



College Football

BOOK CONVICTION

SPREADS

Spreads

Totals →

Saturday, September 26, 2026 · generated 8:00 AM ET ·

35

GAMES SCREENED

6

OFFICIAL PICKS

0

STILL OPEN

35

LOCKED AT KICKOFF

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 8,000 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 **60% of the money** on it. 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 weighted by the key numbers it touched, because giving up 3 is not the same as drifting through 10. 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. **2.5 and above is an official pick**; everything below is listed and graded but kept out of the headline record.

Official picks — 2.5+

Missouri Tigers at Mississippi State Bulldogs

FINAL · LOCKED

Spread · kickoff 7:45 PM ET · 40,192 bets tracked

MIZ +3.5

MSST holds **58%** of the money (Action Network) and **77%** at DraftKings, yet the number moved **2 pts** the other way. The book is pricing MSST -3.5 cheaper while already holding most of that side's money. The move touched **4 and 6** — margins college football lands on more often than the numbers either side. **4 books** moved it within half an hour of each other, 1h ago — the market being hit in parallel rather than one book drifting.

OPEN → NOW	MONEY %	TICKET %	MOVE 3D / 1D	PRICE 3D / 1D	SOURCES AGREE	KEY NUMBERS TOUCHED
-1.5 → -3.5	58 / 77	57 / 64	+2.5 / +2	+0.46 / +0 pp	Yes	4, 6

PINNACLE STEAM
-4 (-0.5) 4 books · 1h ago

Sep 26 · -6 Sep 26 · -5.5 Sep 26 · -5 Sep 26 · -4.5 Sep 26 · -4 Sep 26 · -3.5

Kicked off — frozen at the last pre-kickoff reading, 2026-09-26 23:00 UTC. This is the record of the pick.

Oklahoma Sooners at Georgia Bulldogs

FINAL · LOCKED

Spread · kickoff 3:30 PM ET · 63,588 bets tracked

OU +12.5

UGA holds **65%** of the money (Action Network) and **81%** at DraftKings, yet the number moved **1 pt** the other way. The book is pricing UGA -12.5 cheaper while already holding most of that side's money. The move touched **14** — a margin college football lands on more often than the numbers either side. **4 books** moved it within half an hour of each other, 42m ago — the market being hit in parallel rather than one book drifting.

OPEN → NOW	MONEY %	TICKET %	MOVE 3D / 1D	SOURCES AGREE	KEY NUMBERS TOUCHED	PINNACLE
-10 → -12.5	65 / 81	72 / 85	+1.5 / +1	Yes	14	-12.5 (+0)

STEAM
4 books · 42m ago

Sep 20 · -13.5 Sep 20 · -14 Sep 21 · -13.5 Sep 21 · -14 Sep 24 · -13.5 Sep 26 · -12.5

Kicked off — frozen at the last pre-kickoff reading, 2026-09-26 19:00 UTC. This is the record of the pick.

Colorado Buffaloes at Baylor Bears

FINAL · LOCKED

Spread · kickoff 12:00 PM ET · 19,720 bets tracked

COLO +8.5

BAY holds **62%** of the money (Action Network) and **81%** at DraftKings, yet the number moved **1 pt** the other way. The book is pricing BAY -8.5 cheaper while already holding most of that side's money. The move touched **10** — a margin college football lands on more often than the numbers either side. **5 books** moved it within half an hour of each other, 54m ago — the market being hit in parallel rather than one book drifting.

OPEN → NOW	MONEY %	TICKET %	MOVE 3D / 1D	PRICE 3D / 1D	SOURCES AGREE	KEY NUMBERS TOUCHED
-6.5 → -8.5	62 / 81	57 / 80	+1.5 / +1	+1.37 / +2.03 pp	Yes	10

PINNACLE STEAM
-9.5 (-1) 5 books · 54m ago

Sep 21 · -9.5

Sep 21 · -10

Sep 24 · -9.5

Sep 24 · -10

Sep 24 · -9.5

Sep 26 · -8.5

Kicked off — frozen at the last pre-kickoff reading, 2026-09-26 16:00 UTC. This is the record of the pick.

Ole Miss Rebels at Florida Gators

FINAL · LOCKED

Spread · kickoff 3:30 PM ET · 96,198 bets tracked

FLA -4

MISS holds **71%** of the money (Action Network) and **67%** at DraftKings, yet the number moved **0.5 pts** the other way. The book is pricing MISS +4 cheaper while already holding most of that side's money. The move touched **4** — a margin college football lands on more often than the numbers either side.

