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All scores are editorial estimates.*

Georgia at Alabama

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

EDITORIAL PICK: GEORGIA

PROJECTED SCORE: GEORGIA 30 - ALABAMA 27

WHY WATCH

A marquee road test with little room for error. Georgia is the narrow editorial lean in a hostile away setting.

KEY MATCHUP

Georgia needs patient protection and manageable third downs. Alabama can swing the game with pressure and explosive gains.

UPSET FACTOR

Alabama can overturn the pick by winning turnovers and creating short fields.



Texas vs Oklahoma

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EDITORIAL PICK: TEXAS

PROJECTED SCORE: TEXAS 34 - OKLAHOMA 24

WHY WATCH

The Red River rivalry earns a place because a neutral venue and rivalry pressure can make an otherwise sensible favorite fragile.

KEY MATCHUP

Watch protection against pressure and whether Oklahoma can force the contest into repeated third-and-long situations. Red-zone execution matters more than raw yardage.

UPSET FACTOR

An Oklahoma takeaway followed by a quick score could erase the expected separation; a double-digit margin is a scenario, not a guarantee.



USC *at* Penn State

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EDITORIAL PICK: PENN STATE

PROJECTED SCORE: PENN STATE 28 - USC 24

WHY WATCH

This is an atmosphere-driven matchup: a difficult road setting makes communication, protection checks and the first offensive series especially important.

KEY MATCHUP

USC needs clean passing-down protection and catches that move the chains. Penn State benefits if it can keep the visitors behind schedule without overcommitting coverage.

UPSET FACTOR

If USC handles the noise and generates easy completions early, the home-field assumption behind this pick weakens.



Indiana *at* Nebraska

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

EDITORIAL PICK: INDIANA

PROJECTED SCORE: INDIANA 27 - NEBRASKA 24

WHY WATCH

A competitive Big Ten road game belongs in the watchlist even without assuming a large talent gap.

KEY MATCHUP

The central question is which offense can avoid negative plays. Nebraska can make the crowd a factor by winning first down and sustaining field position.

UPSET FACTOR

A low-possession game or special-teams swing would make a three-point projection highly vulnerable.



UCLA *at* Oregon

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EDITORIAL PICK: OREGON

PROJECTED SCORE: OREGON 35 - UCLA 24

WHY WATCH

The Oregon lean assumes the home offense can create enough space to force UCLA away from a slow, comfortable tempo.

KEY MATCHUP

UCLA needs sound tackling and long drives that keep its defense rested. Oregon needs to convert field position into touchdowns, not settle for repeated kicks.

UPSET FACTOR

If UCLA controls the ball and limits explosive plays, the projected eleven-point gap is unlikely to develop.



LSU *at* Kentucky

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EDITORIAL PICK: LSU

PROJECTED SCORE: LSU 31 - KENTUCKY 27

WHY WATCH

A road SEC contest with enough uncertainty to keep the score close.

KEY MATCHUP

Kentucky needs to create pressure without opening easy throws. LSU must avoid protection breakdowns and make productive choices on second down.

UPSET FACTOR

Kentucky can overturn the lean by dominating the line of scrimmage and forcing LSU into a one-dimensional finish.



Texas A&M *at* Missouri

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EDITORIAL PICK: TEXAS A&M

PROJECTED SCORE: TEXAS A&M 27 - MISSOURI 24

WHY WATCH

This is a narrow road lean in a matchup suited to detailed line-of-scrimmage watching.

KEY MATCHUP

Track early-down rushing efficiency, pocket stability and whether either defense can force punts without surrendering field position.

UPSET FACTOR

If Missouri protects consistently and avoids giveaways, home-field comfort could be decisive in a one-score finish.



Ole Miss *at* Vanderbilt

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EDITORIAL PICK: OLE MISS

PROJECTED SCORE: OLE MISS 34 - VANDERBILT 27

WHY WATCH

The Ole Miss lean assumes enough successful attacking possessions to outscore a competitive home response.

KEY MATCHUP

Vanderbilt needs to reduce the number of possessions and finish long drives. Ole Miss must maintain discipline when the home offense extends plays.

UPSET FACTOR

If Vanderbilt controls tempo and converts red-zone chances, this could become a final-drive contest rather than a seven-point separation.



Tennessee *at* Arkansas

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EDITORIAL PICK: TENNESSEE

PROJECTED SCORE: TENNESSEE 31 - ARKANSAS 28

WHY WATCH

A close road projection makes this an appealing late-afternoon watch.

KEY MATCHUP

Arkansas needs to prevent easy explosive gains while creating manageable drives of its own. Tennessee must avoid rushed possessions that tire its defense.

