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SEC			BIG TEN			BIG 12			PAC-12			ACC			AAC		
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Alabama	147	140	Ohio St	145	129	Oklahoma	142	127	Washington	141	122	Clemson	144	140	UCF	126	119
Georgia	143	130	Michigan	139	124	West Virginia	128	121	Utah	131	118	Miami, Fl	133	121	Temple	124	113
Miss St	133	130	Penn St	136	120	Texas	134	120	Wash St	118	118	N Carolina St	130	119	Cincinnati	108	112
Missouri	128	126	Iowa	128	120	Iowa St	133	118	Stanford	134	116	Syracuse	116	118	Memphis	130	112
Florida	130	120	Nebraska	121	114	Oklahoma St	130	115	Oregon	125	114	Pittsburgh	132	115	Houston	120	106
LSU	130	119	Purdue	124	113	Kansas St	131	114	Arizona St	121	112	Georgia Tech	125	115	SMU	108	99
Texas A&M	129	118	Northwestern	128	112	TCU	128	110	USC	133	109	Wake Forest	128	112	Boston College	133	110
Auburn	134	117	Michigan St	140	110	Baylor	128	109	California	128	108	Virginia	112	110	Tulane	114	98
Kentucky	117	115	Minnesota	123	109	Texas Tech	125	107	Arizona	129	106	Duke	133	110	Navy	124	97
Vanderbilt	116	115	Wisconsin	143	108	Kansas	111	104	UCLA	122	106	Virginia Tech	126	107	Tulsa	112	96
S Carolina	132	113	Indiana	124	107				Colorado	119	101	N Carolina	127	106	USF	114	95
Tennessee	115	102	Maryland	117	106				Oregon St	110	89	Florida St	129	105	E Carolina	105	87
Mississippi	122	101	Illinois	115	97							Louisville	128	83	Connecticut	103	73
Arkansas	121	96	Rutgers	111	97												

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Start	Current		Start	Current		Start	Current		Start	Current		Start	Current	
Fresno St	124	116	UAB	112	106	Ohio	122	111	Appalachian St	116	110	Notre Dame	136	128
Boise St	131	114	Middle Tenn	118	105	Miami, OH	117	108	Arkansas St	111	105	Army	119	110
Utah St	117	114	S Miss	103	102	Buffalo	115	106	Troy	117	101	BYU	114	107
Wyoming	119	103	Marshall	119	100	Toledo	118	105	Georgia Southern	108	100	UMass	110	87
Air Force	115	100	FIU	106	98	N Illinois	117	104	Louisiana	97	97	Liberty	95	87
Nevada	117	100	FAU	125	97	E Michigan	113	101	ULM	110	93	N Mexico St	102	80
San Diego St	120	97	North Texas	112	96	W Michigan	111	94	Texas St	93	84			
UNLV	110	92	Charlotte	99	96	Akron	106	88	Georgia St	99	82			
Hawaii	89	91	WKU	101	93	Bowling Green	106	87	Coastal Carolina	102	82			
Colorado St	106	89	La Tech	119	92	Ball St	96	86	S Alabama	103	81			
San Jose St	90	86	Old Dominion	109	88	Kent St	97	85						
New Mexico	104	84	Rice	96	85	C Michigan	107	79						
			UTSA	99	80									
			UTEP	94	77									

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2018-2019 COLLEGE FOOTBALL BOWLS

FRISCO BOWL

Wednesday, December 19, 2018 • 8:00 pm ESPN • Toyota Stadium • Frisco, TX
SAN DIEGO ST (7-5) OHIO (8-4)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
SAN DIEGO ST	137	192	19	-3	✓	#81
OHIO	213	198	36	+13	✓	#117

While OU's strength is running the ball, SDSSt is equally as strong in defending the run. Power Plays is projecting Ohio to finish with a 411-329 yard edge, which equals out to about a 6 point MOV. The dog in SDSSt gms TY is 11-1 & we wouldn't be surprised if the Aztecs pulled off the outright upset. We disagree with the PP pts projection, making this a no play.

