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SEC			BIG TEN			BIG 12			PAC-12			ACC			AAC		
Start	Current		Start	Current		Start	Current		Start	Current		Start	Current		Start	Current	
Georgia	125	142	Ohio St	135	143	Oklahoma	139	144	Washington	138	134	Clemson	138	143	Memphis	122	130
Alabama	141	140	Penn St	137	139	Oklahoma St	133	132	USC	137	132	Louisville	123	130	UCF	109	129
Auburn	128	136	Wisconsin	137	138	TCU	123	132	Stanford	127	130	N Carolina St	127	129	USF	120	119
LSU	130	132	Northwestern	124	131	Iowa St	120	129	Oregon	123	126	Boston College	116	128	Houston	119	117
Missouri	117	124	Michigan	125	129	Kansas St	133	126	Wash St	124	124	Miami, FL	133	127	Temple	116	115
Miss St	117	123	Michigan St	112	127	Texas	118	126	Utah	117	123	Virginia Tech	127	126	Navy	117	115
S Carolina	113	121	Iowa	121	124	West Virginia	118	122	Arizona St	113	122	Wake Forest	119	125	SMU	110	112
Texas A&M	119	120	Purdue	111	122	Texas Tech	120	121	UCLA	118	121	Duke	119	125	Tulane	107	109
Mississippi	116	119	Indiana	113	118	Baylor	119	113	Arizona	113	120	Florida St	138	125	Tulsa	116	104
Florida	128	116	Minnesota	123	112	Kansas	108	97	California	112	118	Pittsburgh	120	123	Cincinnati	111	100
Kentucky	121	112	Nebraska	115	110				Colorado	118	115	N Carolina	119	118	Connecticut	96	99
Arkansas	120	111	Maryland	106	107				Oregon St	120	104	Georgia Tech	123	118	E Carolina	101	97
Vanderbilt	119	110	Rutgers	102	104												
Tennessee	122	105	Illinois	104	102												

MOUNTAIN WEST			CUSA			MAC			SUN BELT			INDEPENDENT		
Start	Current		Start	Current		Start	Current		Start	Current		Start	Current	
Boise St	108	120	FAU	97	120	Toledo	112	122	Arkansas St	112	109	Notre Dame	130	128
San Diego St	117	118	FIU	103	109	C Michigan	106	115	Georgia St	96	91	Army	110	114
Fresno St	99	117	North Texas	98	108	N Illinois	109	115	Louisiana	103	92	UMass	98	105
Colorado St	119	111	Marshall	99	107	Ohio	109	112	S Alabama	96	97	BYU	121	103
Utah St	104	111	Middle Tenn	98	107	E Michigan	106	109	Texas St	81	86			
Air Force	105	108	S Miss	104	106	W Michigan	118	109	Troy	105	114			
Wyoming	109	107	La Tech	114	106	Buffalo	99	108	ULM	96	100			
Nevada	108	106	UAB	95	105	Akron	101	107	Idaho	106	99			
UNLV	98	100	UTSA	111	103	Miami, OH	116	107	N Mexico St	102	99			
New Mexico	106	97	WKU	124	100	Bowling Green	106	99	Appalachian St	113	111			
Hawaii	103	91	Old Dominion	107	98	Kent St	102	91	Georgia Southern	95	95			
San Jose St	103	85	Rice	102	91	Ball St	101	83	Coastal Carolina	92	96			
			Charlotte	90	88									
			UTEP	93	84									

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NEW ORLEANS BOWL

Saturday, December 16, 2017 • 1:00 pm ESPN • Mercedes-Benz Superdome • New Orleans, LA
TROY (10-2)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
TROY	129	303	25	-8	-	#117
NORTH TEXAS	171	277	36	+4	✓✓✓	#94

NT has a slight edge on OFF but Troy has a big edge on D, especially at DL. PP is calling for the Mean Green to pull off the outright upset, but we disagree and lean with the Trojans.

NO PLAY: NORTH TEXAS 36 TROY 25

CURE BOWL

Saturday, December 16, 2017 • 2:30 pm CBS • Camping World Stadium • Orlando, FL
WKU (6-6)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
WKU	55	387	27	-6	✓✓	#128
GEORGIA STATE	131	245	21	-7	-	#124

While GSt did face the tougher sked, none of their wins came over bowl opp's. The 'Toppers finished with just 1 win over a bowl foe but of their 6 losses, 4 came against bowl teams and 2 came against P5 foes. WKU has the edge on OFF, D & ST's. QB White has played his best in the 2nd half of the season. PP agrees with Vegas for the MOV, with the scoring finishing slightly under the total.

