College Basketball

BOOK CONVICTION TOTALS

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GAMES SCREENED	OFFICIAL PICKS	STILL OPEN	LOCKED AT TIP-OFF

What Book Conviction measures — feeds, filters and scoring

A book that holds most of the money on one side should move its number *toward* that side. When it does the opposite — shading the price to make the popular side cheaper while already carrying that exposure — it is telling you its own number disagrees with its customers. That is what **Book Conviction** measures: how hard a book is leaning against its own money, priced in the margins that actually decide games.

Method. Three free feeds, none of them paid for and none of them interchangeable:

- **Action Network** — consensus % of money and % of tickets, plus a timestamped history of *both the number and the price*, at seven books individually rather than only the consensus.
- **DraftKings** — DraftKings' own handle % and bet %, independent of the consensus above, which is what makes agreement between them worth anything.
- **Pinnacle** — the sharp reference price. It takes sharp action and moves on it instead of shading to balance a public book's exposure, so it answers a different question: not where the money is, but where the number should be.

What gets flagged. A game needs at least 3,000 tracked bets — on thin markets the two splits feeds disagree by a median of roughly 30 points of money share, so their percentages there cannot be trusted — and both feeds must agree on which side holds the money, with at least **66% of the money** on it in each feed. At 51/49 a book holds no meaningful exposure either way: it is balanced and collecting vig from both sides, so moving the number "against the money" there is not a statement, it is noise. Then either the number moved against that money in the last 3 days, or the *price* did by at least half a point's worth: a book shades the vig before it moves the line, and a spread sitting still at −3 while the price runs −110 to −125 has moved. **What scores it.** The move is scored point for point: college basketball margins do not cluster, so there are no key numbers to weight it by. It is then scaled by how lopsided the money is, how much of it there is, whether the play is getting a better number than Pinnacle, and whether several books moved together within half an hour — the market being hit in parallel rather than one book drifting. That produces the 0–10 Conviction score. **The best 5 at 2.5 or above are official picks**, each decided as its game tips; everything else is listed and graded but kept out of the headline record.

Official picks — Top 5 · 2.5+

South Dakota State Jackrabbits at Idaho State Bengals

FINAL · LOCKED

Total · tip-off 4:00 PM ET · 3,423 bets tracked

UNDER 142.5

Bettors have put **79%** of the money on OVER (Action Network) and **82%** at DraftKings, yet the number moved **3 pts** the other way. Holding the bulk of that money, the book is still marking Over 142.5 down. **5 books** moved it within half an hour of each other, 6.7h ago — the market being hit in parallel rather than one book drifting.

OPEN → NOW	MONEY %	TICKET %	MOVE 3D / 1D	SOURCES AGREE	PINNACLE	STEAM
145.5 → 142.5	79 / 82	88 / 65	-3 / -3	Yes	142 (+0.5)	5 books · 6.7h ago

Nov 19 · 145.5 | Nov 19 · 144.5 | Nov 20 · 143.5 | Nov 20 · 142.5

Tipped off — frozen at the last pre-tip reading, 2026-11-20 20:01 UTC. This is the record of the pick.

Kentucky Wildcats at Indiana Hoosiers

FINAL · LOCKED

Total · tip-off 8:00 PM ET · 9,663 bets tracked

UNDER 153.5

Bettors have put **71%** of the money on OVER (Action Network) and **85%** at DraftKings, yet the book moved its number **2 pts** against the flow. The book is pricing Over 153.5 cheaper while already holding most of that side's money. **4 books** moved together inside thirty minutes, 22.2h ago — coordinated action, not one book wandering.

OPEN → NOW	MONEY %	TICKET %	MOVE 3D / 1D	PRICE 3D / 1D	SOURCES AGREE	PINNACLE	STEAM
154.5 → 153.5	71 / 85	73 / 63	-1 / -2	+1.32 / +0 pp	Yes	154 (-0.5)	4 books · 22.2h ago

Nov 19 · 154.5 | Nov 19 · 155 | Nov 19 · 155.5 | Nov 19 · 154.5 | Nov 20 · 154 | Nov 20 · 153.5

Tipped off — frozen at the last pre-tip reading, 2026-11-21 00:01 UTC. This is the record of the pick.

