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## FINAL WEEK OF NFL REGULAR SEASON! NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN THIS ISSUE!! POWER PLAYS COLLEGE 4.5★'s 24-13 (65%) TY!

COMPUTER PROJECTIONS		UGA	BAMA
113	RUSH YD	83	
256	PASS YD	330	
27	PTS	28	
+3	YTD TO	+9	
21	SKED	13	

  

CHECKLIST		UGA	BAMA
EDGE	EDGE		
QB	✓✓✓		
1/2 RB	✓		
WR	✓		
OL	✓✓✓		
1/2 DL	✓		
LB	1/2		
DB	✓		
CCH	✓✓		
SITE	✓		
MTCH	✓		
1/2 INT	✓		
ST	✓		
SKED	✓		

  

OVERALL GEORGIA	
BY 1 ✓'s	

### NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Monday, January 10, 2022 • 8:00 pm  
ESPN • Lucas Oil Field • Indianapolis, IN

## GEORGIA (13-1) ALABAMA (13-1)

ATS: 9-5 O/U: 6-8 ATS: 8-6 O/U: 6-7-1

BULLDOGS					CRIMSON TIDE				
OFFENSE (NC #8 • NCAA #20)					OFFENSE (NC #2 • NCAA #6)				
GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET
14	515	2891	172	2719	14	520	2583	363	2220
RUSHING					RUSHING				
Zamir White	14	147	780	8	772	10	5.3		
James Cook	14	107	662	11	651	7	6.1		
Kenny McIntosh	13	56	340	18	322	3	5.8		
Stetson Bennett	13	48	343	60	283	1	5.9		
Kendall Milton	7	56	274	10	264	1	4.7		
PASSING					PASSING				
STetson Bennett	14	247	381	64.8	3554	37	12		
JT Daniels	6	68	94	72.3	722	7	3		
RECEIVING					RECEIVING				
Brock Bowers	14	52	846	16.3	12	89			
Jermaine Burton	13	24	469	19.5	5	73			
Ladd McConkey	14	30	444	14.8	5	60			
Adonai Mitchell	14	27	376	13.9	3	38			
James Cook	14	25	269	10.8	4	53			
OFF YPG 448 DEF YPG 260					OFF YPG 495 DEF YPG 300				
OFF PPG 39.0 DEF PPG 9.6					OFF PPG 41.4 DEF PPG 19.2				
OFF RUSH 194 (5.3) DEF RUSH 82 (2.7)					OFF RUSH 159 DEF RUSH 82				
OFF PASS 254 Pass DEF 177					OFF PASS 336 Pass DEF 218				
SKS VS 11 SKS BY 45					SKS VS 38 SKS BY 52				
OL AVG 6'4" 314 DL AVG 6'5" 310					OL AVG 6'4" 317 DL AVG 6'3" 301				

Rematch of the 2017 National Championship Game which saw Bama rally and win in OT 26-23 (-3'). Saban is playing in his 9th Title game and is 7-2 SU including LY when they smoke Ohio St 52-24 but he's yet to win back-to-back CFB Titles. This is a rematch of the SEC Title game which Bama won as nearly a td underdog 41-17.

UGA was the SEC East fav this year what many felt was the best D in the country. The Dawgs won their opener vs Clemson despite not scoring an offensive td. JT Daniels started 3 of the F/4 at QB but battled inj's so UGA turned to former w/o Stetson Bennett. The Dawgs D didn't allow a 1st half td until the 7th game and Tenn was the only team to top 13 pts in the reg ssn with just 17! The Dawgs were 12-0, winning 11 straight gms by 24 pts or more but met their match vs Bama who put up 41 points and 536 yds. UGA allowed 260 ypg and held foes 141 ypg below their avg. QB Bennett has been solid with 2638 (64%, 27-7) and true frosh TE Bowers has been outstanding, leading with 846 (16.3). The Dawgs allowed just 9.6 ppg and are led by 1st Tm AA's DT Jordan Davis and LB Nakobe Dean.

Bama had to replace a wealth of talent on offense with 4 1st round DC's gone at the skill positions. The Tide crushed Miami in the opener and was 5-0 after beating Ole Miss (led 35-0). They held a +143 yd edge over A&M but all'd the GW fg as time expired. They crushed Miss St in the 2H & won by 40, pulled away late vs Tenn to win by 28 then had close wins over Ark & Aub where they trailed 10-0 4Q & won in 4OT. In the SEC Title they let up UGA's vaunted D for 41 pts and 536 yds. Bryce Young threw for 4,503 (68%, 46-5) but has lost one of his top targets in WR Metchie (OFY). The Tide's D allows 300 ypg and holds foes 117 ypg below their avg and LB Will Anderson (15.5 sks) won the Nagurski and was SEC DEF POY.

