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 **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+

Ohio State Buckeyes at Indiana Hoosiers

FINAL · LOCKED

Spread · kickoff 12:00 PM ET · 103,988 bets tracked

IU +2.5

OSU holds **53%** of the money (Action Network) and **81%** at DraftKings, yet the number moved **0.5 pts** the other way. The book is pricing OSU -2.5 cheaper while already holding most of that side's money. The move touched **3** — a margin college football lands on more often than the numbers either side. **4 books** moved it within half an hour of each other, 25.1h 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
1.5 → 2.5	53 / 81	70 / 74	-1 / -0.5	Yes	3	2.5 (+0)

STEAM

4 books · 25.1h ago

Oct 11 · 3 | Oct 11 · 3.5 | Oct 16 · 3 | Oct 17 · 2.5 | Oct 17 · 3 | Oct 17 · 2.5

Kicked off — frozen at the last pre-kickoff reading, 2026-10-17 16:00 UTC. This is the record of the pick.

Missouri Tigers at Ole Miss Rebels

FINAL · LOCKED

Spread · kickoff 3:30 PM ET · 48,386 bets tracked

MIZ +4

MISS holds **60%** of the money (Action Network) and **68%** at DraftKings, yet the number moved **1.5 pts** the other way. The book is pricing MISS -4 cheaper while already holding most of that side's money. The move touched **4 and 6** — margins college football lands on more often than the numbers either side. **4 books** moved it within half an hour of each other, 4.1h 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
-7.5 → -4	60 / 68	48 / 64	+2 / +1.5	Yes	4, 6	-4.5 (-0.5)

STEAM

4 books · 4.1h ago

Oct 11 · -5.5 | Oct 11 · -6 | Oct 14 · -5.5 | Oct 17 · -5 | Oct 17 · -4.5 | Oct 17 · -4

Kicked off — frozen at the last pre-kickoff reading, 2026-10-17 19:00 UTC. This is the record of the pick.

Florida State Seminoles at Miami (FL) Hurricanes

FINAL · LOCKED

Spread · kickoff 7:00 PM ET · 29,484 bets tracked

FSU +20.5

MIA holds **53%** of the money (Action Network) and **96%** at DraftKings, yet the number moved **1 pt** the other way. The book is pricing MIA -20.5 cheaper while already holding most of that side's money. The move touched **21** — a margin college football lands on more often than the numbers either side. **5 books** moved it within half an hour of each other, 31.6h 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 → -20.5	53 / 96	60 / 85	+1 / 0	Yes	21	-19.5 (+1)

STEAM

5 books · 31.6h ago

Oct 11 · -21.5 | Oct 11 · -21 | Oct 13 · -21.5 | Oct 16 · -20.5 | Oct 17 · -20 | Oct 17 · -20.5

Kicked off — frozen at the last pre-kickoff reading, 2026-10-17 23:00 UTC. This is the record of the pick.

Alabama Crimson Tide at Tennessee Volunteers

FINAL · LOCKED

Spread · kickoff 3:30 PM ET · 57,641 bets tracked

TENN +7.5

BAMA holds **76%** of the money (Action Network) and **62%** at DraftKings, yet the number moved **1 pt** the other way. The book is pricing BAMA -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.

OPEN → NOW	MONEY %	TICKET %	MOVE 3D / 1D	PRICE 3D / 1D	SOURCES AGREE	KEY NUMBERS TOUCHED
1.5 → 7.5	76 / 62	73 / 62	-1 / 0	+0.46 / +0.68 pp	Yes	8

PINNACLE

7.5 (+0)

Oct 14 · 9 | Oct 14 · 8.5 | Oct 14 · 8 | Oct 14 · 8.5 | Oct 14 · 8 | Oct 15 · 7.5

Kicked off — frozen at the last pre-kickoff reading, 2026-10-17 19:00 UTC. This is the record of the pick.

Auburn Tigers at Georgia Bulldogs

FINAL · LOCKED

Spread · kickoff 3:30 PM ET · 24,703 bets tracked

AUB +19.5

UGA holds **72%** of the money (Action Network) and **80%** at DraftKings, yet the number moved **1 pt** the other way. The book is pricing UGA -19.5 cheaper while already holding most of that side's money. **5 books** moved it within half an hour of each other, 44.4h ago — the market being hit in parallel rather than one book drifting.

OPEN → NOW	MONEY %	TICKET %	MOVE 3D / 1D	PRICE 3D / 1D	SOURCES AGREE	PINNACLE
-16.5 → -19.5	72 / 80	65 / 87	+1 / 0	+1.32 / +0.23 pp	Yes	-19.5 (+0)

STEAM

5 books · 44.4h ago

Oct 11 · -19.5 | Oct 12 · -19 | Oct 12 · -19.5 | Oct 12 · -20 | Oct 12 · -20.5 | Oct 15 · -19.5

Kicked off — frozen at the last pre-kickoff reading, 2026-10-17 19:00 UTC. This is the record of the pick.

