

the LINE



Week 7's Reason it's Perfectly Acceptable to Hate Notre Dame
... not that you need a reason.

30. They haven't "played like a champion" since 1988.



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Originally posted on 10/1/13 – and still just as true today!

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How the LINE Fared in Week 6 – Upset Special Weekend #1

Pickin' Winners

Week 6's Record, **14-6 (70% correct)**

For the Season, **80-20 (80% correct)**

Give or Take?

"where the goal is to be 50/50"

In Week 6, you were somewhat better off to take the points & choose the Underdog (12 games, 60%) versus give the points & pick the Favorite (8 games, 40%).

For the Season: *So far you were minimally better off giving the points & picking the Favorite (51 games, 52%) versus taking the points & choosing the Underdog (48 games, 48%)—still nowhere near being significantly different from a 50/50 split.*

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the LINE's Closest Calls from Week 6

Game	the LINE sed	Actual Outcome
Ole Miss at #12 Auburn	Auburn by 22 ½	Auburn by 21
Stanford at #20 Utah	The Cardinal by 5	The Cardinal by 3
#13 Miami at #27 Florida State	'Canes, 24-23	'Canes, 24-20
LSU at #21 Florida	Gators by 2 ½	LSU by 1
#16 Virginia Tech at Boston College	Hokies by 17	Hokies by 13

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While speculation can still run rampant—it's time for another episode of . . .

The Under-Ranked and the Over-Ranked the LINE again speaks the Truth . . . even when it hurts

The first table below shows the LINE's quantitative assessment of which teams are currently the Most Under-Ranked in the AP Poll, ESPN's predictions of final regular season records based on FPI (Football Power Index—yes, it's dubious), plus unbiased commentary.

THE MOST UNDER-RANKED		FPI Final Season Record / Commentary*
unranked	Florida State	7-4; lose just once more, to Clemson / SOS – 1 st
#9	Ohio State	11-1, win out / SOS – 50 th , don't underestimate Urban!
#16	Notre Dame	9-3, lose to Miami & Stanford / Gotta prove it to me, Faux Irish: 5 of last 6 games are against ranked teams.
unranked	Georgia Tech	7-4, lose to Miami, Clemson, Georgia / <i>um, that last one</i>
#12	Oklahoma	11-1, win out / but ya lost to those Iowa State Cyclones

* SOS = Strength of Schedule Ranking thus far, where 1 is most difficult (Florida State)

The second table shows the LINE's take on which teams are currently the Most Over-Ranked in the AP Poll, ESPN's predictions of final regular season records based on FPI, plus more unbiased commentary.

THE MOST OVER-RANKED		FPI Final Season Record / Commentary*
#6	TCU	11-1, lose to Oklahoma / Leaves two 11-1 teams atop the Big 12—head-to-head or Iowa State loss means more?
#18	South Florida	12-0, win out / SOS – 135 th ! How strong <u>is</u> Charlie, really?
#19	San Diego State	also 12-0, win out / SOS – 64 th ; Group of 5 rep by a nose?
#8	Washington State	10-2, lose to Stanford, Washington / sorry, Mad Professor
#20	NC State	9-3, lose to Notre Dame (ugh), Clemson / nice run tho

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^ AP Poll Rankings ^ HOME team in CAPS ^ Central Times ^ SATURDAY unless noted ^
split decision means that Vegas and the computers do not all agree on the winner



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- The #2  Clemson Regalia (that's Purple to the rest of us) Rain over the  SYRACUSE Pumpkin Spice Latte by 22 ½, 38-16 ~ FRIDAY 6:00 PM ESPN



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- #8 Young Frankenstein  Washington State over "Free Love"  CALIFORNIA by 13 ½, 34-20 ~ FRIDAY 9:30 PM ESPN


- **The Sky Was All Purple Bowl:** The #6  tcu Toadies Cringe Unappealingly over "The Old Man (but the Sea is long gone)"  KANSAS STATE by 5, 28-23 ~ 11:00 AM FOX Sports 1



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- The #17  Michigan O'Korn (Maize) Maze over "In for a Pence, in for a Pound"  INDIANA by 7 ½, 28-21 ~ 11:00 AM ABC


