

THE SCHEDULE PREDICTOR AVAILABLE ON PHIL STEELE PLUS

	VEGAS	Met Last year	Met Last year	Plus Minus	CURRENT	Phil	Situation	Strength	Action	Last 4 week	Last Time here	Last Time here	Technical	Conference			
Time (ET)	TV/Mobile	LINE	Last met Line	Last met Score	Power Ratings	Avg Game Grade	Preseason	Home TM	Revenge	Sked	Network	AGG	Line	Score	Angles	YPG	
North Carolina 41 at Virginia 14	12:00 PM CW	N Car 2	Virginia -3	North Carolina -17	Virginia -10	Virginia -10.8	Virginia -4.1	NC -3	0	NC Rev 3	Virginia 26	North Carolina -8.5	Virginia -16.7	North Carolina -7	North Carolina -3	Ohio 1 Series H	NC -6, -6-, DOG
Buffalo 16 at Ohio 47	12:00 PM CBSSN	Ohio 4	Ohio -5.5	Ohio -13	Ohio -16	Ohio -4.5	Ohio -11.1	Ohio -7	0	0	Ohio -13.8	Ohio -11.4	Buffalo -2	Ohio -21	Ohio -21		OH +119, -58
Notre Dame 51 vs Navy 14 (NJ)	12:00 PM ABC	ND 5	Notre Dame -14	Notre Dame -20	Notre Dame -39	ND -20.5	ND -23.2	Notre Dame -28	0	0	ND 109	Notre Dame -27.9	ND -17.6	Notre Dame -16	Notre Dame -3		0
Washington 17 at Indiana 31	12:00 PM BTN	Indy 3.5	Indiana -5	Did Not Meet Last Year		Indy -14.2	Indy -14.6	Indiana -3	0	0	Wash 47	Washington -11.8	Indy -14.6	Did Not Meet Last 3 Years		Indy 1 conf, H, A	0
Tulane 45 at North Texas 37	12:00 PM ESPN2	N Texas 1	Tulane -8	Tulane -14	Tulane -1	Tulane -7.3	Tulane -9.3	EVEN	0	0	Tulane 50	Tulane -14.3	Tulane -6.1	Did not Meet in '22 or '21			0
Charlotte 28 at Memphis 33	12:00 PM ESPNU	Charlotte 4.5	Memphis -17.5	Memphis -16	Charlotte +6	Memphis -27.5	Memphis -16.1	Memphis -17	0	0	Charlotte 50	Memphis -14.2	Charlotte +8.0	Did not Meet in '22 or '21		Char 3 HF, DDD, AD	Char +30, +18
Oklahoma 14 at Ole Miss 26	12:00 PM ESPN	Okl 2	Ole Miss -19.5	Did Not Meet Last Year		Ole Miss -18	Ole Miss -23.9	Ole Miss -3	0	0	Oklahoma 71	Mississippi -3.5	Ole Miss -25.8	Did Not Meet Last 3 Years			0
Nebraska 17 at Ohio St 21	12:00 PM FOX	0	Ohio St -25.5	Did Not Meet Last Year		Ohio St -28.5	Ohio St -28.8	Ohio St -17	0	0	Ohio St 29	Ohio St -30.9	Ohio St -32.4	Ohio St -20	Ohio St -15		0
Arkansas 58 at Mississippi St 25	12:45 PM SECN	Ark 1.5	Arkansas -7.5	EVEN	Miss St -10	Arkansas -5.5	Arkansas -7.6	Arkansas -3	0	Ark Rev 3	Miss St 25	Miss St -6.2	Arkansas -3.6	Mississippi St -9	Mississippi St -23	Ark 2 Away, HD	0
Georgia St 26 at App St 33	1:00 PM ESPN+	App St 2.5	App St -7	App St -4	App St -34	App St -12.2	App St -6.4	App St -21	0	0	App 25	App St -21.3	App St -2.3	App St -9	App St -25		0
Temple 34 at East Carolina 56	2:00 PM ESPN+	E Car 1.5	E Carolina -7.5	Did Not Meet Last Year		E Carolina -10.2	E Carolina -8.9	East Carolina -17	0	0	Temple 34	East Carolina -17.3	E Carolina -2.3	East Carolina -15	East Carolina -9		0
NIU 23 at Ball St 25	3:30 PM ESPN+	Ball St 2.5	NIU -12.5	NIU -3	Ball St -9	Ball St +5.2	NIU -11.5	EVEN	0	NIU Rev 2	Ball 25	N Illinois -5.4	NIU -19.7	NIU -4	EVEN	Ball 2 AF, Series Dog	0
Kent St 21 at Western Michigan 52	3:30 PM ESPN+	W Mich 2	W Michigan -19	Did Not Meet Last Year		W Mich -25.5	W Mich -23.7	WMU -13	0	0	Kent 25	W Mich -17.9	W Mich -17.8	W Michigan -6	W Michigan -33	Wmich 1 AD	0
Maryland 23 at Minnesota 48	3:30 PM FS1	0	Minnesota -5	Did Not Meet Last Year		Minnesota -6.3	Minnesota -1.7	Minnesota -4	0	0	Mary 12	Minnesota -0.4	Minn -6.6	Minnesota -4	Minnesota -18	Minn 1 AD	0
Texas Tech 34 at TCU 35	3:30 PM FOX	TCU 1	TCU -6	TCU -3	Texas Tech -1	TCU -3.3	TCU -12.4	TCU -10	0	Rev 2 TCU	TCU 17	TCU -2.1	TCU -13.8	TCU -8	TCU -10	TCU 2 H, A	TCU +42, +47
Missouri 0 at Alabama 34	3:30 PM ABC	Alabama 1.5	Alabama -16	Did Not Meet Last Year		Alabama -15.5	Alabama -17.6	Alabama -10	1	0	Alabama 98	Alabama -10.2	Alabama 10.2	Did Not Meet Last 3 Years		Alabama 2 A, HF	0
