indiana						30	8	58	#114	Score Off	#92								10/16	Rutgers										99	49	5			
	0-0		0-0				10/23	Bye									#53	Sks Allowed	#40							10/23	at Michigan										41	50	40				
	0-0		0-0				10/30	Michigan						48	71	101	#57	Rush Def	#46							10/30	Minnesota										27	98	61				
	0-0		0-0				11/6	at Purdue						48	71	101	#73	Pass Def	#23							11/6	Iowa										64	22	4				
	0-0		0-0				11/13	Maryland						61	77	89	#58	Total Def	#26							11/13	at Wisconsin										23	16	83				
	0-0		0-0				11/20	at Ohio St						4	15	50	#100	Score Def	#9							11/20	Purdue										48	71	101				
	0-0		0-0				11/27	Penn St						18	12	9	#90	Sks By	#77							11/27	at Illinois										66	94	49				
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																	-9	Total TO's	+4																								
Score														Michigan St Spartans					Northwestern Wildcats					Score																			
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Last Five Years Meetings (Last 22 years at PhilSteele.com)														Projected Box Score														Category														Team & Margin														Phil's Forecast:																											
2019	Rank	Line	Score	FD	Rush	Comp-Att-Yds	TO's	254 yards														Projected Rushing	Army	Georgia St	159 yards	2.30	Army QB/WR vs. Georgia St DB's	0.75	Las Vegas Line	Georgia St By 2	Last time here ('19) was only prior meeting. Army led 21-14 3Q & 21-20 into 4Q but lost 28-20 as a 4' point AF. Black Knights have lost 4 straight road openers going 1-3 ATS but took #7 Michigan to OT in '19. Georgia St is just 2-6 ATS in home openers since joining the SBC back in '13 but have had all fall to prep for the option and held Army to 343 total yards in 2019 playing them in the middle of the year. The Panthers have 19 returning starters including QB Cornelius Brown and a deep set of RB's. They also have WR's Sam Pinkney and TE Roger Carter. Army has 14 starters back the most in 4 years. Jeff Monken is 10-10-2 as an AD and Shawn Elliot is 11-11-1 SU at home and 5-6-1 ATS as a HF.																																																				
Army West Point	-	-4.5	21	20	61-278	6-11-65		64 yards														Projected Passing	Army	Georgia St	228 yards	1.20	Army RB's vs. Georgia St LB's		Las Vegas Total	49.5 Points																																																					
Georgia St	-	55.5	28	23	32-147	20-28-232	1	318 yards														Projected Yardage Total	Army	Georgia St	387 yards	0.75	Army OL vs. Georgia St DL	0.21	Game Grade	Georgia St By 4.2																																																					
														30 points														Projected Final Score	Army	Georgia St	34 points	5.66	Army DL vs. Georgia St OL	0.57	Computer Yards	Georgia St 387-318																																															
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Kansas St Wildcats												
Wildcats Logs												
TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP	TM	FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L
0-0		0-0		125	131				9/4	† Stanford		
									9/11	Southern Illinois		
									9/18	Nevada	25	62
0-0	0-0			126					9/25	at Oklahoma St	45	36
0-0	0-0			132					10/2	Oklahoma	1	3
0-0	0-0			149					10/9	Bye		
									10/16	Iowa St	2	19
0-0	0-0			146					10/23	at Texas Tech	31	45
0-0	0-0			126					10/30	TCU	17	11
0-0	0-0			139					11/6	at Kansas	127	121
0-0	0-0			108					11/13	West Virginia	60	30
0-0	0-0			132					11/20	Baylor	93	38
0-0	0-0			129					11/27	at Texas	15	34
0-0	0-0			139								

OVERALL: 0-0 vs. BIG 12 0-0	OVERALL: 0-0 vs. PAC 12 0-0
2020 TEAM RANKINGS	
Kansas St	Stanford
#77 Rush Off	#93
#105 Pass Off	#22
#103 Total Off	#44
#82 Score Off	#58
#42 Sks Allowed	#26
#81 Rush Def	#114
#111 Pass Def	#47
#98 Total Def	#94
#85 Score Def	#78
#20 Sks By	#101
#112 Ypg Diff	#70
-3 Total TO's	+2

Stanford Cardinal															
Cardinal Logs															
TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP	TM	FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM	--PS RANK--	FOE
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	131	125				9/4	† Kansas St			58	67	37
									9/11	at USC					12
0-0	0-0			134					9/18	at Vanderbilt					111
0-0	0-0			112					9/25	UCLA					28
0-0	0-0			131					10/2	Oregon					11
0-0	0-0			135					10/9	at Arizona St					13
0-0	0-0			134					10/16	at Washington St					42
0-0	0-0			133					10/23	Bye					
0-0	0-0			133					10/30	Washington					19
0-0	0-0			135					11/6	Utah					21
0-0	0-0			124					11/13	at Oregon St					71
0-0	0-0			129					11/20	California					81
0-0	0-0			137					11/27	Notre Dame					20

Score	Yds	Net	FD	TO's	FD	Offense	Comp	Yds	Defense	Comp	Yds
		FD	RA-RY	YPC	Att	Pass	Sks	FD	RA-RY	YPC	Att
† Stanford											
Southern Illinois											
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at Oklahoma St											
Oklahoma											
Bye											
Iowa St											
at Texas Tech											
TCU											
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West Virginia											
Baylor											
at Texas											
Average	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0
Conference	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0
Away	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0

Kansas St Wildcats	Stanford Cardinal
TEAM AVERAGES	

Score	Yds	Net	FD	TO's	FD	Offense	Comp	Yds	Defense	Comp	Yds
		FD	RA-RY	YPC	Att	Pass	Sks	FD	RA-RY	YPC	Att
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UCLA											
Oregon											
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at Washington St											
Bye											
Washington											
Utah											
at Oregon St											
California											
Notre Dame											
Average	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0
Conference	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0
Home	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0

Last Five Years Meetings (Last 22 years at PhilSteele.com)										
2016	Rank	Line	Score	FD	Rush	Comp-Att-Yds	TO's			
Stanford	8	-14	26	13	30-105	15-19-167				
Kansas St	-	47.5	13	18	32-92	19-41-243	-1			

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Projected Box Score			
207 yards	Projected Rushing	Kansas St	169 yards
173 yards	Projected Passing	Kansas St	278 yards
380 yards	Projected Yardage Total	Kansas St	447 yards
30 points	Projected Final Score	Kansas St	33 points
88	Experience Rankings	Kansas St	118
42	Team Schedule Strength	Kansas St	16

Position by Position Edges	
0.07	Kansas St QB/WR vs. Stanford DB's
0.21	Kansas St RB's vs. Stanford LB's
0.39	Kansas St OL vs. Stanford DL
0.68	Kansas St DL vs. Stanford OL
0.77	Kansas St LB's vs. Stanford RB's
0.11	Kansas St DB's vs. Stanford QB/WR

POSITIONAL EDGE AWARDED TO:	
2.45	Kansas St ST's vs. Stanford ST's
1.40	Kansas St K vs. Stanford K
1.05	Kansas St Coaches vs. Stanford Coaches
4.01	Kansas St Pts vs. Stanford Pts
Stanford By 0.89 Points	

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Kansas St By 3	
Las Vegas Total	53 Points	
+/- Ratings	Stanford By 6.2	
Game Grade	Stanford By 7.8	
Computer Yards	Stanford 447-380	
Computer Points	Stanford 33-30	
Phil Steele	Stanford by 2	

First neutral site opener for Kansas St since '03 when they opened the season at Arrowhead Stadium home of the NFL Chiefs. Teams previously only met in '16 on The Farm where Stanford won 26-13 but did not cover (-14). The Cardinal defense racked up 8 sacks (including a safety) and 2 int's in the win. Kansas St is 6-3 ATS as an AD under Klieman and also 2-0 as an AF and they are a slight favorite here. Shaw is 21-13-1 ATS as an AD and last year they played their last 4 games away from home and won them all. Stanford's 4 wins last year were by 1, 5, 3 and 1. They do have 14 returning starters back but are breaking in a new QB. Kansas St has 16 returning starters including QB Thompson. Coach Shaw is not happy this is being played at 9 am PT.

Stanford 32 Kansas St 30

Fresno St Bulldogs																				OVERALL: 1-0 vs. MTW 0-0					OVERALL: 0-0 vs. PAC 12 0-0					Oregon Ducks																			
Bulldogs Logs																				NCAA RANKINGS										Ducks Logs																			
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1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	125	135	11	9/4	at Oregon				0	0	0	11	14	78				0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	145			9/11	at Ohio St				4	15	50														
							9/11	Cal Poly													0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	116			9/18	Stony Brook																				
1-0		0-0		131			9/18	at UCLA							28	32	82	#74	Rush Off	#60	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	116			9/25	Arizona					103	106	102													
0-0		0-0		105			9/25	UNLV							119	122	121	#2	Pass Off	#48	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	131			10/2	at Stanford					58	67	37													
0-1		0-0		122			10/2	at Hawaii							90	57	86	#6	Total Off	#48								10/9	Bye																				
							10/9	Bye										#3	Score Off	#42								10/16	California					81	56	107													
0-0		0-0		125			10/16	at Wyoming							83	46	63	#1	Skts Allowed	#30	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	131			10/23	at UCLA					28	32	82													
0-0		0-0		126			10/23	Nevada							25	62	14	#2	Rush Def	#73	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	122			10/30	Colorado					55	47	95													
0-0		0-0		121			10/30	at San Diego St							85	41	17	#1	Pass Def	#68	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	133			11/6	at Washington					19	27	57													
0-0		0-0		126			11/6	Boise St							44	52	10	#1	Total Def	#66	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	133			11/13	Washington S					42	91	128													
0-0		0-0		116			11/13	New Mexico							94	120	122	#1	Score Def	#61	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	135			11/20	at Utah					21	9	38													
							11/20	Bye										#120	Skts By	#90	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	124			11/27	Oregon St					71	83	69													
1-0		0-0		124			11/27	at San Jose St							92	58	64	#1	Ypg Diff	#59																													
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Score	Yds	Net	FD	TO's	FD	RA-RY	YPC	Att	Pass	Skts	Def	RA-RY	YPC	Att	Pass	Skts	Def	RA-RY	YPC	Att	Pass	Skts	Def	RA-RY	YPC	Att	Pass	Skts	Def	RA-RY	YPC	Att	Pass	Skts	Def	RA-RY	YPC	Att	Pass	Skts									
Connecticut	45-0	431	16	0	25	38-156	4.1	27-39	382	0	9	31-35	1.1	14-30	72	4																																	
at Oregon																																																	
Cal Poly																																																	
at UCLA																																																	
UNLV																																																	
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at San Diego St																																																	
Boise St																																																	
New Mexico																																																	
Bye																																																	
at San Jose St																																																	
Average	45-0	431.0	16.0	0.0	25	38-156	4.1	69.2%	382	0.0%	9	31-35	1.1	46.7%	72	13.3%																																	
Conference	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%																															
Away	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%																															
Fresno St Bulldogs																				TEAM AVERAGES										Oregon Ducks																			
Score	Yds	Net	FD	TO's	FD	RA-RY	YPC	Att	Pass	Skts	Def	RA-RY	YPC	Att	Pass	Skts	Def	RA-RY	YPC	Att	Pass	Skts	Def	RA-RY	YPC	Att	Pass	Skts	Def	RA-RY	YPC	Att	Pass	Skts	Def	RA-RY	YPC	Att	Pass	Skts									
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at Utah																																																	
Oregon St																																																	
Average	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%																															
Conference	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%																															
Home	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%																															

Position by Position Edges									
Fresno St					Oregon				
Fresno St QB/WR	vs.	Oregon DB's		0.39					
Fresno St RB's	vs.	Oregon LB's		0.62					
Fresno St OL	vs.	Oregon DL		0.70					
Fresno St DL	vs.	Oregon OL		1.22					
Fresno St LB's	vs.	Oregon RB's		0.74					
Fresno St DB's	vs.	Oregon QB/WR		0.80					
Fresno St ST's	vs.	Oregon ST's		2.25					
Fresno ST K	vs.	Oregon K		2.45					
Fresno ST Coaches	vs.	Oregon Coaches		2.00					
Fresno ST Pts	vs.	Oregon Pts		11.17					
POSITIONAL EDGE AWARDED TO:									
Oregon									
By 11.17 Points									

Last Five Years Meetings (Last 22 years at PhilSteele.com)		Projected Box Score					Phil's Forecast:							
None											Las Vegas Line	Oregon By 20.5		
		90 yards			237 yards						Las Vegas Total	64 Points		
		Projected Passing									+/- Ratings	Oregon By 14.5		
		260 yards			281 yards						Game Grade	Oregon By 19.5		
		Projected Yardage Total									Computer Yards	Oregon 519-351		
		351 yards			519 yards						Computer Points	Oregon		