2★ UNDER THE TOTAL

LAS VEGAS BOWL

Saturday, December 16, 2017 • 3:30 pm ABC • Sam Boyd Stadium • Las Vegas, NV
BOISE STATE (10-3)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
BOISE STATE	109	244	26	+12	✓✓✓✓	#68
OREGON	250	191	35	+1	-	#58

The Broncos and Ducks had nearly the same sked strength TY at #68 and #58 respectively. Oregon cashed 5 out of their 7 gms with Herbert starting under center, but they lost HC Taggart (new HC at Fla St). Boise is 2-0 ATS as a dog in '17 and has covered 6 of their past 8 bowl matchups against P5 schools. PP leans with Oregon in a higher than expected scoring affair, but we disagree.

NO PLAY: OREGON 35 BOISE ST 26

NEW MEXICO BOWL

Saturday, December 16, 2017 • 4:30 pm ESPN • Dreamstyle Stadium • Albuquerque, NM
MARSHALL (7-5)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
MARSHALL	148	257	26	-6	✓	#99
COLORADO STATE	181	265	26	0	-	#114

CSU has a huge edge on OFF but has struggled in past bowl games. Marshall has great success in bowl games and comes in with a huge edge on D as well as the ST's edge. The Herd has the ability to limit the Rams' OFF and the Rams struggle on D. We like the dog in this matchup and PP is calling this game even. CSU is also on an 0-6 ATS run.

3★ MARSHALL 26 (+) COLORADO ST 26

CAMELLIA BOWL

Saturday, December 16, 2017 • 8:00 pm ESPN • Crampton Bowl • Montgomery, AL
MIDDLE TENNESSEE (6-6)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
MIDDLE TENNESSEE	111	292	28	-12	-	#122
ARKANSAS STATE	161	326	31	-1	-	#130

Ark St has the edge on OFF & ST's. While MT has the edge on D, Ark St is much better against the pass as MT is just #94 in pass eff D. Both teams have veteran QB's and their OFF's hit their stride at the end of the ssn. We find it hard to go against either team since they both played their best ball at the end of the season and PP has this game finishing right at the opening line.

NO PLAY: ARKANSAS ST 31 MIDDLE TENNESSEE 28

BOCA RATON BOWL

Tuesday, December 19, 2017 • 7:00 pm ESPN • FAU Stadium • Boca Raton, FL
AKRON (7-6)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
AKRON	80	245	21	+10	-	#81
FAU	308	224	39	+13	✓✓✓✓✓	#89

After steamrolling their competition in CUSA play, FAU gave a lukewarm reception to playing in this bowl game. While FAU does have homefield advantage, and early reports say that ticket sales have been outstanding, this is also the largest line of any bowl game at over 3 td's. We don't feel comfortable laying that many points and PP's agrees with us and leans with the dog.

2★ AKRON 21 (+) FAU 39

FRISCO BOWL

Wednesday, December 20, 2017 • 8:00 pm ESPN • Toyota Stadium • Frisco, TX
LOUISIANA TECH (6-6)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
LOUISIANA TECH	221	238	34	+7	-	#103
SMU	190	313	41	+10	-	#67

LT has a big edge on D, but SMU has a huge edge on OFF as well as the location edge, being just 24 miles away. SMU has faced our #67 toughest sked and while they only have wins over 2 bowl teams, they did beat CUSA West champ NT by 22. LT has just one win over a bowl foe and faced our #103 sked. PP calls for the Ponies to win by a td, and we feel they'll win by at least that margin.

1★ SMU 41 LOUISIANA TECH 34

GASPARILLA BOWL

Thursday, December 21, 2017 • 8:00 pm ESPN • Tropical Field • St Petersburg, FL
TEMPLE (6-6)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
TEMPLE	169	256	34	-6	-	#78
FIU	160	227	30	-1	✓	#105

With FIU's D struggling down the stretch and Temple's OFF improving as the ssn went along as QB Nuttle became more comfortable, we feel the score will be higher than expected and PP's agrees.

4★ OVER THE TOTAL

BAHAMAS BOWL

Friday, December 22, 2017 • 12:30 pm ESPN • Thomas Robinson Stadium • Nassau Bahamas
UAB (8-4)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
UAB	114	190	27	+4	-	#129
OHIO	237	178	35	-4	✓✓✓✓✓	#119

UAB's OFF struggled considerably in their L/3 gms. While being held to just 180 yds vs Fla wasn't surprising, they were also held to just 265 yds vs UTSA & their 334 yds vs UTEP was 123 yds less than the Miners allow on avg. OU's huge ST's advantage should set up short fields and/or extra points being scored. PP expects this to be a high scoring affair and we agree.

2★ OVER THE TOTAL

FAMOUS IDAHO POTATO BOWL

Friday, December 22, 2017 • 4:00 pm ESPN • Albertson's Stadium • Boise, ID
CENTRAL MICHIGAN (8-4)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	142	224	24	+8	-	#107
WYOMING	133	174	19	+16	✓✓	#111

While CM does have a huge edge on OFF & the D's are nearly even, WY has the coaching edge, a big crowd edge and a huge ST's edge. PP is calling for CM to pull off the outright upset in a low scoring affair. We also like the dog and CM enters full of confidence having won 6 of 7 incl 5 straight.

