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WEEK 11

I came back down to earth last week, going just 2-4, and bringing the last four weeks to 14-10. The seasonal record is still an outstanding 40-31 56% +16.50%.

A quick reminder to check out my college page each week - <http://www.sixthsensesports.com/247210.html> - for my college best bets, which have been red hot, at 50-32 61% for the season and coming off a huge 7-2 week.

I've also attached this analysis in a Word document as well as an Excel spreadsheet and Adobe Acrobat showing the stats I use versus the opponents they have faced. Any questions, please let me know.

This will be on Friday evenings, going forward. If you haven't received your report by 7:00 p.m. central time on Friday, please send me an email.

Home team in caps. All records against the spread unless otherwise noted.

League averages for comparison to the stats that will be listed below.

Average Points Scored 20.0
Yards Per Rush (YPR) 4.1
Yards Per Pass (YPS) 6.2
Yards Per Play (YPPL) 5.3

I am adding one other item this year. Under each game listed you will see an average score for the teams that are playing listed. This average represents the average score between these two teams playing at this site over the past ten seasons. I also will be listing the spread record and over/under record for these two teams at this site for the past ten seasons. One hint is when we have a sample of at least **five games** and the average score is at least **seven points** from today's line, playing on that team that it favors has been extremely profitable.

For example:

NEW ENGLAND -3.5 Indianapolis 44

3-6-0/3-6-0 16-26.3

Away teams record is always listed first. Indy is 3-6-0 ATS (first set of numbers) and also 3-6-0 OU (second set of numbers) playing at NE during the past ten seasons. Their average score is 16-26.3, losing by an average of 10.3 points per game when playing at NE. That's a difference of 6.8 points in favor of NE. They win by an average of 10.3 points per game and the line is currently 3.5. Remember, anything at **seven** or higher creates historical value for that team when the sample is at least **five games**. You might say teams change and you can't rely on this but I'll tell you these teams win at a 56% clip so you better have good reason to play against this, even though it represents team trends and not league wide trends.

St Louis -1 BUFFALO 40

1-0-0/1-0-0 34-33

The Rams played a great game last week at home against Seattle in their 23-12 victory. St. Louis averaged 6.5ypr, 7.4ypr and 7.0yppl in a balanced attack. Despite their victory at home, where they are a better team, they remain just slightly better than an average team. The offense is good, averaging 4.8ypr against 4.3ypr, 6.9ypr against 6.2ypr and 6.1yppl against 5.3yppl. They'll face a good Bills defense, which is allowing just 3.7ypr against 4.1ypr, 5.8ypr against 6.0ypr and 4.8yppl against 5.1yppl. With those numbers, the Rams should average around 5.8yppl or a little less given they are on the road. The problem for Buffalo is their offense, which is averaging just 3.6ypr

against 4.0ypr, 5.3ypr against 5.9ypr and 4.4ypr against 5.1ypr. They'll have a chance in this game because they play a Rams defense, which isn't that good, allowing 4.9ypr against 4.2ypr, 6.3ypr against 5.8ypr and 5.7ypr against 5.1ypr. Those numbers suggest Buffalo should average around 5.2ypr or a little better given they are at home. Which way this game goes, knowing the Rams have a slight advantage at the line of scrimmage, is the big question. Buffalo played a similar Jets team at home a few weeks ago and won that game 22-17 but they were out averaged in that game, 4.5ypr to 6.4ypr and relied on a +2 turnover margin to win the game. In other words, Buffalo won the game but didn't necessarily win the game from the line of scrimmage. The Rams played a similar team on defense on the road when they went to Miami. In fact, Miami's offense, while not scoring quite as many points, is exactly the same from the line of scrimmage as is their defense. In that game, the Rams were actually blown out 14-31 in a best bet winner for us. Knowing those facts makes this game even more of a tossup. Buffalo does qualify in a power rating value system, which is 335-243-22 but they only qualify at +1 or greater. Final scores favor Buffalo by four and one point giving value to the Bills as well. I will lean with Buffalo in this game based on the Rams poor history on the road, a bad defense on the road and the value and situations leaning towards Buffalo. Final total projects out to about 43 points, giving value to the over as well. **BUFFALO 24 ST LOUIS 21**

BALTIMORE -8 Dallas 35.5

0-1-0/0-1-0 0-27

Dallas is clearly in disarray and I don't see it getting any better before it gets worse. I thought they were overrated last year and that is clearly showing now. In fact, this game sets up much like last years playoff game at Carolina, facing a poor Baltimore offense but a great Baltimore defense. Baltimore's defense should control the Dallas offense and make it easier for their offense to score points. The Dallas offense has played well this year, averaging 5.8ypr against 5.1ypr and 7.2ypr against 6.0ypr but they'll find it very tough with an immobile Testarverde trying to scramble around. Baltimore is allowing just 5.1ypr against 6.2ypr and 4.4ypr against 5.2ypr overall. That simply means Dallas will be very average on offense this week, at best. The Baltimore offense is nothing to write home about, averaging just 4.3ypr against 5.1ypr but they'll face a Dallas defense, which is allowing 6.0ypr against 5.3ypr, which makes Baltimore's offense pretty average as well. Dallas qualifies as a turnover table play this week, which is 1307-1086-66, including a subset, which is 810-632-36. The numbers from the line of scrimmage suggest a closely played game and the situation suggest Dallas should cover this game. Final numbers, however, suggest Baltimore by 17 and 11.5 points and a final total of about 38 points. Honestly, I don't see Dallas staying in this game but I am almost a complete slave to my systems, which has given me great records over the years and I will stay with them in this game as well. **BALTIMORE 23 DALLAS 17**

CLEVELAND PK NY Jets 37.5

No Past History

I lost with both of these teams last week, although the Jets probably should have covered for me. I still believe the Jets are overrated with their defense, which is allowing 3.8ypr against 3.8ypr, 6.0ypr against 5.5ypr and 5.1ypr against 4.7ypr. They'll face a Cleveland offense which is average, gaining 3.9ypr against 4.0ypr, 6.0ypr against 5.6ypr and 4.9ypr against 4.9ypr. The Cleveland passing game should have some success against a poor Jets pass defense. Going the other way, Quincy Carter gets the start again this week. Carter performed relatively well last week against a solid Baltimore pass defense, completing 13 of 23 passes for 5.3ypr. Baltimore only allows 5.1ypr so he performed better than average but the Jets came into the game averaging 7.3ypr, which means it was about 2.2ypr less than what they normally average. Baltimore, for the season, is allowing about 0.9 less than their opponents are averaging. Now, all of those passing yards were accumulated with Chad Pennington, so it's not fair to say he performed so much below average, but it's probably fair to say he will not duplicate what Pennington did. The Jets, for the season, are averaging 4.6ypr against 4.0ypr, 7.1ypr against 5.8ypr and 5.8ypr against 5.0ypr. Cleveland, meanwhile, is allowing 3.8ypr against 4.1ypr, 6.6ypr against 5.9ypr and 5.3ypr against 5.0ypr. That would suggest, under normal circumstances, that the Jets should throw for quite a few yards. But, with Carter, that might not happen. Cleveland qualifies in my turnover table system, which is 1307-1086-66, including a subset, which is 810-632-36. They also qualify in a power rating bounce back system, which suggest they should bounce back after last weeks terrible performance. That situation is 137-76-11. Final numbers suggest a pick 'em game or the Jets by six points. Those numbers are based on two factors. One, that the Jets will continue to win the turnover

battle, which isn't necessarily the case and two, that Pennington is playing, which he isn't. Final total also suggest about 45 points being scored in the game but I have a 52-24-5 under situation on this game, which is enough to keep me off the total. The Cleveland defense has played extremely well at home this year, with the exception of the Philly game. In the other four home games, they haven't allowed more than 4.6yppl. Against the two below average defenses they have faced at home this year, Cleveland has averaged 6.4yppl and 5.7yppl and scored 34 and 31 points. That should suggest they have an outstanding chance this week of scoring in the high twenties to low thirties and if that's the case, they should win this game. I'll lean to the under based on the situation and the fact Cleveland has played such good defense at home this year. **CLEVELAND 24 NY JETS 13**

Pittsburgh -4 CINCINNATI 40.5

7-3-0/6-4-0 29.6-18.9

The Steelers continue to mow right over each and every one of their opponents. Last week it was Cleveland, but they only won the average yards per play battle, 4.6yppl to 4.5yppl. They also won the turnover battle 4-1 for a +3 that greatly helped them. Cincinnati shocked me with their win last week. I'm not surprised they only gained 4.3yppl against a good Washington defense, but I am surprised they only allowed Washington 3.8yppl. That will, of course, get a little tougher this week against a good Steelers team. Pittsburgh is averaging 4.1ypr against 4.2ypr, 7.1yps against 6.1yps and 5.2yppl against 5.2yppl. As I said a few weeks ago, those numbers can be very misleading. Pittsburgh runs the ball a lot and that hurts their overall yppl numbers. Knowing they are averaging 7.1yps against 6.1yps tells me they can crank up the offense whenever they want to or have to. So, don't be misled thinking their offense is just average. That is very far from the truth. At any rate, they will face a poor Bengal's defense, which is allowing 4.5ypr against 4.1ypr, 6.0yps against 5.9yps and 5.3yppl against 5.0yppl. Meanwhile, the Cincinnati offense is having all sorts of problems this year, averaging just 4.6yppl against 5.0yppl and they will face a Steelers defense, which is allowing just 4.6yppl against 5.1yppl and solid across the board. Cincinnati does qualify in a contrary situation, which plays on home teams who are not covering the spread against road teams who are covering the spread, and is 281-191-21. They also qualify as a power rating value play, which is 335-243-22. Pittsburgh, however, qualifies in a couple of strong fundamental rushing situations, which are 546-418-33, including my best subset, which is 141-64-7. They also qualify in another rushing situation, which is 157-94-7. Final numbers favor Pittsburgh by six and seven points and final total suggest about 43 points being scored. This game, however, also qualifies in an under situation, which is 152-81-2. I like the fundamentals more than the technicals in this game and will lean towards the better team here. **PITTSBURGH 24 CINCINNATI 16**

Indianapolis -7.5 CHICAGO 44.5

0-1-0/1-0-0 24-27

Somehow, someway, Chicago keeps getting it done. It certainly wasn't because of their offense last week nor has it been because of their offense the past three weeks. Last week against Tennessee, Chicago averaged a paltry 2.6yppl and allowed Tennessee 5.5yppl. Their points came on an interception return, a punt return, a field goal and a safety, which won the game in overtime. As a matter of fact, the last time this offense gained more than 4.0yppl was against the Vikings and when they had Rex Grossman at quarterback. There is good news amongst all of that and that is they have allowed more than 5.0yppl only twice since then as well. They allowed Philly 5.2yppl and Philly averages 6.2yppl. Now, they'll face the best offense in the NFL, which is averaging 4.3ypr against 4.3ypr, 8.6yps against 6.6yps and 6.7yppl against 5.6yppl. The Bears defense, for the season, is allowing just 3.9ypr against 4.2ypr, 5.8yps against 6.0yps and 4.9yppl against 5.3yppl. That suggest Indy should average somewhere around 6.0yppl in this game, which probably sets them up for around 24 points. The Indy offense is very good and it wouldn't surprise me to see them score even closer to around 28 points and maybe 31 if things really get out of control. The question is can Chicago score between 17 and 24 points to cover this game. The Bears offense is not good, averaging just 4.0ypr against 4.1ypr, 4.2yps against 6.1yps and 4.1yppl against 5.2yppl. The good news is they are facing the Indy defense, which is allowing 4.4ypr against 4.3ypr, 6.9yps against 6.6yps and 5.9yppl against 5.6yppl. Those numbers would seem to indicate Chicago might score around 17 points, which would satisfy our needs on the lower end. But, there is hope, knowing Indy has allowed every opponent on the road this year to average more yards per play than their opponent is averaging, at least 17 points in every road game and that Chicago, against the two poor defenses they have faced this year, has averaged 5.7yppl and 6.0yppl and scored 21 and

22 points. Granted those two games were with Rex Grossman but against a poor defense, the Bears stand a chance. Chicago also qualifies in numerous situations this week, which are a home momentum situation and is 80-46-2, and another home momentum situation, which is 167-114-10. They also qualify as a power rating value play, which is 335-244-22 and they qualify in two different fundamental rushing situations, which are 118-58-7 and 76-36-5. Indy, after their two high scoring games, qualifies in a letdown situation, which is 83-48-5 and plays against them here. Final numbers favor Indy by six and three points, suggesting good value on Chicago as well. Those numbers also suggest about 47 points being scored. I can't go over in this game, knowing how potentially bad the Chicago offense is and how well they are playing on defense, but I will lean with the numbers. The Bears are a solid play as a home dog this week against a poor defense laying substantial points on the road. Indy has played four road games this year and won just won by more than seven points. Chicago has lost just four games at home by more than seven points over the past three plus seasons and Indy has won just five games by more than seven points on the road over the past three plus seasons. **INDIANAPOLIS 27 CHICAGO 24**

MINNESOTA -7.5 Detroit 48

4-5-1/2-8-0 14.4-22.3

I went back and checked and I am now 14-4 picking Viking games this year for the side and total and 8-1 on the side. I didn't go back to last year but I'm quite sure the record is pretty close to the same there as well. The point being I know this team very well. That might not help us as much this week because the situations go both ways and trying to get a read on Detroit is sometimes tough. But, there will be a few more times this year when we'll be able to take advantage of them again. A few things aren't going to change with this team. Week in and week out they will turn in a solid offensive performance. No matter what you read from the coaches each week, their defense is not that good (I don't care about what adjustments they have made and who is back from injuries) and will be burned by offensive teams that can take advantage of their poor defense. Mike Tice stands a good chance of being out coached almost every week. Hey, Tice is a good guy but that doesn't necessarily translate to a good coach. Minnesota allowed a good GB offense last week 206 yards rushing at 5.9ypr, 236 yards passing at 8.1yps and a total of 442 yards at 6.9yppl. Their offense gained 416 yards at 6.5yppl themselves. This week they face a terrible Detroit offense, which is averaging just 3.3yppl against 4.1yppl, 5.3yps against 6.2yps and 4.5yppl against 5.3yppl. The Vikings defense is now allowing 4.9ypr against 4.2ypr, 6.4yps against 6.5yps and 5.8yppl against 5.5yppl. Minnesota's defense has played a couple of good games at home allowing just 4.2yppl and 4.4yppl to Tennessee and the Giants. The Detroit defense is pretty decent, allowing just 3.7ypr against 4.2ypr, 6.3yps against 6.2yps and 5.1yppl against 5.3yppl. They'll face a Vikings defense, which is averaging 5.1ypr against 4.5ypr, 7.6yps against 6.4yps and 6.7yppl against 5.6yppl. Minnesota has just faced two poor defenses, in Indy and GB, but prior to those two games, they faced two respectable defenses in Tennessee and the Giants and only averaged 5.2yppl. It's hard to tell if that was because of the defenses or the fact they were just getting used to being without Moss. Detroit qualifies in a contrary situation, which is 173-117-4 and Minnesota, after their poor defensive effort last week, qualifies in a negative situation, which is 180-109-11 and already 8-3 TY. Minnesota, however, after playing a couple of games on the road and losing, qualifies in a bounce back situation, which is 30-10-1 and they qualify as a turnover table play, which is 1307-1086-66, including a subset, which is 810-632-36. Final numbers favor Minnesota by nine and 5.5 points and project about 48 points being scored. It's hard to tell what will happen with the points. If Minnesota has an easy time with this game because of the anemic Lions offense, they will be content to run the ball and finish the game like the 20-3 game against Tennessee. If Detroit can score some points in this game, then this game ends up with both teams scoring in the twenties and possibly taking this game over the total. This is one game where I don't have a great feel because of the uncertainty of the Lions offense. I will call it a seven point game and let the line decide which where to lean. **MINNESOTA 27 DETROIT 20**

CAROLINA -2.5 Arizona 37

2-1-0/0-3-0 17.7-15.7

It's getting a little old isn't it. Denny Green as a dog and a 60%+ cover machine and now 6-3 this year after last weeks cover and Best Bet winner for us. I must say we got a little lucky last week because Arizona was out gained 4.7yppl to just 3.1yppl but somehow, somehow pulled out the win. Carolina, meanwhile, came to life against a terrible and banged up SF defense, and gained 358 yards at 6.8yppl. The Carolina record is not good but their num-

bers aren't all that bad. On offense, they are averaging 5.2yppl against 5.4yppl and will face an average Arizona defense, which is allowing 5.3yppl against 5.2yppl. The Carolina defense has been solid this year, allowing 4.2ypr against 4.4ypr, 6.3ypr against 6.7ypr and 5.2yppl against 5.7yppl. They will face a terrible Arizona offense, which is averaging just 3.8ypr against 4.2ypr, 4.7ypr against 6.2ypr and 4.2yppl against 5.3yppl. Looking at those numbers would suggest Arizona to only gain about 3.7yppl and about 14 points. They would also suggest Carolina would average closer to about 5.2yppl and about 21 points. Factor in home field, etc. and there seems to be a nice advantage for Carolina. Carolina does qualify in a great home momentum situation, which is 68-24-6 and home teams not covering the spread are traditionally good plays against teams who are covering the spread. Carolina qualifies in a situation based on that premise, which is 281-191-21. Arizona, however, qualifies in a bounce back situation based on their horrible defensive effort last week in trying to stop the Giants run, which is 166-99-9. Final numbers only favor Carolina by two and one point and a final total of 35 points. I will lean with Carolina in this game but I don't have enough ammunition to make them a best bet and I respect the Green as a dog angle too much as well. I also have an under situation, which is 329-245-12 if this total gets to 38 or higher. **CAROLINA 20 ARIZONA 13**

JACKSONVILLE -3.5 Tennessee 36

7-3-0/3-7-0 19.9-14.9

Jacksonville needed overtime last week to defeat Detroit, but they dominated that game and allowed two punt returns for touchdowns in the fourth quarter to give Detroit a chance to win that game. They allowed Detroit only 190 yards of offense at 3.5yppl and gained 415 yards for themselves at 4.7yppl. Tennessee, as mentioned previously, dominated Chicago but still lost the game because of similar results, out averaging Chicago 5.5yppl to 2.6yppl. I don't have any situations on this game but this line amazes me, even without Leftwich. Garrard is more than capable of playing and was 19 of 36 for 4.5ypr last week. Those numbers certainly aren't good but they were able to run the ball against a good Detroit defensive front to the tune of 239 yards and 4.8ypr. Jacksonville is a pretty average team, doing the right things to win games. Their offense is averaging just 5.3yppl against 5.5yppl. They'll face a Tennessee defense, which has recovered nicely this year and is allowing just 5.3yppl against 5.4yppl but 4.4ypr against 4.1ypr and Jacksonville might try and take advantage of that again this week. Jacksonville gained 136 yards at 4.7ypr in their first meeting. Tennessee has been just horrible this year, averaging just 5.0yppl against 5.4yppl and whether it has been McNair or Volek, it's been terrible either way. Jacksonville is allowing just 5.3yppl against 5.6yppl, which means they have faced some pretty good offenses this year. Against poor offenses, they have allowed Buffalo 3.8yppl, Tennessee 4.4yppl and Detroit 3.5yppl. They did allow Houston, on the road, 7.6yppl but the Houston offense is a little better than these other offenses. Final numbers favor Jacksonville by six and .5 point with a final total of just 27 points. Jacksonville has already defeated Tennessee on the road 15-12 and I don't see why they can't do it again at home laying the short number. The number is a little too low for me to play the under but I think there is solid value to the under this week. **JACKSONVILLE 16 TENNESSEE 10**