West Virginia Mountainers															OVERALL: 0-0 vs. BIG 12					OVERALL: 0-0 vs. BIG 10					Maryland Terrapins																			
Mountainers Logs															Terrapins Logs																													
TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP	FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM	OFF	DEF	ST	OFF	DEF	ST	FOE	TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP	FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM	OFF	DEF	ST	OFF	DEF	ST	FOE					
0-0		0-0		132	121			9/4	at Maryland				60	30	68	61	77	89		0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	121	132			9/4	West Virginia			61	77	89	60	30	68							
2020 TEAM RANKINGS															2020 TEAM RANKINGS																													
West Virginia															Maryland																													
0-0		0-0		125				9/11	Long Island											1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	124			9/11	Howard																
0-0		0-0		149				9/18	Virginia Tech						76	23	77			0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	121			9/18	at Illinois										66	94	49				
0-0		0-0		126				9/25	at Oklahoma						1	3	22		#91	Rush Off	#81						9/25	Kent St										54	123	127				
0-0		0-0		126				10/2	Texas Tech						31	45	53		#28	Pass Off	#35						10/2	Iowa										64	22	4				
0-0		0-0		129				10/9	at Baylor						93	38	70		#49	Total Off	#53						10/9	at Ohio St										4	15	50				
0-0		0-0		139				10/16	Bye										#83	Score Off	#97						10/16	Bye																
0-0		0-0		146				10/23	at TCU						17	11	15		#80	Sks Allowed	#53						10/23	at Minnesota										27	98	61				
0-0		0-0		132				10/30	Iowa St						2	19	110		#31	Rush Def	#117						10/30	Indiana										30	8	58				
0-0		0-0		125				11/6	Oklahoma St						45	36	71		#6	Pass Def	#28						11/6	Penn St											18	12	9			
0-0		0-0		139				11/13	at Kansas St						53	96	19		#8	Total Def	#86						11/13	at Michigan St											28	90	116			
0-0		0-0		108				11/20	Texas						15	34	6		#24	Score Def	#81						11/20	Michigan											41	50	40			
0-0		0-0						11/27	at Kansas						127	121	117		#42	Sks By	#77						11/27	at Rutgers											99	49	5			
																			#15	Ypg Diff	#73																							
																			+2	Total TO's	-7																							
TEAM AVERAGES															TEAM AVERAGES																													
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at Kansas St																																												
Texas																																												
at Kansas																																												
Average	0-0			0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Conference	0-0			0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Away	0-0			0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Position by Position Edges															Position by Position Edges																													
West Virginia															Maryland																													
West Virginia QB/WR															Maryland QB/WR																													
vs. Maryland DB's															0.24																													
West Virginia RB's															0.47																													
vs. Maryland LB's																																												
West Virginia OL															0.24																													
vs. Maryland DL																																												
West Virginia DL															0.64																													
vs. Maryland OL																																												
West Virginia LB'S															0.97																													
vs. Maryland RB's																																												
West Virginia DB's															0.03																													
vs. Maryland QB/WR																																												
West Virginia ST's															0.34																													
vs. Maryland ST's																																												
West Virginia K															0.80																													
vs. Maryland K																																												
West Virginia Coaches															0.95																													
vs. Maryland Coaches																																												
West Virginia Pts															4.09																													
vs. Maryland Pts															0.58																													
POSITIONAL EDGE AWARDED TO:																																												
West Virginia																																												
By 3.51 Points																																												
Last Five Years Meetings (Last 22 years at PhilSteele.com)															Category																													
None															Team & Margin																													
															Phil's Forecast:																													
															Las Vegas Line																													
															W Virginia By 3																													
															Las Vegas Total																													
															57.5 Points																													
															+/- Ratings																													
															W Virginia By 8.0																													
															Game Grade																													
															W Virginia By 3.0																													
															Computer Yards																													
															W Virginia 400-373																													
															Computer Points																													
															W Virginia 31-26																													
															Phil Steele																													
															W Virginia by 10																													
															West Virginia 30 Maryland 20																													
															By 3.51 Points																													

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Indiana Hoosiers | **Iowa Hawkeyes**

Hoosiers Logs											
TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	TM AP	FOE AP	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L
0-0		0-0		141	143	17	18	9/4	at Iowa		
								9/11	Idaho		
								9/18	Cincinnati		
								9/25	at WKU		
								10/2	at Penn St		
								10/9	Bye		
								10/16	Michigan St		
								10/23	Ohio St		
								10/30	at Maryland		
								11/6	at Michigan		
								11/13	Rutgers		
								11/20	Minnesota		
								11/27	at Purdue		

OVERALL: 0-0 vs. BIG 10	OVERALL: 0-0 vs. BIG 10
2020 TEAM RANKINGS	
Indiana	Iowa
#112 Rush Off #56	#43 Pass Off #96
#93 Total Off #86	#61 Score Off #40
#26 Sks Allowed #30	#34 Rush Def #13
#75 Pass Def #37	#27 Score Def #10
#29 Sks By #42	#29 Ypg Diff #39
#71	+8 Total TO's

Hawkeyes Logs											
TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	TM AP	FOE AP	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	143	141	18	17	9/4	Indiana		
								9/11	at Iowa St		
								9/18	Kent St		
								9/25	Colorado St		
								10/2	at Maryland		
								10/9	Penn St		
								10/16	Purdue		
								10/23	Bye		
								10/30	at Wisconsin		
								11/6	at Northwestern		
								11/13	Minnesota		
								11/20	Illinois		
								11/26	at Nebraska		

Score	Yds	Net				Offense				Comp				Yds				Defense				Comp				Yds										
		FD	TO's	FD	TO's	RA-RY	YPC	Att	Pass	Sks	FD	RA-RY	YPC	Att	Pass	Sks	FD	RA-RY	YPC	Att	Pass	Sks														
at Iowa																																				
Idaho																																				
Cincinnati																																				
at WKU																																				
at Penn St																																				
Bye																																				
Michigan St																																				
Ohio St																																				
at Maryland																																				
at Michigan																																				
Rutgers																																				
Minnesota																																				
at Purdue																																				
Average	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%		
Conference	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%		
Away	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%		

Indiana Hoosiers	TEAM AVERAGES	Iowa Hawkeyes

Score	Yds	Net				Offense				Comp				Yds				Defense				Comp				Yds										
		FD	TO's	FD	TO's	RA-RY	YPC	Att	Pass	Sks	FD	RA-RY	YPC	Att	Pass	Sks	FD	RA-RY	YPC	Att	Pass	Sks														
Indiana																																				
at Iowa St																																				
Kent St																																				
Colorado St																																				
at Maryland																																				
Penn St																																				
Purdue																																				
Bye																																				
at Wisconsin																																				
at Northwestern																																				
Minnesota																																				
Illinois																																				
at Nebraska																																				
Average	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%		
Conference	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%		
Home	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%		

Last Five Years Meetings (Last 22 years at PhilSteele.com)							
Year	Rank	Line	Score	FD	Rush	Comp-Att-Yds	TO's
2018	-	52.5	16	22	25-67	31-42-263	
Iowa	-	-4	42	26	32-159	21-33-320	1

Position by Position Edges		
Indiana	Iowa	
Indiana QB/WR	vs. Iowa DB's	0.30
Indiana RB's	vs. Iowa LB's	0.69
Indiana OL	vs. Iowa DL	0.27
Indiana DL	vs. Iowa OL	0.08
1.18	Indiana LB'S	vs. Iowa RB's
1.32	Indiana DB's	vs. Iowa QB/WR

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Iowa By 3.5	Indiana is opening B2B years vs a Big 10 opponent (LY vs PSU) for the 1st time 5/81-'82 (NW). Indiana has dropped the last 3 in the series (0-3 ATS) and the last 3 here losing 7 of the last 8 overall SU. Indiana hasn't played here since '14 in a 45-29 loss (+3'). In the last meeting ('18), Iowa QB Stanley passed for 320 yds & 6 td's in a 42-16 win (-4). The Hoosiers have covered 7 in a row as an AD with two outright upsets and they only have Idaho on deck. Iowa was one of the hottest teams in college football down the stretch last year winning their last 6 games by 21.8 ppg and are 9-6 ATS as a HF the last 3 years but do have rival Iowa State on deck. Iowa has 7 starters back on both sides of the ball and Indy has 17 back overall. This is Tom Allen's first ever trip to Kinnick stadium. Tough to go vs either team here.
Las Vegas Total	46 Points	
+/- Ratings	Iowa By 7.1	
Game Grade	Iowa By 7.9	
Computer Yards	Iowa 341-271	
Computer Points	Iowa 24-21	
Phil Steele	Iowa by 4	

Projected Box Score		
60 yards	Projected Rushing	145 yards
211 yards	Projected Passing	196 yards
271 yards	Projected Yardage Total	341 yards
21 points	Projected Final Score	24 points
40	Experience Rankings	112
10	Team Schedule Strength	43

2.49	Indiana ST's vs. Iowa ST's
1.30	Indiana K vs. Iowa K
0.40	Indiana Coaches vs. Iowa Coaches
5.54	Indiana Pts vs. Iowa Pts
POSITIONAL EDGE AWARDED TO: Iowa	
By 3.04 Points	

Iowa 24 Indiana 20		
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Marshall Thundering Herd

Navy Midshipmen

Thundering Herd Logs table with columns: TM REC, FOE REC, TM CONF, FOE CONF, TM +/-, FOE +/-, AP, TM, FOE, DATE, FOE, SCORE, W/L, TEAM, DEF, ST, OFF, DEF, ST, FOE

Overall statistics for Marshall Thundering Herd: 0-0 vs. CUSA, 0-0 vs. AAC

NCAA RANKINGS table for Marshall Thundering Herd, including 2020 TEAM RANKINGS and scores for various opponents

Midshipmen Logs table with columns: TM REC, FOE REC, TM CONF, FOE CONF, TM +/-, FOE +/-, AP, TM, FOE, DATE, FOE, SCORE, W/L, TEAM, DEF, ST, OFF, DEF, ST, FOE

Summary statistics for Marshall Thundering Herd: Net Yds, Offense (FD, RA-RY, YPC, Att, Pass, Sk), Defense (FD, RA-RY, YPC, Att, Pass, Sk)

TEAM AVERAGES for Marshall Thundering Herd and Navy Midshipmen

Summary statistics for Navy Midshipmen: Net Yds, Offense (FD, RA-RY, YPC, Att, Pass, Sk), Defense (FD, RA-RY, YPC, Att, Pass, Sk)

Position by Position Edges table comparing Marshall and Navy players (QB/WR, RB's, LB's, OL, DL, DB's)

Position by Position Edges table (continued)

Position by Position Edges table (continued)

Last Five Years Meetings (Last 22 years at PhilSteele.com) table with columns: None, Year, Score, Margin

Projected Box Score table with columns: None, Category, Team & Margin, Phil's Forecast

Projected Box Score table (continued)

Projected Box Score table (continued)

Projected Box Score table (continued) with Phil's Forecast and overall season outlook

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UMass Minutemen														OVERALL: 0-0 vs. IND 0-0		OVERALL: 0-0 vs. ACC 0-0		Pittsburgh Panthers																																																																																							
Minutemen Logs														Panthers Logs																																																																																											
TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP	FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM	OFF	DEF	ST	OFF	DEF	ST	FOE	TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP	FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM	OFF	DEF	ST	OFF	DEF	ST	FOE																																																																		
0-0		0-0		95	126			9/4	at Pittsburgh			128	129	84	43	21	35				0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	126	95			9/4	UMass			43	21	35	128	129	84																																																																			
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0					9/11	Boston College						24	64	45				0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	120			9/11	at Tennessee						79	65	33																																																																				
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0					9/18	Eastern Michiga						107	118	29				0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	114			9/18	Western Mich						49	93	100																																																																				
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0					9/25	at Coastal Carolini						35	40	87	#126	Rush Off	#109								9/25	New Hampshl																																																																												
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0					10/2	Toledo						72	51	113	#123	Pass Off	#39	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	124			10/2	at Georgia Tech						62	43	96																																																																				
0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0					10/9	Connecticut						129	127	109	#127	Total Off	#79								10/9	Bye																																																																												
								10/16	Bye																			10/16	at Virginia Tech						76	23	77																																																																				
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0					10/23	at Florida St						26	37	72	#26	Sks Allowed	#100	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	146			10/23	Clemson						6	2	67																																																																				
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0					10/30	at Liberty						34	55	75	#128	Rush Def	#5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	133			10/30	Miami, Fl						5	17	31																																																																				
								11/6	Rhode Island									#39	Pass Def	#86	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	114			11/6	at Duke						105	102	11																																																																				
								11/13	Maine									#119	Total Def	#24	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	136			11/13	North Carolin						9	35	43																																																																				
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0					11/20	at Army West Poir						109	82	55	#122	Score Def	#40	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	129			11/20	Virginia						95	79	119																																																																				
0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0					11/27	at New Mexico St						115	130	56	#101	Sks By	#1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	121			11/27	at Syracuse						84	68	18																																																																				
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Score		Yds		Net FD TO's		Offense		Comp Yds		Defense		Comp Yds		FD		RA-RY YPC		Att Pass Sks		FD		RA-RY YPC		Att Pass Sks		FD		RA-RY YPC		Att Pass Sks		FD		RA-RY YPC		Att Pass Sks																																																																					
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Louisiana Ragin Cajuns