3★ CENTRAL MICHIGAN 24 WYOMING 19

BIRMINGHAM BOWL

Saturday, December 23, 2017 • 12:00 pm ESPN • Legion Field • Birmingham, AL
TEXAS TECH (6-6)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
TEXAS TECH	150	326	36	+11	-	#14
USF	226	229	33	+9	✓✓✓	#120

While the OFF's are even, USF has sizeable edges on D and ST's. QB Flowers is a dangerous dual threat and with this being the final gm of his career, will no doubt look to put up superior numbers vs a P5 foe. The last dual threat QB TT had to defend was TCU's Robinson & he avg 8.4 ypc. PP is calling for TT to pull off the outright upset, but we disagree and lean with USF.

NO PLAY: TEXAS TECH 36 USF 33

ARMED FORCES BOWL

Saturday, December 23, 2017 • 3:30 pm ESPN • Amon G Carter Stadium • Fort Worth, TX
SAN DIEGO STATE (10-2)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
SAN DIEGO STATE	208	150	27	+8	-	#97
ARMY	288	55	24	+4	✓	#100

Both teams feature a dominant rush attack. SDSSt defends the rush well and HC Long is 11-1 SU/8-4 ATS vs option teams. SDSSt has the edge on OFF & D. Army has the ST edge and has a history of playing well in the Lonestar State. The Aztecs have a month layoff prior to this game while Army just ply'd 2 weeks ago. PP leans with the dog, but we'd rather just sit back and watch.

NO PLAY: SAN DIEGO ST 27 ARMY 24

DOLLAR GENERAL BOWL

Saturday, December 23, 2017 • 7:00 pm ESPN • Ladd-Peebles Stadium • Mobile, AL
APPALACHIAN STATE (8-4)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
APPALACHIAN STATE	218	172	26	+8	-	#126
TOLEDO	184	276	33	+5	✓✓✓	#102

While App St has the edge on D, Toledo has sizeable edges on both OFF & ST's. App St finished a respectable #40 in our pass eff D rankings, but they did allow CC & ULM QB's to complete 67% w/a 5-1 ratio & Toledo QB Woodside is the best in the MAC. PP has this gm finishing near the opening line.

NO PLAY: TOLEDO 33 APPALACHIAN ST 26

HAWAII BOWL

Sunday, December 24, 2017 • 8:30 pm ESPN • Aloha Stadium • Honolulu, HI

FRESNO ST (9-4)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
FRESNO STATE	86	284	16	+8	✓	#76
HOUSTON	137	230	15	-2	-	#84

UH has the edge on OFF while Fresno St has the edge on D along with a slight ST's edge. The Bulldogs have the added advantage of having played on the Islands earlier this year when they beat Hawaii. PP calls for Fresno to barely pull the outright upset in a low scoring affair. We also feel this game will finish low scoring as 18 of these teams' 23 games have gone under the total.

4.5★ UNDER THE TOTAL

HEART OF DALLAS BOWL

Tuesday, December 26, 2017 • 1:30 pm ESPN • Cotton Bowl Stadium • Dallas, TX

UTAH (6-6)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
UTAH	192	244	23	-1	✓✓✓✓✓	#41
WEST VIRGINIA	149	255	30	-5	-	#39

PP calls for WV to win by a td but nothing else about this projection gives us a good reason to play the Mountaineers. The forecast calls for Utah to hold a 436-404 yd edge along with a huge ST's edge. Also, HC Whittingham is 9-1 SU/7-3 ATS in bowls and QB Grier is a ? due to inj (CS).

NO PLAY: WEST VIRGINIA 30 UTAH 23

QUICK LANE BOWL

Tuesday, December 26, 2017 • 5:15 pm ESPN • Ford Field • Detroit, MI

DUKE (6-6)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
DUKE	145	224	27	+1	-	#57
NORTHERN ILLINOIS	142	131	16	-3	✓✓	#106

This is Duke's 1st time as chalk in a bowl game since Steve Spurrier was their HC in 1989. NIU has the ST's edge and while their sked has been weaker, they've fared well against Power 5 foes (7-1 ATS). PP calls for Duke to win by double digits in a low scoring affair and we completely agree the Blue Devils have gone under the total in 8 of their L/10.

2★ UNDER THE TOTAL

CACTUS BOWL

Tuesday, December 26, 2017 • 9:00 pm ESPN • Chase Field • Phoenix, AZ

KANSAS STATE (7-5)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
KANSAS STATE	251	185	35	+11	✓✓✓✓✓	#59
UCLA	78	353	27	-9	-	#8

PP calls for KSt to win by just over a td despite only being +5 yds. The difference in this game could very well be the 'Cats HUGE ST's edge. UCLA's D has struggled to stop the run and Kansas St is projected to hold a 251-78 rush yd edge. The 'Cats also hold the TO edge. For all of these reasons we agree with the MOV and will play KSt who is laying less than a fg.