NO PLAY: OHIO 36 SAN DIEGO ST 19

GASPARILLA BOWL

Thursday, December 20, 2018 • 8:00 pm ESPN • Raymond James Field • Tampa, FL
MARSHALL (8-4) USF (7-5)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
MARSHALL	195	190	24	+1	✓	#106
USF	141	192	24	0	✓	#83

While USF has a minor edge on OFF, MU has a large edge on D & HC Holliday is nearly automatic in bowls. While technically a home gm for USF, this is fertile recruiting grounds for MU. USF has been overrated all ssn. The yds projection favors MU by 4 pts, but we disagree with the proj'd final score. PP, however is also calling for a lower than expected outcome, which we can fall in line with.

4★ UNDER THE TOTAL

BAHAMAS BOWL

Friday, December 21, 2018 • 12:30 pm ESPN • Thomas Robinson Stadium • Nassau Bahamas
FIU (8-4) TOLEDO (7-5)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
FIU	181	279	35	+9	-	#119
TOLEDO	278	207	45	+3	-	#116

We're surprised to see that Toledo is nearly td chalk. While PP is calling for a 10 pt MOV, the yds suggest this contest will be decided by less than a fg. FIU was 3-0 ATS vs non-conf FBS foes TY & is 14-5 as a dog. The Panthers D edge should be enough to slow down the Rockets attack enough to keep this game close, but we also agree with PP that this will be a high scoring affair.

4.5★ OVER THE TOTAL

FAMOUS IDAHO POTATO BOWL

Friday, December 21, 2018 • 4:00 pm ESPN • Albertson's Stadium • Boise, ID
WESTERN MICHIGAN (7-5) BYU (6-6)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
WESTERN MICH	136	157	19	+1	✓	#97
BYU	162	218	38	+1	✓✓	#62

Double-digit dogs in non NYD bowl games tend to fare well & we feel this game will be no exception. The extra bowl practices will help prepare QB Eleby & the RB duo of Bellamy & Bogan should be enough to keep BYU's D honest. While PP is calling for a BYU blowout win, the yds forecast suggests otherwise, favoring the Cougars by just under a td. No play.

NO PLAY: BYU 38 WESTERN MICHIGAN 19

BIRMINGHAM BOWL

Saturday, December 22, 2018 • 12:00 pm ESPN • Legion Field • Birmingham, AL
MEMPHIS (8-5) WAKE FOREST (6-6)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
MEMPHIS	250	242	37	+1	-	#108
WAKE FOREST	209	255	37	-3	-	#45

WF should feel disrespected being a P5 dog to a G5 schl. While WF is all'g 4.9 rush ypc, they've ply'd the much tougher sked (9 P5 foest). PP is undecided on a winner and the yds are close. We agree with our computer, which leans with the P5 dog & wouldn't be surprised at an outright upset.

3★ WAKE FOREST 37 (+) MEMPHIS 37

ARMED FORCES BOWL

Saturday, December 22, 2018 • 3:30 pm ESPN • Amon G Carter Stadium • Fort Worth, TX
HOUSTON (8-4) ARMY (10-2)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
HOUSTON	203	243	36	+6	-	#94
ARMY	345	77	33	+5	-	#107

After beating rival Navy for the 3rd str yr, Army brings solid momentum into bowl ssn & is ranked in the AP Top 25! No QB King for UH is significant and the Black Knights counter with 1 of the most underrated D's in the nation. PP is calling for UH to pull off the outright upset, but we disagree & feel Army will end their ssn with wins over every non P5 foe they've faced this season.

NO PLAY: HOUSTON 36 ARMY 33

DOLLAR GENERAL BOWL

Saturday, December 22, 2018 • 7:00 pm ESPN • Ladd-Peebles Stadium • Mobile, AL
BUFFALO (10-3) TROY (9-3)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
BUFFALO	152	203	26	+6	-	#101
TROY	141	213	26	+7	✓✓✓✓	#125

While UB has the edge on OFF, Troy's D is strong enough to keep them at bay. Troy will have a huge crowd edge & HC Brown has proven to be a solid choice in the post-season. PP is undecided on the winner & the yds are almost dead even, both leaning with the dog & we fully agree.