OVERALL: 0-0 vs. SUN vs. BIG 12

Texas Longhorns

Ragin Cajuns Logs

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TEAM AVERAGES table for Louisiana Ragin Cajuns and Texas Longhorns

Statistical comparison table for Texas Longhorns with columns: Score, Yds, Net, FD, TO's, Offense, Comp, Yds, Defense, Comp, Yds

Position by Position Edges table for Louisiana Ragin Cajuns vs Texas Longhorns

Positional Edge Awarded To: Louisiana By 0.71 Points

Phil's Forecast table with columns: Category, Team & Margin, Phil's Forecast

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Projected Box Score table with columns: Team, Statistic, Value

Additional Positional Edge Awarded To: Louisiana By 0.71 Points

Final Texas 34 Louisiana 27 score and summary text

Baylor Bears Bears Logs table with columns: TM REC, FOE REC, TM CONF, FOE CONF, TM +/-, FOE +/-, AP, DATE, FOE, SCORE, W/L, TEAM, --PS RANK--, FOE, OFF, DEF, ST, OFF, DEF, ST.

Overall summary table for Baylor Bears vs. BIG 12 0-0, vs. SUN 0-0, including 2020 TEAM RANKINGS for Baylor and Texas St.

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Vertical bar chart area for Baylor Bears vs. Texas St Bobcats with labels for team averages.

Statistical summary table for Texas St Bobcats with columns: Score, Yds, Net FD, TO's, Offense (FD, RA-RY, YPC, Comp Att, Yds Pass, Sks), Defense (FD, RA-RY, YPC, Comp Att, Yds Pass, Sks).

Table with 5 columns showing various metrics, likely continuation of the Baylor Bears statistics.

Position by Position Edges table comparing Baylor and Texas St across various positions like QB, RB, OL, DL, LB, DB, WR, and Coaches.

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Table with 2 columns: Last Five Years Meetings (Last 22 years at PhilSteele.com) and None.

Projected Box Score table showing projected rushing, passing, yardage, final score, and experience rankings for Baylor and Texas St.

Positional Edge Awarded To: Baylor By 2.56 Points.

Las Vegas Line, Las Vegas Total, +/- Ratings, Game Grade, Computer Yards, Computer Points, Phil Steele table.

8th meeting. Baylor holds a 7-0 lead. 1st meeting in San Marcos. 1st meeting was in 1909! Last met in '07 when Baylor won 34-27 when the Bobcats were an FCS school and there was no line. Baylor is 6-1 since '12 in non-conf road openers but 2-5 ATS. All-time Last 2 meetings ('04 & '07) Texas St only lost by 7 points. TXSt is winless (0-12) against current B12 teams. This will be the first time Texas St hosted Baylor. Texas St was much better than its 2-10 record last year and has 17 returning starters but Spavital is just 8-11-2 ATS as a dog. Dave Aranda was one of those unfortunate 1st year HC's with no spring practice and was still learning his players late in the year. He has 17 returning starters and a vastly improved squad and they only have FIU on deck. The offenses are close, but Baylor has a huge edge on defense (#27 vs #119). Last year Texas St lost to SMU by 7, UTSA by 3 in 2OT Louisiana by 10 and upset Arkansas St in 4 of their 6 home games. The schools are only separated by 130 miles so Baylor may have a decent amount of fans for this one.

Baylor 31 Texas St 24

Syracuse Orangemen

OVERALL: 0-0 vs. ACC
OVERALL: 0-0 vs. MAC

Ohio Bobcats

Orangemen Logs											
TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	TM AP	FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L
0-0		0-0		121	123			9/4	at Ohio		
	0-0		0-0		128			9/11	Rutgers		
								9/18	Albany		
								9/25	Liberty		
0-0		0-0			133			10/2	at Florida St		
0-0		0-0			127			10/9	Wake Forest		
0-0		0-0			132			10/16	Clemson		
0-0		0-0			146			10/23	at Virginia Tech		
0-0		0-0			125			10/30	Boston College		
0-0		0-0			129			11/6	Bye		
0-0		0-0			130			11/13	at Louisville		
0-0		0-0			129			11/20	at NC State		
0-0		0-0			126			11/27	Pittsburgh		

2020 TEAM RANKINGS											
Syracuse	Ohio										
#121	Rush Off	#17									
#109	Pass Off	#116									
#125	Total Off	#91									
#115	Score Off	#25									
#126	Skls Allowed	#22									
#108	Rush Def	#97									
#97	Pass Def	#23									
#114	Total Def	#53									
#91	Score Def	#11									
#23	Skls By	#120									
#124	Ypg Diff	#77									
+3	Total TO's	+4									

Bobcats Logs											
TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	TM AP	FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	123	121			9/4	Syracuse		
								9/11	Duquesne		
								9/18	at Louisiana		
0-0		0-0			128			9/25	at Northwestern		
0-0		0-0			132			10/2	at Akron		
0-0		0-0			99			10/9	Central Michigan		
0-0		0-0			116			10/16	at Buffalo		
0-0		0-0			115			10/23	Kent St		
0-0		0-0			120			11/2	Miami, OH		
0-0		0-0			117			11/9	at Eastern Michigan		
0-0		0-0			119			11/16	Toledo		
0-0		0-0			84			11/20	Bye		
								11/26	at Bowling Green		

Score	Yds	FD	TO's	FD	RA-RY	YPC	Comp Att	Yds Pass	Skls	FD	RA-RY	YPC	Comp Att	Yds Pass	Skls	
at Ohio																
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at Albany																
at Liberty																
at Florida St																
at Wake Forest																
at Clemson																
at Virginia Tech																
at Boston College																
at Bye																
at Louisville																
at NC State																
at Pittsburgh																
Average	18-33	-198.6	-12.5	0.3	13	29-92	3.2	51.5%	173	11.3%	26	46-209	4.6	65.4%	255	7.0%
Conference	18-32	-197.3	-13.2	0.2	13	29-92	3.1	52.0%	170	11.8%	26	46-196	4.3	64.6%	262	6.8%
Away	12-35	-198.4	-13.4	-0.6	12	32-118	3.7	47.0%	132	14.9%	25	40-170	4.2	67.7%	278	6.9%

Syracuse Orangemen

TEAM AVERAGES

Ohio Bobcats

Score	Yds	FD	TO's	FD	RA-RY	YPC	Comp Att	Yds Pass	Skls	FD	RA-RY	YPC	Comp Att	Yds Pass	Skls	
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Average	34-17	-26.7	-1.3	1.3	17	39-217	5.6	66.7%	146	16.7%	19	40-194	4.8	54.3%	195	4.3%
Conference	34-17	-26.7	-1.3	1.3	17	39-217	5.6	66.7%	146	16.7%	19	40-194	4.8	54.3%	195	4.3%
Home	38-10	1.0	2.0	3.0	18	41-270	6.7	71.9%	102	12.5%	16	37-199	5.4	52.9%	172	7.8%

Position by Position Edges

Syracuse	Ohio
0.34	Syracuse QB / WR vs. Ohio DB's
0.92	Syracuse RB's vs. Ohio LB's
0.62	Syracuse OL vs. Ohio DL
	Syracuse DL vs. Ohio OL
0.34	Syracuse LB'S vs. Ohio RB's
0.00	Syracuse DB's vs. Ohio QB / WR
	Syracuse ST's vs. Ohio ST's
1.20	Syracuse K vs. Ohio K
1.10	Syracuse Coaches vs. Ohio Coaches
2.22	Syracuse Pts vs. Ohio Pts

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Syracuse By 1.5	
Las Vegas Total	55.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Ohio By 5.4	
Game Grade	Syracuse By 1.0	
Computer Yards	Syracuse 374-356	
Computer Points	Ohio 28-27	
Phil Steele	Ohio by 3	

Last Five Years Meetings (Last 22 years at PhilSteele.com)

None

Projected Box Score

163 yards	Syracuse Ohio	191 yards
212 yards	Syracuse Ohio	165 yards
374 yards	Syracuse Ohio	356 yards
26 points	Syracuse Ohio	29 points
36	Syracuse Ohio	42
44	Syracuse Ohio	128

POSITIONAL EDGE AWARDED TO:

Ohio

By 0.78 Points

First time hosting an ACC foe, Ohio is 0-2 vs Syracuse being outscored by a comb 111-0 but games were in 1916 & 1921. Bobcats are 4-27 vs current ACC teams including a 20-10 loss at Pitt in '19 as a 4 pt AD. This is 4th straight year Syracuse has opened on the road and 3rd out of 4 that they open at a Non-P5 foe. The Orange beat MAC foe WM in '18's road opener 55-42. The Orange figure to be a much-improved team with 19 returning starters, depth on the Oline (last year they were scratching for a starting 5 and moved TE in) and 2 VHT RB's who opted out last year. Ohio also has a veteran team with 17 returning starters and just 8 lettemen lost. They only have Duquesne on deck. Ohio did unexpectedly lose HC Frank Solich (retired) over the summer so this will be Tim Albers first time as head man. I will call for the home team to win by a FG.

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0-0		0-0			112				9/11	Temple						106	111	118	0-0		0-0							9/11	Alabama St										
									9/18	Bryant									0-0		0-0							9/18	at Penn St						18	12	9		
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0-0		0-0			123				10/2	Ohio					88	110	54	0-0		0-0							10/2	at LSU						16	10	16			
0-0		0-0			84				10/9	at Bowling Green					126	128	115	0-0		0-0							10/9	Georgia						3	4	2			
0-0		0-0			120				10/16	at Miami, OH					113	103	91	0-0		0-0							10/16	at Arkansas						52	31	111			
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0-0		0-0			114				11/9	at Western Michigai					49	93	100	0-0		0-0							11/6	at Texas A&M						14	6	36			
									11/13	Bye								0-0		0-0							11/13	Miss St						50	28	51			
0-0		0-0			121				11/20	Kent St					54	123	127	0-0		0-0							11/20	at South Carolina						40	73	62			
0-0		0-0			119				11/27	at Toledo					72	51	113	0-0		0-0							11/27	Alabama						8	1	1			
Average	17-41	-178.5	-4.8	-0.5	16	35-142	4.0	56.1%	140	17.6%	21	40-248	6.3	66.9%	212	7.1%	Average	25-25	-23.2	-2.3	0.4	21	36-163	4.6	59.7%	220	5.5%	23	39-163	4.2	64.6%	243	7.1%						
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Away	17-50	-186.3	-7.3	-1.0	17	38-174	4.6	54.2%	161	16.7%	24	45-334	7.5	74.1%	187	7.4%	Home	31-20	-28.0	-3.6	1.0	20	37-183	5.0	63.6%	217	6.1%	24	39-166	4.2	66.3%	262	8.1%						
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Auburn																		Auburn		By 13.21 Points																			
By 13.21 Points																		By 13.21 Points		Auburn 48 Akron 10																			

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Projected Box Score

Projected Rushing			
60 yards	Akron	Auburn	282 yards
Projected Passing			
97 yards	Akron	Auburn	271 yards
Projected Yardage Total			
156 yards	Akron	Auburn	553 yards
Projected Final Score			
10 points	Akron	Auburn	45 points
Experience Rankings			
57	Akron	Auburn	96
Team Schedule Strength			
111	Akron	Auburn	7

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Auburn By 37	
Las Vegas Total	55 Points	
+/- Ratings	Auburn By 37.8	
Game Grade	Auburn By 43.6	
Computer Yards	Auburn 553-156	
Computer Points	Auburn 45-10	
Phil Steele	Auburn by 38	

The Zips are 0-7 all time vs SEC foes including a 42-0 loss here in 1988, their only prior meeting. While Akron is just 2-9 SU & 4-7 ATS vs P5 teams since '14 they are 1-3 SU & 3-1 ATS their last 4. Auburn has a brand-new HC in Bryan Harsin, who was just 13-24 as a HF at Boise until he went 7-2 ATS the last 2 years. Auburn has QB Nix and RB Bigsby back with 15 returning starters. Akron is much stronger than the last two years but have winnable games on deck and may not want to get too beat up here. They are 2-7 ATS on the road under Arth, losing by 25 ppg SU. Auburn only has Alabama St on deck. Auburn beat Kent St here 55-16 last year.

