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Saturday, August 29, 2026									
North Carolina	NC	Open	2025	-	San Jose St	NC	Open	2025	-
(1)TCU	7	2024	-	-	USC	60	2024	-	-
	-	2023	-	-		-	2023	-	-
New Mexico St	NC	Open	2025	-	Memphis	NC	Open	2025	-
FLORIDA ST	53	2024	-	-	UNLV	56	2024	-	-
	-	2023	-	-		-	2023	-	-
Sacramento St	NC	Open	2025	-	NC State	NC	Open	2025	-
EMICHIGAN	52	2024	-	-	VIRGINIA	53	2024	-	-
	-	2023	-	-		-	2023	-	-
Hawaii	NC	Open	2025	-	Jacksonville St	NC	Open	2025	-
STANFORD	49	2024	-	-	N DAKOTA ST	47	2024	-	-
	-	2023	-	-		-	2023	-	-



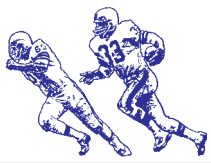
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POWER SWEEP

Here is this week's Power Sweep newsletter. We normally have 3 Key Selections each week highlighted by our strong 4 star play. We also release 2-3 2 star selections each week. The Power Sweep newsletter gives you the most in-depth writeup on EVERY game each week. We have an Underdog Play of the Week, a Technical play of the Week, an Angle Play of the week, a Revenge Play of the week, a Situational Play of the Week and of course the Computer Corner. The Computer Corner is a different set of power ratings than what Power Plays uses. Power Sweep of course gives in depth writeups for the NFL once the regular season begins. There are just two FBS vs FBS games this week and two FBS vs FCS games, so we included the Power Plays newsletter this week. Don't forget to call our comp take daily as we put some great work into it each week.

4★ Excellent
3★ Very Good
2★ Good

COLLEGE SELECTIONS

OTHER SELECTION

3★ NC State (+) over VIRGINIA - This game was supposed to be played in Brazil but was switched to a home game for UVA in June. It's also considered a 'Non-Conf' game. UVA is off an 11 win season and a trip to the ACC Title game. They bring in QB Beau Pribula from Missouri. He will play behind a veteran OLine that is #1 in the FBS with 165 career starts. NCSt has won 6 of the last 7 meetings (5-2 ATS) including the last 3 in Charlottesville and they won last year 35-31 (-3). The 'Pack return 10 starters including QB CJ Bailey who topped 3,000 yards with a 25-9 ratio. They ended last year strong by winning their last 3, all by DD's. Last year Tony Elliott had his best team and while we feel that they still have a strong roster, we still give NCSt the edge at the QB, RB and WR. The 'Pack are getting almost a td here. We think these teams are pretty even and NCSt pulls out a close game.

FORECAST: NC State by 3

OTHER GAMES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29th

TCU by 10 over North Carolina - Teams meeting in Ireland. HC Belichick out for revenge after TCU spoiled his UNC debut in '25. Heels were gashed at home, 48-14, and outgained 542-222. They're 0-8 vs Big 12 (1-7 ATS & 6-2 to the over). Meanwhile, TCU 6-1 SU & 5-2 ATS L7 vs ACC. Carolina will be improved and the roster is far more stable this year. Plus, Belichick coached 5 games overseas with New England and went 3-2. However, the Frogs are coming off b2b 9-4 seasons and have the more experienced and talented roster. Including transfers, 14 starters return and their veteran D-line will be a problem for a rebuilt Carolina O-line with just 21 career starts. TCU HC upgraded an already solid QB room with Jaden Craig who had a 48-10 ratio L2Y at Harvard and would have been drafted in April. This year's game will be much more competitive. But TCU's superior talent, especially on offense, will lead to a win just beyond the number.

FLORIDA ST by 35 over New Mexico St - Only prior meeting was in 1964. FSU opened last year by beating Bama but only finished 5-7. Norvell didn't take it easy on inferior opponents last year when they beat East Texas A&M 77-3 and Kent St 66-10. 'Noles are 4-1 ATS when favored by 28+ points in the last two years. NMSt has 10 starters back. Tony Sanchez is in his 3rd year as HC. Under Sanchez the Aggies have played two P4 teams and covered both. SMU is on deck so they could substitute early and the best play in this game will probably be the halftime line.

