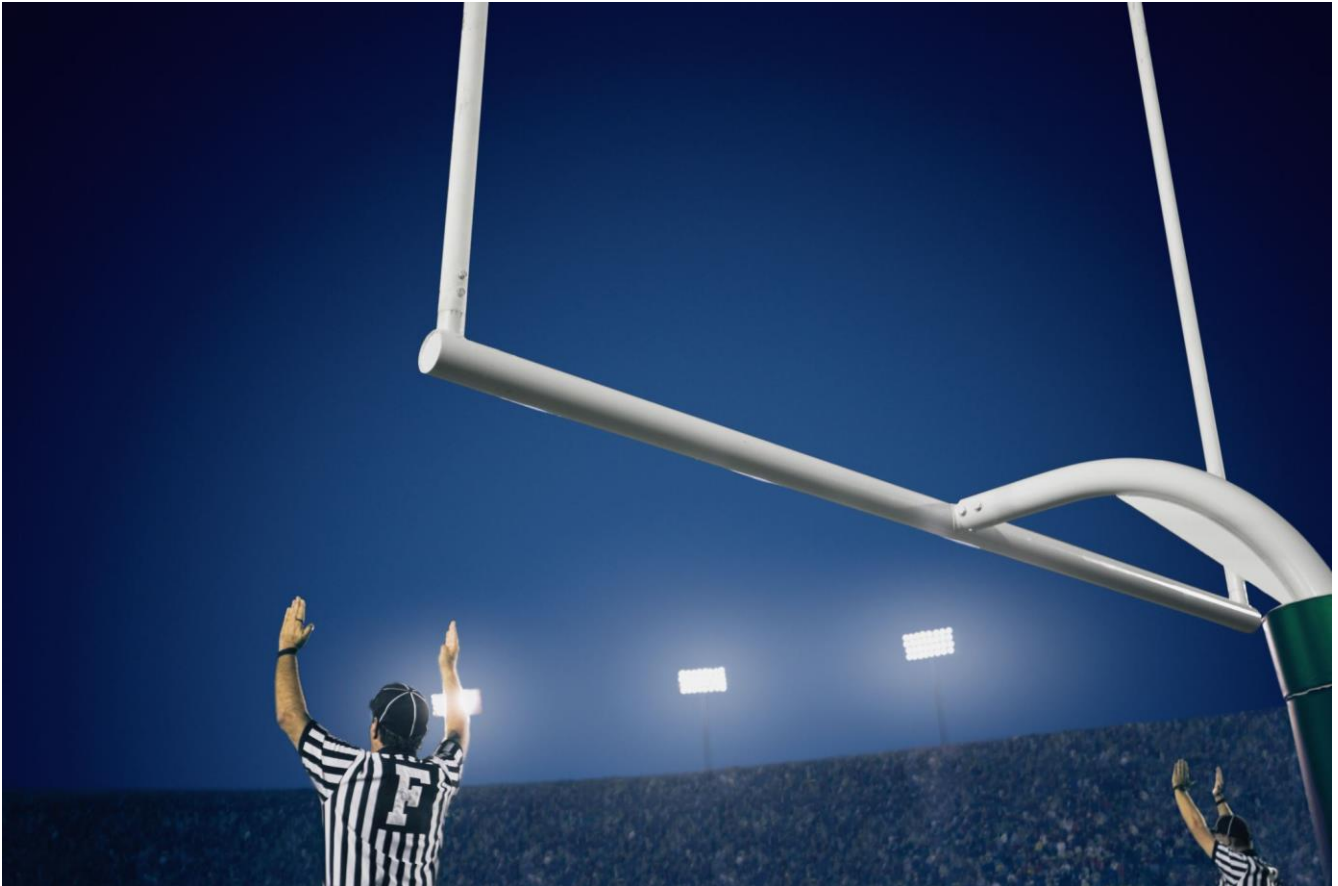


NEWSLETTER

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## Week 8 NFL Top 6 Best Bets

Week 7 results 3-1 ATS, 14-8 for the season 63%

Ravens-3 W 38-6

Steelers+3 W 24-17

Browns-2.5 **L 39-38**

Patriots+7.5 W 29-25

# Mike's Top 6 Bets NFL Week 8

Sunday October 22, 2023

N Y Giants+3

Washington+6.5

Carolina+3

Denver+8.5

Arizona+8

Las Vegas+8

Thursday Night 5:15 PM Pacific

Tampa Bay Buc's at Buffalo-7.5 (43)