3★ KANSAS STATE 35 UCLA 27

INDEPENDENCE BOWL

Wednesday, December 27, 2017 • 1:30 pm ESPN • Independence Stadium • Shreveport, LA

SOUTHERN MISS (8-4)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
SOUTHERN MISS	128	212	20	0	-	#127
FLORIDA STATE	157	161	35	-7	✓✓✓	#13

PP calls for FSU to win by just over 2 td's which is right at the current line. The projection doesn't take into account FSU's recent coaching change and we feel SM keeps this closer than expected.

NO PLAY: FLORIDA ST 35 SOUTHERN MISS 20

PINSTRIPED BOWL

Wednesday, December 27, 2017 • 5:15 pm ESPN • Yankee Stadium • Bronx, NY

IOWA (7-5)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
IOWA	185	120	24	+4	✓✓✓	#5
BOSTON COLLEGE	210	134	17	+8	-	#9

PP calls for Iowa to win by a td despite being outgained 344-305. The Hawkeyes have the ST's edge and both have played equally tough schedules. BC has covered their L/9 games incl 3 outright upsets. The Eagles also have a huge location edge playing in Yankee Stadium in NYC. We agree with the yards forecast but completely disagree with the final score so this is a no play.

NO PLAY: IOWA 24 BOSTON COLLEGE 17

TEXAS BOWL

Wednesday, December 27, 2017 • 9:00 pm ESPN • NRG Stadium • Houston, TX

TEXAS (6-6)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
TEXAS	134	327	30	+4	-	#29
MISSOURI	153	283	30	-4	✓	#82

Texas enters the bowl extremely angry after losing to in-state rival TT in the finale and HC Herman has put a premium on this game. While MO has covered 7 of their L/8 but have played a much weaker schedule. PP calls for TX to have a 461-436 yd edge but can't predict a winner. We feel the long layoff hurts the momentum Missouri built and the Tigers lost OC Heupel who took the HC job at UCF. The crowd edge will heavily favor Texas and HC Herman is 9-1 as a dog w/6 outright upsets.

1★ TEXAS 30 (+) MISSOURI 30

FOSTER FARMS BOWL

Wednesday, December 27, 2017 • 8:30 pm FOX • Levi's Stadium • Santa Clara, CA

ARIZONA (7-5)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
ARIZONA	261	193	31	+4	✓	#70
PURDUE	220	242	36	+3	-	#22

AZ has the edge on OFF & ST along with the crowd edge. Purdue has a huge edge on D and has played a much tougher schedule. PP calls for Purdue to pull the outright upset with a 462-454 yard edge. HC Brohm showed loyalty in staying with the Boilermakers. We also lean with Purdue who is 4-2 as a dog with 2 outright upsets.

4★ PURDUE 36 ARIZONA 31

MILITARY BOWL

Thursday, December 28, 2017 • 1:30 pm ESPN • Navy-Marine Corps Stadium • Annapolis, MD

VIRGINIA (6-6)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
VIRGINIA	66	244	24	+3	-	#49
NAVY	331	43	28	-6	-	#50

While Navy does have the home field edge, UVA will be excited for their first bowl game in 6Y. PP calls for Navy to win by just over a fg in a much lower scoring game than expected. While we don't agree with the MOV, we do agree with the points projection as HC Mendenhall knows how to defend the option from his days at BYU and held GT to 220 (4.2) rush yds earlier this year.

1★ UNDER THE TOTAL

CAMPING WORLD BOWL

Thursday, December 28, 2017 • 5:15 pm ESPN • Camping World Stadium • Orlando, FL

VIRGINIA TECH (9-3)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
VIRGINIA TECH	145	239	29	+7	✓✓✓✓✓	#66
OKLAHOMA STATE	104	369	34	+1	-	#56

While OSU has the edge on OFF, VT has large edges on D and ST's. Hokies' DC Foster is 1 of the best in the biz and with time to prepare will mix in a healthy dose of effective blitzes to keep the Pokes OFF unbalanced. HC Fuente is 7-3-1 as a dog. PP calls for this gm to finish near the line.

NO PLAY: OKLAHOMA STATE 34 VIRGINIA TECH 29

ALAMO BOWL

Thursday, December 28, 2017 • 9:00 pm ESPN • Alamodome • San Antonio, TX

STANFORD (9-4)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
STANFORD	127	141	13	+15	✓	#4
TCU	166	212	26	+4	-	#32

TCU has the stronger D and will have a huge crowd edge playing in their home state. PP calls for the Horned Frogs, who are favored by less than a fg, to win by nearly 2 td's with a 378-268 yard edge. We completely agree with the forecast as TCU is 4-1 ATS when favored by a td or less and Stanford struggled when playing away from home, going 1-5 ATS.

