

Free Picks – October 6th Weekend

Last week was the first week since we've switched to our new format, but those of you who signed up for the plays got an **immediate payoff**, as the picks went 80%, including the weekly parlay and our MLB underdog play! The NFLTopPicks team picked the New England Patriots, and not only did the Pats cover against the Bengals, they *won the game* in a blowout! Aaron Smith was on point with his MLB underdog winner, correctly picking the Chicago White Sox over the Minnesota Twins. Finally, the ParlayPick gang were on the money for the second week in a row, as Navy and Penn State picked up nice covers to seal the deal.

Last week's plays netted almost **4 units** in profits - **\$3,770 for the dime player**, and we're back for more this week.

There is one game this week that has generated the kind of "buzz" normally reserved for the Super Bowl. We are talking, of course, about Dallas @ Philadelphia, and Terrell Owens' return to the City of Brotherly Love. We're not sure about how much love there will be for T.O. on Sunday, but we are sure that there's a clear winner here, and we know who it is. The Eagles are a better team than when T.O. was around, mostly because of their relaxed but focused atmosphere and the absence of the stress he brought to the locker room. The Cowboys, on the other hand, are caught up in the Owens Circus, where every week there's a problem, and the media is never absent. Were it not for a fourth quarter collapse against the Giants, the Eagles would be undefeated. However, they're still a respectable 3-1, and if anything, that single loss will do more to help the team than hurt them, because now, the Eagles know that they cannot afford to take a single play for granted, and will be constantly looking to "put away" opponents once they're up. Donovan McNabb is a far better QB than Drew Bledsoe, and has developed real chemistry with Donte' Stallworth that will be evident on Sunday. Bledsoe has yet to develop that kind of chemistry with Owens. With a spread of just -1, the Eagles are a bargain, as they will take the lingering emotion of the T.O. saga into this one and play with something to prove in front of the home faithful. Coach Andy Reid wants it, McNabb wants it, and they'll get the win on Sunday. **Play Philadelphia Eagles ATS.**

Auburn has been playing exceptionally well lately, and that's both a blessing and a curse as they head into this weekend's tilt against the Arkansas Razorbacks. Auburn can absolutely cover this spread if they want to. The question is whether they'll be looking ahead to next week's match-up against Florida. Our guess is that they'll stay focused and use this week as a tune-up, hoping to get every facet of their game at peak performance on both sides of the ball. The Razorbacks are young and inexperienced, and they are ranked about 100th in Div. I-A at stopping the run. They'll need to be better than that if they're going to be successful against Heisman candidate Kenny Irons and the Auburn offense. Remember that the Tigers have covered three years in a row against

Arkansas, and every match-up in this one leans in Auburn's favor. Irons will want to put up big numbers to keep pace in the Heisman race, so his motivation should be 100%. Alabama and Vanderbilt exposed the weaknesses in Arkansas' rush defense, and Auburn's ground attack is a good deal better than that of either of those schools. Auburn's defense has limited opponents to just 2.6 yards per carry, and against a run-heavy school like Arkansas, they'll be given the chance to shine. Also, a few trends you may be interested in: Auburn is 11-4 ATS in its last 15 overall, including 7-2 at home, 23-9-1 ATS in its last 33 conference games, and 5-1 ATS in its last six games in which it was a -10.5 chalk or more. These stats show us one thing – when Auburn is favored to win big, it wins *real* big. The Razorbacks, on the other hand, haven't been able to scrounge up *one* cover recently – they're 0-4 ATS in their last four – and they're just 2-7 ATS following a SU win. They come into this one with a freshman QB and just don't have the kind of team to keep this one respectable. **Play Auburn Tigers, ATS.**

This week features the first baseball playoff pick from Aaron Smith and the MLBTopPicks team. Historically, these plays have done very well, and you'll want to get in on this year's action! First up is a total play on tonight's Oakland / Minnesota game. As Twins backers already know, Minnesota's bats have gone ice cold recently, but linesmakers have yet to take advantage, setting tonight's total at 9, which is the same total as Game 2. The Twins have been a strong Under team all season, and they'll continue that trend tonight. They're batting just .212 in the post-season, and have gone 0-14 with runners in scoring position. The Under is 7-2 in the last nine match-ups between these teams, and we expect A's starter Dan Haren to bounce back from some shaky outings to keep things that way tonight. **Play the Under.**

The NHLTopPicks team finished last season on a 6-1 playoff run, and are back for more this season. This season's first pick is on the New Jersey Devils, who will beat the Carolina Hurricanes as road dogs Friday night. Remember that the Hurricanes eliminated the Devils in the playoffs in just five games last season, and just as Buffalo got their own revenge Wednesday night, we expect New Jersey to do the same thing. The 'Canes have lost some key players, and that will make the difference, as goalie Cam Ward and his team come up against the best goaltender in the world: Martin Brodeur. Brodeur makes the difference in this one, and he and his team will be fired up to get off to a hot start, especially against the team that eliminated them. Look for Jersey to cash as +115 dogs. **Play the New Jersey Devils on the Money Line, OT included.**

This week's cross-sport parlay features one NFL play and one NCAA side. In NFL action, a lot of bettors were convinced by last week's big win over the Bengals that the Patriots are back to their "dynasty" form. That's simply not the case. While they're a good team, their linebackers are old, their secondary is bruised up a little, and the coaching staff has undergone tremendous upheaval. The Pats do not deserve to be double-digit favorites against Miami at home, especially because this one should be a

cold-weather type game, which affects older squads more. Miami has been disappointing thus far, but they've been steadily making strides, particularly Daunte Culpepper at QB. Their defense has been solid, and they can stop the run – they're giving up just 3.0 ypc, third-best in the NFL. The Pats showed us this season in Denver that if they can't run, they can't win. The Pats simply aren't good enough a team anymore to win against a physical team like Miami. Look for the Miami "D" to keep this one competitive, which is all we need here for a nice cover. **Play Miami Dolphins, ATS.**

We can hardly keep track of the teams who have gone to town against the Purdue secondary this season this season. The Iowa offense should break out against a team that has been completely unable to defend against the pass. Purdue has allowed games of 386, 291, 227, and 316 passing yards against Division I-A teams, and just one of those games – vs Notre Dame – was against a quality passing opponent. Iowa's secondary will be the best Purdue has seen this season, as the Hawkeyes have yet to give up 200 yards passing this season, even against Ohio State. Iowa Coach Ferentz has been excellent coming off a loss, with a 19-10 ATS mark. He's also 23-7 as a home fave. Iowa is 25-2 SU at home, and they'll improve that record by one this week as QB Tate will put up points like they're going out of style. We expect an easy 17-21 point victory here. **Play Iowa Hawkeyes, ATS.**

→ Parlay the Miami Dolphins and the Iowa Buckeyes, ATS.

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