Iowa Hawkeyes at Xavier Musketeers

FINAL · LOCKED

Total · tip-off 7:30 PM ET · 6,795 bets tracked

UNDER 145.5

OVER is drawing **82%** of the money (Action Network) and **73%** at DraftKings, but the line went **1 pt** in the opposite direction. The book is making Over 145.5 cheaper even though most of that side's money is already in. The move came from **5 books** within half an hour of each other, 9.9h ago: the whole market hit at once rather than a single book drifting.

OPEN → NOW	MONEY %	TICKET %	MOVE 3D / 1D	PRICE 3D / 1D	SOURCES AGREE	PINNACLE
146.5 → 145.5	82 / 73	77 / 78	-1 / 0	+0.92 / +1.15 pp	Yes	145 (+0.5)

STEAM

5 books · 9.9h ago

Nov 19 · 146 | Nov 19 · 145.5 | Nov 19 · 146 | Nov 20 · 145.5 | Nov 20 · 144.5 | Nov 20 · 145.5

Tipped off — frozen at the last pre-tip reading, 2026-11-21 00:01 UTC. This is the record of the pick.

Also flagged — outside the official 5

Real signals that did not make the official 5, either because they fell short of 2.5 or because 5 stronger plays were ahead of them when they tipped. Listed and graded, but they do not count towards the headline record.

Saint Louis Billikens at Saint Mary's Gaels

FINAL · LOCKED

Total · tip-off 11:00 PM ET · 7,583 bets tracked

UNDER 162.5

Bettors have put **81%** of the money on OVER (Action Network) and **98%** at DraftKings, and still the number moved **3.5 pts** away from that money. The book is pricing Over 162.5 cheaper while already holding most of that side's money.

OPEN → NOW	MONEY %	TICKET %	MOVE 3D / 1D	PRICE 3D / 1D	SOURCES AGREE	PINNACLE
158.5 → 162.5	81 / 98	39 / 44	+4 / +3.5	+1.32 / -0.69 pp	Yes	162.5 (+0)

Nov 20 · 161.5 | Nov 20 · 162 | Nov 20 · 162.5 | Nov 20 · 162 | Nov 20 · 161.5 | Nov 20 · 162.5

Tipped off — frozen at the last pre-tip reading, 2026-11-21 03:01 UTC. This is the record of the pick.

UCF Knights at Vanderbilt Commodores

FINAL · LOCKED

Total · tip-off 8:00 PM ET · 3,210 bets tracked

UNDER 156.5

The number never moved. The **price** did — about 0.55 of a point cheaper on the side already holding the money, which is the same statement made quietly.

Bettors have put **80%** of the money on OVER (Action Network) and **99%** at DraftKings, yet the book is shading the price against it. Already heavy on Over 156.5, the book is still making it cheaper.

OPEN → NOW	MONEY %	TICKET %	MOVE 3D / 1D	PRICE 3D / 1D	SOURCES AGREE	PINNACLE
156.5 → 156.5	80 / 99	67 / 73	0 / 0	+1.32 / +0.67 pp	Yes	157 (-0.5)

Nov 19 · 157.5 | Nov 19 · 157 | Nov 19 · 156.5 | Nov 19 · 157 | Nov 19 · 157.5 | Nov 20 · 156.5

Tipped off — frozen at the last pre-tip reading, 2026-11-21 00:01 UTC. This is the record of the pick.

Board changes

Plays that moved on or off the board between the first time they fired and tip-off. The board is re-read every hour, and a play that fell short of the filters by its last pre-tip reading is not a pick: it is shown here with how it would have done, but **not counted** in any record.

