

## Free Tips – September 30<sup>th</sup> Weekend

We're back in action with more plays across the board. It's the final weekend of what has been a roller-coaster of a baseball regular season, and we can't wait to see who makes the post season and who's left watching.

The Denver Broncos looked sharp against Kansas on Monday, comfortably putting up 30 points. However, Kansas is a team not known for their defense, and Jacksonville should present much more of a challenge this week, especially on their home turf. Denver comes into this one without the extra day of rest, and fatigue should come into play here.

Analysts are predicting a full-out defensive battle in this one, and it is not difficult to see why. The Jags have held their first three opponents to 20 points or less, and the Broncos have allowed 17 and 10 points in their last two games. Some teams win by simply outclassing their opponents on offense, but these two squads will look to win the game on the defensive end by keeping each other out of the end zone. Last year these teams played to a 7-6 decision, and while this year we don't expect to see an identical score, the game should go under no problem. **Take the Under.**

We were mightily impressed by North Carolina's big win over NC State last week, and we think that Utah will have trouble handling the Tar Heels' complete attack. The Utes come into this one allowing 4.5 yards a carry, so look for the Tar Heels to get off to a quick start on the ground. Senior QB Baker has thrown for 246 yards per game this season, and will keep Utah's defense on its feet. After getting blown out by Utah last year, this is one game North Carolina has been looking to get revenge since. Consider this: Utah is 0-4 ATS this season, was unable to ever really put Air Force away last week, has an 18-year old QB starting against an angry ACC force at home. **Take North Carolina.**

Finally, we turn to the baseball diamond, where Washington hosts a Philadelphia Phillies team that is still in post-season contention, but will likely need a sweep this weekend to have a chance. Liván Hernández has not thrown well against the Phillies this season. He is just 1-1, with an ERA of 6.39. Corey Lidle, on the other hand, has risen to the occasion against the Nationals, at 1-0 with a 2.84 ERA.

What makes this a great play for us is the Nationals' attitude going into this one. They have nothing to prove to anyone, and seem to be more focused on getting to the off-season without any injuries. Here's what outfielder Jose Guillen had to say: "I've battled so many injuries this year. Right now, you look at the situation -- where we are in the standings -- why keep risking my body? The best thing for me right now is rest. Let these other guys play. I don't think I have anything to prove to anyone." Trust us – this kind of attitude doesn't win ballgames. The Phillies are listed as small favorites, but the value they offer should have the lines much higher here. **Play Philadelphia.**

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