Key Releases		
Date	Event	Play
09-24	Tennessee @ Cleveland	Tennessee
09-24	Houston @ Jacksonville	Houston

Priority Picks		
Date	Event	Play
09-24	LA Chargers @ Minnesota	Over

Tech Play's		
Date	Event	Play
09-24	Atlanta @ Detroit	Under
09-24	New England @ NY Jets	New England
09-25	Philadelphia @ Tampa Bay	Under

September 21st

301/302	Score	Line	PR	GS Line	Avg. PR	Avg. OPR	SUR (H/A)	ATS (H/A)	O/U (H/A)	Pts. Diff. (H/A)	Avg. Ln. (H/A)
NY Giants	21	43.5	10		10	14	0-1 / 1-0	0-1 / 0-1	0-1 / 1-0	-40 / +3	+3 / -4
San Francisco	34	-10.5	1(1)		1	13	0-0 / 2-0	0-0 / 1-1	0-0 / 1-1	- / +15	- / -5

For a hot second, it looked like the New York Giants were going to suffer an embarrassing defeat for the 2nd week in a row. After losing 40-0 in Week One to Dallas, New York was down 28-7 to the Cardinals, the lowest-rated team in our power ratings, deep in the third quarter. To the Giants' credit, New York ended up scoring 24 unanswered points, and they won by three on a field goal with 19 seconds remaining. Based on this narrow win, we actually downgraded the Giants again slightly in our power ratings. Good for them to come back and win, but to allow 379 yards, only force one turnover, and not produce a single sack, there are still major concerns for the Giants moving forward. The 49ers went into Los Angeles, which was basically a home game for them, and they beat down the Rams as they have been doing since McVay and Shanahan took over their respective NFC West teams. The 49ers did not dominate this game. They were outgained, the Rams had more time of possession, and they only generated one sack. The difference in this game was the turnovers - the 49ers forced two and did not have one themselves, and those extra possessions were enough to build a sustainable lead and not give it up. Now, on a short week, the 49ers host the Giants, and the 49ers opened as 10-point favorites at Circa. The Giants allowed the Cowboys front to dominate them, and even the Cardinals' weak defensive front generated three sacks of Daniel Jones. Now, they have to face arguably the best front seven in the entire NFL. Good luck with that. Nothing we have seen from the Giants so far indicates that they can stick with the 49ers, and the opening spread says just as much. Ten seems like a fair number and the 49ers should walk away with an easy, but hopefully entertaining, win on Thursday.

September 24th

9-Rated Priority Pick											Updated: 09/19 9:09 am
451/452	Score	Line	PR	GS Line	Avg. PR	Avg. OPR	SUR (H/A)	ATS (H/A)	O/U (H/A)	Pts. Diff. (H/A)	Avg. Ln. (H/A)
LA Chargers	31	54	8		8	10	0-1 / 0-1	0-1 / 0-1	1-0 / 1-0	-2 / -3	-3 / -2.5
Minnesota	30	-1	9(1.5)	-0.5	9	0	0-1 / 0-1	0-1 / 0-0	0-1 / 1-0	-3 / -6	-5 / +6

Brandon Staley must have the warmest seat of any head coach, right? Without a few key contributors, the Chargers went into Tennessee and lost a game against an inferior opponent. To be fair, the Gold Sheet team has been higher on TEN than the market is, and our LTS picks had TEN in this game, but still, the Chargers looked bad. Missing Austin Ekler hurt a lot, especially on third down, as LAC went 2-14 on third down. They did not turn the ball over, and they did outgain the Titans by two yards, but their inability to convert on third down and control the clock is what ended up being the death sentence for the Chargers, as well as turned the heat on Staley a little bit more. The Vikings played the Eagles closely on Thursday, and they arguably could have won that football game if Jefferson did not fumble into the end zone, but what a difference a year makes. Minnesota was 11-0 in one-score games in 2022, and now they are 0-2 in one-score games in 2023. The epitome of regression. Still, this Vikings offense can hum - they lost four fumbles and still had 374 yards, went 60% on third down, and only allowed two sacks against a good Eagles defense (that was banged up.) This is more impressive, considering the Vikings held the ball for just 20:32 seconds. Now, these two teams square off in Minnesota, one of the best home-field advantages in football, and the line opened at a PK at Circa. We did not downgrade the Chargers after the loss; we actually slightly upgraded the Vikings after their loss. The spread of a PK here is fair, but immediately, we are looking at the total of 52 points. After two weeks, it seems clear that both of these offenses, when healthy, are as good as it gets in the NFL, and there will be no weather conditions to worry about. This game, on paper, has all the makings of a good old-fashioned shoot-out.
Play the Over.