TAMPA BAY -8 San Francisco 42

0-2-0/0-2-0 6-22

This is going to be the first of four straight games this week where the situations lean to one team (enough to make them a best bet) but from a fundamental standpoint, I simply can't play that side. SF qualifies in numerous situations this week, including my turnover system, which is 1307-1086-66, including a subset, which is 810-632-36. They also qualify in a general contrary situation, which is 45-16-1 and 3-0 TY. They qualify in another contrary situation, which is 110-62-6 and 3-1 TY. And, coming off a couple of home games, including a loss, sets them up in another contrary situation, which is 115-66-5. TB, meanwhile, qualifies in a look ahead situation, which plays against them and is 112-53-2 and 3-0 TY and was 7-1 last year. The problem I have with playing SF is they have become non-competitive and late in the season, that doesn't bode well. SF has now lost their last three games by 10+ points. From week 10 on during a season, teams in that same role and playing on the road are just 13-38, including just 10-36 if they are a road dog of more than three points. A bad team depleted by numerous injuries isn't something I wish to take on. Know that the situations favoring them are some outstanding situations and some are having terrific seasons but the 13-38 situation is a clear sign the 49ers might be tanking it for the season. Final

numbers favor TB by nine points and suggest about 42 points being scored. I'll lean towards SF because of the situations but that's as close as I can get to them. **TAMPA BAY 24 SAN FRANCISCO 17**

Denver -4 NEW ORLEANS 47

1-0-0/1-0-0 38-23

Game number two where I have a tough time playing the home dog, who has situations in their favor. Again, the situations are enough to warrant a best bet but I can't pull the trigger. Denver is far and away the superior team here, averaging 4.2ypr against 4.1ypr, 7.1yps against 6.5yps and 5.7yppl against 5.4yppl. They should have no trouble moving the ball against a bad Saints defense, which is allowing 4.8ypr against 4.3ypr, 7.6yps against 6.4yps and 6.3yppl against 5.5yppl. The Saints offense has been disappointing this year averaging just 4.2ypr against 4.3ypr, 6.2yps against 6.4yps and 5.4yppl against 5.5yppl. They'll face a pretty good Denver defense, which is allowing just 3.9ypr against 4.1ypr, 5.8yps against 6.3yps and 4.9yppl against 5.3yppl. NO qualifies in a home momentum situation, which is 167-114-10 and they qualify in a defensive bounce back effort, which is 166-99-9. They also qualify as a power rating value play, which is 335-243-22. Denver, meanwhile, qualifies in a negative look ahead scheduling situation, which is 159-92-8 and plays against them here. There are plenty of reasons to play NO here but the final numbers favor Denver by seven and 4.5 points and suggest about 42 points being scored. The problem with taking the Saints is their four wins this year have come against bad teams, SF (1-8), Rams (5-4), Oakland (3-6) and KC (3-6). While the Rams aren't a terrible team, look at the teams they have defeated and what their defenses are like. Those defenses allow 29, 24, 27 and 26 points per game. The Rams defense actually allows the fewest points per game but is nearly the worse defense from a yards per play perspective. Denver is allowing just 17 points per game. Against teams who allow 20 points or less per game, they have averaged just 13 points per game and this is the best defense they have faced, with the exception of maybe TB. Knowing they are allowing about 29 points to better than average offenses makes it even tougher to play them here. Throw in the fact Joe Horn and Deuce McAllister are banged up and I can't take the Saints this week. Just know, again, the situations favor them, so I will lean their way. **DENVER 23 NEW ORLEANS 20**

SEATTLE -10 Miami 37.5

2-0-0/1-1-0 22-18.5

Well, game number three where the situations just don't line up with the fundamentals. We all know how bad the Miami offense is, averaging just 4.4yppl against 5.1yppl and they should have a tough time against a better than average Seattle defense, allowing 5.2yppl against 5.3yppl. The big problem here is a Seattle offense, averaging 5.6yppl against 5.4yppl, including 4.8ypr against 4.4ypr and facing a Miami defense, which is allowing just 4.9yppl against 5.2yppl but 4.5ypr against 4.2ypr. In four road games this year, Miami is yet to average more than 4.2yppl or score more than 14 points. Normally, that might be fine, but their defense is really starting to suffer the effects of a bad offense. While they only allowed the anemic Arizona offense 4.6yppl in a home game, the three games previous to that they allowed 7.6yppl, 6.0yppl and 5.7yppl. That just doesn't bode well against a Seattle offense, which has averaged 5.3yppl, 5.9yppl and 5.9yppl in their only three home games this year and scored 34, 27 and 23 points. If Miami can't get past 13 points, and there is good reason to believe that, then they will be hard pressed to cover this game, where Seattle looks to be a lock to score at least 23 points. With all that said, my NFL success hasn't come because I ignore my huge library of systems and Miami qualifies in a couple of strong situations this week, which are 110-62-6, including 3-1 TY and as a turnover table play, which is 1307-1086-66, including a subset, which is 810-632-36. Final numbers favor Seattle by nine and 13 points with a final projected total of 34 points. I'll support my systems and lean towards Miami but there are better games this week. **SEATTLE 23 MIAMI 14**

San Diego -4 OAKLAND 48.5

7-3-0/6-4-0 20.1-21.8

The last of the four games this week where systems point one way and the fundamentals point the other way. SD wasted no time in defeating Oakland the first time around this year, winning 42-14 and out averaging Oakland,

7.0yppl to 5.5yppl. The Oakland numbers are average this year, gaining 5.3yppl against 5.3yppl and allowing 5.4yppl against 5.4yppl. The problem for Oakland is a -15 in turnover ratio. If they stop turning the ball over, they have a chance to win some games. Oakland has won three games this year and in games where they were -1 or better in the turnover margin, they are actually 3-1. In other words, if they aren't getting killed in turnovers, they have a chance to win the game. They'll face a SD team, which is good but not great. The Chargers are averaging 5.7yppl against 5.4yppl and allowing 5.3yppl against 5.4yppl. The Raiders qualify in a couple of similar home momentum situations, which are 80-46-2 and 167-114-10. Home teams who are not covering the spread versus road teams who are covering the spread make good propositions and Oakland qualifies in a situation based on that premise, which is 281-191-21. SD, meanwhile, qualifies in a couple of negative situations, which are 83-48-5 and 159-92-8. SD does qualify in one solid situation, which is a fundamental rushing play and is 157-94-7. The biggest problem I have with playing Oakland in this game is the value clearly lies with SD. SD has been severely underrated all year and continues to be so. My numbers favor SD by 12 points in both ratings and project about 49 points to be scored. I do have a 329-245-12 under situation on this game as well. Again, there are better games on the board this week. **SAN DIEGO 24 OAKLAND 23**

Atlanta -3 NY GIANTS 40

3-0-0/1-2-0 26-12.3

So much in the NFL is not how good a team is but how good they are when you play them. Case in point is the 5-4 Giants who have lost three of four games, including losses to the Lions, Bears and Cardinals. I may as well note they also lost to the Eagles earlier this year and now face the Falcons. Are you starting to see a pattern when the Giants play an animal or a bird? With the exception of the first game this year, the Giants defense has played very well, even against good offenses. They allowed Philly 7.0yppl in their first game but since have allowed good offenses like GB 5.5yppl, Dallas 4.9yppl and Minnesota 5.2yppl. All of those games were played on the road. Meanwhile, Atlanta has played well this year but this team is completely different when they are on the road. Yes, they are 3-1 on the road, but wins against SF and Carolina are not quality wins. The Denver win was a quality win but they were +2 in turnovers and they were +3 in turnovers against Carolina. On the road this year, Atlanta has allowed 5.0yppl, 5.9yppl, 7.0yppl and 7.7yppl. Atlanta has been great in getting to the quarterback at home this year, registering 22 sacks in five games (4.4/gm) but just 9 in four road games (2.3/gm). The biggest problem for the Giants over the last four weeks (three of four losses) has been sacks allowed. Hopefully with Manning at quarterback this week, that will change some. Atlanta is a pretty ordinary team, averaging 5.6yppl against 5.3yppl and they'll face a Giants defense, which is allowing 5.0yppl against 5.2yppl. The Giants offense has suffered as of late with the sacks and is now averaging just 5.2yppl against 5.3yppl but they'll face an Atlanta defense, which is just average, allowing 5.3yppl against 5.3yppl and has played worse on the road this year. The Giants qualify as a power rating value play, which is 335-243-22 and Atlanta qualifies in a negative scheduling situation, which is 159-92-8 and plays against them here. In addition, the Giants qualify in two fundamental rushing situations, which are 133-91-8 and 50-13-3. Those situations suggest a team like the Giants, who can run the ball (4.6ypr against 4.2ypr), stand a good chance of covering this game. Final numbers favor the Giants by five and one point. I realize Warner isn't playing and the Giants have injuries on defense but I still feel Atlanta is an overrated team that shouldn't be laying points on the road. **NY GIANTS 23 ATLANTA 13**

PHILADELPHIA -10.5 Washington 38

4-4-2/5-5-0 20.3-23.3

After what Washington did last week, it makes it pretty hard to play them in a game. This is a bad team who couldn't score on a Cincinnati defense that had allowed a minimum of 27 points in every road game this year. Simply put, Washington has been horrible on offense this year, averaging just 4.2yppl against 5.2yppl. They'll face a very average Philly defense, which is allowing 5.2yppl against 5.1yppl. The Philly offense has been outstanding this year, averaging 6.2yppl against 5.1yppl and they'll face a good Washington defense, allowing 4.3yppl against 5.0yppl. The Redskins have only played two good offenses this year and they allowed Dallas to gain 5.5yppl (average 5.8yppl) and Green Bay to average 5.8yppl (average 6.0yppl) and both of those games were at home. Philly is coming off a two game road trip and sets them up in a very solid scheduling situation, which won with NE and Atlanta last week and is now 83-42-3. Washington is a turnover table play this week, which is 1307-1086-66,

including a subset, which is 810-632-36. Final numbers favor Philly by 16 and 10.5 points. I'll favor the better team to cover this game. The number is fair and I don't see anyway Washington can muster enough points to cover this game. **PHILADELPHIA 24 WAS HINGTON 11**

Green Bay -3 HOUSTON 49.5

No Past History

This should be a great game to watch. The ball should be flying around much like it was for both teams last week. The Pack is on a roll right now, having won four in a row and scored 28 or more in each of those games. I don't see any reason why that won't continue in this game. The GB offense is now averaging 4.5ypr against 4.1ypr, 7.2ypr against 6.2ypr and 6.0yppr against 5.3yppr. They'll match up just fine against a Houston defense, which is allowing 4.5ypr against 4.3ypr, 6.9ypr against 6.7ypr and 5.9yppr against 5.7yppr. For Houston, their offense has struggled as of late but I expect them to pick it back up at home against a poor Packers defense. Houston is averaging just 3.4ypr against 4.1ypr, 6.9ypr against 6.5ypr and 5.3yppr against 5.5yppr. They'll face a weak Packer defense, which is allowing 4.6ypr against 4.1ypr, 6.6ypr against 6.1ypr and 5.8yppr against 5.3yppr. The key for Houston is their passing game, which is still solid and facing a poor Packer secondary. Houston has played five above average offenses this year (SD, KC, Minnesota, Denver and Indy) and allowed an average of 32 points, including 31 points in home games. GB has faced three below average defenses this year and has averaged 35 points against Indianapolis, Dallas and Minnesota, including 31 points on the road. You should be able to pencil in GB for about 31 points in this game. That doesn't force Houston to have to score many points for this game to go over the total. Houston has faced four poor pass defenses this year and scored an average of 24 points, including an average of 29 points at home. GB has faced three good passing offenses this year and allowed an average of 32 points per game, including 45 on the road. This game has over written all over it. I do have a 329-245-12 under situation applying to this game but that same situation applied to the Houston game last week and I ignored it because of the fundamentals. It should be noted GB is also 33-19-3 to the over in the Favre era as a road favorite. As for the side, Houston qualifies in a bounce back situation, which is 41-16-0, including a subset, which is 32-10-0 after getting thrashed by Indy last week. They also qualify in a power rating bounce back situation, which is 137-76-11 and a power rating value system, which is 335-243-22. GB qualifies in a negative letdown situation, which is 102-46-3. Even if GB lets down, there should be plenty of scoring in this game. I hate to go against my Pack and hopefully they can win this game by one point but there figures to be plenty of scoring and as good as Favre and company are playing right now, when a poor defense like this goes on the road, the natural look is to the home dog. Final numbers favor GB by one point and five points and project 50 points. **HOUSTON 31 GREEN BAY 30**

New England -3 KANSAS CITY 52.5

2-0-0/1-1-0 20-23.5

NE just keeps on winning and KC just keeps on disappointing it's followers. The Chiefs have really struggled this year and for the same reason, which is a lack of defense. They are now allowing 4.8ypr against 4.1ypr, 7.3ypr against 6.5ypr and 6.2yppr against 5.4yppr. They'll face a good NE offense, which is averaging 4.2ypr against 4.2ypr, 6.7ypr against 5.9ypr and 5.5yppr against 5.1yppr. The KC offense has been just fine this year after a slow start and is averaging 4.8ypr against 4.1ypr, 7.3ypr against 6.4ypr and 6.1yppr against 5.4yppr. They still managed to average 7.0yppr last week against the Saints but lost that game because of a -3 in turnovers. They'll face a good NE defense, which is allowing 4.2ypr against 4.1ypr, 5.8ypr against 6.2ypr and 5.1yppr against 5.2yppr. KC qualifies in a bounce back situation after their upset loss last week, which is 127-74-4. They are also a turnover table system play, which is 1307-1086-66, including a subset, which is 810-632-36. They also qualify in a Monday night system play, which is 62-30-2 and a power rating value play, which is 335-243-22. Last but not least, home teams who do not cover the spread, when playing road teams who do cover the spread, make excellent propositions and KC qualifies in a system based on that, which is 281-191-21. Final numbers favor NE by four and 1.5 points and final total projects out to 57 points. NE has faced three poor defenses this year and averaged 27 points. KC has faced two good offenses this year and allowed about 35 points per game. That should put NE somewhere around 31 points in this game. NE has faced five good offenses this year and allowed an average of about 21 points, including about 28 points on the road. KC has faced five good defenses this year and averaged 23 points. Two of those games were early in the year when their passing offense wasn't in high gear yet. Four of the five were played

on the road. Even if they allow the 31 projected in this example and score only 23, we have enough for the over. I'm guessing they get something closer to 30 points, which gives us the over and gives us a chance for the cover. This game qualifies in an over situation, which is 36-14-2. KC is now 21-3-2 ats as a home dog with a win percentage of .333 or greater. **KANSAS CITY 36 NEW ENGLAND 31**

BEST BETS

YTD 40-31 +16.50%

3% CLEVELAND -1

3% CHICAGO +7.5

3% NY GIANTS +3

3% HOUSTON +3

3% KANSAS CITY +3

3% GB/HOUSTON OVER 50

3% NE/KC OVER 52.5

WEEK 12

Last week was one of the worse NFL weeks I've had in a long, long time. But, let's keep things in perspective and understand what happened. First, remember it's not where we are now but where we end up. Second, the season had been going so well, that even with such a poor week, 0-6-1 -19.80%, we are now just one unit (-3.30%) down for the season. Third, remember, I had two 1-5 weeks last year, which are equivalent to what has happened the last two weeks (8 games under .500) and we still finished the regular season above +20%. Lastly, two years ago, when I went on an amazing 67% run over the last half of the season, going into this week, I was down -18.50% and finished the regular season up over +20% and the overall season up over +30%. So keep the faith and we will get there again.

The other thing to note is what really happened last week. First, I lost the play on Cleveland because their kicker, who had made something like 29 straight field goals, missed two chip shot field goals. I lost the Giants game because of a few turnovers and probably didn't deserve to win that game. I pushed the Houston game, which should have been a win the way that game was going and the KC total lost by seven points, but two turnovers inside the other teams five yard line cost us that total. So, it was certainly a mix of bad luck and bad picks.

But, something even more abnormal happened last week. Those of you who have been with me over the years know I play mostly dogs and short favorites, rarely playing any large favorites and not that many dogs at all. Last week, the favorites went 12-3-1 80%. Coming into this year, in any given week, favorites had only covered 70% or more in 20 of the 350 weeks going back to 1983. That means only 5.7% of all weeks played since 1983 have shown favorites covering 70% or better. But, remember, last week 80% of the favorites covered and that has only happened 4 times in those same 350 weeks since 1983 or in other words, only 1.1% of all weeks. Simply put, last week was an extremely abnormal week. Let's hope it doesn't happen again.

And, the final point here is with the college picks, which have been posted all year for free on my website, were are still up +10.00% so the season is still strong.

A quick reminder to check out my college page each week - <http://www.sixthsensesports.com/247210.html> - for my college best bets, which have been red hot, at 55-37 60% for the season.

I've also attached as an Excel spreadsheet and Adobe Acrobat showing the stats I use versus the opponents they have faced. Any questions, please let me know.

This will be on Friday evenings, going forward. If you haven't received your report by 7:00 p.m. central time on Friday, please send me an email.

Home team in caps. All records against the spread unless otherwise noted.

League averages for comparison to the stats that will be listed below.

Average Points Scored 20.0
Yards Per Rush (YPR) 4.1
Yards Per Pass (YPS) 6.2
Yards Per Play (YPPL) 5.3

I am adding one other item this year. Under each game listed you will see an average score for the teams that are playing listed. This average represents the average score between these two teams playing at this site over the past ten seasons. I also will be listing the spread record and over/under record for these two teams at this site for the past ten seasons. One hint is when we have a sample of at least **five games** and the average score is at least **seven points** from today's line, playing on that team that it favors has been extremely profitable.

For example:

NEW ENGLAND -3.5 Indianapolis 44

3-6-0/3-6-0 16-26.3

Away teams record is always listed first. Indy is 3-6-0 ATS (first set of numbers) and also 3-6-0 OU (second set of numbers) playing at NE during the past ten seasons. Their average score is 16-26.3, losing by an average of 10.3 points per game when playing at NE. That's a difference of 6.8 points in favor of NE. They win by an average of 10.3 points per game and the line is currently 3.5. Remember, anything at **seven** or higher creates historical value for that team when the sample is at least **five games**. You might say teams change and you can't rely on this but I'll tell you these teams win at a 56% clip so you better have good reason to play against this, even though it represents team trends and not league wide trends.