2★ TROY 26 (+) BUFFALO 26

The Power Plays Newsletter consists of forecasts that are made by a special rating system. You will see in the write-ups that we agree with the majority of the PP forecasts. However, there are times when we will disagree. We want to make it clear that this is the PP Newsletter and these forecasts are based purely on the power ratings. If the PP's rating is strong enough to be a 4★ Play, yet we are on the other side of the game, we will clearly state that we like the other side of the game. With all that said here are the bowl PP Selections.

NEW MEXICO BOWL

Saturday, December 15, 2018 • 2:00 pm ESPN • Dreamstyle Stadium • Albuquerque, NM
NORTH TEXAS (9-3) UTAH ST (10-2)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
NORTH TEXAS	133	319	25	+8	-	#130
UTAH ST	177	337	45	+11	-	#115

While UTSt has the OFF edge, Ntx has the edge on D & still has their HC on the sideline. PP is calling for a blowout, but we disagree. A look at the yards projection shows this game being about a 4 pt margin, which supports our cause. The Mean Green is 5-1 ATS vs non-conf foes & we'll call for them to keep this gm closer than expected.

NO PLAY: UTAH ST 45 NORTH TEXAS 25

CURE BOWL

Saturday, December 15, 2018 • 2:30 pm CBS • Camping World Stadium • Orlando, FL
TULANE (6-6) LOUISIANA (7-6)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
TULANE	244	181	28	0	✓✓	#67
LOUISIANA	181	225	28	-2	-	#123

While LA has the edge on OFF, Tulane has a greater edge on D. The Green Wave also has the ST's advantage. We also like that Fritz has been around the block as a HC. PP, however, disagrees and leans with the dog which makes this a no play.

NO PLAY: TULANE 28 LOUISIANA 28

LAS VEGAS BOWL

Saturday, December 15, 2018 • 3:30 pm ABC • Sam Boyd Stadium • Las Vegas, NV
FRESNO ST (11-2) ARIZONA ST (7-5)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
FRESNO ST	143	247	26	+13	-	#92
ARIZONA ST	179	228	22	+9	-	#37

Even without WR Harry, Arizona St has a huge edge on OFF and will feel disrespected being a P12 dog to a MWC foe. FSU is 1-6 SU/ATS in bowl gms & is 7-13 ATS vs non-conf FBS foes. HC Edwards will have the Sun Devils motivated & we wouldn't be surprised at an outright upset. PP, however, has this game finishing near the current Vegas line, making this a no play.

NO PLAY: FRESNO ST 26 ARIZONA ST 22

CAMELLIA BOWL

Saturday, December 15, 2018 • 5:30 pm ESPN • Crampton Bowl • Montgomery, AL
GEORGIA SOUTHERN (9-3) EASTERN MICHIGAN (7-5)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
GEORGIA SOUTHERN	244	39	22	+22	✓✓✓	#128
EASTERN MICHIGAN	116	216	22	+10	-	#104

We're surprised that EM is the dog considering they have the edge on both OFF & D. Add in the fact they held Army's option to a ssn low 4.0 ypc has us calling for EM to pull off the "minor" upset. Supporting our cause is a PP projection that shows the yardage edge to EM by about 3 pts. Unfortunately, the PP pts projection is near the line, which makes this a no play.

NO PLAY: GEORGIA SOUTHERN 22 EASTERN MICHIGAN 22

NEW ORLEANS BOWL

Saturday, December 15, 2018 • 9:00 pm ESPN • Mercedes-Benz Superdome • New Orleans, LA
MIDDLE TENNESSEE (8-5) APPALACHIAN ST (10-2)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
MIDDLE TENNESSEE	105	250	23	+4	-	#82
APPALACHIAN ST	203	129	27	+5	✓✓✓✓	#127

App St has the edge on D, but the OFF's are even and MT has a coaching edge with Satterfield gone. MT was faced a tougher schedule against seven bowl teams while App St only faced five. The Blue Raiders also have a three year starting QB playing in his final game and come in as a touchdown underdog. The yards favor MT by just under a field goal and Power Plays is calling for the Blue Raiders to keep this game closer than expected.