UTSA 45 at Tulsa 46	3:30 PM ESPN+	UTSA 3	UTSA -9	Did Not Meet Last Year		UTSA -9.3	UTSA -7.7	UTSA -10	0	0	0	UTSA -17.4	UTSA -19.8	Did Not Meet Last 3 Years			+138, -108
Bowling Green 41 at Toledo 26	3:30 PM ESPN+	Toledo 1	Toledo -2.5	Toledo -16	Toledo -7	Toledo -3	Toledo -4.2	Toledo -4	0	0	0	Bowling Green -0.5	Toledo -7.3	Toledo -15	Bowling Green -7	BG 1 AD	0
Illinois 9 at Oregon 38	3:30 PM CBS	Oregon 3.5	Oregon -21.5	Did Not Meet Last Year		Oregon -20	Oregon -22.4	Oregon -21	1.5	0	Oregon 46	Oregon -27.8	Oregon -27.5	Did Not Meet Last 3 Years			+159, -39
Northwestern 14 at Iowa 40	3:30 PM BTN	0	Iowa -14.5	Iowa -8	Iowa -6	Iowa -13.5	Iowa -15.2	Iowa -14	0	0	Iowa 29	Iowa -10.3	Iowa -15.1	Iowa -11	Iowa -20		0
Eastern Michigan 21 at Akron 25	3:30 PM ESPN+	Akron 2	E Michigan -2.5	Akron -3	Akron -6	E Mich -5.8	E Mich -3.9	EVEN	0	0	Akron 72	Eastern Mich -0.2	E Mich -2.5	E Michigan -7	E Michigan -6	EMich 1 Road,	EM +14, -71
Texas 27 at Vanderbilt 24	4:15 PM SECN	0	Texas -17.5	Did Not Meet Last Year		Texas -16.8	Texas -20.3	Texas -28	0	0	Vandy 17	Texas -3.2	Vandy +12.9	Did Not Meet Last 3 Years			0
ULM 17 at South Alabama 46	5:00 PM ESPN+	USA 2	S Alabama -7	South Alabama -16	S Alabama -54	S Alabama -6.5	S Alabama -15.3	S Alabama -17	0	0	0	S Alabama -12.7	S Alabama -17.8	S Alabama -17	S Alabama -7		0
West Virginia 31 at Arizona 26	6:00 PM FS1	W Virg 3.5	Arizona -5.5	Did Not Meet Last Year		W Virg -4	Arizona -0.6	Arizona -3	0	0	W Virg 20	Arizona -4.7	W Virg -5.1	Did Not Meet Last 3 Years			+46, -29 DOG
Utah 14 at Houston 17	7:00 PM ESPN+	Utah 2	Utah -4.5	Did Not Meet Last Year		Utah -3.5	Utah -1.5	Utah -18	0	0	Houston 35	Utah -7.4	Utah -0.1	Did Not Meet Last 3 Years			Utah +25, -88
Troy 31 at Arkansas St 34	7:00 PM ESPN+	0	Arkansas St -7.5	Troy -9	Troy -28	Ark St -8	Ark St -2.6	Arkansas St -4	0	0	Ark St 13	Arkansas St -0.7	Ark St -5.3	Troy -13	Troy -29		0
Michigan St 17 at Michigan 24	7:30 PM BTN	Mich 3	Michigan -3.5	Michigan -30	Michigan -55	Mich -6.5	Mich -2.7	Michigan -21	0	0	Mich 14	Michigan -31.4	Mich St -0.1	Michigan -22	Michigan -22		0
LSU 23 at Texas A&M 38	7:30 PM ABC	A&M 3.5	Texas A&M -1	LSU -5	LSU -6	LSU -1.8	TX A&M -1.9	Texas A&M -3	1.5	0	LSU 18	LSU -3.6	LSU -4.4	LSU -10	Texas A&M -15	A&M 2 Home 2, Away	A&M +87, +31
Penn St 28 at Wisconsin 13	7:30 PM NBC	Wisc 1.5	Penn St -6.5	Did Not Meet Last Year		Whisky -1.2	Penn St -4.6	Penn St -4	0	0	0	Penn St -16.1	Whisky -3.3	Wisconsin -5	Penn St -6		Wisc +166, +109
Auburn 24 at Kentucky 10	7:45 PM SECN	Auburn 1	Kentucky -1	Did Not Meet Last Year		Kentucky -7.5	Kentucky -4.8	Kentucky -3	0	0	Kentucky 35	Auburn -2.9	Kentucky -4.5	Did Not Meet Last 3 Years		Aub 2 AD, HomeSEC	Aub +44, -39
Kansas 27 at Kansas St 29	8:00 PM ESPN2	Kan St 3	Kansas St -9.5	Kansas St -15	Kansas St -10	Kansas St -20.3	Kansas St -13.2	Kansas St -10	0	0	Kan St 24	Kansas St -6.4	Kansas St -14.4	Kansas St -11	Kansas St -20	Kan St 2 Series, HF	0
Cincinnati 23 at Colorado 34	10:15 PM ESPN	0	Colorado -6.5	Did Not Meet Last Year		Colorado -11.3	Colorado -5.8	EVEN	0	0	Colorado 4	Colorado -7.9	Colorado -7.9	Did Not Meet Last 3 Years			0
YEAR TO DATE BEST BETS	76-49		70-56	65-72	65-43	79-49	80-47	73-43	41-20	56-49	41-41	55-41	31-15	42-25	41-22	29-20	
Year to Date Non Best Bet records	60-34		165-174		17-11	281-298	267-257	236-228	9-12	39-44		14-6	146-181	134-147	37-33	31-20	
NOTES 2 YEARS	76-49		107-91	136-132	108-76	118-78	117-88	137-91	89-40!!	94-71	72-61	99-67	31-15	42-25	41-22	29-20	