EASTERN MICHIGAN by 14 over Sacramento St - First meeting and the Hornets first as an FBS team & first conference game, as member of MAC. The Eagles have a very experienced team with 12 returning starters their most since 14 in '22, when they went 9-4. They are also led by 13th yr HC Chris Creighton, who has led them to 8-2 SU & 6-4 ATS in openers. Sacramento St fast tracked their move up to the FBS, buying their way into the MAC in early 2026. First year HC Alonzo Carter had already recruited for a season of FCS play, when he was told the team was moving to the FBS this year. The Hornets have just 7 starters back (2 on Off) and are making their first of 4 long road trips to the Mid-West. We will take the much more experienced Eagles in their MAC opener as a single digit HF, with only an FCS foe on deck.

STANFORD by 3 over Hawaii - Last year Hawaii was a rare home favorite against a P4 team when they beat Stanford 23-20 (-2). This time the roles are reversed as Stanford is laying under a td. Stanford has a full-time HC in Tavita Pritchard. The Cardinal have 14 starters back and should be much improved. UH is led by dynamic QB Micah Alejado who battled injuries last year yet still threw for over 3,000 yards. Their star WR Pofele Ashlock is ? with an injury. Stanford doesn't have much of a home field edge and students aren't on campus yet. The Cardinal are 8-19 ATS as a home favorite the last 10 years. Take the points on the the Rainbow Warriors here as Timmy Chang's squad will keep this close and we like Alejado, who is finally healthy, to have a big game.

USC by 45 over San Jose St - This marks the 7th matchup between the two California schools. San Jose St is winless all-time vs. USC (0-6 SU & 3-3 ATS). Last time here in '23, the Spartans (+31) lost 56-28, but covered on a touchdown with 5:08 left. This is their first game vs a B10 opponent since '14. Since '19, SJ St. is 5-2 SU & ATS in openers. The last 2 times the Trojans won the season vs. Spartans, they won 30-7 in '21 & 56-28 in '23. USC is 39-1-1 all-time vs. MWC opponents. Under HC Lincoln Riley, USC is 5-0 SU (4-1 ATS) in openers. San Jose had a disappointing year last year and are rebuilt this year - they lost QB Walker Eget to Duke and WR Danny Scudero to Colorado and have just 2 starters back overall. USC looks like a playoff contender this year and, under Riley, have beaten their previous G6 foes by an average of 44 ppg.

UNLV by 13 over Memphis - First meeting and Memphis' first trip to Nevada. UNLV has won 4 straight openers (3-1 ATS) and is 14-6 SU & 16-4 ATS L4Y vs non-conference foes! The Tigers begin a new era under HC Charles Huff who's with his 3rd team in the last 3 years. He rebuilt the roster with a solid recruiting haul, including 17 players from his last school Southern Miss. This game features 4 former blue-chip QB's looking to ignite their careers (Memphis' Marcus Stokes & Air Noland and UNLV's Jackson Arnold & Alex Oriji). Arnold is a good fit for HC Dan Mullen who won 10 games in a solid debut. The Rebels have averaged at least 34ppg in 3 straight years and have the weapons around Arnold to extend that streak in '26. RB Jet Thomas ran for 1036 yards and averaged 7ypc in '25. Huff's a builder and a quality coach. But UNLV is in better shape today as Mullen begins Year 2. The Rebels are laying less than a td and will start fast with a big DD win.

NORTH DAKOTA ST by 10 over Jacksonville St - NDSU won 10 FCS National Titles between 2011-2024. Now the Bison move up to the FBS and take on another recent FBS addition in Jax St. These two last met in the '16 FCS National Title game, won by NDSU 37-10. These teams are even in terms of experience, though Jax St does return their QB, Caden Creel who topped 1,000 rush yds last year. Teams that move up to the FBS are 4-2 ATS. The Bison will have an electric home crowd in the Fargo Dome. JSU is 5-10 ATS as an away dog since '21. NDSU has won 8 of their last 9 openers with the only loss at Colorado in '24. There has never been an FCS team more ready to move up and they start with a win here.