4.5★ TCU 26 STANFORD 13

HOLIDAY BOWL

Thursday, December 28, 2017 • 6:00 pm ESPN • SDCCU Stadium • San Diego, CA

WASHINGTON STATE (9-3)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
WASHINGTON STATE	-19	380	20	-2	-	#34
MICHIGAN STATE	157	169	23	+2	-	#17

PP calls for WSU to hold a 361-326 yd edge but MSU is projected to win by a fg while holding the Cougars to -19 rush yds. The Spartans have played the tougher schedule and their #23 pass eff D should disrupt QB Falk. In their L/2 bowls, WSU has scored just 32 total points, likely due to the long layoff messing with their timing so we will happily take the points

3★ MICHIGAN STATE 23 WASHINGTON STATE 20

BELK BOWL

Friday, December 29, 2017 • 1:00 pm ESPN • Bank of America • Charlotte, NC

WAKE FOREST (7-5)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
WAKE FOREST	202	286	38	+7	-	#19
TEXAS A&M	113	330	31	+4	✓✓✓	#45

WF will have a huge crowd edge play'g in their home state. PP calls for the Demon Deacons to hold a 488-443 yard edge and win by a td. While A&M has the ST's edge, WF has played the tougher schedule and has covered four of their L/5. The Aggies fired HC Sumlin so ST's cch Jeff Banks will be Interim HC (no previous bowl experience). We agree with the forecast and will lay the points.

2★ WAKE FOREST 38 TEXAS A&M 31

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
DENVER	267	75	192	11	-14	#22
INDIANAPOLIS	236	108	128	17	+3	#7

(DEN #30 vs IND #13, IND #32 vs DEN #2) - DEN ended their 8-gm skid LW against the Jets while the Colts fell in OT to BUF in a snowstorm. While PP calls for the Colts to earn a 6 pt win, DEN is projected with the yardage edge. **Grab this Thursday Night Marquee Winner at Noon ET gameday.**
NO PLAY: INDIANAPOLIS 17 DENVER 11

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
CHICAGO	331	141	190	24	-1	#32
DETROIT	378	75	303	24	+5	#5

(CHI #27 vs DET #30, DET #11 vs CHI #18) - The Bears head to DET following a dominating road performance in CIN. While the Lions are still in the mix for a playoff berth, the underdog has covered 7 of the past 9 in CHI games. With PP calling for a tie, we'll gladly take the points here.
3★ CHICAGO 24 (+) DETROIT 24

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
LA CHARGERS	420	114	306	24	+11	#31
KANSAS CITY	323	95	228	14	+8	#6

(LAC #1 vs KC #14, KC #9 vs LAC #4) - The Chiefs finally ended their 4-gm losing streak LW against the Raiders while the Chargers come in tied for the top spot in the AFC West following a win over WAS. With the Chargers forecasted for a 10 pt win as a 1 pt dog (420-323 yd edge), we see no problem backing them here as the visitor has covered 5 straight in the series.
4★ LA CHARGERS 24 KANSAS CITY 14

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
PHILADELPHIA	486	166	320	32	+8	#4
NY GIANTS	214	63	151	14	-3	#30

(PHI #3 vs NYG #27, NYG #31 vs PHI #1) - The Eagles head to NY sitting atop the NFC following a win over the Rams. That victory was costly however as QB Wentz appears to be done with a knee inj. With bkp QB Foles having 36 car sts under his belt, we agree with the forecast above.
3★ PHILADELPHIA 32 NY GIANTS 14

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
GREEN BAY	262	88	174	16	+6	#23
CAROLINA	375	175	200	29	-4	#16

(GB #26 vs CAR #22, CAR #10 vs GB #21) - The Panthers earned a crucial victory LW against the Vikings while the Packers kept their playoff hopes alive with an OT win over CLE. With no line as of presstime due to the availability of QB Rodgers returning from inj, we'll pass.
NO PLAY: CAROLINA 29 GREEN BAY 16

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
CINCINNATI	242	85	157	10	-8	#26
MINNESOTA	443	153	290	29	+1	#14

(CIN #29 vs MIN #6, MIN #7 vs CIN #31) - The Vikings saw their 8-gm winning streak end LW in Charlotte. The Bengals meanwhile were embarrassed by the Bears in CIN. PP calls for MIN to earn an easy 19 pt win and we agree as the yardage forecast is substantial (443-242 yds).
3.5★ MINNESOTA 29 CINCINNATI 10

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
MIAMI	308	121	187	21	-10	#13
BUFFALO	307	175	132	19	+4	#9

(MIA #17 vs BUF #12, BUF #22 vs MIA #28) - The Dolphins head up North following a MNF meeting with the Patriots. The Bills meanwhile are back at home after getting past the Colts in a snowstorm (3★ LP Winner on UNDER 39). With MIA just 1-7 ATS as an AD, we're a bit surprised that PP calls for them to get the outright road victory.
NO PLAY: MIAMI 21 BUFFALO 19

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
HOUSTON	323	111	212	16	-8	#19
JACKSONVILLE	413	158	255	32	+14	#18

(HOU #15 vs JAX #8, JAX #16 vs HOU #15) - The Jags continued to roll LW at home against the Seahawks while the Texans appear to be down to their 3rd string QB following an inj to Savage. PP calls for an easy JAX victory and we agree as they're on a 7-2 ATS run as a DIV HF.
2★ JACKSONVILLE 32 HOUSTON 16

