College Football

BOOK CONVICTION SPREADS

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Saturday, November 14, 2026 · generated 5:00 PM ET ·

36	4	0	36
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+

Alabama Crimson Tide at Vanderbilt Commodores

FINAL · LOCKED

Spread · kickoff 12:45 PM ET · 26,046 bets tracked

VAN +14

81% of the money is on BAMA (Action Network) and **88%** at DraftKings, yet the book moved its number **3.5 pts** against the flow. The book is making BAMA -14 cheaper even though most of that side's money is already in. Along the way it touched **14 and 17**, margins college football finishes on more often than the numbers next to them. **5 books** moved it within half an hour of each other, 18.9h 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
19.5 → 14	81 / 88	81 / 85	-2 / -3.5	Yes	14, 17	14 (+0)

STEAM

5 books · 18.9h ago

Nov 13 · 17 | Nov 13 · 16.5 | Nov 13 · 16 | Nov 13 · 15.5 | Nov 13 · 14.5 | Nov 13 · 14

Kicked off — frozen at the last pre-kickoff reading, 2026-11-14 17:00 UTC. This is the record of the pick.

USC Trojans at Indiana Hoosiers

FINAL · LOCKED

Spread · kickoff 3:30 PM ET · 50,805 bets tracked

IU -9.5

Bettors have put **71%** of the money on USC (Action Network) and **79%** at DraftKings, but the line went **1 pt** in the opposite direction. Already heavy on USC +9.5, the book is still making it cheaper. The move touched **8** — a margin college football lands on more often than the numbers either side. **5 books** moved together inside thirty minutes, 71.8h ago — coordinated action, not one book wandering.

OPEN → NOW	MONEY %	TICKET %	MOVE 3D / 1D	PRICE 3D / 1D	SOURCES AGREE	KEY NUMBERS TOUCHED
-10 → -9.5	71 / 79	78 / 76	-2 / -1	+1.11 / +0 pp	Yes	8

PINNACLE	STEAM
-9 (-0.5)	5 books · 71.8h ago

Nov 12 · -9.5 | Nov 12 · -9 | Nov 12 · -9.5 | Nov 12 · -8.5 | Nov 13 · -9 | Nov 13 · -9.5

Kicked off — frozen at the last pre-kickoff reading, 2026-11-14 20:00 UTC. This is the record of the pick.

Tennessee Volunteers at Texas A&M Aggies

FINAL · LOCKED

Spread · kickoff 3:00 PM ET · 46,564 bets tracked

TA&M +1.5

TENN is drawing **74%** of the money (Action Network) and **72%** at DraftKings, yet the book moved its number **1 pt** against the flow. The book is pricing TENN -1.5 cheaper while already holding most of that side's money. It went through **2** — a margin college football games land on more often than the numbers around it. **5 books** moved together inside thirty minutes, 20.2h ago — coordinated action, not one book wandering.

OPEN → NOW	MONEY %	TICKET %	MOVE 3D / 1D	PRICE 3D / 1D	SOURCES AGREE	KEY NUMBERS TOUCHED
-8.5 → 1.5	74 / 72	79 / 82	-1 / -1	+2.27 / +2.27 pp	Yes	2

PINNACLE	STEAM
1 (+0.5)	5 books · 20.2h ago

Nov 8 · 3 | Nov 8 · 2.5 | Nov 13 · 2 | Nov 13 · 1.5 | Nov 14 · 1 | **Nov 14 · 1.5**

Kicked off — frozen at the last pre-kickoff reading, 2026-11-14 19:00 UTC. This is the record of the pick.

Kansas Jayhawks at West Virginia Mountaineers

FINAL · LOCKED

Spread · kickoff 3:30 PM ET · 19,553 bets tracked

KU +1.5

Bettors have put **76%** of the money on WVU (Action Network) and **89%** at DraftKings, and still the number moved **1 pt** away from that money. Already heavy on WVU -1.5, the book is still making it cheaper. The move touched **2 and 3** — margins college football lands on more often than the numbers either side. The move came from **3 books** within half an hour of each other, 3h 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	KEY NUMBERS TOUCHED
-4.5 → -1.5	76 / 89	75 / 74	+1.5 / +1	-0.46 / +1.75 pp	Yes	2, 3