2★ MIDDLE TENNESSEE 23 (+) APPALACHIAN ST 27

BOCA RATON BOWL

Tuesday, December 18, 2018 • 7:00 pm ESPN • FAU Stadium • Boca Raton, FL
UAB (10-3) NORTHERN ILLINOIS (8-5)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
UAB	122	199	17	-2	✓	#120
NORTHERN ILLINOIS	145	152	17	+1	-	#65

Both tms hold foes to less than 350 ypg and 22 ppg. This should be a low scoring affair against 2 run oriented OFF's and both teams have solid run D's. While PP cannot determine an actual winner, it's calling for 34 total pts scored. With the current total sitting at 43', we'll fall in line & call for a low scoring contest & will use the UNDER as the play here.

4★ UNDER THE TOTAL

HAWAII BOWL

Saturday, December 22, 2018 • 10:30 pm ESPN • Aloha Stadium • Honolulu, HI

HAWAII (8-5)	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
HAWAII	111	297	29	-9	✓	#99
LOUISIANA TECH	163	223	26	+3	-	#110

Sure this gm is a home gm for UH, but LT has the D to keep the run & shoot OFF at bay. While PP is calling for UH to win by a fg, we disagree and feel HC Holtz will continue his bowl success. The proj'd total is worth taking a look at & PP's is calling for 55 total pts scored & we agree with that.

3★ UNDER THE TOTAL

FIRST RESPONDER BOWL

Wednesday, December 26, 2018 • 1:30 pm ESPN • Cotton Bowl Stadium • Dallas, TX

BOSTON COLLEGE (7-5)	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
BOSTON COLLEGE	148	225	21	+7	✓	#56
BOISE ST	154	257	27	+10	-	#66

When glancing at the opening lines we were a bit surprised to see BSU listed as chalk & even more so after going over each unit. The only unit BSU has an edge over BC in is at QB. BSU hasn't faced an OL remotely close to the caliber of BC. While we disagree with PP's on the side in this game, we do agree that it will be a lower than expected scoring outcome.

3★ UNDER THE TOTAL

QUICK LANE BOWL

Wednesday, December 26, 2018 • 5:15 pm ESPN • Ford Field • Detroit, MI

MINNESOTA (6-6)	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
MINNESOTA	165	184	33	-7	✓✓	#33
GEORGIA TECH	303	74	32	+8	-	#59

While Minnesota will have weeks to prepare for GT's option, the unique OFF is still complicated enough to give teams facing it every year fits. PP is calling for the outright upset, but we disagree. Paul Johnson is coaching his last game & we lean with GT to win by a comfy margin.

NO PLAY: MINNESOTA 33 GEORGIA TECH 32

CHEEZ-IT BOWL

Wednesday, December 26, 2018 • 9:00 pm ESPN • Chase Field • Phoenix, AZ

CALIFORNIA (7-5)	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
CALIFORNIA	119	124	12	0	-	#52
TCU	118	158	15	-6	-	#17

The bowl practices will help a banged up TCU squad get their underclassmen even more prepared. HC Patterson is vastly more exp'd & knows exactly how to practice in order to get the win. PP is projecting a low scoring affair & both HC's are defensive minded.

4.5★ UNDER THE TOTAL

INDEPENDENCE BOWL

Thursday, December 27, 2018 • 1:30 pm ESPN • Independence Stadium • Shreveport, LA

TEMPLE (8-4)	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
TEMPLE	192	225	34	+5	✓	#89
DUKE (7-5)	168	189	24	-5	-	#42

PP has a decent sized lean on Temple, but HC Collins has left to become the new HC at Georgia Tech. We would rather just sit back and watch this game as we feel the MOV is right in line with the current Vegas line, which is at a fg, making this a no play.

NO PLAY: TEMPLE 34 DUKE 24

PINSTRIPE BOWL

Thursday, December 27, 2018 • 5:15 pm ESPN • Yankee Stadium • Bronx, NY

MIAMI, FL (7-5)	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
MIAMI, FL	197	138	24	+3	✓✓	#61
WISCONSIN	176	119	12	-3	-	#54

This isn't your typical UW squad as the D has been disappointing. Miami meanwhile, features a dominant DL and the tm who wins in the trenches will win this gm. PP is calling for Miami to win by DD's & we agree in what should be a great matchup between dominant fronts.

