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+

Tulane Green Wave at Georgia State Panthers

FINAL · LOCKED

Total · tip-off 4:00 PM ET · 3,529 bets tracked

UNDER 147.5

OVER is drawing **83%** of the money (Action Network) and **99%** at DraftKings, yet the book moved its number **2 pts** against the flow. Holding the bulk of that money, the book is still marking Over 147.5 down. **5 books** moved it within half an hour of each other, 6.8h ago — the market being hit in parallel rather than one book drifting.

OPEN → NOW	MONEY %	TICKET %	MOVE 3D / 1D	SOURCES AGREE	PINNACLE	STEAM
149.5 → 147.5	83 / 99	85 / 65	-2 / -2	Yes	148 (-0.5)	5 books · 6.8h ago

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Tipped off — frozen at the last pre-tip reading, 2026-11-23 20:00 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
MISS @ CLEM	11:00 AM **Official** UNDER 148.5 (4.1, money 92% / 100%) 1:00 PM **Off** — money under 66% (AN 89% / DK 9%)	**UNDER 148.5** WIN not counted
WASH @ BYU	3:00 PM **Official** UNDER 164.5 (5.3, money 68% / 93%) 4:00 PM **Off** — money under 66% (AN 60% / DK 94%)	**UNDER 164.5** WIN not counted

Results — totals

MATCHUP		MARKET	PICK	CLV	FINAL	RESULT
TULN @ GAST	total	**UNDER 147.5**		+0	63-73	WIN

Graded against the number frozen before tip-off, not a later one. This slate: **1W - 0L (100%)** · **0 of 1** beat the close, averaging **+0** 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)
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		
VCU @ PROV	9:00	9,567	152.5	**154.5**	OVER	94	93	30	41	+2	+2	+1		FINAL
MISS @ CLEM	2:30	8,204	150.5	**147.5**	OVER	78	91	9	71	-3	-3	-3		FINAL
WASH @ BYU	5:00	6,396	166.5	**163.5**	OVER	60	31	94	48	-3	-3	-3		FINAL
CSU @ ARIZ	11:30	6,179	158.5	**158.5**	UNDER	88	81	79	63	0	0	0		
ILST @ SCU	7:00	4,907	151.5	**150.5**	OVER	96	97	27	36	-1	-1	-1		FINAL
AKR @ WRST	1:30	4,801	147.5	**149**	UNDER	71	73	17	24	+1.5	+1.5	+1.5		FINAL
TLSA @ ORST	2:00	4,271	151.5	**155.5**	OVER	58	40	82	50	+4	+4	+4		FINAL
UNCG @ PEPP	9:30	3,927	152.5	**153.5**	OVER	71	80	69	61	+1	+1	+1		FINAL
SBON @ APP	11:00	3,675	133.5	**136**	OVER	52	92	94	76	+2.5	+2.5	+2.5		FINAL
TULN @ GAST	4:00	3,529	149.5	**147.5**	OVER	83	85	99	65	-2	-2	-2	4.8	FINAL
NEV @ SF	4:30	3,417	138.5	**141.5**	OVER	81	88	15	39	+3	+3	+3		FINAL
EWU @ UNLV	10:00	3,029	161.5	**160.5**	UNDER	89	66	86	52	-1	-1	0		

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

UNI @ DAV	11:00 AM	Final	2,685
INST @ ECU	12:30 PM	Final	2,524
LBSU @ FIU	1:00 PM	Final	2,064
CHAR @ FGCU	1:30 PM	Final	2,044
MTU @ SIU	3:00 PM	Final	1,630
IUIN @ WM	3:30 PM	Final	2,468
SUU @ ARST	3:30 PM	Final	1,893
YALE @ BEL	4:00 PM	Final	2,706
TEM @ UTM	5:30 PM	Final	2,261
UMES @ YSU	6:30 PM	Final	984
CARK @ UNF	7:00 PM	Final	1,423
FDU @ IONA	7:00 PM	Final	944
GASO @ NKU	7:00 PM	Final	1,832
KSU @ ETSU	7:00 PM	Final	0
NCAT @ SCST	7:00 PM	Final	939
PSBW @ LAS	7:00 PM	Final	0
AMCC @ WICH	7:30 PM	Final	1,438
DEN @ KU	8:00 PM	Final	2,105
MONM @ UNC	8:00 PM	In progress	2,494
SFA @ UVU	8:00 PM	In progress	2,413
WIN @ ILL	8:00 PM	In progress	2,125
CCFS @ MONT	9:00 PM	In progress	0
SEA @ L-IL	9:30 PM	In progress	1,883
ALST @ CAL	10:00 PM	Started	1,706

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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