

StatFox DAVE

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101: Indianapolis at Houston OVER 47

105: Los Angeles Chargers at Baltimore UNDER 42

105: LOS ANGELES CHARGERS (+2½) at Baltimore

107: PHILADELPHIA (+6) at Chicago

NFL Wild Card Round

Lock of the Week: **Philadelphia +6**

Philadelphia ended the 2018 regular season with five wins over its final six games, the lone loss having been an overtime defeat in Dallas in Week 14. The Eagles have turned to Nick Foles in place of injured quarterback Carson Wentz for the regular season's final three games and proceeded to score a total of 86 points over three consecutive victories.

The strength of Chicago's team is a front seven that allowed an NFL-best average of 80.0 rushing yards per game. The Eagles, however, have gone 8-2 straight-up and 8-1-1 against the spread since Doug Pederson took over as the team's head coach prior to the 2016 season when facing an opponent that allows an average of 90 or fewer rushing yards per game. They're 7-3 (both straight-up and against the spread) under Pederson when facing an opponent with a win percentage of at least .750, and they've also shown a tendency to stay hot once they get hot: Philadelphia is 10-5 against the spread (11-4 straight-up) under Pederson when coming off back-to-back straight-up victories, and the Eagles are 9-2 (both SU and ATS) under Pederson when coming off back-to-back against-the-spread victories.

After having thrown for a franchise-record 471 passing yards and four touchdown passes in a Week 16 win over the Texans, Foles wasn't counted on nearly as much in Philadelphia's 24-0 shutout of Washington in the regular season finale. Foles is now 9-2 in his 11 starts over the past two seasons. This record includes his impressive playoff run last year when he threw six touchdowns with just one interception over three postseason victories. One of his two defeats came when Foles was pulled along with most of the rest of Philadelphia's starters one quarter into a meaningless Week 17 game versus Dallas last year after the Eagles had already locked up the NFC's top playoff seed.

StatFox SCOTT

105: Los Angeles Chargers at Baltimore UNDER 42

107: PHILADELPHIA (+6) at Chicago

151: CLEMSON (+6) vs. Alabama

StatFox BRIAN

103: Seattle at Dallas UNDER 43½

103: SEATTLE (+1½) at Dallas

107: Philadelphia at Chicago OVER 41

College Football Playoff

National Championship pick: **Clemson +6**

Thanks to the emergence of freshman quarterback Trevor Lawrence, this year's Clemson team looks more like the Deshaun Watson-led groups than last year's team with Kelly Bryant behind center. The Tide dominated opponents all season long, but so did the Tigers, and Clemson offers bettors value as an underdog of nearly a touchdown. Since the start of the 2014 season, underdogs of between 3½ and 10 points coming off a game in which they gained at least 525 total yards are 38-12 against the spread in contests between teams that are outgaining opponents by an average of at least 100 total yards per game. Over the same time frame, neutral field underdogs outrushing their opponents by an average of 100 or more yards per game on the season are 35-10 ATS. The Tigers are 17-9 ATS as an underdog under coach Dabo Swinney, which includes a 12-4 ATS mark as an underdog of between 3½ and 10 points.

Alabama's defense has shown over its past two games that it can be scored upon by top-tier offenses like Clemson's. The Tide allowed Georgia quarterback Jake Fromm to throw for 301 yards, three touchdowns and no interceptions in its 35-28 SEC Championship Game win, and allowed Oklahoma's Kyler Murray to throw for 308 yards, two touchdowns and no picks in its 45-34 Semifinal victory. The best defenses Alabama has faced have been able to slow the Tide attack. Tua Tagovailoa posted his two lowest regular-season quarterback rating numbers in shutout wins over LSU and Mississippi State, and he had his worst outing of the season against Georgia in the SEC Championship, completing 10 of 25 passes for 164 yards, a touchdown and two interceptions before leaving the game with an injury. Alabama has yet to face a defense this season that is as formidable as Clemson's, which is allowing 4.05 yards per play and 12.9 points per game.