Recent meetings							
Date	Team	Score	Line	FD	RA/RY	PC/PA/I/PY	F/FL
11-14-21	Minnesota	27	53.5	24	33/103	25/37/0/278	1/1
	LA Chargers	20	-3.5	20	19/82	20/34/1/171	0/0

Key Release											Updated: 09/19 8:08 am
453/454	Score	Line	PR	GS Line	Avg. PR	Avg. OPR	SUR (H/A)	ATS (H/A)	O/U (H/A)	Pts. Diff. (H/A)	Avg. Ln. (H/A)
Tennessee	21	39.5	9.5		10	8	1-0 / 0-1	1-0 / 1-0	1-0 / 0-1	+3 / -1	+2.5 / +3
Cleveland	20	-3.5	4(1)	-6.5	4	6	1-0 / 0-1	1-0 / 0-1	0-1 / 1-0	+21 / -4	+2 / -2.5

If you want to know how the Titans continue to never be out of a game and even upset better teams with such an underwhelming roster, look no further than the tape of their game against the Chargers. Tennessee's third down defense was immaculate, their red zone defense was fantastic, and their run defense is the best in the NFL. In fact, a strong argument can be made that this is a top-five defense in the NFL, top-seven at least. Without a starting CB and S, Tennessee held the high-flying Chargers (albeit without Austin Ekler) to 2-14 on third down, just 19 first downs, and 24 points in their upset as a slight home underdog. Another masterclass for Mike Vrabel - one of the best coaches in the business. On the other hand, the Browns just lost their best offensive player for the season, and they saw injuries to their top two cornerbacks in their Monday Night Football loss to the Steelers. The Browns had the lead late in the game, but Deshaun Watson fumbled, and the Steelers took it back for six, which led to the Browns' first loss of the season. Cleveland entered this season with a ton of hype, and

they lived up to it in their first game. However, Week 2 gave them three massive injuries, and Deshaun Watson has yet to come close to regaining his 2020 form. There were a few issues for the Browns. The Steelers had two defensive TDs, but the Browns were penalized eight times, allowed six sacks, and despite outgaining the Steelers by 150 yards, they could not hold on and win. Now, the Chubb-less Browns host the Titans, who are coming off a massive win against the Chargers. The Browns defensive coordinator was with Tennessee last year, so he is familiar with how this team operates. The Browns are still a talented team, but no Chubb and being down two CBs could change the course of this season immensely. The market is giving the Titans too many points as it stands.
Play Tennessee.

Key Release											Updated: 09/19 8:08 am
455/456	**Score**	**Line**	**PR**	**GS Line**	**Avg. PR**	**Avg. OPR**	**SUR (H/A)**	**ATS (H/A)**	**O/U (H/A)**	**Pts. Diff. (H/A)**	**Avg. Ln. (H/A)**
Houston	20	44	12.5		13	12	0-1 / 0-1	0-1 / 0-1	1-0 / 0-1	-11 / -16	-1 / +9.5
Jacksonville	24	-8.5	9(0.5)	-4	9	0	0-1 / 1-0	0-1 / 1-0	0-1 / 1-0	-8 / +10	+3.5 / -4.5

The Texans were never going to be good this year. They are sporting a first-year head coach and a rookie QB with a mediocre roster at best. Add on the fact that Houston had cluster offensive line injuries (a death sentence in the NFL), and their 11-point loss at home makes a ton of sense. Houston could not stop the run last season, and considering the Colts ran for 126 yards and three scores (two from QB Anthony Richardson), it does not seem like they have improved that area of their defense. Houston had the ball for the majority of the game, but they had a turnover, and Stroud was sacked six times. Though the Colts passing defense is not one to write home about, Stroud looked good, and as a Houston Texan fan, that is all you can ask for (and maybe their No.1 pick back that they traded to Arizona). On the Jaguars front, we cannot say we are too shocked. Once Chris Jones and Travis Kelce were ruled in, the entire dynamic of this game changed. This game had the highest total of the day, and it soared under. KC had extra time to prepare for JAX, and they certainly seemed prepared. Lawrence threw for just 216 yards on just over a 50% completion percentage, he was sacked four times, and the Jags went 3-12 on third down and 0-2 on fourth down. They forced three turnovers and only turned it over once, yet they still lost by eight. The Gold Sheet team was already lower on JAX than the market, so we did not need to downgrade them at all after this loss. However, if they look mediocre against the Texans, a game in which they are 9.5-point favorites at open, then we will need to downgrade. With that being said, are we sure JAX is 9.5 points better than Houston, even at home? If the Texans get a few starters on their offensive line back and Stroud plays like he has in the first two weeks, he should be able to move the football on the Jaguars. The Jaguars should be able to move the ball right back, and this game will probably come down to who wins the turnover battle. Given his experience and talent, odds are Lawrence will have the better day of the two QBs, but will that be enough to cover 9.5 points? Based on what we have seen from both teams, 9.5 is too many.
Play Houston.

