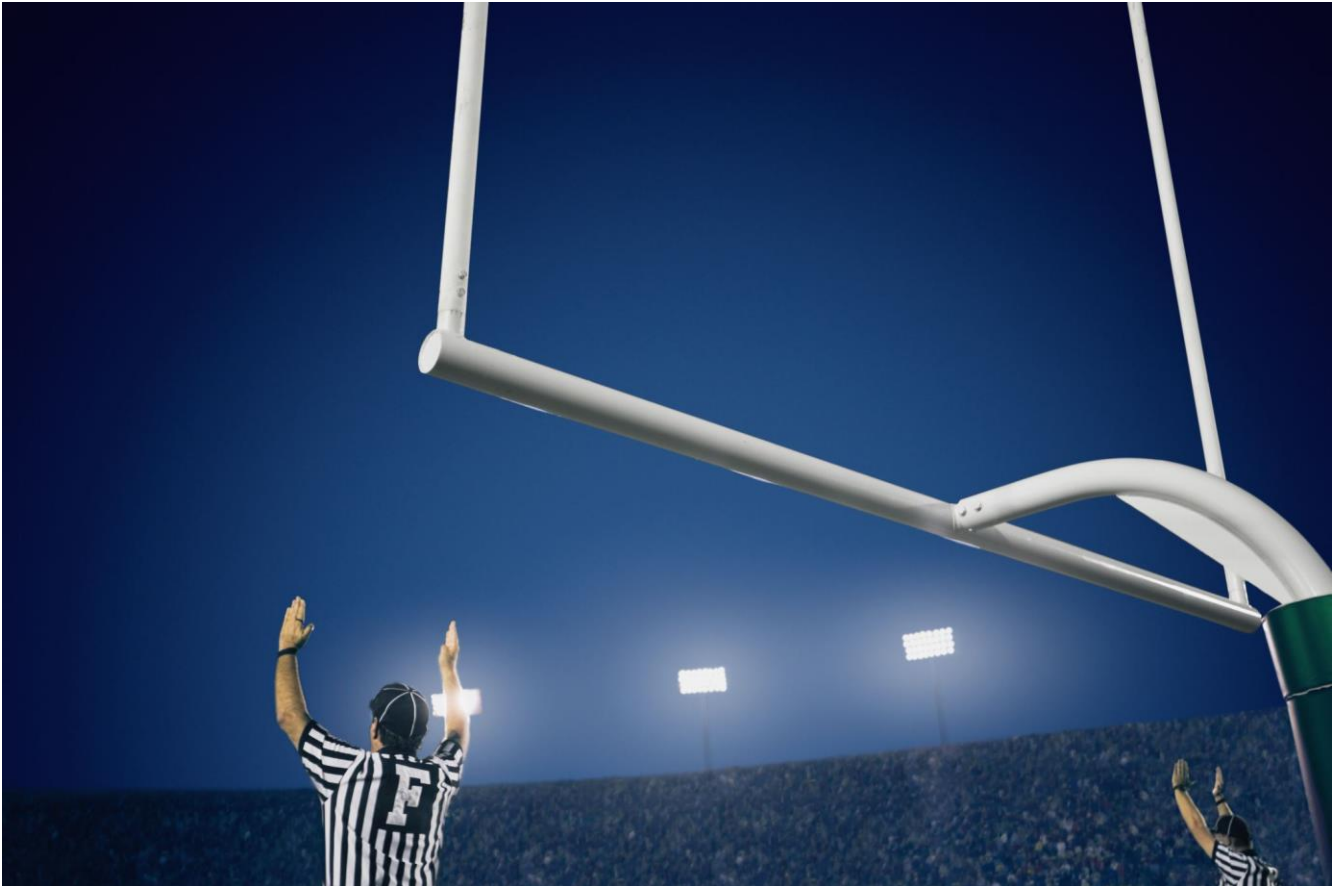


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Week 6 NFL Top 3 Best Bets

Week 5 results 2-1 ATS, 10-5 for the season 66.67%

Dolphins-12.5 W 31-16

Chiefs-5.5 W 27-20

Cowboys+3.5 **L** 10-42

Mike's Top 3 Bets NFL Week 6

Sunday October 15,

Carolina Panthers+13.5

Detroit Lions-3

Indianapolis Colts+4

This week I'll be going over each game and my top 3 listed above.

Thursday Night

Denver+10.5 is a spread range dog and due up for the third time. They managed to push on my number against Chicago where both teams were due up. This is also their 3rd game on the road in 4 weeks. They will face Kansas City again in two weeks at home. This is the biggest number (+10.5), and although I don't like to two fails on the due upside, I still lean to Denver. The Broncos are 3-0 ATS last 3 vs KC and Sean Payton is 9-3 as a road dog.

Sunday

Baltimore-4 at Tennessee

I don't have much on this one. The line is the same as my power rating and this is Baltimore's 4th road game in 5 weeks and it's in London. Baltimore dropped a lot of passes last week. I'm passing on this game.