PP calls for the game to go OVER, but we think this will be a lower scoring gm & we'll wait to pick a winner on the side.

**FORECAST: NO PLAY RATING: NO PLAY**

COMPUTER PROJECTIONS		MSU	NDSU
166	RUSH YD	224	
126	PASS YD	132	
12	PTS	20	
+5	YTD TO	+9	
#35	SKED	#25	

  

CHECKLIST		MSU	NDSU
EDGE	EDGE		
QB	✓ 1/2		
RB	✓		
WR	✓		
OL	✓		
DL	✓		
LB	✓		
DB	1/2		
CCH	✓		
SITE	✓		
MTCH	✓		
INT	1/2		
1/2 ST	✓		
SKED	1/2		

  

OVERALL NDSU	
BY 4.5 ✓'s	

### FCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Saturday, January 8, 2022 • 12:00 pm  
ESPN2 • Toyota Stadium • Frisco, TX

## MONTANA ST (12-2) NORTH DAKOTA ST (13-1)

BOBCATS					BISON				
OFFENSE (NC #26 • NCAA #32)					OFFENSE (NC #16 • NCAA #20)				
GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET
14	607	3365	208	3157	14	625	4027	196	3831
RUSHING					RUSHING				
Isaiah Ifanse	13	262	1566	27	1539	10	5.9		
Tommy Mellott	11	110	739	34	705	10	6.4		
Matthew McKay	11	78	408	92	316	2	4.1		
Elijah Elliott	13	61	321	6	315	0	5.2		
Lane Sumner	6	37	134	2	132	0	3.6		
PASSING					PASSING				
Matthew McKay	14	186	307	60.6	2539	23	3		
Tommy Mellott	11	153	246	62.2	2021	16	3		
Tommy Mellott	11	26	50	52.0	461	4	0		
RECEIVING					RECEIVING				
Lance McCutcheon	13	56	1015	18.1	7	67			
Willie Patterson	13	29	371	12.8	3	65			
Nate Stewart	6	10	189	18.9	2	64			
Elijah Elliott	13	14	157	11.2	1	65			
Treyton Pickering	11	15	140	9.3	3	33			
OFF YPG 407 DEF YPG 296					OFF YPG 426 DEF YPG 260				
OFF PPG 30.0 DEF PPG 13.4					OFF PPG 33.8 DEF PPG 11.2				
OFF RUSH 226 DEF RUSH 108					OFF RUSH 274 DEF RUSH 83				
OFF PASS 181 Pass DEF 188					OFF PASS 153 Pass DEF 177				
SKS VS 20 SKS BY 42					SKS VS 17 SKS BY 49				
OL AVG 6'3" 298 DL AVG 6'3" 259					OL AVG 6'5" 308 DL AVG 6'3" 267				

These teams last met in the 2019 Semi-Finals. The Bison won 42-14 finishing with a 541-298 yd edge. However 218 of their yards were on just 3 plays, a 75 yd pass, a 70 yd run & a 73 yd pass all for TD's. It was NDSU's 36th straight win & they would go on to win their 8th FCS Title in 9 years. Montana St made only 1 previous FCS Championship in 1984, when they beat Louisiana Tech 19-6. So neither team has ever lost in the Championship game.

Montana St was the #8 seed. In the playoffs they beat OVC Champ UT Martin 26-7, then handed returning FCS Champion & #1 seed Sam Houston their first loss in 2 yrs. 42-19. They then beat 2020 runner-up South Dakota St, which handed NDSU their only loss this year, 31-17. This despite being led by frosh QB Mellott, who became the starter just days before the UT Martin game, when former NC St transfer QB McKay surprisingly entered the transfer portal. Mellott while throwing for just 461 yds is the #2 rusher with 705 yds (6.4, 10 td). The bobcats also have a 1,000+ yd RB & WR in RB Ifanse (1539, 5.2 ypc, 10 td) & WR McCutcheon (1015, 18.1 ypc, 7 td).

NDSU was the #2 seed & in the playoffs beat Southern Illinois 38-7, then #7 seed ETSU 27-3 & held on to beat #3 seed JMU 20-14. The Bison spread the ball around on offense with 2 QB's combining for 2,131 pass & 801 rush, 3 RB's rushing for 466+ yds each, while WR Christian Watson leads with 740 receiving.