NORTHCOAST SPORTS' POWER PLAYS

Here is this week's Power Plays newsletter. The Power Plays newsletter differs from Power Sweep as it is our Computer's forecast on each game. The computer gives you its forecast for yards rushing, yards passing and points for each team plus the TO's projection and special teams edges. The computer and Vegas disagree often. We do put some of our input into it but this is a TECHNICAL newsletter that does not use angles, trends or situations. If we like a side of a game in Power Sweep and the computer is on the other side we make it a NO PLAY. We do not make a forecast on a game however without seeing what the computer forecasts as it is very accurate! The Power Plays newsletter may be mostly a number generated newsletter, but it has three things that you might like. The first is a LOT of big plays. During an average week Power Plays releases 7-11 4 star and 4.5 star plays. The 4.5 stars are the top plays of the week. The second thing is the amazing projected stats. If you went thru the newsletter after the games were played and circled every rush or pass number that was within 25 yards or every point total that was within 3, you would have Circles ALL over the page!! The other thing the Power Play newsletter delivers is **WINNERS**. College 4.5★ plays in the regular season in 2024 were 24-15 (62%). Power Plays also has forecasts on every NFL game. If you are a Power Sweep subscriber you can add on a Power Plays subscription for just \$50. Call 1-800-654-3448 and get on board for the full season of Power Plays!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29th

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
TCU	378	136	242	26	+1	✓✓
NORTH CAROLINA	317	129	188	22	-3	-

Teams meet for second straight year, this time in Dublin. TCU dominated LY in Chapel Hill, winning 48-14 while being +320 yds. But that was in '25 when HC Bill Belichick still didn't know his roster. His 2nd Carolina team will be improved but not so much that they can upset a veteran TCU team with 14 starters back. PP likes the Heels to cover the number but we lean to the Frogs so this is a no play..

NO PLAY: TCU 26 NORTH CAROLINA 22

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
NEW MEXICO ST	216	84	132	9	0	-
FLORIDA ST	542	259	283	41	-5	✓✓

'Noles projected to win by 31 points with a +326 yd edge. Norvell's teams are known to start strong, like last year when they beat Bama in the opener. PP has a small lean on FSU at -31 but with their game against SMU on deck this is a no play.

NO PLAY: FLORIDA ST 41 NEW MEXICO ST 9

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
NC STATE	322	102	221	22	+3	-
VIRGINIA	443	182	262	29	+7	✓✓✓✓

This is a 'non conf' game that was originally to be played in Brazil. PP has UVA by 7 but NCSt has won the last 3 at Charlottesville and clearly we like the underdog Wolfpack to cover.

NO PLAY: VIRGINIA 29 NC STATE 22

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
SACRAMENTO ST	287	152	135	17	+6	-
EASTERN MICHIGAN	490	186	304	40	-5	-

PP projects a dominant win from EMich here. The Eagles are only -9' yet PP has them winning by 23 with a +203 yard edge. Sac St is playing their first FBS game and there transition wasn't expected to happen so fast so the roster isn't up to FBS standards while EMich has a veteran roster with 12 starters back. We love the confidence PP has in the home team so this is our first 4.5H of the year.

4.5★ EASTERN MICHIGAN 40 SACRAMENTO ST 17

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
HAWAII	320	37	283	21	-3	-
STANFORD	424	152	272	31	-4	✓✓✓

Rematch of last year's opener won by Hawaii. Stanford had an Interim Head Coach last season. They hired Tavita Pritchard and they bring back 14 starters from last year's roster so they are clearly improved. Hawaii has QB Alejado back though and Stanford lacks a home edge so we have this finishing much closer than the forecast. No play.

NO PLAY: STANFORD 31 HAWAII 21

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
SAN JOSE ST	231	79	152	8	-13	-
USC	648	254	394	53	+2	✓✓✓✓

USC is 6-0 SU (3-3 ATS) against San Jose St all time, winning the last matchup in '23, 56-28. Under HC Riley, the Trojans are 5-0 SU (4-1 ATS) in openers and 5-1 ATS as a non-conf favorite of 20 pts or more. PP has USC by 45 which is a lean on the Trojans and enough for a small play.

2★ USC 53 SAN JOSE ST 8

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
MEMPHIS	380	162	218	28	+7	-
UNLV	427	184	243	30	+7	✓✓✓

PP has Memphis at just -47 yds and losing by 2 at UNLV. However, PP doesn't factor in the Tigers' new coach, long trip and reshuffled roster. The Rebels have more solid footing with a 2nd year HC, a dynamic offense and a track record of handling non-conference foes. We really like UNLV in this spot so it's a no play.

NO PLAY: UNLV 30 MEMPHIS 28

	Ttl Yds	Rush	Pass	Points	TO's	ST's
JAX STATE	364	199	165	22	+6	-
NORTH DAKOTA ST	345	170	175	27	+6	✓

NDSU proj'd to win their first FBS game by 5 but that favors the underdog Gamecocks who are proj'd to have a 364-345 yd edge. We have the Bison by more than a td so we disagree with the lean.

NO PLAY: NORTH DAKOTA ST 27 JAX STATE 22

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