Indianapolis -9.5 DETROIT 54

0-1-0/0-1-0 10-32

Colts continue to roll along. Their offense is simply playing at another level right now. The Colts are averaging 4.6ypr against 4.2ypr, 8.6yps against 6.5yps and 6.8yppl against 5.5yppl. They are easily the best offense in the league. They'll face a Detroit defense, which is above average, allowing just 3.7ypr against 4.2ypr, 6.3yps against 6.2yps and 5.0yppl against 5.3yppl. Meanwhile, the Lions offense has been horrible again this year, gaining just 4.5yppl against 5.3yppl and well below average both, with the rush and the pass. While the offense isn't good, they moved the ball against a below average Vikings defense last week, averaging 5.4ypr and totaling 146 yards on the ground. The problem was an anemic passing offense, gaining just 67 yards at 3.0yps. They'll face another poor defense with Indy, allowing 5.7yppl against 5.4yppl, but the Indy defense has been surprisingly better as of late. The last two weeks they have allowed Houston 4.0yppl and Chicago 4.1yppl. Detroit's offense is worse than Houston and better than Chicago. If they can only muster between 4.5yppl and 5.0yppl, they'll have trouble keeping up with the Indy offense. Detroit does qualify in some solid situations this week, including a 44-16-0 bounce back situation and a power rating value system, which is 335-248-23. Indy also qualifies in a road letdown situation based on their high scoring output over the past few weeks, which is 83-50-5. That situation is just 1-6 this year and lost playing against Indy last week. Indy has mustered at least 24 points in every game this year. They have played five games against above average defenses this year, averaging 28 points per game, including 30 per game on the road. You can probably mark Indy down for 28-30 points in this game. For Detroit, their biggest problem is when they have stepped up in level of competition. Twice they have played quality teams at home, Philadelphia and Green Bay, and were blown out in both of those games, losing by an average of 11.5-34. Indy has played six below average offenses this year and allowed an average of just 16 points per game and just once allowing more than 17 points. Detroit has faced four good offenses this year and allowed an average of 30 points per game, including an average of 34 against the two good offenses they have faced at home. That makes it tough to believe they can score 21+ points in this game. Detroit, on Thanksgiving Day, has been a pretty good play, going 14-8 ATS and a very solid record as a dog, going 9-4 ATS. They seem to make this their SB each year. My final numbers favor Indy by a score of about 35-21 and the analysis just completed above shows this somewhere around 30-17. I can adjust for the situations Detroit qualifies in and home field, but it doesn't make the number good enough to make Detroit a Best Bet. I'll call for the dog to cover and a lean towards the under but nothing is strong enough to make it a play. **INDIANAPOLIS 30 DETROIT 22**

DALLAS -3.5 Chicago 36

0-1-0/0-1-0 20.8-23.2

The Cowboys are a wreck and have lost six of their last seven games. Meanwhile, Chicago, under Craig Krenzel, has won three of their last four games. While it is what it is, the Bears wins certainly haven't been because of their offense, gaining just more than 4.0yppl just once in their past seven games. That was last week against Indy, when they averaged a whopping 4.1yppl. But, something has to give here because Dallas has allowed at least 5.0yppl in every game this year but one. The Chicago offense is averaging just 4.1yppl against 5.2yppl but they'll face a Dallas defense, which is allowing 5.9yppl against 5.1yppl. The Bears have faced four below average defenses this year and averaged about 19 points per game. Dallas is allowing about 21 points per game against below average offenses. The Dallas offense has moved the ball this year, gaining 5.5yppl against 5.0yppl but is only averaging 17 points per game, mostly because of a terrible turnover margin. They'll face a Bears defense, which is allowing

5.1yppl against 5.4yppl. The Bears have faced a lot of good offenses this year and allowed about 24 points per game. Other than their 31 point outburst against Detroit this year, Dallas hasn't scored more than 21 points in any given game. We can probably mark Dallas down for about 17-21 points in this game. They are averaging about 17 points per game against above average defenses this year. Chicago qualifies in a contrary situation, which is 111-63-6 and a similar contrary situation, which is 174-117-4. Dallas does qualify as a turnover table play, which is 1311-1094-67, including a subset, which is 811-638-36. The Bears also qualify in a bounce back defensive effort, which is 166-101-9 and a fundamental rushing situation, which actually plays against Dallas and is 91-36-6. Final numbers actually favor Chicago by about three and one point. I'm a little gun shy to play Craig Krenzel on the road although he may get helped out this week because Dallas is starting Drew Henson. I'll make Chicago a strong opinion. Final numbers also lean towards the over and I'll lean that way as well. **CHICAGO 22 DALLAS 20**

NEW ENGLAND -7 Baltimore 36

0-1-1/0-2-0 8.5-18.5

The Ravens offense is still pretty bad, although Kyle Boller is starting to grasp things better and he averaged 6.3yps against a poor Dallas defense last week. For the season, however, Baltimore still struggles on offense, averaging just 3.9ypr against 4.0ypr (without Lewis this week) and just 4.9yps against 6.1yps for a total of just 4.4yppl against 5.1yppl. While the NE defense has been just average this season and they are still missing key people in the secondary, they somehow manage to play as a team and get the job done. That will be made easier this week against a Baltimore offense that doesn't figure to be able to take advantage because of their poor passing attack. NE is allowing 4.1ypr against 4.2ypr, 6.0yps against 6.3yps and 5.2yppl against 5.3yppl. The NE offense has been solid this year but they will face a stiff test this week. NE is averaging 4.1ypr against 4.2ypr, 7.1yps against 6.0yps and 5.7yppl against 5.2yppl. But, the Baltimore defense is allowing just 3.5ypr against 4.0ypr, 5.0yps against 6.2yps and 4.3yppl against 5.1yppl. Brian Billick has been extremely tough as a dog and his teams are now 15-5 ATS, including 1-0 this year (at Philadelphia +7.5, 10-15) as an away underdog. Baltimore qualifies in a very negative situation based on their current winning streak, which is 63-29-4 and plays against them here. Meanwhile, Baltimore qualifies in a fundamental rushing situation, which is 245-178-14. My final numbers favor NE by seven points in this game and both teams qualify in strong situations and Baltimore could certainly be considered a live defensive dog in this game. It's very hard to go against either team here. I will call the final on the number and let any line movement determine which way I lean. Final total predicts about 33 points and a look at the under probably isn't a bad idea either. Baltimore already held Philly to just 15 points earlier this year on the road so they are certainly capable of doing that to NE here. **NEW ENGLAND 20 BALTIMORE 13**

Philadelphia -7 NY GIANTS 37.5

5-6-0/2-9-0 12.6-17.5

I lost with the Giants last week and probably deserved to do so but they had their chances in the second half. The game was probably lost in the first half as Eli Manning got accustomed to life in the NFL. Hopefully those adjustments will be taken care of and it won't take the Giants quite as long to get into sync this week. The Philly offense continues to roll, averaging 4.4ypr against 4.0ypr, 7.2yps against 5.9yps and 6.1yppl against 5.0yppl. They'll face a good but not great Giants defense, which is allowing 4.5ypr against 4.1ypr, 5.5yps against 6.0yps and 5.1yppl against 5.2yppl. The stiffest test for Philly in this game may be the Giants pass defense. When the Giants played the Vikings earlier this year, Mike Tice commented that the Giants pass defense is the best pass defense he has seen this year. Their numbers are pretty good but they haven't faced a lot of great pass offenses. Their worse performance was their first game this year in Philly, when they allowed 8.2yps. I think they will do a better job because the pass defense has gotten better as the season as gone along. The Giants offense will face just an average Philly defense this year. NY is averaging 4.6ypr against 4.1ypr, 5.5yps against 6.1yps and 5.1yppl against 5.2yppl. The Philly defense is allowing 4.4ypr against 4.0ypr, 5.5yps against 5.7yps and 5.1yppl against 4.9yppl. Philly padded their pass defensive stats early in the season against some bad passing offenses but in recent weeks, teams that have the ability to throw the ball, have taken advantage of that and their numbers have gotten progressively worse. The Giants have people at the skill position to take advantage of that and should do so here. The Giants also did a good job of protecting Manning last week by allowing just one sack and they will run plays again this week designed to keep him protected. NY qualifies in a home dog fundamental rushing situation, which is 50-14-3 and

Philly qualifies in a negative scheduling situation, which is 159-95-8 and plays against them here. I really don't understand this line here. Philly has played just one team at or above .500 this year on the road and lost badly to them (Pittsburgh). We all know Pittsburgh is much better than the Giants but Philly was also seven point favorites at Cleveland and Dallas, two teams who are much worse than the Giants and Philly covered one game and almost lost the other game. The Giants have played one game at home this year against a team above .500 and lost to Atlanta last week, 10-14. They have also played three other teams above .500 this year and won two of those three straight up with the only loss in Philly during week one. Final numbers favor Philly by only six points, before the situations are accounted for, giving value to the Giants. Coughlin is 3-0 ATS as a home dog of seven or more points in his career. My final numbers predict about 46 points being scored in this game. I'll hold off on the over in this game because I respect the Giants defense and Manning is still a bit of a question mark as to how efficiently he can run the offense, but the total is pretty low in this game. Giants are being given a lot of points and stand an excellent chance to stay within the number here. **PHILADELPHIA 24 NY GIANTS 23**

PITTSBURGH -10.5 Washington 36

1-1-0/0-2-0 8-19

The schedule maker didn't do Washington any favors this year. Last week they faced Philly and this week Pittsburgh. Both weeks, their opponents are coming home after consecutive road games and they qualify in a very strong 84-41-3 scheduling situation. Washington has enough problems on their own that they certainly don't need their opponents to be put into situations that favor them. The Redskins are averaging just 3.7ypr against 4.2ypr, 4.5ypr against 5.9ypr and 4.1yppl against 5.1yppl this year. That doesn't figure to get any better against a solid Steelers stop unit that is allowing just 3.7ypr against 3.9ypr, 5.2ypr against 5.9ypr and 4.6yppl against 5.0yppl. The Redskins do play great defense allowing just 3.2ypr against 4.0ypr, 5.5ypr against 5.9ypr and 4.4ypr against 5.1ypr. They'll face a Pittsburgh offense that looks below average on the surface, gaining just 4.0ypr against 4.1ypr, 6.6ypr against 6.0ypr and 5.0yppl against 5.1yppl but as I've said for many weeks now, they run the ball so much it makes their overall offensive numbers look poorer than they are. If Pittsburgh wanted to throw the ball a little more they could improve their offensive numbers. Washington does qualify in my turnover table system, which is 1311-1094-67, including a subset, which is 811-638-36. They also qualify in a power rating bounce back situation, which is 137-77-11 and a fundamental rushing situation, which is 245-178-14. The situations do favor Washington overall in this game but I find it hard to believe their offense will be able to produce any points in this game. My home/away numbers favor Pittsburgh by 17 points and I'll give Washington the benefit because of the situations but there is no way I can make them a best bet here. The under looks strong in this game. I would consider the under but I'm afraid of Pittsburgh being able to do some damage with their defense, which may lead to easy scores. **PITTSBURGH 20 WASHINGTON 10**

CINCINNATI -6 Cleveland 38.5

3-2-0/3-2-0 23-21.8

When looking at home/away numbers, one can make a case for Cincinnati in this game but I find it hard to believe they are installed a six point favorite here. Yes, I realize Cleveland is banged up and has already lost road games this year by 7, 11, 17 and 14 points. Cincinnati was a large favorite over Miami back in week two and I commented about how bad they have been when favored and giving up points, which is always the case for Cincinnati because they rarely have a good defense. Over the years, they are just 14-20-0 when favored by six or more points. When they allow more than 10 points in those games, they are just 6-19-0. Can Cleveland score more than 10 points in this game? Well, they have in three of their four road games and those games came against good defenses the likes of Baltimore, Pittsburgh and the Giants. Cleveland is banged up and has lost three in a row and four of five but they have just finished playing Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh along with an easy victory over these Bungles, 34-17. Cleveland has been pretty average this year on offense, averaging 4.8yppl against 4.8yppl and they'll face a Bengals defense, which is allowing 5.1yppl against 5.0yppl. While the Cleveland defense is not that good, allowing 5.1yppl against 5.0yppl (the same as Cincinnati), they will face a Bengals offense that has been poor this year, gaining just 4.6yppl against 4.9yppl and very poor throwing the ball, which is the weakness of the Browns defense. Cleveland qualifies in a solid contrary situation, which is 111-64-6 as well as another similar contrary situation, which is 115-67-5. They are also a turnover table play, which is 1311-1094-67,

including a subset, which is 811-638-36. Cincinnati's poor offense sets them up in a negative fundamental rushing situation, which is 91-37-6 and plays against them here, suggesting their offense should not be laying this many points. Final numbers favor Cincinnati by only two and four points but my home/away numbers favor Cincinnati by 12 points before accounting for the situations Cleveland qualifies in. A bad defense laying a large amount of points on the road is not suggested and Cleveland is sitting in a good situation to take advantage this week. Cleveland had lost five straight games coming into their season ending game at Cincinnati last year and won the game easily. I'll grab them with the points this week. **CLEVELAND 20 CINCINNATI 19**

MINNESOTA -5.5 Jacksonville 47

1-1-0/1-1-0 21.5-26.5

Jacksonville gets back Leftwich for this game and the Vikings get back Moss in this game, albeit in a limited role. I don't have any situations that favor either side in this game and my final numbers favor Minnesota by just two points in this game, giving some value to the dog. The Minnesota offense has been solid this year overall, even when not factoring in Moss has missed most, if not all of five games. They are averaging 4.8ypr against 4.4ypr, 7.5ypr against 6.4ypr and 6.4ypr against 5.5ypr. They'll face a Jacksonville defense that is playing above average, allowing 3.8ypr against 4.2ypr, 6.5ypr against 6.7ypr and 5.3ypr against 5.5ypr. Jacksonville has faced plenty of good offenses this year in Indianapolis (twice), Denver, San Diego and Kansas City so they are no stranger to another good offense. They are going to have to run the ball in this game to control the clock and keep the Vikings offense off the field. Tice wants to run the ball more, which is something they haven't been doing, and as long as his team is in this game or if they get ahead, he will do as much of that as possible. Jacksonville has been running the ball better as of late and is now averaging 4.2ypr against 4.1ypr, 5.9ypr against 6.4ypr and 5.2ypr against 5.4ypr. They'll face a Vikings defense, which is allowing teams to run roughshod all over them, allowing 4.9ypr against 4.1ypr (including allowing Detroit to rush for 146 at 5.4ypr last week), 6.2ypr against 6.3ypr and 5.7ypr against 5.4ypr. If Jacksonville can control the game on the ground, they can control this game and keep the clock moving. I doubt Jacksonville will be able to throw the ball real well in this game. They are only averaging 5.9ypr against 7.0ypr on the road this year and Minnesota has been solid defending the pass at home this year, allowing just 5.3ypr against 6.3ypr. My final projected total in this game is 39 points using overall stats and only 32 points using home/away numbers. I do have a 234-134-8 under situation in this game but I also have an 82-48-2 over situation. Those two situations cancel each other out but the value still clearly lies with the under in this game. The most Minnesota home games have totaled this year is 52 points and they also had a 49 point game. Both of those would go over this total but Minnesota will be content to run the ball with a lead and Jacksonville wants to run the ball from the get-go, if possible. I like the under here. **MINNESOTA 17 JACKSONVILLE 14**

Tampa Bay -2.5 CAROLINA 39.5

1-3-0/1-3-0 14-18.3

I don't quite understand this line here. I've been a big supporter of TB this year but they shouldn't be favored in this game on the road. TB is just 1-4 on the road this year and their one win was by three points over lowly New Orleans. Carolina has only won one game at home this year, going just 1-4 themselves but have played the likes of GB, Atlanta and San Diego. Against the two below average teams they have played, Oakland and Arizona, they lost by three and won by twenty-five last week. The Carolina defense has been good all year, allowing just 5.1ypr against 5.5ypr and even better at home, where they have allowed just 3.4ypr against 4.1ypr, 6.1ypr against 6.6ypr and 4.7ypr against 5.5ypr. The TB offense is below average gaining just 5.1ypr against 5.4ypr and it has been even worse on the road this year. They are averaging just 3.0ypr against 4.5ypr, 5.8ypr against 5.9ypr and 4.8ypr against 5.3ypr on the road. Carolina qualifies in a home momentum situation, which is 167-117-10 and a power rating value system, which is 335-248-23. TB, meanwhile, qualifies in a negative letdown situation, which is 76-41-5. Carolina has won by three last year and lost by three during the TB SB run here in Carolina so they have been competitive and forced TB to struggle for everything they have earned. This is a play on Carolina because of the situations, value and home/road dichotomy of these two teams. Final numbers favor Carolina by three and by five points (home/away numbers). This game also qualifies in an over situation, which is 36-15-2. My final numbers only suggest about 33-35 points being scored but I will respect the situation and lean to the over. **CAROLINA 23 TAMPA BAY 17**

KANSAS CITY –3 San Diego 52

3-6-1/4-6-0 13.8-25.7

SD is without question the surprise team of the league this year but you have to look a little deeper to find out what is really happening with this team. On the road, this team is not quite as good as they may appear on the surface. They have played five road games this year, defeating a below average Houston team by seven points, a below average Carolina team by 11 points and a below average Oakland team by six points. Against the two above average teams they have played, they have lost by 10 at Denver and by one point at Atlanta. You can certainly make the argument that those two teams are better than KC, but KC is coming off of three tough home games against Atlanta, Indianapolis and New England. SD is not in that class. And the SD numbers, while good overall, are not that good on the road this year, averaging just 4.8yppl against 5.7yppl (including just 3.6ypr against 4.2ypr) and they'll face a KC defense, which is below average at home, allowing 6.2yppl against 5.8yppl (but an amazing 3.9ypr against 4.4ypr) so KC has defended the run well at home but succumbed to good passing teams in Indianapolis, New England and Houston. SD, on defense on the road, has not been good allowing 5.4yppl against 5.1yppl, including 6.9yps against 6.3yps. The KC offense has been very good at home this year, gaining 4.8ypr against 4.3ypr, 7.7yps against 7.0yps and 6.3yppl against 5.7yppl. The weakness for KC at home this year has been defending the pass but SD has been very poor throwing the ball on the road, averaging just 6.1yps against 6.8yps so they might not be able to take advantage of that. KC qualifies as a turnover table play, which is 1311-1094-67, including a subset, which is 811-638-36. They also qualify as a non-covering home team, which puts them in a contrary situation, which is 282-194-21. My final home/away numbers favor KC by six points, 26-20. This game also qualifies in a 153-81-2 under situation and the home/away numbers support that as well. The rest of the world finds out SD, although good, is not quite as good as they may think. **KANSAS CITY 29 SAN DIEGO 17**

Tennessee –2 HOUSTON 43.5

1-1-0/1-1-0 20-13.5

Another game where I don't quite understand the line. GB was a three point favorite here last week and is a much better team than Tennessee. Houston played GB very tough last week and probably should have won the game. GB did dominate the game from the line of scrimmage so maybe that makes up for the lack of line difference in this game. Houston has had problems running the ball all year, gaining just 3.4ypr against 4.1ypr. You would like to think they can improve on that in this game against Tennessee who allows 4.4ypr against 4.1ypr but they probably won't do much better than they did last week against GB, gaining 4.0ypr. The problem for Houston last week was they couldn't get their passing game going, averaging just 5.0yps and they may find that tough again this week against a Tennessee pass defense, which is allowing just 5.8yps against 6.3yps. The Houston defense has been slightly below average this year allowing 6.0yppl against 5.7yppl but they'll face a Tennessee offense, which is below average this year, gaining just 5.0yppl against 5.4yppl. Tennessee qualifies in a fundamental rushing situation, which is 441-312-24 but Houston qualifies in a power rating value situation, which is 335-248-23. Final numbers favor Houston by two points and Tennessee by one point. My home/away numbers favor Houston by two points. I think the real value in this game is the under. This game qualifies in a 153-81-2 under situation and my final numbers predict just 36-37 points being scored. Both team's offenses are slightly below average with the Tennessee defense above average and Houston's defense just below average. The total is more than the league average, which means this game stands a good chance to go under if both teams play their average games. I'll lean with the home dog and make the under a best bet. **HOUSTON 17 TENNESSEE 16**

ATLANTA –9 New Orleans 46

4-6-0/5-5-0 20.7-21.2

This game could get real ugly real fast. Simply put, NO is not a good football team right now and is on the verge of quitting. That's not good when facing a rookie head coach and Michael Vick, who are playing with plenty of energy. The home/away numbers for these teams are pretty staggering. NO is averaging just 5.3yppl against 5.6yppl on the road and they'll face an Atlanta defense, which has been outstanding at home, allowing just 2.8ypr against