It is said that "Defense wins Championships" and both are in the #10 in Total Defense & NDSU has the #1 scoring Defense while Montana St has the #2. The Bobcats held the #3 Scoring Offense of Sam Houston (46.0 ppg) to just 19 pts. NDSU held the #5 Scoring Offense of James Madison to just 14 pts. Many of the Bobcats remember how the big plays were their downfall in 2019. PP agrees with this assessment as it calls for just 32 pts to be scored & we agree as points should be at a premium in this matchup.

**FORECAST: UNDER 42.5 RATING: 3★**

NOTE: Power Plays - PP

PRO FOOTBALL JANUARY 8TH-9TH

Power Plays is based upon statistical numbers and rankings that are used to develop the projections you see here. As with all types statistical information the more numbers that one inputs ordinarily the stronger the accuracy of the results. Therefore, one would expect the projections to be more reliable after a number of weeks worth of stats are input.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8TH

Table with 7 columns: Team, Ttl Yds, Rush, Pass, Points, TO's, ST's. Rows for Dallas vs Philadelphia and Philadelphia vs Dallas.

(DAL #11 vs PHI #4, PHI #6 vs DAL #8) - The Eagles are back at home needing a victory to claim an NFC WC berth. The Cowboys meanwhile might not have much to play for after already clinching the NFC East. PP calls this matchup even but we expect the visitor to get the win.

NO PLAY: DALLAS 26 PHILADELPHIA 26

Table with 7 columns: Team, Ttl Yds, Rush, Pass, Points, TO's, ST's. Rows for Kansas City vs Denver and Denver vs Kansas City.

(KC #2 vs DEN #11, DEN #26 vs KC #25) - The Chiefs suffered a crucial loss LW against the Bengals to fall out of the top spot in the AFC. DEN meanwhile lost a 2nd straight matchup with bkp QB Lock under center. With KC needing a win and a Titans loss here, a 7 pt advantage seems a little low.

NO PLAY: KANSAS CITY 21 DENVER 14

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH

Table with 7 columns: Team, Ttl Yds, Rush, Pass, Points, TO's, ST's. Rows for Green Bay vs Detroit and Detroit vs Green Bay.

(GB #7 vs DET #26, DET #15 vs GB #13) - The Packers clinched the #1 seed in the NFC after their blowout win of the Vikings. DET meanwhile gave up 50+ pts LW in SEA. While PP gives the visitor a 12 pt edge, the Packers will likely be playing without a handful of starters on both sides of the ball.

NO PLAY: GREEN BAY 32 DETROIT 20

Table with 7 columns: Team, Ttl Yds, Rush, Pass, Points, TO's, ST's. Rows for Chicago vs Minnesota and Minnesota vs Chicago.

(CHI #18 vs MIN #29, MIN #21 vs CHI #6) - The Vikings were eliminated from playoff contention following LW's loss in Lambeau. CHI meanwhile has recorded B2B victories coming in. PP has this forecast too close to the opening line to lean with either squad.

NO PLAY: MINNESOTA 25 CHICAGO 20

Table with 7 columns: Team, Ttl Yds, Rush, Pass, Points, TO's, ST's. Rows for New England vs Miami and Miami vs New England.

(NE #14 vs MIA #1, MIA #23 vs NE #9) - Revenge time for a Pats squad that dropped their ssn opener to this same Dolphins squad. PP calls for them to get the win and we agree as there's a potential AFC East Title at stake for the visitor.

4★ NEW ENGLAND 25 MIAMI 14

Table with 7 columns: Team, Ttl Yds, Rush, Pass, Points, TO's, ST's. Rows for Indianapolis vs Jacksonville and Jacksonville vs Indianapolis.

(IND #19 vs JAX #21, JAX #27 vs IND #10) - The Colts suffered a surprising loss LW at home to the Raiders while the Jags were hammered in Foxboro. PP calls for JAX to get destroyed once again in this one and we agree as IND needs a win here to earn an AFC WC berth.

3★ INDIANAPOLIS 32 JACKSONVILLE 12

Table with 7 columns: Team, Ttl Yds, Rush, Pass, Points, TO's, ST's. Rows for NY Jets vs Buffalo and Buffalo vs NY Jets.

(NYJ #20 vs BUF #14, BUF #8 vs NYJ #28) - The Bills are back at home needing a victory to claim the AFC East Title. The Jets meanwhile put up a solid effort in LW's home loss to the Bucs. PP gives BUF a huge edge here and we agree as they've covered 18 of their L/24 inside their DIV.

3.5★ BUFFALO 36 NY JETS 14

Table with 7 columns: Team, Ttl Yds, Rush, Pass, Points, TO's, ST's. Rows for Carolina vs Tampa Bay and Tampa Bay vs Carolina.