Auburn 48 Akron 10

UTSA Roadrunners

OVERALL: 0-0 vs. CUSA 0-0 vs. BIG 10

Illinois Fighting Illini

Roadrunners Logs table with columns for TM REC, FOE REC, TM CONF, FOE CONF, TM +/-, FOE +/-, AP, DATE, FOE, SCORE, W/L, TEAM, OFF, DEF, ST, PS RANK, OFF, DEF, ST

Fighting Illini Logs table with columns for TM REC, FOE REC, TM CONF, FOE CONF, TM +/-, FOE +/-, AP, DATE, FOE, SCORE, W/L, TEAM, OFF, DEF, ST, PS RANK, OFF, DEF, ST

Summary statistics table for Roadrunners with columns for Score, Yds, FD, TO's, and various performance metrics.

Summary statistics table for Fighting Illini with columns for Score, Yds, FD, TO's, and various performance metrics.

TEAM AVERAGES for UTSA Roadrunners vs. Illinois Fighting Illini

Position by Position Edges table comparing UTSA and Illinois across various positions like QB, WR, RB, LB, OL, DL, LB's, RB's, DB's.

Position by Position Edges table (continued) with numerical values for each position comparison.

Last Five Years Meetings (Last 22 years at PhilSteele.com) table with columns for None and various statistics.

Projected Box Score table showing projected rushing, passing, yardage, final score, experience rankings, and team schedule strength.

UTSA ST's vs. Illinois ST's, UTSA K vs. Illinois K, UTSA Coaches vs. Illinois Coaches, UTSA Pts vs. Illinois Pts. POSITIONAL EDGE AWARDED TO: Illinois. By 1.81 Points

Las Vegas Line, Las Vegas Total, +/- Ratings, Game Grade, Computer Yards, Computer Points, Phil Steele forecast table with various betting and performance metrics.

Illinois 34 UTSA 24

Kent St Golden Flashes											OVERALL:					OVERALL:					Texas A&M Aggies												
Golden Flashes Logs											0-0 vs. MAC					0-0 vs. SEC					Aggies Logs												
TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	DEF	ST	OFF	DEF	ST	TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	AP	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	DEF	ST	OFF	DEF	ST

Score	Yds	Net	TO's	Offense	Comp	Yds	Defense	Comp	Yds	Sks						
Yds	FD	FD	TO's	FD	RA-RY	YPC	FD	RA-RY	YPC	Att	Pass	Sks				
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VMi																
at Iowa																
at Maryland																
Bowling Green																
Buffalo																
at Western Michigan																
at Ohio																
Bye																
Northern Illinois																
at Central Michigan																
at Akron																
Miami, OH																
Average	50-38	182.5	10.5	0.3	32	50-283	5.7	71.4%	324	4.0%	22	43-262	6.2	51.6%	162	12.1%
Conference	50-38	182.5	10.5	0.3	32	50-283	5.7	71.4%	324	4.0%	22	43-262	6.2	51.6%	162	12.1%
Away	52-47	108.5	9.0	0.0	32	52-265	5.1	64.3%	358	4.3%	23	49-388	8.0	41.5%	127	4.9%

NCAA RANKINGS		
2020 TEAM RANKINGS		
Kent St		Texas A&M
#3	Rush Off	#26
#11	Pass Off	#61
#1	Total Off	#33
#1	Score Off	#37
#14	Sks Allowed	#17
#125	Rush Def	#4
#8	Pass Def	#58
#82	Total Def	#13
#113	Score Def	#30
#94	Sks By	#20
#6	Ypg Diff	#14
+1	Total TO's	+6

Score	Yds	Net	TO's	Offense	Comp	Yds	Defense	Comp	Yds	Sks						
Yds	FD	FD	TO's	FD	RA-RY	YPC	FD	RA-RY	YPC	Att	Pass	Sks				
Kent St																
† Colorado																
New Mexico																
† Arkansas																
Miss St																
Alabama																
at Missouri																
South Carolina																
Bye																
Auburn																
at Mississippi																
Prairie View A&M																
at LSU																
Average	33-22	121.9	5.9	0.6	23	38-205	5.5	62.9%	234	2.3%	18	28-92	3.3	63.2%	225	9.0%
Conference	32-21	120.7	6.4	0.6	24	38-203	5.4	63.0%	234	1.4%	17	28-92	3.3	63.8%	224	8.6%
Home	30-22	59.8	2.0	0.5	23	35-183	5.3	59.7%	223	2.4%	21	32-113	3.5	63.6%	233	7.1%

Position by Position Edges		
Kent St	Texas A&M	
Kent St QB/WR	vs. Texas A&M DB's	0.92
Kent St RB's	vs. Texas A&M LB's	1.07
Kent St OL	vs. Texas A&M DL	0.98
Kent St DL	vs. Texas A&M OL	2.30
Kent St LB's	vs. Texas A&M RB's	2.66
Kent St DB's	vs. Texas A&M QB/WR	0.80
Kent St ST's	vs. Texas A&M ST's	0.48
Kent St K	vs. Texas A&M K	1.40
Kent St Coaches	vs. Texas A&M Coaches	1.15
Kent St Pts	vs. Texas A&M Pts	11.76

Last Five Years Meetings (Last 22 years at PhilSteele.com)
None

Projected Box Score				
112 yards	Projected Rushing	Kent St	Texas A&M	333 yards
218 yards	Projected Passing	Kent St	Texas A&M	249 yards
330 yards	Projected Yardage Total	Kent St	Texas A&M	582 yards
23 points	Projected Final Score	Kent St	Texas A&M	48 points
68	Experience Rankings	Kent St	Texas A&M	111
126	Team Schedule Strength	Kent St	Texas A&M	19

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Texas A&M By 28.5	
Las Vegas Total	67.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Texas A&M By 26.8	
Game Grade	Texas A&M By 26.9	
Computer Yards	Texas A&M 582-330	
Computer Points	Texas A&M 48-23	
Phil Steele	Texas A&M by 28	

First meeting & first trip to Texas since '85 (UTEP). Kent St 0-15 all-time vs current SEC foes. They are just 1-8 ATS in those games since 1995, their only cover being as a 28' point AD to Ole Miss in '18 (38-17). This is only A&M's 2nd meeting against a current MAC school after beating Ball St in '15 56-23. The Aggies have 9 starters back on defense but do have a first time starting QB and just 1 returning starter on the OLine and need to get them some confidence before tougher games arise. The offensive line is actually more talented than the Joe Moore Award finalist line from last year. Kent St may have 8 starters back on defense but did allow 38.0 ppg last year with the rush D allowing 6.2 ypc. Kent has an explosive offense led by Dustin Crum but in the last two years the offense has put up an amazing 42.7 ppg vs non P5 teams but just 7.6 ppg vs three P5 teams losing by 36.3 ppg. Kent does have backdoor potential if they decide to risk QB Crum late in the season with a possible run at the MAC title this year.

Texas A&M 49 Kent St 21

LSU Tigers														OVERALL: 0-0 vs. SEC				OVERALL: 1-0 vs. PAC 12				UCLA Bruins																																																							
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								9/18	Central Michigan						77	89	42											9/11	Bye																																																
								9/25	at Miss St						50	28	51	#107	Rush Off	#9								9/18	Fresno St							33	85	126																																							
								10/2	Auburn						22	20	25	#16	Pass Off	#115								9/25	at Stanford									58	67	37																																					
								10/9	at Kentucky						67	42	52	#35	Total Off	#65								10/2	Arizona St									13	24	23																																					
								10/16	Florida						32	26	59	#39	Score Off	#5								10/9	at Arizona									103	106	102																																					
								10/23	at Mississippi						7	60	103	#98	Skts Allowed	#6								10/16	at Washington									19	27	57																																					
								10/30	Bye									#71	Rush Def	#1								10/23	Oregon									11	14	78																																					
								11/6	at Alabama						8	1	1	#128	Pass Def	#80								10/30	at Utah									21	9	38																																					
								11/13	Arkansas						52	31	111	#124	Total Def	#4								11/6	Bye																																																
								11/20	ULM						130	126	130	#98	Score Def	#3								11/13	Colorado											55	47	95																																			
								11/27	Texas A&M						14	6	36	#36	Skts By	#124								11/20	at USC									12	18	12																																					
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Conference														32-35				-58.1				1.5				0.9				23				37-122				3.3				58.7%				312				5.9%				22				35-169				4.9				59.6%				323				7.2%			
Away														27-30				-41.5				1.5				0.3				22				34-101				3.0				58.5%				304				4.7%				20				35-157				4.5				59.3%				290				5.7%			
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New Mexico St Aggies												
Aggies Logs												
TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	TM AP	FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	FOE
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	94	105			8/28	UTEP	3-30	L	
0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	91	121			9/4	at San Diego St			
0-0					116			9/11	at New Mexico			
								9/18	South Carolina S			
0-1		0-0			122			9/25	Hawaii			
1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0		124			10/2	at San Jose St			
0-0		0-0			126			10/9	at Nevada			
								10/16	Bye			
0-1		0-0			122			10/23	at Hawaii			
								10/30	Bye			
0-0		0-0			110			11/6	Utah St			
0-0		0-0			158			11/13	at Alabama			
0-0		0-0			125			11/20	at Kentucky			
0-0		0-0			95			11/27	UMass			

OVERALL: 0-1 vs. IND 0-0	OVERALL: 0-0 vs. MTW 0-0
2020 TEAM RANKINGS	
New Mexico St	
San Diego St	
#117 Rush Off #31	
#129 Pass Off #114	
#128 Total Off #96	
#127 Score Off #93	
#9 Skis Allowed #61	
#102 Rush Def #9	
#90 Pass Def #18	
#108 Total Def #7	
#70 Score Def #15	
#128 Skis By #52	
#128 Ypg Diff #33	
+1 Total TO's +2	

San Diego St Aztecs												
Aztecs Logs												
TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	TM AP	FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	FOE
0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	121	94			9/4	New Mexico St			
0-0					116			9/11	at Arizona			
0-0		0-0			135			9/18	Utah			
								9/25	Towson			
								10/2	Bye			
0-0		0-0			116			10/9	New Mexico			
1-0		0-0			124			10/16	at San Jose St			
0-0		0-0			125			10/23	at Air Force			
1-0		0-0			121			10/30	Fresno St			
0-1		0-0			122			11/6	at Hawaii			
0-0		0-0			126			11/13	Nevada			
0-0		0-0			105			11/20	at UNLV			
0-0		0-0			126			11/27	Boise St			

Score	Net Yds	FD	TO's	Offense FD	RA-RY	YPC	Comp Att	Yds Pass	Skis	Defense FD	RA-RY	YPC	Comp Att	Yds Pass	Skis
3-30	-342.0	1.0	1.0	20	34-101	3.0	27.3%	9	9.1%	19	42-203	4.8	55.0%	249	0.0%
3-30	-342.0	1.0	1.0	20	34-101	3.0	27.3%	9	9.1%	19	42-203	4.8	55.0%	249	0.0%
0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0-0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%

New Mexico St Aggies	San Diego St Aztecs
TEAM AVERAGES	
Position by Position Edges	

Score	Net Yds	FD	TO's	Offense FD	RA-RY	YPC	Comp Att	Yds Pass	Skis	Defense FD	RA-RY	YPC	Comp Att	Yds Pass	Skis
25-18	67.3	3.8	0.3	19	45-199	4.5	56.7%	151	8.4%	15	32-98	3.0	59.9%	185	7.6%
29-16	106.7	5.5	0.5	20	47-225	4.8	57.6%	151	8.3%	14	31-95	3.1	57.6%	174	8.1%
29-15	92.0	4.3	0.0	18	48-208	4.4	55.4%	140	9.8%	14	34-95	2.8	54.2%	160	12.5%

Last Five Years Meetings (Last 22 years at PhilSteele.com)							
2019	Rank	Line	Score	FD	Rush	Comp-Att-Yds	TO's
New Mexico St	-	51	10	17	24-30	26-41-299	
San Diego St	-	-16	31	24	47-281	17-26-116	3