4.4ypr, 5.4yps against 6.3yps and 4.3yppl against 5.3yppl. Going the other way, Atlanta's offense has been very solid at home, averaging 5.2ypr against 3.6ypr, 6.1yps against 5.7yps and 5.6yppl against 4.8yppl. They'll face a Saints defense, which is allowing 4.6ypr against 4.2ypr, 6.9yps against 6.1yps and 5.9yppl against 5.3yppl. Atlanta qualifies in a fundamental rushing situation, which is 159-94-7. Final numbers favor Atlanta by 10. This game does qualify in an under situation, which is 234-134-8 and the final projected total, using my home/away numbers is just 40 points. I'll avoid making the under a best bet because the NO defense could simply implode and allow Atlanta 40 points but it's looks like the way to go in this game along with the home favorite. **ATLANTA 27 NEW ORLEANS 14**

NY Jets -3 ARIZONA 36

1-0-0/1-0-0 31-21

Arizona qualifies in a power rating value system play, which is 335-248-23 and my home/away numbers favor Arizona by three points. I don't have enough to make Arizona a best bet in this game and their offense has not been good this year, gaining just 4.3yppl against 5.3yppl. And it doesn't get any better for them at home, in fact, their numbers are slightly worse on offense, at 4.2yppl against 5.5yppl. On defense, Arizona is allowing 5.3yppl against 5.2yppl but their numbers do improve at home, allowing just 4.9yppl against 5.4yppl. They'll face a Jets offense, which has been below average on the road, gaining just 4.9yppl against 5.2yppl and their defense is allowing 4.9yppl against 4.8yppl on the road this year. Final numbers also project only 27 points being scored, which makes the under a good look as well. Again, I don't have enough to make anything a best bet but Denny Green as an underdog is a 60% proposition over the years, including 6-4 this year (3-1 at home), and the under looks solid as well. **ARIZONA 15 NY JETS 12**

SEATTLE -5 Buffalo 37.5

1-2-0/3-0-0 25.3-25

Seattle is a much better team offensively at home this year. Their offensive numbers at home are very good, averaging 4.4ypr against 3.8ypr, 6.4yps against 5.4yps and 5.3yppl against 4.8yppl. They'll face a Bills defense, which has been good this year but just slightly better than average on the road, allowing 4.8yppl against 4.9yppl. The Bills defense has been fantastic at home but just average on the road. Against a good Seattle offense, that will make it tough on their offense, which has really struggled on the road this year, averaging just 3.3ypr against 4.3ypr, 4.7yps against 6.3yps and 4.1yppl against 5.3yppl. And things won't get better against a Seattle defense, which is very good at home, allowing just 5.0yppl against 5.3yppl. My home/away numbers favor Seattle by eight points. Those same numbers suggest just 30 points being scored in this game. It looks like Hasselbeck will start this game. I would consider the under but Seattle is averaging 27 points per game at home and has scored at least 23 in every game. Buffalo hasn't scored more than 14 points in any road game this year but if Seattle gets around 27 points because of Bills turnovers, etc. that doesn't leave much room for error. The under is a strong opinion in this game. **SEATTLE 20 BUFFALO 10**

SAN FRANCISCO -1 Miami

0-1-0/0-1-0 0-21

I have no opinion on this game. Two really bad teams with one (SF) who might be getting ready to quit. I'll lean with the better defense who seems to still be playing hard, as evidenced by last weeks game at Seattle. Final numbers favor Miami by four points, using home/away numbers. Those numbers actually predict about 50 points being scored but I have an 81-44-1 under situation in this game. **MIAMI 20 SAN FRANCISCO 17**

DENVER -11 Oakland 45.5

4-6-0/5-5-0 19-25.6

I'm not going to try and sell Oakland in this game. We all know Denver is the better team and everyone is aware of

Mike Shanahan's distaste for Oakland and Al Davis. Having said that, Oakland qualifies in one of my best situations this week that is basically an automatic play. That situation is a contrary situation, which is 93-26-2. It's only 1-2 this year with a win on KC over Baltimore, a loss on TB against the Rams (should have been a win) and a loss on these Raiders at SD. I didn't play that game at SD because SD also qualified in a strong situation. That's not the case in this game. Oakland also qualifies in my turnover table system, which is 1311-1094-67, including a subset, which is 811-638-36. The biggest problem for the Raiders this year is turnovers but they are starting to cut down on those in their last few games. Their numbers, overall, are pretty average, although a little worse than that on the road. Denver is very good at home but my final numbers, using home/away numbers only favor Denver by nine points, not accounting for the great situations Oakland qualifies in. Denver has only won one game by more than 10 points at home this year. Oakland out played SD from the line of scrimmage last week, 5.9yppl to 5.1yppl and out played Carolina the game before that, on the road, 4.8yppl to 4.7yppl. This game also qualifies in an under situation, which is 234-134-8 and my final numbers predict about 45 points being scored. Again, I'm not going to try and prove my case for Oakland in this game. I'm only going to say the value lies with them and the situations do as well, including one terrific situation, which has won 78% on 119 plays. That's strong enough to play. **DENVER 24 OAKLAND 21**

GREEN BAY –6 St. Louis 52

3-0-0/1-2-0 13.7-18.3

There's no question about what you're going to get with the Rams defense on the road. Simply put, they are not that good and will give up their share of yards and points in this game. The Rams defense on the road this year is allowing 4.9ypr against 3.8ypr, 6.7yps against 5.8yps and 5.8yppl against 4.9yppl along with 28 points per game against teams averaging just 21 points per game. The Packers offense at home this year is averaging 5.5ypr against 4.6ypr, 7.2yps against 5.9yps and 6.5yppl against 5.4yppl. Other than their game against anemic SF, the Rams have allowed at least 27 points and they haven't played any offense even close to the Packers offense this year. In fact, in their last two road games, they have allowed anemic offenses, Miami and Buffalo, to score 31 and 37 points respectively. GB has faced two below average defenses this year and scored 41 and 34 points against Dallas and Minnesota. You can basically mark down GB for about 34 points in this game. The only thing that will keep them from getting there is turnovers and the weather may cause them to run the ball more. A large lead in this game may cause them to run the ball more as well. Going the other way, the Rams offense is still good, averaging 5.5yppl against 5.1yppl on the road this year. They'll face a Packers defense, which is allowing 5.4ypr against 4.7ypr, 7.1yps against 6.5yps and 6.4yppl against 5.7yppl at home. It's hard to say exactly what GB will allow in this game. Their defense has played much better as of late, since getting Grady Jackson back but some of those games have been against offenses that are not great, like Detroit, Washington and Houston. Having said that, the Rams offense isn't nearly as good on the road as they are at home. The Rams have faced only one below average defense this year on the road and that was SF. They scored 24 points in that game but shut it down early because of a large lead. GB has allowed 20 and 31 points at home to the two good offenses they have faced there this year. I don't have any situations on either team in this game. If GB would become a favorite of less than six points, they would qualify in a Monday night situation, which is 62-31-2. Final home/away numbers favor GB by only two points but I think they stand a good chance of destroying a bad Rams team in this game. Those same numbers also predict about 56 points being scored but it's getting mighty cold up in GB and this game also qualifies in an 234-134-8 under situation. GB's propensity to run the ball with a lead and the cold weather make the under very possible with such a high total. **GREEN BAY 34 ST LOUIS 17**

BEST BETS

YTD 40-37 –3.30%

3% NY GIANTS +7

3% CLEVELAND +6

3% CAROLINA +2.5

3% KANSAS CITY –3

3% OAKLAND +11

3% JACKSONVILLE/MINNESOTA UNDER 47

3% TENNESSEE/HOUSTON UNDER 43.5

WEEK 13

A quick reminder to check out my college page each week - <http://www.sixthsensesports.com/247210.html> - for my college best bets, which have been red hot, at 57-39 59% for the season.

I've also attached as an Excel spreadsheet and Adobe Acrobat showing the stats I use versus the opponents they have faced. Any questions, please let me know.

This will be on Friday evenings, going forward. If you haven't received your report by 7:00 p.m. central time on Friday, please send me an email.

Home team in caps. All records against the spread unless otherwise noted.

League averages for comparison to the stats that will be listed below.

Average Points Scored 21.0
Yards Per Rush (YPR) 4.1
Yards Per Pass (YPS) 6.2
Yards Per Play (YPPL) 5.2

I am adding one other item this year. Under each game listed you will see an average score for the teams that are playing listed. This average represents the average score between these two teams playing at this site over the past ten seasons. I also will be listing the spread record and over/under record for these two teams at this site for the past ten seasons. One hint is when we have a sample of at least **five games** and the average score is at least **seven points** from today's line, playing on that team that it favors has been extremely profitable.

For example:

NEW ENGLAND -3.5 Indianapolis 44

3-6-0/3-6-0 16-26.3

Away teams record is always listed first. Indy is 3-6-0 ATS (first set of numbers) and also 3-6-0 OU (second set of numbers) playing at NE during the past ten seasons. Their average score is 16-26.3, losing by an average of 10.3 points per game when playing at NE. That's a difference of 6.8 points in favor of NE. They win by an average of 10.3 points per game and the line is currently 3.5. Remember, anything at **seven** or higher creates historical value for that team when the sample is at least **five games**. You might say teams change and you can't rely on this but I'll tell you these teams win at a 56% clip so you better have good reason to play against this, even though it represents team trends and not league wide trends.

NY JETS -6.5 Houston 38.5

No Past History

The Houston offense finally found their stride last week again, averaging 6.1yppl against Tennessee. Unfortunately for them, they go back to a role this week that just hasn't been very favorable to them, and that is on the road. While the Texans are 2-3 on the road this year, they have failed to compete against the only two good teams they have faced, Denver and Indianapolis, losing by an average of 13.5-40 and coming no closer than 28 points. It's hard to say exactly what will happen with the Jets this week with Pennington returning but their offense has taken a hit with him out. I'm guessing it will return to normal but only time will tell. On the road this year, Houston has really struggled, averaging just 4.8yppl against 5.8yppl and equally bad with both the run and the pass. They'll face a Jets defense, which is allowing 4.9yppl against 4.7yppl overall and similar at home as well. The Jets have been an explosive offense at home, averaging 6.2yppl against 4.3yppl and they'll face a Houston defense allowing 5.8yppl against 5.5yppl on the road, which is pretty similar to their overall numbers. Houston qualifies in the same strong situation that Oakland qualified in last week against Denver, which is 94-26-2 and 2-2 this year. That situation should be 3-1 (lost with TB at the Rams) and the only other loss was on Oakland at San Diego, but SD qualified in some strong situation themselves. The same thing is happening this week, with the Jets qualifying in their

own strong situations. NY qualifies in a scheduling situation, which is 84-43-3 and they also qualify in a fundamental rushing situation, which is 548-419-33, including the best subset, which is 142-64-7. Final numbers greatly favor NY by 13.5 and 9 with overall stats and by 13 and 17 with home/away numbers. Final total suggest around 36 overall and 43 for home/away. This game does qualify in a 331-245-12 under situation. Jets too strong at home against a team that hasn't played well on the road when stepping up in competition. I respect the situation Houston qualifies in enough to keep from making them a best bet but a decent lean to the Jets in this one. **NY JETS 24 HOUSTON 13**

BALTIMORE -6.5 Cincinnati 37

1-9-0/4-6-0 12.1-28.2

Ravens offense continues to sputter along at 4.2yppl against 5.1yppl. They gained a measly 2.1yppl against New England last week but that should change this week against a Bengals defense, which is allowing 5.3yppl against 4.9yppl. The Cincinnati offense is finally back to average, thanks to a 58 point outburst against lowly Cleveland last week and is now averaging 5.0yppl against 4.9yppl. They'll have a very tough time moving the ball against a Baltimore defense allowing just 4.3yppl against 5.2yppl. Cincinnati has run the ball well this year, averaging 4.2ypr against 3.9ypr but the Ravens are allowing only 3.5ypr against 4.1ypr this year. Baltimore's offense has been anemic at home and on the road this year but their offense stands a good chance to be almost average because the Bengals defense is actually allowing 5.4yppl against 4.6yppl on the road this year. Meanwhile, Cincinnati's offense, as a whole, is average but on the road it is much worse than that, gaining just 4.6yppl against 5.1yppl and the Baltimore defense is even better at home, allowing just 3.4ypr against 4.4ypr and 4.4yppl against 5.6yppl overall. There are no situations favoring either side but Baltimore has historically destroyed Cincinnati here by covering nine of the last ten and winning by an average of 16 points. Final numbers favor Baltimore by nine and four points (all stats) and 10.5 and 13 points (home/away stats). If the total were 38 or higher the game would qualify in an under situation, which is 331-245-12. I actually like the game to be somewhat high scoring because I think Baltimore can score quite a few points here and will lean to the over as well. Bengal's are 15-34-1 since 1983 when visiting a team with a win percentage of .600 or better and getting 14 or less points, including 0-1 this year. Same old, same old this week for this series. **BALTIMORE 27 CINCINNATI 13**

New England -10.5 CLEVELAND 40

0-1-1/0-2-0 15-13

For the second year in a row, Cleveland has been decimated by injuries. I've been on Cleveland for the last three weeks. Three weeks ago they were soundly beaten by Pittsburgh. Two weeks ago, their field goal kicker missed two field goals, after having made 29 in a row. And, last week, covering with 1:52 remaining and just needing to give the ball back to Cincinnati so they could take a knee or drive the length of the field and score, but instead they get picked off and the interception is returned for a touchdown to ruin our cover. The situations point to Cleveland again this week but I can't play them this week. They are down to their third string quarterback, although I think Luke McCown could be a decent quarterback in this league. Garcia will be listed as second string. If he were starting I would consider playing them but they still have numerous injuries. What's hurt Cleveland this year is their pass defense as they are allowing 6.5yps against 5.7yps and NE is averaging 7.0yps against 5.9yps. Cleveland qualifies as a turnover table play this week, which is 1315-1096-65, including a subset, which is 814-640-36. They also qualify in a bounce back situation, which is 41-16-1, including a subset, which is 32-10-1. The Browns also qualify in my power rating value system, which is 337-251-23. And, as I have said numerous times, teams who are not covering the spread versus teams who are covering the spread are great plays, and Cleveland qualifies in a system based on that premise, which is 282-195-21. Final numbers favor NE by 11 and eight points (all stats) and by seven points (home/away stats). But, those numbers don't necessarily account for all the injuries, etc. What I actually like in this game is the total. My final numbers predict about 48 points (all stats) and about 47 points (home/away stats). We have a Cleveland offense averaging 5.1yppl against 4.8yppl, which is also what they are averaging at home. Overall, they are averaging 6.2yps against 5.5yps but at home, they are averaging 7.0yps against 5.6yps. They'll face a NE defense, as a whole, that is allowing 4.9yppl against 5.1yppl and only 5.5yps against 6.1yps but on the road is allowing 5.4yppl against 5.2yppl and 6.3yps against 6.0yps. NE has scored at least 20 points in all but one game this year and 27, 27 and 40 against the other three bad defenses they have faced this year (Indy,

Rams, Chiefs). They should be good for at least 27, if not more. The question then is can Cleveland get their 14 points. They should be able to at least get their 13 points, which would give us a push on the total and if the game gets out of hand, they should be able to get their share of points at the end as well. Plenty of value to the over and the weather doesn't appear to be a factor for this game. **NEW ENGLAND 31 CLEVELAND 21**

DETROIT –6 Arizona 37.5

2-1-0/2-1-0 20.3-24.7

I respect Denny Green and certainly can't sit here and tell Denny what to do but it appears he has messed with the chemistry on this team by benching McCown. Maybe in the long run that will be best, but for us bettors, it has made it harder to get a read on this team. Emmitt Smith is also out in this game but I don't have as many concerns with that as I do with Navarre starting at quarterback. The Arizona offense has been bad this year, averaging just 4.3yppl against 6.2yppl and they'll take on a Detroit defense, which has been above average, allowing just 5.1yppl against 5.5yppl. Their three worse games defensively this year came against Philly, Green Bay and Indianapolis. And, even though they lost last week, 9-41, they actually out averaged Indy, 6.2yppl to 5.9yppl. Their problem was a -5 in the turnover game, which killed any chance they had to cover the spread. This week they step down in class and should have an easier time of it defending a lack luster Arizona offense. On offense, Detroit is very weak as well, averaging just 4.7yppl against 5.3yppl but they are averaging 4.3ypr against 4.0ypr at home and should find the rushing game and the offense overall a success this week against an Arizona defense, which is allowing 5.3yppl against 5.2yppl overall and 5.0ypr against 3.8ypr and 5.6yppl against 4.9yppl on the road. Having said all of that, Arizona qualifies in a general 45-17-1 situation that plays on road dogs when two bad teams play. That situation only qualifies if they are getting more than six points in this game. They also qualify in a contrary situation, which is 111-63-6. Detroit qualifies in a negative situation based on their poor defensive performance last week, which is 86-47-5 and plays against Detroit here. Detroit, however, qualifies in a fundamental rushing situation, which is 548-419-33, including a subset, which is 248-146-13. Final numbers favor Detroit by only 4 and 2.5 points. Final total projects about 35 points. This game also qualifies in an 81-45-1 under situation. I'll lean with Arizona and would make them a best bet if they were getting seven or more points. **DETROIT 17 ARIZONA 16**

INDIANAPOLIS –10.5 Tennessee 55

2-2-0/1-3-0 17.5-27.3

No interest to get in the way of the Indianapolis train right now. It should be noted Indy was out averaged 5.9yppl to 6.2yppl last week at Detroit but were helped greatly by a +5 turnover margin. Tennessee does qualify as a turnover table play, which is 1315-1096-65, including a subset, which is 814-640-36. Indy qualifies in a scheduling situation, which plays on good teams coming home, which is 84-43-3. Final numbers favor Indy by 17 and 11 (all stats) and by seven and 11 (home/away stats). Tennessee is really banged up right now and it looks like McNair and Brown will probably both miss this game. Billy Volek has really struggled this year replacing McNair and the Colts defense has played better, as of late, although they did allow Detroit to rush for 164 yards at 8.0ypr and 386 yards at 6.2yppl last week. Even with games against GB and Minnesota at home this year, Indy is still allowing just 5.4yppl against 5.6yppl in their home games. Tennessee has really struggled on the road this year, averaging just 5.1yppl against 5.8yppl and it doesn't figure to get any better with limited players on offense this week. Tennessee has scored more than 21 points only twice this year and one of those games was against GB, where they were the beneficiary of six turnovers. That won't happen here. I have a hard time playing under this total knowing Indy may score 45 on their own and it doesn't appear they really ever shut it down with a big lead, but I think the under has a decent shot here because I don't think Tennessee can score many points in this game. This game qualifies in an under situation, which is 236-136-8. Final totals suggest 54 (all stats) and 53 points (home/away stats). **INDIANAPOLIS 34 TENNESSEE 17**

Minnesota –7.5 CHICAGO 40.5

5-5-0/6-4-0 23.2-20.8

The Vikings are off two straight wins but lets not get too excited over beating a hapless Detroit team (where they

needed to score late to win the game) nor get too excited with a win over Jacksonville (where they needed a late defensive score to keep Jacksonville from scoring late to win that game). I realize they are playing the hapless Bears this week, whose offense is absolutely horrible. It doesn't matter if the Bears are at home or on the road, their numbers are similarly bad, averaging around 4.0yppl against 5.3yppl. They'll face a Vikings defense, in all honesty, which isn't good, but has made improvements over the last year, and is allowing 5.7yppl against 5.4yppl. and isn't a lot worse on the road (6.3yppl against 5.9yppl). The Minnesota offense has been good wherever they have played, averaging 6.3yppl against 5.5yppl and they'll face a Bears defense, which has been solid, allowing 5.0yppl against 5.4yppl. Brian Urlacher should return this week and that is huge for the Bears. When Urlacher is in the lineup, the Bears are 4-3 this year and haven't allowed an opponent more than 5.5yppl in a given game. I understand this line but the Vikings should simply not be laying this many points on the road to anybody. They have failed to win a game on the road this year by more than seven points and have won only six of their last 47 road games by more than seven points. Add in they have won only two of the last ten games played against Chicago in the state of Illinois by more than seven points. Chicago qualifies in my late season ats system, which plays on teams who are not covering the spread against teams who are covering the spread. That situation is 282-195-21. They also qualify in a power rating value system, which is 337-251-23. Final numbers favor Minnesota by only three and 1.5 points using overall stats and by four and eight points using home/away numbers before accounting for the systems Chicago qualifies in. Final numbers predict anywhere from 42 (all stats) to about 46 points (home/away numbers). This is one of those divisional games where no matter the talent gap, they are always tougher than they are supposed to be. **MINNESOTA 24 CHICAGO 23**