4★ MIAMI 24 WISCONSIN 12

TEXAS BOWL

Thursday, December 27, 2018 • 9:00 pm ESPN • NRG Stadium • Houston, TX

BAYLOR (6-6)	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
BAYLOR	192	289	23	-8	-	#44
VANDERBILT	166	221	27	+8	✓	#21

This is an extremely tough matchup to pick as these schools are extremely even. PP is projecting Vandy to win by just over a fg, which is right at the current line. While the total pts scored would lean with the UNDER, the proj'd yds total is calling for over 60 pts. We'd rather sit back & watch.

NO PLAY: VANDERBILT 27 BAYLOR 23

MUSIC CITY BOWL

Friday, December 28, 2018 • 1:30 pm ESPN • Nissan Stadium • Nashville, TN

PURDUE (6-6)	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
PURDUE	98	283	23	-3	-	#4
AUBURN (7-5)	167	233	26	+6	✓✓	#47

While Auburn certainly has the talent edge, PU is more excited to be here & HC Brohm has had more bowl success. PP has this game finishing near the opening line, making this a no play.

NO PLAY: AUBURN 26 PURDUE 23

CAMPING WORLD BOWL

Friday, December 28, 2018 • 5:15 pm ESPN • Camping World Stadium • Orlando, FL

WEST VIRGINIA (8-3)	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
WEST VIRGINIA	110	408	41	+6	-	#30
SYRACUSE (9-3)	188	258	36	+14	✓✓	#74

Unfortunately this PP projection is based on WV QB Will Grier playing in this game, but he has opted to not play in order to prepare for the NFL draft. No play.

NO PLAY: WEST VIRGINIA 41 SYRACUSE 36

ALAMO BOWL

Friday, December 28, 2018 • 9:00 pm ESPN • Alamodome • San Antonio, TX

IOWA ST (8-4)	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
IOWA ST	111	210	25	+1	-	#25
WASHINGTON ST (10-2)	91	351	36	+6	✓	#49

There isn't a major edge for either tm with the exception of QB for Wazzu, but ISU has seen its share of talented QB's, ply'g in the B12. PP is projecting Wazzu to win by DD's, but ISU's D is strong enough to keep this game much closer than that. No play.

NO PLAY: WASHINGTON ST 36 IOWA ST 25

ARIZONA BOWL

Saturday, December 29, 2018 • 1:15 pm CBS • Arizona Stadium • Tuscan, AZ

ARKANSAS ST (8-4)	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
ARKANSAS ST	133	266	28	+5	-	#X
NEVADA (7-5)	159	268	25	-7	✓	#X

Arkansas St is used to playing in bowls and HC Anderson would no doubt like to improve upon his 1-3 SU mark. NV is 0-3 ATS vs FBS non-conf foes TY, while Arkansas St is on a 19-12 overall ATS run. While PP has a slight lean on Ark St, it has a bigger lean on the total & we agree.

4★ UNDER THE TOTAL

PEACH BOWL

Saturday, December 29, 2018 • 12:00 pm ESPN • Mercedes-Benz Stadium • Atlanta, GA

FLORIDA (9-3)	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
FLORIDA	176	138	28	+10	-	#69
MICHIGAN (10-2)	231	163	32	+7	-	#15

Not only has UM had a long to stew over their blowout loss to arch rival OSU, but they were also the lone B10 tm to lose a bowl LY. The only category that UF has an edge in is on the DL & that is very minor. We disagree with the PP projection that is calling for UF to stay competitive in a high scoring affair and will make this a no play.

NO PLAY: MICHIGAN 32 FLORIDA 28

BELK BOWL

Saturday, December 29, 2018 • 12:30 pm ESPN • Bank of America • Charlotte, NC

SOUTH CAROLINA (7-5)	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
SOUTH CAROLINA	155	257	31	-3	✓	#40
VIRGINIA (7-5)	192	206	25	+1	-	#60

QB Bentley played his best at the end of the ssn, but is missing his top WR and will have his work cut out for him against our #17 pass eff D. SC has a significant edge in the trenches and their secondary should be healthier. That being said the current line is 4, so the PP projection is not strong enough to make this worthy of a ★ rated selection. The yds forecast also suggests a close contest.