Projected Box Score			
53 yards	New Mexico St	San Diego St	318 yards
152 yards	New Mexico St	San Diego St	241 yards
205 yards	New Mexico St	San Diego St	559 yards
12 Points	New Mexico St	San Diego St	44 Points
85	New Mexico St	San Diego St	45
109	New Mexico St	San Diego St	83

New Mexico St	San Diego St
New Mexico St QB/WR vs. San Diego St DB's	0.52
New Mexico St RB's vs. San Diego St LB's	1.13
New Mexico St OL vs. San Diego St DL	0.78
New Mexico St DL vs. San Diego St OL	1.57
New Mexico St LB'S vs. San Diego St RB's	2.41
New Mexico St DB's vs. San Diego St QB/WR	1.16
New Mexico St ST's vs. San Diego St ST's	1.08
New Mexico St K vs. San Diego St K	1.35
New Mexico St Coaches vs. San Diego St Coaches	0.35
New Mexico St Pts vs. San Diego St Pts	10.36

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	San Diego St By 31.5	Aggies face 6 Mountain West Conf foes in a total of 7 games this season. Aggies only win vs Aztecs was in 1955 going 0-8 since. Last time here (09) the game was tied 17- 17 in 4Q but Aggies lost 34-17 (+17). Aztecs hold a 10-1-1 record vs. Last met in '19 in Las Cruces where SDSt won 31-10 despite only being +68 yds (+3 TO's). SDSt has won their last 7 home openers (2-5 ATS). New Mexico St figures to be an underrated team this year and has a GUB edge after XXXX. Doug Martin is just 13-26 ATS as an AD here. SDSt is off a 4-4 year and poised to get back to the top in the MW. They have 17 returning starters this year but do have a couple of Pac 12 foes on deck in Arizona and Utah. The Aztecs are my #7 Most Improved team. Brady Hoke is 30-22-1 ATS as a HF and SDSt was embarrassed by just going 4-4 and will want to start off strong.
Las Vegas Total	51 Points	
+/- Ratings	San Diego St By 33.1	
Game Grade	San Diego St By 55.6	
Computer Yards	San Diego St 559-205	
Computer Points	San Diego St 44-12	
Phil Steele	San Diego St by 28	

San Diego St 38 New Mexico St 10

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Utah St Aggies															OVERALL: 0-0 vs. MTW 0-0						OVERALL: 0-0 vs. PAC 12 0-0						Wash St Cougars														
Aggies Logs															Cougars Logs																										
TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	TM AP	FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	DEF	ST	OFF	DEF	ST	FOE	TM REC	FOE REC	TM CONF	FOE CONF	TM +/-	FOE +/-	TM AP	FOE	DATE	FOE	SCORE	W/L	TEAM OFF	DEF	ST	OFF	DEF	ST	FOE				
0-0		0-0		110	133			9/4	at Washington St			101	100	24	42	91	128			0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	133	110			9/4	Utah St			42	91	128	101	100	24				
NCAA RANKINGS															2020 TEAM RANKINGS																										
Utah St															Wash St																										
0-0		0-0		125				9/11	North Dakota						82	97	124			0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	134			9/11	Portland St							12	18	12				
0-0		0-0		126				9/18	at Air Force						44	52	10			0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	135			9/25	at Utah							21	9	38				
0-0		0-0		132				9/25	Boise St						57	78	8			0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	129			10/2	at California							81	56	107				
0-0		0-0						10/9	Bye						#121	Total Off	#75			0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	124			10/9	Oregon St							71	83	69				
0-0		0-0		105				10/16	at UNLV						119	122	121			0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	131			10/16	Stanford							58	67	37				
0-0		0-0		120				10/23	Colorado St						118	76	92			0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	132			10/23	BYU							57	78	8				
0-1		0-0		122				10/30	Hawaii						90	57	86			0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	134			10/30	at Arizona St							13	24	23				
0-1		0-0		94				11/6	at New Mexico St						115	130	56			0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	134			11/6	Bye													
1-0		0-0		124				11/13	at San Jose St						92	58	64			0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	135			11/13	at Oregon									11	14	78		
0-0		0-0		125				11/20	Wyoming						83	46	63			0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	116			11/20	Arizona									103	106	102		
0-0		0-0		116				11/27	at New Mexico						94	120	122			0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	133			11/27	at Washington									19	27	57		
															-6 Total TO's -2																										
Score	Yds	FD	TO's	Net Yds	FD	RA-RY	YPC	Comp Att	Yds Pass	Sks	Def Yds	RA-RY	YPC	Comp Att	Yds Pass	Sks	Net Yds	FD	TO's	Offense Yds	RA-RY	YPC	Comp Att	Yds Pass	Sks	Def Yds	RA-RY	YPC	Comp Att	Yds Pass	Sks	Home	Away	Conf	Non-Conf						
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at San Jose St																																									
Wyoming																																									
at New Mexico																																									
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Conference	16-35	-209.5	-12.3	-1.0	14	32-140	4.4	52.4%	136	8.2%	26	42-225	5.3	67.7%	261	8.3%																									
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The Cougars will be playing the Aggies, now under the direction of first-year coach Blake Anderson, for the first time since 1961. 4th meeting (WSt 2-1 SU). Last met in 1961 where USU won 34-14. The Aggies have 41 career wins vs current Pac-12 foes. Dating back to 2010 the Aggies are 0-12 SU vs P5 foes on the road (6-6 ATS). WSU is 37-16-1 vs current MWC tms but dropped their last matchup vs Air Force in the '19 Cheese-It Bowl (31-21). Cougars HC Nick Rolovich was head coach of Hawaii and was 0-2 vs Utah St losing by 38.5 ppg. The Cougars only have Portland St on deck and are 20-13-1 ATS as a HF the last 8 years. Blake Anderson brought his QB and top WR over from Ark St as well as LB Rice but is 13-18-1 ATS as an AD. Rolovich is just 5-12-1 ATS as a HF. QB Bonner does give the Aggies back door potential.

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	E Michigan By 31	<p>First Meeting. Eastern Michigan is 7-1 SU but 3-5 ATS vs FCS teams since 2011. St Francis did not play last season. Red Flash were 6-6 in '19 & last faced a current FBS foe in '17 when they lost 13-7 to then FCS Liberty. They must replace All-NEC players at QB, WR, TE, OL and LB and DB (2). In fact, 7 of their 8 All-NEC players from '19 are gone and it will be hard to replace 3 skill players that have moved on to Power-5 schools. Eastern Michigan has 21 starters back and are one of the best AD's in the country but are just 6-12 ATS as a HF the last 9 years and have Wisconsin on deck. They only beat Central Connecticut St 34-29 (-32.50 in 2019 but did plaster Monmouth 51-17 and Miss Valley St 61-14 the previous two matchups vs FCS foes. Eastern has a large talent edge and have had 5 losing seasons in 7 years under Creighton so should want an impressive start with a likely loss to Wisconsin on deck.</p>
Las Vegas Total	53.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	E Michigan By 42.3	
Game Grade	E Michigan By 87.5	
Computer Yards	E Michigan 749-21	
Computer Points	E Michigan 47-8	
Phil Steele	E Michigan by 35	
		Eastern Michigan 45 St Francis 10

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Kansas By 15.5	<p>The Jayhawks are only 3-2 in their last 5 matchups against FCS opponents, losing to Nicholls in '18 and South Dakota St in '15. South Dakota competes in the MVFC and went 1-3 in the FCS Spring season. Kansas new HC Lance Leipold coached D3 at Wisconsin-Whitewater and while at Buffalo was 4-1 vs FCS foes but just 2-3 ATS. He took over the team after spring and they are implementing new schemes on both sides of the ball so that is a tough situation but this is his home opener, and he realizes wins will be few so Kansas should go all out. They did beat SEMO 38-16 in '17 and Rhode Island 55-6 (-28) in '16. South Dakota is 5-2 ATS their last 7 vs FBS teams only losing at Kansas St 27-24 in '18 and in their last meeting covered +23 in a 31-14 loss in 2013. Since joining the Missouri Valley Conference in 2012 South Dakota has had just one winning season but actually made the playoffs for the first time in school history and won a first round game in 2017. They have gone just 4-7, 5-7 and 1-3 the last 3 years. True frosh QB Carson Camp threw for 967 (63%, 3-4) in the spring. They do have 6 frosh RB's behind him but a veteran O-line and receiving corp. They did only have 324 ypg in the spring. They have a solid back 7 on defense led by LB's Cochrane and Morgensen and added Iowa transfer DB Da'raun McKinney. They did allow 219 (5.0) on the ground last year. Kansas is 4-12 ATS as a HF the last 9 years and while Leipold was 12-3-1 ATS as HF the last 4 years at Buffalo he was 1-3 ATS his first two years there. Kansas has some talent and will take South Dakota seriously.</p>
Las Vegas Total	56 Points	
+/- Ratings	Kansas By 3.7	
Game Grade	Kansas By 17.8	
Computer Yards	Kansas 665-62	
Computer Points	Kansas 39-23	
Phil Steele	Kansas by 17	
		Kansas 40 South Dakota 23

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Colorado By 37.5	<p>UNC will be playing its first game with new head coach Ed McCaffrey, the former Denver Broncos great who was coached for three years (2000-02) by Dorrell. McCaffrey's son, Dylan, recently transferred from Michigan to UNC to play quarterback. Colorado leads the series 10-2 and LTH '17 won 41-21 (-39'). From 2017-'19 NC slipped to 3-7, 2-9 & 2-10 going 2-6 in Big Sky play all 3 years & they did not retain their 9 year HC. After hiring a new HC & canceling their 2020 season, the Bears played 2 closed scrimmages instead of competing in Big Sky play in the spring. Northern has little experience and lose 13 of the top 23 tacklers from that '19 squad and have not played in two years. Colorado has 8 returning starters on both offense and defense but is breaking in a new QB. After going 4-0 to open up Dorral's first year they lost to Utah 38-21 blowing a 2 score lead then they were hit hard by Covid and lost the bowl 55-23 to Texas. The Buffs were pegged last in the Pac 12 media poll and may be out to prove something here. Colorado is 4-2 ATS their last 6 vs FCS teams and Northern Colorado is 4-3-1 ATS the last 8 vs FBS but do have a first time head coach and have not played in 2 years. CU is 5-1 ATS as a HF the last 2 years.</p>
Las Vegas Total	56.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Colorado By 47.9	
Game Grade	Colorado By 101.2	
Computer Yards	Colorado 842--56	
Computer Points	Colorado 57-6	
Phil Steele	Colorado by 42	
		Colorado 52 Northern Colorado 10

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Colorado St By 2.5	<p>Will meet for the 3rd time, with the last meeting taking place in 1966 when CSU won 45-14. The Jack Rabbits have won 2 conf titles and have made the FCS playoffs 9 straight seasons. Last year South Dakota St was the #1 seed for the FCS playoffs and made it to the finals but lost to Sam Houston St. They played to an AGG of 82.5 which was #1 in the FCS. Colorado St played to an 85.1 AGG in 4 games in the fall under first year head coach Steve Addazio. SDSt is 1-9 SU vs FBS teams with a win over Kansas in 2015, a 3 point loss to Minnesota in 2009, 14 point loss to Nebraska in 2010, and a 7 point loss to Minnesota in 2019. Addazio has 19 returning starters and feels they have the best defense in the MW and will contend for the title. SDSt had Mark Gronkowski took over as the QB in the spring and he threw for 1549 (58%, 15-3) but he was injured in the title game and will be out for the year. He was also the #3 rusher with 567 (7.0!). While Heide and Gibbs do return they add in Chris Oladokun as a transfer. While at Samford, Oladokun threw for 2058 (62%, 18-7) and did rush for 491 (3.9). South Dakota St is picked to finish first in the MVFC for the first time in their school history and has 12 Super Seniors with 10 of them being starters. They also have a top-notch defense so this should be a lower scoring game. Addazio is 13-15 as a HF but coming off 3 straight losing seasons and South Dakota St coming of a best year ever, they will not look past this one. South Dakota St is actually a road favorite here so I like the Rams as a live home dog to pull the "upset" which is not an upset in my mind.</p>
Las Vegas Total	52.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	South Dakota St By 1.3	
Game Grade	Colorado St By 6.2	
Computer Yards	Colorado St 683--3	
Computer Points	Colorado St 31-18	
Phil Steele	Colorado St by 13	