Recent meetings							
Date	**Team**	**Score**	**Line**	**FD**	**RA/RY**	**PC/PA/I/PY**	**F/FL**
01-01-23	Jacksonville	31	-3.5	20	29/169	22/29/2/168	1/0
	Houston	3	43.5	13	21/84	25/44/0/193	1/1
10-09-22	Houston	13	43.5	15	31/116	16/24/0/132	0/0
	Jacksonville	6	-7	22	26/136	25/47/2/286	0/0
12-19-21	Houston	30	40	13	26/75	19/30/1/206	0/0
	Jacksonville	16	-6	21	25/107	22/38/0/189	0/0

Tech Play											Updated: 09/19 8:08 am
457/458	**Score**	**Line**	**PR**	**GS Line**	**Avg. PR**	**Avg. OPR**	**SUR (H/A)**	**ATS (H/A)**	**O/U (H/A)**	**Pts. Diff. (H/A)**	**Avg. Ln. (H/A)**
New England	24	-2.5	11		11	7	0-2 / 0-0	0-2 / 0-0	1-1 / 0-0	-6 / -	+3 / -
NY Jets	17	36	4(1)	-8	4	2	1-0 / 0-1	1-0 / 0-1	0-1 / 1-0	+6 / -20	+1.5 / +9

After the Jets lost Aaron Rodgers and still beat the Buffalo Bills in Week One, the Jets were established as one of the best teams in the NFL. Of course, we downgraded the Jets after they lost Rodgers, but it seems like no downgrade would have been enough. We have all watched Zach Wilson play football in the NFL. All the metrics say he sucks, and if you are blessed with the gift of sight, you just need to watch him play for ten snaps to see he sucks. So, unsurprisingly, Wilson led the Jets to 215 total yards. He threw three picks, they held the ball for 17:45, they went 1-10 on third down, and they turned it over another time on a Dalvin Cook fumble. This defense was supposed to be top-five in the NFL, and while they did not get much help, they allowed 382 yards, did not force a TO, and allowed Dallas to get 26 first downs and go 50% on third down. As for the Patriots, they played well against Miami, but they were not good enough to get the win. After being down 17-3, the Patriots came back and made it a 24-17 contest. New England was driving to tie or take the lead, but they fell inches short of converting a first down with 45 seconds left and keeping their hopes of securing a win alive. New England turned it over twice, and Mac Jones was sacked four times, and the Patriots firmly look like one of the worst teams in the AFC. Now, we get a matchup that has been dominated by Bill Belichick. When Belichick sees Zach Wilson under center, he salivates. Belichick's elite defensive scheme has forced Wilson into a ton of mistakes, and they often get to Wilson and sack him. The Jets have the better defense, and while Mac Jones has looked solid this season, he has not been great. Still, the Patriots' defense should stifle Wilson, and even though the Jets' defense could also make life miserable for Jones, it is more likely that Wilson will turn over the football and make more crucial mistakes than Jones does. The close spread makes sense, and while the Patriots are not much better than the Jets by any means, it's much easier to trust a Bill Belichick-led team than a Robert Saleh/Zach Wilson-led team.
Play New England.

Recent meetings							
Date	Team	Score	Line	FD	RA/RY	PC/PA/I/PY	F/FL
11-20-22	NY Jets	3	38	6	23/59	9/22/0/44	1/0
	New England	10	-3.5	13	26/99	23/27/0/198	1/0
10-30-22	New England	22	-3	19	34/127	24/35/1/161	1/0
	NY Jets	17	40	17	15/51	20/41/3/336	0/0
10-24-21	NY Jets	13	42.5	18	17/62	26/42/2/237	1/1
	New England	54	-7	32	32/148	28/41/0/403	0/0

459/460	Score	Line	PR	GS Line	Avg. PR	Avg. OPR	SUR (H/A)	ATS (H/A)	O/U (H/A)	Pts. Diff. (H/A)	Avg. Ln. (H/A)
New Orleans	21	42.5	4	-1	4	11	1-0 / 1-0	0-1 / 0-0	0-1 / 0-1	+1 / +3	-3 / -3
Green Bay	24	-1.5	6(1)		6	11	0-0 / 1-1	0-0 / 2-0	0-0 / 2-0	- / +8.5	- / +1.5

It was not pretty, but the Saints went into Carolina and got a win against a division rival. This was an ugly game that was dominated on the ground by backup running back Tony Jones. Derek Carr looks exactly like he did on the Raiders, which is not a compliment. He only threw for 232 yards and a pick, but what's more concerning is that he is still taking sacks in important situations or throwing non-competitive passes with pressure in his face. At the end of the day, the Saints' defense did enough to stifle Bryce Young and this Panthers' offense, which is not good. The Saints dominated third down, the LOS, and possession, and they were able to beat a mediocre Panthers team pretty easily. As for the Packers, they suffered an unfortunate loss in Atlanta. Green Bay had a 24-12 lead, but Atlanta rattled off 13 unanswered points and took the win 25-24 with 57 seconds remaining. Jordan Love looked decent - he only threw for 151 yards, but he had three TDs, no turnovers, and was sacked just once. The real problem for the Packers was their defense. They allowed 211 yards on the ground and 446 total yards. Atlanta was just 6-15 on third down, but they went 3-4 on fourth down. Green Bay generated just one sack, and Atlanta held the ball for 36:15. This was always going to be the game plan for Atlanta, and the Packers' inability to make the Falcons play left-handed shows a lot about Green Bay's coaching. Defensive Coordinator Joe Barry was scrutinized a lot last season, and this game epitomized why Barry has been catching so much heat. His defense could not stop the run, pressure the QB, or get key stops on third and fourth down. Now, the Packers get a tough game vs. an arguably better team at home. Derek Carr is not a good QB on the road as a favorite outdoors, and he finds himself in that situation in Green Bay. The Saints will be able to run the ball, but Green Bay should be able to keep this game close. Considering the spread is 1.5 to 2.5 points, and the total is 43, teasing up the underdog in this game would be worth a look.

