

Free Picks – October 14th Weekend

After a tough weekend, we come back strong with FOUR plays this week, covering college football, NFL, NHL, and MLB. We've crunched the numbers and these are the plays that give us the best value, no question.

First off, let's head to Kansas City, where the Chiefs host the Washington Redskins on Sunday. The total is currently at 43 – the highest it's been for a 'Skins game all season. Is Kansas City really that strong on offense? We don't think so. The Redskins have won games with their defense, limiting the Broncos to a paltry 21 points. Kansas City gave up 37 to Philadelphia the last time they played, but after a bye week, they return to the field against a much weaker opponent, and will have spent practices patching the defensive lapses that cost them last time out. Finally, KC has gone under in three out of their first four games, but lines still have them too high. We predict a total of no more than 40, easily cashing the Under. **Take the Under.**

Alabama heads to Mississippi as 13.5 favorites, but we're impressed with the Crimson Tide, as they put their 5-0 SEC record on the line and should head to 6-0 after they dispatch with Ole Miss. 'Bama QB Croyle has a 60% pass completion rate, just 2 picks, and 10 TDs to go along with 230 yards per game in the air. Late in the game, look for Alabama to pull away and take this one by at least a couple touchdowns. **Play Alabama.**

We think the Angels got robbed last night, but it's too late to think about that now, as they head back to California even with the White Sox at 1-1. The total for this one is at 8, and we're confident it will stay "under" in Game 3. In the four games the two teams played out west this year, the highest combined score was just six, and John Lackey has been outstanding in his last four starts. Look for a great pitching matchup, and for another low-scoring affair. **Take the Under.**

Finally, we hit the ice for our first NHL play of the season. The Vancouver Canucks had a blowout loss at the hands of the Minnesota Wild, and will not roll over as they play another game at Minnesota on Friday. Marian Gaborik will sit this one out with a sore groin. We expect the Canucks to jump on Minnesota early and show an intensity that was lacking Wednesday night. **Take Vancouver.**

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