

# THE BETTING FOOL

By a Man Who Should Know Better

WEEK 4 • NFL 2026

OCTOBER 1, 2026

BANKROLL \$997.43 • BETS 11-9 (55.0%) • THE FIVE UPDATED (SEPTEMBER 29, 2026 AT 9:33 PM EDT)

## The Fancy Model Finished Last

### The Five — pick-five pool card

5 of 5 clear their price

#### 1 Buccaneers +3.5 vs. Packers

BEST BET \$14.96

LINE TB +3.5 (+100) KICKOFF SUN 12:00 PM CT  
FOOL'S No. TB -0.2 PROJECTED Buccaneers 22, Packers 21 (43 total)  
COVER 51.7% NEEDS 50.0%

#### 2 Dolphins +10.5 @ Vikings

BEST BET \$14.96

LINE MIA +10.5 (-108) KICKOFF SUN 3:05 PM CT  
FOOL'S No. MIA +4.2 PROJECTED Vikings 22, Dolphins 17 (39 total)  
COVER 53.4% NEEDS 51.9%

#### 3 49ers -3 vs. Broncos

BEST BET \$14.96

LINE SF -3 (+100) KICKOFF SUN 3:25 PM CT  
FOOL'S No. SF -6.3 PROJECTED 49ers 28, Broncos 22 (50 total)  
COVER 51.4% NEEDS 50.0%

#### 4 Jaguars +2.5 @ Bengals

BEST BET \$14.96

LINE JAX +2.5 (-105) KICKOFF SUN 12:00 PM CT  
FOOL'S No. JAX -2.1 PROJECTED Bengals 23, Jaguars 25 (48 total)  
COVER 52.3% NEEDS 51.2%

#### 5 Browns +2.5 vs. Steelers

BEST BET \$14.96

LINE CLE +2.5 (+100) KICKOFF THU 7:15 PM CT  
FOOL'S No. CLE +0.8 PROJECTED Browns 20, Steelers 20 (40 total)  
COVER 50.4% NEEDS 50.0%

### The Board — totals

4 of 4 clear their price

#### • Under 42.5 Jets @ Bears

WEATHER \$24.94

LINE TOTAL 42.5 (-105) KICKOFF SUN 12:00 PM CT  
FOOL'S No. 45.3 PROJECTED Bears 25, Jets 20 (45 total)  
COVER 54.5% NEEDS 51.2%

FORECAST WIND 10.8 MPH

#### • Under 50.5 Lions @ Panthers

WEATHER \$24.94

LINE TOTAL 50.5 (-108) KICKOFF SUN 7:20 PM CT  
FOOL'S No. 52 PROJECTED Panthers 26, Lions 26 (52 total)  
COVER 54.5% NEEDS 51.9%

FORECAST 62% RAIN

#### • Under 48.5 Patriots @ Bills

WEATHER \$24.94

LINE TOTAL 48.5 (-110) KICKOFF SUN 12:00 PM CT  
FOOL'S No. 46.8 PROJECTED Bills 25, Patriots 22 (47 total)  
COVER 54.5% NEEDS 52.4%

FORECAST WIND 11.4 MPH

#### • Under 38.5 Steelers @ Browns

WEATHER \$24.94

LINE TOTAL 38.5 (-115) KICKOFF THU 7:15 PM CT  
FOOL'S No. 40.0 PROJECTED Browns 20, Steelers 20 (40 total)  
COVER 54.5% NEEDS 53.5%

FORECAST WIND 12.7 MPH

9 POSITIONS • \$174.56 AT RISK • 17.5% OF BANKROLL

TIERS • WEATHER: outdoor, 10mph+ wind or forecast rain, on the under — 57.9% across 696 games and the only rule here with evidence behind it.

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