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Boston College By 50.5	<p>First meeting. BC has won 3 straight home openers although last year they were -20' and only won 24-21 vs Texas St needing a comeback to win outright. In '18 Colgate brought back 18 starters and 17 of their top 20 tacklers were back on defense. Colgate won their first 9 games, and over an 8-game stretch, the Raiders allowed just 12 points including a 2 game stretch where they allowed 64 total yards! In '19 they had just 7 starters back and faced much stiffer competition in league play. They lost 7 All-Patriot defensive players and naturally they took a big step back. They allowed 34+ points in each of their first 5 games and started 0-7 before winning 4 of their last 5 (-76 ypg). They went 0-2 in spring with both games on the road then HC Dan Hunt surprisingly resigned in May. Longtime Asst HC/DB coach Stan Dakotsy takes over as Interim HC and he inherits just 5 returning starters on offense and 3 on defense! The Eagles have won their last 6 over FCS schools by 40 ppg. They are just 1-3 ATS the last 4 but Colgate is 0-5 ATS Their last 5 vs FBS schools losing by an avg of 28.4 ppg. This is a depleted Colgate team with an unexpected new coach that had just 2 spring games vs a BC squad who head coach Jeff Hafley has never had a home crowd yet and they have two solid QB in Jurkovid and Dennis Grose who threw for 520 vs Virginia last year and they only have UMass and Temple on deck so they make the home folks happy with a big win.</p>
Las Vegas Total	52.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Boston College By 59.1	
Game Grade	Boston College By 59.5	
Computer Yards	Boston College 800--64	
Computer Points	Boston College 52-3	
Phil Steele	Boston College by 55	
		Boston College 58 Colgate 3

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Conn By 2.5	<p>UConn trails series 9-19-1. Played every year from 1970-1985 but just once since a 27-20 UConn win in '17. Crusaders were Patriot league Champs at 3-0 last season, losing in the first round of FBS playoffs to #1 seed South Dakota St. Bob Chesney took over as HC at Holy Cross and his first team went 5-6 but then 7-5 and 3-1 the next two years making the FCS playoffs both times. Holy Cross has not topped 24 ppg since 2016. Holy Cross beat Army in 2002 but have only played 4 FBS foes and gone 0-4 losing at Connecticut 27-20 (+24) in 2017 then losing to BC by 48, Navy by 38 and Syracuse by 38 the last 3 fall seasons. Connecticut lost to Towson in 2015 but while they have won 6 in a row vs the FCS each game has been close with wins by 3, 5, 3, 8, 7 and 3 and they are 1-5 ATS with their only cover when a 7-point dog to Villanova! Edsall is confident that this years' team will be much improved despite not playing last year. Connecticut has lost 13 in a row as a HF dating back to 2013 and is 2-19 as a HF the last 10 years. Connecticut has a deliberate offense that huddles in an effort to shrink the game and actually had a 10:33-4:27 TOP edge after 1Q vs Fresno St only being outgained 32-29. Fresno then took control with a 337-36 yard edge in the 2Q to lead 31-0 at half in a 45-0 rout with a 506-78 yard edge the last 3Q's. QB Zergiotis was 12-24-61 and star RB Keviin Mensah had just 11-31 rush but both should fare better here.</p>
Las Vegas Total	53.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Conn By 3.1	
Game Grade	Holy Cross By 52.4	
Computer Yards	Conn 450-226	
Computer Points	Conn 35-16	
Phil Steele	Conn by 10	
		Connecticut 27 Holy Cross 17

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Nebraska By 42.5	<p>1st meeting. The Rams went 2-1 this past spring. In lined games vs FCS opponents S/'10, the Huskers are 6-0 with an avg margin of victory of 33 ppg, but are just 2-4 ATS and failed to cover in the last 2 (in '14 & '18). Nebraska is off of their Big Ten opener vs Illinois andXXX. HC Conlin has clearly put his offensive stamp on this squad. He was an OC at Yale for 4 years and Fordham has shown steady improvement including an impressive 3 games in spring. They get 16 starters back, including 10 on offense. They get Holy Cross at home and we think they should be the favorite to win the Patriot League this year. Fordham did upset Temple in 2013 under then HC Joe Moorhead and upset Army in 2015. They are 0-4 SU their last 4 vs the FBS losing by 36.5 ppg and are 1-3 ATS in those with their only cover in a 57-29 loss to Ball St where they were +29.5. Nebraska is 11-0 SU vs the FBS since 2000 with the average win by 31.4 ppg but they are 2-5 ATS in those games. Scott Frost's season got a lot hotter with their loss to Illinois in the opener and they need to gain confidence with Oklahoma in three weeks.</p>
Las Vegas Total	55.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Nebraska By 45.0	
Game Grade	Nebraska By 41.5	
Computer Yards	Nebraska 827--74	
Computer Points	Nebraska 53-6	
Phil Steele	Nebraska by 43	
		Nebraska 53 Fordham 10

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Lafayette By 7.5	<p>AF has won 23 straight season openers vs unranked teams. AF is 13-0 against FCS teams under HC Calhoun and have covered the last 3 home openers vs FCS teams winning by an average score of 46-3! The Leopards last won the Patriot League in '13 & went 2-1 in the FCS spring season. While John Garrett (brother of ex Cowboy Justin) only has a 12-25 record at Lafayette, the Leopards have won 6 of their last 8 games dating back to the last half of '19. Lafayette has put up just 258 ypg in '18, 338 in '19 and 311 in the spring. They have played just 3 games vs FBS teams (all vs Army) and gone 0-3 SU losing by an avg of 33.3 ppg. AF is 6-0 their last 6 vs FCS going 5-1 ATS. This is a veteran Air Force squad that should get off to their usual strong start.</p>
Las Vegas Total	55.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Air Force By 45.4	
Game Grade	Air Force By 56.4	
Computer Yards	Air Force 771--87	
Computer Points	Air Force 47-0	
Phil Steele	Air Force by 47	
		Air Force 47 Lafayette 0

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Wyoming By 17.5	<p>The Cowboys are slated to open the season at War Memorial Stadium on Sept. 4 against Montana State and its new coach, Brent Vigen, who spent the last seven seasons as Wyoming's offensive coordinator. Wyoming leads the series 13-6. Last met in '03 with Cowboys winning 21-10. Montana St DNP in '20 and made it to the semifinals of the FCS playoffs in '19. The Bobcats had 3 straight losing season from 2015 to 2017. In 2018 in then HC Jeff Choate's 3rd season, they not only beat rival Montana for a third straight season but made their first playoffs since 2014 before losing in the 2nd round to North Dakota St. In 2019 after a first round bye beat Albany & Austin Peay at home. Unfortunately, they again ran into perennial Power North Dakota St, this time in the Semi-finals and lost but still finished an impressive 11-4. They did not play last fall and they also lost HC Jeff Choate, who left to become the co-DC at Texas. This year the Offense looks to return just 6 starters from the 2019 season. They return starting QB Tucker Rovig, who threw for 1,969 (61.6%, 15-5, 34 rush). They also return backup QB Casey Bauman (450, 48.2%, 1-0, 17 rush). in 2020, they added NC State transfer QB Matthew McKay (PS#42QB), who started 5 for the Wolfpack in 2019, throwing for 910 yds (57%, 3-1, 63 rush). The defense returns just 6 of their top 16 tacklers. the Bobcats return just 11 starters and with a new HC, new OC, new DC & new STC will be having to learn new systems in all 3 phases of the game. Wyoming is improved over last year with 21 returning starters and will contend it the MW while Montana St is not the playoff team they were in 2019. Wyoming is 10-3 ATS as a HF but is 0-3 ATS vs FCS only beating Idaho 21-16 (-25.5), Wofford 17-14 (-12) and Gardner Webb 27-0 (-34). Montana St is 5-2 ATS vs FBS teams since 2019 and Vigen has great knowledge of the Cowboy personnel.</p>
Las Vegas Total	44.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Wyoming By 25.9	
Game Grade	Wyoming By 95.6	
Computer Yards	Wyoming 715--51	
Computer Points	Wyoming 40-7	
Phil Steele	Wyoming by 21	<p>Wyoming 31 Montana St 10</p>

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Northern Iowa By 36	<p>Iowa St leads series 23-6-3. Last meeting was just two years ago in the opener in '19 when ISU (-23) needed 3OT to get past UNI 29-26. ISU has lost to UNI twice in their last 5 meetings. The Panthers went 3-4 last year & last missed the FCS playoffs in '15 and in 2019 they made it to the quarterfinals finishing 10-3. Iowa State is a legitimate national title contender but has a huge game vs Iowa on deck and Matt Campbell is 0-4 SU vs his rival. Iowa St is 1-4 ATS in openers and just 4-3 SU the last 7 vs FCS teams including 2-5 ATS. Two of Northern Iowa's losses were by 4 to South Dakota St and by 3 to North Dakota St a couple of FCS powers. This is one where I disagree with my computer as it is calling for a 40-point win but NIU is 9-5 ATS their last 14 vs the FBS and none of the last 13 losses have not had one by more than 27 and in their last 11 they have won two and the average in their 9 losses was only by 10.7 ppg.</p>
Las Vegas Total	42.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Iowa St By 32.7	
Game Grade	Iowa St By 41.4	
Computer Yards	Iowa St 822--118	
Computer Points	Iowa St 43-3	
Phil Steele	Iowa St by 21	
		Best Bet: ★ Northern Iowa 17 (+) Iowa St 38

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Liberty By 20.5	<p>1st meeting. Fighting Camels joined B1g South Conference in '18, the year after the Flames left. Campbell was 0-4 last year (all vs FBS) but were a failed 2 pt conv away (w:15 left) from beating Georgia Southern when GS was missing 18 players. Liberty is off a phenominal season going 10-1 and upsetting #9 Coastal Carolina in the bowl and finished #17. This year they have 20 returning starters including QB Malik Willis. Since moving up to FBS sin 2018 Liberty is 6-0 vs FCS SU teams going 3-3 ATS with the average win by 26.1 ppg. Campbell is 0-8 vs FBS teams SU but an impressive 4-1 ATS as last year they played Wake Forest, App St, Geor Sthrn and Coastal Carolina and have covered 4 in a row vs the Group of 5. HC Mike Minter was a starter in the NFL for 10 years with the Carolina Panthers. Minter won five or more games every season from '14-'19, including posting three-straight winning seasons from '17-'19 before operating as an independent in '20. Campbell was still able to churn out the seventh highest game grades in all of FCS given how well they played up to their competition. Still the number appears a little light here as my computer has the Flames by 5 TD's and the spread is at just 3 TD's.</p>
Las Vegas Total	53.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Liberty By 49.8	
Game Grade	Liberty By 18.0	
Computer Yards	Liberty 811--8	
Computer Points	Liberty 49-13	
Phil Steele	Liberty by 31	<p>Liberty 48 Campbell 17</p>

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Arkansas St By 13.5	<p>27th all-time meeting & Ark St trails 13-11-2. Last meeting was last year when Ark St won 50-27 (-15). The Red Wolves are 9-1 SU/6-4 ATS the last 10 years vs FCS foes with the lone SU coming to C.Ark in '16, 28-23. Last year Ark St was -15 at home. With heavy rain in 1H and high wind gusts all game Ark St trailed 6-2 early then outscored CArk 42-7 in 2Q & 3Q. Ark St had 86 yds first 5 drives and 407 on next 5 drives. CArk 63/5 & 53/4 4Q TD's 43-27 Ark St 76/6 TD 5:14 left 50-27. The Bears have made the FCS playoffs 5 times in the past 10 seasons with their last trip coming in 2019 where they lost to Illinois St. UCA was picked to win the Southland Conference in 2020 but then the season was pushed to the Spring. However, UCA played 9 games in the fall and finished with a 5-4 record, winning 3 of their last 4 games. This season UCA will move out of the Southland and play the "AQ7" schedule before fully transitioning to the WAC in 2022. The Bears are coached by Nathan Brown, who enters his 4th season here & holds a 20-13 record. They did lose top RB Kierre Crossley who transferred to Ark Pine-Bluff and DB Robert Rochell was drafted by the Rams. Arkansas St is going thru a coaching change with Butch Jones taking over and he has 17 returning starters to work with. Since their loss to Central Arkansas in 2016 they are 4-0 SU but overall are just 2-5 ATS vs FCS teams the last 7. UCA is 5-4 ATS their last 9 vs the FBS.</p>
Las Vegas Total	65.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Arkansas St By 10.2	
Game Grade	Arkansas St By 20.6	
Computer Yards	Arkansas St 786-77	
Computer Points	Arkansas St 44-24	
Phil Steele	Arkansas St by 17	<h2>Arkansas St 41 Central Arkansas 24</h2>