NO PLAY: SOUTH CAROLINA 31 VIRGINIA 25

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ORANGE BOWL

Saturday, December 29, 2018 • 8:00 pm ESPN • Hard Rock Stadium • Miami Gardens, FL
OKLAHOMA (12-1)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
OKLAHOMA	185	307	41	-2	-	#9
ALABAMA	199	371	48	+12	✓	#36

This is a battle of arguably the 2 best OFF's in the FBS and both st'g QB's were Heisman finalists, with OU's Murray the winner. Bama has significant edges on Def, in particular on the DL and pass D (#10 vs #106) but they've also been known to struggle vs versatile QB's like Murray. We think this will be a shootout as does PP's!

4★ OVER THE TOTAL

COTTON BOWL

Saturday, December 29, 2018 • 4:00 pm ESPN • AT&T Stadium • Arlington, TX
NOTRE DAME (12-0)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
NOTRE DAME	128	212	16	+4	✓✓	#31
CLEMSON	226	245	34	+1	-	#51

Clemson holds a significant edge in the trenches, especially with their star studed DL and will give ND their toughest test of the ssn. The Tigers have the playoff experience, and while ND has faced a tougher sked, Clem did beat more bowl elig teams. PP is calling for Clem to win by over 2 td's and finish with over a 100 yd edge. We agree & also back the Tigers.

3★ CLEMSON 34 NOTRE DAME 16

MILITARY BOWL

Monday, December 31, 2018 • 12:00 pm ESPN • Navy-Marine Corps Stadium • Anapolis, MD
CINCINNATI (10-2)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
CINCINNATI	234	240	33	-1	✓	#98
VIRGINIA TECH	125	257	24	+2	-	#58

The L/3 times VT has entered a bowl 6-6, they've won the gm. The Hokies have faced a tougher sked, and will be plenty motivated as an underdog vs a Group-of-5 tm. HC Foster will get the most out of his D over these bowl practices so we disagree with the PP's projection for this game.

NO PLAY: CINCINNATI 33 VIRGINIA TECH 24

RED BOX BOWL

Monday, December 31, 2018 • 3:00 pm FOX • Levi's Stadium • Santa Clara, CA
MICHIGAN ST (6-6)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
MICHIGAN ST	113	190	16	+2	-	#6
OREGON	87	219	19	+4	✓	#68

This is a battle of contrasting styles. Oregon has huge edges across the board on OFF. Michigan St has significant edges on D. The Spartans have faced a tougher sked but Oregon has the location edge. PP has the outcome of this game finishing right at the opening, however it has a huge lean on the total. The yds forecast of 609 ttl yds also suggests a lower than expected scoring outcome.

4.5★ UNDER THE TOTAL

LIBERTY BOWL

Monday, December 31, 2018 • 3:45 pm ESPN • Liberty Bowl Stadium • Memphis, TN
MISSOURI (8-4)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
MISSOURI	240	258	42	0	✓	#14
OKLAHOMA ST	153	334	31	-8	-	#41

Missouri has the better QB, RB, OL, DL and DB's here. The 'Pokes run D has all'd over 224 yds 5x in their L/9 gms and MO has topped 200 rush yds 7 times. Despite PP calling for the yds to be nearly even, it calls for Mizzou to win by DD's, which we agree with.

2★ MISSOURI 42 OKLAHOMA ST 31

HOLIDAY BOWL

Monday, December 31, 2018 • 7:00 pm • SDCCU Stadium • San Diego, CA
NORTHWESTERN (8-5)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
NORTHWESTERN	105	181	15	+3	-	#8
UTAH	118	289	22	+2	✓✓✓✓✓	#19

Utah's OFF struggled in their L/2 gms, putting up just 296 & 188 yds while playing with a bkp QB & RB. PP is calling for this game to finish right at the opening line. The dog was 11-0-1 ATS in reg ssn NW gms. The 'Cats are also 22-10-1 ATS as dogs & we lean with NW here. No play.

NO PLAY: UTAH 22 NORTHWESTERN 15

GATOR BOWL

Monday, December 31, 2018 • 7:30 pm ESPN • Everbank Field • Jacksonville, FL
NC STATE (9-3)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
NC STATE	71	342	31	+2	-	#63
TEXAS A&M	145	268	28	-7	✓✓	#12

A&M has the edge on both OFF & D, plus a sizeable edge on ST's & faced the tougher sked. NCSt will be missing their top WR & LB and 6 of their 9 wins came over non-bowl foes. A&M is better than their record indicates, so we disagree with the PP projection that has NCSt pulling the upset.