CONSENSUS
BEST BETS
76-49

CONSENSUS
ALMOST
BEST BETS
60-34

-2024 FINAL RECORDS-

REVENGE
BEST BETS
89-40
2 YEARS!

STRENGTH OF
SCHEDULE
BEST BETS
94-71

LAST 4 YEARS
AGG
BEST BETS
99-67 ('23-'24)

SITUATION
BEST BETS
137-91

TECHNICAL
ANGLES
41-22

CONF YPG
BEST BETS
29-20

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EXPLAINING THE SCHEDULE PREDICTOR

On the page to the left is the Schedule Predictor with the records from last year. Here are the categories and what each column means.

THE VEGAS LINE - These are the current lines on this weeks' games and the final lines for all of the previous games during the year. This is updated every morning to give you the latest lines and past games remain there all year with the final lines.

SCORES AND SCHEDULE - We list the scores of each game and the team in BOLD is the team that covered that game against the spread. We update all the Times and TV stations each game is on and update the lines during the week and update the final Saturday numbers as well. After the games we bold the spread winners and put in the scores. These remain up there all year so you can use as reference and to help fill in your magazine with scores and lines.

LAST MET LINE - These are complete. Basically, if a team was -10 at home last year and are now in the road the line would be -4 as you would take away the 3-point home edge from the previous meeting and add 3 to the now home team for a 6-point change. You can look at the line to see which team would be the choice of this category. If a block is in all Green it is at least 7+ point away from current line and is a Best Bet. In the sample to the left there were 5 Best Bets. Since the team names are in black they one and this example does give up a very good example of how you have to do the math. Michigan was -24' on the road in '23 and they would have been -30' at home. In '24 at home they were just -3' for a 27 point difference and hence a Best Bet. In '23 NIU was -9' at home and subtracting their 3 point home and adding 3 to Ball for being home they would only have been -3' at Ball. This year they were -12' at Ball which was a 9 point difference and while it says NIU -3 it is a Best Bet on the home dog Ball St. The team names in Green mean that the Last Met Line Category's pick covered. The teams in RED meant that the category lost its selection. Last year the Best Bets went 70-56 in this category and over two years this category is 107-91.