Buffalo -3.5 MIAMI 34.5

4-7-0/5-6-0 15.6-21.6

Bills really starting to play well as of late, especially on defense, now allowing just 4.6yppl against 5.2yppl. They now have a better offense and defense, when compared to Miami. Bills qualify in a fundamental rushing situation, which is 548-419-33, including the best subset, which is 142-64-7. But, Miami qualifies in a contrary situation, which plays on teams at home who are not covering the spread versus teams who are covering the spread and is 282-195-21. Miami also qualifies in a power rating value system, which is 337-251-23. Buffalo, based on their recent surge in scoring qualifies in a negative letdown situation, which is 83-51-5 but just 1-7 this year, which plays against Buffalo. Final numbers favor Buffalo by six points and a pick 'em or by ½ point or seven points (home/away numbers). Final total suggests just 35 points (all stats) and 25 points (home/away stats) so the under may look good. The Bills could easily be 8-3 right now. Consider they lost their first two games against Jacksonville and Oakland on last second plays and to the Jets a little later in a game they led near the end. If you can accept the fact they lost those first two games on the last play and/or it takes a little while for the new coach to get everybody on the same page, then know this. They have won five of their last nine games and the only losses in there were to New England (twice), to Baltimore and late in the game to the Jets. In other words, they have defeated everybody they were supposed to defeat and lost to the teams that were better than them. For Miami, at home, they have not lost by more than 10 points and seven touchdowns given up this year have been interceptions (6) or fumbles (1) returned for touchdowns. If that doesn't happen in this game, the game stands an excellent chance to go under and for Miami to cover. The problem I have with Miami is injuries on defense have taken their toll and I'm not sure what we are going to get there. Leans to the home team and the under. Keep an eye on Buffalo for the rest of the year. They are a very underrated team right now. **BUFFALO 15 MIAMI 12**

TAMPA BAY -1.5 Atlanta 39

2-2-0/3-1-0 18.5-25.5

Interesting game because Atlanta is the better team but TB plays extremely well at home. Don't be too misled by Atlanta's score last week at they out gained NO 396-306 and out averaged them 6.2yppl to 4.6yppl. The home/road numbers are pretty relevant in this game because these two teams play completely different games depending on their location. The Atlanta offense is average on the road, gaining 5.5yppl against 5.5yppl (4.9ypr against 4.1ypr) and the TB defense has been stellar at home, allowing just 4.1yppl against 5.3yppl (3.2ypr against 4.1ypr). For TB, that's somewhat significant because they have played good offenses like Denver and KC at home this year. Meanwhile, the Atlanta defense has been stellar at home this year but no so good on the road, where they are allowing

6.0yppl against 5.4yppl. And, they'll face a TB offense, which has been solid at home this year, averaging 5.5yppl against 5.0yppl. Atlanta qualifies in a fundamental rushing situation, which is 548-419-33, including the best subset, which is 142-64-7. TB qualifies as a turnover table play, which is 1315-1096-65, including a subset, which is 814-640-36. Final numbers favor TB by two points (all stats) and by 6.5 and 11 points (home/away stats). Since Tony Dungy turned this team around (1996), TB, when at home and laying less than four points (or a dog) is now 25-8-2 (1-1-1 TY) and 15-2-2 since 1999. Situations cancel each other out but the numbers strongly favor TB as does the team trend here. **TAMPA BAY 27 ATLANTA 17**

ST LOUIS –10.5 San Francisco 47.5

4-3-3/6-4-0 25.1-23

There is no question about it, SF is not a good team right now. I have numerous situations that play to SF this week and this game could be a best bet but I can't take SF in this situation. SF qualifies in a contrary situation, which is 111-63-6. Meanwhile, the Rams qualify in situations going against them, which are 91-38-6 (fundamental rushing situation) and an 86-47-5 situation based on their poor defensive performance last week. The Rams are not a good team. They are allowing 5.2ypr against 4.1ypr, 6.5yps against 5.9yps and 5.9yppl against 5.1yppl. Those numbers are better at home, where they allow just 5.6yppl against 5.5yppl but still below average. They are facing a SF offense, which has been getting worse every week, averaging just 4.6yppl against 5.2yppl but part of that is because they have come off a string of games against good defenses. That is not the case in this game they should move the ball well enough in this game to score some points. There is nothing wrong with the Rams offense, which is averaging 5.9yppl against 5.2yppl and will face a SF defense, which has been hit hard by injuries and is allowing 5.3yppl against 5.1yppl. The play I like best in this game is the over. The Rams will get their points, as does everybody that plays SF. On average, SF has allowed teams to score nine points more than they are averaging when the 49ers are on the road this year. If that holds true, the Rams should get to somewhere around 31 points in this game. SF should be able to get their share of points in this game as the Rams have allowed all but three teams to score at least 21 point in every game this year. Four of the last five games played here between these two have totaled 51 or more points and I don't see anything different happening today. Final numbers predict the Rams by 14 and seven points (all stats) and by seven and 16 points (home/away stats). I'll lean with SF because of the situations and the Rams terrible defense, but I feel the better play here is the over. Final totals suggest about 55 points being scored. **ST LOUIS 32 SAN FRANCISCO 23**

NEW ORLEANS –1 Carolina 46.5

5-4-0/4-5-0 16.3-18.8

This game should be a mismatch. Carolina, despite their poor start, is finally starting to put it all together and because of a weak NFC Conference, is still in the playoff hunt. Carolina, along with numerous devastating injuries early in the season, played a tough schedule against teams like GB, Atlanta, Denver, Philadelphia, San Diego and Seattle. Naturally, they lost all of those games along with a bad performance against Oakland. But, they defeated the other teams they should have like KC, SF, Arizona and Tampa Bay. Now, they get a bad Saints team that can't stop anybody. NO is allowing 4.9ypr against 4.3ypr, 7.5yps against 6.4yps and 6.3yppl against 5.5yppl. That won't get it done against a Carolina offense, which is finally starting to put it together. Carolina has averaged 6.1yppl, 4.7yppl, 6.8yppl, 5.9yppl, 6.0yppl in their last five games. Once Carolina got done with the tougher defensive teams on their schedule (and adjusted to the injuries), their offense has started to move the ball again. For NO, their offense has been poor all year, averaging just 5.3yppl against 5.4yppl and now they face a Carolina defense, which has played well, allowing just 5.2yppl against 5.5yppl. The Carolina road numbers aren't as good but they've faced good offensive teams on the road this year like KC, Denver and Philadelphia. When they faced a team like SF, they allowed just 4.8yppl. NO is yet to gain more than 4.8yppl against a good defensive team (they did gain 5.4yppl against Denver but were down by 21 points in that game before they knew what hit them and I doubt Denver played with great intensity late in that game). Against poor defenses this year, Carolina has scored 28, 37 and 35 points and against average to better than average offenses this year, NO has allowed an average of 29 points (eight games) and they have allowed at least 20 points in every game this year. Carolina should get around 31 points in this game. Knowing Carolina hasn't allowed more than 30 points in a given game this year and NO hasn't scored more than 31 points in a given game, that will make it very tough for NO to cover the number laying points

in this game. That above research would seem to lean this game to the over but my final numbers both predict only 42 points being scored. I have situations that favor both teams so they cancel each other out but the final numbers predict Carolina by five and two points (all stats) and by four and eight points (home/away numbers). Carolina has a long history of covering as a road dog, as they are now 36-23-1 61.0% as a road dog (4-1 TY). Meanwhile, NO has a bad history as a home favorite, going just 45-64-3 41.3% (0-2 TY). This is bad number laid on a bad team. Carolina is a much better team in this game. **CAROLINA 31 NEW ORLEANS 14**

OAKLAND PK Kansas City 51

7-3-0/6-4-0 22.5-25.4

I don't have any situations on this game but I have to lean to the team that seems to be playing better ball right now and that is Oakland. From the line of scrimmage, Oakland is the better team. They are averaging 5.4yppl against 5.3yppl but KC is allowing a whopping 6.4yppl against 5.5yppl. Going the other way, KC is averaging 6.0yppl against 5.3yppl and Oakland is allowing 5.5yppl against 5.5yppl. When I look at the home/away numbers, the KC numbers get a little worse on both offense (5.9yppl against 5.4yppl) and on defense (6.4yppl against 5.1yppl) and the Oakland numbers get a little better on offense (5.4yppl against 5.0yppl) and stay about the same on defense (5.4yppl against 5.3yppl). Add in the fact Oakland has just finished playing two pretty good teams in SD and Denver and they averaged 5.9yppl and 6.2yppl against those teams and allowed just 5.1yppl at home to SD. Meanwhile, KC has lost four straight, including a road loss at NO. Unfortunately, the final numbers don't quite agree with my analysis, as they predict KC by five and 3.5 points (all stats) and by 4.5 points and three points (home/away stats). That's enough to keep me off Oakland but I will still lean their way because I believe the tide is turning and the numbers just haven't caught up with them yet. This game also applies to a 331-245-12 under situation but would also apply to an over situation if the total was less than 46 points. Of course, the total isn't less than 46 but that's enough to keep me off the under and final total predicts about 56 and 53 points being scored. **OAKLAND 28 KANSAS CITY 25**

SAN DIEGO -3 Denver 47.5

6-4-0/5-5-0 23.3-18.6

This should be a great game to watch. Unfortunately, the situations lean one way (Denver) and the final numbers lean the other way (SD). Denver is averaging 5.8yppl against 5.5yppl while SD is allowing 5.3yppl against 5.5yppl. SD, meanwhile, is also averaging 5.8yppl against 5.5yppl while Denver is allowing 5.1yppl against 5.4yppl. What's interesting is SD has played four games against teams above .500 and is just 1-3 SU (including 10 point loss to Denver). The Broncos aren't much better as they are just 1-2 SU against teams above .500. It really shows both these teams have played pretty easy schedules so far and I tend to think Denver has played a little tougher schedule. Like I said earlier, Denver qualifies in more situations this week, although SD does qualify in two of their own and the final numbers favor SD. This game also qualifies in an under situation, which is 331-245-12 but if the total were less than 46, it would also qualify in an over situation. Final numbers predict about 44 and 47 points being scored. I will lean slightly to Denver and the under in this game. **DENVER 24 SAN DIEGO 23**

WASHINGTON -2 NY Giants 32

6-4-0/5-5-0 18.1-20

I don't have much interest in this game. Washington qualifies as a turnover table play, which is 1315-1096-65, including a subset, which is 814-640-36. If this line would move to three or greater, the Giants would qualify in a contrary bounce back situation. Final numbers are all over the board in this game, favoring the Giants by one point and Washington by three points (all stats) and the Giants by 1.5 points and by 17 points (home/away stats). The problem with those numbers is they don't account for Eli Manning at quarterback. He could have some troubles against a good Redskins defense in his first road start of his career. There are better games on the docket this week. **WASHINGTON 16 NY GIANTS 13**

PHILADELPHIA –6 Green Bay 48

1-2-0/0-3-0 11-14.3

Let's look a little at past history between these two teams first. GB played Philly twice last year (Monday night game in GB and playoff game in Philly). GB dominated both of those games but still lost both games. Simply put, Andy Reid and company have a knack for finishing games and Sherman and company don't, when faced against solid competition. These teams know each other very well as both head coaches are former coaches of Mike Holmgren when he coached in GB. Sherman and Reid speak to each other quite often during the season. Philly is a very strange team in that they allow plenty of yards in games (326 yards per game against teams averaging just 300 and 5.1yppl against 4.9yppl), yet they don't allow points (15 points per game against teams averaging 19 points per game). The Packers offense should have no problem moving the ball in this game but they'll need to find a way to score once they get inside the 20 yard line, which is something Philly just doesn't allow teams to do. GB is averaging 4.8ypr against 4.3ypr, 7.3ypr against 6.2ypr and 6.2yppl against 5.4yppl. Philly, on offense, is even better, averaging 4.4ypr against 4.1ypr, 7.3ypr against 5.9ypr and 6.1yppl against 5.0yppl. The biggest difference between these two teams is the defensive side of the ball. While Philly allows yards, as pointed out earlier, they don't allow points. GB allows yards (345 against 325) and points (22 against 20). What disturbed me the most watching the Monday night game last week was their pass defense, which allowed the Rams to throw for 405 yards at 7.1ypr. The Packers rush defense has been solid when Grady Jackson has been in the lineup, allowing just 3.9ypr against 4.0ypr. That might not be quite as relevant in this game because McNaab poses a different threat. I have no situations favoring either side in this game. Final numbers predict Philly by 11 and 9.5 points (all stats) and by 7.5 and nine points (home/away stats). Final total predicts about 52 (all stats) and about 43 points (home/away stats). I do have a situation that plays to the under and is 236-136-8. I'll lean to Philly and the under in this game. **PHILADELPHIA 26 GREEN BAY 17**

Pittsburgh –3 JACKSONVILLE 35

1-7-0/3-5-0 13.4-21.5

This should be a great game. Pittsburgh is a very funny team, in that they are 10-1 SU but their offensive numbers are not very good, averaging 3.9ypr against 4.1ypr (rush the ball 63% of the time), 6.4ypr against 6.0ypr and 4.9yppl against 5.1yppl. They are clearly winning games with their defense but against another good defensive team, laying points on the road with a below average offense, might spell trouble. They'll face a Jacksonville defense, which is allowing just 3.8ypr against 4.3ypr, 6.5ypr against 6.8ypr and 5.3yppl against 5.7yppl (and even better at home allowing 5.0yppl against 5.6yppl). They have played two good defensive teams on the road this year and scored 13 points in both games. I don't see Pittsburgh getting much more than that here. For Jacksonville, their offense, as a whole, is below average, gaining just 5.3yppl against 5.5yppl and they'll find it tough to move the ball against a Pittsburgh defense, which is allowing just 4.4yppl against 5.0yppl. Jacksonville qualifies in a my turnover table, which is 1315-1096-65, including a subset, which is 814-640-36 and Pittsburgh qualifies in a negative scheduling situation, which is 102-58-3. Pittsburgh, meanwhile, qualifies in a fundamental rushing situation, which is 159-95-7. Final numbers favor Pittsburgh by three and 5.5 points (all stats) and by 1.5 points and even (home/away stats). Cowher, with Pittsburgh, is now just 17-24-4 as a road favorite and just 6-16-3 as a road favorite of less than four points. He's also just 2-11-1 as a non-division road favorite, obviously putting less emphasis on non-division games. In addition, Jacksonville has dominated this series here in Florida. Final total projects just 28 and 24 points and I just don't see a lot of scoring by both teams here. I can't fathom one team being able to score more than 20 points and I highly doubt both teams can get to that point. Should be plenty of running and eating of the clock in this game. **JACKSONVILLE 13 PITTSBURGH 10**

SEATTLE –7 Dallas 43

0-1-0/0-1-0 3-29

Seattle has hit a new low, losing at home badly to Buffalo last week. They should be able to defeat Dallas in this

game but Seattle has become just an average team right now. On offense, they are averaging just 5.3yppl against 5.3yppl but they should be able to move the ball against a bad Dallas defense, which is allowing 5.6yppl against 5.1yppl. Seattle has averaged 31 points at home this year against the two bad defenses they have faced (SF and St. Louis). Dallas, meanwhile, gives up plenty of points on the road, allowing an average of 34 points per game against the average to better than average offenses they have faced on the road this year. But, the Cowboys can move the ball, averaging 5.4yppl against 5.0yppl and they should be able to score against a Seattle defense, which is now allowing 5.1yppl against 5.0yppl. Dallas has faced three poor defenses on the road this year and averaged 13 points per game (only scored three points at Cincinnati), while Seattle has only faced three good offenses all year (Rams twice and NE) and allowed an average of 33 points at home (one game against Rams) and 29 points overall. Seattle should be able to get somewhere in the neighborhood of 31 points in this game and knowing they also allow plenty of points to better than average offenses, means they will probably surrender somewhere around 21 points to Dallas. Julius Jones gives Dallas more power on offense that they haven't had until last week. That will allow this game to fly over the total rather easily. Final numbers favor Seattle by nine and 9.5 points (all stats) and by 10.5 and nine points (home/away stats). Dallas does qualify in a contrary situation, which is 111-44-4. Final total suggests about 44 and 45 points. **SEATTLE 31 DALLAS 27**

BEST BETS

YTD 43-41 -7.50%

3% CHICAGO +7.5

3% TAMPA BAY -1.5

3% CAROLINA +1

3% JACKSONVILLE +3

3% NEW ENGLAND/CLEVELAND OVER 40

3% SAN FRANCISCO/ST LOUIS OVER 47.5

3% PITTSBURGH/JACKSONVILLE UNDER 35

3% DALLAS/SEATTLE OVER 43

WEEK 14

I'm still looking at a couple of totals and possibly one or two more side plays. I will have those up on Saturday by 11:00 a.m. central with any additions. All the write ups are done and the best bets are listed below. Again, I will come back on Saturday with any additions.

We smoked 'em last week, going 7-1 +17.70%. That brought the yearly record to 50-42 +10.20%. Let's hope we can continue to grind out a profit these last few weeks.

A quick reminder to check out my college page each week - <http://www.sixthsensesports.com/247210.html> - for my college best bets, which have been red hot, at 57-41 58% for the season. I will have any bowl plays up there during the bowl season.

I've also attached as an Excel spreadsheet and Adobe Acrobat showing the stats I use versus the opponents they have faced. Any questions, please let me know.

This will be on Friday evenings, going forward. If you haven't received your report by 7:00 p.m. central time on Friday, please send me an email.

Home team in caps. All records against the spread unless otherwise noted.

League averages for comparison to the stats that will be listed below.

Average Points Scored 21.0
Yards Per Rush (YPR) 4.2
Yards Per Pass (YPS) 6.2
Yards Per Play (YPPL) 5.3

I am adding one other item this year. Under each game listed you will see an average score for the teams that are playing listed. This average represents the average score between these two teams playing at this site over the past ten seasons. I also will be listing the spread record and over/under record for these two teams at this site for the past ten seasons. One hint is when we have a sample of at least **five games** and the average score is at least **seven points** from today's line, playing on that team that it favors has been extremely profitable.

For example:

NEW ENGLAND -3.5 Indianapolis 44

3-6-0/3-6-0 16-26.3

Away teams record is always listed first. Indy is 3-6-0 ATS (first set of numbers) and also 3-6-0 OU (second set of numbers) playing at NE during the past ten seasons. Their average score is 16-26.3, losing by an average of 10.3 points per game when playing at NE. That's a difference of 6.8 points in favor of NE. They win by an average of 10.3 points per game and the line is currently 3.5. Remember, anything at **seven** or higher creates historical value for that team when the sample is at least **five games**. You might say teams change and you can't rely on this but I'll tell you these teams win at a 56% clip so you better have good reason to play against this, even though it represents team trends and not league wide trends.