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
NY JETS	283	99	184	16	-2	#27
NEW ORLEANS	413	126	287	38	+5	#11

(NYJ #21 vs NO #25, NO #5 vs NYJ #11) - NO returns to the Superdome with extra rest following a narrow loss to ATL last Thur. The Jets meanwhile where held to just 100 yds in a shutout loss to DEN. With PP calling for NO to earn a 22 pt win with a 413-283 yd edge, there's no reason to argue.
3★ NEW ORLEANS 38 NY JETS 16

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
ARIZONA	305	121	184	22	-3	#28
WASHINGTON	271	64	207	25	-4	#24

(ARZ #24 vs WAS #23, WAS #20 vs ARZ #3) - The Redskins suffered a 2nd straight embarrassing road performance LW against the Chargers. The Cardinals earned a 5 point home win over the Titans despite failing to reach the EZ. With WAS in an angry mood and the Cardinals failing to cover their last 5 as a NDIV AD, we'll disagree with the forecast and call for WAS to get more margin on the scoreboard.
NO PLAY: WASHINGTON 25 ARIZONA 22

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
BALTIMORE	327	115	212	29	+13	#2
CLEVELAND	342	98	244	18	-21	#29

(BAL #18 vs CLE #20, CLE #23 vs BAL #24) - The Ravens head to CLE after blowing a late 9 pt lead in PIT. The Browns blew a lead of their own (up 21-7 in 4Q) in the eventual OT loss to GB. PP calls for BAL to get the 11 pt win and we agree as they're on a 11-2 ATS run inside the AFC North.
2★ BALTIMORE 29 CLEVELAND 18

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
LA RAMS	339	87	252	24	+6	#1
SEATTLE	379	118	261	26	+5	#25

(LAR #19 vs SEA #19, SEA #13 vs LAR #29) - While both tms come in following losses, the Seahawks have an opportunity to take over the lead in the NFC West with a win. PP calls for SEA to claim a 2 pt victory with a 379-339 yd edge. With the forecast near the opening line, we'll pass.
NO PLAY: SEATTLE 26 LA RAMS 24

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
NEW ENGLAND	406	114	292	30	+9	#3
PITTSBURGH	401	117	284	24	0	#15

(NE #4 vs PIT #17, PIT #2 vs NE #7) - The Patriots head to PIT in a game that will likely determine who earns the #1 seed in the AFC. While NE is on short rest following MNF, the Steelers defense surrendered 38 pts LW against BAL in their 1st contest without LB Shazier. With NE forecasted for the 6 pt victory, we'll go ahead and agree as they're on an 11-3 ATS road run as of presstime.
1★ NEW ENGLAND 30 PITTSBURGH 24

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
TENNESSEE	294	126	168	15	-6	#10
SAN FRANCISCO	333	88	245	18	-5	#8

(TEN #28 vs SF #5, SF #6 vs TEN #9) - The Titans struggled LW in the desert against the Cardinals in the 12-7 defeat. The 49ers meanwhile earned the outright upset in HOU. PP gives the home squad the 3 point edge but with an opening line of -2, we'll pass.
NO PLAY: SAN FRANCISCO 18 TENNESSEE 15

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
DALLAS	346	140	206	24	+2	#21
OAKLAND	341	86	255	19	-10	#12

(DAL #25 vs OAK #10, OAK #14 vs DAL #26) - The Cowboys earned a 3★ LP Winner for us LW against the Giants while the Raiders' offense was held to just 15 pts & 268 yds in a loss to KC. While PP calls for DAL to earn the 5 pt win, keep in mind that they've had their share of struggles on the road so far TY. **Grab this Sunday Night Marquee Winner at 11am ET gameday.**
NO PLAY: DALLAS 24 OAKLAND 19

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
ATLANTA	396	127	269	23	-5	#17
TAMPA BAY	309	83	226	14	+4	#20

(ATL #12 vs TB #32, TB #8 vs ATL #16) - The Falcons have rattled off wins in 3 of their L/4 while the Bucs have dropped 3 straight following their home loss to DET. Despite being a 4-10-1 ATS as a DIV HD, the Bucs have won and covered 3 of the past 5 in this series. While PP calls for the Falcons to earn a 9 pt win, check back after Noon ET gameday to see who we side with.
NO PLAY: ATLANTA 23 TAMPA BAY 14

NFL STREAKERS

ATS WINS	ATS LOSSES	OVERS	UNDERS
New England 6	Indianapolis 3	Miami 7	Indianapolis 5
Green Bay 3	Pittsburgh 3	Carolina 4	NY Giants 4
	Tampa Bay 3	Green Bay 3	Oakland 4
			Buffalo 3
			LA Chargers 3
			San Francisco 3
			Tennessee 3