UPSET FACTOR

A home-side advantage on short-yardage downs or turnovers could readily reverse this three-point estimate.



South Carolina *at* Florida

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EDITORIAL PICK: FLORIDA

PROJECTED SCORE: FLORIDA 28 - SOUTH CAROLINA 21

WHY WATCH

The home-side selection assumes Florida can combine field position with efficient scoring drives.

KEY MATCHUP

Watch how the visiting offense responds to pressure and whether Florida can finish opportunities inside the twenty-yard line.

UPSET FACTOR

If South Carolina creates takeaways or wins special teams, the expected home cushion can disappear quickly.



Houston *at* Kansas State

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EDITORIAL PICK: KANSAS STATE

PROJECTED SCORE: KANSAS STATE 30 - HOUSTON 27

WHY WATCH

This is a small home lean rather than a claim of clear superiority.

KEY MATCHUP

Houston needs consistent protection and efficient first-down plays. Kansas State needs to turn favorable field position into points and avoid empty long drives.

UPSET FACTOR

If Houston is sharper on third down, the visiting offense can take control of the possession count and flip the result.



Kansas at Utah

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EDITORIAL PICK: UTAH

PROJECTED SCORE: UTAH 31 - KANSAS 21

WHY WATCH

The Utah lean assumes the home team can impose a more stable game rhythm.

KEY MATCHUP

Kansas needs to avoid negative plays that expose long passing downs. Utah needs to preserve that advantage with disciplined coverage and successful scoring-area possessions.

UPSET FACTOR

If Kansas finds early explosive gains, Utah may have to abandon the controlled-game script behind this score.



UCF *at* Oklahoma State

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EDITORIAL PICK: OKLAHOMA STATE

PROJECTED SCORE: OKLAHOMA STATE 31 - UCF 27

WHY WATCH

An early-window contest with a close home projection offers a useful contrast to the headline rivalries.

KEY MATCHUP

UCF can keep the contest balanced through productive rushing and clean play-action decisions. Oklahoma State needs efficient answers when the visitors extend possessions.

UPSET FACTOR

A UCF advantage in ball security or successful fourth-down attempts could overcome the modest home lean.



North Carolina *at* Pittsburgh

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EDITORIAL PICK: PITTSBURGH

PROJECTED SCORE: PITTSBURGH 30 - NORTH CAROLINA 23

WHY WATCH

The home lean is built around a scenario of steadier drive execution.

KEY MATCHUP

North Carolina needs to keep the pocket usable and avoid obvious passing situations. Pittsburgh needs to capitalize on pressure without giving away easy completions.

UPSET FACTOR

If North Carolina consistently beats pressure with quick throws, the seven-point home advantage becomes much less convincing.



Duke at Georgia Tech

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EDITORIAL PICK: DUKE

PROJECTED SCORE: DUKE 28 - GEORGIA TECH 24

WHY WATCH

A modest road lean keeps this selection honest about the venue and the uncertainty.

KEY MATCHUP

Duke needs clean third-down execution and scoring-area decisions. Georgia Tech can swing the balance with efficient first-down offense and extended drives.

UPSET FACTOR

If the home team controls possession and avoids penalties, the projection could easily favor Georgia Tech instead.



Maryland *at* Ohio State

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EDITORIAL PICK: OHIO STATE

PROJECTED SCORE: OHIO STATE 38 - MARYLAND 17

WHY WATCH

This is the widest projected margin in the selection, based on a home-control scenario rather than a promise of dominance.

KEY MATCHUP

Maryland needs to protect the ball and produce enough first downs to avoid repeated short fields. Ohio State needs patient execution and reliable tackling.

UPSET FACTOR

If Maryland creates early takeaways or converts long drives, the projected separation should be reduced substantially.



Illinois *at* Michigan State

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EDITORIAL PICK: ILLINOIS

PROJECTED SCORE: ILLINOIS 27 - MICHIGAN STATE 24

WHY WATCH

A close conference road lean rounds out the guide.

KEY MATCHUP

Illinois needs balanced early-down calls and dependable finishing. Michigan State needs to use the venue by forcing difficult communication and protecting field position.

UPSET FACTOR

The side that wins red-zone efficiency or a late special-teams exchange can overturn this three-point estimate.



Sources & Editorial Notes

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SCHEDULE SOURCES

- FBSchedules: October 10, 2026 TV selections.
- On3: 2026 FBS Week 6 schedule.

Schedules checked October 3, 2026. Dates follow the U.S. calendar. Kickoff times may change.

OUR METHOD

These 17 games are an editorial selection based on rivalry appeal, major-conference interest, venue and viewing variety. Matchup notes describe possible game scenarios.

SCORE ESTIMATES

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