LAST MET SCORE - A six-point difference. Example if you lost by 3 on the road last year and are now at home you would win by 3 at home with the home field edge shift. If a block is in all Green it is 7+ point away from current line and is a Best Bet. In this example from October 26th last year this column had SIX best bets in this slice of game and went 6-0. In this example Notre Dame beat Navy by 39 at a neutral site in '23 and they were at a neutral site again and therefore would be projected to win by 39 again. Last year this was a Best Bet on ND and a winner. Last year this category went just 65-72 on Best Bets after going 71-60 the year before. If the teams did not meet last year it is in Black and a no play.

PLUS MINUS - I took my Plus Minus ratings on page 32 and added my home field edge from the home teams team page in the magazine to get to this number. The Plus Minus ratings change during the year. The future weeks have the opening plus minus and the current week has the current weeks rating. Any full GREEN block is a Best Bet but please note the line on the game. As an example last year it shows Ohio -4.5 and Ohio was 47-16 but it is in RED as a loss. That is because the line was Ohio -5.5 so the column was saying Buffalo would cover. If the name remains in black after the week that means that the Best Bet won and if the team's name is in red, the Best Bet lost. This gives you plays on almost every game with the Best Bets highlighted in Green. After the week was over the games that covered are in Green and the other in RED. In the small sample size above the Plus Minus games went 10-10 on these 20 games with the Best Bet for this category in the sample 5-1. In '23 the Plus Minus Best Bets went 45-34 during the season. Last year the Best Bets went 65-43 for a solid year. The games in Yellow are ALMOST Best Bets. and they went 17-11 last year.

AVERAGE GAME GRADE - This is updated weekly with the difference between each teams Average Game Grade and the home field edge added in. Any full GREEN block is a Best Bet but please note the line on the game. If the name remains in black after the week that means that the Best Bet won and if the team's name is in red, the Best Bet lost. In the example I list above the Best Bets went 3-1. The Average Game Grades are updated weekly on Phil Steele.com and I do the math for each game. I think the AGG is one of the best sets of Power Ratings out there. Last year the AGG Best Bets went 41-30 during the regular season. Last year the Average Game Grade Best Bets went 79-49. The smaller numbers are the non Best Bet games and those are the ones in White and not Green and they went 281-298 taking out the Best Bet record.

PHIL'S PRESEASON LINE AND ACTION NETWORK PRESEASON LINES - This is my personal Preseason line on every FBS vs FBS game and Action Network Preseason lines. These were the lines that were made over the summer prior to the season. I left the lines up there for a couple of reasons. A) I wanted to see how much difference there was between the preseason lines and the current lines to get an idea of how much they change during the year. B) I wanted to see if there was any value either playing on or against the line moves. I started making any difference of 10 points or more a "Best Bet" and this way we can see where the value is. During the year the Action Network Best Bets of lines they made in the preseason did well at 31-20 in '23. Collin Wilson was kind enough to let me share his preseason lines once again! Also I have MY personal line of every game for the entire season posted in the current Schedule with Numbers chart and you can access them now if you are a Phil Steele Plus member. Last year the Best Bets for my Preseason lines went 80-47!!

SITUATION A/B/C - This category will break down each team's situation. I will give each team an effort level of 1 to 5 depending what situation they are in. Each team has 15 points (3 points per week) for August 31 thru September, 15 points for the 5-week October and 15 for November. If a team uses a 5-effort level for one game they have just 10 points left for the other 4 games that month. This will help you discover when a team is playing its most important game of the month vs a team playing its third most important. If the

number is a POSITIVE number that means the advantage belongs to the home team. If the number is a NEGATIVE number that means the advantage belongs to the ROAD team. Any edge of 1.5 or -1.5 or more is regarded as a Best Bet which went 73-43 last year and 64-48 during the 2023 season.