461/462	Score	Line	PR	GS Line	Avg. PR	Avg. OPR	SUR (H/A)	ATS (H/A)	O/U (H/A)	Pts. Diff. (H/A)	Avg. Ln. (H/A)
Denver	20	48	10.5		11	12	0-2 / 0-0	0-2 / 0-0	1-1 / 0-0	-1.5 / -	-3.5 / -
Miami	27	-6.5	7(1)	-4.5	7	11	0-0 / 2-0	0-0 / 2-0	0-0 / 1-1	- / +4.5	- / +0.5

After two games, the Sean Payton era in Denver does not look too different from the Nathaniel Hackett era. Denver got out to a 21-3 lead over the Commanders at home but allowed Washington to come all the way back and win 35-33. This final score looks closer than it actually was - Russell Wilson converted a hail mary as time expired, and Denver needed a two-point conversion to send the game to OT. The game ended with a questionable no-call, but regardless, the Broncos cannot be happy with their output. Their secondary was banged up, but it is no excuse. Washington went just 3-10 on third down, but they did not turn the football over. Offensively, the Broncos moved the football at will, but Wilson was sacked seven times, and Denver went just 4-12 on third down. Denver also turned it over twice and did not force a single turnover. Now, the Broncos are 0-2, and they head to Miami to take on a very good Dolphins team. The Dolphins outgained the Patriots by over 100 yards, forced two turnovers, and sacked Mac Jones four times on Sunday night. The Vic Fangio effect. Offensively, Tua played well against a defense that knows him well. Miami's 40% conversion rate on third down, 145 rush yards, and just one turnover was good enough to dominate this game for most of the four quarters. Now, Miami hosts Vic Fangio's old team with a chance to start 3-0. Circa opened this spread at Miami -7, and based on how these two teams have played so far this season, this spread seems to be about right. As long as the Broncos are dealing with cluster injuries to their secondary, they are a target to get smoked in the passing game. Also, if Denver cannot get pressure on Tua, this could be a long game for Denver. This line seems to be priced on point, and Miami should improve to 3-0.

463/464	Score	Line	PR	GS Line	Avg. PR	Avg. OPR	SUR (H/A)	ATS (H/A)	O/U (H/A)	Pts. Diff. (H/A)	Avg. Ln. (H/A)
Buffalo	27	-6.5	4	-7.5	4	13	1-0 / 0-1	1-0 / 0-1	1-0 / 0-1	+28 / -6	-8.5 / -1.5
Washington	21	43	12(0.5)		12	11	1-0 / 1-0	0-1 / 1-0	0-1 / 1-0	+4 / +2	-7 / +3.5

After losing to Zach Wilson, the Buffalo Bills took their anger out on the Las Vegas Raiders. After allowing a touchdown on the Raiders' opening drive, Buffalo went on to smoke Las Vegas 38-10. Buffalo amassed 450 total yards, they won the turnover battle 3-0, Josh Allen was sacked just twice, and Buffalo held the ball for 40:04. The Bills had 29 first downs, and they went 7-13 on third down and 3-4 on fourth down. Their defense allowed just 240 yards, and they forced three turnovers despite not forcing a single sack. No matter how you want to slice it, Buffalo absolutely dominated. As for the Commanders, while their win was ugly, considering their QB was making his third NFL start, Washington's win was inspiring. Howell took four sacks, and Washington went just 3-10 on third down, but they did a great job of not being in third down at all - they had 26 first downs. The Commanders forced two turnovers, did not turn it over themselves, and sacked Wilson seven times. Yes, they allowed 399 yards and 33 points and almost blew it at the end, but this win was inspiring for Washington. With that being said, now is the time to see if Washington's win was because this is a good, scrappy team or if Denver is just that bad. We know Buffalo is one of the best teams in the NFL, and they are laying 6.5 points on the road. Can the Commanders really keep pace with the Bills? For starters, Buffalo's offensive line is not great, so the Commanders should be able to get pressure. As we know, Josh Allen is turnover-prone, and if Washington can force a few of those, they can be in this game. On the other hand, Washington's linebacking corps is weak, and an athletic playmaker like Allen could be their Achilles' heel. On the flip side, Buffalo's defense should be good enough to get pressure on Howell and control the line of scrimmage, which would be a huge boost to the Bills' chances of winning. Long story short, this should be a great game, and an initial thought would be to tease the Bills down to PK or -1.5 in a six-point teaser.