This will be a matchup of two second place teams in their respective divisions. The Buc's had a chance to take the division lead at home last week, but offense remains one dimensional without a running game. Buffalo was upset by New England and after going 0-3 ATS in prime-time games. The Bills have 3 more back-2-back. The good news is they are playing a team that isn't due up. My numbers favor the Bills by 13. I'll take **Buffalo-7.5**

Sunday

Los Angeles Rams at Dallas Cowboys-6.5 (46)

The Cowboys have a point of line value and are coming off a bye. Their offense is averaging 34 ppg at home. The Rams lost 10-22 at L A last season and are coming off a loss to Pittsburgh. I lean towards the Cowboys-6.5 here and will bank that the Cowboy's defense shuts the backdoor. **Dallas-6.5**

### Minnesota Vikings at Green Bay Packers-2.5 (43)

The Vikings are coming off a nice defensive effort against the banged-up 49ers on Monday night winning outright 22-17. Minnesota is a line value dog. Line value dogs are 15-17-3. There are 6-line value dogs this week, they were 2-2 last week. Minnesota is getting 1.5 points of line value on the road. The Packer's defense is giving up 22 ppg and only averaging 16.6 ppg. Minnesota has traveled well going 2-1 SU and they are 7-1 ATS vs a division opponent off a SU dog win. **Minnesota+2.5**

### Atlanta Falcons-2.5 at Tennessee Titans (37)

The Falcons have won by 1, 2, and 3 points since week 1. My line value has Tennessee by 3. I'm not a fan of Ridder as his inconsistency cost me a win this year. He is still turning over the ball. They are 1-8 ATS as road favorites of 2 or more points. Tennessee is another line value dog. I would check Tannehill's status before making a play.

### New Orleans Saints at Indianapolis Colts-1 (41.5)

This is the Saints 3<sup>rd</sup> road game in the last 4 weeks. They were 3-0 last season and are 1-1 ATS this season in that situation. There is no line value as of now. This will be 2 erratic QB's playing. Both teams have struggled this season and both were missing running backs the first 3 or 4 weeks. I think the Colts may be a bit stronger with the victory over Baltimore and they are at home. I would lay the 1 point and take the **Colts**.

### New England Patriots at Miami Dolphins-9.5 (47)

My power ratings favor the Dolphins by 13. These two played in week 2 with Miami coming away with a 24-17 victory. Miami is 7-2 ATS vs the division. These two have split victories the last 3 years. New England is a spread range dog and coming off an upset win at Buffalo. Miami is coming off a disappointing loss to the Eagles. The Patriots are 0-5 ATS last 5 in Miami. I think the Dolphins get back on track. **Miami-9.5**

### N Y Jets-3 at N Y Giants (36)

The Jets went on a two-game win streak ending with an impressive win over the Eagles, (first time), and now they have come out of the bye week where they are 1-5 ATS rested. The Jets have owned the Giants recently. Their last regular season meeting was in 2019, a 34-27 win. Since HC Saleh has arrived, he has won the preseason matchups 32-24, 31-27, and 12-7. He likes to beat the Giants.

The Jets are possibly due down and may have lost some of that momentum off the bye. The Giants are a spread range dog. This is a pick'em game, so I'm taking the points with the **Giants+3\*\*\***

### Jacksonville Jaguars-2.5 at Pittsburgh Steelers (41.5)

The Jaguars are on their 4<sup>th</sup> road game in 5 weeks. Teams off a Thursday night game and on the road are 3-1 ATS. The Steelers are coming off a nice win in L A. and are a spread range dog, a line value dog, throw in Tomlin's record of 9-0-1 ATS vs the AFC South, the 9-2-1 record when getting points at home and I must take the points. **Pittsburgh+2.5**

### Philadelphia Eagles-6.5 at Washington Commanders (43.5)

Washington is 3-1-2 in the last 6 against the Eagles and only lost by 3 in OT, 31-34, 28 days ago. Washington is due up and a spread range dog which should supersede my 12-point power rating. This is also Philadelphia's 3<sup>rd</sup> road game in 4 weeks, and they are coming off a big win against Miami. **Washington+6.5\*\*\***

### Houston Texans-3 at Carolina Panthers (41.5)

Houston has won 3 of their last 4. They are coming off a bye week and are possibly due down. The Texans are a road favorite for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in 3 years. Carolina is still searching for that first win, and this looks like their best chance to get it. Carolina is due up, and a spread range dog. I'll take **Carolina+3\*\*\***