MATCHUP	TIMELINE (ET)	OUTCOME
SLU @ SMC	3:01 PM **Flagged** UNDER 161.5 (1.4, money 82% / 98%) 7:01 PM **Off** — line no longer moving against the money 10:01 PM **Flagged** UNDER 162.5 (1.5, money 81% / 98%)	LOSS on the board at tip-off

Results — totals

MATCHUP	MARKET	PICK	CLV	FINAL	RESULT
SDST @ IDST	total	**UNDER 142.5**	-0.54 (-1 line / +0.46 price)	71-86	LOSS
IOWA @ XAV	total	**UNDER 145.5**	+0	83-65	LOSS
UCF @ VAN	total	**UNDER 156.5**	+0.38 (+0 line / +0.38 price)	74-82	WIN
UK @ IND	total	**UNDER 153.5**	+0	76-90	LOSS
SLU @ SMC	total	**UNDER 162.5**	-2	78-95	LOSS

Graded against the number frozen before tip-off, not a later one. This slate: **1W - 4L (20%)** · **1 of 5** beat the close, averaging **-0.43** points.

By conviction

BAND	CONVICTION	PICKS	RECORD	BEAT THE CLOSE
High	5.5 +	5	2W - 2L (50%)	1/4 (-0.01)
Medium	3.5 – 5.5	4	1W - 3L (25%)	1/4 (+0.05)

BAND	CONVICTION	PICKS	RECORD	BEAT THE CLOSE
Low	under 3.5	7	2W - 3L (40%)	2/5 (-0.48)

These bands are the test, and they are not the board. Closing line value is readable within hours, so if conviction means anything the **5.5+** band should beat the close more often than the **under 3.5** one — an answer available in weeks, where win/loss at this volume would take seasons. The cutoffs sit near the thirds of where the score actually lands, so the three groups are comparable in size; they were cut on football's record and want recutting once this sport has one of its own.

Which picks get **published** is a separate question: the best 5 confirmed plays of each slate at 2.5 or above are official, decided as each game tips. Everything else is still listed and still graded.

CLV is closing line value: how far the market moved *after* the play fired, in points, from the side taken. Positive means the market came to the play and a reader acting on it got a better bet than the market settled on. It is the more honest measure of this screen — win/loss on a handful of games says nothing either way, while consistently beating the close is what an edge actually looks like.

It is measured in two halves, because a market moves two ways. **Line** is the number itself. **Price** is the juice on that number, converted to points at the same rate the screen uses to read a price move as a line move — roughly 3.6 points of implied probability to a point of spread, and 2.4 to a point of total. A pick taken at −3 −110 that closes −3 −125 cost the book a dime, and counting only the line would score that as nothing at all.

The close is DraftKings' actual closing number, and both ends of the comparison are read from the same book — the standing gap between two books is not closing line value. Entries marked ***** are measured against this screen's own last pre-tip reading instead, which is a proxy for the close rather than the close. Picks recorded before this was tracked show "—".

Full board — totals

MATCHUP	ET	BETS	OPEN	NOW	MONEY ON	AN $%	AN T%	DK $%	DK T%	7D	3D	1D	
UK @ IND	8:00	9,663	154.5	**153.5**	OVER	71	73	85	63	-1	-1	-2	**5.8** FINAL
MINN @ OKST	12:30	8,194	146.5	**149.5**	OVER	64	84	—	—	+3	+3	+3	FINAL
SLU @ SMC	11:00	7,583	158.5	**162.5**	OVER	81	39	98	44	+4	+4	+3.5	**1.5** FINAL
IOWA @ XAV	7:30	6,795	146.5	**145.5**	OVER	82	77	73	78	-1	-1	0	**4.8** FINAL
UTAH @ DAY	5:30	6,194	141.5	**139.5**	OVER	97	98	—	—	-2	-2	-2	**unconfirmed** FINAL
NCST @ HALL	9:30	4,957	143.5	**140.5**	OVER	86	89	—	—	-3	-3	-3	**unconfirmed** FINAL
VT @ NW	3:00	4,397	143.5	**142.5**	OVER	94	97	—	—	-1	-1	-1	**unconfirmed** FINAL
UGA @ GT	8:00	4,038	165.5	**166.5**	UNDER	60	51	18	55	+1	+1	0	FINAL
URI @ LIB	4:30	3,498	142.5	**141.5**	OVER	62	74	82	75	-1	-1	-1	FINAL
SDST @ IDST	4:00	3,423	145.5	**142.5**	OVER	79	88	82	65	-3	-3	-3	**7.1** FINAL
UCF @ VAN	8:00	3,210	156.5	**156.5**	OVER	80	67	99	73	0	0	0	**1.2** FINAL
MURR @ WIS	7:00	3,054	161.5	**160.5**	UNDER	66	40	—	—	-1	-1	-1	FINAL
UNT @ APP	6:30	3,044	127.5	**131.5**	OVER	87	89	65	57	+4	+4	+4	FINAL