Tech Play											Updated: 09/19 8:08 am
465/466	Score	Line	PR	GS Line	Avg. PR	Avg. OPR	SUR (H/A)	ATS (H/A)	O/U (H/A)	Pts. Diff. (H/A)	Avg. Ln. (H/A)
Atlanta	17	46	11		11	6	2-0 / 0-0	1-1 / 0-0	1-1 / 0-0	+7.5 / -	-3 / -
Detroit	21	-3	8(1)	-4	8	10	0-1 / 1-0	0-1 / 1-0	1-0 / 0-1	-6 / +1	-4.5 / +7

The Atlanta Falcons built a team predicated on pounding the rock and the short passing game. So, what have they done so far this season? Pound the crap out of the football and throw the ball around the line of scrimmage. Atlanta ran the ball 45 times for 211 yards on Sunday against the Packers, and their ability to convert on third and fourth down to control the clock won them the game. Atlanta was down 24:12 heading into the fourth quarter, but they scored 13 unanswered and got the win at home. Their defense played great as well, allowing just 224 total yards, and this game epitomized exactly how Arthur Smith wants his team to play this season. So far, so good. As for the Lions, they were hit with a nice reality check at home against the Seahawks. Detroit had a 21-17 lead heading into the fourth quarter, but a Seattle touchdown drive and a pick-six flipped this game on its head. Detroit deserves credit for sending this game to OT, but they allowed Seattle to march right down the field and win it. Detroit outgained Seattle, but they lost the turnover battle 3-0, including a pick-six, and that is essentially what doomed the Lions. This team did decently on third down on both sides of the football but gave away too many possessions. Now, they host the Falcons, and there is some good news. Seattle and KC are not major rushing teams, but Detroit's run defense has held up well in both weeks so far. In order for the Lions to get an edge and dominate this game, they need to force Atlanta to throw the football. This is easier said than done - Atlanta's entire philosophy is predicated on running the football. The opening spread and total are DET -4.5 and 46.5 points. These numbers are fair, but the initial lean is with the Falcons. Neither of these teams generates much pressure, which bodes well for Goff. The Falcons are going to run the ball 40 or so times, and Detroit will need to find a way to get Atlanta off the field quickly, or their defense will get run down. Desmond Ridder has not shown anything to prove he is too good, but Detroit's defense is weak. This game has the potential to be one of the best games on Sunday, and it should be a fun one to watch. 4.5 points may be too many to lay with the home team here.
Play the Under.

Recent meetings							
Date	Team	Score	Line	FD	RA/RY	PC/PA/I/PY	F/FL
12-26-21	Detroit	16	43	19	33/130	25/35/1/208	0/0
	Atlanta	20	-7.5	14	18/47	18/24/0/207	1/1

467/468	Score	Line	PR	GS Line	Avg. PR	Avg. OPR	SUR (H/A)	ATS (H/A)	O/U (H/A)	Pts. Diff. (H/A)	Avg. Ln. (H/A)
Indianapolis	17	44	12		12	13	0-1 / 1-0	0-1 / 1-0	1-0 / 1-0	-10 / +11	+4.5 / +1
Baltimore	27	-8	5(1)	-8	5	4	1-0 / 1-0	1-0 / 1-0	0-1 / 1-0	+16 / +3	-9.5 / +3

The Colts beat down the Texans on the road on Sunday, but at what cost? QB Anthony Richardson, who scored two TDs on the ground, left the game with a concussion, and his status for Sunday is in question. Gardner Minshew came into the game in relief, and he went 19-23 for 171, a touchdown, no turnovers, and was not sacked. The Colts put up 353 yards, allowed no sacks, converted 50% of their third downs, and did not turn over the football. Their defense generated six sacks but did not play that well, which is expected since this unit is not too talented. After winning in Week One but looking rusty, the Ravens went into Cincinnati and looked like the team many expected them to be this season. They outgained the Bengals by over 100 yards, they did not turn over the football, Lamar was not sacked despite cluster OL injuries, and the Ravens dominated time of possession. Their defense only generated one sack, but they forced a turnover. One of the biggest issues for the Ravens was their third-down defense, and in order for Baltimore to reach their potential, they need to improve upon that. Baltimore hosts the Colts and looks to improve to 3-0 on the season. It will be hard for Baltimore to prepare until they know who is under center for the Colts. Richardson and Minshew have very different games and skill sets, so this will be a struggle for the Ravens. However, if the Ravens get back some offensive linemen, Lamar could have a field day against this weak Colts defense. Eight points seem fair for the Ravens, and considering this game has a total of 44 points, the Ravens will be a teaser darling this week, as long as the teaser is locked in when the Ravens are -8.5 or better.
Play Baltimore.