Washington at Atlanta-2.5

My power ratings favor the Falcons by 9, mostly due to Washington's rout losses of 3-37 (PHL), and 20-40 (CHI). The Redskins tried to bounce back against Philadelphia and did cover the spread but are 0-1 in the division with the Giants and Eagles again coming up. I'm not thrilled with Atlanta's QB Ridder, but he had 329 yards passing and no interceptions last week, so I'll take Atlanta laying less than a FG.

Minnesota at Chicago+2.5

My power rating favors the Vikings with a point of value, but they lost Jefferson last week so I would make Chicago a slight favorite. I won't touch

this one but if I did, I would have to take the Bears home.

Seattle at Cincinnati-3

My power ratings favor the Seahawks by 1.5, giving me 4.5 points of value. Seattle is coming off a bye week. I had this game figured at 6.5, but the injury to Burrow decreased the line the first 4 weeks. Burrow looked like his old self last week so if the Bengals can keep him upright, they should be able to cover. The Bengals are a spread range favorite (3-1-1 ATS). Seattle lost to the Raiders off the bye week last season, and they went on the bye week feeling pretty good about themselves routing New York 24-3 so I'll lean to the Bengals-3 at home.

San Francisco at Cleveland+6

I guess to win this one you must step in front of a moving freight train. The 49ers are star due down, which means they are hot. They demolished Dallas and could be due for a slight letdown here. Cleveland is a spread range dog, so we have two of the tools working for us in Cleveland. I would be set to jump all over the Browns, but we have a QB? and it is trending that P.J. Walker will take the job Sunday. We need that 24-point offensive average, not the 3 they scored last week. I just wonder if the coach is sandbagging. They are coming off a bye week! Power ratings favor the 49ers by 7.5, so I would feel better with 7 if we can get it.

Carolina+13.5 at Miami

Well, if we survive the freight train, maybe we can stand on the runway to watch the planes take-off. Carolina is a spread range dog and possibly due up. The point spread also gives Carolina 2 points of value. Those are three strong indicators siding with the Panthers. Carolina is on a 4-2 SU and 5-1 ATS run in pre-bye week games vs AFC opponents. Miami lost one of their bullets, Achane for a while so I like the timing here, but we will need some points. [Top 3 play](#).

Detroit-3 at Tampa Bay

The Lions handled the first two NFC South opponents by an average score of 31-15. My power ratings give the Lions a half point advantage. Ironically, both Detroit and Tampa Bay are possibly due down so in that case I go with the power rating edge. The Lions have Montgomery back and should move the ball with a balanced offense. Tampa Bay has defeated 2 NFC North opponents 23-17 average against Minnesota and Chicago, but they meet the cream of the crop in this one. Tampa Bay is off a bye week and has Atlanta waiting on deck. I'll take Detroit and lay the 3. [Top 3 play.](#)

Indianapolis+4 at Jacksonville

The Jaguars come back home after two weeks in London. I would have to think they will be a little sluggish this week. They did get two wins over there and now face a revenging Colts team for the week one defeat. Richardson is out for the Colts and Minshew will take over again. My power rating favors the Jaguars by 1.5, but jetlag and an experienced QB to go against should make this one not only close, but a possible loss for Jacksonville. [Top 3 play](#)

New Orleans at Houston+1.5

My power ratings favor the Texans by 1 so we have a little value there. Houston is 13-8 and 15-6 ATS in pre-bye week games since 02. This is the Saints 4th road game in 5 weeks. They are coming off a rout win, (6-10 ATS this season). If Stroud can stay interception free, they have a good chance to take this one.

New England at Las Vegas-3

After two straight routs, the Patriots have been outscored 72-3! The Patriots are due up, who wouldn't be. Belichick has been a master of coaching for a long time, and he usually corrects the deficiencies, but this team may have too many to fix. This is the Patriots 3rd road game in 4 weeks. My power ratings favor the Raiders by 5 and as much as I would like to take New England, I must pass.

Arizona at Los Angeles Rams-7

My power ratings favor the Rams by 10.5 so we have some value with the home team. I don't have much to use in this game, but I like the fact that Cooper Kupp is back, and we should start seeing more scoring from the offense. Arizona has been competitive in most of their games, but their defense is slipping some allowing 35, and 34 points the last two games. RB Conner is out which could make their offense one dimensional, and that won't be good against the Rams. I like Rams-7 or less.

Philadelphia-7 at New York Jets

The Eagles are playing their third road game in 4 weeks, my numbers favor them by 9. I'm watching to see if this number goes up to 7.5 and then I'll play against the Eagles. Teams laying 7.5 or more on the road are 0-3 ATS this year.

New York Giants+14 at Buffalo

The Giants are a spread range dog, star due up, and playing their 4th game in 5 weeks on the road. Daniel Jones and RB Barkley are still questionable. The Bills could still be dragging from the trip to London, but they are coming off an upset loss, and they rebound well. As much as everything points to NY, the Bills are favored by 22 in my power ratings. Pass

Dallas-2 at LA Chargers

Dallas is coming off a rout loss. This is their 3rd road game in 4 weeks. They lost a LB and WR /PR Turpin. The bye week helped the Chargers heal and RB Ekeler looks to be back. The line is tight, slight lean-to Dallas-2.