PINNACLE	STEAM
-1.5 (+0)	3 books · 3h ago

Nov 8 · -3 | Nov 9 · -2.5 | Nov 10 · -3 | Nov 13 · -2.5 | Nov 14 · -2 | **Nov 14 · -1.5**

Kicked off — frozen at the last pre-kickoff reading, 2026-11-14 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 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
WASH @ MSU	2:00 PM **Official** MSU +2.5 (6.2, money 66% / 66%) 5:00 PM **Off** — money under 66% (AN 82% / DK 56%)	**MSU +2.5** LOSS not counted
UTAH @ ARI	9:00 AM **Official** ARI +1.5 (6.5, money 73% / 66%) 10:00 AM **Off** — money under 66% (AN 73% / DK 64%)	**ARI +1.5** WIN not counted

Results — spreads

MATCHUP	MARKET	PICK	CLV	FINAL	RESULT
BAMA @ VAN	spread	**VAN +14**	-1.5	21-6	LOSS
TENN @ TA&M	spread	**TA&M +1.5**	-0.18 (+0 line / -0.18 price)	22-7	LOSS
KU @ WVU	spread	**KU +1.5**	+1.42 (+1 line / +0.42 price)	37-14	WIN
USC @ IU	spread	**IU -9.5**	-0.1 (+0 line / -0.1 price)	13-27	WIN

Graded against the number frozen before kickoff, not a later one. This slate: **2W - 2L (50%)** · **1 of 4** beat the close, averaging **-0.09** points.