Recent meetings							
Date	Team	Score	Line	FD	RA/RY	PC/PA/I/PY	F/FL
10-11-21	Indianapolis	25	46.5	29	26/123	25/35/0/390	1/1
	Baltimore	31	-7.5	30	25/86	37/43/0/437	1/1

469/470	Score	Line	PR	GS Line	Avg. PR	Avg. OPR	SUR (H/A)	ATS (H/A)	O/U (H/A)	Pts. Diff. (H/A)	Avg. Ln. (H/A)
Carolina	17	42	11		11	4	0-1 / 0-1	0-0 / 0-1	0-1 / 0-1	-3 / -14	+3 / +3.5
Seattle	24	-5.5	9.5(2)	-3.5	10	8	0-1 / 1-0	0-1 / 1-0	0-1 / 1-0	-17 / +6	-5 / +4.5

The Panthers' defense is strong, but this offense is truly bad. The game looks too quick for Bryce Young. In his defense, the weaponry around him is also subpar, but Young is going through serious growing pains as things stand now. He went 22/33 with one garbage time TD to cover or push the spread, depending on what number you got. Only 100 yards on the ground is not going to cut it for the Panthers. Their defense did decently - they had four sacks, they had an interception, and they contained the Saints. This offense needs to show any sign of life if the Panthers want to be somewhat competitive this season. Seattle's win in Detroit was huge for this team. Seattle did not turnover the ball; they put up 393 yards, Geno was sacked just one time, and the Seahawks did enough on third and fourth down to secure the win. The difference maker in this game was the fact that Seattle forced three turnovers, and one of them was a pick-six. This team was down

21-17 in the third quarter and fought their way back to have a lead late. However, Smith almost threw away the game, and this football game should not have gone into overtime if Seattle had just played their final offensive possession optimally. They didn't. Detroit tied it, but Seattle deserves credit for marching down the field and scoring in OT to win it. So, now we have a battle between a team with a good D and a Bad O and a good O but a bad D. This is a game that Seattle could dominate if they can get to Bryce Young. The Panthers' ground game is underwhelming, so they should not be able to run the football. Bryce Young has shown nothing so far that leads us to believe that he can win a game himself. In hostile territory in Seattle, things could get ugly for the rookie and the Panthers early in Week 3.

Recent meetings							
Date	Team	Score	Line	FD	RA/RY	PC/PA/I/PY	F/FL
12-11-22	Carolina	30	44	24	46/223	14/24/0/105	1/0
	Seattle	24	-3.5	16	14/46	21/36/2/241	0/0

471/472	Score	Line	PR	GS Line	Avg. PR	Avg. OPR	SUR (H/A)	ATS (H/A)	O/U (H/A)	Pts. Diff. (H/A)	Avg. Ln. (H/A)
Dallas	37	-12.5	2	-11.5	2	4	1-0 / 1-0	1-0 / 1-0	1-0 / 0-1	+20 / +40	-9 / -3
Arizona	7	43	14(0.5)		14	10	0-1 / 0-1	1-0 / 1-0	1-0 / 0-1	-3 / -4	+4 / +7

Dallas is 2-0 through two games with a +60 point differential. Seven of the ten points they let up against the Jets came on a somewhat flukey catch and run by stud WR Garrett Wilson. Long story short, this Cowboys team is terrifying. Yes, they played a terrible QB in Zach Wilson, but allowing just 215 yards (68 came on that Wilson-to-Wilson play), forcing four turnovers, and generating three sacks is winning football. Dallas held New York to 1-10 on third down. None of this even considers Dallas putting up 382 yards and allowing one sack against one of the best defenses in the NFL. It was just a truly great performance from a team that looks great. On the other hand, the Cardinals did their best impression of a good football team, but that lasted for just three and a half quarters. After dominating the first half of the game, Arizona's inexperience and lack of talent showed immediately, and Arizona blew a 28-7 lead and lost 31-28. Arizona was never going to be good, and it's actually in the franchise's best interest for this team to lose as many games as possible. Do I think they threw this game on purpose? No, not at all. Do I think Arizona's brass is upset they blew the lead and lost? No, not at all. Digression aside, this game is the biggest mismatch on the board and quite possibly the biggest you can ask for. You have Dallas, a top-three team in our power rankings, against Arizona, the No. 32 team by a few points. Dallas opened, laying 12.5 points, and this spread should balloon to 14.5 for sure. At the current opening market, taking Dallas -12.5 makes sense since you are probably going to be getting the best number possible. You cannot even tease Dallas here; the spread is so high. Unless you are a Cowboys fan or a fan of watching beatdowns in the NFL, shift your attention elsewhere. This game, for Arizona, will likely get ugly fast. The only hope the Cardinals have is if the Cowboys play down to Arizona, which is possible, but considering the talent gap here, Dallas should certainly find a way to win this game by margin.

