College Football

BOOK CONVICTION SPREADS

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GAMES SCREENED	OFFICIAL PICKS	STILL OPEN	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 **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 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+

Texas State Bobcats at Oregon State Beavers

FINAL · LOCKED

Spread · kickoff 10:30 PM ET · 21,421 bets tracked

TXST +4.5

73% of the money is on ORST (Action Network) and **75%** at DraftKings, yet the number moved **2 pts** the other way. Holding the bulk of that money, the book is still marking ORST -4.5 down. 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, 30m 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
-8.5 → -4.5	73 / 75	68 / 78	+2 / +2	Yes	6	-5.5 (-1)

STEAM

4 books · 30m ago

Nov 1 · -6.5 | Nov 1 · -7 | Nov 1 · -6.5 | Nov 6 · -6 | Nov 7 · -5.5 | Nov 7 · -4.5

Kicked off — frozen at the last pre-kickoff reading, 2026-11-08 03:00 UTC. This is the record of the pick.

Rice Owls at North Texas Mean Green

FINAL · LOCKED

Spread · kickoff 4:00 PM ET · 8,183 bets tracked

RICE +15

72% of the money is on UNT (Action Network) and **96%** at DraftKings, yet the book moved its number **1.5 pts** against the flow. Holding the bulk of that money, the book is still marking UNT -15 down. Along the way it touched **17**, a margin college football finishes on more often than the numbers next to it. **3 books** moved it within half an hour of each other, 1.9h 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
-16.5 → -15	72 / 96	67 / 78	+2 / +1.5	Yes	17	-14.5 (+0.5)

STEAM

3 books · 1.9h ago

Nov 7 · -16.5 | Nov 7 · -16 | Nov 7 · -15.5 | Nov 7 · -15 | Nov 7 · -14.5 | Nov 7 · -15

Kicked off — frozen at the last pre-kickoff reading, 2026-11-07 21:00 UTC. This is the record of the pick.

Boise State Broncos at Colorado State Rams

FINAL · LOCKED

Spread · kickoff 6:00 PM ET · 16,499 bets tracked

CSU +16.5

Bettors have put **72%** of the money on BOISE (Action Network) and **80%** at DraftKings, yet the book moved its number **0.5 pts** against the flow. Holding the bulk of that money, the book is still marking BOISE -16.5 down. It went through **17** — a margin college football games land on more often than the numbers around it. **3 books** moved together inside thirty minutes, 27.5h ago — coordinated action, not one book wandering.

OPEN → NOW	MONEY %	TICKET %	MOVE 3D / 1D	SOURCES AGREE	KEY NUMBERS TOUCHED	PINNACLE
19.5 → 16.5	72 / 80	70 / 82	-1 / -0.5	Yes	17	16 (+0.5)

STEAM

3 books · 27.5h ago

Nov 6 · 17 | Nov 6 · 16.5 | Nov 6 · 17 | Nov 6 · 16.5 | Nov 6 · 17 | Nov 6 · 16.5

Kicked off — frozen at the last pre-kickoff reading, 2026-11-07 22:00 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 kickoff. The board is re-read every hour, and a play that fell short of the filters by its last pre-kickoff 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
MIA @ ND	7:00 AM **Official** ND -7 (8.7, money 67% / 70%) 12:00 PM **Off** — money under 66% (AN 71% / DK 62%)	**ND -7** PUSH not counted

Results — spreads

MATCHUP	MARKET	PICK	CLV	FINAL	RESULT
RICE @ UNT	spread	**RICE +15**	+0	23-52	LOSS
BOISE @ CSU	spread	**CSU +16.5**	+0.8 (+1 line / -0.2 price)	64-38	LOSS
TXST @ ORST	spread	**TXST +4.5**	+2	42-21	WIN

Graded against the number frozen before kickoff, not a later one. This slate: **1W - 2L (33%)** · **2 of 3** beat the close, averaging **+0.93** points.

By conviction

BAND	CONVICTION	PICKS	RECORD	BEAT THE CLOSE
High	5.5 +	19	12W - 7L (63%)	12/19 (+0.8)
Medium	3.5 – 5.5	12	6W - 6L (50%)	3/12 (+0.08)
Low	under 3.5	16	10W - 6L (62%)	2/16 (+0.02)

6 earlier picks predate the score and sit in no band. They were not weak, they were unscored — the score did not exist yet when they fired, and a pick cannot be sorted by a number nobody gave it.

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; split at the publishing line instead, the top band held 37 picks against 1 and 2, and nothing can be read from a group of one.