By conviction

BAND	CONVICTION	PICKS	RECORD	BEAT THE CLOSE
High	5.5 +	25	15W - 10L (60%)	14/25 (+0.68)
Medium	3.5 – 5.5	12	6W - 6L (50%)	3/12 (+0.08)
Low	under 3.5	17	11W - 6L (65%)	2/17 (+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		
TEX @ LSU	7:30	65,360	2.5	**-4.5**	LSU	52	29	44	36	+1.5	-0.5	0	—		FINAL
UTAH @ ARI	10:30	52,582	1.5	**2**	UTAH	61	72	66	62	+0.5	-0.5	+0.5	2		FINAL
USC @ IU	3:30	50,805	-10	**-9.5**	USC	71	78	79	76	-2	-2	-1	8	8.2	FINAL
TTU @ OKST	9:30	48,775	15.5	**-4**	TTU	67	75	38	39	-5.5	-0.5	-0.5	4		FINAL
TENN @ TA&M	3:00	46,564	-8.5	**1.5**	TENN	74	79	72	82	+10	-1	-1	2	8.0	FINAL
WF @ SMU	12:00	43,191	3.5	**-1.5**	WF	56	64	45	59	-4.5	-2.5	0	1		FINAL
MIZ @ UGA	3:30	35,563	-12.5	**-16.5**	UGA	61	61	82	71	-4	-1	-0.5	—		FINAL
FLA @ UK	6:15	31,998	-1.5	**-3**	UK	67	60	43	70	-1.5	+0.5	0	3		FINAL
MICH @ ORE	3:30	27,505	-13.5	**-9.5**	MICH	53	48	20	30	+4	+1.5	+1	—		FINAL
SC @ ARK	7:45	27,035	9.5	**7.5**	SC	64	78	70	63	-2	0	0	—		FINAL
DUKE @ MIA	12:00	26,142	-21	**-14**	MIA	51	48	60	59	+7	-0.5	-0.5	—		FINAL
BAMA @ VAN	12:45	26,046	19.5	**14**	BAMA	81	81	88	85	-5.5	-2	-3.5	14, 17	9.3	FINAL
BAY @ BYU	7:00	22,244	-7.5	**-8.5**	BYU	52	56	42	70	-1.5	-1	-1	—		FINAL
NW @ OSU	12:00	22,022	-9.5	**-14**	OSU	51	45	66	54	-3.5	-1.5	0	—		FINAL
MINN @ PSU	7:00	21,689	-8.5	**-12.5**	PSU	74	40	59	42	-4	-3	-2	—		FINAL
ORST @ BOISE	6:00	19,795	-4.5	**-16.5**	BOISE	51	47	74	69	-11	-3	-2	—		FINAL
KU @ WVU	3:30	19,553	-4.5	**-1.5**	WVU	76	75	89	74	+3	+1.5	+1	2, 3	7.7	FINAL
PUR @ IOWA	7:30	19,452	-15.5	**-18**	IOWA	64	59	66	76	-2.5	-0.5	-0.5	—		FINAL
MISS @ OU	4:15	19,099	-4	**-2.5**	MISS	85	87	—	—	+1.5	-4	-1.5	1, 2	unconfirmed	FINAL
AUB @ MSST	4:15	18,018	4.5	**2.5**	AUB	83	83	63	69	-2	0	0	—		FINAL
LOU @ UNC	7:00	17,039	2.5	**3.5**	UNC	86	72	80	81	+1	0	0	—		FINAL
BC @ ND	3:30	15,136	-30.5	**-29.5**	BC	57	40	63	54	+1	0	-0.5	—		FINAL
UNT @ UTSA	9:00	14,161	-1.5	**2.5**	UNT	59	67	62	55	+4	0	0	—		FINAL
TULN @ RICE	4:30	13,454	1.5	**-4**	TULN	51	71	15	54	-5.5	-2	-1.5	2, 3, 4		FINAL
WASH @ MSU	5:30	13,126	4.5	**2.5**	WASH	82	71	56	56	-2	-1	-1	3		FINAL
ASU @ UCF	5:30	12,535	-3.5	**-3.5**	UCF	66	51	42	60	0	-0.5	-0.5	—		FINAL
GT @ CLEM	12:30	10,693	-13.5	**-15.5**	CLEM	53	37	72	51	-2	-2	-1.5	—		FINAL
JMU @ UCONN	12:00	10,693	1.5	**4.5**	JMU	64	76	84	74	+3	+0.5	0	—		FINAL
NDSU @ HAW	11:00	10,491	8.5	**7.5**	NDSU	63	72	15	54	-1	+1	+0.5	—		FINAL
CIN @ ISU	12:00	10,228	-1.5	**-2.5**	ISU	53	51	76	63	-1	+0.5	+0.5	3		FINAL
FAU @ TLSA	7:15	9,617	-3.5	**-6.5**	FAU	67	66	18	42	-3	-1	-1	6		FINAL
STAN @ VT	7:30	9,471	-15.5	**-17.5**	VT	69	49	93	82	-2	-2.5	-2	—		FINAL
NEB @ RUT	12:30	9,178	13.5	**14.5**	NEB	66	49	83	58	+1	+1	0	—		FINAL
KSU @ TCU	2:00	8,810	-8.5	**-13.5**	TCU	50	40	71	58	-5	-3.5	-2	—		FINAL
UNLV @ UNM	7:30	8,698	-13.5	**-17.5**	UNLV	65	65	79	39	-4	-3.5	-1.5	14, 17		FINAL

MATCHUP	ET	BETS	OPEN	NOW	MONEY ON	AN $%	AN T%	DK $%	DK T%	7D	3D	1D	KEY	
WIS @ UMD	12:00	8,663	9.5	**9.5**	WIS	62	59	87	70	0	+1.5	+0.5	—	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
SYR @ NCST	12:00 PM	Final	5,699
ARST @ CC	1:00 PM	Final	4,155
ECU @ CHA	1:00 PM	Final	4,150
UAB @ TEM	1:00 PM	Final	6,724
KENN @ SHSU	2:00 PM	Final	3,115
FIU @ DEL	3:00 PM	Final	4,574
NMSU @ MOST	3:00 PM	Final	2,670
CAL @ UVA	3:30 PM	Final	5,381
GASO @ GAST	3:30 PM	Final	3,150
JVST @ WKU	3:30 PM	Final	5,861
MTSU @ LIB	3:30 PM	Final	4,806
NEV @ NIU	3:30 PM	Final	4,392
FRES @ TXST	4:00 PM	Final	5,018
USM @ LT	5:00 PM	Final	3,746
APP @ MRSH	6:00 PM	Final	6,225
SJSU @ AFA	7:00 PM	In progress	7,209
TROY @ USA	7:00 PM	In progress	3,811
USU @ SDSU	9:30 PM	In progress	6,270
WYO @ UTEP	10:00 PM	Started	7,936
CSU @ WSU	10:30 PM	Upcoming	6,876

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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