NO PLAY: NC STATE 31 TEXAS A&M 28

SUN BOWL

Monday, December 31, 2018 • 2:00 pm CBS • Sun Bowl Stadium • El Paso, TX
STANFORD (8-4)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
STANFORD	118	289	29	+1	-	#27
PITTSBURGH	217	166	26	+5	-	#5

Stanford has clear edges at QB and WR. They also rate smaller edges on the DL, LB and DB's. Stanford's run game will benefit from the bowl practices and Pitt is too one dimensional to win this game. While PP is calling for Stanford to win, it leans with the dog to keep it closer than expected.

NO PLAY: STANFORD 29 PITTSBURGH 26

FIESTA BOWL

Monday, December 31, 2018 • 1:00 pm ESPN • Univ. of Phoenix Stadium • Glendale, AZ
LSU (9-3)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
LSU	258	205	26	+12	✓✓	#18
UCF	240	213	30	+16	-	#90

LSU has faced a much tougher sked (#18 vs #90), has the edge in the trenches and a significant matchup edge with their power run gm vs UCF's weak run D (290 ypg all'd L/5). Our PP's projection is influenced by UCF QB Milton, who is OFY and makes this a no play.

NO PLAY: UCF 30 LSU 26

OUTBACK BOWL

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 • 12:00 pm ESPN2 • Raymond James Stadium • Tampa, FL
MISSISSIPPI ST (8-4)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
MISSISSIPPI ST	118	148	16	+8	-	#38
IOWA	137	112	21	+8	✓✓✓✓	#46

MSU allows just 268 ypg and Iowa just 291. MSU will have a tough time running against an Iowa D that allows 104 (3.2) rush ypg while Iowa faces an MSU D that allows 104 (3.0) rush ypg. PP is calling for the outright upset & look at Iowa's ST's advantage! We agree and also like Iowa to win.

4.5★: IOWA 21 MISSISSIPPI ST 16

CITRUS BOWL

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 • 1:00 pm ABC • Camping World Stadium • Orlando, FL
KENTUCKY (9-3)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
KENTUCKY	140	164	15	0	-	#57
PENN ST	206	169	21	+1	-	#28

KY struggled down the stretch, going 2-5 ATS while PSU won their L/3 SU. On OFF PSU holds huge edges at QB and WR. On Def they also hold a significant edge on the DL. We feel the Nitnary Lions are clearly the better team, but PP has this gm finishing at the current line. The total is an option to look at & with PP projecting 36 pts scored, we agree as both D's are solid.

4.5★ UNDER THE TOTAL

ROSE BOWL

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 • 5:00 pm ESPN • Rose Bowl • Pasadena, CA
WASHINGTON (10-3)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
WASHINGTON	161	255	25	+1	-	#32
OHIO STATE	158	298	34	+5	✓✓✓✓	#26

OSU comes in with a huge edge on OFF and we can't help but like the Buckeyes playing in HC Meyer's final game before retiring. OSU has the talent and motivation to win this one by double-digits. However PP's is calling for a single digit OSU win and the current line is -6' so this is a no play.

NO PLAY: OHIO STATE 34 WASHINGTON 25

SUGAR BOWL

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 • 8:45 pm ESPN • Mercedes-Benz Superdome • New Orleans, LA
TEXAS (9-4)

	RUSH	PASS	POINTS	TO's	SP TEAMS	SKED
TEXAS	89	250	22	+7	-	#2
GEORGIA	221	215	31	+3	✓	#34

Georgia has some significant edges at OL and RB with DeAndre Swift (1,037, 6.7) but TX has the stronger DL and WR's Humphrey and Johnson will challenge UGA's secondary. HC Herman is excellent as an underdog, going 12-3 ATS with 10 outright upsets and the Longhorns are getting DD's here. PP only has a slight lean on the Longhorns according to the final score, but the yds suggest a 6 pt MOV, so we'll back Texas with a small play.

1★ TEXAS 22 (+) GEORGIA 31

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