



College Football

BOOK CONVICTION

SPREADS

Spreads

Totals →

Saturday, October 3, 2026 · generated 8:00 AM ET ·

37

GAMES SCREENED

5

OFFICIAL PICKS

0

STILL OPEN

37

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+

Miami (FL) Hurricanes at Clemson Tigers

FINAL · LOCKED

Spread · kickoff 7:30 PM ET · 45,645 bets tracked

CLEM +14

MIA holds **68%** of the money (Action Network) and **76%** at DraftKings, yet the number moved **2.5 pts** the other way. The book is pricing MIA -14 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. **5 books** moved it within half an hour of each other, 28.4h 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
7 → 14	68 / 76	71 / 69	-2.5 / -2.5	+1.11 / +1.11 pp	Yes	14

PINNACLE	STEAM
14 (+0)	5 books · 28.4h ago

Sep 27 · 17	Sep 28 · 16.5	Sep 28 · 17	Sep 28 · 16.5	Oct 3 · 15.5	Oct 3 · 14
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Kicked off — frozen at the last pre-kickoff reading, 2026-10-03 23:04 UTC. This is the record of the pick.

Washington Huskies at USC Trojans

FINAL · LOCKED

Spread · kickoff 7:30 PM ET · 45,640 bets tracked

WASH +7.5

USC holds **81%** of the money (Action Network) and **69%** at DraftKings, yet the number moved **1.5 pts** the other way. The book is pricing USC -7.5 cheaper while already holding most of that side's money. The move touched **8** — a margin college football lands on more often than the numbers either side. **5 books** moved it within half an hour of each other, 7.9h 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
-10 → -7.5	81 / 69	71 / 84	+2 / +1.5	+2.27 / +0.7 pp	Yes	8

PINNACLE	STEAM
-7.5 (+0)	5 books · 7.9h ago

Sep 28 · -8.5	Sep 28 · -9	Sep 28 · -9.5	Oct 1 · -8.5	Oct 2 · -9	Oct 3 · -7.5
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Kicked off — frozen at the last pre-kickoff reading, 2026-10-03 23:04 UTC. This is the record of the pick.

Utah State Aggies at Boise State Broncos

FINAL · LOCKED

Spread · kickoff 7:30 PM ET · 12,409 bets tracked

USU +19.5

BOISE holds **66%** of the money (Action Network) and **95%** at DraftKings, yet the number moved **1 pt** the other way. The book is pricing BOISE -19.5 cheaper while already holding most of that side's money. **5 books** moved it within half an hour of each other, 50.3h ago — the market being hit in parallel rather than one book drifting.

OPEN → NOW	MONEY %	TICKET %	MOVE 3D / 1D	SOURCES AGREE	PINNACLE	STEAM
-20.5 → -19.5	66 / 95	70 / 84	+1 / -1	Yes	-19.5 (+0)	5 books · 50.3h ago

Sep 29 · -20.5

Oct 1 · -20

Oct 1 · -19.5

Oct 1 · -19

Oct 1 · -18.5

Oct 3 · -19.5

Kicked off — frozen at the last pre-kickoff reading, 2026-10-03 23:04 UTC. This is the record of the pick.

Eastern Michigan Eagles at UMass Minutemen

FINAL · LOCKED

Spread · kickoff 3:30 PM ET · 16,241 bets tracked

EMU +6

MASS holds **65%** of the money (Action Network) and **96%** at DraftKings, yet the number moved **0.5 pts** the other way. The book is pricing MASS -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. **4 books** moved it within half an hour of each other, 50.4h 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
-2.5 → -6	65 / 96	71 / 91	+0.5 / 0	Yes	6	-6 (+0)

STEAM

4 books · 50.4h ago

Sep 29 · -5.5

Sep 29 · -6

Sep 29 · -6.5

Oct 1 · -6

Oct 1 · -5.5

Oct 2 · -6

Kicked off — frozen at the last pre-kickoff reading, 2026-10-03 19:00 UTC. This is the record of the pick.

Arkansas Razorbacks at Texas A&M Aggies

FINAL · LOCKED

Spread · kickoff 7:00 PM ET · 22,471 bets tracked

ARK +13.5

TA&M holds **67%** of the money (Action Network) and **66%** at DraftKings, yet the number moved **0.5 pts** the other way. The book is pricing TA&M -13.5 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. **3 books** moved it within half an hour of each other, 47.9h 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
-15.5 → -13.5	67 / 66	70 / 72	+0.5 / +0.5	Yes	14	-14 (-0.5)

STEAM

3 books · 47.9h ago

Sep 27 · -15

Sep 27 · -14.5

Sep 27 · -14

Oct 1 · -13.5

Oct 1 · -14

Oct 3 · -13.5

Kicked off — frozen at the last pre-kickoff reading, 2026-10-03 22:00 UTC. This is the record of the pick.

Results — spreads

MATCHUP		MARKET	PICK	CLV	FINAL	RESULT
EMU @ MASS	spread	EMU +6		+0	38-14	WIN
ARK @ TA&M	spread	ARK +13.5		+0	7-34	LOSS
MIA @ CLEM	spread	CLEM +14		+1.5	41-13	LOSS
USU @ BOISE	spread	USU +19.5		-1	18-37	WIN
WASH @ USC	spread	WASH +7.5		+1.5	21-25	WIN

Graded against the number frozen before kickoff, not a later one. This slate: **3W - 2L (60%)** · **2 of 5** beat the close, averaging **+0.4** points.