- **split decision**— Those Coal Jobs are comin' back!"  WEST VIRGINIA over the #24







Texas Tech Bad Hombres by ONE AND A HALF POINTS, 37-35 ~ 11:00 AM





- **split decision**—Unranked Bowl #1 in the SEC: Looking at 6 & 6  TENNESSEE







over the  South Carolina Rubber Chickens by ONE AND A HALF POINTS, 24-23 ~ 11:00 AM ESPN

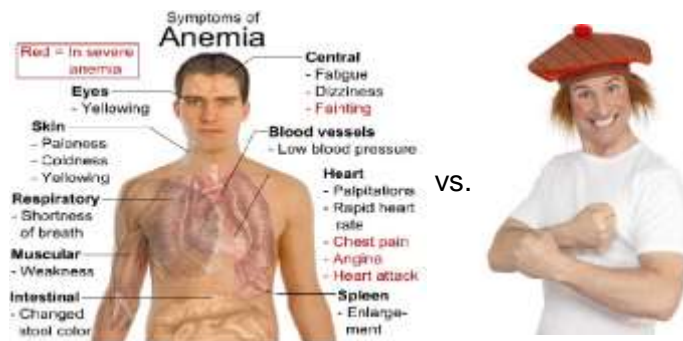
- The #7  WISCONSIN Land of Sky Blue Waters over “As the Glimmer Begins to Fade”  Purdue by 17 ½, 34-17 ~ 2:30 PM big ten









- The #10  Auburn Accelerating over Somehow Re-Animated  LSU LSU by 7 ½, 27-20 ~ 2:30 PM CBS








- The #11  MIAMI Storm Troopers of Herr Richt over PJ's Electric Football Game known as  Georgia Tech by 5 ½, 30-24 ~ 2:30 PM ABC

- From the “neutral” Cotton Bowl in Dallas, TX: The #12  Oklahoma Astounded over Hoping for Relevance (and still undefeated in conference play)  Texas by 8 ½, 35-27 ~ 2:30 PM ESPN
- The #14  OKLAHOMA STATE Naughty Boys over “No Forwarding Address”  Baylor by 24 ½, 45-21 ~ 2:30 PM FOX Sports 1
- **split decision**—High-Scoring (vs. U-CONNECT-the-Dots)  MEMPHIS over the Seals of #25  Navy by 3 ½, 37-33 ~ 2:45 PM ESPNU



- **split decision**—Unranked Bowl #2 in the SEC: The  FLORIDA Anemic over the  Texas A&M Tam-O-Shaners by 2, 26-24 ~ 6:00 PM ESPN2
- The #1  ALABAMA Warfarin*-Averse (**first came into commercial use in 1948 as a rat poison*) over “So, who do we play next week?”  Arkansas [sorry, it's #10 Auburn] by 30 ½, 43-13 ~ 6:15 PM ESPN
- High-Flying #4  GEORGIA over Earthbound, and Digging a Hole  Missouri by 31 ½, 44-13 ~ 6:30 PM SEC Network
- #9 “No More Losses”  Ohio State over “Losing the Will to Fight”  NEBRASKA by 23 ½, 41-17 ~ 6:30 PM Fox Sports 1

- The Now-Aptly-Ranked #13  USC Wheat Straws over “What’s that supposed to mean?”  Utah by 12, 33-21 ~ 7:00 PM ABC
- #21 “We just wanted it more. Kinda.”  Michigan State over the  MINNESOTA Gondoliers by 4 ½, 24-20 ~ 7:00 PM big ten
- #5 “Are we Good, or What? No Really!”  Washington over the  ARIZONA STATE Solar Powered by 17 ½, 37-20 ~ 9:45 PM ESPN
- **The 4-2 Bowl in the Pac-12 North:** #23 “Is the Ship Righted?”  STANFORD over Second-Start-for-the-Third-String-QB  Oregon by 9, 33-24 ~ 10:00 PM Fox Sports 1
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. . . it requires a sense of balance to determine
when to push ourselves harder, and
when to step back and relax where we are . . .
—Lama Dudjom Dorjee

+ ciao 4 now,
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