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Troy By 26.5	<p>First meeting. Troy last faced a SWAC team back in '17 (Alabama St) and they won 34-7 (-43.5). The Jaguars have won 19 SWAC championships (last won SWAC in '13) & went 5-1 this past spring. Dawson Odums led Southern to an emphatic 49-7 victory on April 17th, 2020 over Grambling in the Bayou Classic for SU's third consecutive victory in the series. Odums had just posted his best winning percentage since arriving in Baton Rouge (.833) and was a three-point defeat at the hands of Arkansas-Pine Bluff away from notching a third consecutive SWAC West title and earning his team yet another trip to the SWAC Championship Game. SU finished the season ranked #20 nationally. Shockingly, however, the SWAC's longest-tenured HC resigned three days after the Grambling State victory on April 20th leaving for Norfolk State. Jason Rollins, who was previously an associate HC at FBS UTSA for two seasons, will assume the role of Interim HC while SU continues to try and find a replacement for Odums. They do return the nation's best FCS defensive player, a very solid defense overall, an experienced and skilled OL, and a productive running game. Troy returns 18 starters but does have a big game vs Liberty on deck. Under coach Chip Lindsay, Troy has won 8 games vs FBS teams in his 2 years and all have been by big margins with the average win by 27.4 ppg! Surprisingly he is 0-2 ATS vs FCS teams beating Campbell 43-14 (-36') in his first game and ECU 31-29 (-29') last year. Coming off a pair of losing seasons I would expect him to put the hammer down like he normally does in wins and the unexpected coaching change may have Southern starting a little slow this year.</p>
Las Vegas Total	56.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Troy By 51.2	
Game Grade	Troy By 42.0	
Computer Yards	Troy 739--8	
Computer Points	Troy 46-13	
Phil Steele	Troy by 42	
		Troy 51 Southern 9

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	N Texas By 17.5	<p>These 2 were actually Southland Conference rivals when they last met in 1994. HC Littrell is 5-0 SU 3-2 ATS vs FCS foes, winning by 29 ppg. The Demons went 1-5 in spring. NWSt is 3-8 ATS vs FBS foes. Coach Brad Laird inherited a 4-7 team that was -76 ypg (-64 ypg conf). In his first year he went 4-7 and was -56 ypg but cut it to -30 ypg in Southland play. In 2019 his second team went 4-7 and was -32 ypg and just -15 ypg in conference play. Last year they lost their QB, top two RB and top 2 WR. They lost their first 5 games of the spring but had losses by 7, 3, 8 and 8. They were -24 ypg in Southland play and did beat Incarnate Word in a shootout in the season finale 49-47 to finish 1-5. This year they have 7 starters back on offense and 9 on defense. Seth Littrell has guided North Texas to 4 bowls in 5 years but twice got there despite a losing season. They were 4-6 last year but have 19 returning starters. They did lose top RB Oscar Adaway in the fall but are still strong. NTexas does have a big game vs SMU on deck and is 6-11 ATS as a HF the last 3 years. NW St is 2-1 ATS their last 3 vs FBS but had dropped the previous 4 ATS.</p>
Las Vegas Total	64.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	N Texas By 27.1	
Game Grade	N Texas By 24.6	
Computer Yards	N Texas 831-117	
Computer Points	N Texas 49-17	
Phil Steele	N Texas by 24	
		North Texas 48 Northwestern St 24

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Virginia By 33.5	<p>UVA has won the last 4 meetings by 24 ppg but W&M's last win over an FBS foe came in 2009 over the Cavs. UVA also lost to FCS Richmond in '16. In 2019 they brought in Mike London, who was the DL coach here from 1991-94. He led Richmond to their FCS Championship in 2008. He was the HC at Virginia from 2010-15 and spent the previous 2 years as HC at Howard. W&M opened up 2-0 vs FBS with a loss to London's old team Virginia week 2. After a close loss to East Carolina (19-7) they lost their first 4 Colonial games and were -130 ypg. They beat Elon and spanked Rhode Island 55-19 before losing to Towson 31-10. The Tribe beat rival Richmond in the final 21-15 for a 5-7 season and were +9 ypg in those last 4 to finish -60 ypg in Colonial action. Last year the Tribe lost 8 of their top 9 tacklers on defense. They lost a close one to Richmond to open the year but then beat Elon 31-10. With their season disrupted by Covid they lost their QB after week 2 and were banged up and played just one more game. It was versus powerhouse James Madison and lost 38-10 being outgained 460-187 their 5th straight losing season. Virginia is 2-3 ATS vs William and Mary but has covered their last 3 vs FCS teams winning by 40, 35 and 29. W&Mary is 8-5 ATS vs FBS teams but did lose in 2019 here 52-17 (+34.5). I think W&M is much improved this year and this game will be special for head coach London after being fired after 2015.</p>
Las Vegas Total	49.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Virginia By 14.2	
Game Grade	Virginia By 36.1	
Computer Yards	Virginia 761--3	
Computer Points	Virginia 56--4	
Phil Steele	Virginia by 17	
		Virginia 37 William & Mary 20

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Hawaii By 21.5	<p>These two have met 5 times, with Hawaii holding 4-1 record. Last met in 2000 when UH opened at home and lost 45-20. The Vikings only played 1 gm last year & last made the FCS playoffs in 2015. Portland St was led by run and shoot architect Mouse Davis from 1975-80, Jerry Glanville from 2007-09, Pac 12 commentator Nigel Burton from 2010-'14 and Bruce Barnum since 2015. Portland St was just 5-7 in 2019 losing to Boise St 45-10 and they have just 9 starters back from that squad. They only played one game in the spring which was a 48-7 loss to Montana. Hawaii is being bashed as not being a very good team this year after their TV loss to UCLA. Special teams really hurt them in that as they allowed a blocked punt for a TD and their P went to a knee scooping up a low snap and UCLA got the ball at the Hawaii 15 early. They struggled to run the ball but will have more success here vs a Vikings squad that has allowed 222 ypg rush and 7.1 ypc the last 3 games. Hawaii will not have fans in attendance for this but needs a feel good game and are a much stronger team than they showed last Saturday.</p>
Las Vegas Total	61.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Hawaii By 29.6	
Game Grade	Hawaii By 43.1	
Computer Yards	Hawaii 777--9	
Computer Points	Hawaii 45-10	
Phil Steele	Hawaii by 35	
		Best Bet: ★ Hawaii 45 Portland St 10

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Ga Southern By 32.5	<p>These two meet for the 4th time, with the last meeting back in '02 when GSthrn won 56-0. GSthrn has won 6 FCS national titles. The Runnin' Bulldogs have been an FCS team since '02 & have never made the playoffs. Georgia Southern offered GW HC Tre Lamb a scholarship out of HS. HC Tre Lamb, who was a decorated QB at Tennessee Tech ('08-'12), is entering his second season with Gardner-Webb. Lamb enjoyed a terrific start to his tenure, as his very first game as a HC at any level was an impressive 42-20 upset win over #24 Elon. GW has not experienced at least a .500 season since '13, and while only finishing the truncated spring season at 2-2, the '20-'21 season was a major building block for a program looking to establish credibility under the guise of a rookie HC. Georgia Southern has 8 starters back on both offense and defense but starting QB Justin Tomlin will miss the first two games. They lost outright to New Hampshire in 2017 but are 6-1 SU and 4-3 ATS vs FCS teams since 2014. Gardner Webb despite their losing seasons are a solid 5-2 ATS vs FBS teams but does lose their QB from the spring (only 3-7 ratio).</p>
Las Vegas Total	52.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Ga Southern By 53.8	
Game Grade	Ga Southern By 39.1	
Computer Yards	Ga Southern 747--67	
Computer Points	Ga Southern 49-3	
Phil Steele	Ga Southern by 35	
		Georgia Southern 38 Gardner-Webb 3

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	NL	<p>First meeting. South Carolina has hosted an FCS school each season from '08-'19. They lost to The Citadel in '15. The Panthers went 1-5 in spring and were 1-11 in '19 including a 55-0 loss to Indiana. Heading into the 2018 season, E.Illinois was off a 6-5 season and brought back 13 starters but finished 3-8. This forced a coaching change & EIU brought in long-time Northwestern assistant coach Adam Cushing. The first-year HC got back 11 starters in '19 but the Panthers went just 1-11. Last season the Panthers played 6 games in the spring and finished just 1-5 with their lone win coming against Tennessee Tech 28-20. Last week Eastern Illinois was +14 at Indiana St and trailed 10-0 early but it was 10-7 at the half. Ind St drove for a TD to open the 3Q 17-7 but Eastern went 87/4 for TD to pull back within 3. EIll missed a FG then drove to the Ind St 28 but gave up a 75 yard IR TD with 13:16 left. The Panthers went 75/19/10:20 for a TD with 2:56 left in a 24-21 loss. New QB Otto Kuhns hit 14-29-253 and Eastern Illinois had a 21-13 FD edge and 378-245 yard edge in the loss. South Carolina lost starting QB Luke Doty to injury in the fall and will start Zeb Noland who only hit 51% with a 5-5 ratio with North Dakota St before losing his job the last 3 games and was hired as a grad asst here in June. SC does have solid talent especially at RB. The Gamecocks are 10-1 SU their last 11 vs FCS teams but had lost 9 in a row ATS until beating Chatanooga 49-9 (-31) and Charleston Southern 72-10 (-36) the last two years. Eastern did upset Miami Ohio in 2016 and San Diego St in 2013 but is 0-6 SU and ATS in their other 6 matchups vs FBS foes since 2014.</p>
Las Vegas Total	NL	
+/- Ratings	S Carolina By 35.6	
Game Grade	S Carolina By 45.0	
Computer Yards	S Carolina 775--38	
Computer Points	S Carolina 50-7	
Phil Steele	S Carolina by 41	
		South Carolina 47 Eastern Illinois 6

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Middle Tenn By 7.5	<p>First meeting. Middle Tenn has won 6 straight against FCS opponents by 38 ppg and are 4-1 ATS. The Hawks went 3-1 in. They are 0-4 ATS vs FBS foes losing by an average of 27.5 ppg. Kevin Callahan is the only HC the program has ever known and is entering his 29th season. Callahan has compiled a record of 166-125 at Monmouth with seven conferences titles and three FCS playoff appearances. The last two seasons have seen Monmouth and Callahan hit another gear, as they have not lost a conference game, won their first FCS playoff game in '19, made the FCS playoffs back-to-back for the first time, and lost by just six points in the opening round of the playoffs this past spring to eventual national champion Sam Houston St. With 21 starters back from the spring they are a FCS title contender and almost unanimous selection to win the Big South. Middle is off a couple of disappointing seasons but add in two P5 RB's that opted out last year and just added a WR from Gardner Webb who had 1,000+ yards in 2019 and Charleston Southern K who hit 20-28 and was all Big South. Monmouth lost to Western Michigan 48-13 and Eastern Michigan 51-17 in their last 2 FBS matchups. Stockstill's offense is at its best with a passing QB and has had a running QB the last 2 years. Middle Tenn needs to gain some confidence and they get it with a solid win over a very good FCS team.</p>
Las Vegas Total	59.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Middle Tenn By 4.3	
Game Grade	Middle Tenn By 5.2	
Computer Yards	Middle Tenn 727-94	
Computer Points	Middle Tenn 44-24	
Phil Steele	Middle Tenn by 20	
		Middle Tennessee 44 Monmouth 24

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Oklahoma St By 36.5	<p>Bobby Petrino enters year #2 with Missouri State. This will be the 9th time the Pokes have hosted Missouri St in Stillwater. Most recent meeting was in '18, a 58-17 victory. Missouri St plays in the MVFC and went 5-5 last year, losing 1st Rd of FCS Playoffs. Missouri St played 3 games in the fall losing to Oklahoma 48-0 then dropping a pair of games to Central Arkansas by 7 and 6 points despite having a 37-26 FD edge and being +176 yards in the two games. The fall play gave them a step up when Spring came around and they took advantage beating Western Illinois 30-24 in the opener. After an expected loss to North Dakota St (25-0) they beat South Dakota on the road 27-24, upset Northern Iowa on the road 13-6 and got past Southern Illinois at home 30-27. They beat Youngstown St 21-10 which earned them their first conference title since 1990 at 5-1 tied for first with South Dakota St. Despite that they were on the road at North Dakota and were whipped 44-10 with just 185 yards offense finishing 5-5. Missouri St was 7-33 in MVFC play the 5 years prior to Petrino but amazingly earned a share of the MVFC title for the first time in 30 years! Naturally they rate a -4 on my Stock Market Indicator and did have 3 Net Close Wins last year and was -43 ypg in MVFC play so they were probably not as good as their record and it showed in the playoff game. They do however bring in some major transfers to bolster the team and some should have some big impacts like LB Dimitri Moore from Vandy, QB Jason Shelly from Utah/Utah St, WR Terique Owens from Florida Atlantic, DL Allen Love from Miss St, etc and should have a much improved offense, top notch defense and one of the MVFC's top ST units. Oklahoma St loses RB Chuba Hubbard, WR's Tylan Wallace and Dylan Stoner but did a lot of hitting in the spring and have a chip on their shoulder. OSU is 15-0 vs FCS teams winning the last 11 SU by 44.5 ppg. Gundy is 7-2 ATS in these games 43-28-3 ATS as a HF overall. Missouri St has lost their last 7 vs FBS teams by 46.2 ppg. Gundy should be motivated to match wits with Petrino.</p>
Las Vegas Total	51.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Oklahoma St By 29.8	
Game Grade	Oklahoma St By 43.8	
Computer Yards	Oklahoma St 796--69	
Computer Points	Oklahoma St 48-7	
Phil Steele	Oklahoma St by 42	
		Oklahoma St 49 Missouri St 7