Results — spreads

MATCHUP	MARKET	PICK	CLV	FINAL	RESULT
OSU @ IU	spread	**IU +2.5**	+0.5	19-15	LOSS
AUB @ UGA	spread	**AUB +19.5**	+0	27-24	WIN
BAMA @ TENN	spread	**TENN +7.5**	+0	10-26	WIN
MIZ @ MISS	spread	**MIZ +4**	+1.5	3-31	LOSS
FSU @ MIA	spread	**FSU +20.5**	+0	35-43	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 +	37	23W - 14L (62%)	13/37 (+0.35)
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		
OSU @ IU	12:00	103,988	1.5	**2.5**	OSU	53	70	81	74	+0.5	-1	-0.5	3	8.0	FINAL
ND @ BYU	7:30	72,994	10	**10.5**	BYU	56	62	50	55	-2.5	0	0	—		FINAL
BAMA @ TENN	3:30	57,641	1.5	**7.5**	BAMA	76	73	62	62	+4.5	-1	0	8	5.7	FINAL
UK @ OU	7:30	52,223	-6.5	**-6.5**	UK	59	77	54	74	-0.5	+0.5	0	—		FINAL
MIZ @ MISS	3:30	48,386	-7.5	**-4**	MISS	60	48	68	64	+2.5	+2	+1.5	4, 6	6.9	FINAL
MSST @ LSU	12:00	46,720	-10.5	**-17.5**	MSST	62	73	33	71	-5.5	-3.5	-2	14, 17		FINAL
FLA @ TEX	12:00	46,458	-9.5	**-13.5**	TEX	56	42	78	54	-5	-2.5	-2	—		FINAL
WIS @ UCLA	7:30	43,247	-3	**-1.5**	WIS	55	40	29	27	+2	+1	+1	—		FINAL
OKST @ HOU	7:30	42,989	-2.5	**-3.5**	OKST	73	76	73	69	-0.5	+1	+1	—		FINAL
FSU @ MIA	7:00	29,484	-16.5	**-20.5**	MIA	53	60	96	85	0	+1	0	21	6.9	FINAL
NW @ MSU	12:00	28,676	7.5	**7.5**	NW	63	71	77	54	0	0	+0.5	—		FINAL
AUB @ UGA	3:30	24,703	-16.5	**-19.5**	UGA	72	65	80	87	-1	+1	0	—	5.1	FINAL
GT @ VT	3:30	23,915	-9.5	**-8.5**	GT	75	70	21	34	+1	+1.5	0	—		FINAL
UNC @ DUKE	3:30	23,890	-4.5	**-3**	UNC	68	70	61	65	+1.5	+0.5	0	—		FINAL
KU @ KSU	12:00	22,880	-7.5	**-3**	KU	59	45	65	39	+6.5	+1.5	+1.5	—		FINAL
TCU @ BAY	7:00	22,799	-6.5	**-3.5**	BAY	65	70	47	75	+3	+2.5	+2	4, 6		FINAL
UNLV @ AFA	3:30	21,876	3	**1.5**	UNLV	76	66	53	13	-1.5	0	+3	—		FINAL
ASU @ TTU	3:30	21,371	-12.5	**-16.5**	TTU	55	56	74	78	-4	-2	-1	—		FINAL
UVA @ SMU	12:00	20,679	-6.5	**-9.5**	SMU	69	48	—	—	-3	-0.5	0	—		FINAL
PSU @ MICH	3:30	20,497	-6.5	**-6**	PSU	80	72	48	61	-0.5	+0.5	+0.5	—		FINAL
GAST @ JMU	12:00	19,568	-12.5	**-8.5**	JMU	51	62	63	73	+4	+3.5	+2	10		FINAL
CIN @ WVU	12:00	19,099	-1.5	**-1.5**	WVU	52	56	83	65	0	0	0	—		FINAL
WSU @ ORST	6:00	17,539	-13.5	**-18.5**	ORST	80	72	89	80	-5	-0.5	0	—		FINAL
FAU @ ARMY	12:00	15,842	-3	**-2.5**	ARMY	56	55	70	67	+0.5	0	0	—		FINAL
PITT @ BC	12:00	15,327	6.5	**6.5**	PITT	61	65	45	54	0	0	0	—		FINAL
ARK @ VAN	7:00	12,530	-6.5	**-5.5**	VAN	57	48	57	68	+1	+0.5	+1	6		FINAL
NEV @ NDSU	7:00	10,632	-14.5	**-14.5**	NDSU	68	66	7	53	0	0	0	—		FINAL
BALL @ BGSU	12:00	10,127	-8.5	**-6.5**	BGSU	74	67	43	65	+2	0	0	—		FINAL

MATCHUP	ET	BETS	OPEN	NOW	MONEY ON	AN $%	AN T%	DK $%	DK T%	7D	3D	1D	KEY	
RUT @ UMD	12:30	9,945	-4.5	**-5.5**	UMD	53	47	78	65	-1	-1	0	—	FINAL
WMU @ CMU	1:30	9,587	8.5	**7.5**	WMU	54	50	11	57	-1	+1	+0.5	—	FINAL
CHA @ TEM	1:00	8,956	-23.5	**-17.5**	CHA	82	51	26	22	+6	+3.5	+3.5	—	FINAL
MASS @ BUFF	1:00	8,683	-3.5	**-6.5**	BUFF	61	45	52	40	-3	0	+0.5	7	FINAL
LOU @ SYR	7:30	8,406	12.5	**14.5**	SYR	52	56	78	39	+2	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.

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