Which picks get **published** is a separate question, and the answer has not changed: 2.5 and above is an official play. Everything below it 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 4.5 points of implied probability to a point of spread. 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-kickoff reading instead, which is a proxy for the close rather than the close. 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	
MIA @ ND	7:30	93,719	-6.5	**-7.5**	MIA	70	78	65	66	-2.5	-0.5	-0.5	7	FINAL
BAMA @ LSU	3:30	72,231	-4	**-5.5**	BAMA	59	76	38	54	-1.5	0	+1	—	FINAL
UK @ TENN	6:15	63,840	-5.5	**-6.5**	UK	51	68	25	49	-1	0	-1	6	FINAL
TEX @ MIZ	12:00	63,007	5.5	**2.5**	TEX	51	60	57	55	-1	0	0	—	FINAL
UGA @ MISS	7:30	59,963	4.5	**3.5**	MISS	64	48	34	34	0	0	0	—	FINAL
BYU @ UTAH	12:00	54,314	-3	**-4**	UTAH	54	41	60	45	-1	+1.5	+0.5	4	FINAL
ORE @ OSU	3:30	49,982	-6	**-7.5**	OSU	59	54	60	55	+6.5	0	0	—	FINAL
UCLA @ MINN	12:00	48,245	6.5	**3.5**	MINN	63	42	46	48	-3	-2	-1	—	FINAL
IOWA @ NW	7:30	37,244	-2.5	**3**	IOWA	74	62	84	78	+5.5	+6	+0.5	—	FINAL
UNC @ UCONN	12:00	26,424	9.5	**7.5**	UCONN	57	36	—	—	-2	+0.5	0	7	FINAL
TA&M @ SC	3:00	26,051	-5.5	**-6.5**	TA&M	51	53	—	—	-1	+0.5	0	—	FINAL
WVU @ TTU	9:30	24,304	-15.5	**-16.5**	WVU	55	58	22	38	-1	0	0	—	FINAL
OU @ FLA	7:45	23,350	-4	**-4**	FLA	59	50	61	73	0	+2.5	+2	4, 6	FINAL

MATCHUP	ET	BETS	OPEN	NOW	MONEY ON	AN $%	AN T%	DK $%	DK T%	7D	3D	1D	KEY	
CLEM @ SYR	12:00	23,269	3.5	**1.5**	SYR	51	31	71	40	-2	-1	-1	—	FINAL
TXST @ ORST	10:30	21,421	-8.5	**-4.5**	ORST	73	68	75	78	+4	+2	+2	6	6.3 FINAL
OKST @ KSU	1:00	20,714	5.5	**7**	OKST	63	55	—	—	+1.5	+1.5	+0.5	—	FINAL
FSU @ BC	12:00	17,958	8.5	**5.5**	BC	54	44	45	44	-3	-1	-1	—	FINAL
CIN @ HOU	3:30	17,786	-9.5	**-10.5**	HOU	53	48	67	63	-1	0	0	—	FINAL
DUKE @ NCST	12:30	16,685	5.5	**4.5**	DUKE	56	61	30	63	-1	0	0	—	FINAL
BOISE @ CSU	6:00	16,499	19.5	**16.5**	BOISE	72	70	80	82	-3	-1	-0.5	17	5.3 FINAL
AFA @ ARMY	7:30	15,863	-6	**-4**	ARMY	69	72	24	48	+1.5	-1	0	—	FINAL
MSU @ MICH	7:30	15,585	-13.5	**-14.5**	MICH	68	47	43	40	-1	-1	0	—	FINAL
ISU @ BAY	12:00	14,030	-9.5	**-9.5**	ISU	54	61	38	30	0	0	0	—	FINAL
ARK @ AUB	12:45	13,040	-13.5	**-10.5**	AUB	54	55	41	60	+3	0	0	—	FINAL
FRES @ USU	9:30	12,172	2.5	**1.5**	FRES	57	64	80	62	-1	-1	0	2	FINAL
VAN @ MSST	4:15	12,137	-2.5	**-3**	MSST	69	62	70	60	-0.5	0	0	—	FINAL
WYO @ UNLV	10:30	11,894	-8.5	**-3**	WYO	64	48	86	47	+5.5	+3	+1	—	FINAL
PSU @ WASH	3:30	11,374	1.5	**-2.5**	PSU	61	62	75	36	-4	0	0	—	FINAL
COLO @ ASU	7:30	11,369	-3.5	**-3**	ASU	60	69	94	79	+0.5	+0.5	+0.5	3	FINAL
TEM @ NAVY	3:30	10,127	-7.5	**-7**	TEM	82	76	46	35	+0.5	+0.5	+0.5	—	FINAL
GAST @ APP	2:30	10,021	-3.5	**-6.5**	GAST	73	59	9	21	-3	-1	0	6	FINAL
LT @ TROY	4:00	9,844	6.5	**7**	LT	80	63	—	—	+0.5	+2.5	+1.5	—	FINAL
RUT @ WIS	4:15	9,047	-15.5	**-18.5**	RUT	67	58	7	31	-3	-1.5	-0.5	17	FINAL
LOU @ GT	7:30	8,916	13.5	**14.5**	GT	55	50	6	31	+1	0	0	—	FINAL
RICE @ UNT	4:00	8,183	-16.5	**-15**	UNT	72	67	96	78	+1.5	+2	+1.5	17	5.9 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".

Below the minimum — not screened

Games that never reached 8,000 tracked bets before kickoff. For a game that has started, the count is the last one before kickoff.

GAME	KICKOFF ET	STATUS	TRACKED BETS
ODU @ CC	1:00 PM	Final	5,785
ULM @ ARST	3:00 PM	Final	4,589
CHA @ UAB	3:30 PM	Final	5,063
MC @ WF	3:30 PM	Final	3,887

MRSH @ GASO	3:30 PM	Final	7,578
WKU @ MTSU	3:30 PM	Final	3,741
MOST @ FIU	4:00 PM	Final	2,337
NIU @ SJSU	4:00 PM	Final	4,251
USA @ UL	5:00 PM	Final	3,074
SHSU @ JVST	7:00 PM	In progress	3,897
LIB @ NMSU	8:00 PM	In progress	5,937
HAW @ UTEP	9:30 PM	In progress	7,971

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.

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