### Cleveland Browns at Seattle Seahawks-3 (41)

We were just a 2-point conversion away from going 4-0 last week. The Browns forgot how to tackle giving up 38 points! Cleveland is a line value dog. Watson is still up in the air, and for the little time he was in last week, he still managed to throw an interception. The Browns are 2-8 off an away game and can't back them here. Pass

### Kansas City Chiefs-8.5 at Denver Broncos (45.5)

I must take Denver here as road teams laying 7.5 points or more are 0-5 ATS. Throw in the fact that Denver is a spread range dog and it should be cold and windy. Kansas City has a big game with Miami in Germany next week that could implicate future seeding in the playoffs. **Denver+8.5\*\*\***

### Baltimore Ravens-8 at Arizona Cardinals (44)

I'm on Arizona, as again, road teams laying 7.5 points or more are 0-5 ATS. Baltimore is possibly due down and this is their 4<sup>th</sup> road game in 5 weeks. Arizona is a spread range dog going 8-4 as a non-division home dog. The Ravens are 4-9 as a non-division road favorite. Best Bet this week. **Arizona+8.5\*\*\***

### Cincinnati Bengals at San Francisco 49ers-6 (46)

The Bengals are 0-6 as a dog with rest. Cincinnati is a spread range dog, but has nothing to support the cover. The 49ers are coming off an upset loss to Minnesota on a short week. The 49ers are 10-2 when .500 or better favorites vs a .500 or better opponent. My line figures the 49ers by 11.5. They do have some injuries so check the injury report. **San Francisco-6**

## Sunday Night Football 5:20 PM Pacific

### Chicago Bears at Los Angeles Chargers-9 (44.5)

The Bears are a line value dog. This looks like an automatic take, but this will be Bagent's first game on the road and it's against a win starving Charger team. The Chargers should step on the gas here and win by double digits. Herbert has been out of sync throwing 3 interceptions in two games. They have a chance to break out here. Los Angeles Chargers-8.5

## Monday Night Football 5:15 PM Pacific

### Las Vegas Raiders at Detroit Lions-7.5 (44)

The Raiders reached a new low losing to the Bears. The funny thing though, as bad as they have been, they are still in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the division. Garoppolo should be back this week. The Raiders are due up and a spread range dog and that makes them a play this week. A negative is Detroit coming off a rout loss to the Ravens. Early money is 98% on the Lions. The big question is can the Raiders defense hold the Lions to around 24 points and can the Raiders offense put at least 17 on the board. Las Vegas Raiders+8\*\*\*