(CAR #29 vs TB #16, TB #3 vs CAR #12) - The Panthers have dropped 6 straight coming in while the Bucs narrowly got past the Jets in the final seconds a week ago. PP gives the home squad a 16 pt edge here but it's unclear whether or not all of their starters will be participating.

NO PLAY: TAMPA BAY 30 CAROLINA 14

Table with 7 columns: Team, Ttl Yds, Rush, Pass, Points, TO's, ST's. Rows for Tennessee vs Houston and Houston vs Tennessee.

(TEN #24 vs HOU #29, HOU #16 vs TEN #3) - The Titans sit atop the AFC needing a victory here to claim the #1 seed. HOU meanwhile struggled LW on the road against the 49ers. With the Titans having covered 4 of their L/5 inside their DIV, we would give them a much stronger lean than the forecast above.

NO PLAY: TENNESSEE 25 HOUSTON 16

Table with 7 columns: Team, Ttl Yds, Rush, Pass, Points, TO's, ST's. Rows for Washington vs NY Giants and NY Giants vs Washington.

(WAS #30 vs NYG #15, NYG #32 vs WAS #32) - The Giants have been arguably the worst team in the NFL since QB Daniel Jones went down with injury. WAS meanwhile showed plenty of fight in LW's loss to PHI. While PP gives the visitor just a 3 pt edge, we cannot get behind the home dog in this one.

NO PLAY: WASHINGTON 19 NY GIANTS 16

Table with 7 columns: Team, Ttl Yds, Rush, Pass, Points, TO's, ST's. Rows for New Orleans vs Atlanta and Atlanta vs New Orleans.

(NO #31 vs ATL #23, ATL #28 vs NO #2) - The Saints are still alive for the final WC spot in the NFC while ATL is trying to avoid a 10-loss season. While PP gives the visitor a 3 pt edge, ATL has failed to cover 6 of their past 8 inside of the NFC South.

NO PLAY: NEW ORLEANS 19 ATLANTA 16

Table with 7 columns: Team, Ttl Yds, Rush, Pass, Points, TO's, ST's. Rows for Pittsburgh vs Baltimore and Baltimore vs Pittsburgh.

(PIT #24 vs BAL #31, BAL #13 vs PIT #24) - The Steelers head on the road in quite possible Ben Roethlisberger's last game. BAL is on quite the slide and have been without Lamar Jackson for the past 3 weeks with injury. PP gives the home squad an 8 pt edge here and we agree (BAL 8-3 ATS at home).

2★ BALTIMORE 26 PITTSBURGH 18

Table with 7 columns: Team, Ttl Yds, Rush, Pass, Points, TO's, ST's. Rows for Cincinnati vs Cleveland and Cleveland vs Cincinnati.

(CIN #1 vs CLE #17, CLE #22 vs CIN #22) - The Bengals won their first AFC North Title since 2015 while the Browns are missing out on the playoffs despite high preseason expectations. While PP gives the visitor a 2 pt edge, they could be resting some starters in this one.

NO PLAY: CINCINNATI 24 CLEVELAND 22

Table with 7 columns: Team, Ttl Yds, Rush, Pass, Points, TO's, ST's. Rows for Seattle vs Arizona and Arizona vs Seattle.

(SEA #10 vs ARZ #18, ARZ #4 vs SEA #20) - The Cardinals need a victory here and a Rams loss to claim the NFC West. The Seahawks meanwhile would love to end their troubled season on a 2-game winning streak. PP has this forecast pretty close to the opening line so we'll pass.

NO PLAY: ARIZONA 24 SEATTLE 19

Table with 7 columns: Team, Ttl Yds, Rush, Pass, Points, TO's, ST's. Rows for San Francisco vs LA Rams and LA Rams vs San Francisco.

(SF #8 vs LAR #19, LAR #12 vs SF #7) - The 49ers remain alive in the WC hunt in the NFC while the Rams need a win to claim the NFC West title. While PP does give the Rams a 4 pt edge, keep in mind that the 49ers have won 5 straight in the series!

NO PLAY: LA RAMS 24 SAN FRANCISCO 20

Table with 7 columns: Team, Ttl Yds, Rush, Pass, Points, TO's, ST's. Rows for LA Chargers vs Las Vegas and Las Vegas vs LA Chargers.

(LAC #5 vs LV #5, LV #17 vs LAC #27) - SNF- Huge matchup inside of the AFC West as the Raiders appears well on their way to a WC berth. The Raiders have been fortunate over the past few weeks to be in this position while the Chargers picked up a much-needed win LW vs DEN. PP has this forecast right at the line. Check back on Sunday to get this Red-Hot Marquee Selection.

NO PLAY: LA CHARGERS 30 LAS VEGAS 27

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