NEW ENGLAND -11 Cincinnati 44

1-0-0/0-1-0 13-16

Cincinnati has now won four of five and five of seven. Included in that was their first win on the road against a winning team since 1990. That's all fine and well, however, they are playing NE who has won 11 of 12 and five in a row. The Cincinnati offense has really stepped it up in their last two games by averaging 8.3yppl (against Cleveland) and a whopping 7.2yppl at Baltimore last week. The problem they will face this week is a NE defense, which has been nearly impossible to move the ball on at home. NE has played six home games and allowed only one

team to average more than they average (yards per play) in that game. That includes holding the likes of Indianapolis to just 6.2yppl (they average 6.9yppl) and the Jets to 4.7yppl (they average 5.6yppl). All in all, that translates to just 4.5yppl against teams averaging 4.9yppl on the road. Going the other way, Cincinnati has allowed all of their opponents (when playing on the road) to gain at least their seasonal average or better. They have allowed 5.4yppl against teams averaging just 4.7yppl. Both offenses have been pretty similar in their home/away stats. The big difference is on defense. Cincy is improving but NE is too tough of a challenge for them in this game. Cincinnati does qualify in a bounce back situation after playing so poorly on defense last week and that situation is 166-102-9. Meanwhile, NE qualifies in a negative scheduling situation, which is 112-54-2 and plays against them here. Final numbers favor NE by 17 and 10 (all stats) and by 10.5 and 17 (home/away stats). This game also qualifies in a 153-83-2 under situation. Final numbers project about 48 and 47 points. If not for the under situation, I would consider the over. Cincy has allowed at least 26 points in every road game this year except their road game against an anemic Washington offense. NE has scored at least 24 points in all but one home game this year. You can probably mark NE down for about 27 points in this game (and that's on the low end – probably closer to around 31 points). Cincinnati has averaged about 20 points on the road against the three above average defenses they have faced this year. NE has allowed about 17 points at home against above average offenses. You can probably mark Cincy down for about 17 points. That puts the final total around 44-48 points. I'll lean with Cincy and the under based on the situations. **NEW ENGLAND 26 CINCINNATI 17**

BUFFALO –11 Cleveland 38

No Past History

It seems to be getting uglier before it gets prettier in Cleveland. Head coach is gone, many starters are out and the team has allowed 100 points over their past two games. And now they face a Buffalo offense, which has averaged just under 40 points in their last three games. The situations in this game go both ways. Cleveland qualifies in my turnover table system, which is 1319-1102-68, including a subset, which is 817-642-37. Unfortunately for Cleveland, their poor defensive performances over the past couple of weeks sets them up in similar late season negative situations, which are 43-15-2 and 80-35-2 and plays against Cleveland here. Cleveland's offense has been average on the road this year, gaining 5.1yppl against 5.0yppl, which is slightly better than Buffalo's offense at home, averaging 4.8yppl against 5.0yppl. The biggest difference is Cleveland is allowing a whopping 6.4yppl against 5.0yppl on the road, including 8.3yps against 5.6yps. They'll face a Buffalo defense, which is allowing just 4.6yppl against 5.3yppl at home this year. Final numbers favor Buffalo by nine and 5.5 points (all stats) and by 10.5 and 14 points (home/away stats). I think the best value in this game is the over. Final numbers project about 50 points (all stats) and 56 points (home/away stats). The total in this game is rather low and Buffalo stands a good chance of going over the total themselves in this game. Cleveland has allowed at least 19 points in every road game this year and at least 27 in all but one road game. They have also scored at least 10 points in every road game, including against defenses the likes of Pittsburgh and Baltimore. Buffalo has scored 37 and 38 points at home against the two poor defenses they have faced this year and 22 against the third worst defense (Jets) at home. You can probably mark them down for something between 27-31 points in this game. They've also allowed a little over 20 points per game at home to the three better than average offenses they have faced, including 17 twice. Cleveland should be able to get around 13-17 points. They probably figure to score something early and something late. That should be enough to push this game well over the low total. Home team and the over look pretty solid here. **BUFFALO 35 CLEVELAND 17**

BALTIMORE –10 NY Giants 33.5

1-0-0/0-1-0 16-13

The Giants did Eli Manning no favors by electing to start him three games ago. He has now faced Atlanta, Philadelphia and Washington. Next up is Baltimore. Lucky for Eli is Pittsburgh on deck. As with the last couple of Giants games, I find it rather hard to predict their outcomes based on the rookie quarterback and numerous injuries on defense. I have no situations favoring either team here and final numbers favor Baltimore by 10 and 6.5 points (all stats) and 8.5 and four points (home/away stats). Those numbers consider the whole season for the Giants so I can't say they truly reflect their status at this point in the season. The game does qualify in an 82-45-1 under situation and final total suggests 29 points (all stats) and 34 points (home/away stats). Again, they include all games for

the Giants but are probably not reflective of their current state, which has shown the Giants not score more than 10 points since Eli took over. Also must note Baltimore has scored at least 20 in every home game this year and allowed only six points against the one below average offense they faced at home, Buffalo. I'll lean with the better team and also the situations, which point towards the under. **BALTIMORE 23 NY GIANTS 9**

GREEN BAY –9.5 Detroit 45

2-8-1/6-4-1 15.1-29.2

Packers were embarrassed last week at Philly, which once again showed their inability to stop a good passing team (see Indy game). But, as I watched the game, it didn't really bother me too much as a Packer fan. I had predicted they wouldn't cover and we all know one game does not make a season. Favre said it best when he suggested GB wasn't nearly as good as their previous win over the Rams and not nearly as bad as their defeat against Philly last week. The first thing that must be noted for this game is the total domination of GB over Detroit here in GB. The Packers are 8-2-1, winning by an average of 14 points over the past 11 meetings here. The worse GB has done over the past 10 years during the regular season is winning by eight points. They have won all 10 games. Despite GB not succeeding in a large home favorite role in the past, Detroit has posed no problems for them. Perhaps a bigger sign might be the fact they handled Detroit easily in Michigan this year (a place they normally struggle). The Packers offense has been outstanding at home this year, averaging 6.7yppl against 5.4yppl. Even though the Detroit defense has played respectfully on the road, allowing just 4.8yppl against 5.0yppl, they will be challenged against this GB offense. It's hard to tell where the Detroit offense is going, having averaged 8.0ypr and 6.7ypr in their last two games, which came at home and against poor defenses (which GB has as well). The Packers rush defense has been solid all year with Grady Jackson in the lineup. It's their pass defense that has struggled. But, the Detroit pass offense has been below average all year, gaining just 5.6yps against 6.1yps and the Packers have allowed 7.1yps against 6.7yps at home. Those numbers suggest an average game passing for Detroit here. GB qualifies in similar negative situations based on their poor defensive performance last week, which are 181-109-11 and 88-48-5 and play against GB here. The Pack qualify in a turnover table system, which is 1319-1102-68, including a subset, which is 817-642-37. Final numbers favor GB by just eight and 7.5 points (all stats) and Detroit by one point with both home/away stats. The past history between these two is enough to keep me off Detroit but the value certainly leans their way. With all that said, Detroit has failed against the three best teams they have faced this year in GB, Indy and Philly, losing 17-38, 9-41 and 13-30. I will also lean to the over, but the total is a little too high with a poor offense like Detroit's. **GREEN BAY 28 DETROIT 20**

MINNESOTA –6.5 Seattle 51

0-1-0/0-1-0 7-34

Both of these teams are hurting right now. Seattle comes into this game with injury problems on defense and as I write this, they also have some injury concerns at the wide receiver position. For Minnesota, they played last week with three back up players on the offensive line. Most important, they lost their best defensive player, Antoine Winfield. That certainly hurts their secondary and defense, as a whole. Seattle lost to Dallas last week but they out averaged the Cowboys, 7.3yppl to 6.0yppl so it wasn't as bad as it may have appeared. I really feel Seattle's numbers are a little misleading as they have played mostly below average offenses all year. Against the better than average offenses they have faced, they have allowed 33, 23 and 43 points or 33 points per game. Seattle's defense isn't terrible but Minnesota has scored at least 20 points in every home game (with the exception a five turnover 13 point performance against the Giants). You can probably mark Minnesota down for about 24-27 points in this game. Seattle struggled here last year, losing 7-34 and while their offense on the road this year has been better than average, 5.5yppl against 5.2yppl, they will find it a little tougher against Minnesota. The Vikings defense is not that good, allowing 5.6yppl against 5.3yppl overall but at home they are allowing just 5.2yppl against 5.5yppl. Tice said this week he will look to stop the run, no matter what formation Seattle is in. That could obviously work either way. If they shut down the run, it will be very difficult for Seattle to throw the ball. However, if they are looking to stop the run and Seattle is in three and four receiver sets, they probably aren't good enough to cover one on one the whole game. I'm sure Holmgren wants to run the ball as much as possible to keep his porous defense off the field. With the exception of their game against SF on the road, Seattle hasn't scored more than 20 points on the road this year. Meanwhile, with the exception of the five turnover fiasco against the Giants, Minnesota hasn't allowed more

than 22 points at home. The line is a little too high and the situations actually go both ways. Final numbers favor Minnesota by five and 2.5 points (all stats) and by four and two points (home/away stats). Final totals suggest about 50 points (all stats) and only 42 points (home/away stats). This game does qualify in a 236-139-8 under situation. In 12 games on the road and at home for these two teams this year, they have both played just one game that totaled more than 51 points and the Vikings home game was just 52 points. Despite Seattle's problems as of late and their problems here last year, the Vikings defense isn't good enough to lay this many points against a decent offense, who can run the ball. At home, Minnesota's defense has been solid against the pass, but allowed 4.7ypr against 4.3ypr so Seattle should be able to rush the ball some, averaging 4.7ypr against 4.2ypr on the road this year. That should eat some clock as well and help keep this game under the high total. Minnesota hasn't been able to stretch the field as much with Moss not at full strength and that leads to longer drives when they do score, which eats the clock up. **MINNESOTA 24 SEATTLE 20**

ATLANTA -7.5 Oakland 46

1-0-0/1-0-0 36-31

Atlanta got their butts kicked last weekend at TB but that was to be suspected. They play much better at home than on the road and they were playing a TB team that does the same thing. Atlanta's offense is just fine, in terms of moving the ball at home, where they are averaging 5.3ypr against 3.6ypr, 6.2ypr against 6.0ypr and 5.7yppl against 5.0yppl. They'll face an Oakland defense, which is allowing just 3.7ypr against 4.0ypr, but a whopping 7.7ypr against 6.0ypr and 5.5yppl against 5.2yppl overall. On offense for Oakland, when playing on the road, they are only averaging 5.5yppl against 5.9yppl and below average trying to run and pass the ball. They are now without Ronald Curry, which will only hurt their passing game that much more. For Atlanta, when at home, their defense has been stellar, allowing just 3.2ypr against 4.6ypr, 5.2ypr against 6.4ypr and 4.3yppl against 5.6yppl. Oakland qualifies as a turnover table play, which is 1319-1102-68, including a subset, which is 817-642-37. But, Oakland's poor defensive performance last week sets them up in a late season situation, which plays against them here and is 80-35-2. Final numbers, however, favor Atlanta by only five and 7.5 points (all stats) and by 11.5 and three points (home/away stats). Final totals suggest just 40 points (all stats) and 35 points (home/away stats). Oakland has allowed a minimum of 24 points in every road game this year. Atlanta has scored at least 24 points in every home game against average to below average defenses, with the exception of a six point game against Arizona. Including the Arizona game, they have averaged about 18 points against the three poor defensive teams they have faced. You can probably mark Atlanta down for about 24 points in this game, minimum. Oakland's offense has been pretty solid as of late, although that might take a turn for the worse because of the loss of Curry. They have averaged at least 5.9yppl in each of their last three games. Atlanta, at home, as not allowed more than 21 points in a game this season and that doesn't figure to change here against Oakland. I don't see Oakland getting more than 21 points and they probably won't even get to that. Atlanta is good for at least 24 points. My lean here is to Atlanta and the under, with a stronger lean to the under. **ATLANTA 24 OAKLAND 13**

JACKSONVILLE -7.5 Chicago 34

0-1-0/1-0-0 30-27

Both teams played interesting games last week and gave us covers but neither team out gained their opponent from the line of scrimmage. Chicago was out averaged 6.5yppl to 4.5yppl but won the turnover battle, 4-1. Jacksonville was out averaged 7.0yppl to 5.7yppl but controlled the ball by having it for nine more minutes. The Bears are unique because their offense is so bad, averaging just 4.0yppl against 5.5yppl on the road, but their offensive yards per point are very good at 13.5 yards per point. Their YPPO is so good because they are creating turnovers, like last week, and turning that into points. Chicago moved the ball early in the year against some bad defenses, Minnesota and Green Bay, but have done nothing since then. That was probably mostly because of Rex Grossman. Since he got hurt in the Minnesota game, Chicago has not averaged more than 3.9yppl and if their defense hasn't created more than two turnovers, they have failed to score more than seven points. Against a solid Jacksonville defense, they don't figure to move the ball and Jacksonville doesn't figure to turn the ball over much if they continue to run the ball. As a matter of fact, Chicago has only averaged about 10 points per game against the four better than average defenses they have faced this year. Jacksonville has allowed only an average of about 15 points per game against the three below average offenses they have faced this year and if you take out the two punt return touch-

downs Detroit scored, that number gets closer to about 10 points, which is probably where Chicago will end up. Jacksonville has only topped the 20 point mark once against better than average defenses so they don't figure to score a lot of points either. Chicago has only allowed more than 20 points against an average offense this year twice. It will also be very hard for Jacksonville to muster a lot of points here as well. Final numbers suggest Jacksonville by seven points and 3.5 points (all stats) and by 2.5 points and six points (home/away stats). I do have a situation, which is 52-22-1 and plays to the over in this game. Final numbers project about 22 and 28 points being scored. I don't ignore the situations very often but I will still lean towards the under in this game. I won't make the under a best bet because of the over situation. I'm also going to lean to the dog simply because of the value and Chicago's ability to stay close in most games. Jacksonville hasn't won a game by more than six points all year.

JACKSONVILLE 16 CHICAGO 10

DALLAS -7.5 New Orleans 48

No Past History

Dallas looked like a different team last week with Julius Jones running the ball. He figures to run wild again this week against a porous Saints defense, which is allowing 4.8ypr against 3.9ypr and 6.0yppl against 5.1yppl on the road this year. Dallas hasn't run the ball real well at home this year even when they ran for 154 yards against Chicago, averaging just 3.9ypr in that game (with Julius Jones). They have thrown the ball well at home, averaging 6.7yps against 5.6yps and should succeed against a bad Saints pass defense, allowing 6.9yps against 6.0yps on the road. The Dallas defense certainly isn't great but they have held their own at home this year, allowing just 5.1yppl against 5.2yppl. Unfortunately for them, they have played quite a few weak offenses at home this year and against the only "real" offense they faced, Philadelphia, they allowed 485 yards at 7.8yppl. The Saints don't carry that kind of offense, averaging just 5.1yppl against 5.5yppl on the road, but they should be able to do some damage against a below average Cowboys defense this week. Dallas qualifies in a negative situation based on their poor defensive performance last week, which is 88-48-5 and plays against them here. Dallas also qualifies in one of my strongest systems, which is a letdown play with a record of 94-27-2 and plays against Dallas here. That situation basically says team letdown after a couple of wins when playing poor teams and that's what we have here. The Saints also qualify in a contrary situation, which plays on conference dogs and that system is 112-44-4. Cowboys also have a big division game ahead next week against Philly and that sets them up in a negative scheduling situation, which is 112-54-2. The Saints poor defensive effort last week sets them up in a negative late season situation, which is 80-35-2 and plays on Dallas here. Dallas hasn't really played an awful defense at home this year but they have scored 17, 20 and 43 points against the three poor defenses they have faced, all on the road, for a median value of 20 points and an average of around 27 points per game. NO has played two good offenses on the road and allowed 25 and 43 points on the road, for an average of about 34 points. But, lets remember the Dallas defense is not that good and NO can score points. Against the worse than average defenses they have faced, they have averaged about 26 points and closer to 29 points against the three worse defenses. The Saints offense isn't great but they have the skill people available to make plays and should do so against the porous Dallas defense. Final numbers favor Dallas by just six and four points (all stats) and by 6.5 and six points (home/away stats). Those numbers are prior to considering the situations NO qualifies in. Too poor of a defense for Dallas to be laying this many points. As for the total, I do have a 333-246-12 under situation on this game, which is enough to keep me off the over. Final totals suggest about 53 points (all stats) and about 56 points (home/away stats). I don't see how this game can be low scoring and I will lean towards the over as well, despite the situation. NO is a solid dog play here against a poor defense. They are already 2-0 against other poor defenses on the road as a dog this year. This weekend, they make it 3-0. **DALLAS 28 NEW ORLEANS 27**

Indianapolis -11 HOUSTON 56.5

1-1-0/0-2-0 21.5-10

I've laid off of playing against Indy the past couple of weeks and actually leaned to them last week. But, this appears to be the week they may letdown and not cover. The numbers are starting to get inflated against Indy and may have finally caught up to them this week. I realize they are blistering good, average and bad defenses but they are also giving up yards to teams that aren't very good offensively and Houston stands a good chance to do some damage this week. The Indy numbers are outstanding, averaging 6.8yppl against 5.1yppl on the road and they will

face a Houston defense, which is allowing 6.1yppl against 5.7yppl. Houston has been just average on offense at home, gaining 5.7yppl against 5.6yppl but they will face a Colts defense, which is allowing a whopping 6.1yppl against 5.2yppl. The Houston offense is averaging 7.2yps against 6.4yps at home and Indy is allowing 7.1yps against 6.2yps on the road. Houston should be able to move the ball at will this week. They are already 3-1-1 as a home favorite of less than three or a dog and haven't lost a home game by more than seven points this year, including hanging with SD, Minnesota, Jacksonville and Green Bay. Houston qualifies in a bounce back situation, which is 65-34-2 as well as my turnover system, which is 1319-1102-68, including a subset, which is 817-642-37. They also qualify in another bounce back situation, which is 44-16-0. Meanwhile, Indy qualifies in a couple of negative situations, which are 83-52-5 and 103-58-3 and play against them here. Houston has played four average to poor defenses at home this year and averaged about 26 points per game. Indy has played two good offenses on the road this year and allowed an average of about 36 points per game. Those two offenses, KC and NE, are better than Houston but we can probably pencil Houston in for about 28-31 points in this game. You can't really compare any offense to Indy but Houston has managed to hold Minnesota to 34 points (they scored six points in OT) and Green Bay to just 16 points. If Houston can get to 31 points, which is definitely possible, Indy will have to score at least 42 points in this game. That's certainly possible but probably won't happen. Even a solid Indy offense last year could only muster 20 points here when they played here. Final numbers only favor Indy by 12 and 11 points (all stats) and by 5.5 and nine points (home/away stats). That's before considering the situations Houston qualifies in. Final total is projected at just 55 points (all stats) and 53 points (home/away stats). I'm not about to try and play under in any Indy game but this total may be just a tad bit too high. Houston is a solid home dog this week. **INDIANAPOLIS 31 HOUSTON 28**