## Week 8 Power Ratings

### AFC EAST

BUFFALO 29.5 ↓  
MIAMI 25 ↓  
NY JETS 18 ↑  
NEW ENGLAND 14.5 ↑

### AFC SOUTH

JACKSONVILLE 27 ↑  
TENNESSEE 21  
INDIANAPOLIS 19  
HOUSTON 22 ↑

### NFC EAST

PHILADELPHIA 27.5 ↑  
DALLAS 26  
N Y GIANTS 18 ↑  
WASHINGTON 13 ↓

### NFC SOUTH

ATLANTA 20.5 ↑  
NEW ORLEANS 20.5 ↓  
CAROLINA 16 ↓  
TAMPA BAY 19 ↓

### AFC NORTH

BALTIMORE 30.5 ↑  
CINCINNATI 21.5  
CLEVELAND 26.5  
PITTSBURGH 22.5 ↑

### AFC WEST

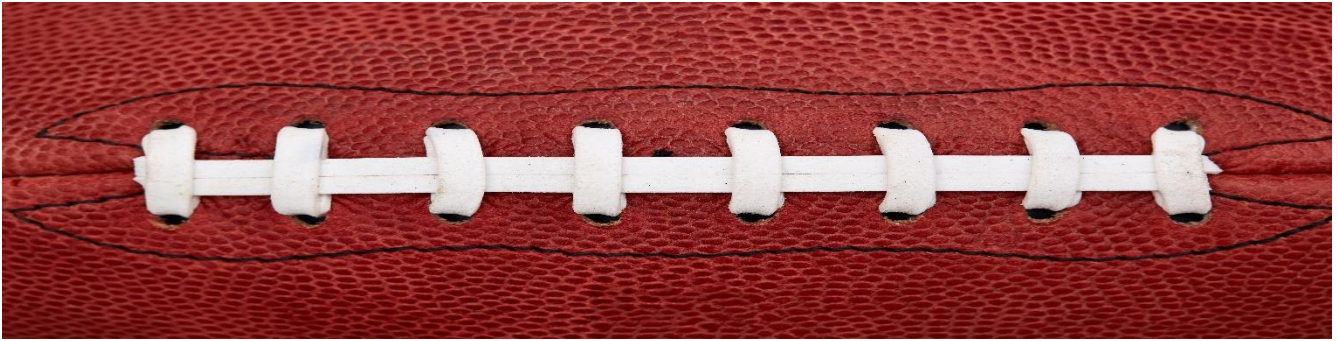
KANSAS CITY 31 ↑  
L A CHARGERS 21 ↓  
DENVER 14  
LAS VEGAS RAIDERS 12 ↓

### NFC NORTH

DETROIT 28 ↓  
MINNESOTA 23.5 ↑  
GREEN BAY 22  
CHICAGO 18.5 ↑

### NFC WEST

SAN FRANCISCO 30.5 ↓  
SEATTLE 25.5  
L A RAMS 21 ↓  
ARIZONA 11



## SITUATIONAL PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

LINE VALUE FAVORITE 35-34-3

LINE VALUE DOG 15-17-3

DUE UP 5-4

DUE DOWN 5-1

POSSIBLY DUE UP 3-4

POSSIBLY DUE DOWN 1-1

SPREAD RANGE FAVORITE 5-2-1

SPREAD RANGE DOG 13-6

EARLY START 5-5-1

OFF ROUT WIN 4-13-2

OFF ROUT LOSS 9-7-2

ROAD FAV LAYING 7.5 OR MORE 0-5

3<sup>RD</sup> ROAD GM IN 4 WEEKS 8-10

HOME FAVORITES 31-25-3

DIVISION FAVORITE HOME 9-9

DIVISION FAVORITE ROAD 7-7-2

DIVISION DOG AT HOME 7-7-2

DIVISION DOG ON ROAD 9-9

HOME DOG MON NIGHT 3-3-1

OFF THURSDAY AT HOME 4-4

OFF THURSDAY ON ROAD 3-1

OFF MONDAY NIGHT HOME 3-1

OFF MONDAY NIGHT ROAD 4-5

HOME DOGS 24-26-3

ROAD FAVORITES 22-21-3

ROAD DOGS 24-33-2

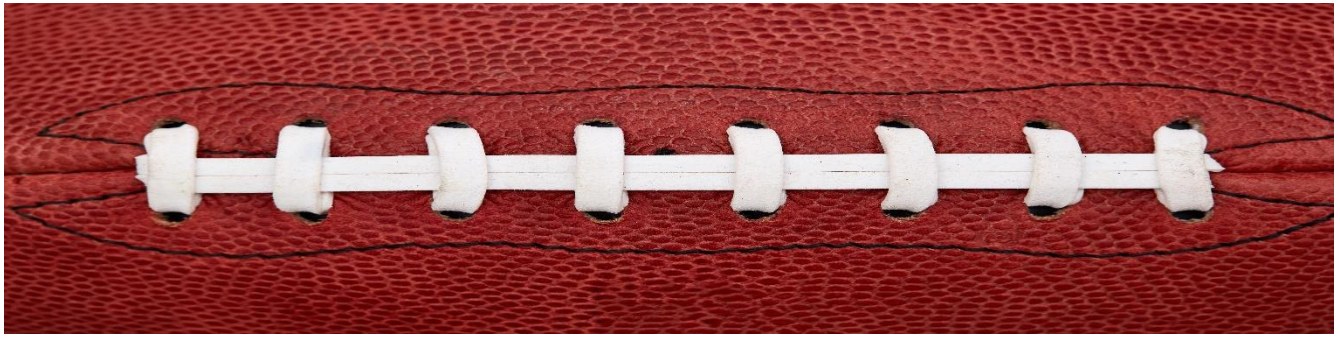
ROAD TEAMS 47-51-6





## KEY PLAYER ADJUSTMENTS

ARIZONA – **K MURRAY** (3), J DOBBS, **J CONNER** (3) M BROWN, R MOORE  
ATLANTA- D RIDDER, T HEINICKE, B ROBINSON, T ALLGEIER, D LONDON, M HOLLINS  
BALTIMORE- L JACKSON (10), T HUNTLEY, G EDWARDS, R BATEMAN, O BECKHAM  
BUFFALO- J ALLEN (10), K ALLEN, J COOK, DAVIS, S DIGGS (3), VON MILLER 3  
CAROLINA- **B YOUNG**, A DALTON+, M SANDERS, C HUBBARD, A THIELEN (3), DJ CHARK  
CHICAGO- **J FIELDS** (7), BAGENT, K HERBERT, D FOREMAN, D J MOORE (3),  
CINCINNATI- J BURROW (10), BROWNING, J MIXON, T WILLIAMS, J CHASE (4), T HIGGINS  
CLEVELAND- **D WATSON**, (7) THOMP-ROBINSON, J FORD, HUNT (3), A COOPER, E MOORE  
DALLAS- D PRESCOTT (7), C RUSH, T POLLARD (3), CD LAMB (4), B COOKS (3) M GALLUP  
DENVER- R WILSON, (3), J STIDHAM, J WILLIAMS, J JEUDY (3), C SUTTON  
DETROIT- J GOFF (7) T BRIDGEWATER, J GIBBS, **D MONTGOMERY**, A ST. BROWN (3)  