2017 NFL POWER RATINGS

TEAM	2017	TEAM	2017	TEAM	2017
1. NEW ENGLAND	107.9	12. TENNESSEE	99.7	23. HOUSTON	97.7
2. PITTSBURGH	106.9	13. LA CHARGERS	99.6	24. CHICAGO	96.8
3. PHILADELPHIA	106.4	14. DALLAS	99.5	25. CINCINNATI	96.5
4. LA RAMS	103.2	15. BALTIMORE	99.5	26. DENVER	96.0
5. SEATTLE	103.1	16. OAKLAND	99.3	27. MIAMI	95.8
6. MINNESOTA	102.9	17. DETROIT	99.1	28. TAMPA BAY	95.7
7. ATLANTA	102.7	18. GREEN BAY	99.0	29. INDIANAPOLIS	95.1
8. NEW ORLEANS	102.1	19. WASHINGTON	98.7	30. SAN FRANCISCO	94.2
9. CAROLINA	102.0	20. ARIZONA	98.5	31. NY GIANTS	89.9
10. JACKSONVILLE	101.8	21. NY JETS	98.0	32. CLEVELAND	87.4
11. KANSAS CITY	100.3	22. BUFFALO	97.9		

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SUN BOWL

Friday, December 29, 2017 • 2:00 pm CBS • Sun Bowl Stadium • El Paso, TX
NC STATE (8-4) **ARIZONA STATE (7-5)**

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
NC STATE	200	272	32	+5	-	#23
ARIZONA STATE	131	223	24	+5	✓✓✓	#25

While NCSt has clear edges on OFF & D, they have struggled as chalk this year, going just 1-7 ATS. ASU is 5-2-1 as a dog, having pulled 4 outright upsets. PP doesn't factor that into their numbers and is calling for NCSt to win by over a td. We disagree, making this a no play.
NO PLAY: NC STATE 32 ARIZONA ST 24

MUSIC CITY BOWL

Friday, December 29, 2017 • 4:30 pm ESPN • Nissan Stadium • Nashville, TN
KENTUCKY (7-5) **NORTHWESTERN (9-3)**

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
KENTUCKY	129	195	16	+5	✓	#52
NORTHWESTERN	203	218	33	+5	-	#61

NW is 1 of the hottest tms in the nation entering bowl ssn. They will have the edge on OFF and D, while KY will have an edge on ST's. This game is about matchups and NW should fare well. Their strength is a running attack on OFF, which KY struggles to defend the run. PP is projecting KY to only rush for 129 yds, which has us thinking that NW will control both lines of scrimmage. PP is calling for NW to win by over 2 td's and we completely agree.
4★ NORTHWESTERN 33 KENTUCKY 16

ARIZONA BOWL

Friday, December 29, 2017 • 5:30 pm CBS • Arizona Stadium • Tucson, AZ
NEW MEXICO STATE (6-6) **UTAH STATE (6-6)**

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
NEW MEXICO STATE	149	304	26	-1	-	#121
UTAH STATE	178	226	37	+4	✓✓✓✓✓	#98

NMSt has won 3 of their L4 and have to feel pretty fortunate to earn a bowl berth. PP is calling for UTSt to win by DD's. With neither team getting much margin on the scoreboard throughout the year, the smart money will be on the dog who's getting more than a FG as of presstime.
NO PLAY: UTAH ST 37 NEW MEXICO ST 26

COTTON BOWL

Friday, December 29, 2017 • 8:30 pm ESPN • AT&T Stadium • Arlington, TX
USC (11-2) **OHIO STATE (11-2)**

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
USC	105	262	26	+1	-	#24
OHIO STATE	231	270	41	+1	-	#18

This is a battle between two tms that had playoff aspirations entering the ssn. While OSU has the edge on OFF & D with ST's even, we find it hard to lay a full td, despite PP calling for the Buckeyes to win by over 2 td's. This should be the best non-playoff game of the bowl ssn & we expect a close gm.
NO PLAY: OHIO STATE 41 USC 26

TAXSLAYER BOWL

Saturday, December 30, 2017 • 12:00 pm ESPN • Everbank Field • Jacksonville, FL
LOUISVILLE (8-4) **MISSISSIPPI STATE (8-4)**

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
LOUISVILLE	246	240	35	+3	-	#71
MISSISSIPPI STATE	242	158	25	-2	✓✓✓	#21

Both teams have strong OFF's and MSt QB Fitzgerald is injured and out. While Thompson is inexperienced, he has plenty of prep time and ply'd well vs Ole Miss. Jackson is likely playing his last game here so expect some fireworks. PP is calling for the Cards to win by DD's and we agree.
2★ LOUISVILLE 35 MISSISSIPPI ST 25

LIBERTY BOWL

Saturday, December 30, 2017 • 12:30 pm ESPN • Liberty Bowl Stadium • Memphis, TN
IOWA STATE (7-5) **MEMPHIS (10-2)**

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
IOWA STATE	146	302	30	+11	-	#20
MEMPHIS	194	274	35	+14	✓✓✓	#88