OPEN → NOW	MONEY %	TICKET %	MOVE 3D / 1D	PRICE 3D / 1D	SOURCES AGREE	KEY NUMBERS TOUCHED
-1.5 → -4	71 / 67	78 / 75	-0.5 / -0.5	+2.62 / +1.57 pp	Yes	4

PINNACLE
-3.5 (-0.5)

Sep 23 · -3.5

Sep 23 · -3

Sep 23 · -3.5

Sep 23 · -3

Sep 23 · -3.5

Sep 26 · -4

Kicked off — frozen at the last pre-kickoff reading, 2026-09-26 19:00 UTC. This is the record of the pick.

San Diego State Aztecs at Toledo Rockets

FINAL · LOCKED

Spread · kickoff 12:00 PM ET · 11,723 bets tracked

SDSU +2.5

TOL holds **70%** of the money (Action Network) and **84%** at DraftKings, yet the number moved **0.5 pts** the other way. The book is pricing TOL -2.5 cheaper while already holding most of that side's money. The move touched **3** — a margin college football lands on more often than the numbers either side.

OPEN → NOW	MONEY %	TICKET %	MOVE 3D / 1D	SOURCES AGREE	KEY NUMBERS TOUCHED	PINNACLE
2.5 → -2.5	70 / 84	66 / 70	+0.5 / +0.5	Yes	3	-3 (-0.5)

Sep 21 · -3 Sep 24 · -2.5 Sep 24 · -3 Sep 24 · -2.5 Sep 24 · -3 Sep 26 · -2.5

Kicked off — frozen at the last pre-kickoff reading, 2026-09-26 16:00 UTC. This is the record of the pick.

Nebraska Cornhuskers at Michigan State Spartans

FINAL · LOCKED

Spread · kickoff 5:00 PM ET · 15,706 bets tracked

NEB -6

MSU holds **54%** of the money (Action Network) and **78%** at DraftKings, yet the number moved **0.5 pts** the other way. The book is pricing MSU +6 cheaper while already holding most of that side's money. The move touched **6** — a margin college football lands on more often than the numbers either side.

OPEN → NOW	MONEY %	TICKET %	MOVE 3D / 1D	SOURCES AGREE	KEY NUMBERS TOUCHED	PINNACLE
5.5 → 6	54 / 78	54 / 87	+0.5 / +0.5	Yes	6	6.5 (+0.5)

Sep 20 · 4.5 Sep 20 · 4 Sep 20 · 4.5 Sep 20 · 5 Sep 20 · 5.5 Sep 26 · 6

Kicked off — frozen at the last pre-kickoff reading, 2026-09-26 21:00 UTC. This is the record of the pick.

Results — spreads

MATCHUP	MARKET		PICK	CLV	FINAL	RESULT
COLO @ BAY	spread	COLO +8.5		+1	13-23	LOSS
SDSU @ TOL	spread	SDSU +2.5		+0	16-41	LOSS
MISS @ FLA	spread	FLA -4		+0.5	28-52	WIN
OU @ UGA	spread	OU +12.5		+1	13-41	LOSS
NEB @ MSU	spread	NEB -6		+0	31-13	WIN
MIZ @ MSST	spread	MIZ +3.5		+2	24-31	LOSS

Graded against the number frozen before kickoff, not a later one. This slate: **2W - 4L (33%)** · **4 of 6** beat the close, averaging **+0.75** points.

By conviction

BAND	CONVICTION	PICKS	RECORD	BEAT THE CLOSE
Official	2.5 +	15	8W - 7L (53%)	6/15 (+0.37)

BAND	CONVICTION	PICKS	RECORD	BEAT THE CLOSE
Watch	2.0 – 2.5	1	1W - 0L (100%)	0/1 (+0)
Noted	under 2.0	2	1W - 1L (50%)	0/2 (+0)

6 earlier picks predate the score and sit in no band. They were not weak, they were unscored — and they are most of the graded history so far, which is why the bands below are still mostly empty.

Official picks are 2.5 and above. Everything else is still listed and still graded — closing line value is readable within hours, so if conviction means anything the higher bands should beat the close more often, and that is the test. Win/loss at this volume would take seasons to say the same thing.

CLV is closing line value: how far the number 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 number 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. Picks recorded before this was tracked show “—”.