GREEN BAY- J LOVE, S CLIFFORD, A JONES (3), A J DILLON, C WATSON, R DOUBS  
HOUSTON- **CJ STROUD**, D MILLS, D PIERCE, D SINGLETARY, N COLLINS, R WOODS  
INDIANAPOLIS- G MINSHEW, J TAYLOR (4), Z MOSS, M PITTMAN, PIERCE, DOWNS  
JACKSONVILLE- T LAWRENCE (7), CJ BEATHARD, T ETIENNE (3) C KIRK, Z JONES  
KANSAS CITY- P MAHOMES (10), B GABBERT, PACHECO (3) KELSEY (4), K TONEY  
LAS VEGAS J GAROPPOLO, B HOYER, J JACOBS (3), Z WHITE, D ADAMS (4) J MEYERS  
LA CHARGERS- J HERBERT (7), E STICK, A EKELER (3), J KELLY, K ALLEN (4) WILLIAMS  
LA RAMS- M STAFFORD (7), B RYPIEN, RIVERS (3) C KUPP (4), V JEFFERSON, NACUA  
MIAMI- T TAGOVAILOA (7), M WHITE, R MOSTERT, **ACHANE**, T HILL (3), J WADDLE  
MINNESOTA- K COUSINS (7), N MULLINS, A MATTISON, AKERS, **J JEFFERSON** (4)  
NEW ENGLAND- M JONES, B ZAPPE, STEVENSON, ELLIOTT, SMITH-SCHUSTER, PARKER  
NEW ORLEANS- D CARR, J WINSTON, KAMARA (3), THOMAS, C OLAVE, M THOMAS  
NY GIANTS- **D JONES** (7), T TAYLOR, S BARKLEY (4), BRIEDA, HODGINS, SLAYTON  
NY JETS- Z WILSON, T SIEMIAN, B HALL, D COOK (3), G WILSON, A LAZARD  
PHILADELPHIA- J HURTS (10), M MARIOTA, D SWIFT, GAINWELL, AJ BROWN, D SMITH  
PITTSBURGH- K PICKETT, M TRUBISKY, N HARRIS, J WARREN, D JOHNSON, G PICKENS  
SAN FRANCISCO- B PURDY,(10) C MCCAFFERY (4), E MITCHELL, **D SAMUEL** (3), AIYUK  
SEATTLE-G SMITH (7), D LOCK, K WALKER (3), DK METCALF, T LOCKETT (3)  
TAMPA BAY- B MAYFIELD (7), K TRASK, R WHITE, TUCKER, M EVANS (3) C GODWIN  
TENNESSEE-**R TANNEHILL** (7), M WILLIS, D HENRY (4), D HOPKINS (3), **T BURKS**  
WASHINGTON- S HOWELL, J BRISSETT, B ROBINSON, A GIBSON, MCLAURIN (3) DOTSON



Notes:

The teams coming off a bye week this week are Carolina, Cincinnati, Dallas, Houston, New York Jets, and Tennessee.

The teams playing their third road game in 4 weeks, or 4<sup>th</sup> in 5 weeks are: New Orleans, Jacksonville, Philadelphia, and **Baltimore**. (8-10) ATS so far).

## Team Situations Hottest Stats

**Off Thursday on road 3-1 ATS New Orleans, Jacksonville**

**Road Favorite laying 7.5 or more. (0-5 ATS) (bet against) (KC, BAL)**

Teams off a rout win (4-13-2) Bet against **Baltimore**

Spread Range dog 13-6 ATS (6-0 ATS last week) NE, NYG, PIT, WAS, CAR, DEN, AZ, LVR

Possibly Due Down (1-1) Bet Against **NYJ, HOU, BAL**

## **Coldest Stats**

Division dogs on the road 9-9, **1-7** last two weeks. **MIN, NE,**

Line value dogs 15-17-3 (2-2 last week) MIN, TEN, NYG, PIT, CLE, CHI