Recent meetings							
Date	Team	Score	Line	FD	RA/RY	PC/PA/I/PY	F/FL
01-02-22	Arizona	25	53	23	32/127	27/39/0/272	0/0
	Dallas	22	-6.5	19	17/45	25/39/0/256	3/1

473/474	Score	Line	PR	GS Line	Avg. PR	Avg. OPR	SUR (H/A)	ATS (H/A)	O/U (H/A)	Pts. Diff. (H/A)	Avg. Ln. (H/A)
Chicago	14	48	11.5		12	11	0-1 / 0-1	0-1 / 0-1	1-0 / 1-0	-18 / -10	-1 / +2.5
Kansas City	31	-12.5	0(1.5)	-13	0	9	0-1 / 1-0	0-1 / 1-0	0-1 / 0-1	-1 / +8	-7 / -3.5

Last week, we reminded everyone that if you bet Justin Fields to win the MVP award, consider donating to charity next time. This week, we echo the same sentiment but include any Bears win total over and divisional futures. If you bet any of those heading into the season, don't forget there are much, much better places to donate your money than the sportsbook. The Gold Sheet team was higher on the Buccaneers and lower on the Bears than the market, and both things seem to be true two weeks into the season. The Bears amassed just 236 yards, Field was sacked six times, they turned it over twice, including a pick-six, and they held the ball for just 24:04. Defensively, they allowed 437 yards, they did not have a sack, they did not force a turnover, and they allowed the Buccaneers to convert over 50% on third down. No, Tom Brady does not play QB for the Buccaneers anymore. Baker Mayfield shredded this defense, the Bucs, who could not run the ball last week, ran the ball, and the Bears look dead in the water two weeks in. On the other side of the game, the Chiefs got two of their best players back, and both Chris Jones and Travis Kelce reminded everyone how good they are. Jones had multiple pressures and key plays, while Kelce scored a TD. The Chiefs only won by a possession, but they dominated the game. This could have been a much bigger win for Kansas City if they did not turn it over three times. Still, their offense was humming, their defense was impressive, and the Chiefs looked like the Chiefs. Now, they take on the Bears at home, and this is the 2nd biggest mismatch of the weekend. We have the Chiefs, a top-four team in our power ratings, hosting the Bears, a bottom-four team in our power ratings. Unfortunately for all of us, we cannot tease KC down because the spread opened at KC -12, and it sure as hell is not getting to KC -8.5 (teaser territory). Just like with the AZ/DAL game, unless you like watching beatdowns or are a Chiefs fan, consider watching other games on the board - this one can and should get ugly quickly. *Play Kansas City.*

475/476	Score	Line	PR	GS Line	Avg. PR	Avg. OPR	SUR (H/A)	ATS (H/A)	O/U (H/A)	Pts. Diff. (H/A)	Avg. Ln. (H/A)
Pittsburgh	21	43	6	-5.5	6	4	1-1 / 0-0	1-1 / 0-0	1-1 / 0-0	-9.5 / -	+2.5 / -
Las Vegas	23	-2.5	12.5(1)		13	4	0-0 / 1-1	0-0 / 1-1	0-0 / 1-1	- / -13.5	- / +6

It's impossible to quantify, but the Pittsburgh Steelers' domination of the Cleveland Browns should be a case study at Harvard. Pittsburgh did not look great by any means in this game, but they were able to generate two defensive touchdowns in their victory against the Browns on Monday. While a win is great, their offense was uninspiring. Pittsburgh netted just 255 yards (55 on the ground), with 71 of those passing yards coming from a 71-yard catch and run by George Pickens. Kenny Pickett does not seem to have taken a major step forward, and this offense is not good. On the defensive side, the Steelers had six sacks and two TDs and held the Browns to a 31% 3rd down efficiency. This unit will keep them in games all season long if the key contributors stay healthy. After beating the Broncos and generating some hope for their fans, the Raiders went into Buffalo and got trampled. They were outgained by over 200 yards, turned it over three times, generated two sacks, had just 13 first downs, and held the ball for a measly 19:56. The Bills got whatever they wanted on offense,

and the Raiders could not stop a nosebleed. Now, the Raiders take on the Steelers in what could be an ugly football game. Despite winning, the Steelers did not look great, and the Raiders got steamrolled last week. This game opened with a total of 44 points, and that is probably too low for two teams that are not great on offense. The Raiders are not great at defense either, but they will be looking to win the time of possession battle, so we expect a lot more ground game than anything else. This should lead to a ticking clock for most of the game, and since neither of these teams has offensive firepower and it's a primetime game, points should be hard to come by.

