

Free Picks – October 14th Weekend

With our hockey and baseball picks cashing HUGE last weekend, we offer another four – count ‘em, FOUR - cross-sport 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.

Connecticut is looking like a team in trouble. They have to start a freshman at QB this weekend against Rutgers due to injuries to their top two QBs, and they’re also missing five key defensive starters as well. Connecticut has looked good against opponents that have been no better than mediocre, the top ranked offense they have faced has been Georgia Tech at 75th, and this week, they come up against a super-confident Rutgers team. The Huskies’ passing offense is already ranked just 107th, and with an inexperienced thrower, they’ll take another hit this weekend. Rutgers is an intimidating 8-0 ATS under head coach Greg Schiano when they match up against squads that are outscoring opponents by 10+ ppg this season, and they’ll stretch that to 9-0 this Saturday. **Play Rutgers.**

Turning now to the Pro side of the gridiron, we love the total for the Cowboys / Seahawks matchup. It’s currently between 45 and 46, which is an inflated number because of the beatings the Seahawks have laid on the Rams and the Titans in their last two. Dallas, on the other hand, has limited Oakland, Philly, and the New York Giants to 20 points or under. Dallas has proven early that they can stand up to tough opponents. The Cowboys’ strength is in defending the run, which should limit Seattle RB Shaun Alexander. If Seattle is forced to throw, they’ll quickly begin to miss WRs Jackson and Ingram. The ‘Hawks, on the other hand, have defended the pass very well, which should limit QB Drew Bledsoe. Defenses will win the game, and we predict an easy under. **Play the Under.**

We love the Houston Astros with Roger Clemens on the hill, listed as the early dogs in Game 1 against Jose Contreras and the White Sox. It’s not often you can get arguably the greatest pitcher ever at a cheap underdog price, and if you hit this line early, there should be incredible value to be had. In half of the games in the NLCS, the Astros pitching staff gave up just one run, and the Angels did not put more than three runs on the board in *any* of the five games in the ALCS. For Game 1, **Take the Astros, and Take the Under.**

The Vancouver Canucks will take on the Colorado Avalanche on Saturday night in a match-up of division rivals. Unfortunately, this match-up will be over before it starts. The Canucks have looked healthy, hungry, and ready to take their division again this season. The Avs, on the other hand, have lost a ton of key players and appear ready to be relegated to the basement. **Take Vancouver.**

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