By conviction

BAND	CONVICTION	PICKS	RECORD	BEAT THE CLOSE
Official	2.5 +	22	12W - 10L (55%)	8/22 (+0.34)
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	
BAMA @ MSST	12:00	84,601	3	5.5	BAMA	51	56	52	59	+2	-0.5	0	6	FINAL
OSU @ IOWA	3:30	73,085	14	14	OSU	56	61	57	46	-0.5	0	0	—	FINAL
FLA @ MIZ	3:30	71,828	2.5	5.5	FLA	66	72	69	80	+2.5	+0.5	0	—	FINAL
UK @ SC	4:15	46,190	-7	-3	SC	53	47	72	49	+3	0	0	—	FINAL
MIA @ CLEM	7:30	45,645	7	14	MIA	68	71	76	69	+1.5	-2.5	-2.5	14	8.9 FINAL
WASH @ USC	7:30	45,640	-10	-7.5	USC	81	71	69	84	+2.5	+2	+1.5	8	8.8 FINAL
BYU @ TCU	7:00	39,597	5.5	6.5	BYU	81	80	70	83	+1	0	0	—	FINAL
VAN @ UGA	12:45	38,632	-23.5	-25	UGA	78	72	90	84	-1.5	-0.5	0	—	FINAL
AUB @ TENN	3:30	37,835	-7.5	-7	TENN	62	62	65	86	+1	0	0	—	FINAL
MICH @ MINN	12:00	34,068	8.5	5.5	MICH	66	61	58	60	-2	0	0	—	FINAL
TTU @ COLO	7:30	33,119	15.5	13.5	TTU	64	67	64	88	-2	+1	+0.5	—	FINAL
ND @ UNC	12:00	30,721	23.5	21.5	ND	53	55	79	71	+1	+0.5	0	—	FINAL
UCF @ HOU	12:00	24,779	-11.5	-11.5	UCF	59	47	18	19	0	+1	0	—	FINAL
WVU @ ISU	12:00	22,572	1.5	-3	WVU	53	52	54	45	-4.5	+0.5	0	—	FINAL
ARK @ TA&M	7:00	22,471	-15.5	-13.5	TA&M	67	70	66	72	+2	+0.5	+0.5	14	2.8 FINAL
LOU @ NCST	3:30	22,178	7.5	3.5	LOU	68	73	68	79	-4	0	0	—	FINAL
PUR @ ILL	4:15	19,664	-9.5	-10	ILL	66	65	—	—	-0.5	0	0	—	FINAL
MSU @ WIS	12:30	19,543	-10	-9.5	MSU	78	57	66	42	+0.5	+0.5	0	—	FINAL
TEM @ USF	7:30	19,543	-6.5	-5.5	TEM	55	33	79	35	+1	+1	+1	—	FINAL
ARMY @ LT	7:30	19,270	3.5	-1	LT	60	42	21	44	-4.5	-3.5	-3	—	FINAL
UMD @ NEB	4:00	19,225	-11.5	-14.5	NEB	60	68	69	71	-3	0	0	—	FINAL
UVA @ FSU	3:30	18,554	1.5	2.5	UVA	60	50	50	43	+1	0	0	—	FINAL
NAVY @ AFA	12:00	18,099	1.5	-3.5	AFA	60	54	57	55	-5	-0.5	0	—	FINAL
BC @ SMU	12:00	17,927	-20.5	-21.5	BC	64	51	46	43	-1	-1	0	21	FINAL
ORST @ CSU	6:00	16,317	5.5	7	ORST	79	76	80	87	+1.5	+0.5	+0.5	—	FINAL
CAL @ UNLV	3:30	16,261	1.5	-2.5	CAL	77	49	33	46	-4	0	0	—	FINAL
EMU @ MASS	3:30	16,241	-2.5	-6	MASS	65	71	96	91	-3.5	+0.5	0	6	3.2 FINAL
STAN @ WF	12:00	14,459	-11.5	-14	WF	65	64	66	64	-2.5	-1.5	0	—	FINAL

MATCHUP	ET	BETS	OPEN	NOW	MONEY ON	AN \$%	AN T%	DK \$%	DK T%	7D	3D	1D	KEY	
SYR @ UCONN	12:00	13,111	7.5	7	SYR	60	55	68	35	-0.5	+0.5	0	—	FINAL
MRSH @ JMU	3:45	12,697	-14.5	-18.5	JMU	62	65	88	77	-4	0	0	—	FINAL
USU @ BOISE	7:30	12,409	-20.5	-19.5	BOISE	66	70	95	84	+1	+1	-1	3.6	FINAL
ODU @ GAST	3:30	10,395	1.5	-2.5	GAST	64	69	60	85	-4	0	0	—	FINAL
WMU @ BUFF	1:00	10,082	16.5	14	BUFF	74	61	17	32	-2.5	+0.5	0	14	FINAL
UTSA @ RICE	7:00	9,198	10.5	12	UTSA	64	67	100	83	+1.5	+0.5	0	—	FINAL
AKR @ CMU	3:30	8,830	-5.5	-6.5	CMU	70	66	81	76	-1	0	0	—	FINAL
BGSU @ M-OH	3:30	8,693	-15.5	-13.5	M-OH	63	68	92	87	+2	0	0	—	FINAL
MEM @ CHA	11:00	8,093	21.5	20.5	MEM	62	65	81	85	-1	0	0	—	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.