Recent meetings							
Date	Team	Score	Line	FD	RA/RY	PC/PA/I/PY	F/FL
12-24-22	Las Vegas	10	38	13	19/58	16/30/3/143	0/0
	Pittsburgh	13	-2	19	27/106	26/39/1/244	0/0

September 25th

477/478	Score	Line	PR	GS Line	Avg. PR	Avg. OPR	SUR (H/A)	ATS (H/A)	O/U (H/A)	Pts. Diff. (H/A)	Avg. Ln. (H/A)
Philadelphia	24	-5	0	-9.5	0	9	1-0 / 1-0	0-0 / 1-0	1-0 / 1-0	+6 / +5	-6 / -3.5
Tampa Bay	17	46	10.5(1)		11	12	1-0 / 1-0	1-0 / 1-0	1-0 / 0-1	+10 / +3	-2.5 / +5

The Eagles are 2-0, but their wins have not been too impressive. Yes, they put up 34 points in their win against the Vikings, but if they had not forced four turnovers, they easily could have lost the game. The Eagles' offense was humming, but it was against a bad Vikings defense. We are not at the point of downgrading the Eagles in our power ratings, but they have not done anything to warrant an upgrade. Their secondary depth is a major issue. Also, their pass rush needs to be better. They have the talent, so we do not doubt that this unit will up its sack and pressure rate, but so far, the Eagles still have much to prove. On the other hand, the Buccaneers are 2-0 and have looked good so far this season. In fairness, they did not play great in their win against the Vikings and beat a bad Bears team, but they did both in convincing fashion. Despite not being too impressed with Philly and liking what we've seen from Tampa so far, this spread seems short. Philly is a fantastic look in a six-point teaser, but you may not even need to tease them. Baker Mayfield is an effective QB when there is no pressure in his face. The Eagles have one of the best defensive front sevens in the NFL, and if they can generate pressure on Mayfield, he could very quickly look like the Cleveland/Carolina version of himself. At the current market, the Eagles, despite not being impressive so far, are a good look to cover the number and win outright on the road. The extra rest and preparation certainly help their case.
Play the Under.

Recent meetings							
Date	Team	Score	Line	FD	RA/RY	PC/PA/I/PY	F/FL
01-16-22	Philadelphia	15	47	14	17/95	23/43/2/244	3/1
	Tampa Bay	31	-7	23	31/106	29/37/0/243	0/0
10-14-21	Tampa Bay	28	-7	27	31/102	34/42/1/297	0/0
	Philadelphia	22	53	16	19/100	12/26/1/113	0/0

479/480	Score	Line	PR	GS Line	Avg. PR	Avg. OPR	SUR (H/A)	ATS (H/A)	O/U (H/A)	Pts. Diff. (H/A)	Avg. Ln. (H/A)
LA Rams	20	43.5	13		13	1	0-1 / 1-0	1-0 / 1-0	1-0 / 0-1	-7 / +17	+7.5 / +5
Cincinnati	23	-2.5	4(1)	-10	4	5	0-1 / 0-1	0-1 / 0-1	1-0 / 0-1	-3 / -21	-3 / -2

The Rams have struggled against the 49ers since McVay and Shanahan have been each team's head coach, so we did not downgrade the Rams after their loss. Stafford throwing two picks is not something that you want to see as a Rams fan/backer, but overall, this offense looks solid. They only allowed one sack, went 50% on third down, and got 28 first downs, but the turnovers killed them. On the Bengals front, Joe Burrow clearly is not healthy. It seems like he is not throwing with his legs, and this probably explains a lot of the Bengals' issues on offense. However, their defense also has issues it needs to address. The Bengals did not generate a single sack against this Ravens team that was dealing with cluster OL injuries. They allowed 415 yards, and Baltimore converted on well over 50% of their third downs. Though this game ended as a three-point contest, the Ravens controlled this game from start to finish, and the Bengals should be a little concerned. At the current market, they are 3.5-point home favorites against the Rams. This number seems fair. Until the Bengals' offense and defense show any life, we have no choice but to downgrade the Bengals slightly. Yes, they played two very good teams who know them well, but something is off here. As for the Rams, if they play how they did in Week 1 and 2 against the Bengals, this 3.5-point spread will certainly be in play. Despite lacking talent, the Rams play hard, and their offense is humming. Injuries are going to be LAR's death sentence, but at the moment, they are healthy, and they are playing better than we power-rated them at.

Recent meetings							
Date	Team	Score	Line	FD	RA/RY	PC/PA/I/PY	F/FL
02-13-22	LA Rams	-1	-4.5		/	///	/
	Cincinnati	-1	48.5		/	///	/

KEY	
Score	The predicted score for an event
PR	The team's Power Rating
GS Line	The GoldSheet line, calculated using each team's Power Rating.
Avg. PR	The average Power Rating of a team over the course of the season.
Avg. OPR	The average of a team's opponent Power Rating on the day that they played.
SUR (H/A)	The team's straight-up-record, both at home and on the road.
ATS (H/A)	The team's record against-the-spread.
O/U (H/A)	The team's over-under record.
Pts. Diff. (H/A)	The team's +/- point differential.
Avg. Ln. (H/A)	The average line the team has had over the course of the season.
PF/PA	The average points a team has scored and allowed.
FD	The total number of first downs.
RA/RY	The number of rushing attempts and yards.
PC/PA/I/PY	The number of passing completions, attempts, interceptions and yards.
RA/RY	The number of fumbles and fumbles lost.