PITTSBURGH -6 NY Jets 36

0-1-0/0-1-0 7-18

I really feel the Steelers are playing it a little too close to the vest and it's going to come back to hurt them come playoff time, just like past seasons. The Steelers offense is averaging just 5.1yppl against 5.3yppl at home and like I've been saying, a large part of that is because they run the ball so much, which keeps their offensive numbers down. They'll face a Jets defense, which is average, allowing 4.7yppl against 4.8yppl on the road this year. Pittsburgh has scored at least 24 points in all but one home game this year, while the Jets haven't allowed more than 22 points in any road game this year, with the exception of one game. You can probably mark Pittsburgh down for somewhere around 20 points in this game. The Jets offense has been just average on the road this year, gaining just 4.9yppl against 5.0yppl, however, some of those games were with Quincy Carter running the offense. Having said that, their offense failed to move the ball when Pennington was at quarterback in their road games earlier this year. The Steelers defense has been solid at home this year, allowing just 4.5yppl against 5.3yppl, including just 3.8ypr against 4.1ypr and 4.7yps against 6.4yps. They should shut down a Jets offense, which is averaging just 3.7ypr against 4.0ypr and 6.5yps against 6.1yps on the road this year. NY has won and covered three straight games, but that actually sets them up in a negative situation, which is 64-29-4 and plays against them here. Final numbers favor Pittsburgh by five and three points (all stats) and by five and five points (home/away stats). Considering the situation, I will lean with Pittsburgh in this game. Final totals suggest about 34 points (all stats) and 29 points (home/away stats). The lean here is also to the under but the number is a little too low for me to play. **PITTSBURGH 20 NY JETS 12**

DENVER -11.5 Miami 38.5

2-1-0/2-1-0 21.7-27

Miami is wearing down and it's been a long, long season for them. Not only are they wearing down but injuries are starting to take a toll on their defense, which was their staple early in the season. Unfortunately for Miami, they allowed another interception returned for a touchdown last week and once again, it cost them a cover. It's pretty hard to take Miami knowing that is likely to happen. They have now allowed eight touchdowns directly due to interceptions (7) or fumbles (1). Since the defense started to go south, their offense has picked it up a little as they have now scored at least 14 points in their last six games (and at least 17 in five of six). That may not sound like a lot of points, but when you consider they failed to score more than 13 in their first six games, that ends up being an accomplishment. The Miami offense is averaging just 3.9yppl against 5.3yppl on the road this year and they'll face

a Broncos defense, which is allowing just 5.3yppl against 5.8yppl at home this year. As good as Denver's defense is at home this year, they have allowed at least 13 points in every home game. Strangely enough, Miami will probably get their 13 points in this game. The Denver offense has been solid at home this year, gaining 6.5yppl against 5.4yppl, including a whopping 8.4yps against 6.5yps at home. They'll face a Miami defense, which has held it's own to this point on the road, allowing just 4.5yppl against 5.0yppl, including just 4.8yps against 5.8yps. Denver has scored at least 24 points in all but one home game this year (20 in the other home game), while Miami has allowed more than 24 only once on the road this year. That probably means Denver should get somewhere between 20-27 points. Miami qualifies in a contrary situation, which is 174-118-4 and they are also a turnover table play, which is 1319-1102-68, including a subset, which is 817-642-37. Denver also qualifies in a negative scheduling situation, which is 112-54-2 and plays against Denver here. Miami played poorly last week and their poor performance sets them up in a negative late season situation, which plays on teams that might be starting to toss the towel late in the year. That situation is 80-35-2 and plays against Miami here. Final numbers favor Denver by 10 and 11.5 points (all stats) and by seven and six points (home/away stats). Those numbers also suggest about 37 points (all stats) and about 40 points (home/away stats). I will lean with the dog because of the situations and slightly lean towards the under. **DENVER 24 MIAMI 13**

CAROLINA -7 St Louis 44

3-4-0/5-2-0 23.1-23.1

The biggest difference between these two teams this week is the defense, which is a big difference. For the year, the Rams offense is much better, but when you consider the home/road dichotomy between these two, those two offenses basically become even. The Rams are averaging 5.6yppl against 5.4yppl on offense when playing on the road while Carolina is averaging 5.2yppl against 5.1yppl when playing offense at home this year. But, on defense, the Rams are allowing 6.2yppl against 5.2yppl on the road while Carolina is allowing just 4.9yppl against 5.6yppl at home. The Rams have lost their last three road games by 17, 20 and 28 points and were less than impressive in last weeks win over the lowly 49ers. They have allowed at least 27 points (average of about 35 points) in all but one road game this season. Having said that, the line is simply too high in this game and I have no problem taking a Rams team getting plenty of points. Carolina has scored at least 21 points in five straight games and averaged about 33 points against below average defenses this year. You can probably mark Carolina down for about 34 points in this game. Carolina has allowed an average of about 24 points at home this year against better than average offenses while the Rams have averaged about 16 points on the road against better than average defenses this year. That probably means they should score somewhere around 20 points in this game. Based on that analysis, Carolina would be expected to win by about 34-20 but the situations favor the Rams this week. They qualify in a momentum situation that plays on teams who just got back to .500, which is an outstanding 113-61-4 and 6-0 TY. That situation is even better for road teams, even better for dogs and even better for road dogs. As long as this line is seven or better, Carolina also qualifies in a negative scheduling situation, which is 112-54-4, including 3-1 TY and plays against Carolina here. Final numbers, before the situations, only favor Carolina by eight points and seven points (all stats) and by 7.5 points and seven points (home/away stats). I trust the situations and the numbers much more than the above 34-20 analysis. This game stands a very good chance of going over the total as well and perhaps a bit of a good hedge bet because the Rams stand an excellent chance of scoring at least 17 points in this game and it should be much more. If they get to 20 points, they can't lose both sides and I think they stand an excellent chance to get both the over and the cover. **CAROLINA 28 ST LOUIS 27**

ARIZONA -7 San Francisco 37

1-2-0/0-3-0 18-13.3

Well, what can you say about these two teams. The situations greatly favor the 49ers, who are without both Rattay and Barlow this week, while the numbers greatly favor Arizona, who will be with McCown and Smith this week. SF has been simply horrible on the road this year, averaging just 4.1yppl against 5.4yppl while the Arizona defense has allowed just 5.0yppl against 5.3yppl at home this year. Arizona, has been equally as bad on offense, averaging just 4.2yppl against 5.3yppl at home, while the SF defense has allowed just 5.3yppl against 5.2yppl on the road this year. I'm not going to try and make a case for either team here. Just know SF qualifies in 45-17-1 (3-1 TY), 112-66-6, 1319-1102-68, including a subset, which is 817-642-37 and a fundamental rushing situation, which is 93-38-

6. But, the numbers favor Arizona by 10, 10.5, 11.5 and 22 points. I'm not interested in laying points with an anemic offense so I will lean to the dog slightly. This game also qualifies in an under situation, which is 81-46-1. Final totals suggest 39 and 30 points. I will also lean to the under but I never trust SF to hold down the opposing offense. **ARIZONA 20 SAN FRANCISCO 14**

SAN DIEGO -5 Tampa Bay 43

1-0-0/1-0-0 25-17

The numbers continue to under estimate SD this year and this is another example of a home/road dichotomy situation that favors the home team greatly. TB is simply not the same team on the road as they are averaging just 5.0yppl against 5.4yppl while SD is allowing just 5.2yppl against 5.4yppl at home. Meanwhile, SD has moved the ball extremely well at home this year, gaining 5.9yppl against 5.2yppl, including 4.8ypr against 4.1ypr and 7.0yps against 6.0yps. They'll face a TB defense, which is simply not as good on the road, allowing 4.6ypr against 3.8ypr, 6.3yps against 6.5yps and 5.4yppl against 5.2yppl. I don't have any situations that favor either team here but the numbers favor SD by 11 and seven points (all stats) and by 14.5 and 21 points (home/away stats). TB has allowed the three better than average offenses they have faced on the road to score about 27 points per game, while SD has scored at least 28 points in every home game but one (20 last week against Denver). Denver held SD to just 3.3yppl in both games this year but they are the only team that has held down the SD offense this year. SD should score around 27-28 points in this game. TB has only averaged about 13 points against above average defenses this year on the road while SD has allowed below average offenses only about 18 points per game. I just don't see TB getting more than 17 points in this game and I doubt that's enough to cover this spread, knowing SD should get at least 24 points here. TB is just 1-5 ats on the road this year and just 20-31-3 ats (0-2 TY) when playing on the road after a home win. **SAN DIEGO 26 TAMPA BAY 17**

Philadelphia -9 WASHINGTON 37.5

8-2-0/3-6-1 22.5-17.3

I'm not about to go against the best team in the NFC but the situations do favor Washington in this game. Washington's home numbers aren't bad, as they allow just 4.4yppl against 5.4yppl and they'll face an obviously good Philadelphia offense, which is averaging 6.1yppl against 4.9yppl on offense on the road. Those numbers suggest Philly will average about 5.5yppl, which is what they averaged in their first meeting this year. The Washington offense is averaging just 4.3yppl against 5.0yppl at home this year but Philly is allowing 5.0yppl against 4.9yppl on defense on the road this year. That suggests Washington should average around 4.9yppl this week. They did average 5.6yppl last week against the Giants, which is their best offensive output this season so maybe things are changing a little for the Redskins. Washington qualifies in a home momentum situation, which is 168-118-10 as well as a contrary situation, which is 283-198-21 and a power rating value system, which is 338-243-1. Washington is a dog this week after covering the spread as a home favorite last week, which sets them up in a negative situation, which is 22-2-1 and plays against Washington here. Final numbers favor Philly by 11 and six points (all stats) and six points and nine points (home/away stats). Final total suggests about 34 points (all stats) and 39 points (home/away stats). I will lean with the home dog and the under in this game. Washington has only allowed more than 21 points twice this year (GB and Philly with 28 each). **PHILADELPHIA 21 WASHINGTON 13**

TENNESSEE -2 Kansas City 52

1-1-0/1-1-0 17-18

I don't understand this line. Tennessee is a beaten up team that is simply not going to be able to stop the KC offense. KC has moved the ball extremely well on the road this year, averaging 6.1yppl against 5.4yppl, including 4.5ypr against 4.2ypr and 7.5yps against 6.5yps. They'll face a Tennessee defense, which has allowed just 4.8yppl against 5.6yppl at home this year but they haven't faced many good offenses at home this year. The Tennessee offense has been below average all year and is averaging just 5.0yppl against 5.2yppl at home while the KC defense is allowing 6.5yppl against 5.3yppl on the road this year. Tennessee qualifies in a negative situation based on their poor defensive last week, which is 88-48-5. KC almost qualified in a late season negative situation, which would

be 80-35-2 and would play against them here. That's enough to keep me off of KC as a best bet but the value clearly favors them here. Final numbers favor KC by three and 1.5 points (all stats) and by one and four points (home/away stats). This game also qualifies in under situations, which are 333-246-12 and 153-83-2. Final totals suggest 52 points (all stats) and 48 points (home/away stats). I'll lean with KC and the under in this game. **KANSAS CITY 26 TENNESSEE 22**

BEST BETS

YTD 50-42 +10.20%

3% NEW ORLEANS +7.5

3% HOUSTON +11

3% ST LOUIS +7 (Must get at least 7 points)

3% CLEVELAND/BUFFALO OVER 38

3% ST LOUIS/CAROLINA OVER 44 (No higher than 44)

My apologies for continuing to add best bets here but through further research, I have found another best bet.

The Best Bet will be on SD. TB, following their shutout win last week, qualifies in a negative 527-1 situation which is an even better 2-22-1 if they are getting less than seven points. That 2-22-1 is an amazing 0-20-1 since 1987.

Again, sorry about the bits and pieces of this weeks additions. This is the first time this has happened this year, but I have a little more time to do some research.

Final update tomorrow by 11:00 a.m.central with the Det/GB total update. That update will be via email and on my website for those who don't get the emails very quickly.

As of now, Best Bets look like this:

BEST BETS

YTD 50-42 +10.20%

3% NEW ORLEANS +7.5

3% HOUSTON +11

3% ST LOUIS +7 (Must get at least 7 points)

3% SAN DIEGO -5 (I would wait as this number may come down)

3% CLEVELAND/BUFFALO OVER 38

3% SEATTLE/MINNESOTA UNDER 52

3% ST LOUIS/CAROLINA OVER 44 (No higher than 44)

WEEK 15

Any other additional best bets will be sent by Noon on Saturday.

Another solid week last week, going 5-2 and bringing the season totals to 55-44 +18.60%.

A quick reminder to check out my college page each week - <http://www.sixthsensesports.com/247210.html> - for my college best bets, which have been red hot, at 57-41 58% for the season. I will have any bowl plays up there during the bowl season.

I've also attached as an Excel spreadsheet and Adobe Acrobat showing the stats I use versus the opponents they have faced. Any questions, please let me know.

This will be on Friday evenings, going forward. If you haven't received your report by 7:00 p.m. central time on Friday, please send me an email.

Home team in caps. All records against the spread unless otherwise noted.

League averages for comparison to the stats that will be listed below.

Average Points Scored 21.0
Yards Per Rush (YPR) 4.2
Yards Per Pass (YPS) 6.2
Yards Per Play (YPPL) 5.3

I am adding one other item this year. Under each game listed you will see an average score for the teams that are playing listed. This average represents the average score between these two teams playing at this site over the past ten seasons. I also will be listing the spread record and over/under record for these two teams at this site for the past ten seasons. One hint is when we have a sample of at least **five games** and the average score is at least **seven points** from today's line, playing on that team that it favors has been extremely profitable.

For example:

NEW ENGLAND -3.5 Indianapolis 44

3-6-0/3-6-0 16-26.3

Away teams record is always listed first. Indy is 3-6-0 ATS (first set of numbers) and also 3-6-0 OU (second set of numbers) playing at NE during the past ten seasons. Their average score is 16-26.3, losing by an average of 10.3 points per game when playing at NE. That's a difference of 6.8 points in favor of NE. They win by an average of 10.3 points per game and the line is currently 3.5. Remember, anything at **seven** or higher creates historical value for that team when the sample is at least **five games**. You might say teams change and you can't rely on this but I'll tell you these teams win at a 56% clip so you better have good reason to play against this, even though it represents team trends and not league wide trends.

Pittsburgh -10 NY GIANTS 35

1-1-0/1-1-0 10-18

Christmas can't come soon enough for Eli Manning. What it will mean is his stretch of games against Atlanta, Philly, Washington, Baltimore and Pittsburgh will be done. Then he'll get softer defenses the likes of Cincinnati and Dallas assuming his confidence hasn't already been destroyed. As for this game, Pittsburgh is obviously the better team and the Giants are struggling with the combination of Eli and facing extremely good defenses. Pittsburgh's offense on the road is average, gaining 4.9yppl against 5.0yppl and they'll face a Giants defense, which has been average at home this year, allowing 5.1yppl against 5.1yppl. The Giants offense, at home, is averaging 4.8yppl against 4.7yppl and will face a better than average Pittsburgh defense, which is allowing just 4.6yppl against 5.0yppl on the road. Pittsburgh's propensity to run the ball keeps their scores close and they have won just

one game this year, on the road, by more than 10 points, defeating Cleveland 24-10 but they were +3 in the turnover department and scored a touchdown on defense. They could certainly do that again in this game against Eli but I wouldn't want to count on it for my cover. The Giants qualify as a turnover table play, which is 1324-1109-68, including a subset, which is 820-646-37. They also qualify in a contrary situation that plays on teams at home who are not covering the spread versus teams on the road who are covering the spread. That situation is 284-198-21. Final numbers favor Pittsburgh by seven points (all stats) and by six and nine points (home/away stats) before accounting for the situations the Giants qualify in. Having said that, the Giants have now lost three straight games by 20+ points. That's only happened six other times since 1983 and then that team has been a home dog and those poor teams haven't fared too well, going just 1-5 ats in the next game. If our home dog has lost the last two games by 20+ points, they are just 15-28, but 8-6 if getting seven or more points. The situations clearly favor the Giants although past history of a struggling team doesn't show much promise. The value lies with the Giants and Pittsburgh plays a lot of close games because of their running style. I can't play the Giants here but just lean their way based on value and the situations. Final total suggests about 36 points (all stats) and 33 points (home/away stats). I'll lean to the under seeing the Giants haven't scored more than 14 points since Eli became the quarterback and seven of those last week came on defense. **PITTSBURGH 21 NY GIANTS 12**

Washington -5.5 SAN FRANCISCO 37

0-1-1/0-2-0 18-20

This number is starting to creep a little too high to take Washington but taking a beaten up SF team is also a stretch. The Redskins offense has been horrible this year and nothing changes that on the road, where they are averaging just 4.1yppl against 5.1yppl and they'll face a 49ers defense, which is allowing 5.3yppl against 5.5yppl at home this year. SF has allowed pretty high yppl totals at home this year to good offenses but held their own against the poorer offenses and they may do the same here. The 49ers offense is averaging just 4.8yppl against 5.0yppl at home this year and they don't figure to have much success against a Washington defense, which is allowing just 4.2yppl against 4.9yppl on the road this year. While the 49ers defense has been above average from the line of scrimmage, the team as a whole is allowing 29 points per game at home against teams who normally score just 18 points per game on the road. Turnovers and bad field position are killing their defense and making it near impossible to win games. SF qualifies in a home momentum situation based on their win last week, which is 169-118-10. They also qualify in a power rating value system, which is 340-253-23. Washington, however, qualifies in a fundamental rushing situation, which is 552-421-33, including a subset, which is 335-228-17. Final numbers favor Washington by seven and four points (all stats) and Washington by 4.5 and six points (home/away stats). The problem for SF is they haven't lost a game since week three by less than seven points and their only two wins came against Arizona. Bottom line is they probably don't stay close enough for the cover unless they win the game straight up. Having said that, it's tough to lay points with Washington on the road but they are the better team right now. The situations lean towards SF but the fundamental rushing situation is strong enough to get me leaning to Washington slightly. Final totals suggest about 36 points (all stats) and 42 points (home/away stats). This game does qualify in a 81-47-1 under situation and I will lean that way based on the situation. **WASHINGTON 20 SAN FRANCISCO 14**

ATLANTA -3 Carolina 41.5

1-7-1/3-5-1 14.6-23.8

Carolina has had a nice run but it might not be as good as some are making it out to be. Carolina is now 6-1 against teams under .500 (KC, Oak (L), SF, Arz, TB, NO, StL). Unfortunately, they are also 0-6 against teams above .500 losing by an average of 11.5 points in those games (GB, Atl, Den, Philly, SD, Sea). Even in their win over the Rams last week, they were out averaged 5.5yppl to 4.4yppl. The Carolina offense has been below average on the road this year, gaining just 5.4yppl against 5.8yppl and they will face a stiff Atlanta defense, which is allowing just 4.5yppl against 5.5yppl at home this year. While the Carolina defense has been good, as a whole, this year, they are just average on the road, allowing 5.5yppl against 5.6yppl and they will face an outstanding offense by Atlanta at home, averaging 5.6yppl against 5.1yppl. Atlanta has won six straight at home against Carolina and seven of eight, including the last three by six, thirty and eight points. Carolina's success could be coming to an end this week as they qualify in a letdown situation, which is 65-29-4 (played against the Jets last week). Atlanta also qualifies in a

contrary situation, which is 284-198-21. The Falcons also qualify in a fundamental rushing situation, which is 552-421-33, including a subset, which is 444-315-24. Final numbers favor Atlanta by one and four points (all stats) and by four and two points (home/away stats) before accounting for the situations they qualify in. This game also qualifies in an under situation if the total is 42 or higher, which is 237-140-8. Whether the total climbs back up to 42 or not, I still like the under as my final totals suggest just 32 points being scored with both, all stats and home/away stats. Atlanta is 6-1 to the under at home this year. Carolina has only averaged 12 points per game against the five above average defenses they have faced this year so I don't see them getting many points here. Situations clearly lie with Atlanta in this game and the value also lies to the under. I went under the first time these two played and will do the same thing here. **ATLANTA 20 CAROLINA 9**