Full board — spreads

MATCHUP	ET	BETS	OPEN	NOW	MONEY ON	AN \$%	AN T%	DK \$%	DK T%	7D	3D	1D	KEY		
MISS @ FLA	3:30	96,198	-1.5	-4	MISS	71	78	67	75	-2.5	-0.5	-0.5	4	4.8	FINAL
TEX @ TENN	12:00	84,969	6.5	5.5	TEX	51	54	34	54	+0.5	+1	0	—		FINAL
ORE @ USC	7:30	71,550	5.5	3.5	ORE	69	56	67	48	+5.5	+0.5	+0.5	—		FINAL
OU @ UGA	3:30	63,588	-10	-12.5	UGA	65	72	81	85	0	+1.5	+1	14	7.1	FINAL
IOWA @ MICH	3:30	62,730	-4.5	-5.5	IOWA	68	62	81	83	-1	0	0	—		FINAL
TA&M @ LSU	7:30	51,996	-3	-8.5	TA&M	55	54	39	39	-3	0	0	—		FINAL
WIS @ PSU	5:00	42,772	-11.5	-10	WIS	61	42	53	26	+1.5	-0.5	0	10		FINAL
WF @ LOU	12:00	40,223	-13.5	-11.5	WF	63	48	55	24	+2	+1	+2	—		FINAL
MIZ @ MSST	7:45	40,192	-1.5	-3.5	MSST	58	57	77	64	-2	+2.5	+2	4, 6	8.5	FINAL
VAN @ AUB	4:15	36,749	-8.5	-10	AUB	63	48	63	47	-1.5	-0.5	-0.5	—		FINAL
SC @ BAMA	7:00	36,355	-11.5	-12.5	BAMA	72	67	75	81	-1.5	0	0	—		FINAL
UTAH @ ISU	3:30	35,083	11.5	7.5	ISU	57	47	69	72	-4	-1	-0.5	—		FINAL
VT @ BC	12:00	31,478	14.5	14.5	VT	55	54	74	51	0	+0.5	+0.5	—		FINAL
OKST @ WVU	7:00	29,802	2.5	-1.5	OKST	60	50	21	28	-4	0	0	—		FINAL
UCLA @ UMD	1:30	29,232	1.5	2.5	UCLA	61	65	23	67	+1	+1	+1	—		FINAL
ND @ PUR	2:00	23,940	27.5	27.5	PUR	52	51	21	22	0	0	0	—		FINAL
ILL @ OSU	12:00	23,678	-26.5	-25.5	ILL	61	40	23	16	+1.5	+2	+2	—		FINAL
BOISE @ WMU	3:30	20,179	7.5	8.5	BOISE	57	64	18	15	+1	+1.5	+1	—		FINAL
COLO @ BAY	12:00	19,720	-6.5	-8.5	BAY	62	57	81	80	-2	+1.5	+1	10	6.2	FINAL
TROY @ USU	7:30	17,327	-1.5	-3	USU	62	41	91	70	-1.5	0	0	—		FINAL
JMU @ ODU	6:00	16,544	3.5	7	JMU	76	83	93	88	+3.5	+1	+0.5	—		FINAL

MATCHUP	ET	BETS	OPEN	NOW	MONEY ON	AN \$%	AN T%	DK \$%	DK T%	7D	3D	1D	KEY	
SHSU @ TTU	12:00	16,473	-40.5	-34.5	SHSU	62	51	33	23	+6	0	0	—	FINAL
KSU @ CIN	7:00	16,418	6.5	6.5	CIN	63	57	80	48	0	0	0	—	FINAL
HOU @ GASO	4:00	15,751	20.5	17.5	GASO	54	38	55	22	-3	-1	0	—	FINAL
NEB @ MSU	5:00	15,706	5.5	6	MSU	54	54	78	87	+0.5	+0.5	+0.5	6	2.5 FINAL
CMU @ MIA	6:30	13,318	-42.5	-41.5	MIA	59	56	84	89	+1	0	0	—	FINAL
USA @ UK	12:45	11,935	-20.5	-20.5	UK	70	71	80	83	0	0	0	—	FINAL
SDSU @ TOL	12:00	11,723	2.5	-2.5	TOL	70	66	84	70	-5	+0.5	+0.5	3	3.5 FINAL
USF @ BGSU	5:00	10,940	14.5	17.5	BGSU	54	50	17	30	+3	0	0	—	FINAL
TCU @ UCF	3:30	10,258	1.5	3.5	TCU	57	60	15	67	+2	+0.5	+0.5	—	FINAL
APP @ NCST	7:30	9,289	-12.5	-13	APP	74	65	35	33	-0.5	+1	+1	—	FINAL
HAW @ WYO	3:00	9,077	5.5	2.5	HAW	56	56	60	49	-3	-0.5	0	3	FINAL
KENN @ ARST	7:00	8,537	-5.5	-6.5	ARST	51	52	93	65	-1	0	0	—	FINAL
CSU @ UTSA	12:00	8,451	-12.5	-14.5	CSU	80	68	40	56	-2	-1	-0.5	14	unconfirmed FINAL
UCONN @ M-OH	3:30	8,360	-5.5	-2.5	UCONN	65	56	25	71	+3	+1	+1	—	FINAL

Movement columns are the change in the home spread 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".

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: one recent Friday had four games and produced 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 kickoff.
- **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.