While Memphis has an explosive OFF, ISU has proven capable to slow down the best OFF's in the B12. They held OU to 88 yds below their avg, TT to 144 yds below & OSU to 59 yds below. PP is projecting ISU to hold Memphis to 80 yds below their avg, with the MOV near the opening line.
NO PLAY: MEMPHIS 35 IOWA ST 30

FIESTA BOWL

Saturday, December 30, 2017 • 4:00 pm ESPN • University of Phoenix Stadium • Glendale, AZ
WASHINGTON (10-2) **PENN STATE (10-2)**

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
WASHINGTON	153	228	25	+11	-	#65
PENN STATE	143	252	35	+14	✓	#48

Washington has a slight edge on D, while PSU has a slight edge on ST's. PP is calling for PSU to win by DD's. The deciding factor goes to the Nittany Lions who have played a tougher schedule and has a considerable edge on OFF, so we have no problem backing PSU in this game.
4★ PENN ST 35 WASHINGTON 25

ORANGE BOWL

Saturday, December 30, 2017 • 8:00 pm ESPN • Hard Rock Stadium • Miami Gardens, FL
WISCONSIN (12-1) **MIAMI (10-2)**

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
WISCONSIN	175	195	26	+4	✓	#51
MIAMI	59	189	12	+15	-	#33

The Canes have an obvious advantage playing at home but the Badgers have the edge on OFF, D & ST's. It's hard to put any faith in the Canes considering how they finished. We believe Wisky will win their 4th straight bowl game and PP backs up our faith by a convincing 2 td margin.
4★ WISCONSIN 26 MIAMI 12

OUTBACK BOWL

Monday, January 1, 2018 • 12:00 pm ESPN2 • Raymond James Stadium • Tampa, FL
MICHIGAN (8-4) **SOUTH CAROLINA (8-4)**

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
MICHIGAN	179	201	24	-2	-	#35
SOUTH CAROLINA	98	133	10	-9	-	#42

Michigan has the edge on OFF, D & ST's and has faced the tougher schedule. SC had covered 6 straight vs FBS foes until their ssn finale and is 6-1 as a dog. They've shown a propensity for keeping games closer than expected and Michigan is just 5-10 as chalk due mostly to their own OFF issues. While we disagree with PP's lean with UM, we do agree with the total projection.
4★ UNDER THE TOTAL

PEACH BOWL

Monday, January 1, 2018 • 12:30 pm ESPN • Mercedes-Benz Stadium • Atlanta, GA
UCF (12-0) **AUBURN (10-3)**

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
UCF	107	282	28	+15	✓✓	#79
AUBURN	256	317	39	+1	-	#3

HC Frost has taken the Neb job but it remains to be seen if he will remain coach in the bowl game. Both teams have explosive OFF's. Aub has a huge edge on D while UCF has a surprising edge on ST's. The Tigers motivation is certainly in question after not making the playoffs, but PP doesn't factor in emotion and leans with Auburn. We disagree and will make this a no play.
NO PLAY: AUBURN 39 UCF 28

CITRUS BOWL

Monday, January 1, 2018 • 1:00 pm ABC • Camping World Stadium • Orlando, FL
NOTRE DAME (9-3) **LSU (9-3)**

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
NOTRE DAME	190	177	25	+3	-	#2
LSU	183	203	27	+6	✓	#55

Both of these teams have run the ball extremely well, but both have shown the ability to stop the run. While LSU is on a 7-0 ATS run & ND is on an 0-4 ATS run. PP has this game finishing near the line on both the side and total, making this a no play.
NO PLAY: LSU 27 NOTRE DAME 25

ROSE BOWL

Monday, January 1, 2018 • 5:00 pm ESPN • Rose Bowl • Pasadena, CA
GEORGIA (12-1) **OKLAHOMA (12-1)**

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
GEORGIA	269	163	35	+5	✓✓✓	#38
OKLAHOMA	141	296	27	+5	-	#16

OU is 4-0 SU/ATS vs SEC foes incl bowl wins over Bama & Aub. OU is also on a 6-0 ATS run. We are surprised to see the Dawgs as chalk considering OU has playoff experience and the Heisman winning QB. PP also favors UGA, despite OU finishing with a slight yds edge. We feel OU will win outright.
NO PLAY: GEORGIA 35 OKLAHOMA 27

SUGAR BOWL

Monday, January 1, 2018 • 8:45 pm ESPN • Mercedes-Benz Superdome • New Orleans, LA
ALABAMA (11-2) **CLEMSON (12-1)**

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
ALABAMA	175	170	23	+12	✓✓✓✓	#54
CLEMSON	125	212	24	+5	-	#28

This is a battle between the top 2 D's in the country. Both teams are solid on OFF but their dual threat QB's haven't fully developed as passers yet. Both teams also have dominant DL's that stuff the run and pressure the QB. PP is calling for Clemson to win by the slimmest of margins, but we feel Bama will get their revenge from LY's last second loss in the Nat'l Title game.
NO PLAY: CLEMSON 24 ALABAMA 23

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