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Memphis By 24.5	<p>Memphis has won eight straight vs FCS opponents since being upset by UT Martin 20-17 in '12. The Tigers added a game late last year against Stephen F. Austin and cruised to an easy 56-14 (-31) win. Nicholls entered 2019 off back-to-back winning seasons after going a decade without a winning season (6-5 in 2007). The Colonels went 14-4 in conference play in '18 & '19 and had come close to beating teams like Texas A&M (24-14 loss) in '17 and Georgia (26-24 loss) in '16. Nicholls did beat Kansas in '18 26-23 and finished 9-4 after a 41-24 second-round playoff loss to Eastern Washington. Expectations were high under 5th year HC Tim Rebowe (25-22), who had truly turned this program around in his time here. In '19, at 4-4 they reeled off 4 straight wins to make the playoffs then beat North Dakota in round one 24-6. Unfortunately, they ran into North Dakota St the next week and lost 37-13. Last year Nicholls lost their QB and top RB Julien Gums was banged up. They still opened 3-0 including wins over Lincoln (87-3) and Lamar (55-0). They only beat NW St 31-24 despite a 29-12 FD edge and +241 in yards and appeared ready for their showdown with Sam Houston St. Despite only being out FD'd 23-19 they were pounded 71-17. Nicholls recovered and beat Incarnate Word to move to 4-1 but lost their last two to finish 4-3. They had a 3-0 start where the Colonels were +385 ypg but they were actually -47 ypg in their 1-3 finish. Lindsay Scott stepped into the starter's role at QB last year and was dynamic with 1684 pass (58.1%) with a 18-7 ratio and was also the team's leading rusher with 557 (6.1). Julien Gums rushed for 1232 (5.8) in 2019 and was banged up last year but both return. Memphis was 8-3 last year and returns 8 starters on both offense and defense. Ryan Silverfield was just 1-4 ATS as a favorite last year and Memphis is 2-3 ATS their last 5 vs FCS teams. Nicholls did lose to Kansas St 49-14 (+21) and Texas St 24-3 (+4) in 2019 but were 4 1 ATS their previous 5 vs FBS. They did add 7 P5 transfers.</p>
Las Vegas Total	69.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Memphis By 9.2	
Game Grade	Memphis By 25.5	
Computer Yards	Memphis 808-50	
Computer Points	Memphis 51-23	
Phil Steele	Memphis by 24	
		Memphis 48 Nicholls 24

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Smu By 30.5	<p>SMU will open with an FCS opponent for the first time since '17 when they beat Stephen F. Austin 58-14 (-29). Ponies have won 4 of their last 5 vs FCS opponents but are only 2-3 ATS in those matchups. Adam Dorrell is entering his 5th season as the HC of the Wildcats and has gone 14-26 in those 4 seasons. Last season the Wildcats opened with road games at UTEP (nearly won in 17-13 loss) and at Army (lost 55-23). ACU lost to SF Austin before picking up their lone win of the season against Mercer 20-17. ACU would fall to D-II Angelo St and then dropped the finale at Virginia 55-15. Dorrell is 9-9 the previous 2 seasons in Southland Conference games & now the Wildcats are headed to the WAC & will play the "AQ7" teams this year before fully transitioning to WAC games in 2022. The biggest concern looking at the 2021 ACU Wildcats is their OLine. While they didn't produce great rush numbers and sacks were an issue at times, it is tough to replace losing 4 starters with experience. Since a loss to James Madison in 2015 is 3-0 vs FCS here with SMU and won those games by 42.6 ppg. Dykes is 6-4 ATS as a HF with SMU. Abeline Christian is a solid 7-2 ATS when facing an FBS school.</p>
Las Vegas Total	66.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Smu By 45.3	
Game Grade	Smu By 40.7	
Computer Yards	Smu 835-11	
Computer Points	Smu 54-10	
Phil Steele	Smu by 42	
		SMU 48 Abilene Christian 6

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Toledo By 37.5	<p>1st meeting. Spartans were supposed to play in the spring but opted out in February & their HC left in March. NSU finished 5-7 but that included a 24-21 loss to Old Dominion & 46-7 loss to Coastal Carolina. Norfolk St. has been mired in mediocrity since their last winning season in '11. NSU had posted a record of 4-7 in five of the previous seven seasons headed into '19. NSU went 5-7 in '19 and Dawson Odums (63-32 at Southern) took over in 2021 after Norfolk did not play in either last fall or this past spring. When not playing nearby rival Old Dominion, Norfolk is 0-10 vs FBS schools (4-4 ATS) with the average loss by 37.3 ppg. Toledo has won 11 in a row vs FCS schools (6-1 ATS) with the average win by 39.7 ppg.</p>
Las Vegas Total	58.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Toledo By 35.9	
Game Grade	Toledo By 99.7	
Computer Yards	Toledo 836--49	
Computer Points	Toledo 53-6	
Phil Steele	Toledo by 49	
		Toledo 55 Norfolk St 6

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Washington By 23.5	<p>Washington leads the series 17-1-1 (lone loss was 1st gm in 1920). Last time here ('17), UW rolled as they outgained Montana 506-163, out-FD'd them 25-10, had 6 sacks & scored 28 pts off of 4 TO's in a 63-7 win (-38'). The Grizzlies have not had a losing season since going 5-6 in 2012 but from 2016-2018, their seasons ended on with a loss to rival Montana St. That loss contributed to them missing the playoffs those 3 years. In 2019, they came into the Brawl of the Wild, at 9-3 off an upset of #3 Weber St but trailed 24-0 2Q and lost 48-14. They still made the playoffs and had a 1st week bye. They took their frustrations out on SE Louisiana winning 73-28. They then had a rematch with Weber St, in a defensive struggle in weather that included rain, fog & snow. They threw 5 int's & gave up a blocked punt TD in the 4Q to lose 17-10. They originally decided to sit out the spring season but scheduled 2 games in late, which increased their number of practices allowed from 15 to 29. They beat DII Central Washington 59-3 and beat Portland St 48-7. HC Bobby Hauck led Montana to 7 straight Big Sky Titles from 2003-'09 before becoming the HC at UNLV for 5 yrs. He then spent 3 yrs at SDSt as STC before returning as HC at 2018. In '19 Montana was +39.5 and only lost at Oregon 35-3. Washington beat EWash 47-14 in '19 (-22.5) and they are 16-0 vs FCS since 2000 and are 10-6 ATS. Washington is my #1 Surprise team this year but they do have a big game vs Michigan on deck.</p>
Las Vegas Total	54.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Washington By 36.2	
Game Grade	Washington By 23.8	
Computer Yards	Washington 786--98	
Computer Points	Washington 48-8	
Phil Steele	Washington by 35	
		Washington 45 Montana 10

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Vanderbilt By 21.5	<p>These two had never met until 2019 when Vandy won 38-3 (-20.5) on Senior Day. Vandy is 5-2 ATS when home opener is non-conf. The Buccanneers went 4-2 in spring. They were dormant from '03-'15. They were an Independent in 2015 going 2-9 that first year and -335 ypg vs SoCon foes. They were back in the SoCon in 2016 and went a respectable 5-6 and -150 ypg. They were 4-7 and -95 ypg in 2017. In Sanders first year they made GREAT strides going 8-2 before dropping a game vs Samford but still made the playoffs. They lost in the first round to Jacksonville St 34-27 despite a 436-421 yard edge. Surprisingly they fell to just 2-10 in 2019 going winless in the SoCon but were just -63 ypg. This spring they went 4-2 and were TRI-Champs in the SoCon and +30 ypg. All their games were close with wins by 7, 7, 7 and 4 and losses by 4 & 8. The shared title was their first since 1969 when they were in the OVC. They did defeat VMI the team that took the title and made the playoff. QB play will be the key this year as they have arguably the best run game and defense combo of any team in the league. You would think that Vandy would not overlook a FCS foe and they are 18-0 SU since 1999 vs FCS teams but just 1-6 ATS the last 7. ETST is 0-6 SU and 0-3 ATS vs FBS teams losing the last 3 by 43 ppg. Vandy has 17 returning starters led by QB Ken Seals but a new HC. This is the first home game for Clark Lea so he should be excited.</p>
Las Vegas Total	44.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Vanderbilt By 15.3	
Game Grade	Vanderbilt By 23.7	
Computer Yards	Vanderbilt 710-11	
Computer Points	Vanderbilt 34-10	
Phil Steele	Vanderbilt by 24	
		Vanderbilt 34 East Tennessee St 10

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Tcu By 49.5	<p>Prior to last year's loss to Iowa St, TCU had won 18 straight home openers. Horned Frogs have won 12 straight vs FCS foes s/'06. Duquense is a member of the NEC & went 4-1 in the FCS Spring season. Jerry Schmitt enters his 17th season at the helm of Duquesne. The Dukes have won 8 conference titles under Schmitt including 5 in the NEC and 2 playoff berths ('15 & '18). In '18 the Dukes went 8-3 in the regular season (+80 ypg vs FCS) with 2 losses vs FBS foes and a 1 pt loss. They won their first FCS playoff game vs Towson then were blown out by SDSU, finishing 9-3. In '19 the Dukes started 2-2, won 4 straight then lost their final 3, their 6-5 record was their worst since 2014. They won their first 4 games in spring but lost the NEC Title game to Sacred Heart, who they beat in the opener, despite a +91 yd edge. Only 7 starters returned in the spring for Duquesne, yet they were 4-0 before losing the NEC Title game despite a +91 yd edge. HC Schmitt is a veteran and has loaded his roster with 14 FBS transfers and with 16 starters back including 10 on defense, they will make another run at an NEC Title. They are 2-1 ATS vs FBS teams but only have faced Buffalo in '14, UMass and Hawaii. TCU is 12-0 SU vs the FCS since a loss to Northwestern St in 2001. They have won by 48.1 ppg but are just 5-5-1 ATS. TCU does have Cal on deck but are much better than most expect and are just 11-11 SU the last 2 years and need to gain confidence.</p>
Las Vegas Total	56.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Tcu By 43.7	
Game Grade	Tcu By 51.6	
Computer Yards	Tcu 838--106	
Computer Points	Tcu 54-3	
Phil Steele	Tcu by 49	
		TCU 52 Duquesne 3

Category	Team & Margin	Phil's Forecast:
Las Vegas Line	Utep By 19.5	<p>First meeting. UTEP is 2-6 ATS vs FCS opponents and last 3 wins were by combined 16 pts. UTEP played New Mexico St last week and was impressive. UTEP led 20-3 at half with 50, 72, 36, and 59 yard passes they rolled to a 30-3 win with a 452-190 yard edge. Bethune was projected to finish 2nd in the MEAC in 2019 but dropped 3 straight at the end of the Year and finished 4th. The Wildcats didn't play in '20. Bethune Cookman lost 63-0 at Miami in '19 but did cover 3 straight vs FBS in '17-'18. They lose their QB top 2 RB and top 2 receivers and return just 4 of the top 15 tacklers from '19. My computer has UTEP rolling to a 48-6 win and the spread is very manageable at 19.5. UTEP needs to flex their muscles early and with New Mexico and Old Dominion upcoming could open up 4-1. QB Hardison has an NFL caliber arm and WR's Cowing and Garrett can deliver the big plays. UTEP should have a decent crowd and enthusiasm and are taking on a team that has not played in two years and is down a lot of major weapons from that '19 squad.</p>
Las Vegas Total	51.5 Points	
+/- Ratings	Utep By 39.5	
Game Grade	Utep By 76.3	
Computer Yards	Utep 709--22	
Computer Points	Utep 42-6	
Phil Steele	Utep by 36	
		Utep 42 Bethune Cookman 6