MATCHUP	ET	BETS	OPEN	NOW	MONEY ON	AN $%	AN T%	DK $%	DK T%	7D	3D	1D	
UTM @ SIU	5:30	3,019	149.5	**149.5**	OVER	96	97	3	33	0	0	0	FINAL

Movement columns are the change in the total over each window. Teal = moved against the money (the signal); orange = moved with it. **AN** = Action Network consensus, **DK** = DraftKings. Percentages are for the side named in "Money on".

Below the minimum — not screened

Games that never reached 3,000 tracked bets before tip-off. For a game that has started, the count is the last one before tip-off.

GAME	TIP-OFF ET	STATUS	TRACKED BETS
AVE @ WM	11:00 AM	Final	0
GB @ FSU	12:00 PM	Final	2,105
TEM @ MTU	12:30 PM	Final	2,847
GW @ UAB	2:00 PM	Final	2,463
INST @ SFA	3:00 PM	Final	2,438
WIU @ ALBY	3:00 PM	Final	1,514
MAN @ MIA	5:00 PM	Final	1,878
MHU @ CAN	5:30 PM	Final	1,459
DEL @ CSN	6:00 PM	Final	1,484
WVT @ AKR	6:00 PM	Final	0
BELL @ EKY	7:00 PM	Final	1,257
CCAR @ TENN	7:00 PM	Final	2,337
CMU @ PITT	7:00 PM	Final	1,353
GAST @ JVST	7:00 PM	Final	1,817
HARV @ HC	7:00 PM	Final	974
JOES @ DREX	7:00 PM	Final	2,418
L-MD @ UVA	7:00 PM	Final	1,327
MONM @ PRIN	7:00 PM	Final	1,241
NIAG @ DSU	7:00 PM	Final	1,252
OAK @ PUR	7:00 PM	Final	1,832
RICH @ WKU	7:00 PM	Final	1,630
SCST @ CIT	7:00 PM	Final	1,191
SELA @ KENN	7:00 PM	Final	928
UMKC @ IONA	7:00 PM	Final	1,438
WAG @ MD	7:00 PM	Final	913
WMU @ MSM	7:00 PM	Final	1,873

TLSA @ MSST	7:30 PM	Final	2,251
UTA @ NWST	7:30 PM	Final	1,252
CAMP @ KSU	8:00 PM	Final	1,575
ECU @ UVU	8:00 PM	In progress	1,948
LIP @ AAMU	8:00 PM	In progress	1,151
LMC @ MIZZ	8:00 PM	Final	994
MVSU @ ARK	8:00 PM	Final	1,676
USA @ SMU	8:00 PM	Final	1,211
CSB @ IDHO	9:00 PM	In progress	2,372
EIU @ ILL	9:00 PM	In progress	2,448
MRSH @ UNC	9:00 PM	In progress	2,014
SHSU @ BSU	9:00 PM	In progress	2,519
ALST @ FRES	10:00 PM	Started	1,974

How much to trust it

- **Most days produce nothing, and that is the screen working.** Thin markets are dropped before they are screened, both money feeds have to agree, and the line has to have moved against that money. A light board clears none of that: most nights in a thin early-season week produce no pick at all. A screen that always finds something is not a screen.
- **The edge is modest.** The underlying move — reverse line movement — is a real but heavily degraded signal — books price it in now. This screen finds where a market is behaving oddly; it does not establish that the odd behaviour is wrong.
- **Splits are a snapshot,** not a history. Percentages are read at generation time and will drift before tip-off.
- **Ticket shape can conflict.** Where one feed shows money concentrated in few tickets and the other shows it spread across many, the sharp reading is weaker. The per-game cards show both so the disagreement stays visible.
- **Totals move spreads.** A falling total mechanically compresses a spread, so part of a spread move can be a total move wearing a disguise.
- **Check the news.** A line moving against the money is often just an injury the percentages have not caught up with yet.

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