NY JETS –6,5 Seattle 40.5

1-1-0/1-1-0 20-25.5

First thing that catches my attention here is AFC versus NFC. That automatically gets me leaning towards the Jets in this game. Seattle was an average team coming into last weeks game and they still are after defeating an average Vikings team. The Jets have really played well this year and played very well in their loss last week at Pittsburgh. The Seattle offense has moved the ball this year on the road, averaging 5.7yppl against 5.3yppl but they'll face a stiff test from the Jets who allow just 4.9yppl against 5.1yppl at home. Much of Seattle's success on the road has come via the running game, averaging 4.7ypr against 4.2ypr on the road, but they will face a Jets defense that is allowing just 3.5ypr against 4.1ypr at home this year. Going the other way, the Jets offense has been outstanding at home this year, gaining 6.1yppl against 4.5yppl, including 5.4ypr against 3.6ypr and 6.9yps against 5.2yps. They'll face an average Seattle defense, which is allowing 5.3yppl against 5.2yppl and that might be worse because Seattle is really banged up on defense. Seattle has allowed an average of 25 points per game on the road against the three better than average offenses they have faced this year. The Jets have averaged about 27 points against the three below average defenses they have faced at home this year. You can probably mark the Jets down for about 27 points in this game. Seattle has only faced two good defenses on the road this year and averaged about 15 points and just three good defenses all year, averaging about 13 points (four if you count Miami and averaging about 16 points although seven were scored by their defense). In fairness, the Jets haven't faced a lot of good offenses this year either but they did hold NE to just 13 points on the road. They allowed Cincy earlier in the year 24 points but were ahead most of the game. The Jets qualify in a fundamental rushing situation, which is 76-37-5. Final numbers favor the Jets by 10 and 6.5 points (all stats) and by 6.5 and two points (home/away stats). The number is a little too high for me to take the Jets in a best bet but I believe they are the right side in this game. Final total suggests about 37 points (all stats) and about 44 points (home/away stats). **NY JETS 27 SEATTLE 16**

PHILADELPHIA –12 Dallas 45

3-5-2/5-5-0 18.1-22

This is really a tough game to call because the situations favor Dallas but the value points to Philadelphia. Adding to that is Philly has everything wrapped up and it's hard to believe they will go all out to risk injuries and if they get up by 20 points, it's very likely the back ups will see time, which could lead to a back door cover. In other words, there are probably better games. The Dallas offense has been average on the road this year, gaining 5.4yppl against 5.3yppl and they'll face a Philly defense allowing just 4.9yppl against 5.1yppl at home. The Philly offense has been great at home, averaging 6.4yppl against 5.2yppl and they'll face a Dallas defense allowing the same 6.4yppl against 5.2yppl on the road. That doesn't bode well for Dallas in this game. Philly hasn't allowed more than 17 points at home this year and I don't see Dallas getting much more than 14 points in this game. The question then becomes how many will Philly score? Dallas is allowing an average of 35 points on the road against the better than average offenses they have faced this year (Minn, GB, Cincy and Sea), of which none are probably as good as this Philly offense. Philly is scoring about the same against the poor defenses they have faced this year. Dallas does qualify in a bounce back situation after their upset loss last week, which is 73-43-2 and they are a turnover table play, which is 1324-1109-68, including a subset, which is 820-646-37. Final numbers favor Philly by 21 and 15 points (all stats) and by 15.5 and 27 points (home/away stats). Final total suggest about 48 and 51 points but this game qualifies in an incredible 84-20 rematch under situation. Knowing Dallas probably doesn't get past 14 points and Philly gets closer to 35 points makes it hard to play the under. Philly may let up before they get to 35

but I can only lean to the under based on the situation but can't make it a best bet. As for the side, I will lean with the better team with a slight lean. **PHILADELPHIA 30 DALLAS 14**

Minnesota -3 DETROIT 48.5

4-6-0/8-2-0 26.9-28.3

The beauty of having Mike Tice coach is you usually get the advantage with the other team because of a better head coach. We get that again this week with Mariucci against Tice. Minnesota is in trouble and may not win another game this year. In all honesty their best chance may be next week against Green Bay. Their last two road games, which are this one and a season ending game at Washington, could prove to be very tough because they will face very good defenses, which will make life miserable for the Vikings offense. Minnesota's offense has moved the ball this year on the road, averaging 6.8yppl against 5.8yppl but they've faced mostly poor defenses. Against good defenses on the road this year, they have scored just 16 and 14 points but averaged 5.9yppl and 6.5yppl. The Lions have faced three good offenses at home this year and allowed 30, 38 and 41 points to Philly, GB and Indy. Having said that, they allowed those teams 6.4yppl, 5.6yppl and 5.9yppl, which is below those teams seasonal averages for yppl. It is true those teams have averaged about 36 points per game but some of those points were scored by the opponents defense and against the Colts, Detroit was a -5 in turnover margin, which greatly helped Indy score additional points in that game. Coaches have said time and time again that Detroit's front four are some of the best in the game and at home they are allowing just 3.7ypr against 4.3ypr. They will make it very tough for Minnesota to move the ball in this game. The Detroit offense, at home, is averaging 5.0yppl against 5.2yppl, which is below average but much better than their road numbers. Also, they are averaging a healthy 4.9ypr against 3.9ypr at home and will face a Vikings defense, which is allowing 6.0yppl against 4.7yppl, including 5.0ypr against 4.7ypr. Detroit gained 154 yards rushing at Minnesota at 5.4ypr a few weeks ago and there is no reason they can't do it again. Remember, Chicago lost badly at home to Indy earlier this year and came back and defeated Minnesota by ten points a few weeks ago. Over their last four games, Detroit has rushed for 146, 168, 215 and 193 yards. Over the last seven weeks, Minnesota has allowed at least 138 yards rushing in every game. Minnesota qualifies in a negative scheduling situation, which is 159-95-8 and plays against them here. Detroit qualifies in a power rating value play, which is 340-253-23 and they qualify in two terrific fundamental rushing situations, which are 118-59-7 and 133-62-8. Final numbers favor Minnesota by just one point (all stats) and by two and nine points (home/away stats). The Lions have been in or in control of three of their last four games and in those games, they are running the ball 59% of the time. I don't see any reason, other than massive turnovers, that they won't be in control of this game. Since Moss got hurt, Minnesota's explosive offense has been reduced to more of a ball control game (which isn't bad because it keeps their defense off the field), and they are averaging just 22 points per game. Detroit doesn't give up a lot of points and with their new found running game, this allows them to keep their offense on the field longer. Minnesota continues to go under (four straight) and they continue to set the lines in their games near the 50's, which is simply too high. Final numbers suggest about 46 points (all stats) and about 51 points (home/away stats). I won't go with the under in a best bet but it is a strong lean to the under. Detroit is simply too strong with their rushing game right now for Minnesota to win this game. **DETROIT 27 MINNESOTA 17**

San Diego -9.5 CLEVELAND 39

1-1-0/2-0-0 21-20

Cleveland is in complete disarray but they have faced some tough teams as of late, including seven of nine games against winning teams. The only losing team they faced was Cincinnati, who is also playing much better now. Cleveland has been pretty good statistically at home this year, gaining 5.1yppl against 5.1yppl and allowing just 4.7yppl against 4.8yppl. SD has struggled against good teams this year, going just 2-2 but they aren't facing a very good team in this game. The Chargers road numbers are not very good, however, averaging just 5.3yppl against 5.8yppl and their defense has been nothing better than average, allowing 5.5yppl against 5.4yppl. I'm just not sold on SD this year and I won with them last week but was lucky to do so. The Chargers haven't faced many good teams this year and they haven't won a road game by more than 11 points. That would be enough for this cover but they've only done that once. Cleveland has lost a couple of games at home this year by more than 10 points to Pittsburgh and New England but SD is not in that class. Cleveland qualifies in my turnover table play, which is

1324-1109-68, including a subset, which is 820-646-37. They also qualify in contrary situations, which are 284-198-21 and 340-253-23. SD, however, qualifies in a fundamental rushing situation, which is 159-96-7. Final numbers favor SD by just eight and 8.5 points (all stats) and by 4.5 and two points (home/away stats). The value clearly lies with Cleveland and the situations favor them as well. I can't trust Cleveland enough that they aren't tossing the towel so I will just lean with them rather than make them a best bet. This game also qualifies in an under situation, which is 334-247-12. Final totals suggest about 53 points (all stats) and 44 points (home/away stats) but there is a chance of cold, windy weather with a lot of snow. I will lean to the under as well. **SAN DIEGO 20 CLEVELAND 16**

Buffalo -1.5 CINCINNATI 43

1-0-0/1-0-0 33-20

This is a very tough game for me to call because we are dealing with two teams who are both playing well right now. The Buffalo offense is on fire, scoring at least 37 points in each of the past four games and they will face a Cincinnati defense, which has allowed at least 26 points in each of their last three games. Not to be out done, however, as the Bengals have scored at least 27 in each of the last three games. Buffalo qualifies in a negative letdown situation, which is 104-58-3 and plays against Buffalo here. If Buffalo were a dog, they would qualify in a fundamental rushing situation, so the situations could go either way based on a couple of points. Final numbers favor Buffalo by three points and Cincy by one point (all stats) and Cincy by seven points and Buffalo by one point (home/away stats). Final totals suggest about 50 points (all stats) and about 43 points (home/away stats) and this game does qualify in a 36-16-3 over situation but cold and windy weather could factor into this game. I'll lean with the home team but ever so slightly. **CINCINNATI 24 BUFFALO 23**

GREEN BAY -3.5 Jacksonville 37.5

No Past History

It's not going to be pretty in GB this week as they are forecasting a low of 2 degrees and only a high of 13 degrees with high winds for a second consecutive week in GB. They have already dropped the total by about 2.5 points because of the weather and I find it hard to believe there will be a lot of points in this game. This is another game that could go either way but I will lean with the home team. GB is a little banged up right now but they are averaging 6.4yppl against 5.2yppl at home and will face a Jacksonville defense, which is allowing 5.5yppl against 5.3yppl on the road this year. The Jacksonville offense has been below average on the road this year, gaining just 5.4yppl against 5.7yppl but they'll face a GB defense, which is allowing 5.96yppl against 5.6yppl at home. Detroit rushed for 4.9ypr last week but only gained 3.6yppl because Joey Harrington couldn't throw the ball in the conditions they had to play in. I am willing to bet Leftwich will be able to throw the ball better but they will also probably try to run the ball against the soft GB defense. Having said that, GB qualifies in a contrary situation, which is 284-198-21. Final numbers favor GB by three and 5.5 points (all stats) and by six points and Jacksonville by one point (home/away stats). Final numbers only suggest about 38 points (all stats) and 37 points (home/away stats).

GREEN BAY 20 JACKSONVILLE 13

CHICAGO -1 Houston 34

No Past History

The Bears are a much better team with Brian Urlacher and without him this week I can only lean their way, rather than make them a best bet. The lean is based mostly on Houston's poor performance on the road this year. Although a lot of those poor numbers (4.8yppl against 6.0yppl on offense and 5.8yppl against 5.3yppl) have come against really good teams, the Bears are good enough at home with their defense to shut down a below average Houston team. The Bears offense at home is even worse, gaining just 4.1yppl against 5.4yppl but their defense has been better than average, allowing 5.1yppl against 5.2yppl. Chicago qualifies in a contrary situation, which is 284-198-21 and the value lies with the Bears as well. Final numbers favor Chicago by one and 5.5 points (all stats) and by five and eight points (home/away stats). Final totals suggest about 30 points (all stats) and 30 points (home/away stats). I will lean with Chicago and the under in this game. **CHICAGO 17 HOUSTON 10**

TAMPA BAY –8 New Orleans 44

4-1-0/2-3-0 16-20.4

Both of these teams were good to us last week with NO covering at Dallas and TB failing to cover at SD. NO is simply not a good team this year, averaging just 5.1yppl against 5.5yppl on offense, when playing on the road and they will face a TB defense, which is allowing just 4.1yppl against 5.4yppl at home. That doesn't bode well for Aaron Brooks and company. Meanwhile, as I have been saying for a few weeks now, TB is a completely different team at home, where they are averaging 5.3yppl against 5.1yppl and they will face a Saints defense, which is allowing 5.7yppl against 5.1yppl. TB qualifies in a negative letdown situation based on their poor defensive performance last week, which is 182-109-11 and 10-3 this year. That situation plays against TB this week. Meanwhile, NO also qualifies in a conference road underdog situation, which is 112-44-4. Final numbers favor TB by 10 and eight points (all stats) and by a whopping 12.5 and 14 points (home/away stats) showing the home/road dichotomy between these two teams. Despite the solid situations favoring NO, I can only lean towards TB this week. This game also qualifies in a 153-85-2 under situation and final numbers suggest just 41 points (all stats) and 42 points (home/away stats). Coming into last week's game at Dallas, NO had allowed at least 24 points in every road game. They only allowed 13 points last week but four Dallas turnovers helped their cause. Meanwhile, TB has scored at least 34 points at home against the two poor defenses they have faced this year. I would consider the under here because I don't think NO can score many points in this game but I am afraid TB might go off and score in the 30's, which would just about kill any under play. Because of the situations, however, I can't play TB. **TAMPA BAY 27 NEW ORLEANS 16**

St. Louis –3 ARIZONA 41.5

1-2-0/2-1-0 28.3-24

The Rams lost last week but they out averaged Carolina 5.5yppl to 4.4yppl but were on the short end of a –5 turnover ratio, which killed any chance they had to cover the game. There's no doubt the Rams defense is not good but against below average teams they stand a chance to cover the spread. The Rams offense is averaging 5.6yppl against 5.3yppl on the road and they will face a Cardinals defense, which is allowing 4.9yppl against 5.2yppl at home. That should lead to an average output for the Rams this week. The Rams defense is allowing 5.9yppl against 5.0yppl on the road but they'll face an Arizona offense, which is averaging just 4.4yppl against 5.1yppl at home but those numbers should lead to a little better than average output by Arizona this week. I was a little surprised to find out I didn't have a play on Arizona this week as the situations actually go both ways. Final numbers favor Arizona, however, by two points and five points (all stats) and by 9.5 and 12 points (home/away stats). Arizona has lost only two home games by more than three points this year and they were both to AFC teams NE and the Jets. The Rams are a far cry from that type of team and they have only won two road games this year. While the situations don't point either way, the value clearly lies with the Cards. This game also applies to an over situation, which is 83-49-2 and final totals suggest about 41 points (all stats) and about 44 points (home/away stats). **ARIZONA 24 ST LOUIS 20**

Denver –1 KANSAS CITY 52.5

6-4-1/4-7-0 19.7-20.5

I don't have quite enough ammunition to take the Chiefs in this game and I'm never a big fan of taking a team with a much worse defense when I'm not getting enough points so I can only lean their way this week with no best bet. Denver's offense is very average on the road this year, gaining just 5.2yppl against 5.4yppl but they'll face a Chiefs defense, which is allowing 6.4yppl against 5.7yppl at home. The Chiefs offense is averaging 6.2yppl against 5.5yppl at home this year and they'll face a very good Broncos defense, which is allowing just 4.6yppl against 5.4yppl on the road this year. KC does apply to a couple of similar home momentum situations, which are 80-48-2 and 169-118-10. KC is also now 21-4-2 as a home underdog with a win percentage of .333 or better over the years. Final numbers favor KC by three and two points (all stats) and Denver by 1.5 and even (home/away stats). Final totals suggest about 52 points (all stats) and 44 points (home/away stats). KC has only lost by more than three

points once at home against Denver over the past ten seasons. Also, only one of those games has totaled more than 53 points during that same ten year span. I will lean with KC and the under in this game. **KANSAS CITY 24 DENVER 23**

OAKLAND –2.5 Tennessee 48.5

2-2-0/2-2-0 19-30

Tennessee is not a very good team right now. They are down to third and fourth string players. Their offense on the road this season has been terrible, averaging just 5.0yppl against 5.8yppl. They'll face a Raiders defense, which hasn't been good this year at home, allowing 5.7yppl against 5.4yppl but that's still better than the Tennessee offense and their rush defense is allowing just 3.9ypr against 4.3ypr, which is important against the Tennessee offense, which is averaging 4.7ypr against 4.4ypr on the road this year. For Oakland, their offense at home has been better than average, gaining 5.6yppl against 5.3yppl and they will face a terrible Titans defense, which is allowing 6.2yppl against 5.5yppl, including 5.4ypr against 4.4ypr and 6.7yps against 6.2yps. Oakland qualifies as a turnover table play, which is 1324-1109-68, including a subset, which is 820-646-37. Oakland also qualifies in a couple of similar late season situations, which play against teams who are allowing a lot of points late in the season and might be tossing the towel for the year. Those situations are 44-16-2 and 83-38-2. Tennessee has allowed an average of about 34 points on the road against better than average offenses. Oakland's offense isn't great but it has been better than average at home this year, facing a lot of better than average defenses. They have averaged about 27 points at home against below average defenses this year. Tennessee has only scored more than 24 points on the road once this year and that was at GB when they were the benefactor of a +6 turnover ratio. Final numbers favor Oakland by one and .5 points (all stats) and Tennessee by .5 points and three points (home/away stats). This is more of a play against Tennessee than a play on Oakland. Final totals suggest about 46 points (all stats) and about 45 points (home/away stats). **OAKLAND 27 TENNESSEE 16**

INDIANAPOLIS –8 Baltimore 48.5

3-0-0/1-2-0 20.7-20.7

Obviously this could be a great game pitting a great defense against a great offense. Baltimore has struggled on offense all season and on the road they are averaging just 4.2yppl against 5.3yppl. Normally we would say that would even out against a poor Colts defense, but Indy's defense has played well at home this year. They are allowing just 5.4yppl against 5.8yppl at home this year. Against the two good offenses they have faced at home, Indy has allowed an average of 29.5 points and about 6.5yppl. But they're not facing a good offense this week and they should allow Baltimore something closer to the 4.0yppl they have held a couple of other poor offenses to this year. Meanwhile, the Baltimore defense is playing terrific again this year, allowing just 4.3yppl against 4.9yppl on the road but they are going to face an Indy offense, which is averaging 7.0yppl against 5.5yppl at home this year. That also favors Indy here. With that said, the line is the great equalizer here and I'm not sure Indy can win by more than eight points in this game. Billick is now 9-2 ats as a dog of more than five points (1-1 this year) and Baltimore hasn't allowed more than 27 points all season. I have no situations favoring either team. Final numbers favor Indy by nine and 8.5 points (all stats) and by 11 and nine points (home/away points). Final totals suggest about 48 points (all stats) and 47 points (home/away stats). **INDIANAPOLIS 27 BALTIMORE 20**

New England –9.5 MIAMI 41

4-6-0/4-6-0 16.4-21

Situations favor Miami but the value favors NE. Miami qualifies in a contrary situation, which is 63-34-2 and they are also a turnover table play, which is 1324-1109-68, including a subset, which is 820-646-37. They also qualify in a couple of other contrary situations. Meanwhile, NE qualifies in a fundamental rushing situation, which is 159-96-7. NE is averaging 5.8yppl against 5.3yppl on the road this year, while Miami is allowing just 5.1yppl against 5.4yppl at home. The Dolphins offense has been average at home, gaining 4.8yppl against 4.9yppl, while the NE defense is allowing 5.4yppl against 4.9yppl on the road this year. Miami hasn't lost by more than 10 points at home all year and they have now scored 31, 23, 32 points in their last three home games. NE has totaled at least 46

points (both teams) in all but one of their road games this year. Their offense can score when they have to and their defense will give up points if the offense is scoring enough to make up for that. Since the beginning of November, Miami has allowed every team except SF to score at least 20 points and allowed an average of 28 points. Situations favor Miami but final numbers favor NE by 13 and 8.5 points (all stats) and by 12.5 and 21 points (home/away stats). Final totals suggest about 40 points (all stats) and about 49 points (home/away stats). This game qualifies in an under situation, which is 334-247-12. I will lean with Miami and the over, despite the under situation. Miami has lost but once by more than today's spread to NE here over the last 10 seasons. **NEW ENGLAND 28 MIAMI 24**

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