REVENGE - If a game has a REVENGE 3 then that is a BEST BET on the team that LOST last year as 90% of the time they were favored to win. Revenge does not apply to just any team that lost last year it has to deal with if they were favored or if it cost them something major or something happened in the game (team scoring a TD in final seconds when could have taken a knee). Revenge 2 or Revenge 1 are for teams that lost last year but were not favored. I do not list it on any game as an example Kentucky lost to Georgia last year but they were very much expected to so they are not playing with revenge. In 2023 the REVENGE BEST BETS went a super 48-20 71%!!!! Last year it was another super year at 41-20 for a TWO YEAR record of 89-40 69%!!

STRENGTH OF SCHEDULE - This grades the current strength of schedule that each team has taken on this year. The Best Bet (GREEN) is on the team that is listed and it shows the edge. As an example, in the Chart to the left Miami Ohio had taken on the #57 toughest schedule with three P4 team including ND and 3 of the top MAC teams. Central Mich had taken on the #129 schedule with one P4 team, an FCS team and some weak G5 teams. Miami had a 72 schedule edge and won 46-7 and were only -11 because both teams came in with a 3-4 record. The Strength of Schedule plays went 55-41 last year and over two years are 94-71. After the week is over if the team is in Black they covered and if the team name is in RED they did not cover. Yellow is and almost Best Bet and Green Highlight is a Best Bet.

LAST 4 WEEKS AGG - At the start of the year I experimented with using the Last 4 weeks from the previous year and while the Best Bets were 3-1 the overall plays were 45-62. I will do that again this year for week 1 but take those numbers for what they are. The last 4 weeks is not listed in the magazine team pages but is listed on the Phil Steele Plus team pages. Naturally after 4 weeks the AGG of the last 4 weeks is the same as the AGG for the team for the season. Last 4 weeks AGG cannot start until after week 5 and they get stronger as the season goes on. This shows CURRENT form vs teams as it only counts the last 4 weeks and after 8 games would be 50% of the games counted and the early 50% not counted. This is listed on the bottom of every team in Phil Steele Plus and had a GREAT year in '23. Starting after week five these plays went 44-26 the last 4 weeks of the Regular Season!!! Last year these plays went 55-41 for the season. In the Example to the left they were 5-4 on Best Bets but this is one of my favorite columns and you can jump on a hot team late in the year that is undervalued. Ironically one of the losses was UTSA over Tulsa a game UTSA led 42-17 late 3Q but somehow lost. UTSA was one of the hottest teams down the stretch last year with that the only game they did not cover the last 6.

LAST TIME HERE LINE AND SCORE - This was an addition in 2024 as it will show the line the Last Time here or if they did not meet last year, in their last meeting adjusted with the 6 points if necessary. Check out Last time Met and Line and Score for more detailed explanation. The Last time Here Line Best Bets went 31-15 last year and the Last time Here Score Best Bets went 42-25. I did not pay close attention to these columns as they were new last year and rarely used them on the Phil Steele Plus Tour with Selections but I will pay closer attention to them this year especially if they are having the same type of results.

TECHNICAL ANGLES - This was an a new addition last year and did well. If there is a strong angle in favor of a HF, HD, AF, AD, Home, Away, Fav, Dog, Conf Fav etc, I will note what the angle is. To see the record just go to the Team page (see example pg 48) and open up last 10 years SU & ATS results and you will see what each angle is. There is not enough space on the Schedule Predictor to list each angle but to have access to the schedule predictor are a Phil Steele Plus Member and have access to each of those pages. Last year in their first year the Best Bets (GREEN) for the Technical Angles went 41-21 with the Almost Best Bets (YELLOW) going 37-33.

CONFERENCE YPG - This was an a new addition for 2024. I have a full page for the Conference YPG this year (pg 45) and I refer to it often in the magazine pointing out underrated and overrated teams. This is only available later in the year after teams have multiple conference games under their belt. Last year the Best Bets GREEN went 29-10 but the almost Best Bets (YELLOW) had an even better record at 31-20!

CONSENSUS BETS BETS - This was an a new addition last year as well. I noticed how well the individual Best Bets for each category were doing and wondered how it would be if two agreed on the same game or even better 3, 4 or 5 were all on the same side. If Best Bets were on different teams they cancel each other out. Well, I was very pleased with the results. When 1.5 or 2 Best Bets were on the same team I made it an Almost Best Bet in YELLOW. When 3 or more were on the same team I made it a Best Bet (GREEN). The Best Bets went a super 76-49 on the year and the Almost Best Bets went 60-34! Make sure you check out the Schedule Predictor each week! Whether you are a self handicapper or just want some solid weekly selections as long as you are a Phil Steele Plus member you get all this information for FREE and updated daily!!!