Breakdown of the rest of the tools

Teams Due Down- **San Francisco-6**

Teams Due Up- **Denver+10.5**, New England+3, **New York Giants+14**

Teams possibly Due Down- Detroit, Tampa Bay

Teams possibly due up-**Carolina+13.5**

Spread Range Dogs- **Denver, Cleveland, Carolina, N Y Giants**

Spread Range Favorites-Cincinnati

The spread range helps if you get an agreement with the power rating or the dues.

Spread range favorites are 3-1-1 ATS. Cincinnati is the only one that meets this situation. San Francisco is due down and Cleveland is a spread range dog. This would constitute a play on Cleveland if we knew who the QB was going to be.

Carolina is possibly due up and they are getting 2 points higher than the line. This looks to be too many points and a spread range dog makes them worth a play. Denver+10.5 meets the spread range and they are due up. The number is high for a division game and with two situations agreeing I'll bite here.

Detroit and Tampa are in the same situation so taking the power rating is the next best thing, so I like Detroit. The Giants fit two situations, but I won't be playing them until they show some offense. Jones is questionable and beat all to hell from the sacks he has taken so can't play them.

Week 5 Power Ratings

AFC EAST

BUFFALO 33.5 ↓
MIAMI 26
NY JETS 16 ↑
NEW ENGLAND 12.5 ↓

AFC SOUTH

JACKSONVILLE 24 ↑
TENNESSEE 21 ↓
INDIANAPOLIS 21 ↑
HOUSTON 21

NFC EAST

PHILADELPHIA 27.5 ↑
DALLAS 26 ↓
N Y GIANTS 14
WASHINGTON 14 ↓

NFC SOUTH

ATLANTA 20.5
NEW ORLEANS 22.5 ↑
CAROLINA 17 ↓
TAMPA BAY 22 ↑

AFC NORTH

BALTIMORE 27.5 ↓
CINCINNATI 21.5 ↑
CLEVELAND 24.5 ↓
PITTSBURGH 20.5 ↑

AFC WEST

KANSAS CITY 30
L A CHARGERS 22
DENVER 14 ↓
LAS VEGAS RAIDERS 15

NFC NORTH

DETROIT 29 ↑
MINNESOTA 21.5
GREEN BAY 22
CHICAGO 15.5 ↑

NFC WEST

SAN FRANCISCO 34.5 ↑
SEATTLE 25.5 ↑
L A RAMS 21 ↓
ARIZONA 13 ↓



SITUATIONAL PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

LINE VALUE FAVORITE 26-20-3
LINE VALUE DOG 14-10-2
DUE UP 2-2
DUE DOWN 2-1

POSSIBLY DUE UP 2-3
POSSIBLY DUE DOWN 1-1
SPREAD RANGE FAVORITE 3-1-1
SPREAD RANGE DOG 5-4

EARLY START 4-4-1
OFF ROUT WIN 6-10
OFF ROUT LOSS 7-9
ROAD FAV LAYING 7.5 OR MORE 0-3
3RD ROAD GM IN 4 WEEKS 4-3
HOME FAVORITES 21-20-3
DIVISION FAVORITE HOME 4-8
DIVISION FAVORITE ROAD 6-5-2
DIVISION DOG AT HOME 5-6-2
DIVISION DOG ON ROAD 7-4

HOME DOG MON NIGHT 2-2-1
OFF THURSDAY AT HOME 2-3
OFF THURSDAY ON ROAD 2-2-1
OFF MONDAY NIGHT HOME 2-1
OFF MONDAY NIGHT ROAD 3-5
HOME DOGS 14-23-3
ROAD FAVORITES 19-12-3
ROAD DOGS 19-23-2
ROAD TEAMS 39-32-6



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) PETERMAN, 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- **A RICHARDSON**, G MISHEW, J TAYLOR (4), Z MOSS, M PITTMAN, PIERCE
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), B 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:

Teams getting a bye week this week are Green Bay, Pittsburgh.

The teams playing their third road game in 4 weeks, or 4th in 5 weeks are: Denver, New Orleans, New England, Philadelphia, Giants and Dallas. (4-4) ATS so far).

Team Situations **Hottest Stats**

Early Starts West-East (4-4-1 ATS) Seattle, San Francisco.

Road Favorite laying 7.5 or more. (0-3 ATS) (bet against)(check Philadelphia if line rises)

Division dog on the road, (10-7 ATS). Denver, Indianapolis, Arizona

Rout losses-teams to possibly bet on-7-9 Washington, New England, Dallas

Rout wins- possible teams to bet against-6-10 Chicago, New Orleans, San Francisco

Coldest Stats

Off Thursday game at home **0-2 ATS.**

Off Monday game on road **1-3 ATS.**

Division Favorite at Home **4-8 ATS**